



**Annual General Meeting**  
**5.00–6.30pm**  
**Thursday 7 July 2015**  
**Minerva Space**  
**Federation University Australia, Ballarat**

## **Agenda**

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of the previous AGM
3. Executive reports
  - 3.1 President's report (Angela Woollacott)
  - 3.2 Vice-president's report (Lynette Russell)
  - 3.3 Secretary's report (Alison Holland)
  - 3.4 Treasurer's report (Paul Sendziuk)
  - 3.5 Prizes and awards report (Tim Rowse)
  - 3.6 Membership report (Joy Damousi, Michael Ondaatje)
  - 3.7 *History Australia* Editors' report (Melanie Oppenheimer)
  - 3.8 Postgraduate student representatives' report (Robyn Curtis, Bethany Phillips-Peddlesden, Petra Mosmann)
  - 3.9 Early career researcher representatives' report (Cath Bishop, Ruth Morgan)
  - 3.10 HTAA representative's report (Rosalie Triolo)
  - 3.11 Executive Officer's report (Karen Downing)
4. AHA conferences
  - 4.1 AHA Conference 2017: University of Newcastle (Nancy Cushing for Philip Dwyer)
  - 4.2 AHA Conference 2018: Australian National University
  - 4.3 AHA Conference 2019: University of Southern Queensland
5. Special resolution to raise membership fees
6. AHA Executive 2016–2018: Election of officers and ordinary members
7. Other business

**Your presence at this meeting is welcome and needed.**  
**Please bring this agenda with you.**

### 3.1 President's report (Angela Woollacott)

#### In Memoriam

Geoffrey Bolton (1931–2015)

John Hirst (1942–2016)

John Legge (1921–2016)

Patrick Wolfe (1949–2016)

#### Correspondence during 12 months, 2015-2016

- The Editor, *Australian*, 21 July 2015, in response to the article on undergraduate History offerings at Australian universities ('Teaching England's story is now history' by Rowan Callick, Asia-Pacific editor, 18 July 2015).
- Nola Alloway, Dean, Arts, Society and Education, James Cook University, 30 September 2015, encouraging appointment of a senior historian to replace Russell McGregor.
- Joshua Pitt, Taylor & Francis, 2 October 2015, conveying executive committee's acceptance of offer to publish History Australia.
- Judy Maddigan, President, Women's HERitage Centre Victoria Inc., 14 October 2015, congratulating her on the establishment of WHCV.
- Malcolm Turnbull PM, 7 December 2015, request that Gerard Henderson be replaced as chair on judging panel for the Australian History and Non-Fiction categories in the Prime Minister's Literary Awards and offer to assist in identifying a university-based historian for the panel,
- Scott Morrison, Treasurer, 17 December, re cuts to national cultural institutions.
- The Editors, *Age*, *Australian*, *Canberra Times*, 17 December, re cuts to national cultural institutions.
- Paul Wellings, Vice Chancellor, 3 February 2016, University of Wollongong, re threatened cut to academic staff numbers in the History Program, cc Amanda Lawson (Executive Dean, Faculty of Law, Humanities and the Arts), Georgine Clarsen (History Program, School of Humanities and Social Inquiry). Reply received 5 February 2016: consultation being undertaken.
- Malcolm Turnbull PM, 2 March 2016, requesting that national collecting institutions be fully funded in the May budget, cc Bill Shorten MP, Senator Mitch Fifield, Mark Dreyfus MP. Response from Mark Dreyfus, 11 April 2016: 'I am doing all that I can to reverse these drastic cuts to our national institutions, and in particular to ensure that Trove continues to provide its valuable information services.' Response from Department of Communication and the Arts, 20 June 2016.
- The Editor, *Australian Book Review*, 9 March 2016, re letter above.

