

newsletter

History
OF WA
Council

Introducing your Councillors

Executive members

President: Dr Sue Graham-Taylor

Sue has a PhD in History from Murdoch University and has worked as a professional historian and researcher for many years. She was most recently employed at the Western Australian Museum as a History Curator and Acting Head of the History Department.

Sue has undertaken historical research for government and industry, has published on aspects of Western Australian history and politics and curated exhibitions. In August 2007 she was appointed as the Inaugural James Sykes Battye Memorial Fellow to work on 'The Swan River: the history of a community icon'.

Sue has been Vice President of the History Council since 2005 and became President at the AGM in September 2007. She is a member of, and has chaired the Advocacy Sub Committee of the History Council for the past three years.

Vice President: Dr Jean Chetkovich

Jean has served on the Committee of the History Council of Western Australia since 2005. In 2005-06 she was the convenor of the Professional sub-committee. In 2006 this sub-committee was subsumed into the Advocacy sub-committee which she now co-convenes with Sue Graham-Taylor. Jean became Vice President of the History Council at the AGM in September 2007.

Jean completed her doctorate in history at UWA. Her research interests include migration, Irish-Australian topics, cemeteries and memorialisation of the dead in WA. She is the Director of the Centre for Western Australian History at UWA and the chair of the Editorial Board of *Studies in Western Australian History*.

History Matters – a message from your President

By the time you read this, we will know the outcome of the 2007 Federal Election. Whichever party has won, we can expect that there will be an increased emphasis on education, an important issue for all Australians and for the future of Australia. It will be important for the History Council to contribute to the discussion and debate to ensure that education remains in the public eye, and that history, heritage and culture are recognized as the key components we know them to be. Our involvement in this area has already started, with the establishment of the History in Schools Working Group under Bobbie Oliver and some successful lobbying and involvement.

However, our membership represents a huge range of interests, and we wish to ensure that this diversity of knowledge contributes to the strength of our arguments. I urge those of you with an interest in this topic or in more general advocacy or communication issues, to get in touch with Julia Wallis, our Executive Officer. There are interesting and exciting times ahead and I urge all members to be involved.

Sue Graham-Taylor



Sue Graham-Taylor.
(Image courtesy ABC news)



Jean Chetkovich.

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Secretary: Moira Mulligan

Moira has served on the Committee of the History Council of Western Australia since its inception. She was elected as Secretary of the History Council at the AGM in September 2007, a position she previously held in 2004.

Working as a History and Political & Legal Studies teacher she has been actively involved in curriculum development as well as serving on the committee of several professional teaching associations. Moira has a particular interest and involvement in Aboriginal perspectives of history as well as Aboriginal history.

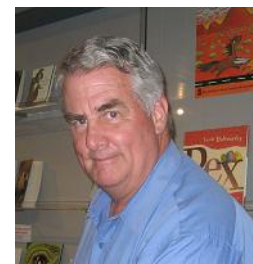


Moira Mulligan

Treasurer: Robert Mitchell

Robert received his BA (Honours) in History from the Royal Military College of Canada and his MA in International Relations and War Studies from Kings College (London) and the London School of Economics. He has served as the Treasurer of the History Council of Western Australia since its inception in 2003.

Robert has 35 years of senior management and executive experience in public and private practice and a wide range of published work in the area of defence policy, peace keeping, regimental heritage and volunteer practice, as well as extensive volunteer experience as editor, heritage guide and youth leader.



Robert Mitchell

Councillors

Glen Bennett

Glen is currently lecturing part-time in Education at ECU and doing consultancy work more broadly in the field of school education. He has a deep interest in and commitment to history in schools. He has served on the Committee of the History Council of Western Australia since 2005.

After teaching social studies and history in city and county high schools for 20 years, Glen worked more recently in the curriculum policy area in the Department of Education and Training. He led developments in social studies and history education in the Department as Learning Area Superintendent and in a range of other positions until 2006. His work involved him in key developments in Year 11 and 12 History over many years, including the recent History Course of Study, and he managed early work on the emerging Years K – 10 syllabuses. He has been a member of the HTAWA for 25 years.



