

The Victorian Community History Awards are proudly presented by Public Record Office Victoria and the Royal Historical Society of Victoria.

The Awards recognise excellence and originality in historical storytelling. The range of award categories reflects the variety of formats that can be used to enrich the lives of Victorians through history.

Please read the conditions of entry carefully before entering. By entering, you acknowledge that you have read, understood and comply with the conditions of entry and that all appropriate research and consultation has been undertaken and necessary permissions obtained in the creation of your work.

Entries close **5pm Friday 13 October 2023**.

The awards ceremony will be held in early 2024. The Victorian Community History Awards are supported by the Victorian Government through the Community Support Fund.

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Watching the Moomba Procession.

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Conditions of entry

Only Australian organisations and/or residents are eligible to enter. Subject matter is limited to non-fiction and creative non-fiction where history is primarily related to the State of Victoria, or projects that encourage greater access to Victorian collections.

Creators must not be State Government Departments or Agencies as defined in the Victorian Government Directory. Current Councillors and paid staff of the Royal Historical Society of Victoria (RHSV) are ineligible. Creators are those groups or individuals responsible for researching, writing and producing the work, which may be separate from the role of the Publisher.

The official entry form must accompany each entry.

Hardcopy book entries must include three copies of the finished publication (not drafts or proofs). If submitting your book via the online portal, your application will not be valid until your copies have been physically received by RHSV. After judging, books will be added to the RHSV collection and used for review across RHSV publications.

Non-print entries must be provided in an accessible format ie. a DVD or USB if delivered, or if submitted online, a URL link which must remain accessible until December 31. Judges will not be able to attend physical activities in person, so entries for exhibitions or tours should be accompanied by comprehensive supporting material such as programs, maps and photographs. Exhibition entries must include all text from exhibition panels and a video (phone is fine) of the space.

Entries must be original and the property of the entrant. Any publisher submitting on behalf of an author must have the consent of the author.

Entrants' work must have been completed (ie. published, exhibited or launched) between 1 July 2022 and 30 June 2023.

Entries must be received by 5pm Friday 13 October 2023.

Entries will not be returned, and late entries won't be accepted.

If you believe there may be a perceived conflict of interest, please attach further information for the judges to examine eligibility.

The judges may move entries to a category other than the one entered at their discretion.

Judges' decisions are final and no correspondence will be entered into or feedback provided.

Public Record Office Victoria and the Royal Historical Society of Victoria reserve the right to exhibit or publish, in whole or in part, any submissions to promote the Awards.

Victorian Community History Awards 2023

Entry Form



Victorian Premier's History Award \$5,000

This award recognises the most outstanding community history project submitted in any category.

Nominate for one of the following categories

Winning projects across all categories will ideally display excellence, originality, scholarship, popular appeal, accessibility, and local community involvement as judged by the Victorian Community History Awards panel of judges.

- The Collaborative Community History Award** \$2,000
Recognises the best collaborative community work involving significant contribution from several individuals or groups.
- The Local History Project Award** \$2,000
Recognises the best activity by an individual or group to enhance awareness of, and provide access to, records of significance to local communities, including but not limited to digitising, indexing, and original research.
- The Small Organisation History Project Award** \$1,500
Recognises the best activity to enhance awareness of records of significance by a small group or historical society with an annual operating budget of less than \$10,000.
- The History Publication Award** \$2,000
Recognises the best publication or e-book on Victorian history which could include a biography or story of social, urban, institutional, regional or cultural history.
- The Small History Publication Award** \$1,500
Recognises the best small-sized publication, PDF or e-book (maximum 150 pages) which features Victorian local, cultural or social history.
- The Digital Storytelling Award** \$1,500
Recognises the best digital presentation of history including, but not limited to, multimedia presentations, mobile or online applications, videos and podcasts.
- The Community Diversity Award** \$1,500
Recognises the publication or project which best reflects diversity and inclusion and tells the history of cultural diversity in Victoria.
- The Oral History Award** \$1,500
Recognises the best oral history presentation in any format that uses first person interviews with individuals with unique life experiences and memories. **Presented in collaboration with Oral History Victoria.** Visit oralhistoryvictoria.org.au for examples of oral history.
- The History Interpretation Award** \$1,500
Recognises the project which best uses a unique format of historical representation, for instance history related experiences told through physical exhibitions, artistic or musical interpretations, walks or tours.
- The History Article Award** \$500
Recognises the best article featuring Victorian history (not necessarily entirely focused on Victoria) published in a journal. Articles must be written in a scholarly style using appropriate conventions of citation.

All entries can be posted to:

Victorian Community History Awards 2023
Royal Historical Society of Victoria
239 A'Beckett Street, Melbourne VIC 3000

Or submitted online via historyvictoria.org.au

ENTRY FORM

Please note: the way you fill in this form will dictate how we list your name and project in any certificates or promotion.

Name of project or publication:

Publication date:

Name of author, producer or group:

Please attach a project summary including an explanation of the significance, value and accessibility of the work up to a maximum of 300 words. Why is your project important? What is its value for future generations? How will it be accessed into the future?

Contact person for this entry

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Where did you hear about these awards?

I have read, understood and accepted the conditions of entry.

Signature:

Date: