

Stories Matter

**Our local communities are rich with diverse and
unique stories.
Be inspired to collect, activate and share community
narratives.**

Seminar Program

**Wednesday 6th June 2018
9am to 4pm
Library at the Dock**

A Joint Seminar of the Public Libraries Victoria Network
Multicultural Services and Programs Special Interest Group
and
Local Studies Special Interest Group

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Time	Event
9.00am	Registration
9.30am	Welcoming Speech and Housekeeping
9.35am	Welcome to Country Shane Charles Aboriginal Melbourne Team City of Melbourne
9.45am Keynote Speaker	Strengthening the Cultural Identity of Communities through Libraries Sarah Bingle 2016 Victoria Margery C Ramsay leadership Scholarship recipient
10.30am	Morning Tea
10.55am Keynote Speaker	Why Stories Matter An insight into Adam's own research, TV, memoir and experiences and gathering stories as part of his work in archaeology Adam Ford Archaeologist, TV presenter and writer
11.45am Keynote Speaker	Australian Lives, Intimate Histories Collecting, Preserving and Presenting Oral Histories Professor Alistair Thomson Monash University Professor of History
12.30pm	Lunch
1.35pm Library Presentations	Life on a Plate Vitina Agosta Community Engagement Librarian Tracie Fairchild Coordinator Learning, Literacy and Altona North Community Library The Benefit of Hindsight: A reflective exhibition with a view to the future Carolyn Jury Seniors & Volunteers Coordinator Kate Hansen Arts & Culture Coordinator Yarra Plenty Regional Library

Community Stories - Thank the Storymakers

Sally Both CEO of Whitehorse Manningham Libraries

Katie Norton Collections and Information Services

Whitehorse Manningham Libraries

2.05pm

Q & A with Panel

2.15pm

Afternoon Tea

Collecting Community Stories with Adobe Spark

Judith Oke Coordinator Heritage Reading Room

Suzanne Cronin Information Resource Librarian

Geelong Library and Heritage Centre

2.30pm

Library

Presentations

Traditions in Time

Jason Brack Diversity & Inclusion Librarian

Nanette San Martin Adult Services Librarian

Emma Zeng Adult Services Librarian

Monash Public Library Service

Collecting Community Histories

Ellen Coates Collections Librarian

Prahan Mechanics' Institute Victorian History Library

The Suburb Speaks: Recording Local History

Meaghan Dew Digital and Community Learning Officer

City of Yarra Libraries

3.10pm

Q & A with Panel

3.25pm

Capturing contemporary stories of Australian First Nations and refugees

Oriana Acevedo Multicultural Specialist

State Library of New South Wales

3.45pm

Local History Grants and Victorian History Awards Opportunities

Jelena Gvozdic

Public Records Office Victoria

4.00pm

Closing Speech and Evaluation

Keynote speaker: Sarah Bingle

Sarah Bingle currently works at Your DNA Creative Arts and prior to this worked as Casey Cardinia Libraries' Outreach Officer for the Library has Legs, Communities for Children Cranbourne Project. Sarah holds an Honorary position at Melbourne University's Indigenous Health and Equity Unit and runs Arnam Liber- Living Library Heritage consultancy/ Blog. Sarah has over twenty-five years' experience working within the community, health, arts, education and library service sector.

In 2016 Sarah was awarded the State Library Victoria Margery C Ramsay Scholarship for her project 'Strengthening the Cultural Identity of Communities through Libraries' - a multifaceted project incorporating research and action learning, involving a secondment with the Territory Library Service and the team at the Victorian Aboriginal Corporation for Languages to develop a library framework for delivering early years' outreach and community engagement programs to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families.

Keynote speaker: Alistair Thomson

Alistair Thomson is a Professor of History at Monash University, current President of Oral History Australia and former President of the International Oral History Association. His research and teaching explores the ways in which life story evidence can illuminate the past and its meanings in the present lives of individuals and society.

His books include:

Anzac Memories: Living With the Legend (1994 and 2013)

The Oral History Reader (1998, 2006 and 2016, with Rob Perks)

Ten Pound Poms: Australia's Invisible Migrants (2005, with Jim Hammerton)

Moving Stories: an intimate history of four women across two countries (2011)

Oral History and Photography (2011, with Alexander Freund)

Australian Lives: An Intimate History (2017, with Anisa Puri).

Keynote speaker: Adam Ford

Archaeologist, TV presenter and writer, Adam Ford has led expeditions and explored the stories of our past across the world, giving us valuable insights for today. With an archaeological career spanning over 25 years Adam is the founder of DIG International and has led and participated in expeditions to the Caribbean, British Isles, Jordan, Syria, Turkey and Australia.

Adam reckons there's no point in digging stuff up if the public don't get to hear about what it all means, so he is delighted to raise the profile of history and archaeology through his TV series, ABC's Who's Been Sleeping In My House? and his books, My Life In Ruins, and the school reader Digging Up The Past. Adam's most recent TV gig was the TV Series Lawless for Foxtel unearthing the truth behind Australia's most infamous bushranging legends.

In acknowledgement of his work Adam was recently honoured by being elected Fellow of the prestigious, Royal chartered and learned Society of Antiquaries of London

Adam Ford appears by arrangement with Saxton Speakers Bureau