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Locating the Past: Place and Historical Consciousness in Australia

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**October 20, 2016 at 6pm - 7:30pm
at Old Treasury Building**

The HCV is delighted to announce that its 2016 Annual Lecture, 'Locating the Past: Place and Historical Consciousness in Australia' will be presented by Dr Anna Clark, author of *Private Lives, Public History*.



LECTURE ABSTRACT

It's hard to ignore the power of place in Australia's historical narrative: Botany Bay, Port Arthur, Myall Creek, and Ballarat all resonate in our national historical imagination. Place literally *locates* our individual and collective historical consciousness in the world around us—family, community and national narratives are bound by the places in which they play out. (Just think of the extraordinary annual pilgrimage to that place, Gallipoli.) But what do Australians actually think about historical places such as these? And how do they place themselves in the past? This lecture draws on interviews with 100 Australians to explore the meaning of place in Australian history, and notes that even the past itself has become a 'place' of sorts in our historical consciousness.

ABOUT THE LECTURER

Anna Clark holds an Australian Research Council Future Fellowship and is Co-Director of the Australian Centre for Public History at the University of Technology Sydney. She has written extensively on history education, historiography and historical consciousness, including: *Teaching the Nation: Politics and Pedagogy in Australian History* (2006), *History's Children: History Wars in the Classroom* (2008), *Private Lives, Public History* (2016), the *History Wars* (2003) with Stuart Macintyre, as well as two history books for children, *Convicted!* and *Explored!* Reflecting her love of fish and fishing, she has also recently finished a history of fishing in Australia, which will be published later this year.

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This event is part of [History Week 2016](#).

WHEN

October 20, 2016 at 6pm - 7:30pm

WHERE

Old Treasury Building
20 Spring St
Melbourne, Victoria 3002
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[Google map and directions](#)

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Tickets cost \$15 per person and include light refreshments.

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