Glen Bennett

Jennie Carter

Jennie retired from the State Library of WA in 2007. Latterly she was Director of the JS Battye Library of West Australian History and then Battye Librarian. Before taking up a position at the Battye Library in 1998, she was employed as the State Aboriginal Affairs Department's Coordinator of Information Management.

Jennie has written reports and published articles on WA History as well as a book *Bassendean: A social history 1829-1979* for the Town of Bassendean. In 2007, she was commissioned by the City of Armadale to write the history of the district.

Jennie has served on the Committee of the History Council of Western Australia since its inception in 2003. She became newsletter editor on the resignation of Jenny Edgecombe in September 2007.



Jennie Carter

Dianne Davidson

Dianne is a professional historian who has taught at tertiary level, led history workshops in regional WA for the State Literature Centre and acted as consultant historian for a number of government and private bodies including designing an oral history program to run through the dioceses of the WA Catholic Church.

As president of the Fremantle History Society she successfully lobbied government for the appointment of a historian to Fremantle Prison. Dianne was elected to serve on the Committee of the History Council in September 2007.



Dianne Davidson

Associate Professor Jenny Gregory

Jenny is presently Associate Professor of History at the University of Western Australia. She was Director of the Centre for WA History (1989-97, 2000-06) and UWA Press (1998-2006).

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Jenny Gregory (cont)

Author of a number of award-winning books on Western Australian history, Jenny's latest is a *City of Light: A history of Perth since the fifties* (2003). She is editor in chief of the *Historical Encyclopaedia of Western Australia*, forthcoming 2008, and is also working on a book on relocated buildings.

Jenny is a member of AHA, PHA, RWAHS, OHAA, NT, ICOMOS, fellow of RHS, President, National Trust of Australia (WA) and a Director, WA History Foundation. In 2001 she was awarded a Centenary Medal for her distinguished work with the National Trust and in 2004 a Champion Award by the Year of the Built Environment. In August 2006 she was an invited participant in the Federal Government's Australian History Summit.

She was active in the formation of the History Council of WA, chairing the initial Working Party and Steering Committee, and became the inaugural President, retiring in September 2007.



Jenny Gregory

Dr Bill Leadbetter

Bill is currently the Senior Policy Adviser to the Minister for Heritage. He is on secondment from Edith Cowan University where he has held positions lecturing in History and Education. Bill was trained as an Ancient Historian at Macquarie University and has published widely in the history of the Later Roman Empire and taken part in archaeological surveys of Roman sites in Turkey. More recently, Bill has been working on the policy and pedagogy of History Education.

He is a vigorous proponent of the teaching of History in Primary and Middle Schools. In 2006, Bill was awarded a Carrick Award for Excellence in University Teaching and Learning. In 2007, he chaired the ARM Panel which separated Modern History from Ancient History and re-established them as distinct options for TEE study.

Bill was elected to the Committee of the History Council of WA in September 2007.



Bill Leadbetter

Ruth Marchant James

Ruth is a Fellow of the Royal Western Australian Historical Society. She was awarded a Centenary Medal for Services to the WA community through historical societies and board and in 2006 was made a Gem of Time by the Friends of the Batty Library.

Ruth has written many research papers, as well as educational material for schools, and is an occasional contributor to a number of journals and newspapers. A long time member of the Australian Society of Authors, a Fellow of the Fellowship of Writers (WA), she is the author of the following six published books: *Heritage of Pines* (1977) (reprinted 1978, 2002); *The Meath Story* (1982); *Untimed by Time* (1987); *Cork to Capricorn* (1995); *Fields of Gold* (1999); *Cottesloe – A Town of Distinction* (2007).



