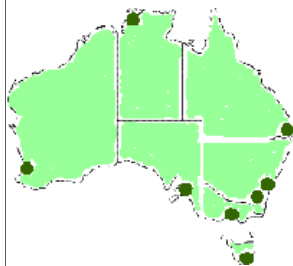




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1) Guides on FAHS website

Over the past several years, the Federation of Australian Historical Societies has commissioned and produced the following guides for historical societies, available on our website www.history.org.au with links from the home page.

[Cultural landscapes training manual \(2012\)](#)

[Heritage identification and protection \(revised 2010\)](#)

[Heritage tourism in Australia \(2008\)](#)

[Writing and Publishing Local History history \(2006\)](#)

(Source: www.history.org.au)

2) New home for Queensland's electricity history

The Queensland electricity history museum artefacts are being moved to Toowoomba, as announced by Energy Minister, Mark Bailey MP. The new Queensland Energy Exhibition Centre has more than 1000 items on display. A high voltage electrostatic generator from the 1880s through to modern rooftop solar photovoltaic cells have a new home at Highfields Pioneer Village, which is a private museum to Toowoomba's north. An early 1980s electric car used by the old South East Queensland Electricity Board is also on display. The Minister stated that,

“This will be a valuable addition to the tourist offerings in the Toowoomba region and I encourage visitors to the Darling Downs to include the centre on their itinerary for an educational and enjoyable experience.” Powerlink, Energex and Ergon sponsored and gave financial help for the new display shed housing the Queensland Energy Exhibition Centre.

(Source: Minister for Main Roads, Road Safety and Ports and Minister for Energy and Water Supply, The Honourable Mark Bailey MP, Media Statement – 28 May 2015)

3) State Library of New South Wales scholarships

The State Library of New South Wales is now accepting applications for the

David Scott Mitchell Memorial Fellowship

For the research and writing of Australian history using the Mitchell Library

<https://forms.sl.nsw.gov.au/david-scott-mitchell-fellowship>

and the

Merewether Scholarship

For the research and writing of 19th century NSW history using the Mitchell Library

<https://forms.sl.nsw.gov.au/merewether-scholarship>

Both awards offer \$12,000 as well as a research room and behind-the-scenes access to Library staff. Applications close 29 June 2015.

(Source: State Library of New South Wales – Email – 2 June 2015)

4) John Douglas Kerr Medal of Distinction in Research and Writing Australian History

At The Royal Historical Society of Queensland's Queensland Day Dinner in the Commissariat Store on 6 June 2015 the John Douglas Kerr Medal for Distinction in Research and Writing Australian History, awarded by the Society and the Professional Historians Association (Queensland), was awarded to Professor Clive Moore at the University of Queensland. Professor Moore holds the McCaughey Chair of History at the University and has also worked at University of Papua New Guinea and James Cook University of North Queensland. He has worked for 40 years on South Sea Islander history in Queensland and has received the Cross of the Solomon Islands for his research on Malaita Island. His major publications have been on Australia's Pacific Island immigrants, the Pacific labour reserve, Australian federation, masculinity, gay Queensland, New Guinea, and the Solomon Islands. The inaugural President of the Australian Association for the Advancement of Pacific Studies (2006-2010), Professor Moore has also researched and written a history of the University of Queensland. He has published over 70 refereed articles, chapters, biographical entries and published more than 12 books.

(Source: Citation for Award of John Douglas Kerr Medal of Distinction in Research and Writing Australian History awarded by The Royal Historical Society of Queensland and the Professional Historians Association (Queensland) – 6 June 2015)

5) Cultural heritage and Museums Studies programs at Deakin University

Trimester 2 enrolment is now open for Cultural Heritage and Museum Studies programs at Deakin University. To find out more about our flexible study options, including online study please visit the [Cultural Heritage and Museum Studies](#) website.

(Source: Australia ICOMOS *E-Mail News* No.685 – 12 June 2015)

6) Victorian Museum Awards 2015

Museums Australia Victoria has announced that nominations for the 2015 Victorian Museum Awards are now open. The Awards recognise and celebrate individuals and organisations whose commitment and passion contribute to the excellence of the Victorian museum and gallery sector. Nomination deadline extended to **Friday 19 June 2015**. Details at www.mavic.asn.au/assets/2015_Awards_Individual_Nominatio.pdf

(Source: Australia ICOMOS *E-Mail News* No.685 – 12 June 2015)

7) Sydney's industrial heritage - proposed heritage listings

Comments are invited on the City of Sydney's proposed heritage listing of industrial and warehouse buildings. Sixty-four listings are proposed for more than a hundred industrial sites across two-thirds of our local area, as shown in the attached map. These listings will be on exhibition from **2 June 2015** and open for comment until **30 June 2015**. These listings were recommended in a recently completed heritage study, believed to be the first large-scale council study of industrial heritage in New South Wales. This study and the recommended listings seek to better acknowledge the value of this under-recognised form of heritage.

