



Giving Voice to the Past

Register of Oral History Practitioners

Darby Carr	Education and experience: BA
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	Oral History Project.
	Language skills: NA.
	Areas of expertise: Recording of Oral
	Histories, particularly Queer, trans/gender
	diverse stories.
	Services offered: Recording of Oral Histories.
	Interviewing. Transcribing.
Casey Ellis	Education and experience: Master of Cultural
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	Language skills: English, German.
	Areas of expertise: Transcription.
	Services offered: Transcription, oral history,
	heritage interpretation, proofreading and
	copy editing.
Paula Hamilton	Education and experience: Phd History 1980 -
E: paula.hamilton@uts.edu.au	been an oral history practitioner for 40 years -
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	memory studies at MA level in public history -
	been involved with many projects incl NSW
	Bicentennial OH project; research personal
	and collaborative projects of various kinds,
	museums, community projects, Macquarie
	university chancellors, Paul Ramsay

Foundation - widely published in oral history issues; invited speaker at several international conferences (Finland, Iceland, Barcelona, Seoul) - also carried out many workshops in oral history practice for local libraries, and was involved in a significance assessment of SLNSW collection of oral histories -currently interviewer for SL NSW and National Library as well as Paul Ramsay Foundation on parttime basis.

Language skills: English and some Italian. Areas of expertise: interviewing, whole project management from conception to completion, working with cultural institutions, training.

Services offered: interviewing, whole project management from conception to completion, working with cultural institutions, advanced training.

Sue Hayward JP

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Education and experience: Sue has qualifications in education and business management and has been recording people's life stories in their own voice for many years. She has served the community through Rotary for over 25 years, being the Rotary District Governor in Sydney District 9675 in 2018-19.

Language skills: English.

Areas of expertise: Sue is an experienced Emcee, interviewer and writer who will capture the essence of your life story to share with generations to come. She is committed to sharing people's stories and passing laughter, wisdom and experience on to others.

Services offered: Emcee, funeral celebrant, interviewer, writer.

Margaret Leask

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Education and experience: BA Hons Drama, UNSW; Diploma of Education UNSW; MA Arts Administration City University, London; PhD, Dept of English, University of Sydney. Worked in Arts Administration in Australia and England 1973-2004. Margaret has worked as an oral historian since 2004 for National Institute of Dramatic Art, Sydney Theatre Company, National Film & Sound Archive, National

Library of Australia, State Library of NSW, Sydney Opera House, House with No Steps, Select Credit Union, Australian Elizabethan Theatre Trust, Parramatta City Council and individuals. Margaret has published 2 books, one based on an extended, edited oral history interview and has presented conference papers at OHA Conferences. Language skills: English - and an ability to listen. **Areas of expertise:** Performing and Visual Arts, Literature and Drama, Media - film/TV. Margaret is very happy to research outside of experience/expertise. Services offered: Project initiation and proposal preparation, Research, Interviewing, Mentoring oral historians starting out, Sharing of experiences, Preparing track logs and project reports, Has own equipment - Hn4 zoom recorder, Rode mics - happy to work with Sound Devices recorders. **Amanda Mackevicius Education and experience: BA** E: amanda@mygenealogy.com.au Communications, CSU; SAG Certificate in P: 0418648468 Genealogical Research; Grad Dip in Local, W: www.mygenealogy.com.au Family and Applied History UNE (incomplete). Non-fiction author, memoirist and ghostwriter. **Language skills:** English. Areas of expertise: Oral history interviews, genealogy, commissioned memoir and family history writing, non-fiction books about the history of people, properties, places and schools. **Services offered:** Genealogy research, writing of stories and historical books, oral history interviews and videos. **Anne McEncroe** Education and experience: MA Local History; E: chinestevo@yahoo.com.au Member PHA; Oral Historian, Manly Council P: 0431858817 2006-2014: Employed to record notable locals and then send back Ohs of ex-pat Manly people from around Australia over five years. Language skills: Alliance Française. One year university French. **Areas of expertise:** Local history.

Carol McKirdy

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Services offered: OHs specialising in Northern Beaches area, but not exclusively.

Education and experience: Carol has extensive experience with oral history and has been involved in a number of projects, events, and has presented at international conferences on the topic. She also offers freelance oral histories and life stories. Please see the listed website for further information on the projects she has been associated with. Her qualifications include University of Wollongong: Master of Studies in Education, Riverina College of Advanced Education: Graduate Diploma in Educational Studies, Wollongong Institute of Education: Diploma of Teaching, English and History majors.

Language skills: English. Although English is Carol's only language she has extensive experience communicating with people from diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds both as an adult educator of English language and in oral history interviews.

Areas of expertise: Carol's main area of expertise is interviewing people from migrant communities. Carol has shared this expertise in her book, Practicing Oral History with *Immigrant Narrators*, and journal articles. Services offered: Initial contact with interviewees to establish purpose, parameters and expectations. Background research. Preinterview(s) per interviewee by phone / f2f / social media. Interview and collection of a photo(s) of the interviewee. All sound recording equipment and interview set-up and provided. Oral histories recorded in the internationally recommended sustainable format for audio recordings - archival quality with the use of two professional quality audio field recorders. The interviews will be submitted as archival files in WAV but also edited for optimal listener accessibility as MP3 files on USB / cloud. Processing of the interview to include table of all technical data for each interview and Field Notes. Creation of sound bites. Creation of digital stories as short videos. Willing to travel.

Ben Woods

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Education and experience: BA Journalism, Grad Dip Librarianship, Master of Human Rights (including a curatorial internship with WA Museum working on a migration focused exhibition). Ben has over a decade of experience in archival and historical work and promotion. Ben recorded and worked with oral histories with Australian Mutuals History. This work builds on the 600 plus oral histories recorded by Richard Raxworthy mostly in the 1990s with those involved in the Australian credit union movement. Ben is also involved with the oral history collection of SDN Children's Services. SDN is an early childhood education and care provider (and related services) operating since 1905.

Language skills: English.

Areas of expertise: Credit unions, mutuals and co-operatives - Journalism - Human rights -

politics.

Services offered: * Oral history interviews and related projects * Collection management.

Barry York

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Education and experience: PhD in History (UNSW 1988). Since 1984, Barry has recorded more than 480 oral history interviews, many are in the Oral History collection at the National Library of Australia. Barry continues to be active in the field.

Language skills: English only.

Areas of expertise: Immigration history,

Political history, Popular culture. **Services offered:** Interviewing.