Ruth Marchant James (Image courtesy Dept. Premier and Cabinet)

Dr Felicity Morel-EdnieBrown

Felicity is an urban historian whose research has explored the development of Perth's history, heritage and cultural development. Felicity has worked as a private consultant in the areas of fine art, photography, public relations, cultural tourism, training and exhibition management and within the public sector in heritage, history, interpretation, urban policy and conservation. She established and managed the assessment program for the Heritage Council and was the Project Manager for the adaptive reuse of the Old Hale School and its conversion to the Constitutional Centre of which she became the inaugural Director. A founding member of the Forum Advocating Cultural and Eco Tourism, and a past Councillor for The International Council on Monuments and Site and the Public Relations Institute of Australia, Felicity is currently Director of the Northbridge History Project for the Department of the Premier and Cabinet in Western Australia.

Felicity has been a Councillor of the History Council of WA since 2005.



Felicity Morel-EdnieBrown

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Dr Bobbie Oliver

Bobbie is Senior Lecturer in History and Politics at Curtin University, with teaching and research interests in Australian and West Australian history and labour history.

Bobbie is the author of numerous publications comprising scholarly papers, book chapters and three histories, including *Unity is Strength. A history of the Australian Labor Party and the Trades and Labor Council in Western Australia*, API Network 2003. Her first biography is *Jean Beadle. A life of Labor Activism* (UWA Press, 2007)

With Dr Patrick Bertola, Bobbie co-edited *The Workshops. A history of the Midland Government Railway Workshops*, (UWA Press 2006) which won the 2006 Premier's Award in the History category. She is currently researching a history of the Locomotive Engine Drivers', Firemen's and Cleaners Union of WA.

Bobbie served as Secretary of the History Council of WA from 2005-2007.



Bobbie Oliver

Merredith Southee

Merredith has an Honours Degree in History and a Diploma of Education from the University of Western Australia. She has taught History in government and private schools for nearly thirty years. Currently she is the senior History teacher at St Mark's Anglican Community School. Merredith has written many articles for History teaching journals and contributed to academic publications on her thesis topic, *East Perth. A Social History 1884-1904*.

She has been an executive committee member of the History Teachers' Association of WA since 2003 and is currently Vice President of the Association. She has a keen interest in reconciliation issues and coordinates a reconciliation group at St Mark's. Merredith has also helped develop and present material on the new History Course of Study.

Merredith was elected to serve on the Committee of the History Council in September 2007.

No photograph of Merredith Southee



Richard Spence

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Richard is currently employed as a History/Society & Environment Teacher at Perth Modern School. He is also a Teacher Development Co-ordinator for the New Course of Study (History: Ancient & Modern) and a member of the Exam Review Panel which is in the process of writing a revised Modern History exam. He is a member of HTAWA, and is particularly interested in working on the issue of History in schools in light of current political developments/proposals.

Richard was elected to serve on the Committee of the History Council in September 2007.



Glen Stasiuk

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Glen is Director of the Kulbardi Aboriginal Centre at Murdoch University, and award winning director of the documentaries *The Forgotten* (ABC TV) and *Footprints in the Sand* (SBS TV). His other films include: *Noongar of the Beelias (Swan River)*, *Weewar – A Bindjareb Warrior* and *The Ngallak Koort Boodjah Project*. Glen is a maternal descendent of the Minang-Wadjari Nyungars (Aboriginal peoples) of the South-West of Western Australia whilst his paternal family migrated from post-war Russia. These rich and varied cultural backgrounds have allowed him, through his filmmaking, research and writing to explore culture, knowledge and diverse narratives.

Glen has been an Indigenous representative on the History Council since 2006

Lise Summers

Lise has worked as an archivist, historical consultant for heritage research and as a local studies librarian. She has interests in the areas of medieval and European history, local and Western Australian history, and urban and environmental history, as well as cultural material heritage. She is currently employed part-time as a Senior Archivist at the State Records Office of Western Australia. Her work in the State Records Office means she is aware of the concerns of a range of historical interest groups. In Semester 2, 2007, Lise is also an Associate lecturer at UWA, co-ordinating the course on Western Australian History and Heritage. She recently submitted her PhD on the history of designed open space in the City of Perth to the University of Melbourne.



