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## Max Kelly Award

**THE DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS IS  
Saturday, Tuesday, 24 October 2023 at 5:00 pm**

*The History Council of NSW is grateful to Geoffrey Jones for his generous donation of the prize money for the 2023 Max Kelly Award.*

### **Preamble**

The Max Kelly Award was first awarded by the History Council of NSW in 1997 to honour the memory of the first elected President of the History Council of NSW, Associate Professor Maxwell John Kelly (1935-1996). Its purpose is to encourage students and other beginning historians (up to a postdoctoral career) in the writing of Australian history from original materials. The winning entry will demonstrate excellence in addressing its subject, proficiency in the use of original materials and clarity of exposition.

The winner will receive a prize of \$500 at an Awards Ceremony in October/November. Winners will also be promoted via social media and online and in the HCNSW's newsletter.

### **Rules**

1. The nominated work may be submitted in the form of an essay, paper or equivalent presentation in non-print media. Work extracted from a larger project (e.g. a thesis) must be cast in a self-contained, free-standing format. **An electronic copy of the nominated work in PDF format should be submitted. Please do not make any reference to the author's name in the paper.**
2. The nominated work must demonstrate competence in the use of primary source material.



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3. Eligible entries must be up to 6,000 words including footnotes and represent work **substantially undertaken in the 12 month period between 1 July 2022 - 30 June 2023**. Please note that papers longer than 6,000 words will not be considered.
4. Previously unsuccessful entries may be resubmitted only if they include substantial new research undertaken in this period, as required by the declaration to be signed on the nomination form.
5. Previous winners are ineligible.
6. Eligible entrants may be students at educational institutions or any person in the community beginning to write history. **Current academics and persons with doctorates are ineligible.**
7. Entrants must be permanent residents of Australia.
8. Nominations may be made by persons other than the author, provided that the author's agreement has been secured. Nominations must be for the work of individuals.
9. Only one entry may be submitted per entrant.
10. Entrants must certify that the entry is their own work and that the materials used or quoted in the text are adequately acknowledged.

A panel of expert members of the historical profession is appointed annually by the General Council to serve as judges. The judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into. The General Council reserves the right not to make an award in any year.

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