- Brian P Schmidt, Vice Chancellor, Australian National University, 22 March 2016, re impact on HDR students of uncertainty in protracted review process of the School of Culture, History and Language in the College of Asia and the Pacific. Cc Robyn Curtis (AHA Postgraduate Representative), Daniel May (Co-convenor, ANU History Postgraduate Association).
- Malcolm Turnbull PM, 18 May 2016, re continued lack of university-based historian on Non-Fiction and Australian History judging panel for the 2016 Prime Minister's Literary Awards, cc Bill Shorten MP, Senator Mitch Fifield, Mark Dreyfus MP.

### **3.1.3 *History Australia***

Thank you to outgoing editorial team: Tomoko Akami, Frank Bongiorno and Alexander Cook, with Karen Downing as assistant editor (Australian National University); book review editor Zora Simic (University of New South Wales); and exhibition review editor Sarah Pinto (Deakin University).

Welcome to incoming editorial team: Melanie Oppenheimer, Matthew Fitzpatrick and Catherine Kevin with Karen Agutter as assistant editor (Flinders University); book review editors Andrekos Varnava (Flinders University) and Nathan Wise (University of New England); and exhibition review editor Laina Hall (National Museum of Australia).

Publishing agreement with Taylor & Francis Group signed 11 November 2015.

### **3.1.4 Upcoming conferences**

- 2017 University of Newcastle
- 2018 Australian National University
- 2019 University of Southern Queensland

### **3.1.5 Allan Martin Prize**

The Allan Martin Prize will be an annual award from 2017.

### **3.3 Treasurer's report (Paul Sendziuk)**

The Treasurers' report will be available in hard copy at the meeting. It will be available on the AHA website following the meeting.

### 3.4 Prizes and awards report (Tim Rowse)

#### AHA-Copyright Agency Travel and Writing Bursary Scheme

Funding was secured from the Copyright Agency for a further three years, 2017–2019. An explanation of success of the scheme submitted by the Executive Officer as part of the funding application is attached below.

#### Allan Martin Award

The original bequest for the Allan Martin Award included the intention that it be an annual award when financially viable. We have reached that position and the award will be annual from 2017.

#### Ernest Scott Prize

The winner of this prize was previously announced by AHA with its other prizes, but it is now being announced by the University of Melbourne at a separate event.

#### All other awards

Shortlists for all awards were publicised to the AHA membership on 9 June. A media release was widely distributed on 10 June. The historical data is sketchy but we can safely say that submissions for all prizes were at an all-time high.

	2004	2006	2010	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Allan Martin Award						4		11
Jill Roe Prize						13	8	13
Kay Daniels Award								8
Magarey Medal		13						26
Serle Award						14		19
WK Hancock Prize	8	31				12		31

#### Thanks to judges

I extend the Executive Committee's gratitude and my personal thanks to the judges of the AHA prizes and awards in 2016.

- AHA-Copyright Agency Bursaries: Melanie Oppenheimer, Kate Darian-Smith, Melissa Harper
- Allan Martin Award: Carolyn Strange, Victoria Haskins, Alistair Thomson
- Jill Roe Prize: Christina Twomey, Tim Rowse, Robert Foster
- Kay Daniels Award: Bob Reece, Carol Liston, Stefan Petrow (I appointed a judge on behalf of the Port Arthur Historic Site Management Authority, when the authority did not respond to my email.)
- Magarey Medal for Biography: Barbara Caine, Peter Spearritt, Bronwen Levy (appointed by ASAL)
- NAA/AHA Postgraduate Scholarships  
April 2016: Hannah Forsyth, Tim Rowse  
October 2015: Regina Ganter, Tim Rowse

- Serle Award: Russell McGregor, Melissa Bellanta
- W. K. Hancock Prize: Frances Clarke, Martin Crotty, Vesna Drapac

### **Success of the AHA-Copyright Agency Travel and Writing Bursary Scheme**

The AHA-Copyright Agency Bursary Scheme has been running since 2009. Current funding for the scheme ends this year, 2016. The Australian Historical Association (AHA) is seeking funding to continue the scheme and its success for another three years.