Lise Summers

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Lise has served on the Committee of the History Council of Western Australia since 2006. Lise has worked with the Council to clarify issues relating to the lack of storage for the State's cultural heritage collections, particularly the need for a new Archives repository.

Aileen Marwung Walsh

Aileen's background is in Aboriginal history at the University of Western Australia. Her first degree was in Anthropology at UWA, and she gained her second degree at Curtin in Indigenous Australian Studies with first class honours. Aileen is now undertaking a PhD in the history of over-naming Aboriginal people in Western Australia.

No photograph of
Aileen Walsh

History Council Executive Officer

Julia Wallis

Julia has a BA Hons in History from UWA and a Postgraduate Diploma in Heritage Studies from Curtin University, has done some heritage and oral history consulting work and is keen to build her credentials in history/heritage. She was a part time mature age student and has a strong secretarial background. Julia's special interests are social history, women's history, environmental and Aboriginal history. She has been involved with several community projects including Midland Westrail Workshops, Yarloop Community History and is presently co-ordinating the oral histories for the East Perth Power Station project. Julia took over as Executive Officer from Julia Ball in July 2006.



Julia Wallis

Websites of Interest

2007/08 Directory of Heritage
Consultants

www.heritage.wa.gov.au

Simply Australia e-zine

www.simplyaustralia.net

Friends of the National Film
and Sound Archive Inc.

www.archivefriends.org.au

Convicts to Western Australia

www.fremantleprison.com

Western Australian Surnames
List

www.wags.org.au/wasurnames/wasl.htm

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“The Economics of Heritage Preservation” lecture, held on 25 October 2007 for the History Council of WA.

History Council members were invited to a presentation by visiting American specialist Donovan D. Rypkema on understanding heritage from an economic point of view.

It was held at the National Trust's Old Observatory in West Perth, and began promptly at the advertised starting time of 5pm. The event was also open to the Museums Australia (WA) society, and more than 20 people attended.

History Council Treasurer Robert Mitchell introduced the speaker. Donovan D. Rypkema, an American, is the president of Washington-based company Heritage Strategies International. HSI advises on broad range of clients on handling the economic aspects of preserving, restoring and re-using heritage buildings and surrounds.

Donovan spoke for over an hour, and addressed numerous issues. He quickly established a connection with the audience, and held their concentration throughout the speech.

Donovan was a vigorous, humorous and clear speaker, and his PowerPoint presentation featured many photos and graphs. He supported his statements with statistics: The audience was particularly intrigued by the demographic diversity that corresponds with a historic district (for example in Philadelphia and Cleveland).

Donovan's lecture covered the intersection of real estate and culture, where development motives traditionally oppose the public good. Yet his research demonstrated the increase in values gained by heritage expenditure – for instance, properties in Texas in a designated historic zone were appraised at 5 to 20% more (such escalation was also true for the UK and South Africa). He proved the worthwhile nature of restoration to the economy, citing jobs created and the increase in the number of tourists.

He received enthusiastic and sustained applause, and numerous questions followed. Donovan then generously offered to continue discussions during the refreshments. The guests adjourned to a nearby room, and enjoyed wine, fruit and cheese platters while socialising.

