



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST ORAL HISTORIANS - STATE LIBRARY OF NSW

The State Library is considering applications from experienced oral historians to add to and enhance the Library's oral history collection.

The Library's Oral History and Sound Recordings Collection spans a broad range of topics and personalities, and currently consists of over 12 thousand hours of recordings. Oral histories contribute to the Library's ongoing priority of documenting the rich cultural life, heritage and experiences of people in New South Wales, and making these stories accessible to the wider community.

The Library places an emphasis on best ethical practice, methodologies and technological rigour using current standards to ensure the quality of these recordings and to preserve them in the long term for future generations. This will enable people to access the collective and individual memory of New South Wales.

If you have experience in conducting digital recordings of oral histories, particularly with interviews involving culturally and linguistically diverse communities, First Nations individuals and communities, STEMM subjects, disability, transport, religion, or LGBTIQ+ communities, we'd like to hear from you.

Please email your expressions of interest to collections@sl.nsw.gov.au with:

- "EOI – ORAL HISTORIAN" in the email subject line
- A brief statement in the body of the email, summarising your experience and areas of interest. Please also note the name and model of any oral history recording equipment you have and / or use, including microphones.
- Your CV attached in Word format, detailing your oral history experience
- Online links to at least 2 full/excerpt examples of your previous oral histories (please do not attach sound files in the email)
- Indicate your availability, location, and if you would be prepared to travel within NSW
- Indicate what language/s you are comfortable conducting interviews in
- Indicate your hourly rate for conducting oral history interviews, this includes pre-interview, research, recording interview, travel within NSW, processing interview and submitting sound files and documentation

Finally, the Library uses protocols consistent with State Government Health guidelines to enable staff and contractors to proceed with the work of collecting. As long as the pandemic continues and health guidelines are current, we would expect people working with the Library to have protocols in place to safeguard the work of interviewees and interviewers. For example,

- asking a series of questions about health and exposure to the virus before any meeting
- ensuring space is available for physical distancing of 1 1/2 metres
- limiting the number of people involved with each interview
- keeping to short sessions of a couple of hours maximum where possible
- having plenty of hand sanitiser, wipes, gloves and masks available

Please confirm you would be prepared to work to these protocols while they are necessary.

Expressions of interest are open until 10 October 2021.

We will contact you to discuss potential oral history interviews should a project become available that matches your experience and interests.

Expressions of interest will be kept on file for 18 months from the date of receipt.