



Australian
Historical
Association

Annual General Meeting
5.00 – 6.00pm
Thursday 2nd July 2020
Online

Agenda

1. **Apologies**
2. **Minutes of the previous AGM** (attached)
3. **Executive reports**
 - 3.1 **President's Report** – verbal report (Joy Damousi)
 - 3.2 **Treasurer's Report** – report attached (Lisa Featherstone)
 - 3.3 **Prizes and Awards Report** – report attached (Kirsten McKenzie/Melanie Oppenheimer)
 - 3.4 **Membership Report** – verbal report (Noah Riseman/Romain Fathi)
 - 3.5 **Teaching and Learning Report** - verbal report (Romain Fathi/Lyndon Megarrity)
 - 3.6 ***History Australia* Editors' Report** – report attached (Kate Fullagar)
 - 3.7 **Postgraduate Student Representatives' Report** – verbal report (Aileen Marwung Walsh)
 - 3.8 **Early Career Researcher Representatives' Report** – verbal report (André Brett)
 - 3.9 **Executive Officer's Report** – verbal report (Bethany Phillips-Peddlesden)
4. **2020-2022 Executive Committee Election** (Joy Damousi/Bethany Phillips-Peddlesden)
 - 4.1 Ordinary Members Vote
5. **AHA conferences**
 - 5.1 AHA Conference 2021 – UNSW (Ruth Balint)
 - 5.2 AHA Conference 2022 – Deakin (Bart Ziino)
6. **Special resolution to change membership category definitions** (Melanie Oppenheimer)
7. **Other business**

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

Treasurer's Report for AHA Executive, June 2020

This year, the AHA has faced unprecedented challenges, and these will continue into the 2020-2021 financial year.

However, the financial prudence and recruitment drives that have occurred over the last few years has left us relatively well placed to weather this storm, assuming the AHA conference can once again resume in 2021.

The good news is that we do not foresee any additional costs from COVID-19.

I would note three important issues, in terms of income:

- (1) The cancellation of the annual AHA conference in July 2020 has meant that we will not have the profit from this conference. We were, however, able to have most of the planning monies returned.
- (2) Membership is tied somewhat to the conference. However, we will be writing directly to the membership to explain the importance of their continued support, and it is expected the majority of members will renew, especially given the increased importance of the AHA's online presence.
- (3) Some postgraduate students and early career researchers will be under financial distress due to the loss of casual work in the sector and few employment opportunities. We are looking to ways to mitigate this, including obtaining charitable status that will enable the organisation to fundraise for this vulnerable membership cohort.

The Auditor's report (see following pages) show that these challenges have meant a small loss for the financial year of \$17,004. Included in this loss is the \$6719 reduction in value of the UBS investment. This is in contrast to the profit of \$36, 971 for the previous financial year.

Funds available as of (and including 23rd June)

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| Comm Bank Business Transaction Account | \$131,911.76 |
| Business Online Saver | \$34,750.56 |
| Westpac Term Deposit (16-3799; Hancock Award funds) | \$31,363.91 |
| Westpac Term Deposit (16-3780; Kay Daniels Award funds) | \$27,388.68 |
| UBS Property Securities Fund (Serle Award) | \$31,117.32 |
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| Allan Serle Award - account held by ANU, amount approximate | \$90,000.00 |
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| TOTAL | \$346,532.23 |

Summary of Annual Audit up to and including 30 May 2020

An annual audit has been done by Richard O'Grady of Aitken O'Grady Chartered Accountants. All is in order.

Thanks to Bethany for her work on this.