The scheme has, to date, attracted 315 applications from emerging historians, either currently enrolled in a PhD program at a university or working as an independent scholar. It has ensured that 80 of these historians have been able to attend an AHA annual conference and the workshop and mentoring sessions run by the AHA as part of the scheme. A further 19 historians have benefitted from the workshops and mentoring sessions at no cost to the Copyright Agency.

Workshops and mentoring sessions guide participants through the practical considerations of preparing a paper for presentation, and on turning that paper into a publishable article. Workshops provide networking opportunities with other emerging historians as well as industry experts. Mentoring provides tangible career boosting benefits by initiating a relationship with a well-respected scholar with an interest in their particular historical field whom participants might not otherwise meet.

The number of participants who are producing articles of a standard to gain publication in peer-reviewed academic journals has remained steady. Evidence that the scheme supports a level of quality in historical writing and that the skills participants learn as part of the scheme are retained and transferred to future writing projects is found in the number of participants that have gone on to publishing books, including:

- Sophie Loy-Wilson, *Australians in Shanghai: Race, Rights and Nation in Treaty Port China* (Routledge, 2016)
- Catherine Bishop, *Minding Her Own Business: Colonial Businesswomen in Sydney* (NewSouth, 2015)
- Jeannine Baker, *Australian Women War Reporters: Boer War to Vietnam* (NewSouth, 2015)
- Brett Holman, *The Next War in the Air: Britain's Fear of the Bomber, 1908–1941* (Ashgate, 2014).

The AHA executive committee is proud of the success of the scheme and is very pleased to continue making cash and in-kind contributions to ensure that we offer its demonstrated benefits to emerging historians for another three years.

The AHA publicises the scheme widely not only to AHA members but to the broader historical community. Emerging historians regard it as highly competitive and anticipate it as a valued program at the AHA's annual conference. The scheme carries the Copyright Agency name and, therefore, helps to consolidate Copyright Agency's important role in Australia's creative industries.

### **3.5 *History Australia* Editors' report (Melanie Oppenheimer)**

The last twelve months has been a period of significant change for the journal. We have had a change of publisher as well as a change of editorial teams. This report covers the final six months of the editorial team based at the ANU - Tomoko Akami, Frank Bongiorno and Alex Cook who completed their three-year term in December 2015. The incoming editorial team from Flinders University – Melanie Oppenheimer, Matt Fitzpatrick and Catherine Kevin – commenced their three-year term at the beginning of 2016.

Both editorial teams would like to thank their Assistant Editors, Karen Downing (ANU) and Karen Agutter (Flinders), who have provided essential and invaluable editorial support. The Flinders editorial team would also like to acknowledge the financial support of the School of History and International Relations and the Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences who agreed to fund the position of Assistant Editor for three years. This institutional generosity is crucial for such academic enterprises and we are very grateful for the support. We could not do the job without it.

There has also been a change of Book Review Editors and Exhibitions Editor. Zora Simic and Sarah Pinto finished up in December. The incoming Book Reviewer Editors are Andrekos Varnava (Flinders) and Nathan Wise (UNE), with Laina Hall (National Museum of Australia) taking up the role of Exhibitions Editor.

After considerable discussion, the AHA executive committee approved entering into a contract with Taylor & Francis for publication of the journal for five years from 2016 to 2022. The view was that this new publishing arrangement will greatly strengthen the journal, especially by increasing its international exposure. A contract was signed by the AHA president, Angela Woollacott, and the transfer from Monash University Publishing has been completed. The journal will now appear four times per year (March, June, September and December). The last of the issues to be published with Monash University Publishing appeared in December 2015. Monash was of great assistance in effecting the move to the new publisher. It has been a very complex process to change publishers, much more so than anyone anticipated. The Assistant Editors have been at the forefront of the myriad tasks and we again thank both Karen Downing and Karen Agutter for their professionalism and commitment in ensuring the transition was successful.

The first issue with Taylor & Francis (March 2016, 13:1) – a guest-edited issue (ed. Leigh Boucher and Kate Fullagar, 'Modern British History: Antipodean Perspectives'), has now appeared. The ANU-based editorial had responsibility for overseeing this issue and Karen Downing, the outgoing assistant editor and AHA executive officer, continued to manage publication matters and transitional issues until May 2016.

