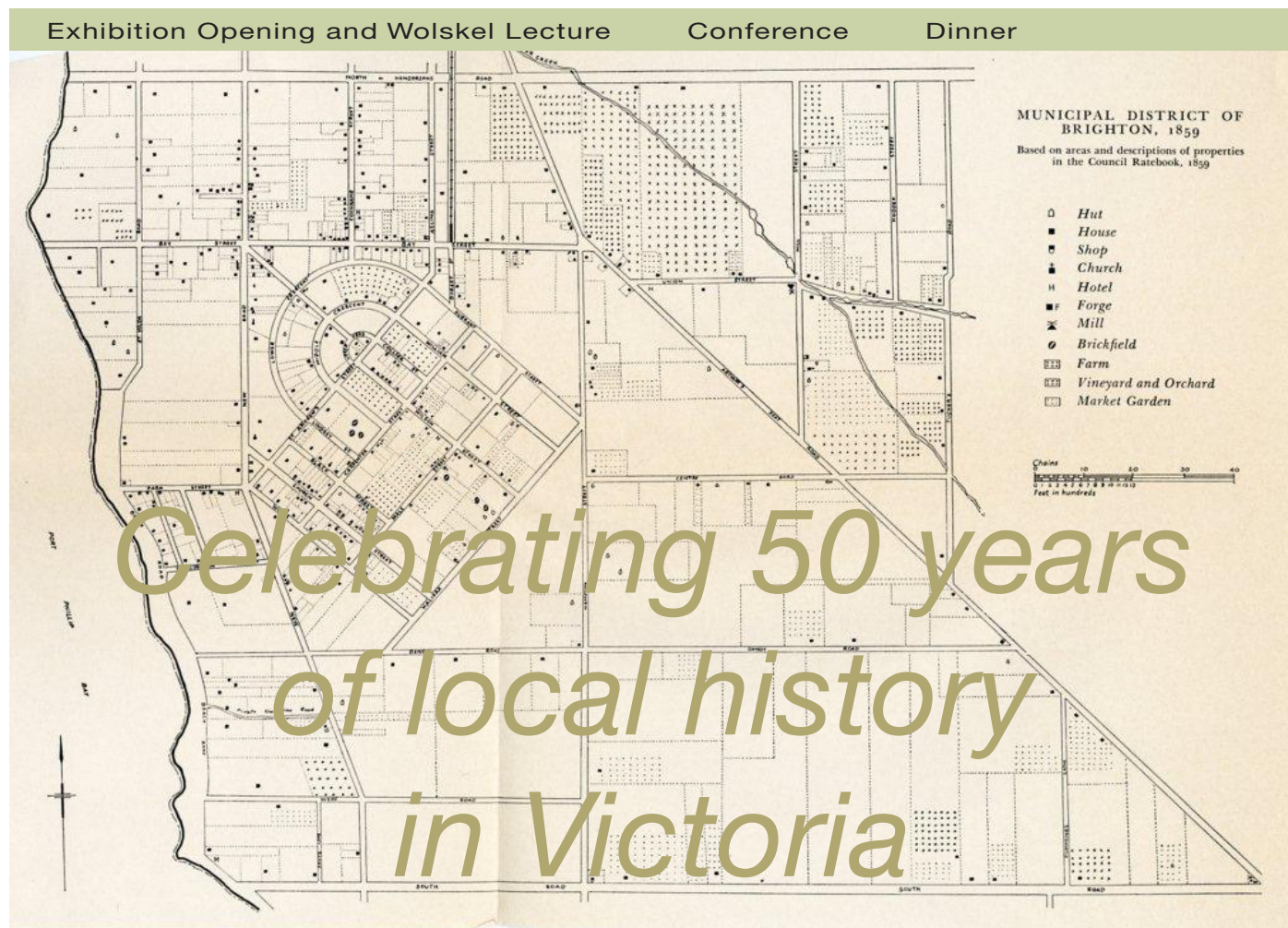


# THE RHSV CONFERENCE 2012



FRIDAY 16 NOVEMBER &  
SATURDAY 17 NOVEMBER

To be held at:  
The Royal Historical Society of Victoria  
239 A'Beckett Street, (cnr William Street)  
Melbourne  
9326 9288



2012 marks fifty years since the publication of the ground-breaking local history *A History of Brighton* by Professor Weston Bate. This history set new standards in research, writing and technique and was a vital element in igniting the passion for local history throughout Victoria during the 1960s. This was a vigorous period with the establishment of many historical societies and the emergence of a new style of local history that interpreted source material and placed local communities within a wider context.

Fifty years later how has local history changed.....what are the major influences on local history in 2012? With the advent of social media, digital technology and expanding research and publication opportunities – how do we imagine local history might develop into the future?

