

newsletter

History
OF WA
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History Matters – a message from your President

As the year draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your work in assisting us to promote the cause of history in Western Australia. Some of you have done that by supporting our events, others have helped on our sub committees and with the varied range of activities we have undertaken throughout the year. Some of you have done all of those things. I am grateful to you all.

What are the issues we'll face in 2009? In the face of the twin challenges of stagnating economies and climate change, stimulating governments at the State and federal level to consider the importance of recognising and adequately funding history and heritage, is more important, but will be harder than ever. Yet, history and heritage can help build and rebuild communities and give communities a sense of place and belonging.

We also look forward to working with the new Liberal/National Government and challenging it on the issues that remain of concern to our members. We will continue to push for a new Archives Repository in Western Australia and more funding for the State Library and Museum. We will also continue our work in pointing out the shortcomings of our heritage legislation and the inadequacies of its funding and trying to get new Heritage legislation to take us forward into the twenty first century.

There is never a shortage of things to do! I look forward to working with you all in the coming year and take this opportunity to wish you a happy festive season and healthy and peaceful New Year.

Sue Graham-Taylor

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or at the History Council email or postal address above.



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

Introducing your new councillors

Elected at the September 2008 AGM

Nick Drew - Treasurer

Since leaving full time employment in 2003, Nick has been on various committees for the Royal Western Australian Historical Society including the Council, Tours & Events, Promotions & Marketing and the Affiliated Societies. He also assists with the book shop sales.

Nick is Treasurer of the Friends of Battye Library. This role has included being the Treasurer of the Historical Rescue Records Consortium \$3 million Lotterywest Grant from 2005-2008.

Sue Hart - Secretary

Sue Hart is completing her doctorate in Australian colonial history at UWA. She has recently been commissioned by the Centre for WA History to write a history of the Welsh Free Church in Western Australia. Sue has been a teacher, recruitment consultant and freelance writer. She has had three non-fiction books published (under the name of Sue Hart-Byers), plus many articles. She has also presented at academic conferences in Australia and overseas, most recently at the AHA conference in Melbourne in July.

Sue has been a member of the History Council for several years, and is on the Communications sub-committee. She is also a member of the Royal WA Historical Society.

Ed Jaggard

Ed formerly lectured in history at Edith Cowan University and currently holds the position of Honorary Professor. His particular interests are the history of Australian beach culture in the twentieth century, and nineteenth century British electoral politics.

He edited and contributed to *Between the Flags* (2006), a centenary history of the Australian surf lifesaving movement, and is currently completing a commissioned biography of Reginald Pole Carew (1753-1835), a British spy, traveller and politician.

Julie Lunn

Julie is currently working as a Research Assistant on a project at Curtin University. The project is titled "Remembering the Wars: the community meanings of Western Australian War Memorials".

Julie graduated from Murdoch University in 2007 having completed a Bachelor of Arts In History with Honours. Her thesis was titled "Unemployed Protest in Central Perth 1928-1934: Analysing Place and Occasion". She has an interest in Western Australian history and labour history and is a member of the Australian Society for the Study of Labour History.

Shauna Hill

Shauna was elected as Indigenous representative. We hope to bring you Shauna's details in our next issue.

Our Ruth wins the Premier's Book Award History prize

Congratulations to History Council Committee member, Ruth Marchant James for being awarded the 2007 Premier's Book Award in the Western Australian History category for ***Cottesloe: a town of distinction*** published by the Town of Cottesloe.

Ruth is one of our leading historians and the judges citation for this superb local history praised Ruth's knowledge and skill.

"An expansion of her earlier book, *Heritage of the pines* (1977) which concluded at World War II, this volume begins with the period of the 'first inhabitants' and early European settlement and brings the story to the present day. It includes extensive new research and interviews, and previously unseen photographs. It combines big - picture issues with the minutiae of everyday life, and ranges across everything from geology to social history, from education to business, from religion to beach culture. Though focussed on one area of Perth's coastal strip, it also offers some broader reflections about life in Perth. The book is well designed, its large format lending itself to the attractive use of photographs. The referencing procedures are excellent, with useful appendices and a comprehensive bibliography. The writing is readable and attractive. In all, the author shows her knack for a thorough mining of the past for the information and entertainment of the present."

