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Welcome

Australian Curriculum

As part of the Australian Curriculum Review I met with Prof Ken Wiltshire and Dr Kevin Donnelly to discuss the HTAA submission in April. The questions asked by the reviewers indicated that they had interrogated the HTAA submission and also provided me with a little more insight into what other stakeholders had raised in regards to the place of History within the Humanities and Social Science learning area, and within the primary school timetable.

A key focus for Prof Wiltshire and Dr Donnelly was what content should be considered core, and whether the existing curriculum document reflected this. The idea of core content had been raised and energetically debated during the development of the AC: History and the existing document is the result of consultation that did involve teachers not just stakeholders. A second focus was regarding the amount of time allocated to History in response to concerns raised by stakeholders in primary education and other HASS disciplines. A further focus was professional learning for teachers to support them with the delivery of the AC.

Prof Wiltshire and Dr Donnelly are due to submit their report on the 31 July 2014 and we await this being tabled in parliament by Minister Pyne. Meanwhile, some jurisdiction curriculum authorities have been undertaking their own review of the AC, including Western Australia where a HASS curriculum is being developed for P-10.

Competitions

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Australian History Competition this year. The competition continues to grow in numbers and spread across the country. This year the national winners came from four jurisdictions: Year 8 competition winners came from New South Wales, Northern Territory and Victoria, and the Year 10 winner was from Western Australia. Many thanks to all the teachers who registered their schools and a special thank you to the team involved in developing the questions for 2014.

A reminder that entries for the National History Challenge are due on the 29 August and Simpson Prize entries are due on the 17 October.

Louise Secker
President, HTAA

2014 Australian History Competition Update



Results for the 2014 Australian History Competition, which took place on 28 May, were recently released. Once again, these results were very encouraging, with indications that students have a very sound grasp of the skills and concepts taught in the Australian Curriculum: History. A particularly pleasing aspect in 2014 was the diversity of schools from the different states and territories represented in the top places. More detail is available in the 2014 Evaluation on the [Australian History Competition website](#).

Details about the 2015 Year 8 and Year 10 competitions will be available on the website in late 2014.

Congratulations to the following students who achieved top marks nationally or in their state or territory:

