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The fruition of a magnificent community effort. The Heyfield and Districts History Society's new home 2017. Courtesy HDHS

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

**WE ARE NOT ALONE!** Across Australia there are an estimated 1000 community history and heritage societies with 100,000 members. There are many levels of organisation that link us all - local, regional and national.

Local groupings exist, some within a single local government area, such as the Macedon Ranges Heritage Council and the Boroondara Historical Societies Association. These network, share experiences and speak with a single voice to their local government authority. Some councils employ a community history or heritage officer. The Mornington Peninsula Shire has a Local History Coordinator to liaise with the Mornington Peninsula Local History Network. Recently, the Yarra Ranges Shire appointed John Petersen, one of the designers of the digital toolkit (<http://www.digitalcollections.org.au/>), as its Community Heritage Officer.

Other groupings bring together societies from across a region. Prominent among these are the very active and successful Association of Eastern Historical Societies and the Geelong and District Historical Association.

In a sense, the RHSV is another large regional organisational. As the peak body for about 340 societies across Victoria, we assist all Victorian community history and heritage bodies and their members in a range of ways, including access to the RHSV's magnificent collection. Beyond that, we offer advice, training, information, contacts, coordination, etc, through our publications, events and website, and especially through the work of the History Victoria Support Group and its regional seminars.

At the national level, and not always fully recognised sits the Federation of Australian Historical Societies. It is the national umbrella body representing those 1000 Australian societies and their members. It is largely financed by the Commonwealth government to assist and advise societies and to promote their work in history and heritage. The FAHS Council is formed of delegates representing the peak bodies in each state and territory. It meets three times annually by web conference, and face-to-face for the AGM. The FAHS represents the community history and heritage movement at the national level and advocates its interests to federal politicians and the bureaucracy.

The FAHS employs two staff - John Davies, the Executive Officer is based in Canberra, and Dr Bernadette Flynn, the Outreach Officer, lives outside Sydney. The FAHS operates largely online. On its website you can find advice and training publications, access to the Outreach Officer who offers online advice (including a weekly consultation History Clinic), and the FAHS electronic periodicals (a three-weekly E-Bulletin and a twice yearly Newsletter). The E-Bulletin contains items about events and opportunities across Australia and features the work of successful societies. The Newsletter consists of longer articles about the work of societies and their successes and challenges. All historical societies and their members can access these publications via <https://www.history.org.au> or notifying the Executive Officer, John Davies, to put you on the distribution list ([fahs@history.org.au](mailto:fahs@history.org.au)). Bernadette Flynn can be contacted at [fahsbflynn@gmail.com](mailto:fahsbflynn@gmail.com).

**YOU ARE NOT ALONE!**

*Don Garden*

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We look forward to your visit!

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*Student History Teacher Claudia Kurrle at work on Saturday at the RHSV*

## Holsworth Local Heritage Trust Grants

The **Holsworth Local Heritage Trust**, a charitable fund within the **Victorian Community Foundation**, offers grants to **not-for-profit organisations** such as historical societies, clubs, schools and museums in regional and rural Victoria. The Trust is interested in supporting enthusiastic community groups and organisations with a true interest in heritage preservation and appreciation, and the enhancement of community life.

Grants of up to \$2,000 are available for the publication of any specific or general local history or natural history in rural and regional Victoria. The Trust encourages applications from small organisations with an interest in publishing works of historical value, even where the organisation has little or no experience of self-publishing work. Joint projects encompassing several groups, or annual/special edited journals incorporating submitted historical articles from a wide community, are encouraged. Applicants are required to submit a proposal including details of the intended date of publication. It is expected that considerable research has already been undertaken before applying.

Download an application form from the RHSV website or phone us on 9326 9288 for a mailed copy.

**Applications must be submitted by 31 July.** Further information and application form: <http://www.historyvictoria.org.au/programs/holsworth-local-heritage-trust>

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The fruition of a magnificent community effort. The Heyfield and Districts History Society's new home 2017. Courtesy HDHS

# Falsely Accused: Westgarthtown Germans during WW1

Westgarthtown, now part of the Melbourne suburbs of Thomastown and Lalor, was established in March 1850 by Germans from Mecklenburg, Saxony and Silesia. By 1854, its population had grown to over 160, made up of families building bluestone farmhouses, barns, stables and walls on their land, some of which still survive. The name 'Westgarthtown' honoured William Westgarth, the prominent Melbourne merchant, politician and historian, who was interested in creating viticulture in Port Phillip. Westgarth recruited these immigrants in the hope they would be vinedressers and helped them purchase the 640 acre block upon which they settled.



