



# ROYAL AUSTRALIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY SPRING 2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Date	Time	Event	Presenter	Member	Friend
<b>OCTOBER</b>					
Wed 2	1pm – 2pm	RAHS Day Lecture – <i>The Story of Long Bay</i>	Patrick Kennedy	Free	Free
Wed 16	5.30pm – 7pm	RAHS/ HHA Evening Lecture* – <i>Mapping the Massacres with Prof. Lyndall Ryan</i>	Lyndall Ryan	\$25	\$35
Thurs 17	9.45 for 10am – 11.30am	RAHS Tour – <i>Royal Australian Navy's Garden Island Heritage Tour</i>		\$25	\$30
Sat 19	9.30am – 4.30pm	RAHS/ OHNSW Workshop** – <i>Capturing Memories: Oral History in the Digital Age</i>	Janis Wilton & Andrew Host	\$95	\$105
Thurs 31	5.30pm for 6pm – 7pm	RAHS/ ASHET – <i>Early History of Electricity Generation in Australia</i>	Debbie Rudder	\$10	\$12
<b>NOVEMBER</b>					
Wed 6	1pm – 2pm	RAHS Day Lecture – <i>Songlines, Swaggies and Surf Safaris: On the Road in Australia</i>	Rosemary Kerr	Free	Free
Wed 13	5pm – 7pm	RAHS/ UTS – <i>History Is Hot!</i>	Kylie Andrews, Rowena Lennox & James Worner	Free	Free
Wed 20	11am – 1pm	RAHS/ WEA Workshop*** – <i>Digging Deeper into Trove: Gazettes, Journals, Diaries, Maps and People</i>	Christine Yeats	\$32	\$35
Fri 22	10am – 2.40pm	Create NSW RAHS/ State Archives & Records Seminar – <i>Researching the History of Your House</i>	Various	\$20	\$20
<b>DECEMBER</b>					
Wed 4	1pm – 2pm	RAHS Day Lecture – <i>The Little Barbershop of History: A Social History of Australian Men's Hair</i>	Melissa Bellanta	Free	Free
Tue 10	4pm – 7pm	RAHS Christmas Party		Free	Free
<b>JANUARY</b>					
Sun 26	10am – 4pm	RAHS History House Open Day – <i>Pot Luck History and Book Sale</i>	Various	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 <https://www.hha.net.au/> \*\*Joint RAHS/ OHNSW events must be booked through Oral History NSW <https://www.oralhistorynsw.org.au/> \*\*\*Joint RAHS/WEA events must be booked through WEA (02) 9264 2781 or [www.weasydney.com.au](http://www.weasydney.com.au)



**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.

**RAHS/ HHA Evening Lecture – *Mapping the Massacres with Professor Lyndall Ryan***

**Wednesday 16 October, 5.30pm – 7pm at History House**

**Cost: RAHS/ HHA Members \$25 | Non-Members \$35**

Professor Lyndall Ryan AM FAHA is best known as a historian of the Australian colonial frontier. As a new way of making Australia's frontier history visible she has developed a digital map of massacre sites across the Australian frontier to 1960 underpinned by a rigorous methodology to investigate and verify the evidence. In her talk, Lyndall will draw on examples of frontier massacres in New South Wales to show how the criteria operates for their inclusion on the map.

**RAHS Tour – *Royal Australian Navy's Garden Island Heritage Tour***

**Thursday 17 October, 9:45am for 10am – 11.30am at Garden Island Naval Base**

**Cost: RAHS Members \$25 | Non-Members \$30 (numbers limited, so book early)**

Garden Island became part of Australia's naval history just 16 days after the arrival of the First Fleet in 1788, firstly as a ships' garden. Its naval use further developed into a naval depot near the end of the 19th century, and it ceased to be an island in 1945.

The tour conducted by knowledgeable Naval Historical Society guides starts at the Main Gate. After a general briefing into the Island's history, the 90-minute tour includes areas within the secure precinct of the Island, not open to the public; including the Kuttabul Memorial, the Chapel, Indigenous history, the earliest marks made by Europeans in Australia, heritage buildings and the top of the Captain Cook Dock.

**RAHS/ OHNSW Workshop – *Capturing Memories: Oral History in the Digital Age***

**Saturday 19 October, 9.30am – 4.30pm at History House (morning and afternoon tea included)**

**Cost: RAHS/OHNSW Members \$95 | Non-Members \$105**

Join Oral History NSW and the Royal Australian Historical Society for a practical workshop for all interested in recording the experiences of family, friends, local communities, history of museum items or any other project incorporating memories of the past.

This popular and informative workshop will equip you to undertake your own oral history interviews. Workshop leaders will be Janis Wilton, an experienced oral historian and Andrew Host, whose 39 years of experience as a sound engineer can help you get quality recordings that will stand the test of time.

**About the speakers:**

Janis Wilton is a public and applied historian who, until her retirement in 2017, was based at the University of New England where she coordinated and taught into the university's courses on local, family and applied history, and supervised research work in these areas.

Andrew Host has been professionally immersed in audio for 39 years, starting in commercial radio in Sydney, and then working a further 16 years in independent recording studios in the advertising industry. Since 2010, Andrew's focus has been on audio preservation and enhancement.

**RAHS/ ASHET Evening Lecture – *Early History of Electricity Generation in Australia***

**Thursday 31 October, 5.30pm for 6pm – 7pm at History House**

**Cost: RAHS/ASHET Members \$10 | Non-members \$12 (light refreshments served on arrival)**

Electric trams arrived in Sydney in 1899 and electric street lights in 1904. But electricity was not new: the telephone system was also present in the early twentieth century. The talk will cover how electricity was generated for each of these systems, the competition between suppliers, and the history of electricity in switched-on towns such as Launceston and Tamworth as well as in the big cities.