Year 8

National Champions

JAMES GRANT William Carey Christian School, NSW

DIGBY WILLIAMS Kormilda College, NT

SARAH BERRY Berry School, Vic

ACT

1st ANDREW RAPP Telopea Park School

1st KAYLA HEMSLEY Alfred Deakin High School

2nd JAKOB TAYLOR Marist College Canberra

2nd CARYS CONNICK Campbell High School

2nd LYDIA MURRAY Radford College

2nd JENNIFER FINLAY Alfred Deakin High School

NSW

1st JAMES GRANT William Carey Christian School

2nd OWEN MCKITTRICK Wauchope High School

2nd MATTHEW BLYTH Merewether High School

2nd KIRAN SURENDRAN Chatswood High School

2nd ZE KAI CHEONG Penrith High School

2nd KEN PAK Penrith High School

2nd COOPER PEARCE Trinity Catholic College, Goulburn

2nd TALIESIN HEYMAN-GRIFFITH Sydney Secondary College, Balmain

NT

1st DIGBY WILLIAMS Kormilda College

2nd RHIANNON CROOKS Darwin Middle School

2nd ASHLEY SETTERFIELD The Essington School, Darwin

Qld

1st AARON NETTO St Laurences College

1st ANTON IMMARAJ Brisbane State High School

1st SERENE MCCORMACK Brisbane State High School

1st EMMA PENFOLD Cavendish Road High School

1st LEWIS REED Citipointe Christian College

1st PATRICK COLEMAN St Mary's College

SA

1st RIVER GONSALVES Glenunga International High School

2nd FINLAY AIKENS Glenunga International High School

2nd FINN CAULFIELD Glenunga International High School

2nd MAISIE HOWARD Glenunga International High School

2nd TAYLA KENT Glenunga International High School

2nd JACHIN MEE Glenunga International High School

Tas

1st SAMANTHA LILLICO Marist College

1st XAVIER GANDY New Town High School

2nd ANGELINA BASSETT Marist College

2nd AARON WOO Marist College

Vic

1st SARAH BERRY Berry School

2nd XANDER BRITZ Camberwell High School

2nd EMILY CAO Haileybury College

2nd ABHISHEK KUMAR Haileybury College

2nd A JAY JAY Marymede Catholic College

Qld

1st TRENT NIXON St Johns Anglican College

2nd HAMISH NOBLE Indooroopilly High School

2nd INDIA HARGRAVE SMITH Brisbane State High School

2nd PATRICK DOWLING Ormiston College

2nd SOPHIE MADDOCK Stanthorpe High School

WA

1st WILLIAM EGGLETON Living Waters Lutheran College

1st JOSHUA CHAN Christ Church Grammar School

2nd TRISTAN GUEST Comet Bay College

2nd DILLON MOORE John Curtin College of the Arts

2nd HENRY PEMBERTON Christ Church Grammar School

Year 10

National Champion

JACK ANNEAR Christ Church Grammar School

ACT

1st NICHOLAS MCCOLL Radford College

1st JOSHUA WALKER Radford College

2nd ANGELA LIAO Radford College

2nd MATILDA DOWSE Alfred Deakin High School

NSW

1st JACOB YUILL Manly High School

1st NIAMH BRADDOCK-HANRAT Sydney Girls High School

1st JULIA HO Sydney Girls High School

NT

1st REBECCA SPAIN Kormilda College

2nd COURTNEY KNOWLER Kormilda College

SA

1st ANNA DAY Loreto College

2nd DARCY DUNN LAWLESS Pulteney Grammar School

2nd SAM DIPROSE Concordia College

Tas

1st DAKOTA GALLAGHER Burnie High School

2nd RHIANNON COX Marist College

Vic

1st DARCY MYRING Mount Lilydale Mercy College

1st ALAN WU Tintern Schools

1st DREW LINDSAY Huntingtower School

WA

1st JACK ANNEAR Christ Church Grammar School

2nd JAMES DOW Willetton Senior High School

The Australian History Competition
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Calendar

This calendar is a monthly guide to what is coming up in 2014. Please visit each state association's website for more information about the events and professional learning sessions that you see on the calendar.

July	August	September
<p>2 Stage 4/5 PD Day, ACU, Strathfield (NSW)</p> <p>8 South Australian conference (SA)</p> <p>18 HTAV Primary Conference (Vic)</p> <p>29 National History Challenge competition closing date</p> <p>Simpson Prize and Anglesea Barracks Military/Museum event (Tas)</p>	<p>1 HSC Study Days – students and teachers, CSU, Wagga Wagga (NSW)</p> <p>5 Introduction to Extension Course, NSW BOSTES, Sydney (NSW)</p> <p>6 HTAWA student seminar day – Bunbury (WA)</p> <p>13 HTAWA student seminar day – Fremantle (WA)</p> <p>30-2 Oct HTAA Conference – Brisbane (WA)</p>	<p>1 HSC Study Days – students and teachers, CSU, Wagga Wagga (NSW)</p> <p>5 Introduction to Extension Course, NSW BOSTES, Sydney (NSW)</p> <p>6 HTAWA student seminar day – Bunbury (WA)</p> <p>13 HTAWA student seminar day – Fremantle (WA)</p> <p>30-2 Oct HTAA Conference – Brisbane (WA)</p>
October	November	December
<p>17 Simpson Prize closing date</p> <p>24 HTAV Middle Years conference (Vic)</p>	<p>20 HTAV Teachers new to VCE and the new senior courses (Vic)</p> <p>29 Extension History – students and teachers, Macquarie University (NSW)</p>	



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It has been a very busy year so far for us, with a focus on opportunities for professional learning.

We went all out in two sessions on the AC History units and had a wonderful response from local teachers. Radford College (on the north side of Canberra) and Melrose High School (in the south), hosted the events and more than 70 teachers attended each one. We were quite over come by the level of interest, which came from the complete range of ACT secondary and primary schools, and from casual relief and pre-service teachers. We took the opportunity to publicise the NHC and other competitions as well, so are hoping for an increase in entries from the ACT. These sessions received great practical support from the DVA, who have been out standing in their assistance to us, and were very well received.

ACTHTA was also involved in a regional PL session with HTANSW at the University of Canberra, where Ann Parry presented a session on Scootle.

Ann Parry
President, ACTHTA

Competition News



THE SIMPSON PRIZE

"To what extent did Australians enlist in 1914 to defend the "Mother Country"

ENTRIES CLOSE: Friday, 17 October 2014

A competition for Year 9 and 10 students
The 2015 Simpson Prize Question requires students to respond to the question using both the 2015 Simpson Prize Australian War Memorial Source Selection (<http://www.awm.gov.au/education/simpson-prize-question-2015>) and their own research. It is expected that students will make effective use of a minimum of three of the sources. It is also expected that up to half of their response will make use of information drawn from their own knowledge and research.