Albert Wuchatsch, respected Whittlesea Shire Councillor who was accused of being pro-German. Courtesy of Robert Wuchatsch.

When World War 1 began, Westgarthtown residents resembled their neighbours of British descent in occupations and aspirations. The majority were dairy farmers, like most of the Shire of Epping's residents, and the use of German had effectively ceased with the deaths of the original settlers. Westgarthtown's children all attended Thomastown State School and many attended Sunday school at Thomastown's Methodist Church. As proof of their loyalty to Australia, many young men connected to Westgarthtown enlisted.

At least 71 soldiers with Westgarthtown ancestry—those born at Westgarthtown or with parents, grandparents or great grandparents who were born, lived or worshipped there—enlisted in the AIF or

New Zealand Expeditionary Forces during World War 1. The death rate of the 65 soldiers with Westgarthtown ancestry who served overseas was 29 per cent. This rate far exceeded the overall Australian rate of AIF deaths to embarkations of 18 per cent. Fourteen were killed in action, four died of wounds and one died after being invalided back to Australia. A further 30 per cent of Westgarthtown's surviving soldiers were wounded in action, some several times, and many were hospitalized with illness. Several soldiers won bravery awards and one was taken prisoner of war.

The first Westgarthtown related soldier to die was Ewen Ewert, 12<sup>th</sup> Battalion, killed at Gallipoli on 25 April 1915. The details of Ewen's death were never determined and his father John, born at Westgarthtown, was still seeking details from the Australian Army in 1921.

Three more Ewert descendants were killed in action fighting for Australia, including two 51<sup>st</sup> Battalion brothers named Jones, who died at Mouquet Farm on the same day in 1916, probably killed by the same shell. When he heard the news, their 81-year-old German-born grandfather Friedrich Ewert, who arrived in 1858, is said to have exclaimed: 'All mein friends are killing all mein relatives'.

Instead of gaining commendation for their contribution to the war effort, the Westgarthtown community suffered shameful aspersions. As early as February 1915, an anonymous complainant accused the Siebel family of Thomastown of disloyalty, and also stated: 'There is a town of Germans called Germantown who are all very pro-German and require attention. There are miles of open channels of water leading to the Preston reservoir that may be poisoned by these people'.

In 1914 the Broadmeadows Army Camp was established near Westgarthtown. Over the road was the farm of Bill Zimmer, a grandson of Westgarthtown settlers. Bill carted milk to the camp, removed nightsoil, loaned farm equipment and made land available, but his motives were continually questioned. 'True Australian' wrote: 'The man who has the contract for the camp, Zimmer, has done well out of it since the war started. When the Government would give the contract to him it is a case of nourishing the enemy'. Bill had eight Zimmer relatives who enlisted, including Bob Horwood, a signaller killed at Pozières in 1916 when a shell hit his dugout. Bob's brother, Edwin, was wounded and died in 1917 after returning to Australia. Two other Horwood brothers also served overseas. In 1916, Cr Albert Wuchatsch of the Shire of Whittlesea was accused of disloyalty, despite having three Wuchatsch cousins fighting for Australia and a younger brother about to enlist. When he stood to speak at a public meeting, his accuser shouted 'Sit down Germany. John Bull is master here, not the Kaiser'. Fellow councillors defended Albert, but he subsequently lost his Council seat. One of Albert's cousins, George Wuchatsch, a member of the 9<sup>th</sup> Light Horse since 1914, was later awarded a Military Medal and was Mentioned in Dispatches for bravery in the Middle East. He committed suicide in 1920, the result of post-traumatic stress disorder. There were many other cases of persecution of Westgarthtown residents or descendants, as occurred elsewhere in Australia. While six members of the Ziebell family were serving overseas, five of whom were wounded, several of their relatives in Australia were falsely accused of disloyalty.

While all Australians anguished over the welfare of their loved ones fighting and dying with the AIF overseas, many German-



George Wuchatsch served with the 9th Light Horse Regiment at Gallipoli and elsewhere and was awarded a Military Medal. He suicided in 1920 owing to war trauma. Courtesy of Robert Wuchatsch.

