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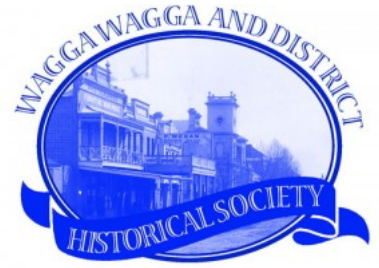


RAHS CONFERENCE

The Way Ahead

*Local and community histories
for our future*

Wagga RSL, 21–22 October 2023



Fitzmaurice Street, c.1890 [Wagga Wagga and District Historical Society]

The City of Wagga Wagga is the perfect location to explore the 2023 Conference Theme – *The Way Ahead: Local and Community Histories for our Future*. Today the people who call Wagga Wagga home – Wiradyuri people, other First Nations people from across Australia, and non-indigenous people from Australia and around the world – reflect its rich and diverse history. The commitment to remembering and honouring this history both now and for future generations can be seen with the launch of the redeveloped Museum of the Riverina Botanic Gardens site. The museum is dedicated to telling stories about the people and events that helped shape the City of Wagga Wagga and the Riverina Region. This commitment to local and community histories includes an outreach program that supports thirty-eight Riverina museum collections.

We are sure you will enjoy the RAHS Conference program and exploring this region's museums and historical sites. The RAHS Conference website includes ideas to make the most of your visit to Wagga Wagga and the Riverina Region. We would like to thank the Wagga Wagga and District Historical Society for sharing resources from their collections on the conference website:

<https://www.rahs.org.au/2023-rahs-conference/>

Friday 20 October 2023

Pre-conference Drinks 5.30 pm – 7 pm

Hosted by Wagga Wagga and District Historical Society (WWDHS)

Join conference delegates, members of the WWDHS and guests at the pre-conference drinks at the Museum of the Riverina Historic Council Chambers site, corner of Baylis Street and Morrow Street, Wagga Wagga. Constructed in 1881 by renowned local builder Charles Hardy (Hardy & Co.), the venue for the pre-conference drinks provides an opportunity to enjoy the architectural heritage of the City of Wagga Wagga.

DAY 1 OF 2: SATURDAY 21 OCTOBER 2023

Session A Welcome and Keynote address

Chair: Lynne Allen, RAHS Councillor, RAHS Affiliated Societies Committee

8.30 am	Registration
9.15 am	Welcome to Country
9.30 am	Welcome to the RAHS Conference, RAHS President's Address
9.45 am	The Lesley Muir Address: Adjunct Associate Professor Bruce Pennay OAM <i>Looking for ways ahead: A local response from Albury-Wodonga</i>

10.30 am – 11.00 am: Morning tea and book sales

Session B Local and community histories: Stories from the Riverina

Chair: Graham Shirley, RAHS Councillor, RAHS Affiliated Societies Committee

Sharing local and community histories deepens our connection to a place. Our speakers in Session B will allow us to learn about the Riverina Region and how the community shares its histories.

11.00 am	Michelle Maddison: <i>Tom Castro: The man that never was</i>
11.30 am	Dr Stephen Gapps: <i>The Wiradyuri Wars 1824–1842: Connecting local resistance along the colonial frontier</i>
12.00 pm	Bill Speirs: <i>Marie (Molly) Narelle (1870–1941): 'The Australian Queen of Irish Song'</i>

12.30 pm – 1.30 pm: Lunch and book sales

Session C Local and community histories: Digitising the Past

Chair: Lorraine Neate, RAHS Affiliated Societies Committee, Illawarra Museum and Historical Society

Digitisation projects are a way of preserving our histories and engaging with our communities. All projects have benefits and challenges, which our speakers in Session C will share with you to inspire and support your local and community history projects.

1.30 pm	Greg Ryan: <i>Expanding Your Digital Footprint on Trove</i>
2.00 pm	Dr Ann Hardy: <i>Living Histories Digitisation Lab: Community Engagement and Digitisation Projects</i>
2.30 pm	Wayne Doubleday: <i>Digitisation – Is it really the panacea we've been searching for?</i>

3.00 pm – 3.30 pm: Afternoon tea and book sales

Tours and Dinner

3.30 pm	Conference Tour: Museum of the Riverina, Botanic Gardens Site
6.30 pm	Conference Dinner at Wagga Wagga RSL

DAY 2 OF 2: SUNDAY 22 OCTOBER 2023

Session D The business of local and community history

Chair: Suzanne Holohan, RAHS General Manager

9.15 am	Join members of the RAHS Affiliated Societies Committee to discuss issues that impact the future sustainability of our history groups and societies.
10.15 am	Honouring our history volunteers – Certificates of Achievement

10.30 am – 11.00 am: Morning tea and book sales

Session E Local and community histories: Voices from the Past

Chair: Angela Phippen, RAHS Affiliated Societies Committee, local studies librarian

Oral histories capture voices from the past and illuminate personal experiences. Our speakers in Session E will highlight the unique perspectives that oral histories give us and how they can be shared with our communities.

11.00 am	Fran O'Flynn: <i>Collecting Contemporary Oral Histories, sharing new stories</i>
11.30 am	Alison Wishart: <i>Using oral history to enhance local and family history research</i>
12.00 pm	Graham Shirley: <i>Oral histories – Use and Reuse</i>

12.30 pm – 1.30 pm: Lunch and book sales

Session F Local and community histories: The Future

Chair: Richard White, RAHS Councillor

The final session of the conference will focus directly on the future. Richard White will lead a panel discussion with speakers from history institutions and organisations.

1.30 pm	Dr Penelope (Penny) Stannard: <i>Museums of History NSW</i>
2.00 pm	Matt Henderson: <i>Tocumwal Aviation Museum</i>
2.30 pm	Sam Leah: <i>Museum of the Riverina</i>

3.00 pm – 3.15 pm: Conference Wrap-Up and Close



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