**About the speaker:**

Debbie Rudder was Curator of Power Technologies at the Powerhouse Museum from 1990 to 2014. In that time, she fielded many public enquiries about the first use of electricity in Sydney or Australia. She will reveal all the possible answers during her talk.

**RAHS Day Lecture – *Songlines, Swaggies and Surf Safaris: On the Road in Australia***

**Wednesday 6 November, 1pm – 2pm at History House**

**Cost: Free (tea, coffee and biscuits served)**

The road trip looms large in Australian culture. In this lecture, Rosemary Kerr explores how ‘the road’ has captured the imagination of travellers, writers and filmmakers. Hear stories of the Australian road – from sacred Aboriginal ‘songlines’, the rise of motor touring in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, outback odysseys, surf safaris in the 1960s and 70s, to ‘grey nomads’ doing the ‘big lap’ around the continent.

**About the speaker:**

Dr Rosemary Kerr is a historian and heritage consultant with over 20 years’ experience. She is the author of *Roads, Tourism and Cultural History: On the Road in Australia* (Channel View Publications, 2019). The book is based on her doctoral research, which she completed at the University of Sydney. She is a member of the Professional Historians Association (NSW / ACT) and Australia ICOMOS.

**RAHS/ UTS – *History Is Hot!***

**Wednesday 13 November, 5pm – 7pm at History House**

**Cost: Free (light refreshments served on arrival)**

Join us in November as three graduate students present their research into Australian History.

Talks include:

- Australian broadcasting’s female ‘pilgrims’: A history of women and work in the post-war ABC
- Sore feet, tears and seeds: Dingoes and people on K’gari (Fraser Island)
- The *Sonnenorden* / Sun Cult: Turning up the heat in historical fiction

**RAHS/ WEA Workshop – *Digging Deeper into Trove: Gazettes, Journals, Diaries, Maps and People***

**Wednesday 20 November, 11am – 1pm at History House**

**Cost: RAHS/WEA Members \$32 | Non-Members \$35**

Trove, the revolutionary free search engine created by the National Library of Australia, is a rich resource for students, academics, writers, genealogists and local historians. The resources now available, just a mouse click away, are rapidly expanding. The Gazettes, Journals, Diaries, Maps and People zones in particular have new content waiting to be discovered. Join Christine Yeats archivist, librarian and professional historian and discover how to make the best use of these important resources.

**About the speaker:**

Christine Yeats is the President of the Royal Australian Historical Society, President of the National Council of the Independent Scholars Association of Australia (ISAA) and the Chair of the NSW Chapter of ISAA. In addition, Christine convenes the Assessment Committee of The UNESCO Australian Memory of the World Register.

An archivist by profession, Christine is a researcher and professional historian with a particular interest in Australia's colonial history. Her current research projects include Australia's Romani, colonial women silk growers and the botanist Sarah Hynes.

Christine has contributed to a wide range of publications; spoken at national and international conferences and presents talks and workshops for local and family history groups across NSW.

**Create NSW RAHS/ State Archives & Records Seminar – *Researching the History of Your House***

**Friday 22 November, 10am – 2.40pm at State Archives & Records NSW**

**Cost: \$20 (includes morning tea and lunch) (Check online calendar for latest updates)**

Have you ever wanted to go back in time and find out more about the history of your house and the area where you live? This seminar will discuss how to search for your property's previous owners, learn about what it might have looked like – inside and outside – 50, 60 or 100 years ago and suggest strategies for discovering more about the history of your locality.

**RAHS Day Lecture – *The Little Barbershop of History: A Social History of Australian Men's Hair***

**Wednesday 4 December, 1pm – 2pm at History House**

**Cost: Free (tea, coffee and biscuits served)**

Curled, queued, slicked and over the collar, men's hair has assumed many different styles in Australian history - so much so that it offers rich insights into social and ethnic distinctions, changing consumer practices, intimate moments and shifting approaches to masculinity over time. In this lecture, Melissa Bellanta uses men's hair and grooming customs to explore Australia's social history, drawing on her past research on larrikin street gangs and goldfields dress, and her more recent work on Australian menswear in the twentieth century.

**About the speaker:**

Dr Melissa Bellanta is a social and cultural historian based at the Australian Catholic University in Sydney. Bellanta publishes widely on masculinities, emotion, fashion, popular culture and urban history in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. Her book *Larrikins: A History* won the Ernest Scott Prize in 2013 for the best recent work on Australian, New Zealand or colonial history. Bellanta is currently conducting an Australian Research Council-funded project on the social history of menswear in twentieth-century Australia.

**RAHS Christmas Party**

**Tuesday 10 December, 4pm – 7pm at History House**

**Cost: Free (light refreshments served) | For catering purposes please RSVP by Tuesday 3 December**

Join us as we celebrate the festive season and look forward to 2020. Our Christmas Party is a wonderful opportunity for members to meet RAHS staff, Councillors and other individuals interested in history.

**RAHS History House Open Day – *Pot Luck History and Book Sale***

**Sunday 26 January, 10am – 4pm at History House**

**Cost: Free (no bookings required)**

Call into History House between 10am and 4pm on Australia Day for a chance to visit our beautiful heritage building and snap up a bargain at our book sale. There will also be ten-minute talks every half hour between 11:30am and 3pm on different aspects of Australia's history.