

2023 Create NSW Cultural Grants

The Cultural Grants Program is a Create NSW devolved funding program administered by the RAHS on behalf of the New South Wales Government. Eighteen local and community history projects will receive funding from the 2023 Cultural Grants Program.

Australian Catholic Historical Society: For the publication of a comprehensive and contextual history of the Society. *The Australian Catholic Historical Society and Sydney Catholics 1940–2020*. Awarded: \$5,000.

Paterson Historical Society: For *Vacy to Gresford: People and Places*. The book will record the history along the Paterson and Allyn Rivers between the village of Vacy and the town of Gresford. Awarded: \$2,000.

Tomaree Headland Heritage Group: For *Tomaree Headland Port Stephens in World War II: Fort Tomaree, HMAS Assault*. Awarded: \$5,000.

The City of Liverpool and District Historical Society: For the publication of a collection of recollections, journals, diaries, letters and articles. *Recollections of Old Liverpool Vol. 2*. Awarded: \$1,000.

Manly Warringah and Pittwater Historical Society: For the publication of the Society's centenary history. *Bridging the Years: Manly Warringah and Pittwater Historical Society 1924–2024*. Awarded: \$4,800.

Albury and District Historical Society: To include the *Border Morning Mail* 1953 on Trove and to conduct free public workshops on 'Exploring the Local Past with Trove'. Awarded: \$3,572.

Hurstville Museum and Gallery: For the publication *Makers and Manufacturers: The Industrial History of St George*. Awarded: \$3,571.

Port Macquarie and District Family History Society: To publish a register of the female convicts who came to Port Macquarie. *Rowdy Voices and Quiet Whispers*. Awarded: \$4,000.

Campbelltown and Airs Historical Society: For an original journal with local content. *Grist Mills 37*. Awarded: \$1,000.

Surf Life Saving Mid North Coast Branch: For an oral history project on preserving local and lifesaving history through interviewing life members, which will be available on a website. Awarded: \$495.

Nutcote Trust: For a publication about the life of celebrated author and illustrator May Gibbs. Awarded: \$3,300.

Hill End and Tambaroora Gathering Group: For the publication of *St Paul's Presbyterian Church Hill End: 150 Years*. Awarded: \$3,530.

Australian Computer Museum Society: For the Max Burnet Digitisation Project. Awarded: \$3,000.

The Royal Society of New South Wales: For *Sydney's Colonial Scientists: Origins of the Royal Society of New South Wales*. Awarded: \$5,000.

Maitland Regional Museum: For the publication *Maitland Stories*, which will collect and record oral histories of Maitland's older citizens who represent a range of backgrounds and communities. Awarded: \$3,100.

Shoalhaven Libraries: For the Shoalhaven Heritage Newspaper Digitisation Project, which will be available on Trove. Awarded: \$5,000.

The Fort Street Foundation: For the Fort Street Speech Day Digitisation Project (1899–2023). Awarded: \$3,850.

Clarence River Historical Society: For the Carl Ehlers Collection. Awarded: \$3,450.

Book Notes

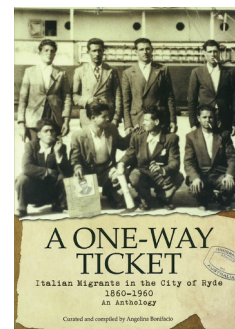
The following books were projects supported by the Create NSW Cultural Grants Program, a devolved funding program administered by the Royal Australian Historical Society on behalf of the New South Wales Government.

A One-Way Ticket: Italian Migrants in the City of Ryde 1860–1960: An Anthology

Curated and compiled by Angelina Bonifacio, edited by Anne Savage. Published by Lady of Grace Fraternity, 2023.

This anthology publication is a moving collection of life stories with photographs. It reveals the evolution of the Ryde district in which these Italian migrants, who courageously left their homeland with the purchase of a one-way ticket to Australia to carve out an uncertain future, played an integral role. The chapters within this book relate to the market garden landowners, those in retail and commerce, the lives of Italian residents within the Ryde community, and their religious associations.

