

Labour History Society SA, Tom Sheridan Scholarship 2021, Assessment Panel Report

We are pleased to report on our recommendations for the Labour History Society SA's, 2021 Tom Sheridan Scholarship.

The Process

The Panel proceeded by redeveloping the Scholarship information to better express the purpose of the award and the processes and criteria for its selection. The Scholarship was advertised to relevant departments in the three public universities of South Australia and to members of the Society. Four applications of very high quality were received, two from students at Flinders University and two from the University of Adelaide. Following a consideration of each candidate against the selection criteria, two candidates were shortlisted. The successful candidate was selected following consideration of detailed referee reports.

Panel Recommendations

1. In recognition of the overall strength of this year's submissions, the Executive has already approved the Panel's recommendation, that each of the candidates for this year's scholarships be offered complementary membership of the Society for 2021-22.
2. The Panel recommends that **Yianni Cartledge** be awarded the Tom Sheridan Scholarship for 2021. Mr. Cartledge is a PhD student at Flinders University whose thesis is a comparative history of international labour migration from Icaria, Greece, to South Australia and elsewhere. Mr. Cartledge submitted substantial evidence in support of his application and received unqualified support from two senior professors familiar with his research and his accomplishments. He is an outstanding young historian, achieving first class Honours for his undergraduate degree and the Wakefield History Prize, 2014. He is already published in the distinguished journal, *Historical Research*, with a further joint publication due imminently to mark the 200th year commemoration of the Greek War of Independence. He is making strong progress towards completion of his innovative thesis, which his referees predict will make a strong contribution to Australian labour history.
3. Exceptionally and based on her outstanding potential to contribute to the history of workers in a little documented aspect of the South Australia's maritime history, the Panel recommends that **Shiralee Farley** be awarded a Special Commendation. It is further recommended that she be awarded \$150.00 in consideration of this Commendation. Ms Farley is an outstanding student, currently in the Honours year of the Maritime Archeology program at Flinders University. Her thesis is investigating the working history of a ship salvage site known as the Jervois Basin Ship's Graveyard. Utilising innovative maritime archeological technologies and a variety of social history sources, including oral history, her referees are confident that Ms Farley's thesis will make a distinctive contribution to an important aspect of Port Adelaide's working-class heritage.

The Panel's recommendations to the Executive are unanimous.

Panel: Dr David Faber (Chair)

Dr Adrian Graves (Secretary)

Dr Grant Banfield