From the State Library of Western Australia's website:

<http://www.slwa.wa.gov.au/pba.html>

See page 6 for information about other winners.

Jennie Carter



Don't miss this!

A 'History in the Pub' event has been organised to celebrate Ruth's award. See page 9 for details.

A Library under Threat - The Battye Library Users' Survey

Following a significant restructure within the State Library in 2006 History Council members and affiliated bodies became concerned about changes to the structure and services provided by the J S Battye Library of West Australian History, and how they are impacting on the historical research culture of Western Australia.

A survey was designed by a group representing a broad range of history organisations and was supported by the State Library. The survey was issued in March and April 2008, through the mailing lists of the History Council and affiliated bodies and at the State Library. There were 93 responses, 89% of which were from those who identified themselves as long term (more than two years) users of the Battye. The results were collated by the History Council in May 2008, and a qualitative analysis was completed by the State Library in August. A quantitative analysis was then undertaken through Curtin University and the results were received in early October.

The results clearly identify a number of areas of concern, particularly with respect to staff and staffing and access to resources and facilities. It was very clear that there is a strong positive feeling and loyal support for the Battye Library and its staff. However, 49% of the respondents who used the Battye Service desk were less than satisfied with the service they received. Forty per cent of those who responded to questioning on the retrieval service were not satisfied with the service they had received. Results indicate that although staff members are very willing to help, they lack knowledge or are inexperienced. The use of general reference staff rather than collections specialists lies at the heart of this problem.

Severe frustrations with the lack of work space, lack of access to catalogue terminals, noise from non Battye users and the condition of equipment were all clearly expressed by respondents to the Survey. This deteriorating research culture is also linked to concern for the collections, with 51% of respondents not satisfied with the security of the collection.

The History Council and our affiliated organisations represent historians and researchers deeply concerned about Western Australia's history and aware of how crucial the Battye Library is to the understanding of our past. The survey results are an important tool for our organisations and provide a compelling call for us to work with the State Library to ensure that the JS Battye Library of West Australian History remains the premier research library as well as the State's major private archive, ephemera, film and oral history repository.

The publicly stated aim of the State Library's restructure was that it would bring greater levels of resourcing to the Battye Library as well as a range of positive outcomes. The results of the survey and the experience of Western Australian researchers shows clearly that this aim has not been realised and that the situation is now critical.

We urge members to contact the History Council should you require more details of the Survey or have additional comments to offer. In the meantime we will be asking for meetings with the State Librarian and the Library Board to discuss this unsatisfactory situation.

Sue Graham-Taylor
& Executive
History Council of Western Australia

Centre for WA History: Jean Chetkovich's presentation at the State Records Office

On Tuesday 18 November our Society's current councillor (and former Vice-President) Jean Chetkovich enthusiastically discussed the founding, achievements and future plans of the UWA-based Centre for WA History. Dr Chetkovich is the present director at CWAH (A part-time role), and her comprehensive talk thoroughly indicated the usefulness of the centre in capturing and preserving Western Australia's past.

CWAH has operated for 23 years, with its opening in 1985 representing the culmination of an idea in the state's sesquicentenary. Many publications had been released in that year (1979), and some prominent WA historians (especially Brian de Garis and Tom Stannage) were concerned at the variation in quality. Hence they decided to establish the centre to encourage research and writing to the highest standards. The centre produces books (27 so far), oral histories, reports, films and handles queries e.g. From radio stations such as ABC and 6PR. But predominantly, it organises commissioned histories.

Jean listed the features of a commissioned history, advising it should be factual, interesting, academically sound, benefiting its own field e.g. Health sector and also the field of WA history, and lastly not sanitised – nothing "swept under the carpet"; all "skeletons in the closet" to be acknowledged (otherwise it would not ring true).