Entries via www.simpsonprize.org

Queensland

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The Queensland History Teachers Association has been busy this term organising this year's National Conference, which will be held at Brisbane Grammar school on Tuesday 30 September, Wednesday 1 October, and Thursday 2 October. The conference theme will be 'History for the Future: What Future for History?' and will offer a range of national and international speakers who will explore questions such as:

- What is History in the 21st century?
- What value does the study of History have for 21st-century learners?
- What are the implications of the Australian Curriculum in History for Australian teachers?
- What are the 'best practices' in the teaching of History for 21st-century learners?
- What is the future for History and History teaching in the 21st century?

[Registrations are open](#). The Conference aims to provide professional development opportunities to all teachers

of History, from Senior Modern and Ancient History to teachers of History in earlier years, including primary years.

We are pleased to report that participation at Senior Student Seminars remains strong (details about these can be found on the [QHTA website](http://qhta.com.au)). In addition, QHTA, working with the State Library of Qld, invites Queensland History teachers to submit the name of one student from their Year 11 or 12 Ancient History or Modern History classes to attend the Young Historians' Workshop, which is held at the State Library of Queensland each year.

Only ten students are chosen and, of these, preference is given to two students from rural or remote areas who meet the criteria. These two students have travel costs supplemented to the value of \$600 each and are billeted in Brisbane. QHTA also endeavours to maintain communication with interested teachers through professional discussion on Facebook, Twitter or the QHTA Discussion Group (details about how to sign up are on the [QHTA website](http://qhta.com.au)).

As President, I would like to especially thank my Executive and Executive Officer, Sandra Kenman, who have taken on additional tasks this term as I have been recovering from surgery. As many of you will know, I was flown from Queensland to Sydney unexpectedly at Easter to have brain surgery. This was a very frightening and worrying time for me and my family, and I thank those of you who sent cards and good wishes.

We look forward to helping Queensland teachers achieve their goals in 2014 and to seeing those of you from other states who will travel to Brisbane in September for our Annual Conference.

Sue Burville-Shaw
President, QHTA

Northern Territory

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The Geography and History Teachers' Association of the Northern Territory (GHTANT) has had a fairly quiet start to the year due in part to funding cuts that resulted in increased teacher workloads. However, we are poised to increase our activities quite significantly in the second half of the year.

Our first major event was the launch of the National History Challenge which was held at the Northern Territory Library. There has been a slight increase in interest this year and we are hopeful that this will translate to an increase in entries.

Our AGM was held on 14 June and was combined with Geography and History workshops. The focus was on evaluating sources. The AGM was well attended and we were delighted by the number of people who volunteered to be on the GHTANT organising committee for 2014-2015. We have an excellent combination of experience and fresh ideas. The committee consists of:

- President – Loraine Caldwell
- Vice President – Susi Hayes
- Secretary – Cathy Deans
- Treasurer – Julie Hearnden
- Committee Members – Marg Girham, David King, Meg Davis, Jane Dwan and Emma Crowther

GHTANT was invited by the NT organising committee of the AALEA/AATE English Teachers Conference to provide delegates with a series of History tours. These effectively raised the profile of our association as they were well attended and received very positive feedback. We have also had some preliminary talks with ALEA NT and ETANT about the possibility of running some combined professional learning experiences and we are hoping



to include other professional associations such as the Science Teachers Association (STANT). Such an approach would appeal especially to primary teachers and those members teacher across multiple learning areas. It will also allow us to maximise funding and resources to ensure a quality event.

Planned GHTANT activities for this term include a workshop sponsored by World Vision mid-August and a mini conference to be held at the end of August. We are also revamping our website and becoming more technologically savvy. Our Facebook page is in the process of being set up and will be launched soon.

Loraine Caldwell
President, GHTANT

New South Wales

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HTANSW has once again survived its major activity for the year, the HSC Study Days at the University of Sydney. During June thousands of HSC students and their teachers attended lectures covering a wide series of HSC topics. This is a critical part of the year and is an invaluable service in the lead up to school-based trial exams, as well as the HSC itself.

Current President Bernie Howitt, and long-time member Geoff Lewis have recently returned from two separate sojourns to New Zealand, presenting a Gallipoli photo exhibition to schools on behalf of the Australian High Commission. The 20 photos included in the exhibition covered the Gallipoli experience from both an Australian and New Zealand point of view, and engaged New Zealand students in many deep discussions about the nature of the war and the ANZAC relationship. One of the highlights was discovering CW Bean's great granddaughter in a Year 9 class at Hillcrest High School in Hamilton. It was



Presenters at HTANSW's Newcastle PD day: David Ardley (Henry Kendall High School) and Alan Wheatland (Wackabop Senior College, Port Macquarie).