You might notice that issues 13:2 and, to a lesser extent 13:3, may appear slightly shorter than other editions. The editors were working on the firm assumption that the content of what was in the past three issues would be spread across four. In fact, according to Taylor & Francis, each of the four issues per year can be at least as long, if not longer, than issues from earlier years. This means that there will be far more content across any one year with Taylor & Francis.

Accordingly, this makes it more important than ever that the journal attract frequent, high quality submissions.

In terms of submission statistics, the journal received 65 articles in 2015, with 31 (47%) declined (includes 'Declines' and 'Revise and resubmits'). Thirty-two (49%) were accepted (that is, acceptances and revisions required). There has been a decline in submissions from the previous year. The figures are: 2012 – 89; 2013 – 71; 2014 – 78; 2015 – 65. The decline is probably due, in large part, to the change in the AHA-Copyright Agency Bursary Scheme in 2015 whereby participants were free to submit to any journal. Only one of the 14 recipients has submitted to *History Australia*.

With a view to regeneration and renewal, the incoming editorial board took the opportunity to revise the composition of the Editorial Board. This had not been done for some years. We sincerely thank Ann Curthoys, Graeme Davison, Desley Deacon and Marian Quartly, all of whom have now retired. We welcome the following historians who have joined the Board in 2016: Tony Ballantyne; Alison Bashford; Frank Bongiorno; Dipesh Chakrabarty; Victoria Haskins; Philippa Levine; Philippa Mein Smith; and Andrew Zimmerman.

With these various changes in place and with a number of the teething issues with Taylor & Francis now resolved, we look forward to continuing our work with *History Australia* and, through this, the AHA community.

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Matt Fitzpatrick  
Catherine Kevin  
Editors, *History Australia*

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### **3.6 Postgraduate student representatives' report (Robyn Curtis, Bethany Phillips-Peddlesden, Petra Mosmann)**

This year, the postgraduate community has been represented on the AHA Executive Committee by Bethany Phillips-Peddlesden, Petra Mosman and Robyn Curtis. As in previous years, the reps have been involved in the organisations of specific events at the annual AHA conference for postgrad students. This year the events included a workshop, informal coffee morning and evening drinks. We hope that as many as possible have taken advantage of these and that the tradition of specific events will continue at future conferences.

We have also been called on during the year to act as advocates for postgraduate students. It is a sad truth that around the country history departments have been under pressure. Consequently, postgraduate students have found themselves lacking support and, in some cases, supervision. In our position as representative, we were able to highlight these issues to the Executive Committee. The President and Executive Committee expressed their concerns to the various bodies and ensured that these matters were recognised and noted. As postgraduate students and representatives we are pleased the premier historical association has offered its support to us.

This year has been the final term for all three of us. Membership on the committee has been a fantastic experience. Along with exposure to the operation of a national association, we have met new people and hopefully made some new friends. We wish the incoming representatives all the very best for their term.

### **3.7 Early career researcher representatives' report (Cath Bishop and Ruth Morgan)**

#### **Achievements – 2014/2016**

- Ensured that casual academic employees have a reduced-fee membership, rather than the full rate
- AHA Conferences (Sydney, Ballarat) – expansion of postgrad events to include ECRs, such as publishing, careers advice, networking etc.

#### **Comments**

The AHA Facebook page has been a great site for all members (including ECRs) to engage with each other and to promote their work.

The main challenge we have found is reaching researchers/historians working outside of universities and the purview of the AHA. This has been something of a stumbling block for our planned initiative of extending writing support groups for ECRs beyond existing groups in Melbourne and Sydney.

