**Conference Program 7-13 October 2018**

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| **Day** | **Times** | **Activities and Locations** |
| **Sunday** | 10 am-5.30 pm | **Pre-conference trip (optional)** to Macreas gold mineMemorial Hall, Cromwell. |
| **Monday** | 8.30-9.30 am10.00-4 pm  | **Registration** at Cromwell Memorial Hall**Local field trip** to Bendigo – Welshtown.Matilda Track, Aurora-Longtown-Pengelly’s Track. |
|  |  | Advisory Committee Meeting? |
| **Tuesday** | 8.00-9.00 | **Registration** at Cromwell Memorial Hall. |
| 9.00-10 am | **Opening session**Keynote presentation. |
| 10.00 am-5.00 pm | **Presentations** |
| **Wednesday** | 9.00 am-2 pm | **Presentations** |
| 2.00 pm-6 pm | **Field trip** to Gibbstone -Arrowtown – Lakes District Museum. |
| **Thursday** | 9.00 am-1.00 pm | **Presentations** |
| 2.00pm-4.00pm | **Local Field Trip to Clyde**Free walking tour of Clyde Historical Town (brochure included).Meet at the Dunstan Lodge 3pm for a wine-tasting, hosted by Perseverance Wines |
| 6.00 pm | **Conference Dinner** Victoria Arms Hotel |
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| **Friday** | 9.00 am-1 pm | **Presentations** |
|  | 1.30 pm- 5 pm | **Field trip** to Bannockburn |
| **Saturday** | 9.30 am | **Field trip (optional)** toNorthburn - St Bathans Blue Lake - Oturehua area. |

**Australasian Mining History Association Conference – excursion details**

**Sunday, 7th October** – Pre-conference optional trip

Tour to Macraes heritage area and mine. Meet at Cromwell Memorial Hall 9 a.m., ETA return 4:30 p.m. Lunch provided.

This is an extensive trip through the Maniototo Plains, some of the most beautiful landscape in New Zealand. At the mine site, we will be addressed by a Macraes mine spokesperson.

**Monday, 8th October -** Tour to Bendigo Historic Reserve.

Depart via bus to Bendigo Loop Road, where we will use minibuses to ferry conference delegates up to Welshtown. We will complete the Matilda walking circuit, meeting back at Welshtown for lunch, then complete the Aurora circuit after lunch, then using the minivans to ferry delegates back to Bendigo Loop Road for collection on the main bus back to the Cromwell Memorial Hall. There is a Department of Conservation ‘long drop’ toilet at Welshtown.

Good walking shoes, a sun hat, sunscreen and a water bottle are essential.

**Wednesday, 10th October -** Tour to Arrowtown and Arrowtown Chinese village via Cromwell Gorge Goldfields Centre.

Departing Cromwell Memorial Hall at 1:30 p.m., returning to arrive at 6 p.m.

This trip takes us to a beautiful old goldfields town and tourist centre. There are plenty of opportunities for gourmet coffee and eating experiences, encounters with heritage buildings and a fully restored Chinese village. This is also a free panning area, so if anyone wants to try their luck, all gold pans are available for hire. Bring insect repellent if you are going to do this.

**Thursday, 11th October -** Tour to Clyde historical town.

Departing Cromwell Memorial Hall at 1:30 p.m., returning 4:30 p.m. this delightful old town has missed out on much of the redevelopment that has blighted other heritage regions in Central Otago. It offers a range of buildings and a walking tour of this town is included in the conference publication.

Wine Tasting with Perseverance Wines (<http://www.perseverance.co.nz/> ) in the Dunstan Lodge, Main Street, Clyde. Your host is Jennie Hughes, owner of Perseverance Estate and also owner of Purveyors Wine and Gift store in Clyde (<https://purveyors.co.nz/>).

**Friday, 12th October -** Tour to Bannockburn Historical Reserve.

Departing Cromwell Memorial Hall at 1:30 p.m., returning 4:30 p.m. This is an area of extensive alluvial mining, offering a vast and complex network of water races and old mine sites. Its elevated aspect allows for magnificent views of the Clutha Basin. There are no toilet facilities in this reserve.

Good walking shoes, a sun hat, sunscreen and a water bottle are essential.

**Saturday, 13th October** – Post-conference optional trip tour around Central Otago.

Meet at Cromwell Memorial Hall 9 a.m. This day begins with a visit to the Northburn sluicings, the most extensive and intact herringbone sluicing area in Australasia. This involves a walk of just over 1 km in each direction. Good walking shoes, a sun hat, sunscreen and a water bottle are essential. We will then drive past the Earnscleugh Dredge Tailings Historic Reserve, on our way through the old gold town of Ophir thence to Beck’s, where we will visit the recently restored goldfields-era White Horse Hotel, finishing at St Bathans, the site of a massive hydraulic elevation mining enterprise. Returning to Cromwell Memorial Hall for 4 p.m.

