

WELCOME TO COUNTRY AND INTRODUCTION

RICHARD FEJO

Larrakia (Darwin)
and Warramungu
(Tennant Creek) Elder

**SAMANTHA
WELLS**

President
PHA (NT)

SESSION ONE | 9.00am – 10.30am

**MATTHEW
STEPHEN** PHA (NT)

History on the Frontier:
Opportunities and challenges
for historians who seek green
fields in the red dirt of the
Northern Territory

**JARED
ARCHIBALD**
MAGNT

The Mystery of the Moruya!
Tracking down the history of
an almost ghost ship

MORNING BREAK | 10.30am

SESSION TWO | 10.50am – 12.20pm

MAISIE AUSTIN

CDU PhD Candidate

The Sunshine Club at
Parap Camp

MARTIN THOMAS

ANU

Clever Men

LUNCH BREAK | 12.20pm

SESSION THREE | 1.10pm – 2.40pm

PAIGE TAYLOR

MAGNT

Evlampia and Ludmilla
Holtze: The Women Behind
the Botanists

STEVEN FARRAM

CDU & PHA (NT)

Pioneer overland cyclists in the
Northern Territory

WEIDA CHEN CDU PhD Candidate

The Northern Territory Greeks and Their Experience of the
Second World War

AFTERNOON BREAK | 2.40pm

SESSION FOUR | 3.00pm – 5.00pm

ELEANOR HOGAN

Library & Archives NT

Writing slant stories —
Ernestine Hill's heteroglossic
travel writing

KAREN GEORGE

PHA (SA)

Unfinished business — righting
wrongs in records access

SUE SILBERBERG PHA (VIC & TAS)

Jewish Traders and the Tropics: Politics and the Shaping
of Imperial Networks

SKYE KRICHAUFF PHA (SA)

The power of oral histories and 'The South Australian Frontier
and its Legacies' project

MALCOLM TRAILL PHA (WA)

Albany 2026: Celebration or pause for reflection?

HOT HISTORIES

HISTORY TALKS & PHA NATIONAL CONFERENCE 2025



OCTOBER 25-26
SAT & SUN 9am-5pm

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**CHARLES
DARWIN
UNIVERSITY**
AUSTRALIA

SESSION ONE | 9.00am – 10.25am

STEPHEN GAPPS

PHA (NSW & ACT)

A topic too hot for the Australian War Memorial: The Australian Wars

FRANCESCA BEDDIE

PHA (NSW & ACT)

After the war: what the Cowra Japanese garden can tell us about peacebuilding

JEFF HOPKINS-WEISE

PHA (NSW & ACT)

Northern Australia's last imperial outpost: Somerset, Cape York, 1864-67

HANNAH VINEY

PHA (VIC & TAS)

Historian or nosy creep? The ethics of digging into ASIO files and divorce papers

MORNING BREAK | 10.25am

SESSION TWO | 11.00am – 12.40pm

PAULINE HASTINGS

PHA (VIC & TAS)

The Barbie Doll's Australian Legacy: Cultivating youth fashion consumption through children's play and marketing in 1960s Australia

JANE MILLS-HARDING

PHA (QLD)

Love triangle: romance and passion are alive in the archives

DEB LEE-TALBOT, ROLAND LEIKAUF AND SARAH CRAZE

PHA (VIC & TAS) and PHA (NSW & ACT)

Hot Histories: Curiosity, Controversy, and the Role of AI in Historical Practice

LUNCH BREAK | 12.40pm

SESSION THREE | 1.30pm – 3.00pm

RICHARD GILLESPIE

PHA (VIC & TAS)

Photogrammetry and Rock Art

KIMBERLEY MEAGHER

PHA (VIC & TAS)

In the pursuit of connection: finding outback jackaroos by rail

SONIA JENNINGS

PHA (VIC & TAS)

Claiming the Flames: a community running hot on owning 'their' fire

CLAIRE SANDELL

PHA (VIC & TAS)

Working with passionate supporters in politically hot conditions: A Lightning Talk about a Public Historian's positive experiences with community collections

ALLISON SULLIVAN

PHA (NSW & ACT)

Rabbit Holes

LIBBY BLAMEY

PHA (VIC & TAS)

The larrikin pushes (or gangs) of the late nineteenth century

CHRISTEEN SCHOEPP

PHA (SA)

Defiant of tempest, fire, or wreck: the biographies of two ships and their incarnations as significant chairs. The notion of Object Biography as a tool for broader historical enquiry

AFTERNOON BREAK | 3.00pm

SESSION FOUR | 3.20pm – 5.00pm

SHAUNA HICKS

PHA (QLD)

No home and starving: the plight of homeless women in colonial Queensland 1850-1900

MARGARET COOK

PHA (QLD)

Bringing History into Policy: Working with the Murray-Darling Basin Authority

DOT WICKHAM

WITH DISCUSSION FACILITATED BY CHRISTINA EARLING-GODBOLD

PHA (VIC & TAS) and PHA (QLD)

Reflections on the practice of history