Australians also had to endure totally undeserved persecution at home and this was especially apparent at Westgarthtown. No wonder people such as my father, Norman Wuchatsch, who was only twelve at the outbreak of war, never forgot or forgave the injustice of it all.

In 1919, when Ray Wuchatsch returned from the war, he and other soldiers were given a welcome home. One soldier responded on their behalf. He stated that some parcels received from Australia contained gum leaves, which would be put in a heap, then burned, to remind them of home. Home for them, including Ray and other German-Australians, was where the gum trees grew, not the lindens.

**Rob Wuchatsch**

The Friends of Westgarthtown gained a commendation at the 2016 Victorian Community History Awards for their film *Westgarthtown and World War 1: German Descendants at War and on the Homefront*. This film can be viewed at [www.westgarthtown.org.au](http://www.westgarthtown.org.au)



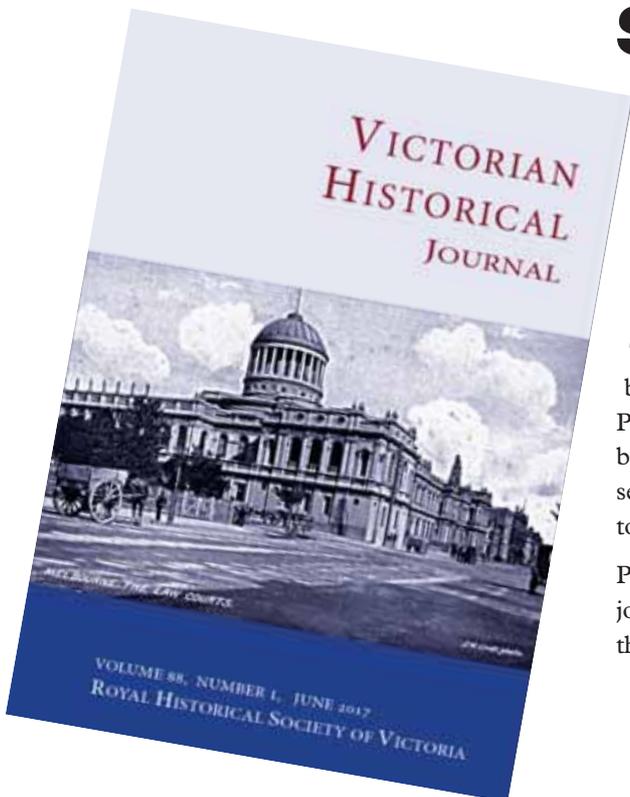
Friedrich Ewert, who lost three grandsons in WW1, including two on the same day. Courtesy Jennie Thomson.

## Support a Centurian!

The Victorian Historical Journal is 106 years old, the second oldest history journal in the country. It is the RHSV most distinguished accomplishment and supports the writing and promotion of Victoria's history. It is produced by volunteer labour and is now on the World Wide Web as well as in hard copy. The printing and mailing of two issues of hard copy, each in a thousand copies, costs \$15,000 per annum.

The RHSV now has a VHJ Future fund to free the annual RHSV budget from this ongoing expense. Profits from Judging for the People (2016), and Remembering Melbourne 1850-1960 (2016) have bolstered this fund. So too has a patrons' plan currently supported by seven patrons who have pledged varying amounts for the next three to five years to support the journal.

Please consider a tax deductible gift to the RHSV by becoming a journal patron. Inquires can be made to Richard Broome, Chair of the Publications Committee on [r.broome@latrobe.edu.au](mailto:r.broome@latrobe.edu.au)



# History Victoria Support Group

This month I've been reflecting on some of the questions that have been bubbling away at the back of my mind as I visit different societies and consider ideas presented at our regional seminars.

I've thought, too, about how my own historical society approaches its aim of preserving our suburb's history. We have a large museum collection and a rich paper-based research collection. We 'live' in a heritage building, not designed to house either. We have an enthusiastic but small team of volunteers who cannot keep up with the work to be done. Only about half our members live in the area and many of them work so have limited opportunities to volunteer. It seems that interest in our monthly meeting program and our quarterly

newsletter is waning. And it seems that no one is willing to join the committee of management.

I'm sure this all sounds familiar to many of you.