Some examples of work recently undertaken include histories of the RSPCA, Town of Victoria Park and the Welsh Free Church. This last client intrigued the audience, most of whom were unaware it functioned in WA. Jean herself was involved with this project, and advised the religion came to our state in 1904, and a congregation still holds a monthly service in Trinity Church.

She spoke of the ever-increasing level of interest in WA history and noted the personalities of office bearers affected the public, with the keenness of current Governor Dr Ken Michael further driving the demand for CWAH services. Jean indicated excitement is building about the June 2009 release of the encyclopaedia of WA history, which has been 7 years in the making and has had over 400 contributors.

The audience's questions mainly focussed on the suggested charges for commissioned histories: Jean explained they tried to balance a fair fee for the historian with the client's budget, and a ballpark figure of \$80-90 000 for a year's work was given.

Jean and all those involved in the centre urge stronger links amongst the history community (including with the History Council of WA), and to this end offer many ideas, such as post-grad student research and networking nights.

This was the last in the 2008 series of lunchtime seminars. The program is likely to recommence in February 2009, with talks occurring monthly.

Leith Robinson.

Vale Abbot Placid Spearritt OSB

We were sad to hear of the death of Abbot Placid Spearritt OSB, Abbot of New Norcia, at Ampleforth Monastery in Yorkshire, England on 4 October. Abbot Placid was buried at New Norcia on 21 October. Our condolences to the monks at the Benedictine Community, Abbot Placid's family and his many friends.

What some of our members are doing

From Bill Bunbury

I am now working as Producer / Director with musician and Technical Producer, Kim Lofts. We are two members of the original Voice Prints team who produced an audio-pictorial social history of Albany in 2007 called *Voice Prints*. The format has proved very successful and VoicePrints has now been commissioned by the Perth International Arts Festival to prepare and produce a similar audio-pictorial history of the Geraldton district for presentation in Geraldton and in February 2009 in Perth as part of PIAF.

To date we have recorded stories about the crayfishing industry, the collective experiences of Vietnamese tomato growers, the multicultural nature of the community as reflected in sport, the memories of Aboriginal people and social and physical change in the community.

We have been well supported by the Arts and History community in Geraldton in finding topics and speakers and the local response has been very strong and welcoming.

Online news

From State Library of Western Australia's blog <http://slwa.wordpress.com>

Strategic Directions 2009-2011

The State Library is currently preparing its *Strategic Directions* document and is interested in receiving comments. Topics that have been raised to date which you may like to comment on include:

- How important is digital access? Should this be a primary focus for the next three years?
- Collecting contemporary material is always difficult. How can we capture what is being created and continue to tell the Western Australian story?
- Relationships, partnerships and collaborations are very important to us. How can we enhance these?
- How can we best work with public libraries?
- Who are our customers and what do they want? How will this change in the next five years?
- Our building needs attention ...

Visit the State Library's Strategic Directions blog at <http://slwa.wordpress.com/2008/09/01/strategic-directions-2009-2011/> and add your views to the comments already online.

From BBC News <http://news.bbc.co.uk>

'European online library crashes'

A new digital library launched by the European Union has crashed within hours of opening – forcing its closure.

The *Europeana* website was attracting more than 10 million hits an hour – more than double the number which had been anticipated. The site includes paintings, photos, films, books, maps and manuscripts from 1,000 museums, national libraries, and archives across Europe. It is expected to open in December after technological improvements.

For the time being, a demo version of *Europeana* will be available at <http://dev.europeana.eu/>.

From *Computerworld* <http://www.computerworld.com>

'Google sheds light on 'Dark Web' by searching scanned documents'

Google Inc this week took another step in its effort to shed light on the so-called Dark Web, announcing that its engine can now search scanned documents in a PDF. Using optical character recognition (OCR) Google's search engine can now convert scanned PDF documents into text that can be searched and indexed, the company said. Thus, government reports, academic papers and other scanned documents can now show up in search results. Search engines generally interpret PDF documents as images of text rather than text. ... (Go to the website for the complete article.)

