

# HTAWA

HISTORY TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

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# PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

Welcome back!

There is something exciting about the start of a new school year (what other job allows you to have a new beginning at the start of every term?) A new year brings lots of promise of exciting new things and for HTAWA members this year is going to be a great year!

This year I want to focus on building and developing our History community and would like to encourage you to have your say, to contribute and actively belong. I want to encourage all our members to help strengthen WA History by attending events, sharing resources and being part of an impressive community of educators. We want to hear what you need; we want to see what cool events you are running in your school, and we would love you to share your thoughts and ideas.

I also want to acknowledge the hard work of the committee last year. In 2023 we ran more than 10 Pop up PL sessions, held 4 student seminar days, ran 5 in person/ online PLs, held a state conference, coordinated 2 student based competitions (with their various judging events and presentations), produced a Good Answer Guide, put out 14 editions of Bulletin, and ran a series of PL for New to History/ returning teachers- not bad for a team of volunteers who all work!

Our committee members also represented you on various SCSA panels, presented at National Conference and made sure the voice of History teachers rang loud at many various events across the year.

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# PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

This year there are changes to the ATAR course for Modern History, rolling out with year 11 this year and year 12 next year. Some of you may have seen the changes at various SCSA events held last year.

There has been some confusion regarding the SCSA *'Summary of Syllabus changes (Modern)'* document. The unit one and two changes are for 2024. (So this year we have changes to our Year 11 course. ) The unit four changes are for 2025 (even though it says for teaching in 2024, they mean the year 11 changes start then- not the year 12.) I have spoken with SCSA to confirm this. Changes for Year 11 are this year and changes for year 12 are in 2025.

At our conference on 16th March, we will have sessions aimed at providing information and support, so I encourage anyone interested in finding out more to get your PL forms into your front office asap! However, our annual state conference is not just about upper school, all HASS teachers are History teachers, so there will be lots of useful sessions aimed at practical ideas, strategies, and resources for lower school as well. This year's conference theme is 'Sharing Stories' and it will be held at Shenton College on the 16th of March. We hope to see you all there for a fun filled day of History.

2024 is going to be a wonderful year for History teaching, I look forward to all that it is going to offer.

Take Care!

Catherine Baron, HTAWA President

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## THE CONFERENCE



**As many of you know, HTAWA will be holding it's annual state conference on Saturday 16th March, 2024 (end of Week Seven for those you need to mark it in their calendars now).**

Please keep an eye on the website for registration!

**<https://www.htawa.org.au/conference/>**

# Latest conference programme (subject to change)

‘Sharing Stories’ – Conference Outline					
Session	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Option 5
8:45am – 9.00am	Registrations & Networking				
9.00am – 9.45am	HTAWA President’s Welcome – Cathy Baron Keynote Address – The Hon Dr Tony Buti MLA; Minister for Education; Aboriginal Affairs; Citizenship; and Multicultural Interests				
Session 1 9.50 - 10.40am	Source Analysis Questions and how to write them. Meredith Beaton & Crystal Wieringa	The National History Challenge – Stories of Crisis & Response Claudia Giovannini	Understanding & unpacking the Economics of History Rhian Biclough	Mythology & Storytelling Lauren Barrie	
Morning Tea Break (10.40am - 11.10am)					
11.10am – 12.00pm	Keynote Address – Author David Hunt				
Session 2 12.05pm – 12.55pm	Exam writing made easy! Dr Anthony Lunt & Sally Davies	Supporting low literacy students to achieve in History. Helena Duffy	Twice Exceptional Students Helen Avery	Play. The Ancient Way! Cassandra Ludowyk	
Lunch Break (12.55pm - 1.30pm)					
Session 3 1.30pm – 2.20pm	Understanding the Modern World: Capitalism Adam Pedrotti	Integrated programs and choice in Year 10 Emily Donders	The SIDE Story Ros Keron	Step outside the textbook: Museum resources for Modern History. Maddy Turner & Gordon Allen	Smoke & Mirrors: How true are the stories of the past? Heather Tunmore
Session 4 2.25pm – 3.15pm	Australia’s Engagement with Asia – Unit 4 The complexity of leaders and foreign affairs Jade Wright Adopting perspectives in History – Unit 4 International Intervention in the Middle East. Jessica Lhota Europe - Unit 4 Presenter TBC	Integrating Experiential Learning in the Secondary Classroom Annabel Elliot	AI in the classroom Kane Pittard	Ancient History ‘The A (History) Team’	
Plenary 3.15pm – 3.30pm	Plenary – followed by door prizes and certificates. 2024 National History Challenge Launch: Crisis & Response				
Session 5 3.30pm – 4.30pm	Unit 3: 'New Thinking on Soviet history - 1917-41' - Professor Christopher Read				