Income up to and including 30 May 2020

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| Membership subscriptions | \$90748 |
| Conference Levy and Surplus | \$11811 |
| Copyright Agency postgrad bursaries | \$8000 |
| Copyright Agency Mentorships | \$ 9000 |
| Allan Martin Award funds from ANU | \$4000 |
| Interest | \$573 |
| UBS Properties Security Fund | \$ 897 |
| Royalties from Taylor and Francis | \$ 4238 |
| Ann Curthoys Prize | \$750 |
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| Total income | \$123,360 |

Expenses up to and including 30 May 2020

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| Journal Costs (printing and mailing) | \$ 39342 |
| AHA Executive Officer | \$ 65032 |
| Audit and Accountancy Fees | \$ 2915 |
| Website hosting, support, plugins | \$ 1186 |
| Bank fees | \$233 |
| Office supplies and sundries | \$ 879 |
| Subscriptions and memberships | \$0 |
| Travel and accommodation | \$ 902 |
| Register Now Fees | \$2725 |

Prizes

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| Allan Martin Award | \$4000 |
| CAL Mentorships (ECR) | \$9000 |
| CAL Bursary (PG) | \$8000 |
| Jill Roe Scholarship | \$5000 |
| Honest History Scholarship | \$400 |
| Ann Curthoys Prize | \$750 |

Total expenses 2020 \$101,022

Retained earnings at the beginning of the financial year
\$ 238,107

Retained earnings at the end of the financial year
\$221,103

NOTES FROM THE AUDITOR:

- Due to an error I [Richard] made last year when accruing interest receivable on the term deposits the interest received in the accounts was overstated by \$359 last year, and is now understated by the same amount compared to what the figures would have been if the correct interest rate was used, apologies for the error.
- With the large fall in sharemarkets around the world due to COVID-19 the UBS investment is showing a market value reduction of \$6,719 for the year.
- The inclusion of the accrual for Bethany's salary has resulted in a large increase in secretariat costs compared to the previous year, however the amount is consistent with earlier years. The 2019 figure was reduced as a result of Monash cancelling an invoice from the previous year.

Associate Professor Lisa Featherstone

Treasurer, AHA

Prize Portfolio 2020

Report on Annual Awards

1. NAA/AHA Scholarship

As per amendments determined in 2019, one round of scholarships is now awarded annually with four awards made.

Eligible entries: 5

Judges: Kirsten McKenzie and Richard White, University of Sydney (AHA), Amy Lay (NAA).
A recommendation has been made and sent for approval by the NAA.

2. Jill Roe Prize,

Eligible entries: 7

Judges: Anne O'Brien, (UNSW, Chair), Frances Steel (Wollongong) and James Dunk (Sydney).

3. Jill Roe ECR AHA Conference Scholarship

Eligible entries: 5

Judges: Kirsten McKenzie, (University of Sydney), Melanie Oppenheimer, (Flinders University)

Scholarship recipients: K. Andrews, J. Beard, N. Chalmer, M. Kaiser, M. Whyte.

The recipients of Jill Roe ECR AHA Conference Scholarships for 2020 have been offered (and accepted) the opportunity to take up the award for the 2021 conference.

4. AHA/Honest History: AHA Conference Teacher Scholarship

Eligible entries: 2

Judges: Melanie Oppenheimer (Flinders) as Rosalie Triolo and Bethany Phillips-Peddlesden both declared a conflict of interest.

Scholarship recipients: Rohan Lloyd and Elsbeth Grant

The recipients of the AHA/Honest History scholarship for 2020 have been offered (and accepted) the opportunity to take up the award for the 2021 conference.

5. Alan Martin Award, 2020

Eligible entries: 2

Judges: Bruce Scates, ANU (Chair), Melanie Oppenheimer (Flinders), Peter Hobbins (Principal Historian, Artefact Heritage Services)

Report on Biennial Awards

1. Kay Daniels Award, 2020

Eligible entries: 7

Judges: Carol Liston, Western Sydney (Chair and AHA rep), Kristyn Harmon (University of Tasmania rep), Richard Tuffin, UNE (PAHSMA rep)

2. Magarey Medal for Biography, 2020

Eligible entries: 21

Judges: Sheila Fitzpatrick, USyd (Chair), Demelza Hall, Federation University (ASAL member), Kate Fullagar, Macquarie.

3. Serle Award, 2020

Eligible entries: 16

Judges: Bobbie Oliver, UWA (chair) and Erik Eckland, Federation University

4. W.K. Hancock Prize, 2020

Eligible entries: 39

Judges: Stuart Macintyre, University of Melbourne (Chair), Katie Holmes (La Trobe), Matt Fitzpatrick (Flinders).

