

PUBLICATIONS

- Caring for land and people.** Landcare NSW, August 2019
<https://landcare.nsw.gov.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/Caring-for-Land-and-People-A-History-of-Landcare-NSW.pdf>
- Uncovering Rockdale's Migration Heritage Story,** 2013
<http://www.rockdale.nsw.gov.au/development/Pages/pdf/Heritage/UncoveringRockdalesMigrationHeritageStory.pdf>
- History Wall Shellharbour,** Stockland shopping centre, 2012
- Beyond the untidy fringe. A history of the Lane Cove Bushland & Conservation Society,** Lane Cove Council, March 2012
- Seed to Sunflower History of the Schizophrenia Fellowship of NSW,** Schizophrenia Fellowship NSW, 2010
- History Wall Balgowlah,** Stockland shopping centre, 2009
- Summer Days. The Holiday House on the Northern Beaches** exhibition 2009-10, Manly Art Gallery & Museum
- Liverpool Migration History,** Casula Powerhouse, 2009
- People, precision, perfection Roche factory history at Dee Why,** Roche Australia, 2008. (Co-authored with Anne Smith)
- The Nature of Manly** exhibition 2008-9, Manly Art Gallery & Museum (National Trust Heritage award 2009 highly commended)
- Manly A Pictorial History,** Kingsclear Books, 2008
- Memories + Fragments + Objects: an alternative narrative Liverpool Migration History** (stage 1), Casula Powerhouse, 2007
- Under the canopy. A centenary history of Ku-ring-gai Council,** Ku-ring-gai Council, 2006 (Co-authored with Pauline Curby)(National Trust Heritage award 2006 - highly commended)
- Pioneering Spirit. The story of Pioneer Clubhouse and its partnerships in recovery from mental illness,** Schizophrenia Fellowship NSW, 2005
- Good Riddance. A History of Waste Management in Manly, Mosman, Pittwater and Warringah,** Joint Services Committee, 2003.(Co-authored with Pauline Curby)
- Pittwater Local History,** 2001
http://www.pittwater.nsw.gov.au/library/local_history/Pittwaters_past
- Burnt Out? The Experiences of the January 1994 Bush Fires in Warringah and Pittwater,** 1996

QUALIFICATIONS

MA Public History

University of Technology, Sydney, 2003

Graduate Diploma in Local and Applied History

University of New England, 1996

BA Hons. South Asian History & Social Anthropology

School of Oriental & African Studies, London University, 1977

POSITIONS HELD

1998-2008 Local Studies Librarian, Pittwater Council
1992-1997 Coordinator Local History Resource Unit Pittwater

1994-2006 Manly Council Heritage Committee
1996-2004 Pittwater Council Cultural & Heritage Committee

2003-2006 Secretary Professional Historians Association (NSW)
2008-2010 President Professional Historians Association (NSW)
2012-2014 President Oral History Association Australia NSW

EXPERIENCE

Virginia Macleod Professional Historian

I have worked as a free-lance historian for over twenty years. For fifteen years until March 2008 I also worked as local historian for Pittwater Council.

I have two decades' experience writing local, regional and thematic social history. I have conducted research using a variety of sources, including council documents, primary and secondary sources. My time as local historian has allowed me to work closely with the community, gathering information, images and interviews to elicit their history.

I have communicated history through writing, talks, guided historical walks, curating several exhibitions, outdoor display panels and plaques, and creating web sites.

I have worked in a variety of Sydney locations: Liverpool, Rockdale, Ku-ringgai, Northern Beaches, Sutherland, Randwick, Lane Cove and throughout the city for the City of Sydney Oral history program. Other projects such as interviewing for the National Library of Australia have taken me to several areas of rural NSW.

Oral history experience

- 2019 National Library of Australia interviews
- 2019 5 interviews for Landcare NSW covering 30 years of Australian Landcare
- 2017 11 interviews Newmarket Stables and thoroughbred industry in Randwick
- 2016 4 interviews for Goodstart Childcare centres, with staff and parents
- 2015 One Door (formerly Schizophrenia Fellowship NSW) interviews with long-term carers for people living with mental illness
- 2013 Rockdale Migration history and how migrants use Rockdale's parks (includes 13 interviews) and publication *Uncovering Rockdale's Migration Heritage Story*,
- 2010-12 interviews for the National Library of Australia project: *Forgotten Australians and former child migrants*.
- 2012 15 interviews for the City of Sydney Council oral history project *Shelter*
- an extended interview for the Benevolent Society's 200 years' celebration 2013
- 2011 15 interviews for City of Sydney Council oral history project *Work in the City*
- 2010 Life interview (8 hours) Rosemary Block, Curator of Oral History, State Library NSW
- 2008 16 interviews for the library about people's lives in Randwick.
- 2006-8 commissioned by Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre, I interviewed 23 people from 19 countries about migration to the Liverpool area. I found potential interviewees and collaborated with participants to present their stories in an exhibition and book, *Liverpool Migration History*, Casula Powerhouse, 2009.
- 2007-8 several employees of Roche pharmaceutical factory in Dee Why. *People, precision, perfection. Roche factory history at Dee Why*, Roche Australia, 2008.
- 2007-8 I initiated a project at Pittwater Council, interviewing a number of people about their role as environmental activists.

I have successfully organised and completed small and larger projects, using digital equipment, and follow the ethical standards of PHA NSW and OH NSW.

Professional status I am professional historian with 20+ years' experience.

I am a member of PHA NSW <http://www.phansw.org.au/membership/our-members/>

and [Oral History NSW](#)

Insurance I have current professional indemnity & public liability insurance

Equipment I use an Edirol digital recorder WAV format and can supply WAV or MP3 audio files.