



Urban Lives & Oral Sources in 20th Century Australia

Conference 27-28 August 2009 State Library of Victoria Conference Centre

The Talk About Town: Urban Lives and Oral Sources in Twentieth Century Australia brings together researchers and professionals working on life in Australian cities since 1900. It encourages participants to think about the ways in which oral history, life history and immigration inform us about urban settings, and the ways that these have shaped individual and collective lives.

The conference offers a rich and stimulating program featuring over 40 papers by historians from around Australia. Distinguished historians Alessandro Portelli and Janet McCalman will give keynote addresses. Participants can enjoy history walking tours of inner Melbourne or a guided tour of 'The Melbourne Story' at Melbourne Museum on the Wednesday afternoon, prior to the conference.

A set of three parallel workshops addressing key issues in oral and urban history will be held on 28 August. 'Collecting', 'Interpreting' and 'Making' Histories will be led by experts in urban and oral history. Presenters will discuss their experience and practice before opening up general discussion on ideas and methodologies.

Registrations are now open via the conference website:

<http://arts.monash.edu.au/public-history-institute/conferences/2009-talkabout/index.php>



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