We would like to extend thanks to all judges for the important and time-consuming work they are undertaking. We also acknowledge the tireless efforts of our Executive Officer, Bethany Phillips-Peddlesden, in making the submission and judging process to run smoothly.

Kirsten McKenzie
Melanie Oppenheimer

History Australia

Annual Report, July 2020

Australian Historical Association (AHA) AGM

We are now halfway through our tenure as editors of *History Australia*. Current wider editorial group changes – James Findlay has taken over editorial of ‘History off the page’ from Maria Quirk, and Claire Lowrie joins Charlotte Greenhalgh as a book review editor, replacing Agnieszka Sobocinska. We thank Maria and Agnieszka for their considerable efforts. Jennifer McLaren is handing over the role of Assistant Editor after sending issue 17.3 to production this month.

There have been no changes to our Editorial Board. We take this opportunity to thank the Board members for their ongoing support for the journal.

Inclusion on the Scopus Index and Scimago:

History Australia’s ‘CiteScore’ per Elsevier’s Scopus database is 0.250, with a rank of 411/1138 in the History Journal Citation Reports category.

The journal has retained its Q1 ranking and H Index of 11.

Prizes (to be announced at AGM):

Marian Quartly prize: (worth \$500). Awarded for the best article published in *History Australia* during the previous calendar year. We gratefully acknowledge the continuing support of Routledge and Taylor & Francis in funding the prize.

Ann Curthoys Prize: (worth \$750). Awarded for the best unpublished article-length work by an Early Career Researcher (within 5 years of PhD graduation) in any one of (or combination of) a specified list of fields in which Professor Curthoys has published. We gratefully acknowledge Professor Curthoys’ support

in contributing to the funding of this prize. We received 6 entries this year, down from 12 in 2019, but the judges are impressed by the quality of the entries.

Special issues and Forums:

We're pleased to report that Taylor & Francis have invited *History Australia* to republish a special issue as a book. The issue was entitled 'Colonial Formations' (15, no.3, 2018), edited by Jane Carey & Frances Steel. AHA will receive a royalty of 3% on net receipts.

Since we last reported here, the journal has published two forums, the current issue contains the 'Urgent Histories' forum and issue 16.4 'Thinking the Empire Whole.' Forums in the pipeline for 2021 will cover history and policy, and museums and the politics of display.

The final issue of 2020 will be a special issue on 'Twentieth century cultures of humanitarianism and international development,' ed. Agnieszka Sobocinska; and issue 18.2 (2021) will be a special issue on 'Monarchy in the age of empire,' ed. Matthew Fitzpatrick.

The editors welcome pitches from scholars for focused forums comprising two or three articles on a theme, particularly those which include scholars at different career stages.

Submissions and Publications Data:

Submissions: We received a total of 124 submissions in 2019: 54 original research articles; the remainder were book reviews, 'history off the page' or other review articles.

Rejections: The rejection rate for 2019 was 44%. Of the 54 original research articles received in 2019:

- 12 *Reject and Resubmit* (of these, 6 were resubmitted during 2019 and 3 were eventually accepted for publication)
- 9 *Reject*
- 3 authors did not take up the option to submit a *Major Revision*.

Note that the rejection rate in previous years was calculated as a percentage of total submissions, including reviews.

Publication: 90 articles were published in Volume 16:

- 35 research articles
- 38 book reviews,
- 14 ‘History off the page’ reviews
- ‘My life in history,’ by Charles Sowerwine
- ‘Landmark histories in retrospect’ on Janet McCalman’s *Struggletown*

Highlights from the Taylor & Francis annual report:

We receive a confidential publishing report from Taylor & Francis each year that contains some interesting data and analysis. Unfortunately, we cannot provide you with the entire document but here are some highlights for 2019.

Downloads

- *History Australia* continues to grow the number of article downloads. 34,107 article downloads for 2019 represents a 36% increase over 2018. (for 2018, the increase over 2017 was 29%).
- The most downloaded article in 2019 (from a sample of articles published 2017-19) was Victoria Hoskins, ‘The girl who wanted to go to war: female patriotism and gender construction in Australia’s Great War’ 14, no.2 (2017), with 1,119 downloads.

