Writing the History of Communities

1 October 2013
2.00-5.00pm

Venue: Theatrette, Sir Roland Wilson Building #120, McCoy Circuit, ANU

A Workshop led by Associate Professor Nicholas Brown (ANU/NMA) and Professor Kate Darian-Smith (University of Melbourne)

A discussion-based workshop for graduate students and researchers, community historians, members of historical societies, curators, and others with an interest in the history of communities.

The workshop will reflect on and discuss:

- How to conceptualise ‘community’ as a focus for historical research?
- How to deal with issues of inclusion, conflict, representation and expectations within communities?
- How to capture the historical dynamics of change within specific communities and the evolving relationships between local, national and global identities?
- How to capture a range of voices and perspectives in the sources available for community histories?
- How to approach research in, and writing about, communities that don’t fit neatly into familiar conceptual ‘frames’ of location, such as ‘the city’, ‘the bush’ or the ‘suburbs’ (for example Canberra)?

This workshop is **FREE**

We plan to circulate a reading list before the workshop

RSVP by 23 September is essential for participants, and must include an indication of your area of research, your main research question or theme and your contact details: leena.messina@anu.edu.au

To register for the conference etc. and for further details: http://hrc.anu.edu.au/ShapingCanberra