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Winners announced for NSW Premier's History Awards

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The 2019 NSW Premier's History Awards, offering \$75,000 in prize money, were announced **TONIGHT [30 August 2019]** at the State Library of NSW as part of the official launch of NSW History Week.

NSW Premier Gladys Berejiklian MP said: "These awards celebrate the great achievements of Australian historians who provide compelling insights into our past and allow the stories of our nation to be retold for generations to come. I congratulate this year's winning historians, writers, creators and producers."

The 2019 winners are:

Australian History Prize (\$15,000)

The Bible in Australia: A Cultural History by Meredith Lake (NewSouth Publishing)

General History Prize (\$15,000)

Sea People by Christina Thompson (HarperCollins Publishers)

NSW Community and Regional History Prize (\$15,000)

Cage of Ghosts by Jon Rhodes (Darkwood)

Young People's History Prize (\$15,000)

The Upside-down History of Down Under by Alison Lloyd and Terry Denton (Penguin Random House Australia)

Digital History Prize (\$15,000)

The Killing Times by Lorena Allam, Nick Evershed, Paul Daley, Andy Ball, Ciaran O'Mahony, Jeremy Nadel and the University of Newcastle Colonial Massacres Research Team (Guardian Australia)

Senior Judge, Dr Melissa Bellanta said: "The winners of the 2019 NSW Premier's History Awards represent the best of an extraordinary collection of shortlisted works. More than ever, these Awards demonstrate the verve and commitment of those engaged in historical research in Australia, and the compelling relevance of their research to present-day concerns."

State Librarian John Vallance said: "Each year the winners of the History Awards show us in fresh ways why history is so important. This time round we have an eclectic set of works seeking in their own ways to make sense of who are we and where we are coming from. It's all part of an ancient network of narrative traditions which we cannot live without."

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More information

The NSW Premier's History Awards are presented by the NSW Government and administered by the State Library of NSW in association with Create NSW, with support from the History Council of NSW.

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Please note: Nominations are now open for the NSW Premier's Literary Awards 2020. Nominations close: 5pm, Monday 14 October 2019.

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