



# History Teachers' Association of NSW AGM

Wednesday 27th October, 2021 5:30PM

Held virtually via ZOOM

## MINUTES

Item	Minutes
<b>Meeting started</b>	5.33pm via Zoom
<b>Attendance</b>	Robyn McKenzie, Francisca Castro, Ashley Chee Quee, Helena Bozic, Maria Dos Santos-Lee, Nikki Brown, Annika Fawcett, Jonathon Dallimore, Elyse Read, Beatriz Cartlidge, Cimen Fevzi, Kate Littlejohn, Michael Street, Fiona Starr, Sean Castle, Michael Condie, Ivan Lucic-Jozak, Denis Mootz, Catherine Bavell, Lara Grimm, Stephen Clarke, Anne Gripton, Bernie Howitt, Melissa Riley, Jessica Duggan, Joshua Wiggins, Duane Galle, Matt Schultz, Carol Mehmet, Melissa Knudson, Emma Bergin
<b>Apologies</b>	Pam Panczyk, Paula Reed, Kate Cameron, Toni Hurley, James Goulding, Kurtis Carter, Constantine Spiropoulos
<b>Acknowledgement of Country</b>	Nikki Brown
<b>Buisness Arising from previous AGM</b>	N/A
<b>Last Minutes - 2020 AGM</b>	Accepted - Stephen Clarke Seconded - Michael Street
<b>President's Annual Report Robyn McKenzie</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 2020 was another year of uncertainty and adapting to lockdown restrictions yet still able to support the teaching of History throughout NSW. Many committee meetings held over Zoom and virtual AGM 2nd year in a row.</li> <li>● Membership of 915 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 343 individual</li> <li>○ 493 Faculty</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Very grateful for tjob-keeper support. Denis to discuss our Audit in his Treasury report, appreciate his advice</li> <li>● Important advocacy role - guide to the ACARA 7-10 History update used by a range of groups to form their response to the consultation _webinars to inform our members</li> <li>● We have been able to run some face-to-face events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Early Career Teacher (thanks Ashley)</li> <li>○ Stage 6 PD at ACU</li> <li>○ HSC study days - restricted by 50% due to NSW Health's 2 sq m rule</li> <li>○ Regional HSC study lectures in Coffs Harbour well attended.</li> <li>○ Thanks to all who presented/attended</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Unable to hold some events due to be held due to 4 month</li> </ul>

lockdown and full term of remote online learning = State Conference was meant to be held at Sydney Girls' new auditorium

- NESA accredited very popular *Introduction to Extension History* held online by Jono and Ashley.
- Webinars eg Reflections on 2020 Ancient and Modern HSC exams, *Sourcy stuff: Using Evidence in Ancient Responses* and the *War and the Making of Stalinism*, Professor McKenna's reflections of Dark Emu
- Partnerships = webinar in conjunction with SLNSW by Professor Grace Karskens on the *People of the River and Dyarubbin*.
- Thank you for the invaluable work of our 3 amazing Employees:
  - Maria works tirelessly behind the scenes to run our office and accounts. She co-ordinates vast amounts of registrations for our many PLs, the Trial exams, our competitions and postage of our many publications. We are deeply appreciative of everything they contribute to making HTANSW run so smoothly. She has also had the huge undertaking of overseeing our data transfer and ensuring that all of the business admin side of things transitions over safely for our new site. She is also our Returning Officer and will be guiding us through our first ever online election.
  - With the retirement of Paul Kiem as our Professional Officer at the end of last year, Jonathon Dallimore has done the most amazing job as our Professional Officer and we welcomed a new temporary part time employee Dr Fiona Starr who comes to us with a wealth of experience from Sydney Living Museums. She has only had the opportunity to meet us in person at one of our face to face events but she has been working behind the scenes assisting with publishing, coordinating events, contributing to the journal and even running her own webinar about Building Historical Narratives from Objects. We look forward to getting to see you more in the new year.
  - This year Jonathon Dallimore has been the driving force behind our successful initiatives and is the Project Manager of our new website which he will be giving us a sneak peak of later today. It will have greater accessibility for teachers and more interactive features to support the business side of the association. I know that the launch has been slightly delayed but the end product that we are receiving is a very professional and tech savvy site with increased features that future proofing the organisation and provide a better service for our members.
  - As our Professional Officer Jono is absolutely invaluable, presenting at both teacher and student events; co-ordinating webinars, publishing, consulting with schools, advising the Exec, co-ordinating the Trial exam papers and our Podcasts, amongst other things. Jonathon & I have continued our important advocacy with Stakeholder meetings with Paul Martin NESAs CEO & Paul Cahill, the Director of Curriculum Operations as they update us on the curriculum review and other changes. Jono will be discussing the curriculum review in more detail a little later. This advocacy role will be an important focus in 2022 as we look at how to best support our members through this new implementation.