We're not giving up, though. Recently we've begun to explore ways to strengthen our position. We've been working hard to raise our profile in the community and create as many partnerships as we can. We have improved our social media presence. We have begun to explore the use of a range of online (and free) collaborative tools so that members who live away from the area can be more involved.

There is so much to do and so much to think about. Sometimes it's downright daunting, but it's exciting, too.

I read somewhere that the only limitations for historical societies are a lack of imagination and an unwillingness to learn. Do you agree? What is your society doing to secure its future? Please share your experiences by emailing me at [hvsg@historyvictoria.org.au](mailto:hvsg@historyvictoria.org.au)  
Cheryl Griffin

## Future HVSG Meetings

Saturday 22 July 2017 at St Mary's Parish Hall, 135 Nicholson Street, Bairnsdale (Opposite Kmart). Bookings through RHSV Office – [office@historyvictoria.org.au](mailto:office@historyvictoria.org.au) or phone (03) 93269288

Saturday 19 August 2017 at the Ballarat Gold Museum, Bradshaw Street, Ballarat 3350



Student bank at Macleod High School PROV VPRS 8935/P1

## The Victorian Community History Awards 2017 are now open:

The VCHA are proudly presented by the RHSV and the Public Record Office Victoria. The awards celebrate the people involved in community history projects who are dedicated to telling local stories that help all Victorians to better understand their past.

Entries close Friday 21 July at 2pm. The Awards Ceremony will be held on the 16th of October at the Arts Centre.

Awards are offered in the following categories:

- Victorian Community History Award – \$5000
- Collaborative Community History Award – \$2000
- Local History Project Award – \$2000
- History Publication Award – \$2000
- Local History Small Publication Award – \$1500
- Cultural Diversity Award – \$1500
- Multimedia History Award – \$1500
- Historical Interpretation Award – \$1500
- Centenary of WW1 Award – \$1500
- History Article (Peer Reviewed) – \$500

Visit [historyvictoria.org.au](http://historyvictoria.org.au) for more information and to download entry forms. For forms by mail phone 9326 9288

## Make the 2017 Annual History Week the Best Ever!!!



Young Victorian Railway's staff member with platform refreshment trolley c.1920 RHSV NEG - 1798

History Week 15-22 October 2017 promises a fascinating week of exploration. In 2016 there were 410 events statewide, which we hope to surpass in 2017. History Week is promoted by extensively by the RHSV and we encourage historical societies, museums and libraries to host a history event that showcases your activities.

Collectively *History Week* demonstrates the vibrancy of local history around the state. It highlights the enormous amount of work undertaken by volunteers and paid staff to make Victoria's history accessible. Every year the range of activities and number of participants grows and we thank you, and encourage you, to begin planning for this year. Outcomes include: strong attendance at an event; increased awareness of the work of historical societies; substantial media coverage of historical societies and their events.

If your group is are planning a history-related event during 15-22 October 2017, and would like it included in the official *History Week* calendar, please register your event online at [www.historyweek.org.au](http://www.historyweek.org.au)

*History Week* is generously supported by the Vera Moore Foundation

# RHSV's New Heritage Committee

*We are confronted by a wave of demolitions affecting heritage across the state.*



The RHSV's Council in September 2016 created a new committee on heritage and preservation issues to help local societies as they battle to maintain Victoria's past for future generations. Three councillors were named to the committee: Margaret Anderson, Judith Smart and myself. Margaret widely experienced in heritage issues is General Manager of the Old Treasury Building and former chair (2007–11) of the Council of Australian Museum Directors. Judith is a distinguished historian of Australian women's and labour history, and an editor of our hugely successful *Remembering Melbourne* (2016). I have a longstanding involvement with preservation, starting with membership of the National Trust of Victoria from 1973 and involvement with inner city preservation studies from the 1970s.

We will add the RHSV's voice to that of other heritage bodies, partnering with the National Trust, Melbourne Heritage Action, Friends of the Queen Victoria Market, and other groups confronting threats to our heritage. We hope to work with local societies to provide support and expertise based on our experience in fighting preservation issues. We lack resources to do extensive independent research, but can back up others who have done solid research.

An important part of our brief is to lobby for improvements to the ways in which planning and heritage are managed. Indeed, this was a factor in Council's decision to form the committee. We were invited to comment on the government's proposed revision to the Heritage Act 1995. The group that prepared the RHSV response became the Heritage Committee.