- The most downloaded article published in 2019 was a peer-reviewed commissioned review article: Honae H. Cuffe, ‘Lend me your ears: the rise of the history podcast in Australia’ 16, no.3 (2019).
- The other articles within the top five most-downloaded articles in 2019 (from a sample of articles published 2017-19) were:
 - Kate Bagnall, ‘Potter v Minahan: Chinese Australians, the law and belonging in White Australia’ 15, no.3 (2018). This article has consistently retained a very high Altmetric score of all articles.
 - Nick Irving, ‘Anti-conscription protest, liberal individualism and the limits of national myths in the global 1960s’ 14, no.2 (2017).
 - Frances Steel, ‘Servant mobilities between Fiji and New Zealand: the transcolonial politics of domestic work and immigration restriction, c.180-1920’ 15, no.3 (2018). Dr Steel was awarded the inaugural Marian Quartly prize in 2019 for this article.

The article with the highest altimetric score published in the year to date was: Amy Thomas, Hannah Forsyth and Andrew G. Bonnell, ‘The dice are loaded: history, solidarity and precarity in Australian universities’ 17, no.1(2020).

Author Feedback: All accepted authors are asked to complete an Author Survey post-publication. 23 authors completed the survey. The editors are pleased with the results of the survey: the majority of authors reported high levels of satisfaction with both the publication and peer review processes.

Connecting with our audience

History Australia is marketed by Taylor & Francis through bi-weekly ‘Reaching Readers’ emails, new content alerts, and social media. In total, 34 articles have been promoted this way since January 2019.

T&F also provide authors with an option to opt into marketing after publication with History Australia. ‘Author anniversary’ emails have an average open rate of 40% and a click-through rate of 18%, considerably higher than industry averages.

The *History Australia* Twitter account continues to grow, with approx. 1,520 followers.

The Conversation – we continue to assist/encourage authors to pitch articles to the *Conversation* associated with published articles, but there has been less interest during the covid19 pandemic.

Facebook Live: As part of the UTS Australian Centre for Public History ‘Public History Hour’, the editors have run a series of conversations with our prize-winning authors, including the winners of the 2017 and 2018 Jill Roe Prize, the 2019 Marian Quarty Prize, the 2019 Ann Curthoys Prize, and a discussion about teaching history online during the covid19 pandemic.

Blog Series: to celebrate the publication of the ‘Urgent Histories’ forum edited by Yves Rees and Benjamin Huf, we commissioned a series of blog responses that were published over the week beginning June 15. All the papers in the forum were made open access for a limited time, and the posts appeared on the following blogs:

- Australian Policy and History network
- Australian Women’s History Network
- Economic History Society of Australia and NZ
- AHA ECRs
- Australian and New Zealand Environmental History Network

Michelle Arrow, Leigh Boucher and Kate Fullagar

(Co-editors, *History Australia*)

Nominees for the position of Ordinary Member on the Australian Historical Association Executive Committee for 2020-2022 (alphabetical order)

Nancy Cushing is an environmental historian and Assistant Dean Research Training at the University of Newcastle, on Awabakal land. A member of the AHA since post graduate days, she took on her first leadership role in the organisation when I convened the AHA regional conference in Newcastle in 1997, subsequently co convening AHA conferences in 2004 and 2017 and instigating the very successful Green Streams from 2016. Nancy would bring wide experience to the role, having led the Australia and New Zealand Environmental History Network from 2016 – 19 and currently serving as vice president of the NSW History Council. Her research interests span animal human histories and energy histories, with a focus on air pollution, with my most recent book being the co edited collection *Animals Count* (Routledge 2018, with Jodi Frawley). In terms of aim for the organisation, she would hope to continue the good work being done to ensure that the AHA serves the whole community of historians working in Australia, including HDR and ECRs, those based in the regions and people not in secure employment, the last being of particular concern in the present crisis.

