



History Seminar

Collections and Community Trove and NSW Historical Societies

11 November 2025: 10.30 am to 3.30 pm

History House
133 Macquarie Street, Sydney
Or join us Online

OVERVIEW

The Royal Australian Historical Society invites you to *Collections and Community: Trove and NSW Historical Societies*, presented in partnership with the National Library of Australia (NLA).

This special one-day event explores how community history organisations can use Trove's tools, resources and partnerships to connect collections and strengthen the local history network.

PROGRAM

Session A: <i>Connecting Collections: Using Trove to promote local and community history</i>	
Time	10.30 am – 12.30 pm
Overview	Presenters from the NLA will share the latest information on using Trove and explain how historical societies can also become an active contributor. Firstly, Elizabeth Mackenzie will share updated resources, search tips and tools that support researchers to efficiently navigate the vast and ever-growing Trove collections. Fiona Clarke will explain how historical societies and community groups can become Content Contributor partners and share their own collection records with Trove's user community. She will also present on Community Heritage Grants, a long-standing Australian Government grants program that supports community groups care for their nationally significant collections.
Presenters	• Elizabeth MacKenzie, Assistant Director, Trove Community, NLA • Fiona Clarke, Assistant Director, Trove Partnerships, NLA
Topics	1. New Trove Guides – updated resources to support discovery and research. 2. Trove Content Contributor Package – a free entry-level program that enables historical societies share their collection records on the Trove website and enjoy a range of other benefits. 3. Community Heritage Grants – staged program for community groups to work with heritage experts and implement practical collection management activities, including conservation, collection storage and digitisation.

Lunch: 12.30 pm – 1.30 pm in Reception Rooms at History House

Session B: *Connecting Community: Supporting and Sustaining Local Historical Societies*

Time	1.30 pm – 3.30 pm
1.30pm – 1.45 pm	2025 Certificate of Achievement Awards We begin the afternoon by celebrating the volunteers who make such an important contribution to local and community history. These awards recognise members nominated by their societies for their dedication and commitment to preserving and sharing the histories of the people and places of New South Wales. It's a chance to acknowledge individual achievements, thank those who give their time so generously, and highlight the remarkable work taking place in communities across the state.
1.45pm – 3.30 pm	Supporting and Sustaining Local Historical Societies Join a panel of speakers, including members of the RAHS Affiliated Societies to share experiences, discuss common challenges, and explore how we can strengthen support for our communities of history volunteers across New South Wales. Topics include: • Insights from the 2025 RAHS Affiliated Societies Survey. • Setting up online payment systems and other simple digital tools. • Developing volunteer agreements and good practice in engagement. • Launch of new grant program (previously Cultural Grants).
If there's a topic you'd like to see included, please email history@rahs.org.au by Monday, 3 November , and we'll do our best to incorporate it into the program.	

COSTS AND BOOKINGS

Registration Type	Both Sessions	Session A only	Session B only	Inclusions
History House (in person)	\$40	\$35	\$15	Session A includes morning tea and lunch. Session B includes afternoon tea.
Online (Hybrid attendance)	\$20	\$15	\$10	Access to live-streamed sessions and emailed any presenter resources.

Book online: <https://www.rahs.org.au/shop/tickets-trove-nsw-historical-societies/> or call 02 92478001.

The RAHS sincerely thanks the National Library of Australia. We appreciate its ongoing commitment to supporting local and community history and helping connect collections across Australia.