Our submission in this case was strongly supported by the Opposition spokesperson for Planning, the Hon. David Davis (*Hansard*, Thursday 23 February 2017), who supported several of the RHSV's arguments concerning shortcomings in the new Heritage Act 2016, namely:

- There is no provision for support to local councils, which bear the brunt of preservation for many fine buildings not of state significance but nevertheless of great value to local communities or of great importance in maintaining the historic aura and charm of a country town. As a result, many buildings fall between the cracks and are lost.
- There is no provision to ensure that VCAT take proper account of heritage issues or include members with heritage expertise. At present, VCAT considers heritage as one of many factors and often rules that the need to build more housing or economic issues outweigh heritage protection, especially when local councils are not up to the task of defending the heritage.
- There is no provision for interim protection where a building that has not received formal protection is threatened

with demolition. Time and time again a fine building is sold to a developer without formal protection and we only learn of the threat when the developer lodges an application to demolish. By that point, the developer has a case for compensation and, rather than face that, the government allows the building to be demolished. This is the case with the 1864 Great Western Hotel on King Street. The RHSV argues strongly that, as soon as a building is nominated for consideration for inclusion in the Register, it be granted an interim protection order while nomination is considered. Otherwise, we will continue destroying our heritage.

A key element of our brief is to act directly in cases where the RHSV is a stakeholder. As a result, we are involved in discussions about the future of the Queen Victoria Market and the Great Western Hotel (see page ?).

An important aspect of our work is to support local societies. A current issue is the threatened encroachment on two very important buildings in Fitzroy, both on the Victorian Heritage Register. One is the

iconic former Eastern Hill Hotel (1854–56; 77 Victoria Parade), an early Victorian building, three storeys high, gracing the corner at Brunswick Street and presenting fine and intact facades on both streets. The other is Dodgshun House (1865–99; 9 Brunswick Street), a splendid high Victorian mansion (pictured) just a short stroll to Parliament House.

The threat to these buildings is a proposal by St Vincent's Hospital to construct an eleven-storey building, which would be built over a portion of the Eastern Hill Hotel and obscure the splendid side facade of Dodgshun House. The RHSV has supported local members and the National Trust by registering its own objections with the City of Yarra.

We ask historical societies to alert us as they witness threats to our heritage. We will build up a record of threats and support local societies and members to the extent possible for a volunteer team of three!

*Charles Sowerwine, Chair, Heritage Committee*



Dodgshun House (1865–99; 9 Brunswick Street). Note the splendid side facade, which would be obscured by development. Courtesy Louise Elliot.

# Quiet Achiever: Heyfield and Districts Historical Society



*A big tape for a huge committee effort*

When Louise Hill-Coleman from Heyfield & Districts Historical Society telephoned Kate Prinsley at the RHSV to ask for curatorial advice on displays for their new premises, she mentioned they had been able to buy the old post office with \$180,000 raised in the local community. Within minutes, when the penny dropped, Kate phoned back. 'Did you say you raised \$180,000?' she asked incredulously. Indeed they did.

Heyfield, in Gippsland, has a population of just 2,000 people. On Australia Day 2016, Heyfield & Districts Historical Society formally launched their fund-raising target of \$150,000 to purchase the town's former post office. The society had been formed in 2002, and had been quietly working away for a number of years under the careful eye of Phyl Gray, secretary for most of its life. It only had about fifteen members, but they nevertheless harboured an ambition of at some time being able to move to larger premises of their own. With support from the town's Family History Group, they had previously held a number of spectacular exhibitions in the town, led by Louise Hill-Coleman. These drew people from all over Gippsland, and provided a nucleus for their building fund.

Their aim now was to raise the extra \$150,000 needed to purchase the red-brick post office, long vacant in the centre of

the town, to turn it into a museum. Built in the 1920s, the post office building is one of a number of sites in Heyfield under consideration for heritage overlay within Wellington Shire. For the past ten years the Historical Society had been housed in the old CFA building (itself a Rechabite hall relocated from elsewhere in the town), which they had more than outgrown. Tenure there was by grace and favour of the owner, who allowed them the use of the main part of the building, which he did not require.