Come and be part of this stimulating and celebratory conference to be presented and debated by luminaries in local history – with a mix of panel sessions and extended papers – commencing with an exhibition opening and the Wolskel Lecture on Friday evening and concluding with a dinner at the Melbourne Savage Club on Saturday evening.

You are welcome to attend any or all three events.

Booking information and full programme inside:

## Exhibition Opening and Wolskel Lecture – FRIDAY 16 NOVEMBER – at the RHSV

*You are invited to the Exhibition Opening + Lecture*

### GROWING HISTORY'S GRASS ROOTS EXHIBITION

A look at the impact of the 1960s on Victoria's local history writing and in particular the innovation of technique and the use of source material that set new standards with the publication of the Brighton history.

To be opened by Mr Peter Hiscock, past Executive Director of Sovereign Hill, Ballarat - a position he held for 22 distinguished years.

### AUGUSTUS WOLSKEL MEMORIAL LECTURE

#### **Fifty Years of Local History in Victoria**

To be delivered by Professor Graeme Davison

**When:** Exhibition opening 5pm

**Lecture:** from 6.15pm

**Where:** RHSV, 239 A'Beckett Street, Melbourne

**Cost:** \$20 per person

## Conference – SATURDAY 17 NOVEMBER – at the RHSV

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*Please join us for a day of stimulating papers and innovative thoughts.*

9.30 – 10.00	Registration
10.00 – 11.15	<i>The Shock of the 1960s - The influence of Professor Weston Bate on the writing of local history</i> Chair: Professor Richard Broome Panel: Assoc. Prof Don Gibb, Dr. John Lack, Dr Charles Fahey, Susan Priestley.
Break –	Morning Tea
11.45 – 1.00	<i>Innovation and Interrogation - Local History in 2012</i> Chair: Dr Andrew Lemon Panel: Dr Rosalie Triolo, Carole Woods, Professor Janet McCalman
1.00– 2.00	A light lunch will be served
2.00 – 2.30	<i>Innovation and Impact</i> Chair: Associate Professor Don Garden. Postcards from the Past – an audiovisual case study – the Burrells of Arthur's Seat Keith White and Will Twycross, Winners, multi –media, Victorian Community History Awards 2010
2.30 – 3.15	<i>Possibilities for the Future</i> Darren Peacock – Adelaide Cultural IT Consultant
3.15 – 3.30	Closing remarks Dr Andrew Lemon, President RHSV
Conference Fee:	\$50 per person

## Dinner – SATURDAY 17 NOVEMBER – Melbourne Savage Club

### CELEBRATORY DINNER: *black tie or bow tie*

Please join us for a celebratory dinner. An evening of witty speeches and excellent food with Master of Ceremonies, Michael Cathcart, host of Books & Arts Daily, Radio National and author of many highly acclaimed histories including *The Water Dreamers*

**Where:** The Melbourne Savage Club  
12 – 14 Bank Place  
Melbourne

**When:** 7pm for 7.45pm

**Cost:** \$100 (includes dinner and wines)

**Nearest**

**Parking:** Wilsons Parking, 416 Flinders Lane

*Taxis can be arranged at the conclusion of the evening*

# THE RHSV CONFERENCE

NOVEMBER 16-17, 2012



## Registration Form

Please complete and return this form by Wednesday 7 November.

Forms can be returned to: [office@historyvictoria.org.au](mailto:office@historyvictoria.org.au)

or mail to: RHSV

239 A'Beckett Street  
Melbourne 3000

NOTE: You can choose to attend any of the activities or all three.

**Enquiries: 9326 9288**

Names of people attending:

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Email: .....

Phone: ..... Mobile: .....

I/we are planning to attend:

ACTIVITY	Cost per head	No. of people attending	Total cost
Exhibition Opening and Wolskel Lecture – 16 Nov	\$20		
Conference – 17 Nov	\$50		
Celebratory dinner – 17 Nov	\$100		
TOTAL COST			

Online registrations and payment can be made by going to:  
<http://www.trybooking.com/BZHU>

I enclose payment of \$ .....

### Payment Details:

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☐ Credit Card

☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard

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Rate only valid for stays on Nov 16 & 17

### Special dietary requirements

☐ Vegetarian ☐ Gluten free

Other (please specify) .....



# RHSV CONFERENCE 2012 SPEAKERS

The RHSV thanks the following for so warmly accepting our invitation to speak:

## Professor Richard Broome

Richard Broome is well known for his expertise in local history, most notably his prize winning book *Coburg; between two creeks*. He is Professor of History at La Trobe University and is renowned for his research and writing about Aboriginal history.

## Dr Michael Cathcart

Michael Cathcart is a writer, university lecturer and broadcaster. He is well known to historians for his abridgement of Manning Clark's *A History of Australia*. In 2010, his book *The Water Dreamers* won the Colin Roderick Prize for best Australian book and was short-listed for the Prime Minister's Prize. Michael produced a 3-part documentary series for ABC TV called *Australia on Trial*. He is currently the presenter of Radio National's *Books and Arts Daily*.

