

WHAT'S ON in Medical History
Australia and New Zealand
30th March 2017

ABOUT THIS LIST

The list below is a database of upcoming events and exhibitions in the fields of the history of medicine, nursing and allied health around Australia and New Zealand. It aims to inform members about their local events, and also about events elsewhere, should they find themselves visiting other localities. It will be updated regularly.

Please keep sending me news of any events that come your way – book launches, seminars, exhibitions etc.

Charmaine Robson, Honorary Secretary, ANZSHM Inc.

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

4 April **'Sport, Tobacco and Advertising: the story of the Winfield Cup: exhibition event with a talk**
12.30-1.30 pm by Dr Guy Hansen
Theatre, Lower Ground 1, National Library of Australia, Parkes Pl W, Canberra.
Free of charge. Book at <https://www.nla.gov.au/event/sport-tobacco-and-advertising>

19 April **Australian Capital Territory History of Medicine Group - April meeting**
5.30-6.30 pm ANU Medical School Building—on the Canberra Hospital Precinct, Tutorial rooms 9 & 10.
All welcome but essential to email Dean Beaumont (gdeanbeaumont@bigpond.com) in advance.
Marilyn Gendek, “Nutritional Sustenance within a Nursing World”.
Kerry Neal, “Facial Wounds of the Great War”.

NEW SOUTH WALES

30 March **Sydney Feminist History Group 2017 Seminar Program.**
6 pm for 6.15 Sarah Walsh, “The Physician’s Gaze: Whiteness, Gender, and Medical Imagery in Latin America”
Convened by the Histories of Gender and Sexuality research cluster in Modern History, Macquarie University.
Room 580 Building 10, University of Technology Sydney

2 April **Q-Station Lecture Series**
2-4 pm Cres Eastman, ‘The nation's greatest resource is the minds of its children & why iodine deficiency is threatening this resource’
Paul Lancaster, “Preventing perinatal problems”
Old Laundry Room, A9, Q Station, 1 North Head Scenic Drive, Manly NSW 2095
Free admission - RSVP essential to H8773-CR5@accor.com
See further details on last page of this calendar

4 April **Sydney’s Early Cemeteries** a talk by Dr Lisa Murray
11 am-12noon From the Scholarly Musings Series sponsored by the State Library of NSW
Metcalf Auditorium. Admission free but bookings essential.
<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/scholarly-musings-sydneys-early-cemeteries-tickets-31900537366>

18 April **Guided tour Lucy Osburn – Nightingale Foundation Museum** (90 mins duration)
10 am – 3 pm Fee: \$5.00. Bookings: sydhospmuseum@health.nsw.gov.au
(Last tour Nightingale Wing, Sydney Hospital, 6 Macquarie St., Sydney
1pm)

11 Feb - 8 April **Unfinished Business: Stories from Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People with Disability: Exhibition**

The visual stories of 30 Australian Indigenous persons with disability by photographer Belinda Mason and filmmakers Knierim Brothers. Each participant’s story is complex and intertwined with Australia’s history, which has resulted in today’s high rates of disability in Australian Indigenous communities.

18-19 April

Race, Sex and Reproduction in the Global South: A Workshop

Keynote speakers Alison Bashford, Margaret Jolly plus international and local presenters. University of Sydney sponsored by Race and Ethnicity in the Global South, an ARC Laureate Research Program, and the Sydney Centre for the Foundations of Science. Free but registration essential by 4 April 2017. Contact Dr James Dunk 9351 2809 <http://aahpsss.net.au/race-sex-and-reproduction-in-the-global-south-c-1800-2000/>

On until 25 April

Egyptian Mummies: Exploring Ancient Lives: Exhibition

Six mummies selected from the British Museum collection who lived and died in Egypt between 1800 and 3000 years ago can be viewed, alongside their 3D CT scan visualisations that unlock hidden secrets of mummification and provide a unique insight into the everyday lives of ancient Egyptians.

A collaboration of the British Museum and the Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences.

