

WHAT'S ON in Medical History: Australia and New Zealand

Update: August 2017

The 2017 Ben Haneman Memorial Lecture

The State Library of NSW Foundation
in association with
The Australian and New Zealand Society of the History of Medicine
have pleasure in inviting you to

The Huxleys and Medical History

Presented by **Professor Alison Bashford**, Vere Harmsworth Professor of Imperial and Naval History, University of Cambridge and Fellow of Jesus College, Cambridge.

Wednesday, 23 August 2017 at 6.00 for 6.15pm

Gallery Room, Mitchell Wing

State Library of NSW, Macquarie St, Sydney

Please RSVP to foundation@sl.nsw.gov.au by 16 August



Clockwise L-R: Thomas Henry Huxley, Julian Huxley, Aldous Huxley



ABOUT THIS LIST

The list below is a database of upcoming events and exhibitions in the fields of the history of medicine, nursing and allied health around Australia and New Zealand. It informs members about their local events, and also those elsewhere, should they find themselves visiting other localities. It will be updated regularly.

Please keep sending me news of any events that come your way – book launches, seminars, exhibitions etc.
Charmaine Robson, Honorary Secretary, ANZSHM Inc.

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

3 August National Library of Australia Book Talk series

6.00 pm

Anne Clarke, Peter Hobbins and Ursula K. Frederick, 'Stories from the Sandstone'
The fascinating stories of Sydney's 150-year-old Quarantine Station. Set on a picturesque headland overlooking the harbour, Sydney's quarantine station housed close to 16,000 people from 1835 to 1984. Interned for diseases that terrified the community, people held in quarantine left their mark on the local sandstone - or on forlorn headstones. These inscriptions remain a lasting legacy of Australia's maritime past and immigration history. Conference Room, free (inc. refreshments and book signing) To book: www.nla.gov.au/events or phone 02 6262 1111.

16 August Meeting of the Australian Capital Territory History of Medicine Group (ACTHMG)

5.30-6.30 pm

ANU Medical School Building—on the Canberra Hospital Precinct. Tutorial rooms 9 & 10.
Sue Packer, 'The History of Crown Street Hospital'
This hospital was once the largest maternity hospital in Sydney during its 90yr life, having opened in 1893.
John Donovan, 'Unexplained wealth: The Case of Dr Frederick Harpur'
A great title which hints at a deep and mysterious story with not a little intrigue.
All welcome but please email Dean Beaumont (gdeanbeaumont@bigpond.com) in advance.