The National Curriculum Board

People can keep up to date with progress by viewing their website.

<http://www.ncb.org.au>

People can also subscribe to an email alert list. Those who subscribe will receive automatic alerts whenever anything of interest is added.

The relevant link is:

<http://www.ncb.org.au/consultation/subscribe/subscribe.html>

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Meetings of the Committee

The Committee meeting held in September 2008 included the following business items:

2007 Premier's Book Award winners (extracts are from citations)

Non-fiction - Antonio Buti *Sir Ronald Wilson: A Matter of Conscience* (UWA Press)

"Great insights into this highly complex, thoughtful and talented Australian."

Poetry - Hal Colebatch *The Light River* (connorcourt publishing)

"Colebatch is one of those versatile literary voices that our 21st century society needs."

Script - Elissa Down and Jimmy the Exploder

The Black Balloon

(Black Balloon Film Productions)

Now a prize winning Australian film.

".. truthful, warm and thought-provoking,"

Children's books - Liz Lofthouse and Robert Ingpen

Ziba came on a Boat (Penguin/Viking)

"Picture book of a young Afghani girl and her mother escaping to Australia in a small boat. Poignant and restrained."

Fiction - Stephen Scourfield

Other Country (Allen & Unwin)

His debut novel of WA's Northwest.

"..has pathos and grit in equal measure."

Young adults - Ken Spillman

Love is a UFO (PAN)

"..capturing the tone and mood of a young teenage boy dealing with complex life issues."

See

<http://www.slwa.wa.gov.au/pba.html>

JC

- New Committee Members Nick Drew (Treasurer), Sue Hart, Shauna Hill, Julie Lunn and Ed Jaggard were warmly welcomed and presented with a CD starter pack of the History Council's aims and activities.
- A second successful 'History in the Pub' was held at the Hyde Park Hotel featuring a talk on the discovery of the HMAS Sydney and it was unanimously decided to continue the event in 2009.
- Correspondence was received from the A/Senior Appointments Secretary to the Premier, acknowledging the Council's request to meet the new Premier, the Hon Colin Barnett.
- Congratulations on his appointment as Minister for Planning, Culture and the Arts and a letter of introduction to the History Council were sent to Hon John Day with a request for a future meeting.
- President Sue Graham-Taylor represented the History Council at the Woodside Sustainable Development Workshop and Awards on 6 November 2008.
- Consideration was given to introducing a plastic credit membership card which could be annually updated by attaching a sticker over the date and conveniently used as an entry ticket. With this change in view it was agreed to purchase a laminator machine.
- Thanks to Aileen Walsh's efforts several new members from among the post grads at UWA and Notre Dame University have become members of the Council and it is recommended that other members with university contacts conduct a similar membership drive.
- It is planned to hold a future informal event to welcome new members and to meet prospective volunteers.

Ruth Marchant James

Did you know?

Quick fact

"...In Australia the biggest market in rare books is for local history including diaries of early voyages of discovery and natural history books with coloured plates..."

From ALIA's incite, 29(8) August 2008, p.17

Some dates in WA history

- 7 February 1832 First meeting of WA's Legislative Council
- 8 March 1827 Captain James Stirling began exploring the Swan River area
- 13 March 1988 Jon Sanders arrives in Fremantle after world-record breaking triple solo circumnavigation of the globe.
- 21 March 1899 Opening of Coolgardie International Mining & Industrial Exhibition.

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History in the Pub

The History Council of Western Australia hosted another successful 'History in the Pub' session at the Hyde Park Hotel on Friday 17 October 2008.

The topic for the evening was *Finding HMAS Sydney*, a personal perspective and the speaker was Wes Olsen, author of *Bitter Victory: the death of HMAS Sydney*. Wes spoke engagingly about his long held interest in the fate of the *Sydney* and his role in the discovery of its wreck off the Western Australian coast earlier this year.