### 3.9 Executive Officer's report (Karen Downing)

#### Membership increases

Membership numbers have, in the past, run around 750 to 850. In July 2014 they had dipped to 684. I am pleased to say that we reached 934 members in February this year. Since August 2014 we have had rolling memberships, so figures change weekly, but following the busiest renewal period after 28 February we have maintained member numbers at just over 920. We believe this increase in memberships to be a result of the AHA's more regular communication with members through its weekly newsletter, increased profile through its website and social media activity, as well as some dedicated time and thought given to following-up lapsed members. We believe that this visible activity has highlighted the AHA's relevance to historians working in and on Australia.

#### Printed flyer to lapsed members

A personalised printed flyer was mailed in January 2016 to 280 lapsed members who had not responded to prior email communications. The exercise cost \$355.99. It received 21 responses, being a total of \$1490 in membership fees.

#### AHA website

We launched a new website at the last AGM 12 months ago. Since then we have added the following features:

- member-only content that gives searchable access to the news, events, opportunities, announcements and calls for paper that members receive in the weekly newsletter.
- updatable 'profile' that allows members to change their contact details
- access to *History Australia* subscription once members have logged into the site
- separate Heads of History content for sharing information among that forum

#### Social media statistics

The number of members in the AHA **Facebook** group has increased steadily in the last two years. A significant number of these are not members of the AHA. They do not receive the benefits of membership (they do not see all the information that members receive in their newsletter or in the member-only content on the AHA website) but they are a receptive audience for our posts on AHA members' activities and achievements. It is difficult to track whether any Facebook members go on to become financial members of the AHA but I believe there is more that we can do on Facebook to encourage some to do so. I am pleased that the Facebook group is used by members (both financial AHA members and others) to share news, opinions and comments.

Date	Number
9/12/14	471
17/3/15	525
30/6/15	589
15/9/15	607
24/11/15	624

15/3/16	680
27/6/16	760

Similarly, AHA **Twitter** followers – a total of **1324** at 27/6/16 – grow every month and a substantial proportion of them are not AHA members. Among followers are historical societies and associations, libraries, archives, museums and cultural institutions.

Date	Tweets	Profile visits	Mentions	New followers
September 2014	1	37	5	0
October 2014	25	116	13	0
December 2014	4	129	8	21
January 2015	15	201	9	26
February 2015	9	142	4	29
March 2015	5	102	9	32
April 2015	17	224	20	24
May 2015	16	175	13	29
June 2015	20	438	12	31
July 2015	37	770	64	68
August 2015	18	247	15	25
September 2015	23	304	10	32
October 2015	23	294	17	28
November 2015	14	207	4	20
December 2015	23	328	9	26
January 2016	10	190	8	18
February 2016	25	388	12	48
March 2016	21	480	8	27
April 2016	25	327	5	33
May 2016	29	524	32	36
June 2016	25	494	24	19

### **Heads of History forum**

Professor Penny Russell, University of Sydney, was the convenor of the Heads of History forum for the 12 months July 2015 to June 2016. I worked with Penny to reinvigorate the group to make it more relevant and responsive to its members. The separate HoH-only content on the AHA website is part of that work. The Executive Committee has also agreed to strengthen its relationship with the group by having an ordinary member of the committee act as convenor. In this way HoH concerns will be promptly brought to the committee's attention.

### **Thank you!**

This is my last report as Executive Officer of the AHA so I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Executive Committee members, especially the President, Professor Angela Woollacott, for being a pleasure to work with and to thank all AHA members for being invariably polite and appreciative. You have all helped to make this job thoroughly rewarding.

## 5. Special resolution to raise membership fees

In accordance with clause 4.2 of the constitution (“The annual subscription shall be set by the Annual General Meeting. There may be differential rates of subscription.”) the following changes to membership costs is proposed:

Type of member	Current fee \$	Proposed fee \$
Individual	100	150
Student	55	85
Concession (Unwaged/retired/casual)	55	100
Primary or secondary teacher	75	120
Affiliated organisation	110	170
Affiliated organisation (5 years)	400	750

### EXPLANATION

Modest rises in membership fees in 2010 and 2014 have not kept pace with rising costs. Moreover, the 2014 inclusion of ‘casuals’ in the unwaged and retired category means that less than half our members pay full membership rates and that number is declining. The proposed fees bring the AHA into line with comparable disciplinary associations and journal subscriptions. The AHA remains very good value for money in offering both membership benefits and a journal subscription so.

