



ROYAL AUSTRALIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

SPRING 2022

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Date	Time	Event	Presenter	Member	Friend
SEPTEMBER					
Wed 7	1pm – 2pm	RAHS Day Lecture – <i>No Slavery in a Free Land? Anti-Slavery and Australia</i>	Jane Lydon	Free	Free
Thu 29	11am – 12pm	RAHS Excursion – <i>Museum of Freemasonry</i>	Donna Newton	\$15	\$15
OCTOBER					
Wed 5	1pm – 2pm	RAHS Day Lecture – <i>‘Tumble Down White Fellows’: The Bathurst War 1822-24</i>	Stephen Gapps	Free	Free
RAHS Special Event – Country Calling: History on the Land – Saturday 22 October 2022 – Online via Zoom					
Sat 22	10am – 12pm	Session A – <i>Facing the Truth: How to Create History with Aboriginal Peoples</i>	Various	\$15	\$15
Sat 22	1pm – 3.15pm	Session B – <i>Best on Show: Country Shows and their Communities</i>	Various	\$15	\$15
Thu 27	1pm – 2pm	RAHS Special Event – <i>Elizabeth and John: The Macarthurs of Elizabeth Farm</i>	Alan Atkinson	Free	Free
NOVEMBER					
Wed 2	1pm – 2pm	RAHS Day Lecture – <i>For the Term of His Natural Life (1927): A Film Lost and Found</i>	Graham Shirley	Free	Free
Wed 16	11am – 1pm	RAHS/WEA Workshop – <i>Felons, Forgers and Fraudsters from the 19th and early 20th centuries and how to track them</i>	Kathrine Reynolds & Christine Yeats	\$32	\$35
Wed 30	10.30am – 1.30pm	RAHS Excursion – <i>Sydney Tramway Museum</i>	Donna Newton	\$20	\$25
DECEMBER					
Wed 1	1pm – 2pm	RAHS Day Lecture – <i>Our Food and Cookery Experts: Revealing the Australian Women’s Weekly food editors who transformed the way Australia ate</i>	Lauren Samuelsson	Free	Free

Unless otherwise indicated, events are streamed online using Zoom. Joint RAHS/WEA events must be booked through WEA (02) 9264 2781 or <https://www.weasydney.com.au>



RAHS Day Lecture – *No Slavery in a Free Land? Anti-Slavery and Australia*

Wednesday 7 September 2022, 1pm – 2pm online via Zoom. Cost: Free

Shortly before the First Fleet departed for Botany Bay, the first governor of New South Wales, Captain Arthur Phillip envisaged a future colonial society, declaring, famously, '[t]hat there can be no slavery in a free land, and consequently no slaves.' From Britain's first plans to establish a penal colony in Australia, ideas about its future were closely linked to contemporary debates about abolition. In this lecture Professor Jane Lydon will explore the complex relationship between the anti-slavery movement and the transportation of British convicts to Australia, expanding the analysis of Britain's abolition of slavery to consider global processes of emigration and settler colonialism.

About the speaker: Professor Jane Lydon is the Wesfarmers Chair of Australian History at The University of Western Australia. Her books include *Imperial Emotions: The Politics of Empathy Across the British Empire* (Cambridge University Press, 2019) which examines the way that emotional narratives created relationships across the British empire, throughout the nineteenth century and into the present, and a study of the British anti-slavery movement and Australian colonisation during the nineteenth century, titled *No Slavery in a Free Land? Anti-Slavery and Australia, 1780-1900* (Routledge, 2021).

RAHS Excursion – *Museum of Freemasonry*

Thursday 29 September 2022, 11am – 12pm at Level 3, 66 Goulburn St, Sydney. Cost: \$15

A collection spanning over 200 years and including the Museum, Archives, Gallery and Library of the Freemasons of Australia. All housed in a building considered the finest example of Brutalist Architecture in the Southern Hemisphere. The Museum contains an extensive and fascinating collection of objects. The exhibits show a great deal about the fraternity; the regalia, the tracing boards, tools and more.

RAHS Day Lecture – '*Tumble Down White Fellows*': *The Bathurst War 1822-24*

Wednesday 5 October 2022, 1pm – 2pm online via Zoom. Cost: Free

Gudyarra (war) is the story of the occupation of Wiradyuri Country and the resistance warfare conducted by Wiradyuri people between 1822 and 1824 around the Bathurst region. Dr Stephen Gapps will discuss how effective Wiradyuri resistance warfare really was; how the British regarded it as a war at the time, and how we have failed to truly comprehend and commemorate the Bathurst War.

About the speaker: Dr Stephen Gapps is a museum curator and public historian working to bring Frontier War histories into broader recognition as Australia's First Wars. His book *The Sydney Wars: Conflict in the early colony 1788–1817* was the inaugural winner of the Les Carlyon Award for military history in 2020. In 2021, *Gudyarra: The First Wiradyuri War of Resistance, the Bathurst War 1822-1824* was published by NewSouth.

RAHS Special Event – *Country Calling: History on the Land*

Saturday 22 October 2022 | Session A (10am – 12pm) | Session B (1pm – 3.15pm) | Online via Zoom

Cost: Sessions A and B \$25 | Session A \$15 | Session B \$15

Bookings online at <https://www.rahs.org.au/event/country-calling-history-on-the-land>

Join the Royal Australian Historical Society and learn about the latest developments in local and community history as we explore *Country Calling: History on the Land*.