Leith Robinson (LR)

Awards and Grants

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2008 AHA/CAL & MONASH POST-GRADUATE STUDENT HISTORY PRIZE

\$4000, 6000 words, applications due 10 March 2008

www.epress.monash.edu/ha or arah.cannon@lib.monash.edu.au

2008 AUSTRALIAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION PRIZES

For new and established historians; 5 categories, applications due 28 February 2008

www.theaha.org.au/prizesandawards

2008 SIMPSON PRIZE

History Teachers' Association's national competition for Year 9 & 10 students

www.afsse.asn.au

2008 FREMANTLE AND EAST FREMANTLE LOCAL HISTORY AWARDS

Open categories (2) and Young People's Award

www.frematlefestivals.com

2008 FREMANTLE AND EAST FREMANTLE HERITAGE AWARDS

3 categories, nominations due 7 May 2008

www.frematlefestivals.com

HERITAGE COUNCIL OF WA

Heritage Loan Subsidy Scheme

For conservation work

Next deadline (for consideration at quarterly meetings) is February 15

Heritage Agreements

In return for conservation work, owners are eligible for rate remissions, land tax reductions, grants, planning concessions and plot ratio transfers.

www.heritage.wa.gov.au

LOTTERYWEST

Memorial Grant

For construction, conservation and interpretation - \$10 000

Submissions accepted year round

General Grants

For projects, capital work and equipment – up to \$10 000

Submissions accepted year round

Ph 9340 5270 or 1800 655 270

www.lotterywest.wa.gov.au

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Meetings of the Committee

The Committee meetings held on 24 October 2007 included the following business items:

- The recently elected president Sue Graham- Taylor welcomed new members of the committee, who at the same time were presented with starter CDs explaining the role of the History Council.
- The committee considered it imperative that a History Council representative should continue to serve on the Premier's Book Awards in the category of history.
- Committee members moved that a letter be sent to the Minister for State Development, Mr Eric Ripper, requesting that any company or State entity which intends to pursue development in the Kimberleys needs to put aside sufficient funds to undertake a compulsory archaeological survey of both European and Indigenous heritage. Copies were also to be sent to local Members.
- In order to plan coming events for 2008 the Communications Committee intend to meet on 16 January. Council is presently seeking a new chair for the sub-committee.
- Following the resignation of Jenny Edgecombe from the Committee Jennie Carter has agreed to represent the History Council at the National Archives of Australia (WA) Consultative Forum.

Ruth Marchant James

2007 Celebrate WA Week 14-21 October

WA Week was first celebrated in 1973, to promote the history, achievements and possibilities in our state, and foster civic pride. WA Week's current placement in October (initially it was in June) is to tie in with Proclamation Day – this marks 21 October 1890, when the new Constitution enabling self government for Western Australia was formally declared by Governor Sir William Robinson.

This year the History Council's Ruth Marchant James was on the steering committee. They achieved an excellent and diverse program, with exhibits and open days held, such as at the Medical Museum. Both free and ticketed events were offered, and History Council members could obtain discounted entrance to the Oral History Association's annual conference at the State Library during the first weekend. The official opening of the 2007 Celebrate WA Week was conducted in Kings Park on Monday 15 October, by His Excellency Ken Michael, who arrived in a horse-drawn carriage!

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The official opening of the 2007 Celebrate WA Week was conducted in King's Park on Monday 15 October, by His Excellency Ken Michael, who also closed festivities a week later in the grounds of Government House.

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We wish all our members and their families a joyful Christmas and a happy and safe New Year.

New High School History Syllabus

On 2 October the Federal Government released a high school syllabus for the teaching of Australian history. This 20 page guide facilitates the introduction of 150 hours of compulsory education. Nine topics were recommended, such as *First People*, *British Colonies* and *World War 2*, and over 70 milestone events and 100 people were to be learnt. The national curriculum is to be supplemented by each State's particular history: Prominent West Australians have suggested our schools include Dutch exploration, the gold rush and the WA Inc scandal.

The launch of the guide has been met with some criticism – for example, History Council Past President Jenny Gregory identified the lack of female and ethnic representation. Meanwhile, Tom Lobreck from the WA History Teachers Association stated that the syllabus was too crowded, which would cause rushed instruction. Also, objections have been raised that the delivery of the subjects is in return for Federal funds.

Yet overall the strong cross-sectoral support for a return to the teaching of Australia's past means its implementation is highly likely.