- From the bottom of my heart I am so grateful for everything that Jono has done and continues to do – he we've already started planning some exciting initiatives for next year which he will detail in his Professional Officer report.
- New Directors - It has been wonderful to have the input of new and returning directors this year: Helena Bozic, Michael Street, Sean Castle, Annika Fawcett . I know it's been a difficult year to make a contribution without our large scale events but you have already started to make an impact whether it has been marking NHC, coordinating Premier Scholarships or taking over the organisation of the Les Gordon Debating competition next year.
- 'd like to also acknowledge the Work of the Executive (F&M committee: Pres, VP, Treasurer, Secretary) – meet to look at the big picture and make recommendations to be approved by the Board. We are looking at transition planning with Mel shadowing Denis as Treasurer and Lara is in her second year as Secretary. We will be holding our next Exec meeting in December to look at refining process and employee contracts.
- COMPETITIONS AND AWARDS
  - 2020-1 NSW Premier's HTANSW History Scholarships = Michael Street co-ordinator this year, but unfortunately due to covid it was postponed.
  - HSC High Achiever Awards and Extension History Essay Prizes = - Chau Chak Museum. Thanks to Bea Cartlidge for organising this great event that acknowledges student achievement (& their teachers). We were even treated to an after hours tour afterwards by Dr Craig Barker which was amazing!
  - National History Challenge = This year's theme was *Significance: History Matters*. Special thanks to Paula Reed and Francisca Castro for their management of this competition. They'll speak later about the details and it's wonderful that we can have a presentation this year at the Hyde Park Memorial to acknowledge them. Thank you to those Directors who assisted with marking.
  - Simpson Prize/Extension History Prize = Bea Cartlidge continues to coordinate the Simpson Prize and Anne Gripton the Extension History Essay comp. Marking of the Extension comp is soon to be under way. Both will report on these later
  - Australian History Competition & History Mastermind = postponed until 2022 and we have taken over the organisation of the Les Gordon History Debating competition which Annika will oversee.
- Outgoing Directors -Paula Reed asked me to pass on her well wishes at the AGM. She has been a long serving Director of the Board for the past 13 years and has done an amazing job co-ordinating the National History Challenge along with Francisca. She loves HTANSW and said that she looks forward to catching up with us all at future events.
- PUBLICATIONS AND SOCIAL MEDIA - In addition to our study guides and topic publications such as Russia and *Senior Students Guide to Ancient Persia*, we have developed new PDF publications for members only about *Women in Ancient Greece* and *The Decline and Fall of the Romanovs* with special thanks to Stephen Clarke and Jono. We also continued to produce Trial HSC exams for the Ancient, Modern and Extension courses. I know many Board

members contribute to these – to maintain integrity I won't name you but thank you for your time with putting these together.

- Journal - Teaching History
  - Nikki's journal is due to hit schools next week with the theme *Promoting History*.
  - Our 2021 journal editors James Goulding, Kate Little John and Melissa Riley are all stepping down as journal editors for next year. Your efforts are greatly appreciated
  - We greatly appreciate the role of our Editor-in-Chief Catherine Bavell on her page setting and general oversight of the production quality of our journals. We congratulated Catherine on receiving a PTC Outstanding Service Award earlier this year.
  - Will be looking for expressions of interest for those wanting to get involved next year. The Term 1 2022 journal starts to be planned this term and we will be utilising the publishing expertise of Dr Fiona Starr for our next edition. We will be discussing at Exec updating the structure of journal editors and working with Catherine and the journal editors to streamline the process.
- Podcasts = Our 23 official HTANSW podcasts have been downloaded approximately 15000 times
- Social Media = thanks Ivan - healthy increase in activity
- Succession planning - Treasurer and undertaking a review of our governance procedures
- I am proud to lead such a wonderful and professional association and thanks everyone for their support in her 3rd year as President - amazing to see so many people applying to the Board this year.