Powerhouse Museum, 500 Harris Street, Ultimo, NSW

Adult: \$27; Concession: \$25; Child (4–16): \$16; Family: \$65

<https://maas.museum/event/egyptian-mummies-exploring-ancient-lives/>

8-9 June

Viral Outbreaks: A Workshop

Viral outbreaks, such as Influenza: What More Can We Learn From Ecology, Anthropology, and History? What counts as expertise in understanding and responding to emergent diseases in global health? What is appropriate preparedness or an appropriate response to epidemic disease? An international multidisciplinary workshop convened by Warwick Anderson and Chris Degeling with participation by Peter Doherty (Melbourne), Lyle Fearnley (California-Davis), Lyn Gilbert (Sydney), Frédéric Keck (Musée du Quai Branly, Paris), Eben Kirksey (UNSW), Andrew Lakoff (Southern California), Malik Peiris (Hong Kong)

Admission free, but limited places are available. To register, contact James Dunk by **8 May 2017**: E james.dunk@sydney.edu.au T +61 2 9351 2809

Until 16 July

Recollect: Health and Medicine: Exhibition

Explore the history and innovation of public health and medicine in this exhibition showcasing more than 1,000 objects from our extensive collection. See beautifully realised anatomical models, surgical instruments from the 19th century to present day, taboos and strange historic medicine, and cutting-edge prosthetics and other examples of body enhancement. Be fascinated and intrigued by the Museum's broad range of contraceptives, one of the most comprehensive collections in the world.

Powerhouse Museum, 500 Harris Street, Ultimo, NSW

Tickets free with museum entry.

<https://maas.museum/event/recollect-health-and-medicine/>

13 March

Her War: Exhibition

2017 – 1

Heroines of the Great War from Wollondilly.

January 2018

Produced in conjunction with the research by Betty Villy for her book “Red Poppies and the White Waratah; heroines from Wollondilly in the Great War.”

Wollondilly Heritage Centre, 43 Edward St, The Oaks, NSW, Ph: 02 4657 1796

<http://www.wollondillymuseum.org.au/blog/her-war-exhibition/>

QUEENSLAND

12 May

International Nurses Day 2017

6.30 pm

“Nurses: A Voice to Lead”. An evening of networking and celebrating the hard work and dedication of Central Queensland nurses.

A light supper and talk by Shelley Nowlan, Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officer for Qld. Cost \$20

Leichardt Hotel, Rockhampton. Phone: 4920 7032 Email: rtoninternationalnursesday@gmail.com

TASMANIA

18 June

Launceston Historical Society – Sixth Pugh Day Lecture

2.00 pm

Professor Milton Cohen, ‘What would Pugh say? Reflections on pain, practice and propriety’

Admission is free and visitors are welcome. Queen Victoria Museum, Inveresk

VICTORIA

Current

Mon-Fri

10.00 – 4.00

From Snake Oil to Science: the development and labelling of pharmaceuticals for the treatment of pain - exhibition

Geoffrey Kaye Museum of Anaesthetic History, ANZCA House, 630 St Kilda Road, Melbourne.

Examines the way modern pharmaceuticals often have their origins in botanicals. Medicines were once foraged from the local environment. Tinctures, poultices, soups and teas were administered. Purgings, leeching, chanting and ritual also had their place, and there was often a fine line between poison and medicine. As medicine became a science in the 18th Century, causes and effects of disease began to be understood. Sanitation, anaesthesia, bacteriology, surgery and therapeutics all made big leaps forward. In the midst of all this, the pharmaceutical industry was born.

To arrange your visit, email museum@anzca.edu.au or phone 03 8517 5309

11 – 14 July

ANZSHM 15th Biennial Conference, Melbourne, Australian Catholic University, Fitzroy

The theme is ‘Health, Medicine and Society: Challenge and Change’

Keynote speakers: Professor Barbra Mann Wall (USA), Dr Criena Fitzgerald, Dr Peter Hobbins

Gala dinner at Melbourne Museum

Visits to museums and cultural collections

Witness Seminar follows on Saturday 15th July

Registrations open 3 April. Early bird registration deadline 30 May

<https://dcconferences.eventsair.com/QuickEventWebsitePortal/anzsh2017/csn>

AUSTRALIA WIDE

June

Perth: 9th

Melb: 16th

Bris: 18th

Syd: 23rd

An evening with Dr Jane Goodall

Hosted by the Jane Goodall Institute Australia with Think Inc.