Find The Guide to the Teaching of Australian History for Years 9 & 10 at: <http://www.dest.gov.au/NR/rdonlyres/0B8BB925-AD4F-4A1E-8CDB-F73AB8E312A4/18868/Guideto TeachingHistory.pdf>

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Switched On! Presentation on The East Perth Power Station History Project

On Thursday 18 October Murdoch University's Associate Professor Lenore Layman spoke on the East Perth Power Station History project. Approximately 20 people attended the event, which began in the State Library's Great Southern Room at 12.30pm. The presentation was co-run by the State Records Office (as part of their ongoing series of lunchtime seminars) and Celebrate WA Week, and the organisers generously offered refreshments.

Professor Layman emphasised the relevance of the topic, not only with the looming energy crisis but the upcoming decision as to the future use of the site. She noted the national as well as local significance of the East Perth building, with it not only being the first centralised power station in Australia, but until 1951 the only one in our state. She detailed the three generations of the site, from 1915 until 1981, and provided many facts, such as its critical role in World War 2, and the prestigious Turbine 6 not being taken offline for years. Professor Layman also covered her personal research techniques, and explained the various records that she had used. These spanned Western Power's files, personnel data, photographs, and technical manuals, and the oral histories of the workers and the users that had been compiled.

The project team will produce audio tapes, a book and a website. The themes that structure the project are the democratisation of memory, with the numerous contributions and interpretations possible, and the effects of commemorations on the living. Excellent progress has been made, with already 157 hours of interviews captured, and chapters for the book will address the perceptions and people of the area (including indigenous occupation), its growth and decline, the environmental impact of the station, and its role in our city. Professor Layman is especially keen on the website, to be multi-media with content like the hum of the machines!

Professor Layman concluded by urging the prioritisation of history in general, as well as recognition of the value of the East Perth Power Station project. She then took questions from the audience, whose enthusiasm prolonged the event.

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Members' Events

The Royal WA Historical Society Inc RWAHS:

- Ms Lennie McCall and Dr Helen Henderson have been re-elected Chairman and Vice-Chairman of Council respectively
- Mrs Elizabeth Bradshaw has been appointed permanent part-time Assistant Executive Officer.
- Consultants have been appointed in response to the Lotterywest grant for a Feasibility Study for the proposed History House.
- A new screen and digital projector have been purchased to improve presentations at general meetings and a display window, promoting the Stirling House Bookshop, has been completed on the Broadway frontage of the building.

History In The City Program

Monthly talks arranged by the RWAHS Women's Auxiliary are held in the Conference Room, Citi-Place, Community Centre, Perth Railway Concourse.
Entry fee \$5.00.

Further Details on any of these events:

RWAHS tel: 93 86 38 41
<http://www.histwest.git.com.au/index.htm>

National Archives of Australia, Perth Office

The Perth office will be involved in the launch of the SBS television program *Who do you think you are?* An Open Day will be held on Wednesday 27 February 2008 to attract genealogists, and other interested groups and individuals.

Where: Perth NAA office,
384 Berwick Street,
East Victoria Park, WA 6101.
Free parking at the door.

Friends of Battye Library

HRRC Exhibition

An exhibition showcasing the work and achievements of the Historical Records Rescue Consortium project funded by Lotterywest will open at the State Library on 5 January 2008.

Events and Conferences

ART HISTORY CONFERENCE

CIHA Melbourne 2008 - Crossing Cultures: Conflict Migration Convergence. The world's largest and most prestigious Art History Conference: University of Melbourne, January 13th – 18th, 2008
<http://www.cihamelbourne2008.com.au/>

MEMORY OF THE WORLD CONFERENCE

3rd UNESCO International Memory of the World Conference, National Library of Australia, Canberra, February 19-22 2008
<http://www.amw.org.au/mow2008>