NEW SOUTH WALES

- 17 July – 10 September**
9 am - 5 pm weekdays;
10 am - 4 pm weekends
- Caring for the Incarcerated:** exhibition
Explore 200 years of history within the NSW prison medical service. Part of a project that specifically looks at historical drivers for change in the delivery of health care for those in prison. ANZSHM councillor and former president, Associate Professor Louella McCarthy, is one of the multidisciplinary team conducting this research. Library Panizzi Room, University of Wollongong.
www.smah.uow.edu.au/medicine_news-events/UOW234666.html
- 23 August**
6.00 pm for
6.15 start
- The 2017 Ben Haneman Memorial Lecture**
Alison Bashford, ‘The Huxleys and Medical History – Thomas Henry, Julian and Aldous’
This annual event is hosted by the State Library of NSW foundation in conjunction with the ANZSHM. Alison Bashford is the Vere Harmsworth Professor of Imperial and Naval History, University of Cambridge. Gallery Room, Mitchell Wing, State Library of NSW.
Please RSVP to foundation@sl.nsw.gov.au by 16 August. See flyer at top of this document.
- 31 August**
6.00 pm for
6.30 start
- Sydney Feminist History Group 2017 Seminar Program**
Dr Jane Carey, ‘Settler Colonialism as Reproduction? Revisiting the 1903 Royal Commission into the Decline of the Birth Rate in NSW’
Convened by Histories of Gender and Sexuality research cluster in Modern History, Macquarie University. Room 580 Building 10, University of Technology Sydney
- 5 September**
2.00 pm
- History Week – Shoalhaven Libraries**
Pauline Conolly, ‘The Self-Made Surgeon’.
An intimate look at the life and scandalous secret of Dr Victor Ratten.
Nowra Library, 10 Berry St., Nowra. Free entry.
<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/the-self-made-surgeon-tickets-36136072967>
- 22 September**
10.30-12.30 am
- Herbal and Flower Books**
Herbals are primarily medicinal and culinary herbs. Their properties and benefits were used by the ancient Greeks and are still used today. The 16th and 17th centuries produced many illustrated printed books that were the precursor to the modern botanical and pharmaceutical textbooks. Flower books came to prominence in the 18th and 19th centuries with significant works by Redoute, Curtis, Bauer, Hooker, Lindley, Sowerby, Sweet and Thornton.
The State Library of NSW holds many original and facsimile editions of these beautifully illustrated books. Join the staff of the Library's rare books team for a meander through herbs and flowers.
Cost: \$11.45 Bookings essential. <http://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/events/herbal-and-flower-books>
- 29 October**
2.00 pm
- 2017 Conference of the Royal Australian Historical Society, Cowra, NSW**
Peter Hobbins, ‘The Last Traces of a Life? Sydney’s quarantine inscriptions’
Cowra Services Club, 101 Brisbane St., Cowra, NSW
<http://www.rahs.org.au/2017-rahs-conference>
- 13 March 2017 – 1 January 2018**
- Her War:** Exhibition
Heroines of the Great War from Wollondilly.
Produced in conjunction with the research by Betty Villy for her book “Red Poppies and the White Waratah; heroines from Wollondilly in the Great War.”
Wollondilly Heritage Centre, 43 Edward St, The Oaks, NSW, Ph: 02 4657 1796
<http://www.wollondillymuseum.org.au/blog/her-war-exhibition/>
- 16 November**
10.30-12.30
- Medical Sydney:** tour
Take a medical history tour of Sydney from the First Fleet to the beginnings of the twentieth century. Join us to discover the secrets of Western medicine in the early colony and chart the history of the medical profession in Sydney. Resources include surgeon's journals, manuscripts written by early Sydney doctors, rare books featuring anatomy drawings and histories of diseases like the Bubonic Plague. Uncover medical scandals as we reveal the mysteries behind the medicine. This talk is not for the faint hearted!
Bookings essential. Cost: \$11.45 Bookings <http://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/events/medical-sydney>

State Library of NSW, Macquarie Street, Sydney

By **Sydney Medical School Heritage Collection:** Guided Tour
Appointment Burkitt Ford Lounge, Edward Ford Building, University of Sydney, Camperdown.
Dr Catherine Storey runs tours for groups or individuals by appointment. They are generally conducted on Tuesdays, subject to availability of the venue. This museum covers the history of the Faculty of Medicine, its teaching hospitals, curriculum reviews, public health, surgery and surgical specialities. Tour is free of charge. Contact cestorey@bigpond.com

2nd Saturday & 4th Monday of each month Feb-Nov.
The Society for the Preservation of the Artefacts of Surgery and Medicine: museum.
The museum has 9 display rooms illustrating the history of moveable health heritage items and memorabilia, encompassing both the hospital and non-hospital sectors of nursing and medicine. Entry is by gold coin donation. Tours \$5.00 Group Tours by arrangement. Ph: 0414 993 138
E: spasm@netspace.net.au; Web: www.spasmmuseum.org.au or <https://ehive.com/account/5547>
Victoria Road in the old Gladesville Hospital /Tarben Creek site (at the Crown street bus stop).

QUEENSLAND

5 November 2.00 pm
Friends of Antiquity: Lecture
Dr John Ratcliffe, 'Anatomy of Caesar's Murder'
Non-members are welcome. A donation of \$10 per person includes entry in the lucky door prize and afternoon tea, which is held in E318. <http://www.friendsofantiquity.org.au/index.php?id=1>
E-102, Forgan Smith (building 1), The University of Queensland, St Lucia.

TASMANIA

3 August 1.00 - 2.00 pm
Professional Historians of Aust (Taa) & the Tasmanian Archive and Heritage Office: Lecture
Michelle Blake, 'Ladies in Waiting: A Social History of Abortion in Hobart 1863-1938'
Allport Library, Ground Floor, LINC Tasmania, 91 Murray Street, Hobart. No need to book.
More information nearer date. <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/o/linc-tasmania-allport-8036281933>

5 October 1.00 - 2.00 pm
Professional Historians of Aust (Taa) & the Tasmanian Archive and Heritage Office: Lecture
Lucy Frost, 'The Queen's Orphan Asylum Apprentices' Details as for event above.