‘Since 1960, Goodall established herself as a low-ranking member of chimpanzee tribes in Gombe, Tanzania, where she documented not only complex personalities of the chimps, but the striking similarities they had to humans in terms of dietary habits, emotional stability, the use of hunting tools, and of experiencing war and peace. For the sciences, Goodall became renowned for broadening the criteria of scientific research, re-introducing the importance of qualitative data to explain some limitations that quantitative data had failed to, and ultimately reducing the distance (and increasing the intimacy) between the observer and the observed...’

So when we ask ourselves “What separates us from other animals?”, we question both our differences and our similarities – a feat deemed impossible without the influence of the work of famed ethologist Dr Jane Goodall. In 2017, Goodall returns to Australian shores to help us revisit this eminent yet elusive question.’

Further and information and purchase of tickets: <http://www.janegoodall.org.au/tour/>

NEW ZEALAND

Auckland Medical History Society – Lecture Program 2017

Held at the Ernest and Marion Davis Library, Auckland City Hospital from 7.30-9.00 pm, drinks and dinner from 6 pm.

Lectures are free but there is a charge for the optional dinner that precedes the lectures (\$31 members, \$36 non-members, \$18 students). For further information: Mrs Maria Collins, maria.collins@xtra.co.nz or 09 528 3889, (www.amhs.co.nz).

6 April

April meeting: James Newman Lecture

Doris Gordon, “Foundation of a Legacy – Ron Jones”

4 May

May meeting

Alan Kerr, “The War on Coronary Artery Disease”

Derek Dow, “Shifting Colonial Doctors – gold Rush to a Digital Age”

1 June

June meeting

Student presentations – To be announced

Debbie Dunsford, “Exile and Refuge: Layered Lives in NZ’s Tuberculosis Sanatoria”

Wellington Medical History Society – Lecture Program 2017

Small Lecture Theatre, University of Otago, Wellington, 7.30 pm. All are welcome to attend. Attendees should assemble in the small seminar room adjacent to the lecture theatre at 7pm for a sherry or juice and a chat.

Offers of presentations for future meetings are always welcome and should be discussed with our convenor, [David McHaffie](#), telephone 06 364 2188.

5 April

April meeting

Glen Harper, “Bully beef, biscuits and scurvy: the rations at Gallipoli”

3 May

May meeting

Michael Harrison, “The very early History of Modern Anaesthesia”

7 June

June meeting

Bob Smith, “The Legacy of Epicurus”

**The Nation's Greatest Resource is the Minds of its Children and
why Iodine Deficiency is Threatening This Resource**

by Cres Eastman

&

Preventing Perinatal Problems

by Paul Lancaster

***Sunday 2 April 2017**

***2 - 4 pm**

***Old Laundry Room, A9 Q Station**

***1 North Head Scenic Drive, Manly**

Australian children continue to perform poorly compared with many other countries in international testing for literacy and mathematics. Governments and educators have no plausible answer for the continuing slide down the league table of Australian children in international tests. It is Cres' proposition that we are overlooking some very simple facts and principles and not addressing the underlying problem that is hindering the development of intelligence and hence learning in our children. The World Health Organisation states quite categorically that environmental iodine deficiency, occurring during pregnancy, is the commonest global cause of impaired brain development resulting in loss of intelligence and other subtle brain disorders. Is this the problem in Australia?

Professor Cres Eastman AM is a Clinical Professor of Medicine at Sydney Medical School and Consultant Emeritus at Westmead Hospital. He is a world-renowned endocrinologist with a primary interest in Iodine Deficiency Disorders (IDD).

Since the 1940s, we have seen improved survival during pregnancy and for newborn babies. Recognition that thalidomide and other drugs caused major birth defects led to experimental work to evaluate the safety of new therapeutic drugs. Treatment of pregnant women in premature labour with corticosteroids was hugely effective in preventing deaths from respiratory distress syndrome. Other examples include prevention of Rhesus isoimmunisation, newborn screening programs, and early diagnosis of birth defects by fetal and newborn ultrasound.

Paul Lancaster worked as a neonatal paediatrician in Sydney before further postgraduate education in epidemiology and public health. He was the founding director of the National Perinatal Statistics Unit at the University of Sydney. He is currently researching the biographies of Sydney Medical School doctors and medical students who served in the Great War,

Free entry - RSVP essential.

To RSVP, email H8773-CR5@accor.com

[Click here for the full program on the website.](#)