



ROYAL AUSTRALIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

WINTER 2019

Calendar of Events

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Date	Time	Event	Presenter	Member	Friend
July					
Wed 3	1pm – 2pm	RAHS Day Lecture – <i>Australia's Maritime Frontier</i>	Craig Wilcox	Free	Free
Sat 13	9am – 1.30pm	RAHS/Shellharbour City Libraries – Create NSW Regional Seminar <i>Convicts and Crime</i>	Various	\$10	\$10
Sat 27	1.45pm for 2pm – 4pm	RAHS Walking Tour – Gladesville Hospital		\$13	\$15
AUGUST					
Wed 7	1pm – 2pm	RAHS Day Lecture – <i>Recreating Sydney in 1959 – The Making of Ladies in Black</i>	Sue Milliken	Free	Free
Thurs 8	8.45am for 9am – 11am	RAHS Excursion – Tour of Anzac Memorial, Hyde Park	Donna Newton	\$5	\$5
Wed 14	5.30pm – 7pm	RAHS/ HHA Evening Lecture – <i>Paddington: A History – The Terrace House</i>	Robert Griffin & Robert Brown	\$25	\$35
Wed 28	11am – 1pm	RAHS/WEA Workshop – <i>Recording and Preserving Precious Memories</i>	Pauline Curby	\$32	\$35
SEPTEMBER					
Wed 4	1pm – 2pm	RAHS Day Lecture – <i>Terror, Insanity, and Suicide in Colonial Sydney</i>	James Dunk	Free	Free
Sat 7	9.30am – 4pm	RAHS/Orange City Library – Create NSW Regional Seminar <i>Digging Deeper Into Our History</i>	Various	\$20	\$20
Sun 8	1pm – 2.30pm	RAHS/ OHNSW Lecture – <i>“Everywhere you look is loss”: Memories of Bushfire in a Transformed Suburban Landscape</i>	Scott McKinnon	Free	\$10
Sat 14 – Sun 15	RAHS Annual Conference				
Tue 17	5.30pm for 6pm – 7pm	RAHS/ ASHET Evening Lecture – <i>The Three Wireless Men</i>	Jo Harris OAM	\$10	\$12
OCTOBER					
Wed 2	1pm – 2pm	RAHS Day Lecture – <i>The Story of Long Bay</i>	Patrick Kennedy	Free	Free

Unless otherwise indicated, events take place at History House 133 Macquarie Street. *Joint RAHS/HHA events must be booked through HHA (02) 9252 5554 or <http://www.hha.net.au/buy-tickets> and joint RAHS/WEA events must be booked through WEA (02) 9264 2781 or <https://www.weasydney.com.au/course/WLKEHB>



RAHS Day Lecture – *Australia's Maritime Frontier***Wednesday 3 July, 1pm – 2pm at History House****Cost: Free (tea, coffee and biscuits served)**

In his 8 October 2018 address titled *Australia's maritime frontier conflicts, 1802-1918* Craig Wilcox made the point that there is a 'blind spot in our vision of Australian frontier conflict ... Conflict caused by expansion inland and coastal lodgements around the continent has, in many ways, been incorporated into Australian military history. However, conflict caused by expansion across the sea remains understudied'. This talk will consider what the course of Australian maritime frontier conflict might look like.

About the speaker:

Dr Craig Wilcox has worked at the Australian War Memorial, has held a fellowship at the Menzies Centre for Australian Studies in London, and is an honorary Associate of the Centre for Historical Research at the National Museum of Australia. His books include *Australia's Boer War* (2002), *Red Coat Dreaming* (2007), *A Kind of Victory* (2014) and *Badge Boot Button* (2017). His current project is a history of Australian maritime frontier conflict.

RAHS/Shellharbour City Libraries– Create NSW Regional Seminar**Saturday 13 July, 9:00am – 1:30pm at Shellharbour Civic Centre, 76 Cygnett Avenue, Shellharbour****Cost: \$10 (includes lunch and afternoon tea)**

Associate Professor Carol Liston and Dr Kathrine Reynolds will discuss their convict research using criminal courts records from the UK, RAHS President Christine Yeats will delve into using NSW criminal cases for convict research, as well as her tips and strategies for using Trove. Dr Kathrine Reynolds will use case studies to highlight the best ways to organise your research as well as practical tips for storing data. Janelle Cundy, Information and Learning Officer Shellharbour Library, will take participants on a tour of the City Library and Museum and provide an introduction into local resources.