Each of the sites we are visiting represent some of the most beautiful as well as some of the most historic areas of Central Otago. You are therefore encouraged to bring the best cameras, tripods and any other image-capturing accoutrements that will allow you to show others the details of your incredible stay in Central Otago.

Central Otago, while very sunny, can equally turn very cold. You are advised to bring a good coat and hat, to ensure that you are not caught out.

**Schedule of Presentations**

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| **Monday** |  | Field trip to Bendigo Historic Reserve all day |
| Evening: AMHA Advisory Group to meet |
| **Tuesday** | 8.30 – 9.009.00-9.159.15-10.0010.00-10.3012.00-1.001.00-2.302.30-3.00 | ***Registrations******Welcome: Mayor of Central Otago***Session 1 ***Keynote presentation*** - *Chair: Lloyd Carpenter***Heather Bachop***, former researcher and writer for Heritage New Zealand (formerly NZ Historic Places Trust)* ‘Protecting, managing and telling stories about the heritage of the gold rush: some history and some challenges for the future.’ Morning TeaSession 2 ***Otago and beyond –*** *Chair: Ken McQueen*‘Bob and Jules to the rescue’*,* **Rex Johnson**‘The Frenchmen of Frenchman’s Point, Central Otago’ **Lloyd Carpenter**‘The nugget from Nashville 1868: of perseverance and a prince’ **John Ferguson and Jim Dugdale**LunchSession 3 ***Discoveries and Rushes*** – *Chair: Peter Bell*‘Approaches to Mineral Field Discovery and Development through history’ **Ken McQueen**‘The Social History of a Short Rush – Patearoa’ **Jim Sullivan**‘Tales of Otagoians on the Klondike’s Rivers of Gold’ **Robin McLachlan**Afternoon TeaSession 4 ***Social Histories*** *– Chair: Robin McLachlan*‘Pioneering Hotels of Tasmania’s West Coast’ **Peter Brown**‘The Otago Gold Rush on Wine Labels’ **Lloyd Carpenter** |
| **Wednesday** | 9.00-10.3010.30-11.0011.00-12.0012.00-1.00 | Session 5 ***Contrasting Experiences*** *– Chair: Ruth Kerr* ‘There’s Rust in Them Thar’ Hills’ **Rex Johnson**‘Gold, the Great Leveller’ **Megan Potiki**‘Two short stays in Old Cromwell: an Intersection of Hydro-Electric Development and Mining Heritage’ **Jim Enever** Morning TeaSession 6 ***Chinese Miners*** *– Chair: Nic Haygarth*‘A Means to an End: Chinese Mining Technology on the Southern New Zealand Goldfields’ **Neville Ritchie**‘The Decline of Chinese Gold Mining on the Turon Goldfields, New South Wales’ **Juanita Kwok**Lunch |
| 1-5.30 | Field trip to Arrowtown via Cromwell Gorge Mining Centre |
| **Thursday** | 9.00-11.0011.00-11.3011.30-1.001.00-2.00  | Session 7 ***Dredging*** - *Chair: Jim Enever*‘Chatto Creek Dredge’ **Rex Johnson**‘John Barry, The Capable New Zealander’ **Gerald Hutton**‘Why Otago developed the Bucket Ladder Gold Dredge and not California’ **Nic MacArthur**‘Strakes and Ladders: the Interchange of Bucket Dredging People and Technology between New Zealand and Victoria, 1898-1928’ **Matthew Churchward**Morning TeaSession 8 ***Australia and Beyond*** *– Chair Ross Both*‘Artist at the Coal Face: Perspectives on the Tasmanian Mining Photos of H.J.King’ **Nic Haygarth**‘One of these ruins is not like the others’ **Lloyd Carpenter**‘The Archaeology of Failure: Gold in North Devon (United Kingdom) and the Argentine Smelter (Queensland)’ **Peter** **Claughton** Lunch |
|  | 2.00-4.00 | Field trip to Clyde.3.00 – 3.45 wine tasting in the Dunstan Lodge hosted by Perseverance Wines |
|  | 6.00 | Meal (***separate charge for this***) Talk: ‘My Central: A 50 year affair with a goldfield’ **Lloyd Carpenter** |
| **Friday** | 9.00-10.0010.00-10.3010.30-12.0012.00-1.00 | AMHA AGMMorning TeaSession 9 ***Micro-Histories, A mining Queen, and Five Frontiersmen –*** Chair Philip Hart ‘The Butcher, the Baker and the Candlestick Maker: three exemplar micro-histories of Rush-era merchants’ **Lloyd Carpenter**‘Alice Cornwall – “The Queen of the Australian Goldfields” – A Flash in the Gold Pan’ – **Anne Both**‘The Gaffney Brothers, Building, Supplying and Hosting Tasmania’s West Coast Mining Fields’ **Nic Haygarth**Lunch |
|  | 1.30-4.00 | Field trip to Bannockburn |