

Hunter Living Histories Meeting

7 June, 2021 1:00pm – 3:00pm

Digital Library – City of Newcastle, Stewart Avenue

Minutes

Start: 1:00

1. **Acknowledgement to Country** ; Gionni di Gravio.

2. **Present:** Gionni di Gravio OAM, Ann Hardy, Doug Lithgow, Ron Barber, David Dial OAM, Robert Watson, Mark Rigby, Bob Donnelly, Louise Gale, Ken Thornton, Jeffrey Freeman, Bronwyn Law, Peter Sherlock, Kerry Shaw, John Witte, Suzanne Martin, Jude Conway, Ross Edmonds, Warren Hardy, Ken Shilling, Maree Shilling, Shane Blatchford, Keith Parsons, Mark Metrikas, Chip van Dyk, Cheryl-Anne Bailey, Crystal Phillips, Roz Kerr, Sally Murray-Walsh, Karen Crofts.

3. **Apologies:** Kerrie Brauer, Coral Black, Emeritus Prof. Maree Gleeson, Brian Roach, Lesley Gent, Peter Ring, Judy Lindsey, Brian Walsh, Sarah Johnson, Sonia Honery, Tim Adams, Ashleigh Duncan, Ian Eckford, Emeritus Prof. Howard Bridgman, Don Seton-Wilkinson, Hugh Watt.

4. **Visitors:** Peter Owens

5. **Confirmation of Previous Minutes 3 May:** Ron Barber Seconded John Witte.

6. **Business arising from previous minutes:** - NIL.

7. **Presentations – N/A**

8. Reports and Updates

Sally Murray-Walsh – (Research Liaison Librarian, University Library)

- Sally spoke about research support the Library can offer HLH community members, resources include NOVA the university's digital repository that holds full text UON digital theses, Future workshops are planned where Sally will demonstrate NOVA, library search and catalogue searches. A QR code was provided to assist access to Library sources, as well as other Open Resources and other free tools. If you have any particular questions regarding Library research support please contact sally.murray-walsh@newcastle.edu.au See '[UON Research Resources](#)'

Gionni di Gravio – Update.

- Gionni spoke about the sad passing of Dr Vera Deacon OAM 17 May. Vera was a University of Newcastle benefactor and champion and since the early 2000s has supported Special Collections projects and employed many of our students and volunteers. See the scope of achievements here: <https://uoncc.wordpress.com/vera-deacon-fund/> A beautiful short film "The Islanders :Chats with Vera Deacon" about Vera was recently created by Glenn and Tony (from Carnivore Films) and was shown at her memorial service. Vera's Memorial Service is available online for those who were unable to attend – see <https://hunterlivinghistories.com/2021/05/18/vale-vera/>

Ann Hardy, GLAMx Lab update.

- Ann briefly mentioned that King Edward Park (also known as Newcastle Recreation Reserve) has been listed on the State Heritage Register after being recommended by the Heritage Council of NSW. The site was listed due to its heritage significance to the people of New South Wales. The details of the item, including the statement of significance, can be viewed via the Heritage NSW website at: www.heritage.nsw.gov.au/search-for-heritage/

- HLH post created for [National Archaeology week \(16-22 May\)](#) and includes Tim Adam's presentation from May HLH meeting. Many thanks to Tim for his ongoing contributions and updates on local archaeology.

9. General Business –

- **Heritage impacts - Statutory Review of the Cemeteries and Crematoria Act, 2013 (Peter Owens)** - Peter is a Board Member of Northern Metropolitan Cemeteries Land Manager and he spoke about possible heritage impacts from review into Cemeteries Act, he has a good knowledge of the act and how it is implemented and described the current issues. Peter is happy to update this group regarding the review.

- **Mark Metrikas (Chair, Hunter Regional Committee of the National Trust)** – Mark gave a brief update about local heritage issues and advised of recent AGM, community members are very welcome to be involved.

- **Ron Barber (Fort Scratchley Historical Society)** – Ron advised that the Queens Birthday Long weekend events were very successful.

10. Tour of Digital Library, City of Newcastle (Kerrie Shaw and Claire Presser)

- Kerrie and Claire gave members a tour of the digital library, showed the digital storyboard, magic box, podcast/audio recording studio and online resources available to the community. Many thanks Kerrie and Claire for supporting the HLH meeting at the digital library, and for showing members the digital facilities.

Close: 3.00 PM

Date of next meeting will be Monday, 5 July 2021, 1-3pm. Meeting to be held at Callaghan Campus, room TBA.