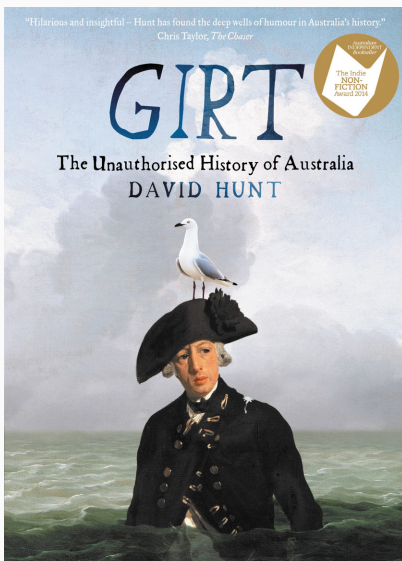
- indicates that the session can be streamed live on the day (pre registrations for this are essential).



# THE CONFERENCE

## *SHARING STORIES*

We have a wide variety of sessions planned which will cover many different aspects of the lower school curriculum, the changes to the Modern upper school curriculum, AI use in the classroom and exam writing skills (among other things). The programme is currently in its final planning stage, but we would like to share some information about two of our speakers this year.



Our Keynote address this year will be given by Australian Author David Hunt. Perhaps best known for his books 'Girt', 'True Girt' and 'Girt Nation', The Unauthorised History of Australia Volumes 1, 2 and 3, David is well placed to share his thoughts and reflections on the many stories that sit behind the fabric of Australia as we know it now and how important stories are to the teaching of History.

We are so excited to have David coming over to Perth to join us for the 'Sharing Stories' Conference this year. More information about David, his literary works and podcasts is available here <https://davidhuntwriter.com/about/>



# THE CONFERENCE

## *SHARING STORIES*

We also have University of Warwick, Professor Christopher Read joining us to deliver a session on new thinking in the area of Soviet History, which will encompass some of the contemporary debates that are present.



Professor Read will be joining us live, but virtually from the UK and as such his session will be occurring in the afternoon due to time differences. We are so pleased to be able to provide access to such esteemed academics for WA History teachers and we are really looking forward to hearing from Professor Read. More information about the works of Professor Read are available here <https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=PkykH2QAAAAJ&hl=en>

Our fabulous committee have put together a diverse programme with something to interest everyone. We will publish the programme when it is finalised. Registration will be opening soon so get those PL forms in to your schools! We are looking forward to seeing everyone there.

# THE NATIONAL HISTORY CHALLENGE

**The theme for the 2024 National History Challenge is  
*“Crisis and Response”***

The closing date is Friday the 23rd August, 2024.

Don't miss our HTAWA State Conference on the 16th March, 2024 for our official NHC theme launch and workshop!

## **What is the National History Challenge?**

The National History Challenge is an exciting contest that encourages students to use research and inquiry-based learning to discover more about the past. Students are the historians. They can investigate their community, explore their own and their family's past and consider ideas throughout history. The NHC encourages the use of primary and secondary sources and offers a variety of presentation styles. It rewards students with generous cash prizes and travel opportunities.