Until August 2018
The Great War 1914–18: Sacrifice and Shadows: Exhibition
This image rich exhibition explores the human response to the demands of war—physically, emotionally and psychologically
Queen Vic Museum and Art Gallery Tasmania, 2 Invermay Road, Invermay

VICTORIA

1 August 6.00 - 7.15 pm
State Library of Victoria free seminar
'**Blood and Guts**': an expert panel, including medical historian, Dr Ross Jones, and molecular parasitology specialist, Dr Ryan Jeffries, discuss the microscopic mysteries coursing through our veins and under our skin! Bookings: phone 03 8664 7099 or email inquiries@slv.vic.gov.au or at <https://www.slv.vic.gov.au/whats-on/blood-guts>. Village Roadshow Theatre, 328 Swanston St Melbourne

2 Aug 2017-24 Feb 2018
The cancer puzzle: patterns, paradoxes and personalities: Exhibition
The story of cancer is complex and extremely personal. It is a disease shrouded in fear and dread. There are many types of cancer and for generations doctors and researchers have been frantically searching for remedies. At the moment the so-called 'blunt instruments' of surgery, radiotherapy and chemotherapy are still the main medical treatments, however new approaches and technologies are emerging. This exhibition explores the roles of key individuals, public education campaigns and cutting edge research. It explores the personal responses of cancer sufferers through the work of contemporary artists who have cancer. *The Cancer Puzzle* draws on the collections of the Harry Brookes Allen Museum of Anatomy and Pathology, the Medical History Museum, University of Melbourne Archives, Cancer Council Victoria and other major collections.
Curated by Jacky Healy. University of Melbourne Medical History Museum
<https://www.polixenipapapetrou.net/exhibitions/cancer-puzzle-patterns-paradoxes-personalities/>

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

- 12 August** Corrugated Lines: A Festival of Words
2-3 pm Charmaine Robson, 'Bungarun: The Derby Leprosarium 1936-1986'
In 1937 the Sisters of St John of God were engaged by the State to nurse and care for victims of the *Big Sick*. This talk examines their work in the leprosarium, with particular focus on the ways they negotiated their twin roles as missionaries and government appointees.
Bernardine Greene Room SSJG Heritage Centre, 9 Barker Street Broome. Gold coin donation.

NEW ZEALAND

- 7.30 - 9.00 Auckland Medical History Society – Lecture Program 2017
pm pm, Lectures are free but there is a charge for the optional dinner that precedes the lectures (\$31
drinks & members, \$36 non-members, \$18 students). For further information: Mrs Maria Collins,
dinner from maria.collins@xtra.co.nz or 09 528 3889, (www.amhs.co.nz).
6.00 pm. Ernest and Marion Davis Library, Auckland City Hospital
- 3 August** **August meeting: Founder's Lecture**
John P. Collins, 'Dispassion or Compassion: Attitudes of Surgeons and the Experiences of Patients during the 19th Century'
Ross Blair, 'The Enigma of Antonio Scarpa & the University of Padua'
- 7 September** **September meeting**
Ernest Willoughby, 'Bad Karma or Divine Retribution? H L Mencken's Stroke'
Martin Wallace, 'Pneumonic Plague in Manchuria in 1910'
- 5 October** **October meeting: Annual General Meeting**
Neil Anderson, 'The Last of the Originals: The Life and Times of Gavin Glasgow'
John F Collins, 'Dialysis in Auckland: Addressing the Challenges from the early years to today'
- 16 November** **November meeting: Annual Dinner**
Rob Harley, 'Cancer Man? The Milan Brych Affair'
- 7.00 for 7.30 Wellington Medical History Society – Lecture Program 2017
pm Small Lecture Theatre, University of Otago, Wellington, 7.30 pm. All are welcome to attend.
Attendees should assemble in the small seminar room adjacent to the lecture theatre at 7pm for a sherry or juice and a chat.
Offers of presentations for future meetings are always welcome and should be discussed with our convenor, [David McHaffie](mailto:David.McHaffie@otago.ac.nz), telephone 06 364 2188.
More information about below presenters at <http://www.wmhs.org.nz/2017programme.html>
- 3 August** **August meeting**
Wyn Beasley, 'Understanding Judas'
- 6 September** **September meeting**
Glyn Harper, 'Bully beef, biscuits and scurvy: the rations at Gallipoli'
- 4 October** **October meeting**
Ron Easthope, 'Dr James Barry 1789-1865: a pioneering British Army Surgeon'
- 1 November** **November meeting**
Jayne Krisianous, 'Stately Hospitals of World War I and World War II: The mortal wounding of the English Country Home?'