RAHS Walking Tour – Gladesville Hospital**Saturday 27 July, 1.45pm for 2pm – 4pm at Gladesville Hospital****Cost: RAHS Members \$13 | Non-members \$15 (Maximum number for the tour 15)**

Walk through the grounds of Gladesville Hospital and its surrounds to see the gardens planted to calm troubled minds and elegant 19th-century buildings. The Gladesville Mental Hospital, originally known as the Tarban Creek Lunatic Asylum, was a psychiatric hospital established in 1838 in the suburb of Gladesville. It was Sydney's first purpose-built asylum, and was officially closed in 1993, with in-patient services ceasing in 1997. A number of the hospital's buildings and structures are heritage-listed.

Attendees for the Gladesville Hospital Tour are advised to bring water and to wear closed walking shoes and a hat. The walk is mostly on paved paths but there are short distances on uneven ground. There are stairs to negotiate in several places and hills to walk up as well as down.

RAHS Day Lecture – *Recreating Sydney in 1959 – The Making of Ladies in Black***Wednesday 7 August, 1pm – 2pm at History House****Cost: Free (tea, coffee and biscuits served)**

The recently successful Australian film *Ladies in Black*, directed by Bruce Beresford, was set in the late 1950s. Producer and co-writer of the film, Sue Milliken, will talk about how the look of Sydney in 1959 was created for the film, through script, design and visual effects. The talk will be illustrated with clips, stills and anecdotes from the film.

About the speaker: Sue Milliken AO has been producing Australian films since the 1970s. Among her credits are *The Odd Angry Shot*, *Sirens*, the TV mini-series *My Brother Jack*, two indigenous films, *Crocodile Dreaming* and *The Redfern Story*, and four films for Bruce Beresford – *The Fringe Dwellers*, *Black Robe*, *Paradise Road* and *Ladies in Black*. She has served on industry boards and written three books about the film industry, *Selective Memory*, *There's a Fax From Bruce* and the recently published *Producing for the Screen*, with Andrena Finlay.

RAHS Excursion – Tour of Anzac Memorial, Hyde Park**Thursday 8 August, 8.45am for 9am – 11am at Anzac Memorial, Hyde Park South****Cost: \$5.00 (Maximum number for the tour 30)**

The Anzac Memorial is a heritage-listed war memorial, museum and monument. The tour will include the Hall of Memory, the Memorial's principal commemorative space and the Hall of Service – the civic space that architecturally and artistically mirrors the Hall of Silence. The tour will conclude with the Service of Remembrance in the Hall of Memory at 11:00am. Participants are asked to minimise the number of bags they bring as the Anzac Memorial has limited storage facilities.

RAHS/ HHA Evening Lecture – *Paddington: A History – The Terrace House***Wednesday 14 August, 5.30pm – 7pm at History House****Cost: RAHS/ HHA members \$25 | Non-members \$35****Bookings through HHA (02) 9252 5554 or online at <https://hha.wildapricot.org/event-3454047>**

Drawing on their research, the Robert Griffin and Robert Brown will trace the history of the Paddington terrace house and its architectural contribution to Paddington. With one of the largest and most intact concentrations of Victorian-era housing in the world, we learn about the earliest developments to the latest contemporary examples. The Create NSW Cultural Grants Program, a devolved funding program administered by the RAHS on behalf of the NSW Government, supported this project.

About the speakers:

Robert Griffin has over 25 years experience in heritage assessment, historic place management, and the conservation and interpretation of historic sites and interiors. Robert Brown is a founding director of Casey Brown Architects in Sydney and the first Australian to receive a SPAB Lethaby Travelling Scholarship in the United Kingdom. Both contributed to the award-winning book 'Paddington: A History'.

RAHS/ WEA Workshop – *Preserving Precious Memories***Wednesday 28 August, 11am – 1pm at History House (tea, coffee and biscuits served)****Cost: RAHS/ WEA members \$32 | Non-members \$35****Bookings through WEA (02) 9264 2781 or online at <https://www.weasydney.com.au/course/RPPM>**

The memories of older family members and friends add greatly to our understanding of the past. Those with links to local community organisations, such as societies, clubs and groups, also have their stories to tell. In this session Pauline Curby will discuss how the memories of family members and others can be recorded and preserved by drawing on both the techniques used by oral historians and modern day technology.

About the speaker: Pauline Curby has worked as a freelance professional historian since the early 1990s and has undertaken consultancies in oral history, environmental history and heritage, as well as writing a number of commissioned histories. Her publication, *Randwick*, won the NSW Premier's Awards (Regional and Community History), 2010.