For more information and to register your interest for 2024 go to <https://historychallenge.org.au/>





# THE NATIONAL HISTORY CHALLENGE

## **The 2023 WA Young Historian – Ethan Widjaja, Perth Modern School**

Congratulations to all our 2023 State Winners, and a HUGE congratulations to our WA Young Historian Ethan Widjaja from Perth Modern School, pictured here at the National Presentation Ceremony in Canberra last year.



Ethan's entry as well as other winning entries can be viewed at <https://historychallenge.org.au/2023-winners/>.

# SYLLABUS CHANGES - MODERN HISTORY

**Please refer to the web address below to view  
the changes to the ATAR Modern History  
curriculum:**

[https://senior-secondary.scsa.wa.edu.au/\\_\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0006/1071690/Modern-History-ATAR-Summary-of-syllabus-changes\\_May-2023.PDF](https://senior-secondary.scsa.wa.edu.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0006/1071690/Modern-History-ATAR-Summary-of-syllabus-changes_May-2023.PDF)




**School Curriculum  
and Standards  
Authority**

# HISTORY ORGANISATIONS IN WA: EVENTS

AUSTRALIAN ARMY MUSEUM OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

# RETRO ROCK

Music from the 70's 80's & 90's



PERFORMED BY THE AUSTRALIAN ARMY BAND PERTH

**24<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2024**  
**4.30pm - 7pm**

Artillery Barracks, 6 Burt Street Fremantle

ADULTS	\$20
CONCESSION	\$15
CHILDREN	\$5
FAMILY	\$45

Includes Museum Entry

[www.trybooking.com/CNQFH](http://www.trybooking.com/CNQFH)

see [www.armymuseumwa.com.au](http://www.armymuseumwa.com.au) for details

## Supporting Local Museums

The Australian Army Museum of Western Australia, Fremantle will host the Australian Army Band Perth for an evening of retro favourites! Tickets also include museum entry. Proceeds go towards the museum which will help to collect, conserve, interpret and display Western Australia's Army heritage.



# HISTORY ORGANISATIONS IN WA: EVENTS

## Opening the Ancient World 2024 Virtual Conference

## Call for Papers



### Opening the Ancient World 2024 Virtual Conference Call for Papers OPEN NOW!

**Sunday, July 21st & Monday, July 22nd**

Theme: Representations of the Past in Ancient and Modern Times

Save Ancient Studies Alliance presents our fourth annual conference, a new type of online conference for ALL Ancient Studies scholars and anyone interested in the Ancient World!

While the issues of reception, representation, and use of the past in modern times have been hot topics in recent decades, this has been the case mainly in connection with Western colonialism and contemporary mass media representations. This narrow focus in thinking about representations of pasts misses the universality of this cultural exercise.

#OAW 2024 is proudly funded by the Wenner-Gren Foundation, and will feature Live Interpretation between English - Spanish - Arabic! Learn more about presenting in Spanish or Arabic at the link below.

**Learn more and send in your abstract to apply!**

<https://www.saveancientstudies.org/apply-with-sasa>

**Deadline - March 31st, 2024**

## HTAWA TEAM

### The 2024 Committee

President: Cathy Baron

Vice President: (Ancient History) Sally Davies

Vice Presidents: (Modern History) Sharron Flynn and Emily Donders

Treasurer: David Murray

Secretary: Rosinda Seara

Conference Coordinator: Crystal Wieringa

Regional Coordinator: Ros Keron

Website Coordinator: Virginia Linto

Social Media: Maddy Goor and Ainslie Cusmano

Publications: Sharron Flynn, Madeleine Turner, Crystal Wieringa

National History Challenge: Claudia Giovanni and Jessica Lhota

Simpson Prize: Louise Secker, Ros Keron

New to History: Helen Avery and Jessica Vuckovic

Committee members: George McPharlin, Heather Tunmore, James Elder, Jodie Ford, Jordie Caple, Leon Maag, Cassandra Ludowyk

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