



National Centre of Biography News

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In the final issue of NCB News for this year we wish readers a safe and relaxing holiday period and share the 2024 number of *Biography Footnotes*, the NCB's annual newsletter. See you in 2025!



Happy Holidays
&
Best Wishes for 2025

From Professor Melanie Nolan
&
the staff of the National Centre of Biography
(including our new mascot, Billie the cavoodle!)

Biography Footnotes no. 25



Biography Footnotes is the National Centre of Biography's annual newsletter. It has been published since 2009; all previous issues can be accessed via the NCB's website.

Issue number 25 has a new look but contains all the same vital information that is recorded each year. In it you will find an update on the *Australian Dictionary of Biography*; notes on the many successes enjoyed by NCB staff and students this year; and a recap of all the centre's events, publications, and research activities. We also share news about the *PNG Dictionary of Biography*, feature the recently published *Reframing Indigenous Biography*, highlight various research projects, and much more.

Download your copy [here](#).

Happy reading!

Final notices for 2024



PhD thesis prize

Congratulations to James Watson whose recently passed PhD thesis, 'Fibro Modernity: A Social History of Asbestos in Australia, 1878-2024', was awarded The Patrick Troy Memorial Prize in Urban and Environmental Studies.



Research editor shortlisted for prize

Congratulations to Dr Emily Gallagher, ADB research editor, whose already award-winning PhD thesis has been shortlisted for the Lyndall Ryan Thesis Prize. The winner will be announced at the International Australian Studies Association's conference in February. Good luck, Em!



Biography Workshop 2025

The Biography Workshop 2025 program has just been released. See what you have to look forward to next year [here](#).

ADB feature entry

Ho, ho, ho! This Santa Clause lookalike is William Arnott, the famous biscuit manufacturer. Originating from Scotland, he came to the colony of New South Wales as a young man and worked as a baker. To find out how he came to be the namesake of one of the country's most famous food brands, read his entry in the ADB [here](#).



William Arnott, c. 1890, State Library of New South Wales

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