RAHS Day Lecture – *Terror, Insanity, and Suicide in Colonial Sydney***Wednesday 4 September, 1pm – 2pm at History House****Cost: Free (tea, coffee and biscuits served)**

Although many who take their own lives seek solitude, coronial inquests open up the circumstances of their deaths, and their lives, as those gathered around the deceased take the suffering which ends in suicide and draw something from it. Historians may do likewise. In Sydney, in the 1820s and 1830s, a series of suicides were used to demonstrate the ends of the terror deployed by the government to discipline convicts and free colonists alike.

About the speaker:

James Dunk is a historian of medicine and imperialism, with a special interest in the history of madness, paperwork, and settler colonial society. His recent book, *Bedlam at Botany Bay*, is a history of madness in the early phase of colonial Australia, a study of disorder and breakdown in a society very concerned with order and improvement.

RAHS/Orange City Library– Create NSW Regional Seminar

Saturday 7 September, 9:30am – 4pm West Room, Orange Regional Gallery, Byng Street, Orange.

Cost: \$20 (includes lunch and afternoon tea)

Associate Professor Carol Liston will present a session on using Land Title records from the new Historic Land Records Viewer (HLRV), Dr Kathrine Reynolds will provide tips on organising your convict research, Christine Yeats will explore strategies for digging deeper into Trove and Associate Professor Carol Liston, Dr Kathrine Reynolds and Christine Yeats will discuss criminal court records in NSW and the UK.

RAHS/ OHNSW Lecture – “Everywhere you look is a loss”: Memories of Bushfire in a Transformed Suburban Landscape Sunday 8 September, 1pm – 2.30pm at History House

Cost: RAHS/ OHNSW members Free | Non-members \$10

In 2003, the Australian Capital Territory experienced a devastating firestorm in which four people were killed and hundreds more injured. The fire burnt across bushland, plantation forests and farms, and reached into the Canberra suburbs, destroying nearly five hundred homes. In this lecture, Dr Scott McKinnon will examine the interweaving of memory, space and recovery in the years after the fire. McKinnon argues for the importance of including slow recovery processes in the recorded history of disaster and for situating understandings of disaster recovery in landscapes imbued with memory.

About the Speaker:

Dr Scott McKinnon is a Vice-Chancellor’s Postdoctoral Research Fellow in the Australian Centre for Environment, Society and Space (ACCESS), University of Wollongong. He is an oral historian and geographer with a research background in disasters research, geographies of memory, and histories and geographies of sexuality and gender. Scott is Vice President of Oral History NSW and Sydney’s Pride History Group. He is the author of *Gay Men at the Movies: Cinema, memory and the history of a gay male community* (Intellect, 2016).

RAHS/ ASHET Evening Lecture – *The Three Wireless Men*

Tuesday 17 September, 5.30pm for 6pm – 7pm at History House

Cost: RAHS/ ASHET members \$10 | Non-members \$12 (light refreshments included)

In this lecture, Jo Harris will discuss the early lives and experiences of Hughes, Marconi and Fisk, three men whose curiosity, knowledge and interest in wireless technology caused a significant world-wide event in 1918 – the first direct wireless message from the United Kingdom to Australia.

About the speaker:

Joan Helene (‘Jo’) Harris OAM is the Wireless Institute of Australia NSW historian. She has previously worked as a Personnel Officer and Sydney North Ku-ring-gai Local Government Co-ordinator of WICEN (Wireless Institute Civil Emergency Network) and has received many community and State Government Awards for her pivotal communications role during a number of community crises.

RAHS Day Lecture – *The Story of Long Bay*

Wednesday 2 October, 1pm – 2pm at History House

Cost: Free (tea, coffee and biscuits served)

Long Bay has housed some of Australia's most notorious criminals: Tilly Devine, Darcy Dugan, Russell Cox, Neddy Smith, Chow Hayes, Bernie Matthews, Rex Jackson, Roger Rogerson and Ivan Milat have all spent time behind its bars. Patrick Kennedy will take us behind the scenes of Australia's hardest prison, telling the stories of inmates, prison officers and nurses.

About the speaker:

Patrick Kennedy grew up in a staff house next to Long Bay gaol, where a six in backyard cricket meant climbing the outer wall. His parents worked there as nursing staff. Employed in the Ambulance Service of NSW, he was one of Australia’s first Intensive Care Paramedics and later ran the Media Unit. This work took him to crime scenes in and out of the prison, including the Viking Tavern where multiple ambulances carried off members of the Comancheros gang destined for the cells. *Long Bay* is his fourth book.