For more information check the following websites:

<http://australia.icomos.org/wp-content/uploads/City-of-Sydney-proposed-listings.pdf><http://sydneyyoursay.com.au/industrial-and-warehouse-heritage-listings-and-conservation-areas>

(Source: Australia ICOMOS *E-Mail News* No.685 – 12 June 2015)

8) Merchant Navy history

Online Producer Andrew Davies with ABC Radio National has contacted the Federation advising of the program on merchant seamen as likely to be of interest.

www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/earshot/a-merchant-seamans-story-of-survival-of-the-iron-knight-sinking/6524314

(Source: Email from ABC Radio National – 9 June 2015)

9) Baby Austin 7 to Cape York

Lang Kidby and his wife Bev are driving a 1929 Austin 7 to Cape York to recreate the first ever trip by Dick Mathews and Hector Macquarie in the same sort of car in 1928.

Their web site which will be updated during the trip with a blog and photos is www.next-horizon.org.

They will be in Cooktown at the end of June on our way north (following the original route via Lakefield and Port Stewart to Coen then onwards). We are very interested to find out about early motoring in Cooktown, particularly what were the first vehicles in the district.

A publisher in Victoria, Ian Itter, has produced a very nice glossy covered book of the 1928 trip which is a reprint of Hector Macquarie's story (later published in a book *We and the Baby*) of their great adventure to the Cape. It also includes many original photos and extra articles on later trips as well. It is entitled *We and the Baby Revisited - A Transcription* by Hector Macquarie. There are many pages about Cooktown and the surrounding district. Ian Itter may be contacted at itter.ij@gmail.com.

(Source: Lang Kidby – Email to Cooktown and District Historical Society – 1 June 2015)

10) Victorian Community History Awards 2015

The Victorian Community History Awards for 2015 are now open. They are presented by the Royal Historical Society of Victoria and the Public Record Office of Victoria.

The Awards recognise excellence in historical storytelling. The range of award categories reflects the variety of formats that can be used to reach and enrich the lives of Victorians through history.

For details and the entry form go to www.historyvictoria.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2011/06/VHCA-2015-Entry-Form.pdf

(Source: Don Garden, RHSV - email 14 June 2015)

11) Nominations for National Heritage List

Minister Greg Hunt has announced that the Murray Islands (North Queensland) and the Queen Victoria Market (Melbourne) will be assessed by the Australian Heritage Council for inclusion in the National Heritage List.

www.greghunt.com.au/Media/MediaReleases/tabid/86/ID/3310/Murray-Islands-to-be-assessed-for-National-Heritage-Listing.aspx

www.greghunt.com.au/Media/MediaReleases/tabid/86/ID/3323/Queen-Victoria-Market-to-be-assessed-for-National-Heritage-List.aspx

(Source: Don Garden - email 14 June 2015)

12) Launceston Historical Society activities

The Society's year began with a talk by Dr Tom Dunning who, with a number of co-editors, is engaged in producing a new history of Launceston, Australia's third oldest city. The book is to be a collaborative work, taking a thematic approach to weave together various aspects of Launceston's history. A number of Society members are researching and writing contributions.

In March the Society hosted the 27th Examiner-John West Memorial Lecture. This lecture honours one of Launceston's most influential citizens, the Rev John West. Co-founder of the Launceston Examiner newspaper, he is best remembered for his leadership of the movement that resulted in the abolition of convict transportation to Tasmania. Following in this tradition, the lecture is delivered by a person of social conscience and high standing in his or her field.

The 2015 lecturer was given by leading advocate for human rights and fair treatment of refugees, Julian Burnside QC. His talk 'We can do much better' was enthusiastically received by a crowd of approximately 700 people. The full text of this thought provoking lecture can be accessed here: <http://launcestonhistory.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2012/03/Julian-Burnside-2015.pdf>.

The Centenary of ANZAC was marked in April with an address by journalist, author and Society member Julian Burgess who spoke movingly about the subject of his latest book, *Private William Gow: a Tasmanian ambulance man at Gallipoli*. Caring for casualties Gow witnessed at first hand the horror and human cost of war. On his return to civilian life he became the first Launceston chairman of Legacy, an organisation that cares for widows and children of deceased servicemen.

(Source: Cath Pearce, Launceston Historical Society - email 14 June 2015)

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