Session A: *Facing the Truth: How to Create History with Aboriginal Peoples* draws inspiration from historians and communities that practice truth-telling in their history-making. In this session, historians, curators and archaeologists will provide advice and guidance on how historical societies and local history researchers can engage with Aboriginal communities in meaningful ways.

Session B: *Best on Show: Country Shows and their Communities* draws on our commitment to promote local and community history. The recent bicentenary of the Royal Agricultural Society of NSW has inspired us to take a closer look at the history of agricultural shows and their importance to our local history. Today there are 192 agricultural societies in NSW, each one reflecting their own unique community and experiences.

RAHS Special Event – *Elizabeth and John: The Macarthurs of Elizabeth Farm*

Thursday 27 October 2022, 1pm – 2pm online via Zoom. Cost: Free

The way we understand the story of Elizabeth and John Macarthur says a good deal about the way we think about the early invasion period, its moral complexity, its multi-layered humanity, its quaintness, its cleverness and so on. This talk, and Alan's new book, *Elizabeth and John*, offers the story from a wholly new angle.

About the speaker: Alan Atkinson is the author or part-author of nine books on Australian history. His work has won a number of awards, including the Victorian Prize for Literature and an honorary fellowship in the RAHS. He taught for 22 years at the University of New England and is now an honorary professor at Sydney University.

RAHS Day Lecture – *For the Term of His Natural Life (1927): A Film Lost and Found*

Wednesday 2 November 2022, 1pm – 2pm online via Zoom. Cost: Free

In talking about the 1927 Australian film adaptation of Marcus Clarke's novel, *For the Term of His Natural Life*, Graham Shirley will cover the film's big-budgeted production, its vivid evocation of colonial era landscapes, its Australian box office success, the loss of most of the film over ensuing decades, and its 1981 reconstruction using a newly rediscovered print.

About the speaker: Graham Shirley has worked as a director, writer and researcher on Australian historical documentaries, and is co-author of *Australian Cinema: The First 80 Years* (1983 & 1989). From 2006 to 2014 he worked for the National Film and Sound Archive, after which he returned to freelance historical consultancy and work as an oral history interviewer. He is a RAHS Councillor and a member of the PHA (NSW & ACT).

RAHS/WEA Workshop – *Felons, Forgers and Fraudsters in the 19th and early 20th centuries and how to track them* | Wednesday 16 November 2022, 11am – 1pm online via Zoom

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

Bookings through WEA (02) 9264 2781 or online at <https://www.weasydney.com.au/course/FFFHTT>

There were 162,000 convicts transported to the Australia colonies between 1788 and 1868. Of these around 80,000 were transported to NSW. This workshop will begin by looking at how researchers can find out more about their crimes by providing advice and guidance on how to access the court records relating to their convictions. Tips on locating contemporary newspaper accounts of the trials will also be covered. The session will then look at how to track down the crimes committed by the 'felons, forgers and fraudsters' who appeared before the various criminal courts in NSW from earliest times until the early 20th century.

Dr Kathrine Reynolds has been the Treasurer of the RAHS for a decade. She specialises in 19th-century migration and criminal history and has published several books on nineteenth-century migration in German as well as English. She holds a BA, MSc, PhD and BCrim, as well as several diplomas in education and languages. Her current focus is on exploring female convicts, especially their criminality in Britain. She is an honorary member of the Department of History, University of Sydney and Department of Criminology, UNE.

Christine Yeats is an archivist and historical researcher. Christine's research interests include the silk industry in Australia and Romani migration and settlement. She is President of the Federation of Australian Historical Societies, RAHS Senior Vice President and RAHS Events Committee convenor. Christine also convenes the Assessment Sub-Committee UNESCO Australian Memory of the World Committee.

RAHS Excursion – *Sydney Tramway Museum*

Wednesday 30 November 2022, 10.30am at corner of Rawson Ave and Pitt St, Loftus.

Cost: RAHS Members \$20 | Non-members \$25

Join us to see and explore the history of the trams and its network, ride the trams and relive the days of tram travel. The site includes the Museum's Display Hall, with its extensive collection of trams from Sydney and other cities in Australia and the world, the former Railway Square Sydney tramway shelter, and the gates from the original Gladesville Bridge. Our visit includes a guided tour of the Museum Display Hall and tram-rides.

RAHS Day Lecture – *Our Food and Cookery Experts: Revealing the Australian Women’s Weekly* food editors who transformed the way Australia ate

Wednesday 7 December 2022, 1pm – 2pm online via Zoom. Cost: Free

As Australia’s preeminent women’s magazine, the *Australian Women’s Weekly* (the *Weekly*) had an immense impact on Australian food culture throughout the twentieth century. The role of food editor was integral to the *Weekly*’s food offerings, yet little consideration has been given to the influence of the women who held this position. In this lecture, Lauren Samuelsson will reveal the importance of the *Weekly*’s food editors, uncovering their identities and exploring the ways that their professional expertise and individual interests shaped the *Weekly*’s food pages and left an imprint on Australian food culture.

About the speaker:

Dr Lauren Samuelsson holds a PhD in History from the University of Wollongong. Her interests include the history of food and drink, women’s history, the history of popular culture and Australian cultural history. Her PhD thesis focused on the *Australian Women’s Weekly* and its influence on the development of Australian food culture during its first fifty years of publication. Her award-winning work has been published in *Australian Historical Studies* and *History Australia*. She has also been published in *The Conversation*.

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