**Professional Officer Report - Jonathan Dallimore**

- Thank you to the Board and the support of Robyn, Maria and Fiona
- Recap of the year
  - Lucky that some events were able to run face-to-face despite covid restrictions
  - Had to change the State Conference - the webinars have been a success considering many teachers are zoomed out
  - We have made some comments in the media - SMH
- Website = days away from launching the website, will open on Monday when 2022 membership opens
- Looking forward to 2022:
  - Locked in a number of dates for 2022
    - exam webinars = Term 1
    - Stage 6 day = March
    - Early Career teacher Day = April
    - HSC Study Days in Sydney and Coffs Harbour = June
    - Re-run the Introduction to Ext History online, as well as an introduction to Ancient and Modern History
    - Possible symposium to discuss the 'Australian Story'
    - Unsure of a State Conference at this stage
    - National Conference in Darwin - 30 Sept
  - Curriculum Reform = final draft in Jan/Feb then NSW will move to a state based curriculum
    - Media comments
    - Networks are being built
    - 50 years of history in NSW - running a series of articles in the Teaching History Journal

<b>Treasurer's Report - Annual Financial Audit - Denis Mootz</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Very positive bottom line due to the work of Maria to make sure that we get financial support from the govt during Covid</li> <li>• Xero has been adopted</li> <li>• Acceptance of Audit = Denis Mootz</li> <li>• Seconded = Melissa Riley</li> </ul>																																																				
<b>Election of 2022 Office Bearers / Directors - Public Officer Maria Dos Santos</b>	<p><b>BOARD OF DIRECTORS</b></p> <p><i>The 2022 Board of Directors, elected on 27st October 2021 at the History Teachers' Association NSW AGM. It will hold office until the 2022 AGM set down for October 2022. (Exact date TBC)</i></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="592 490 919 1476"> <tr><td>President</td><td>Robyn McKenzie</td></tr> <tr><td>Past President</td><td>Toni Hurley</td></tr> <tr><td>Vice President</td><td>Beatriz Carlidge</td></tr> <tr><td>Vice President</td><td>Anne Gipton</td></tr> <tr><td>Vice President</td><td>Melissa Riley</td></tr> <tr><td>Treasurer</td><td>Denis Mootz</td></tr> <tr><td>Secretary</td><td>Lara Grimm</td></tr> <tr><td>Director &amp; Editor-in-Chief</td><td>Catherine Bavel</td></tr> <tr><td>Director</td><td>Helena Bozic</td></tr> <tr><td>Director &amp; Journal Editor</td><td>Nikki Brown</td></tr> <tr><td>Director</td><td>Francisca Castro</td></tr> <tr><td>Director</td><td>Ashley Chee Quee</td></tr> <tr><td>Director</td><td>Stephen Clarke</td></tr> <tr><td>Director</td><td>Michael Condie</td></tr> <tr><td>Director</td><td>Annika Fawcett</td></tr> <tr><td>Director</td><td>Cimen Fevzi</td></tr> <tr><td>Director</td><td>Duane Galle</td></tr> <tr><td>Director</td><td>Kate Littlejohn</td></tr> <tr><td>Director</td><td>Ivan Ludic-Jozak</td></tr> <tr><td>Director</td><td>Elyse Read</td></tr> <tr><td>Director</td><td>Matt Schultz</td></tr> <tr><td>Director</td><td>Michael Street</td></tr> <tr><td>Alumni Member</td><td>Kate Cameron</td></tr> <tr><td>Alumni Member</td><td>Bernie Howitt</td></tr> <tr><td>Alumni Member</td><td>Jennifer Lawless</td></tr> <tr><td>Alumni Member</td><td>Pamela Panczyk</td></tr> </table>	President	Robyn McKenzie	Past President	Toni Hurley	Vice President	Beatriz Carlidge	Vice President	Anne Gipton	Vice President	Melissa Riley	Treasurer	Denis Mootz	Secretary	Lara Grimm	Director & Editor-in-Chief	Catherine Bavel	Director	Helena Bozic	Director & Journal Editor	Nikki Brown	Director	Francisca Castro	Director	Ashley Chee Quee	Director	Stephen Clarke	Director	Michael Condie	Director	Annika Fawcett	Director	Cimen Fevzi	Director	Duane Galle	Director	Kate Littlejohn	Director	Ivan Ludic-Jozak	Director	Elyse Read	Director	Matt Schultz	Director	Michael Street	Alumni Member	Kate Cameron	Alumni Member	Bernie Howitt	Alumni Member	Jennifer Lawless	Alumni Member	Pamela Panczyk
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<b>National History Challenge - Paula Reed &amp; Francisca Castro</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thank you to everyone who assisted in judging the challenge</li> <li>• More entries than last year</li> <li>• Nominated students for all years and special categories</li> <li>• Winners announced on December 6th at the presentation held at the ANZAC memorial</li> <li>• Robyn - thank you to Francisca, Paula and Maria for their hard work with organising this</li> </ul>																																																				
<b>NSW Premier HTANSW History Scholarship - Michael Street</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2022 Scholarship has been cancelled</li> <li>• Still have time for 2020 candidate to fulfil his scholarship within Australia</li> <li>• New contact for 2023 = applications open term 1 2022, close by term 2 and recipient selection in term 2, scholarship trip in term 1+2 in 2023 (looking like it will be international)</li> </ul>																																																				
<b>Simpson Prize - Bea</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation for 2020 winners took place via zoom (recording -</li> </ul>																																																				

