

# Constructing the Past

Australian Historical Association Conference  
Sunshine Coast, 30 June–3 July 2009



*The 2009 Australian Historical Association's conference will be held at the University of the Sunshine Coast in Queensland. The conference theme is 'Constructing the past', encouraging reflection on the dynamic connections between the past and the present; the roles of historians and others engaged in the practice and presentation of history; and the ways in which individuals, organisations and communities have sought to preserve or change their societies, yearned for a lost past or imagined a different future.*

We invite proposals for individual papers, panels and workshops from all members of the AHA that explore, engage with and/or challenge the conference theme. We welcome presentations that reflect on histories from any part of the world, not only Australia. Contributions from postgraduates are very welcome.

Contributions may be related to the following list of indicative subjects:

- Histories of individuals, organisations and communities
- History of technology
- Commemorations, celebrations and festivals
- The roles of academic, professional and amateur historians
- How museums, other institutions and communities construct and present history
- Working with other disciplines to explore the past
- Popular understandings of the past
- The sites at which history is created and presented

- Creating Queensland history: Reflections in Queensland's sesquicentenary year
- The role of imagination in writing history
- Innovative use of evidence to explore the past
- Tangible and intangible heritage as remnants of the past
- Competing versions of the past
- Teaching and learning history

The Sunshine Coast conference will continue the '1000 words in a picture' stream. Short papers (maximum 1000 words) are invited that interpret an image, artefact or place as an historical document.

## Submission of proposals

To submit your proposal, please send your name, contact details, brief bio (maximum 50 words), title of presentation and abstract (maximum 200 words) to:

Email: [aha2009@usc.edu.au](mailto:aha2009@usc.edu.au)

**Proposals have now been extended to Friday 24th April, 2009.**

**Don't forget early bird registration closes Thursday 30th April.**