### COMPARISONS

#### 1. Membership prices in other Australian disciplinary associations:

##### Australian Political Studies Association

- 1 year Full Membership: AUD\$140.00 (including \$7.00 IPSA levy)
- 1 year Full Membership + Environment and Politics Research Group : AUD \$165.00
- 3 years Full Membership: AUD\$330.00 (including \$21.00 IPSA levy)
- 3 years Full Membership + Environment and Politics Research Group : AUD\$405.00
- 1 year Student: AUD\$55.00
- 1 year Student + Environment and Politics Research Group : AUD\$80.00
- 1 Year Retired: AUD\$55.00

##### The Australian Sociological Association

\$0 – \$28,999*	\$51.65
\$29,000 – \$62,999	\$140.80
\$63,000 - \$112,999	\$260.34
\$113,000 plus	\$317.00
Retired (life)**	\$413.30

\*\* Must have been a TASA member for at least 6 of previous 10 years.

##### Australian Anthropological Society

Fellow Members	\$172
Ordinary Members	\$152
Unsalariated Members	\$78
Retired Members	\$94
Associate Members	\$104

### **Australian Archaeological Association**

Ordinary membership (Aust & NZ)	\$140
Ordinary membership (international)	\$160
Students and retired (Aust & NZ)	\$60

## **2. Membership prices in history associations elsewhere:**

### **American Historical Association\***

Contributing	\$415
Over \$170,000	\$328
\$130,000–170,000	\$295
\$100,000–130,000	\$260
\$70,000–100,000	\$220
\$45,000–70,000	\$160
\$25,000–45,000	\$115
Under \$25,000	\$63
Student	\$53
Early Career	\$66
Emeritus/Retired	\$77
K-12 Teacher (AHA/SHE)	\$122
Associate	\$124

### **Canadian Historical Association\***

Student	\$47
Under \$50,000	\$62
\$50,000 to \$75,000	\$120
\$76,000 to \$100,000	\$163
Over \$100,000	\$204
Sustaining	\$262

## **3. Subscription prices of other journals:**

<i>Australian Book Review</i>	\$90 (individual)
<i>Australian Feminist Studies</i>	\$248 (personal)
<i>Australian Historical Studies</i>	\$145 (individual)
<i>Australian Journal of Politics &amp; History</i>	\$125 (individual)
<i>Journal of Religious History</i>	\$74
<i>Gender &amp; History</i>	\$74* (personal print + online)
<i>Griffith Review</i>	\$88 (print); \$60 (digital); \$120 (both)
<i>History Workshop Journal</i>	\$96* (personal print)
<i>Labour History</i>	\$80 (Aust & NZ), \$110 (all other countries)
<i>Meanjin</i>	\$80
<i>Women's History Review</i>	\$186* (personal)

\* conversion rate at 21/6/16

## 6. AHA Executive 2016–2018: Election of officers and ordinary members

Nine (9) nominations were received for five (5) **Ordinary Member** positions. A vote for these positions will be held. The **nominees** are:

**Martin Crotty** is Head of the School of History, Philosophy, Religion and Classics at University of Queensland. Martin convened the AHA conference in Brisbane in 2014 and has been an active member of the Executive Committee for the last two years. He is well aware of the challenges and opportunities that confront History and is offering to continue to do his part in protecting and advancing our discipline and profession.

**Karen Downing** is an independent scholar. Karen gained her PhD from the ANU in 2011. She has just completed three years as Assistant Editor of *History Australia* and two years as Executive Officer of the AHA where, among many initiatives, she built the AHA website, expanded the Association's social media profile, helped build membership numbers to over 900, and shepherded the journal's transition to new publishers Taylor & Francis. She would welcome the opportunity to ensure that all this knowledge and experience continues to be of benefit to the AHA.