<b>Carlidge</b>	<p><a href="https://publish.viostream.com/play/o99euddjafzjr">https://publish.viostream.com/play/o99euddjafzjr</a>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Students win a trip abroad to a special site for ANZAC Day - instead each winner won a significant monetary prize to buy a new computer</li> <li>● 2021 Prize closes December 5th = Bea will then ask for helpers to mark this</li> </ul>
<b>Extension Prize - Anne Gripton</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Currently marking the first round - due to be completed by Monday 8th November</li> <li>● Similar amounts of entries to previous years</li> <li>● Slight increase in the number of AUstralian history essays</li> <li>● A number of essays that significantly overlapped with the ancient, modern and ext courses</li> <li>● Thank you to all the markers</li> <li>● Winners will be acknowledged at the Higher Achievers night next year</li> </ul>
<b>Teaching History Journal Catherine Bavell &amp; Editors</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Thank you to Robyn to her ongoing support</li> <li>● Thank you to James, Melissa, Nikki and Kate as the editors of the Journal in 2021</li> <li>● Term 3 Journal is being delivered in schools shortly.</li> <li>● Term 4 Journal should be delivered by the end of Term 4.</li> <li>● Thank you to continuing contributors - Jonathan, Fiona, Anne and Denis</li> <li>● Increase in beginning teachers offering materials and they are open to feedback given</li> <li>● Thank you to Maria for organisation and advertising</li> <li>● Thank you to our printers</li> <li>● Continue to send in - reviews, teaching ideas, articles, etc.</li> <li>● Nikki - thank you to all contributors to the Term 3 Journal</li> <li>● Melissa - thank you Catherine for all of her support to the Journal Editors</li> <li>● Kate - thank you to Catherine and the other editors, and thank you to everyone for all their contributions over the past 4 years</li> <li>● Nikki - happy to discuss the position of editor to anyone who is interested</li> <li>● Robyn - next Executive meeting will discuss the Journal</li> <li>● Fiona will be the editor of the Term 1 Journal</li> </ul>
<b>Social Media Ivan Lucic-Jozak</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Members are continuing to engage with us - posts are reaching members</li> <li>● Posts now have a consistent look = streamlining how we look online</li> <li>● Currently liaising with external advertisers for future events</li> <li>● Thank you to everyone who sends through ideas/posts for social media</li> <li>● Robyn - thank you to Ivan for your work and time on all 3 social media platforms</li> </ul>
<b>December Meeting &amp; feasibility of Christmas dinner</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● HSC marking finishes very late this year</li> <li>● Nothing too pressing that needs to be discussed in December</li> <li>● It will be hard to get numbers for a quorum if it is in late December</li> <li>● Agreed - December meeting will be pushed back to the Planning Day in 2022</li> </ul>
<b>General Business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Anne - what does planning day look like in 2022? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Robyn = thoughts are to mimic what it looked like in 2021 (in</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>Sydney and paying the bill for regional board members to participate)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Bea = supports this</li> <li>○ Robyn &amp; Jonathan = want to be cautious with money in this Covid period</li> <li>○ Anne - this year's venue worked well</li> <li>● Robyn - Aiming for all meetings to be held face-to-face in 2022 at PTC</li> <li>● Exciting news <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Lara is engaged</li> <li>○ Michael + Kate Condie are expecting first baby in early 2022</li> <li>○ Annika = Her sister-in-law Elle is expecting her first baby (went on the Academy Travel trip to Egypt)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Meeting closed</b>	7:06pm
<b>Minutes taken by</b>	Lara Grimm