

ORAL HISTORY WESTERN AUSTRALIA BULLETIN February-March 2024

Welcome to the first OHWA Bulletin for 2024.

We look forward to sharing our news and your news with other OHWA members and interested friends. Your contribution of oral history projects and special events will be appreciated, and perhaps you'll be surprised to learn how much they will inspire others to get on with any ideas they may.

Oral History Training: Introductory Workshop

OHWA are offering an introductory workshop to introduce participants to the practice and methods of doing an oral history interview.

Available dates: 24 March and 9 June

Time: 10:15 for 10:30 start am to 3:30pm

Cost: \$80 non-members, \$50 members

Venue: Northwest room, State Library of WA

The workshop will cover:

- What is Oral History?
- Qualities of a Good Interviewer
- Planning an Oral History Interview
- Interview Ethics
- Hands-on Practice of Recording
- Advice on Recording Equipment.

The workshop will be led by experienced oral historians, including OHWA Chairperson Susan Hall and Dr Alison Atkinson-Phillips.

Register by 20 March at contact@oralhistorywa.org.au

New Committee and Chair for 2024

Following the OHWA Annual General Meeting in November 2023, we now have a new committee:

Chairperson:

Secretary:

Treasurer:

Membership Secretary:

Members:

Susan Hall

Lynn O-Hara

Linda Wang

Laurel Smith

Alison Atkinson-Phillips

Elaine Rabbitt (by correspondence)
Kyra Edwards (by correspondence)

Our chairperson, Susan Hall, will represent Western Australia on the national committee of Oral History Australia.

Monthly Oral History Drop-In

Following the monthly OHWA Committee meetings, we invite members and anyone interested in Oral History to join us at the Epoch Café, 12noon-1pm on the second Saturday of each month.

These monthly drop-in sessions will be a chance to talk about your latest project or idea, get advice about ethical and technical challenges from experienced members – and to generally meet and get to know others who share a passion for oral history.

Dates: 2nd Saturday, Monthly

Cost: Free

Venue: Epoch Café, WA Museum Boola Bardip, Beaufort Street end of campus.

Bursary Plans

OHWA is currently in a sound financial position, and are developing plans for a bursary scheme, which would make available, at the discretion of the selection committee, up to \$2000 available each year to support members with project funding or to attend a conference/workshop.

Watch out for more information as we finalise the application process.

Call for stories

OHWA is in the process of updating our website, and we would love to be able to use it to share information about the work being done by oral historians around Western Australia. If you have a story to share, please get in touch with Alison Atkinson-Phillips: a.atkinson-phillips@murdoch.edu.au.

Membership forms: See <https://oralhistorywa.org.au/>