Presenters Kate Cameron, Jo Clyne and Richard Smith at the joint HTANSW/HTAY PD day at Albury, Wodonga in May.

agreat learning experience on both sides, and certainly helped achieve the High Commission's aim of enhancing understanding of the ANZAC relationship.

Future events include a day for Stages 4 and 5 History, an introduction to teaching Extension History, and another HSC History student Study Day at Wagga Wagga. These are all building on another successful year of presentations across NSW to regional History teachers, as well as early career and American Extension History days.

The introduction of the new syllabus in Years 7 and 9 has proceeded smoothly, and the consultation on the shape of senior History courses has started to take shape. This will undoubtedly involve many members in deep and intense discussions. The question of a core for Modern History is one element that will be sharply debated across the state.

Bernie Howitt
President, HTANSW



Ken Webb presenting at the Canberra PD Day.



Inspired, delegates at the joint HTANSW/ACTHTA PD day held in Canberra.

South Australia

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The recent months have been very busy at the HTASA. It is always encouraging to see new faces at our professional development events. This was certainly the case at the successful Senior SACE afternoon held in February at the Torrens Parade Grounds. The entire afternoon emphasised the key message of the critical importance of mentoring our colleagues. In any professional relationship all parties benefit from discussions and the sharing of resources.

This leads to my next point regarding our approaching HTASA State History conference. Our theme this year is, 'Whose History is it?' The committee thought this should foster lively debate. The event will again be held at the Art Gallery of SA, on Friday 8 August, while also sharing the facilities of the Migration Museum and the Museum of South Australia. We are particularly excited to have the Hon Bob Carr and Professor Melanie Oppenheimer (Flinders University) as our keynote speakers this year.

We have also been grateful for the response to our Saturday morning professional development workshops for primary and middle year's teachers of History. Titled 'History is the Name of the Game', the first event held in May was a sell out and the next on 9 August looks like it's heading the same way. These workshops conducted by Malcolm Massie (Scotch College) and Mandi Dimitriadis (DECS) have received glowing reviews in the feedback from participants and it continues to highlight the demand for excellent professional development amongst our colleagues.

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Membership, Events and Conferences

July is a busy time of year for the Events and Programs team led by Meri Rametta. We are currently preparing for the annual conference, but have added even more events to the HTAV professional development calendar in 2014, including a second primary conference. This year we also partnered with GTAV for a cross-disciplinary conference



Finally I would like to pay tribute to two individuals in our community. Firstly, we conducted a small farewell ceremony to Andrew Buxton who is retiring after extraordinary service to history teaching in South Australia. The members gathered at the SACE Afternoon were unanimous in their praise of Andrew's commitment to both the HTASA and the HTAA on the national level. We wish Andrew many years of vibrant health and relaxation in his retirement.

Our second farewell is to Regina Zielinski who is moving to NSW to be near family. Regina is an amazing woman who has brought happiness, strength and inspiration to thousands of South Australian students and of course the broader community. In her gentle manner, Regina brought her story of survival in the mass breakout from the Sobibor Nazi Extermination Camp in Poland to so many of us, such as her keynote address at the 2010 HTASA State Conference. Only last year an extraordinary evening was held at the National Wine Centre to commemorate the 70 years since this momentous event. The esteem with which Regina is held in our nation was duly witnessed as both the Governor Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce OAM and Lieutenant Governor Hieu Van Le were both in attendance. We wish Regina every joy and happiness in her move. For all of us who have been privileged to meet Regina, her words and example will always inspire us to be the best we possibly can be in our personal and professional lives.

Paul Foley
President, HTASA



at Melbourne Museum. We continue to offer boutique events for primary and secondary teachers focusing on 'Teachers New to VCE', 'Understanding AusVELS' and 'History for Regional Teachers'. Other popular events include VCE student lectures held twice a year at the University of Melbourne. Once the senior curriculum has been confirmed, we will be offering professional development sessions for teachers on understanding

and implementation. The HTAV is also looking forward to hosting the HTAA annual conference in 2015.

In 2014 we were delighted to see a growth in our primary memberships. We are supporting teachers who wish to enhance their history teaching skills with publications such as 'Prime Resource' and the primary membership e-bulletin.