ETHICS AND PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS IN THE PRACTICE OF HISTORY SEMINAR

The Professional Historians Association (WA) in conjunction with the History Council, the Oral History Association (WA), the Centre for Western Australian History, and the National Trust of Australia (WA), will present a half day professional development seminar from 1pm to 5pm on Sunday 9 March 2008 at the State Library of Western Australia. For further information nearer the date please see the PHA (WA) website
<http://www.phawa.org.au>

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National Trust Auction held

The National Trust of WA deaccessioned thousands of items via an auction held on Saturday 20 October and Sunday 21 October in Burswood. The public could purchase Australian, English and European memorabilia – some objects were classic, such as mahogany pedestal tables, while others were kitsch (like paired dog ornaments). In particular historical Western Australian household furniture was available, with Coolgardie safes, flat irons and baby's baths part of the catalogue.

The National Trust will apply the money raised to the preservation of its remaining collections.

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Did you know?

Dates in WA history.

90 years since first WA policewomen began

October marked the 90th anniversary of the first commissioning of Western Australian policewomen. (Some states such as New South Wales and South Australia had recruited policewomen 2 years earlier). In Perth, Mrs Helen Blanche Dugdale and Miss Laura Ethel Chipper commenced patrol walks in 1917, though the scope of duties they were assigned were limited by the authorities due to their sex. Consequently, the female constables addressed the welfare of women and children, and mostly handled the victims and offenders of prostitution, truancy, delinquency, and also investigated missing persons.

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COMMONWEALTH GRANTS

National Heritage Investment Initiative;
National Cultural Heritage Account;
Sharing Australia's Stories;
Regional Natural Heritage Program;
Indigenous Heritage Program;
Commemoration of Historic Events and Famous Persons;
National Trusts Partnership Program ;
Note: Application guidelines and closing dates for category of Commemoration of Historic Events and Famous Persons are currently being revised.

www.environment.gov.au/heritage/programs/

COMMERCIAL SERVICES

[GrantsearchAustralia](http://www.grantsearchaustralia.com.au/) publish the [Grants Register](http://www.grantsearchaustralia.com.au/grants-register/).

[Ourcommunity](http://www.ourcommunity.com.au/) publish [EasyGrants](http://www.ourcommunity.com.au/easygrants/) newsletter and provide a subscription database service.

[Philanthropy Australia](http://www.philanthropyaustralia.com.au/) publish the [Australian Directory of Philanthropy](http://www.philanthropyaustralia.com.au/australian-directory-of-philanthropy/).

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Ideas for Christmas Presents

- History Council membership: Individual \$20, Concession \$10. See form on page 2.

