

History Transmitted: *connect – consider – challenge* **A Conference for Professional Historians**

The historian's job in the 21st century is richer than ever before. Technological advancements have created new audiences with diverse needs, and allowed historians to chart and chronicle the past with greater speed and depth than ever before. These developments in our profession have created new challenges and new learnings, which we seek to highlight and interrogate in the 2020 Professional Historians Australia conference, to be hosted in Brisbane on Friday 28 and Saturday 29 August 2020.

We call for historians, scholars and researchers to submit abstracts which reflect on their experience and understandings on themes that

- **CONNECT:** Professional historians connect with a variety of stakeholders, including clients, audiences, colleagues, and source material. We invite papers that discuss how these connections are established and maintained, and the nuances that these connections take across different media and social-cultural demographics.
- **CONSIDER:** To work effectively and sensitively, professional historians consider a range of different sources, viewpoints, and methodological approaches. We invite papers that discuss what considerations historians have had to take into account on specific projects, and how they incorporate voices of minority or special interest groups into their work.
- **CHALLENGE:** The professional historian's job can present challenges; and historians challenge accepted views and traditional modes of delivery. We invite papers that address the challenges that historians have faced or made, including issues with access, the changing nature of technology and audience demands, the perception of historians in the community, and how historians have worked through these to advance their practice and our understanding of the world around us. Discussions considering challenges facing historians in the future are especially welcome.

Abstracts for papers of no more than 150 words accompanied with a biography up to 100 words are due by **Friday 28 February 2020**. Papers may take the form of extended presentations (50-60 minutes); standard presentations (20-30 minutes) or lightning talks on linked topics (10-15 minutes). Please list the desired length of your presentation along with any technical requirements (data projection, web connectivity, etc) for your presentation with your abstract.

Applicants who are successful will be informed by Friday 13 March, and a draft program will be available shortly thereafter.

Papers presented at the 2020 conference are eligible for peer review and publication in *Circa*, the Professional Historians Australia journal.

For further information, and to submit abstracts, please email 2020conference@qldhistorians.org.au

We look forward to welcoming you to Brisbane in August 2020.