Consultancy and Education

In 2014, the HTAV has completed consultancies for The Songs They Sang, the National Trust Gallipoli Oak Project, the Yarra Ranges Regional Museum and the Medical Association for Prevention of War. We are currently working on projects with the Chinese Museum, Culture Victoria, Department of Veterans' Affairs, National Trust and the National Sports Museum. Each represents an exciting challenge for historical research and creating new and accessible resources for students at both primary and secondary levels. We are particularly looking forward to the launch of the Chinese Anzac exhibition which will include video exhibits produced by the HTAV.

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The first six months of 2014 have been very busy for HTAWA with numerous professional learning opportunities and our state conference.

'History and Fiction' was the theme for our state conference held in March and included an extra day dedicated to primary teachers. Author Mark Greenwood provided the keynote speech titled 'History Hunter', which was followed by sessions ranging from looking at using forensics and myth to movies and documentaries, and students creating their own story books. Alongside these were sessions based on the ESA units, AC: History standards, the centenary of WWI and the Yod Vashem program. In June HTAWA took some of the key workshops 'on the road' in a joint initiative with the Department of Education and Association of Independent Schools WA at Cape Naturaliste College.

In March the curriculum authority in Western Australia released new Year 11 and 12 courses adapted from the

We have been very successful with grant applications in 2014, with funding gained from the Telematics Trust, Department of Veterans' Affairs, the Public Records Office of Victoria, and Culture Victoria (two projects).

Richard Smith and Jo Clyne have spent a record amount of time in regional Victoria this year delivering professional development sessions and promoting the Premier's Spirit of ANZAC Prize. Areas covered include, Ballarat, Bendigo, Albury-Wodonga, Warragul and Koo Wee Rup.

Publications

In the beginning of the year, HTAV purchased a second office at the Carrington Centre in Collingwood to house our growing publications team. Led by Ingrid Purnell, the publications department is currently moving into developing digital content and resources. They have already released two new titles this year - 'Life in the Ancient World' and 'Rights and Freedoms'. A new 'Best of Agora' for primary teachers is currently in production.

Jo Clyne (HTAV), Alexis Watson and Colin Pearce
Victorian coordinators, National History Challenge



senior Australian Curriculum, including Ancient History and Modern History. Whilst some of the units look familiar, others mark a radical departure from our existing curriculum, most notably the Year 11 Ancient History units. With these courses starting in 2015 HTAWA has rolled out a number of sessions to support teachers in Semester 1.

Numerous HTAWA members were also involved presenting at a Teachmeet event for History teachers in May. Teachmeet is an opportunity for a number of teachers to share ideas via a 3-minute presentation. The event was hosted at the State Library though teachers could also be involved online with the session being filmed and a live Twitter feed. It is a great opportunity to be exposed to a whole range of ideas as well as giving teachers the experience of presenting to their peers.

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The committed and enthusiastic group of teachers that form the Tasmanian History Teachers' Association (THTA) has continued their fine work of previous years and are looking forward to a productive time ahead.

At our AGM in March we sadly farewelled our President, David Boon, who is taking a short break from the Association. David has played an integral role in the re-invigoration of the Association and his leadership and enthusiasm for the teaching of History has been appreciated by us all. An avid historian, David has inspired many teachers throughout the state. We wish David all the best and thank him for his valuable contributions over the years. Rest assured, we feel sure that David will once again join our ranks in the future and plans are already afoot for his new and improved role.

In 2013, the THTA formed a series of cluster groups that have provided teachers in the more remote parts of the state to network, share resources and support one another. Our North-West cluster, led by Dionne Parker, is a particularly active group and this initiative is proving to be a wonderful resource to the teachers involved. History teachers interested in forming a THTA cluster group

are encouraged to [contact Wendy Frost](#) (President) if they would like further information on how to proceed. Financial support for the running of professional learning and other activities can be negotiated.

The THTA website and Facebook page are currently undergoing a long overdue revamp. Apart from the usual sharing of information regarding THTA supported competitions and information regarding upcoming events, we see these sites as a valuable means to share the wonderful work being done by History teachers and their students around the state. Teachers wishing to share news items and to celebrate the work of their History classrooms can [email items for inclusion on the website and/or Facebook page](#).

2015 THTA Biannual Conference

The THTA welcomes new and existing members to be involved in the activities of the Association. [Please visit our website for further information](#).

David Boon

President, THTA

2014 HTAA Conference – Brisbane

Tuesday 30 September – Thursday 2 October 2014

The theme of this year's conference is 'History for the Future: What Future for History?' and aims to challenge teachers to think about the discipline of History and what it means to be History teachers in order to develop our capacity to deliver effective and meaningful learning experiences in Australian classrooms. There will be seventy-one workshops and excursions available over three days in sunny Queensland.

Visit the website to [download a flier, see the program and register](#).