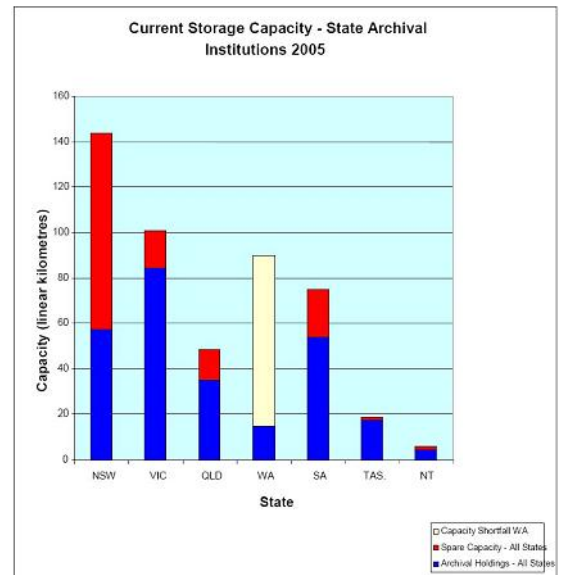
New books

- Behrendt, Larissa. *The Australian dream: indigenous peoples in an Australian republic* / by Larissa Behrendt. Canberra: Australian Republican Movement, 2006.
- Murray, Sandra. *Escape! Fremantle to freedom* / Sandra Murray ... [et al.]. Fremantle, W.A.: Fremantle Prison, Department of Housing and Works, 2007.
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- *I.A.I papers* / Italian Australian Institute. Madeod, Vic.: Italian Australian Institute, 2006.
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- Mackay, Hugh, *Advance Australia ... where?* / Hugh Mackay. Sydney : Hachette Livre Australia, 2007.
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- *Our town: Early photographs from the Town of Vincent Local History Collection.* Contact Town of Vincent.
- Reece, Bob. *Daisy Bates: Grand dame of the desert* / Bob Reece. Canberra : National Library of Australia, 2007.
- *Shipwreck archaeology in Australia* / edited by Michael Nash. Crawley, W.A.: UWA Press, 2007.

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Delegation to Premier's office

On Thursday 22 November President Sue Graham-Taylor and Councillor Jennie Carter, attended a meeting with a senior staff member of the Premier's office to discuss the letter sent by the History Council to the Premier. The letter expressed our concerns about the lack of space to store State Government records and the failure of the Government to act upon what is now becoming a dire situation. Premier Carpenter was asked to "accept the urgency of this situation and take steps to provide for an improved Archives Repository". A graph showing the current storage capacity of all State archives in Australia accompanied the letter and is reproduced here:



Sue and Jennie were given a sympathetic hearing, but no commitments or undertakings to resolve the issue were given at the meeting. Sue stressed that the Government is wholly accountable for the safety, suitable management and accessibility of the archival records of all State agencies. As it stands at present, those records which cannot be taken into State Records Office care remain vulnerable to loss, destruction, and damage. The recent Esperance floods was an extreme example, but highlighted the potential danger to irreplaceable records. Poor environmental conditions in some regional areas is also an issue.

The Premier's senior officer did agree that the lack of suitable archive storage in WA needed to be addressed. He added that building an archive repository would be a major and expensive undertaking but understood that one would have to be provided at some time in the future. He will brief the Premier and ensure a response is given to the History Council's concerns.

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History Council Program to March 2008

Wed 5 December History Council of WA End of Year Function. Midland Railway Workshops.

Sun 9 March 1-5pm Ethics and Professional Standards in the Practice of History. State Library of WA.

Publicise Your Organisation's Events

Is your organisation planning a seminar, conference or other special event likely to be of interest to History Council members?

Contact us through:
office@historycouncilwa.org.au
or write to:
PO Box 1619, West Perth 6872

**Deadline for next issue:
10TH February 2008**

2007 Western Australian Premier's Book Awards

Entries are called for the 2007 Western Australian Premier's Book Awards for books / scripts that have been published / produced between 1 January 2007 and 31 December 2007.

The Awards have the following categories:

- Fiction
- Poetry
- Scripts
- Non-fiction
- Children's Books
- Young Adults

Works that make a major contribution to the understanding of Western Australia's past will also be eligible for the West Australian History Award. Prize-money of \$7,500 is awarded to winners in each category and all category winners, and the winner of the West Australian History Award, will be eligible to win the Premier's Prize of \$20,000.

For further information about the 2007 Awards check the guidelines and categories from the State Library's website <http://www.slwa.wa.gov.au/pbkguidelines.html>

Entries for the 2007 Awards close on Friday 4 January 2008.

Short listed entries will be announced in April 2008 with the Awards being presented at a gala function at the State Library in June 2008.

Source: State Library of WA website

Support your History Council: Join or Donate

You can support the work of the History Council in its pledge to make history a vital part of community life in Western Australia by becoming a member or making a donation:

Name: _____
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Are you/your organisation Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander?

Yes No

Please state the number of members in your organisation _____

I/we would like the following type of membership:

Corporate Large organisations \$200 pa (including government agencies and universities) Corporate Medium organisations \$100 pa

Corporate Professional organisations \$50 pa Corporate Small organisations \$30 pa

Individual \$20 pa Individual Concession \$10 pa

Donation \$ _____

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I have enclosed a cheque money order

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