Benjamin Jones is a historian of Australian politics and culture based at Central Queensland University, Rockhampton. He has been a strong supporter and active member of the AHA for many years. In addition to being a presenter at several AHA conferences, Ben was on the organising committee in 2018 and contributed to the AHA's submission to the Senate inquiry into national identity last year. He would welcome the opportunity to represent a regional university on the AHA executive committee during this period of profound change and challenges for our discipline and sector.

Kiera Lindsey is an award-winning historian based and Senior Research Fellow at UTS where she is conducting an ARC DECRA on speculative biography and historical craft. She has published national and international academic book chapters and journal articles on nineteenth-century history and biography. In 2016 she published her first speculative biography, *The Convict's Daughter*, with Allen & Unwin, and is currently working on both a second speculative biography, which will be published with Allen & Unwin in 2021, and a co-edited collection on *Speculative Biography*, to be published with Routledge, also in 2021. Kiera has over twenty years of university curriculum development and delivery across in-class, online and blended platforms, has presented national and international masterclasses, been a consultant and on-camera historian on television and national, state and community radio. She is currently an executive member of the History Council of New South Wales and has previously served on the History Council of South Australia and worked for the History Council of Victoria. This background coupled with Lindsey's enthusiasm for history, ensures she will bring to her role on the AHA, solid experience across academic and public histories as well as unique insight into the history communities in three different state territories in Australia. The current President of the HC NSW, Dr Stephen Gapps, describes Kiera as 'one of the most enthusiastic and energetic historians' he has worked with and that she has been 'a powerhouse of ideas and inspiration' on the History Council executive. He believes Kiera is well-placed to 'juggle many competing demands' associated with her current role and that of the AHA's general committee.

Lyndon Megarrity is an adjunct lecturer at James Cook University (Townsville campus). As a member of the AHA Executive (2018-2020), he co-authored a report on casualisation ("You Matter") and brought the concerns of casual academics to wider public notice through participation at conference panels and writing for the AHA ECR website. If re-elected, he hopes to continue working towards greater

inclusiveness of casuals within the history discipline. Megarrity also wishes to highlight the relatively neglected issue of regional participation in the historical profession.

Amanda Nettelbeck's research in Australian and comparative settler colonial history explores cross-cultural relations, the legal governance of Indigenous people, and the legacies of colonial violence in historical memory. Amanda is author or co-author of 5 books and co-editor of 3 books in these fields. She has contributed to the academic history profession as Keith Cameron Chair in Australian History (University College Dublin, 2018), Vice-President of the Australian & New Zealand Law & History Society (ANZLHS) (current), and Executive Committee member of the International Australian Studies Association (InASA) (current). In addition to peer reviewing for a range of journals and publishers, Amanda contributes to peer review of the field as an editorial board member of the journals *Australian Historical Studies* and *law & history*, and as a past judging panel member for the John Barrett Prize in Australian Studies, the Australian & NZ Law & History Association Prize, and the InASA ECR publication award.

Emily O'Gorman is an environmental historian with interdisciplinary research interests within the environmental humanities. She has published widely on topics such as changing human-animal relationships, water knowledges, and understandings of diseases like malaria, with a new book *Imagined Ecologies: A More-than-Human History of Wetlands in the Murray-Darling Basin, Australia* to be published in 2021 (University of Washington Press). Emily holds a PhD in history from ANU and is currently a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Geography and Planning at Macquarie University. She co-leads the Environmental Humanities research group at Macquarie University, is a member of the steering committee for the Australian and New Zealand Environmental History Network, and is co-editor of the Living Lexicon in the journal *Environmental Humanities*. Emily is particularly interested in fostering interdisciplinary conversations, teaching and research between history and cognate disciplines in the humanities and social sciences, as well as the sciences.

Laura Rademaker is a postdoctoral researcher at ANU on the *Rediscovering the Deep Human Past* Laureate. She was awarded her PhD from ANU in 2015 and commenced a postdoctoral position at ACU. Her research focuses on Indigenous history, gender, and religion. Laura served for three years on the editorial collective of the *Journal of Australian Studies*, and also contributed to the Australian Women's History Network's working group on gender-based discrimination and harassment in academia. By seeking a position on the AHA executive, Laura hopes to give greater voice and representation to early career researchers, especially given the challenges and precarity of the current moment.