The fundraising page solicited donations large and small. However, it focused on asking those in the town and district, as well as supporters from the wider area and past residents, who could pledge \$1,000 or more. Many of these 'Benefactors' did. A board in the museum shows about 95 of them, and there were multiple smaller donations. Despite this, the target was not quite achieved in the three months allowed. Even frequent photographs of President Gerald Molphy wielding the Big Red Pen (about 1.5 metres long), as the funding barometer was updated on the building, failed to get them over the line in the time they had set. But they persevered. With the encouragement and support of founding member and former secretary Phyl Gray, the main group that drove the project comprised Merryn Stevenson (secretary and project co-ordinator), Louise Hill Coleman (vice-

president) and Jane McInnes (treasurer), as well as Gerald Molphy. All of them working relentlessly and almost full time on their quest.

Anything and everything was tried and the target was finally reached. \$160,000 was raised in five months, and the final total from the community was \$180,000. The deposit on the building was paid in June 2016, and the society took full possession in September 2016. A funding commitment of \$105,000 was then announced from Regional Development Victoria, allowing renovations to take place to the highest professional standards. The project also received \$20,000 from the Bendigo Community Bank Foundation and \$10,000 from the Heyfield Lions Club.

Professional advice, which had been built into the budget, was obtained from museum curators recommended by RHSV. The building was stripped, major alterations took place and initial exhibition themes were decided. Many local 'tradies' gave their time free, others worked at discounted rates. One retired member, in his eighties, worked on the building almost every day for several months. The whole town had been behind the project from the start, and hung in there with the Historical Society, even as very dark clouds gathered over the town's major employer, the ASH Sawmill.

Even before the museum opened, the society won 'Community Group of the Year', in the Victorian Regional Achievement and Community Awards.

The building was formally opened on Easter Saturday, 15 April 2017. Exhibitions covered the timber industry, soldier settlement, Glenmaggie Weir, the migrant contribution and more. It is an outstanding example of how a small town came together, led by a small dedicated and determined group, to produce a highly professional museum, firmly in the ownership of the town. Surplus funds are being carefully managed to ensure ongoing operational costs can be met for some time.

*Judith Smart FRHS, with extensive help from Linda Barraclough*

# The Fate of Melbourne Hotels:

## Symptom of Our Heritage in Danger



The Great Western Hotel, January 2017. Courtesy Melbourne Heritage Action

A major concern of the RHSV's Heritage Committee, and a symptom of the current loss of heritage, is the sale of Melbourne's city hotels to developers. These hotels are the canaries in the mine as we replace the historic Victorian CBD with what the Melbourne City Council's Director of Design, Rob Adams, famously called 'Hong Kong without the spectacular setting'.<sup>1</sup>

This process began with the appalling destruction of the 1855 Stork Hotel, approved in 2009. It failed to gain heritage protection despite an intact exterior because of comparatively minor internal alterations done in 1925, at a time when the Heritage Council was being run down. Then Planning Minister Justin Madden granted a permit for a 67-storey tower. The developers (the Brady Group) promised three levels of underground parking but forgot to build two levels (yes, seriously).<sup>2</sup>

Last year we lost the Corkman Hotel in Carlton. Here the developers thought they could get away with paying a small fine out of the immense profits they expected. Only a wave of bad publicity slowed them down. Here the issue was the weakness of heritage protection by local councils (Heritage Overlays). Even Melbourne City Council failed here. Imagine how challenged

most councils are by mega-millionaire developers. The biggest cause of loss of hotels is the failure, particularly by the City of Melbourne, to consider buildings for heritage protection. Melbourne Heritage Action identified over 200 historic buildings still awaiting consideration. Many of them were given gradings under an old system 30 years ago, but remain unprotected.

The Planning Minister, the Hon. Richard Wynne, MP, approved demolition of the 1864 Duke of Kent Hotel (293-303 La Trobe Street) for what The Age called 'a plan to squeeze a 228-metre skyscraper onto a city block the size of a large tennis court'. The Duke of Kent is a fine hotel with an unusual facade. Its loss means another chunk of Melbourne's past goes to be replaced by a huge, narrow tower: like so many others.

Rumours are circulating about demolition of the Metropolitan Hotel (1856, 263 William Street) for development after it sold on 8 April 2016 for \$8.61 million.

