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Lyndon developed one of the first Australian CD-ROM multimedia teaching resources, ‘Flashback Australian History’, and led the development of Australian History websites for the Australian Government Department of Veterans’ Affairs on the Kokoda Track, Australian Involvement in the Korean War and Hellfire Pass on the Thai-Burma Railway. Past sites, such as those on Gallipoli and Multicultural History won National or State awards for design excellence, as have several educational resource printed publications.

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Education Reference Group

An Education Reference Group monitored the development of this resource to ensure that it aligned with current curriculum requirements, would meet teachers’ needs and students’ interests, and model sound pedagogical practice. Membership comprised:

- Sydney Metro Northwest personnel and consultants involved in managing the Program
- Teacher representatives drawn from independent, Catholic and Department of Education and Communities schools situated along the North West region alignment.

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Kate’s contribution to history teaching has been recognised in a range of awards, among them the Australian College of Educators Award in 2002 for her ‘outstanding contribution to higher education in the area of secondary education’, the Premier’s Westfield Scholarship for History in 2004, the Annual Citation by the NSW History Council of NSW in 2010, the Professional Teachers’ Council of NSW Outstanding Professional Service Award, also in 2010, and the Renee Erdos Award from the History Teachers Association of NSW in 2015. Although now retired from full time teaching, Kate continues to provide resources and professional development to support teachers of history.