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Interests

A/Prof Bruce Pennay's interests focus on two broad topic areas: the cultural heritage of the NSW/ Victorian border region; and post-war immigration history and heritage with particular reference to Bonegilla Reception and Training Centre in Albury.

He is a Trove enthusiast.

Qualifications

Bachelor of Arts, University of Sydney, 1958

Master of Arts, University of Sydney, 1968

Master of Arts (Honours), Macquarie University, 1974

Doctor of Philosophy, Deakin University, 1993

Awards

In 2001 Bruce Pennay was awarded a Centenary Medal 'for service to the Centenary of Australia celebrations'.

In 2005 he was made a life member of the History Council of New South Wales. In 2009 he was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia 'for service to the community of the Albury Wodonga region, particularly through the establishment of the Bonegilla Migrant Reception Centre Heritage Park'.

In 2009 the History Council of New South Wales awarded him the Annual History Citation 'in recognition of his contribution as a historian and practising heritage consultant, in particular his service to heritage and community history in regional New South Wales and Victoria'.

In 2009 he was honoured with a Fellowship of the Federation of Australian Historical Societies for 'making an exceptional contribution to the understanding, preservation and promotion of Australian history through the historical society movement'.

In 2019 he was awarded a Doctor of Arts (honoris causa) by Charles Sturt University for his contributions to the Albury-Wodonga area.

Publications

Books and Websites (Regional History)

Online exhibition: *'The impact of the war on Wodonga and its surrounds'*, 2020. <https://historywodonga.org.au/the-impact-of-the-second-world-war-on-wodonga-and-its-surrounds/> 2020. This exhibition was supported by the Victorian Government and the Victorian Veterans Council as part of the 75th anniversary of the end of World War Two Grant Program.

The Experiment: Imagining the Albury-Wodonga National Growth Centre, Albury Library Museum, 2013.

Making a City in the Country, University of NSW Press, 2006.

Three Shires and Their Councils Triple D Books, 2006.

From Colonial to State Border, 2001, Charles Sturt University.

Books (Immigration History)

Picturing and Re-picturing Bonegilla, Wodonga City Council, 2016.

Benalla Migrant Camp: a difficult heritage, Benalla Migrant Camp Inc. 2015.

Sharing Bonegilla Stories, Albury Library Museum 2012.

Albury-Wodonga's Bonegilla, Albury Regional Museum, 2001.

Journal articles

'Living with Hume Dam', 1919-2019. *Journal of the Royal Australian Historical Society*, 106(2), 194-210.

'Imagining School at Benalla's Migrant Camp', *Victorian Historical Journal*, vol. 90 (1), June 2019.

'Remembering Benalla Migrant Camp', *Journal of the History of the Family* forthcoming 2017.

'Wodonga's Bonegilla' *Victorian Historical Journal* 87 (1) June 2016.

'Imagining Albury-Wodonga', *Historic Environment*, 27 (1) 2015.

'Picturing assimilation in Post-war Australia', *Australian Historical Studies*, 44 (1) March 2013.

'"But no one can say he was hungry": Memories and representations of Bonegilla', *History Australia* 9 (1) April 2012.

'Selling Immigration: Bonegilla Reception and Training Centre', *Victorian Historical Journal* 81 (1) June 2010.

'Framing Block 19 Bonegilla for Tourists and Local Visitors', *Historic Environment* 21 (3) October 2008.

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