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## Max Kelly Award

**Entries close 9 July 2024 at 5 pm.**

The Max Kelly Award is generously supported by:

**Mr. Geoffrey Jones**

The Max Kelly Award was first awarded by the HCNSW 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 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 citation and a prize of \$500**. Winners will also be promoted via social media and online, and in the HCNSW's newsletter.

Submissions can take the form of:

- an essay up to 6,000 words, an academic paper, or article up to 6,000 words (footnotes or similar referencing required, but not counted in word-count) not previously published; or
- work extracted from a larger form (e.g., a thesis) up to 6,000 words (footnotes or similar referencing required, but not counted in word-count) cast in a self-contained, free-standing format.



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## Rules

1. Essays, papers, and works extracted from larger forms must be no longer than 6,000 words (footnotes or similar referencing required, but not counted in word-count).
2. **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.**<sup>1</sup>
3. The nominated work must demonstrate competence in the use of primary source material.
4. Eligible entries must represent work **substantially undertaken in the 18 month period 1st January 2023 to 30 June 2024.**
5. The award is open to historians at all stages of their career, including those inside and outside of academic institutions; undergraduate, diploma, masters and doctoral level students; as well as professional, local, community, and family historians. Waged history academics are not eligible.<sup>2</sup>
6. Entrants must be permanent residents of Australia.
7. Nominations may be made by persons other than the author, provided that the author's agreement has been secured.
8. Only one entry may be submitted per entrant.
9. 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.

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<sup>1</sup> The judging panel recognises that, in some instances, the identity of the author may be integral to the argument/s made in the work. In these cases, please remove the specific name or identity of the author/s, replacing with words to the effect of 'the author', 'the researcher', or 'the producer'.

<sup>2</sup> The intention of this rule is to reward and encourage work from under-supported historians, such as students, early career researchers, community historians, and other historians who are not already paid to undertake historical research and writing within the academy.



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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.

**All works are judged anonymously. Please ensure the name of the author/s does NOT appear in the work. The author's name must only appear on the online nomination form.**

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