**Dianne Hall** currently works as senior lecturer in history at Victoria University, Melbourne, after post-doctoral positions at the University of Melbourne and Queen's University, Belfast. More historians are now studying and working within larger non-specialised academic units which brings both challenges and opportunities to the individuals as well as to the profession as a whole. Dianne is keen to highlight these perspectives within the historical profession through the AHA committee.

**Lyndon Megarrity** was awarded his PhD from the University of New England in 2002 and has since worked as a researcher at the University of Sydney and the Parliamentary Library (Canberra), and as a lecturer in history at the University of Southern Queensland and James Cook University where he is now adjunct lecturer. Lyndon has published widely on Queensland political history, Northern Australia and race relations. He is the co-author of *Made in Queensland: A New History* (UQP 2009). If appointed to the committee, Lyndon would work for the interests of all historians, but with a special concern for mid-career researchers who struggle to progress and gain recognition in a field which is tilted towards permanent academics at major capital city universities.

**Ruth Morgan** is an ARC Discovery Early Career Researcher at the National Centre of Australian Studies, Monash University. Ruth has been a member of the AHA since 2008, and has recently completed a two-year term as Early Career Researcher representative on the AHA Executive, a role she shared with Dr Cath Bishop. In addition, Ruth has been a member of the Executive Committee of the History Council of Victoria and the Australian Garden History Society since 2013. Ruth will bring her experience, enthusiasm and energy to the AHA Executive with a particular focus on representing early career researchers and public engagement. As an environmental historian, she will also work to raise awareness of this growing and important field.

**Jane Lydon** is the Wesfarmers Chair of Australian History at the University of Western Australia. As a cultural historian with a specific interest in the history of human rights, humanitarianism and empire, in colonial visual culture, and in public history she is committed to making Australian history more relevant to society, and seeks to pursue this goal as a member of the Executive Committee. Her books include *Eye Contact: Photographing Indigenous Australians* (Duke, 2005), *The Flash of Recognition: Photography and the emergence of Indigenous rights* (NewSouth, 2012), which won the 2013 Queensland Literary Awards' History Book Award, and (ed.) *Calling the Shots: Aboriginal Photographies* (Aboriginal Studies Press, 2014). *Photography, Humanitarianism, Empire* will be published by Bloomsbury in 2016.

**Fiona Paisley** is a cultural historian at Griffith University. She works on progressive debates in internationalism concerning the reform of settler colonialism during the first half of the twentieth century. Her recent books are *The Lone Protestor: AM Fernando in Australia and Europe* (2012), *Glamour in the Pacific: Cultural Internationalism and Race Politics in the Women's Pan-Pacific* (2009) and (with Kirsty Reid) an edited collection titled *Critical Perspective on Colonialism: Writing the Empire from Below* (2014). Her current projects include a study of Pan-Pacific internationalism and Australian public opinion in the interwar years; internationalism, education and colonial policy in the 1930s; and anti-slavery discourse in interwar Australia.

**Tim Rowse** recently retired from Western Sydney University (WSU) and now with an Adjunct appointment at WSU, Tim is a Member of the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies, a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Humanities and a Fellow of the Australian Social Science Academy. He has served on the AHA Executive since July 2014, with responsibility for Prizes and Awards and, in 2016, for the AHA-Copyright Agency Bursary Scheme. His re-election to the Executive would bring continuity and practical experience in these highly visible domains of AHA activity.

**Christina Twomey** is a historian who would bring extensive experience in journal publishing, research and academic leadership to the Executive. A former editor of *Australian Historical Studies*, Christina has run publishing workshops for postgraduates at AHA Conferences and judged several book and article prizes. Christina also has an interest in research policy, building collaborations and mentoring colleagues. She is keen to ensure that the AHA has a voice in the development of policy around impact, the identification of 'quality' and in raising the profile of history in the community. Christina recently became a signatory to a declaration for the formation of new international organisation, 'Historians without Borders'. She is the incoming Head of History at Monash University.