The cruiser, HMAS *Sydney*, was sunk by the German battleship the *Kormoran* and, tragically, all 645 of the *Sydney's* crew were to lose their lives in the encounter. The actual site of the sunken ship had been under contention for over 60 years with a number of conflicting theories as to its whereabouts.

The *Kormoran* was also sunk during the battle but survivors of the German ship were not believed when they provided information as to the place where the ships went down. A Government grant allowed renowned wreck finder, David Mearns, to be brought to Australia and assisted by Wes and other researchers such as Glenys McDonald, herself an author of a book on the sinking of the *Sydney*, Mearns pinpointed the site. A major aid in unlocking the secret was the discovery of a code contained in a dictionary owned by the German Captain of the *Kormoran*.

A special guest at the event was Tom, a former sailor who was on the *Sydney* until three weeks before it was sunk.

A lively question time followed Wes's talk and it was clear that the fascinating story of the detective work involved in finding the remains of one of Australia's greatest disasters, as well as the poignancy of the subject touched many of us in the audience.

Jennie Carter



Wes Olsen at the History in the Pub event – Hyde Park Hotel. (photo courtesy Rob O'Connor)

Geoffrey Bolton Lecture 2008

The 2008 Lecture, named in honour of Emeritus Professor Geoffrey Bolton AO, was presented by retiring Justice Michael Kirby AC on 20 October 2008 in the Government House Ballroom.

Kirby titled his address *Is Legal History now Ancient History?* and called passionately, and persuasively, for the reinvigoration of history, specifically legal history, teaching in Australia's law schools.

Justice Kirby recalled how his own career might have taken a very different path if he had pursued an early interest in Ancient History, instead of switching to study Law. He spoke about his continuing fascination with history which was nurtured by compulsory units in legal history at the Sydney Law School during his time there.

By the 1980s, however, the study of history had "virtually disappeared from most of the Australian law courses". Justice Kirby cited the example that out of 31 law schools now operating in Australia, only eleven institutions offered a course in history. Most of these were electives which few students chose and only four universities, Australian National University, University of Technology Sydney, Murdoch and Notre Dame, included the study of history in its mainstream courses.

In Kirby's view, our legal system is a product of history and without an understanding of the context in which legislation has been framed, "the narrative of liberty" as he put it, lawyers risk making mistakes.

In concluding his address, Kirby argued that we need to "*rekindle the teaching of legal history in Australia. The decline and fall has gone far enough.*"

Judging by the buzz of conversation afterwards, the evening was hugely enjoyable. Congratulations to State Records Office staff for all their hard work to ensure that event was a great success.

The full transcript as well as a podcast of Justice Michael Kirby's address can be found on the SRO website at <http://www.sro.wa.gov.au/whatsnew/GeoffreyBoltonLecture.asp>.

Jennie Carter

(Article condensed from *Friends of Battye Library Newsletter*.)

Members' Events

The Royal WA Historical Society
Inc

RWAHS:

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: 9386 3841

<http://www.histwest.git.com.au/index.htm>

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Friends of Battye Library

The meetings for the Friends of Battye Library for 2009 are:

10 March

12 May

14 July

8 September

24 November

These take place on the 4th floor of the Alexander Library Building at 5pm for 5.30pm start. Please support WA's premier research library. All welcome. For information contact: bevnjen@gmail.com or nickdrew@bigpond.com.

Invitation

Historic Heritage Policy

Australian ICOMOS members are invited to develop a strategy looking to where historic heritage (management and conservation) should be in 2020. There will be State meetings and a discussion paper. Contact Leah McKenzie at leah.mckenzie@bigpond.com.

National Archives of Australia, Perth Office

384 Berwick Street,

East Victoria Park, WA 6101.

Free parking at the door.

Ph: 9470 7500

An Open Day will be held on 25 February 2009. The focus will again be on Family History research. Details will soon be available on the website: www.naa.gov.au.