A One-Way Ticket is an invaluable resource, allowing the opportunity to discover the district's local history and what has shaped not only these migrant pioneers



and their descendants but the evolution of the whole community. It is a tribute of recognition and gratitude to the Italian migrants' courage, sacrifices, dedication and contributions.

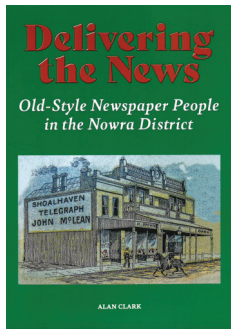
Available from <https://ladyofgracefraternity.com.au/>.

ISBN: 9780646858739. xxi, 666 pages: photographs, 31 cm.

Book Note by Donna Newton, RAHS Librarian.

Delivering the News: Old-Style Newspaper People in the Nowra District

Written by Alan Clark. Published by Shoalhaven Historical Society, 2023.



The National Library of Australia's Trove has made newspapers more accessible to local and community historians. With the growth in their use, it has become important to know more about the people who were the proprietors, editors and journalists of these mastheads. Alan Clark's *Delivering the News* provides an overview of the people who were involved in the newspaper industry in the Nowra District. These figures were important community members who sought to report the news faithfully. It was a male-dominated industry, but as the author notes, there were a handful of women. The book features a detailed index, which will be helpful for researchers who are interested in learning more about the 'old-style newspaper people' in the Nowra District.

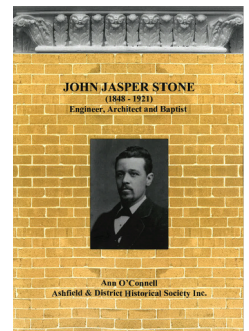
Available from <https://www.shoalhavenhistory.org.au/>.

154 pages: illustrations, portraits; 30 cm.

Book Note by Phillip Jaworski, RAHS Digital Media and Membership Services.

John Jasper Stone (1848–1921): Engineer, Architect and Baptist

Written by Ann O'Connell. Published by Ashfield and District Historical Society, 2023.



John Jasper Stone is largely unknown today, yet his achievements merit considerable acknowledgement. Coming from a poor part of London, Stone's family was assisted by Caroline Chisholm, who was known as 'The Emigrant's Friend'. Stone had no wealthy relatives or benefactors. His schooling was basic. The key to his success, however, was his 'ethic of hard work, strict observance to his Christian ideals and a dogged determination to succeed'. He was originally employed in the Public Works Department in Sydney, and he trained as a draughtsman, later becoming a civil engineer. In 1888, Stone branched out on his own as a consulting engineer, patent attorney and architect, and over his working life, he was involved in many projects across New South Wales. The book outlines the remarkable scope of Stone's various engineering, architectural and patent works.

Available from <https://ashfieldhistory.org.au/>.

ISBN: 9780949842077. 158 pages: illustrations, portraits, maps, plans; 30 cm.

Book Note by Elaine Phillips, RAHS Volunteer.



ROYAL AUSTRALIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY KEY DATES

2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the RAHS AGM will be held online via Zoom at 6.00 pm on **Tuesday 16 April 2024**. Any financial member is entitled to attend and vote. A member may appoint a proxy to attend and vote in his or her stead. The proxy must be a financial member of the Society at the time of voting.

Members wishing to submit notices of motions to be included in the agenda for the AGM should submit them in writing by 4.00 pm on **Monday 12 February 2024**.

2024 RAHS COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

By order of the Council, members are invited to nominate candidates for election to the Council at the AGM.

Nominations must be signed by two financial members and the nominee. Completed forms must reach the Society's Returning Officer at History House, 133 Macquarie St, Sydney, 2000, by 4.00 pm on **Monday 12 February 2024**.

A candidate may supply a factual statement as instructed on the nomination form. Only financial members of the Society are eligible to be nominated. Only those members who are financial at the close of nominations are eligible to vote. Contact the RAHS for a nomination form.

Under the RAHS Constitution passed in 2013, of the 12 positions on the Council, only four are available for election in 2024. These will have 3-year terms. Full details may be obtained from the Constitution, available from the RAHS website at: <https://www.rahs.org.au/our-responsibilities/>