

Guide for Contributors to the *Journal of the Historical Society of South Australia*

NOTES FOR REFEREES: RESEARCH ESSAYS

The Journal of the Historical Society of South Australia (JHSSA) is a vehicle for those working in academic situations, as professional historians and as researchers with an amateur interest in history. The *JHSSA* therefore welcomes a range of contributions in a variety of formats: research essays, photographic essays, occasional pieces and book reviews.

Referees are asked to consider research essays in regard to the following and to communicate their typewritten response for forwarding (anonymously) to the author. (This is most conveniently done by email as a Word attachment to the *Journal* Editor at <Brian.dickey@flinders.edu.au>)

- Structure and argument.
- Appropriateness of title.
- Appropriateness of sources. Indicate key omissions.
- Prose style. Contributors are encouraged to use accessible language, and to write in a lively and concise manner. The article should not be repetitive, verbose or pedantic and should not echo the tone of the sources. The writer should have an independent voice.

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Finally, they should recommend whether the article should be:

- accepted for publication without substantial change
- published with changes as suggested
- not accepted (reasons stated)