Events and Conferences

Conferences

AHA 2009 Regional Conference

30 June to 3 July. A call for papers for the 2009 AHA conference 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.

See <http://www.theaha.org.au/conf.html>

12th Forum UNESCO-University and Heritage (FUUH) International Seminar

5 to 10 April 2009 at the National Convention Center (NCC) in Hanoi, Republic of Viet Nam, "Historic urban landscapes: a new concept? A new category of world heritage sites?" Themes include

- Physical integrity of historic urban landscapes
- Functional integrity of historic urban landscapes
- Visual integrity of historic urban landscape

See http://universityandheritage.net/hanoi_seminar_2009

Second Global Studies Conference

Zayed University, Dubai, United Arab Emirates

30 May to 1 June 2009

The Global Studies Conference and Global Studies Journal are devoted to mapping and interpreting new trends and patterns in globalisation from many points of view, many locations in the world, and in a wide-angle kaleidoscopic fashion.

As well as an impressive line-up of international main speakers, the Conference will also include numerous paper, workshop and colloquium presentations by practitioners, teachers and researchers. We would particularly like to invite you to respond to the Conference Call-for-Papers. Presenters may choose to submit written papers for publication in the fully refereed Global Studies Journal. If you are unable to attend the Conference in person, virtual registrations are also available which allow you to submit a paper for refereeing and possible publication in this fully refereed academic Journal.

The deadline for the next round in the call for papers (a title and short abstract) is 11 September 2009. Future deadlines will be announced on the Conference website after this date. Proposals are reviewed within two weeks of submission. For details of the Conference, including an online submission form, see: <http://www.GlobalStudiesConference.com/>.

History in the Pub

Mark your calendars!

Don't miss our first event for 2009 when we will be hosting another of our popular 'History in the Pub' functions. Our guest speaker will be Ruth Marchant James winner of the Premier's History Award 2008 for *Cottesloe: a town of distinction*.

Where: Albion Hotel, 535 Stirling Highway, Cottesloe.

When: Sunday 18 January 2009 from 12-2pm.

Digital Recording Technology An Oral History Association Workshop

Don't miss this workshop presented by pro-audio specialist
Cliff Blackburn of Sinclair Communications

Sunday 22 February 2009 10.30am to 3.15pm

(with a 45 minute BYO lunch break)

The Great Southern Room

4th floor State Library of WA

Whether you are currently using digital recording technology or are still to make the changeover to digital, come along to this workshop to ensure your digitally recorded oral histories are of the highest recording standard, and to gain confidence in using this technology. Topics to be addressed are:

- An Introduction to Audio – What is it?
- Basic Audio Parameters and Terminology – So we are all using the same language
- Overview of Microphones – Demonstration
- Explanation of Analog and Digital Audio
- Demonstration of Digital Recording Devices
- Transfer of Digital Audio to a Computer
- What to do once it is in you computer
- Demonstration of Mastering and Editing Software
- Explanation of Archive Grade CDR and DVD Media
- Demonstration of Burning an Archive Disc
- Recommended Burners

All workshop attendees will receive a CD with a glossary of Audio Terminology, Graphics, Subject Notes and Product Information.

Booking by 23rd January 2009 essential, as places are limited.

Registration Fee:

OHA WA Members: \$70

Non members: \$80

Please email info@ohaa-wa.com.au for an application form.

**Presented by
the Oral History Association of Australia (WA Branch) Inc.**

Ideal Christmas Present

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

Some New Books

Australian prime ministers / edited by Michelle Grattan. Chatswood, N.S.W. : New Holland, 2008.

Baldwin, Myles. *Period gardens : landscapes for houses with history*; photography by Simon Griffiths. Sydney : Murdoch Books, 2008.

Basarin, Vecihi and Basarin, Hatice. *Beneath the Dardanelles : the Australian submarine at Gallipoli*. Crows Nest, N.S.W. : Allen & Unwin, 2008.

Beresford, Q. *The godfather : the life of Brian Burke*. Crows Nest, N.S.W.: Allen & Unwin, 2008.

Beyond the black stump : histories of outback Australia / edited by Alan Mayne. Kent Town, S.A. : Wakefield Press, 2008.