## Professor Graeme Davison AO

Graeme Davison has taught at the University of Melbourne, Monash University and Harvard University where he was Visiting Professor of Australian Studies. He is a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences and the Academy of the Humanities. An author of numerous histories, he has a deep interest in the history of cities across the western world.

## Dr Charles Fahey

Charles Fahey joined La Trobe University in 1990 after briefly teaching history at the University of Tasmania in Launceston. Before becoming an academic he was employed as a historian with the Victorian government, where he worked on the conservation of historic sites on crown land and the history of Victorian forestry. He has written extensively on the history of Victoria.

## Assoc Prof Don Garden

Associate Professor Don Garden is an environmental historian who now works as a consultant historian after teaching at the University of Melbourne for many years. He holds honorary positions at the University of Melbourne and is immediate Past President of the Federation of Australian Historical Societies. His recent publications include *Droughts, floods and cyclones: El Ninos that shaped our colonial past*.

## Associate Professor Don Gibb

Don Gibb is an Honorary Fellow in history and former Associate Professor at Deakin University. He is instrumental in developing mentorships for students at the RHSV, and a tireless chairman of the Publications Committee. Most recently his annotations for the RHSV Address Book contributed to the book winning the Museums Association Design and Publication Awards, corporate publication. He is a Fellow and past Councillor of The RHSV.

## Associate Professor John Lack

John Lack is the author of numerous articles and is well known for his outstanding research and writing in local history, particularly of Footscray and the Maribyrnong region. He is a Fellow of the RHSV and has been editor of the *Victorian Historical Journal*.

## Dr Andrew Lemon

Dr Andrew Lemon is the current President of the RHSV. He is an independent professional historian. His local history publications include Northcote, Box Hill and Broadmeadows and he is the author of the three volume *History of Australian Thoroughbred Racing*. He is a Fellow of the RHSV.

## Professor Janet McCalman

Janet McCalman holds joint appointments in History & Philosophy of Science in the Faculty of Arts and in the Centre for Health and Society in the Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences. She is director of the Johnstone-Need Medical History Unit.

She has published two histories of Australian life and politics, *Struggletown* (1984, 1998) set in the Melbourne suburb of Richmond, and *Journeyings* (1993), a biography of a middle-class generation from the world of the '69 tram'. The social history of women's health, *Sex and Suffering: women's health and a women's hospital, 1856-1996* (Melbourne University Press 1998), was also published in the United States by Johns Hopkins University Press. Her current research interests are in the social history of health and disease, life course history, (in particular of childhood and adolescence), the family, and ecological history. With Dr Len Smith of the ANU and Professor Ian Anderson, she has been working on a reconstitution of the Aboriginal population of Victoria. And with colleagues from the universities of Tasmania, Flinders and ANU, she is part of the Founders & Survivors project, tracing the life courses and descendants of convicts transported to Van Diemen's Land.

## Darren Peacock

Darren Peacock is the Managing Director of Sweet Technology, an independent consultancy serving the online information and technology management needs of cultural, educational, community and other mission-based organisations. It provides strategic advice, planning and implementation support for complex digital technology projects.

## Susan Priestley

Susan Priestley is an independent historian. She is the author of five Victorian local histories, four institutional histories and *Making their Mark*, one of three volumes of *The Victorians*. Most recently she has become smitten with biography as the most engaging way to make encounters with the past and gain insights into the future. She is a Past President of the RHSV and a Fellow.

## Dr Rosalie Triolo

Rosalie Triolo is History Education Lecturer in the Faculty of Education at Monash University and President as well as a Life Member of the History Teachers' Association of Victoria. She is active in HTAV, HTAA, Australian History Curriculum and historico-cultural education communities. Her research into History Education and the Great War was awarded a Monash University Mollie Holman Medal in 2009. In September her book *Our Schools and The War* was launched.

## Keith White and Bill Twycross

Keith White and Bill Twycross from the Mornington Peninsula were winners of the Victorian Community History Awards in 2010 for Best Audio-Visual/Multi Media. Their winning entry, *Visions of Port Phillip; The Burrell's of Arthur's Seat 1851-1925* was thoughtful, innovative and beautiful – a social documentary which used family stories to profile the development of one of Melbourne's historic and popular beachside holiday regions.

## Carole Woods

Carole Woods has been a judge of the Victorian Community History Awards for 12 years. Her publications include *Local History in Victoria; An annotated Bibliography* (1980), *Beechworth, A titan's Field* (1985), *The Fitzroy Public Library 1877 – 1977* (2000). She is a Fellow of the RHSV and Honorary Secretary.