

NHC Update June 2010

Thank you to all those of you who have already registered for the National History Challenge. If you haven't yet done so, please do it as soon as possible – it really helps the HTAV financially. From now on things get quite frantic, so please check that everything is in on time.

Important Dates:

School judging needs to be completed in the next couple of months. Note that there is a new judging form which you can use at the school level - it's on the National History Challenge website (www.historychallenge.org.au) under *Downloads* (go to the section headed *Teachers*). (The new entry form is also there).

Friday 27th August – entries close – this is the **final** date for schools to send us the details of their winners, with preferences for venue and judging time. Go to the HTAV website, then to Competitions, and under National History Challenge you will find a form for giving Regional Judging preferences which you can download. If you have already completed your school judging, you can fax this form to me at the HTAV – 94194713 – as soon as possible, or email me the details (preferable – nhc@htav.asn.au). **Don't wait** – I will start allocating times & places for Regional Judging as soon as I can.

Do not send any entries to the HTAV – your entrants will need them for Regional Judging.

Wednesday September 2nd - you should have received confirmed times & places for Regional Judging for your students by the end of this day!! Maps will be faxed or emailed with confirmation of times, as well as a page of details for students.

Sunday September 5th – Regional Judging 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. at 5 sites – Camperdown College, Loreto Mandeville Hall, Mentone Girls Grammar, Southwood Boys Grammar, & in Mildura. Students whose work will be judged at state level will be advised by email ASAP.

Sunday September 12th State judging – at Southwood Boys Grammar School, Ringwood. Even though some students will be on school holidays, we hope that they will be able to attend.

Friday September 17th – all requests for Certificates of Participation need to be finalised, in order that you can have certificates for your students for Awards Nights, etc.

Friday 17th September – Winning entries to be sent for National judging.

4th October – National judging in Sydney.

Friday 22nd October – State Presentation Ceremony.

Tuesday 23rd November – National Presentation Ceremony, Canberra

Be a Judge!!

Judging National History Challenge entries is one of the most rewarding forms of Professional Development that I know!! It is invigorating, stimulating, tiring & inspiring – all at once - and a great opportunity for collegiality!!.

If you have judged before & would like to do it again, please email us & let me or Jo know. If you haven't judged before, there will be training session(s) in August. Please contact Jo by the 1st of August if you are interested.

If you have any problems, contact us by email at nhc@htav.asn.au or fax at 94194713 (slower!!) or ring Colin on 9899 6367 or Jo on 0408 311 584 and we'll get back to you ASAP.

Good luck to you & your students – we're looking forward to seeing how students have addressed the theme of *celebrations, memories & history*.

Colin J.Pearce & Jo Clyne
Victorian State Coordinators