Brasch, Nicolas. *Australia's convict past : jobs and industries*. Port Melbourne, Vic. : Heinemann Library, 2008.

Cultural landscapes : balancing nature and heritage in preservation practice / Richard Longstreth, editor. Minneapolis : University of Minnesota Press, c2008.

Cultural memory studies : an international and interdisciplinary handbook / edited by Astrid Erll, Ansgar Nünning in collaboration with Sara B. Young. Berlin ; New York : Walter de Gruyter, c2008.

Day, David. *Andrew Fisher : prime minister of Australia*. Pymble, N.S.W. : HarperCollins, 2008.

Dibble, B. *Doing life: A biography of Elizabeth Jolley*. Perth: UWA Press, 2008

Heritage language education : a new field emerging / edited by Donna Brinton, Olga Kagan, and Susan Bauckus. New York, NY : Routledge, 2008.

Hocking, Jenny. *Gough Whitlam : a moment in history : the biography. volume 1*. Carlton, Vic. : MUP, 2008.

Mawson's huts : the birthplace of Australia's Antarctic heritage / Mawson's Huts Foundation. Crows Nest, N.S.W. : Allen & Unwin, 2008.

McMaster, Noel. *The Catholic Church in Jaru and Gija country : reworking a context of evangelisation in the Kimberley*. East Kew, Vic. : David Lovell Publishing, 2008.

Paterson, Alistair. *The lost legions : culture contact in colonial Australia*. Lanham, Md. : Altamira Press, 2008.

Pendal, Phillip. *Continuity in change : the journey of Catholic education in Western Australia from 1843 to 2008*. Inglewood, W.A. : Victor Publishing, 2008.

Pendal, Phillip. *Royal Perth : a history of golf in Australia's west from 1895 to 2008*. Inglewood, W.A. : Published for Royal Perth Golf Club by Victor Publishing, 2008.

Perkins, Leslie Howard. *From a swagman's diary : life on the road during the Great Depression, May 1930 to May 1931* / transcribed from the original diaries by Valma Bell, Beverley Colliccoat and Lesley Fairbairn. Strathfieldsaye, Vic. : Jeff and June Grubb, 2008.

Sawer, Marian with Radford, Gail. *Making women count : a history of the Women's Electoral Lobby in Australia* / Marian Sawer. Sydney : University of New South Wales Press, 2008.

Schedvin, Boris. *Emissaries of trade : a history of the Australian Trade Commissioner Service*. Barton, A.C.T. : Dept. of Foreign Affairs and Trade, 2008.

Smith, B. *Australia's birthstain : the startling legacy of the convict*. Crows Nest, N.S.W.: Allen & Unwin, 2008.

Wurth, Bob. *1942 : Australia's greatest peril*. Sydney : Pan Macmillan Australia, 2008.

Leith Robinson

History Council Program

Newsletter publication dates 2009

6 March, 5 June, 4 September, & 4 December.

If the date of the AGM is in September next year, the newsletter will be published afterwards so that details of the incoming committee can be included.

Deadline for copy will be the 10th of the previous month - 10 February, 10 May, 10 August (depending on AGM) & 10 November..

18 January. **History in the Pub**, Albion Hotel.
Stirling Highway, Cottesloe, 12-2pm.

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 2009**

Obtaining photographs from the Battye Library

We have received the following notice from the State Library of Western Australia.

Please note that a significant change is taking place for researchers purchasing reproductions of photographs.

As from 1st January 2009 the State Library will no longer be producing photographic prints. All pictorial orders will be produced digitally.

The last submission date for print orders will be 5 December 2008.

Source: State Library of WA

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: _____
Prefix First Surname

Organisation _____

Address _____

Postcode _____

Work Tel _____ Home Tel _____

Email _____

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 \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Method of Payment

I have enclosed a cheque money order

**Make a copy of this form, complete and return it with payment to:
History Council of Western Australia Inc, PO Box 1619, West Perth 6872**

Awards and Grants

LOTTERYWEST

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