



Professional Historians Association WA



EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

presenters for the

- History Slam - *"History from New Perspectives"*

Date: Sunday 15th October 2017

Time: 3.00pm

Venue: Downstairs at the Maj, Perth

On the back of its successful first ever History Slam launched in the 2016 Perth Heritage Days Festival, PHA WA is pleased to announce the **History Slam is back for 2017**.

Premised on the popular poetry slam concept - in which poets have 3 minutes to enthrall, excite, provoke and amaze their audience to gain the winning edge - the History Slam gathers a variety of participants from all walks of life to share their special moment of "history" and what they find when they dig into the past: the amazing, sad, funny, poignant, tragic, weird, touching, bizarre, shocking and unexpected.

The slam is open to historians as well as those from other disciplines who have undertaken historical research or investigation for a variety of purposes – plays, novels, journalism, guided walks, exhibitions, archaeology, radio broadcasting, paranormal investigations, conservation work etc. The slam aims to promote history and research into our past as exciting, intriguing, emotive and relevant, to reflect on how important these discoveries can so often be no matter how small and to encourage debate, different perspectives and discussion.

Each presenter only has 3 minutes to tell their story. Supporting images/audio tracks or props can also be used but are not essential. Drawing on the theme of the Heritage Days Festival, the theme for this year's slam is *"History from New Perspectives"*. However, you can use the theme as creatively and diversely as you want.

An audience choice award for the best slam will also be given out this year, and after the slam we will invite our presenters and audience to join together for a beverage and banter.

If you would like to be considered as a slammer, just complete the attached form and return to **Helen Munt** by **Sunday 24th September** at hbm@ling.net.au.

PLACES ARE LIMITED SO PUT YOUR BEST SLAM FORWARD!

