

AUSTRALIAN GARDEN HISTORY SOCIETY
WEST AUSTRALIAN BRANCH

JOHN VISKA ESSAY PRIZE FOR 2009



Formed in 1980, the Australian Garden History Society is the leader in concern for and conservation of significant cultural landscapes and historic gardens through committed, relevant and sustainable action. The Society aims to promote knowledge of and research into the systematic identification, recording and restoration of historic gardens. It aims to examine gardens and gardening in their widest social, historic, literary, artistic and scientific context.

The West Australian Branch of the Australian Garden History Society is offering a prize of \$500, one year's membership to the Society, and an opportunity for publication in the national journal, *Australian Garden History* or online on the Society's website. The prize will be given for a completed research paper contributing to the knowledge and/or management of Western Australia's garden heritage.

The aim of the award is to encourage research in Australian garden history by new and emerging scholars, and to recognize excellence in the related writing.

The prize is named for John Viska, founding chairman of the West Australia Branch of the Australian Garden History Society. John, a lecturer in horticulture at Challenger TAFE, compiled the recently published *A Guide to Conserving and Interpreting Gardens in Western Australia*, published several articles in the journal of the Australian Garden History Society, *Australian Garden History*, contributed to *The Oxford Companion of Australian Gardens*, and the forthcoming *Historical Encyclopaedia of Western Australia*. He is also a keen gardener, and has generously opened his garden to the public through Australia's Open Garden Scheme.

Eligibility

University students, TAFE students and keen researchers with an interest in Landscape Design, Landscape Architecture, Arboriculture, Horticulture, Heritage Conservation, Applied Cultural Heritage, History or related disciplines are invited to apply.

Suggested Topics

- A conservation plan or strategy relating to garden history
- Management of significant trees
- A project that catalogues a historic garden layout and collection of plants
- A study of a previously undocumented, rare or threatened area of gardens
- A previously unexplored study of a person or event influential to garden history or landscape heritage

Conditions

The paper may be up to 5000 words, and must be typewritten (electronically produced with disc preferred), and supported by appropriate references and bibliography. Relevant maps and illustrations may be included.

- Only original research will be accepted. Work that has been published previously will not be considered.
- A panel of judges will recommend the winner, with judgement final. The WA Branch reserves the right not to award the prize on the advice of the judges.
- No member of the current WA Branch committee or their family members may enter.
- The prize is not offered to professionals in related fields.
- The paper must be submitted with a completed application form by **31 March 2009**

**Application Form and further details available from the Australian Garden History Society website:
www.gardenhistorysociety.org.au**

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APPLICATION

THE ESSAY IS DUE ON 31 MARCH 2009

FULL NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ POSTCODE _____

CONTACT INFORMATION-PHONE/EMAIL _____

ELIGIBILITY:

I confirm this paper is original and has not been published previously.

I am not, nor have I been a professional in the related fields.

I am not related to any member of the WA Branch committee.

I give permission for my paper to be considered for publication by the Society in *Australian Garden History* or online on the Society's website. (Copyright remains with the author)

Signature _____ Date _____

Please Circle or Tick

Your relevant interest in garden history:

TAFE

University Graduate

Personal research

University Undergraduate

University

**THE WINNER WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF THE BRANCH ON 26 JULY 2009.**

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