

## CALL OUT FOR PARTICIPANTS

### Australian Generations Oral History Project

In a new national project, historians at Monash and La Trobe Universities, in partnership with ABC Radio National and the National Library of Australia, are collecting life story interviews with generations of Australians born from the 1920s to the 1980s.

We are interested in the life stories of all Australians – rural and urban, male and female, the recently arrived and people whose families have lived in Australia for generations.

**We are currently seeking participants across Victoria, Queensland, South Australia and Western Australia.**

We'd like to record stories about everyday life. What have been the turning points in your life? How have families and friendships changed over time? Have faith and belief become more or less significant to you and your family? What technologies have come and gone, and how has that affected your life at home, work and play? Where do you have a sense of belonging? Do you feel part of an Australian generation?

Project leader, Professor Alistair Thomson of the School of Philosophical, Historical and International Studies at Monash University believes the project will fill an important research gap.

“There is general agreement that generational differences in cultural ‘taste’ and resources affect social change, and are significant in conflict and cohesion as well as in mobility and value transmission, but these differences and their consequences have rarely been analysed in any detail.”

People can register their interest in participating by phone, email, online or in writing:

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### BACKGROUND

Funded by an Australian Research Council Linkage Grant, *Australian Generations* is one of Australia's most ambitious oral history projects, and will pioneer new ways of creating, interpreting and presenting our life stories.

These interviews will provide a unique snap-shot of historical change in Australia throughout the 20<sup>th</sup> and into the 21<sup>st</sup> century, and will be used by the research team in written histories and in a series of ABC Radio National history programs. The interviews will then be lodged with the National Library of Australia's permanent online oral history collection.