At the moment, we are particularly concerned at the impending threat to the Great Western Hotel (originally Star of the West Hotel, 204-208 King Street). Built in 1864 and virtually unaltered, it is a witness to Melbourne before the high Victorian boom and thus even more valuable. It was graded and so would certainly have obtained protection if the City had considered it, but it was

sold to a developer for \$6.5 million. The Age reported that 'Developer Jin Yi Pty Ltd wants to squeeze 26-storeys onto the tiny site which, at 325 square metres, is smaller than a basketball court'.<sup>3</sup>

RHSV President Don Garden, Emeritus Professor Graeme Davison and I met with two aids of the Planning Minister, the Hon. Richard Wynne, MP, but we were given no hope of support from the Minister. Don Garden and I will meet later this month with the Lord Mayor, Robert Doyle, who has expressed sympathy for maintaining our historic fabric. We hope he will be more supportive. So far, we have not found much support on the Melbourne City Council, but there is hope. Council has initiated the Hoddle Grid Study, which over the next two years, will look for buildings that should be classified and initiate classification. The problem is to prevent developers from demolishing everything in the meantime.

We look forward to hearing from you about impending losses. Until we can reform planning and heritage in Victoria, the vigilance of our members and local societies is all that stands between what remains of our wonderful heritage and 'Hong Kong without the spectacular setting'.

*Charles Sowerwine, Chair, RHSV Heritage Committee*

Clay Lucas, 'Future CBD Hong Kong without the Beauty', *Domain*, 21 Aug. 2013.

Clay Lucas, 'Ooops! Developer fails to build two promised levels of underground parking', *The Age*, 29 Oct. 2015.

Aisha Dow, 'Last drinks? Plan to demolish gold-rush pub the Great Western Hotel for apartment tower', *The Age*, 25 Jan. 2017.

## Margaret E. Fleming: Site Research Specialist



Margaret has volunteered at the RHSV since 2008. She previously taught English as a Second Language to adult migrants for 17 years. She is passionate about local history, geography and old maps. Site searches enables her to use this passion in a constructive way to assist the RHSV.

Site Searches required an eye for detail and good map and directional skills. Local councils require a 'built history' search report of a site before development approvals. They are based on the Sands and McDougall Directories (1858-1974) 'by street' section, tracing the occupant of a house or site, and the Melway Street Directories (1966 to 2017). These researches are then written up for clients for a fee.

Margaret used her teaching skills to develop a fifteen hour training program for would-be site searchers and has inducted 20 people over the years. On average, one site search

requires 3 hours and the RHSV receives 12 requests weekly. During rush periods experienced site searchers can do four searches in a day.

Margaret has written a local history (Yarroweyah and Koonoomoo) and three family histories, making great use of the RHSV's Victorian Parish Map collection, local histories, and directories. The RHSV environment, where staff and volunteers mix and share ideas, is stimulating, and the conversation about family and local history is appreciated and understood by colleagues. She found her niche early on and has enjoyed it ever since.

*Margaret E. Fleming, Volunteer*

## James Dixon MBA, B. Com. B Ed, FCPA, Councillor

**Besides a devoted family life, Jim Dixon has two themes in his life: hard work and active volunteering.**

After completing a B.Com. (U. Melb.) and Dip. Ed. (U. Melb) he taught at Sunshine High School for three years before lecturing in accounting at Footscray Institute (later Victoria University). While there he completed an MBA (U. Melb.), B.Ed (U. La Trobe) and developed an interest in the historical origins of accounting, joining the Academy of Accounting Historians in the USA.

Jim became the first Program Director of the Bachelor of Business (Banking & Finance) at Footscray Institute. Moving to the private sector, he became: a partner in Dixon and Simonsen, consulting to the hospitality industry; Technical Director at Pitcher and Partners; Senior Manager at NAB; Technical Director of CPA Australia; and as the first Director of XBRL Australia Ltd, which developed widely adopted business reporting standards. Jim then became Assistant Auditor General of Victoria, advising on government activities and private-public partnerships. Jim retired as a public servant in 2007, but remains a part time consultant with GAAP Consulting. He is a Fellow of CPA Australia and a consultant to the Institute of Public Accountants (IPA) to which he reports on accounting standards and ethical practices. He co-authored a manual on Australian Infrastructure Financial Management, which

led to over a hundred presentations to local governments on infrastructure management.

Jim Dixon believes in the importance of an active and healthy body and mind, values people and relationships above material things, and in giving rather than receiving, which makes for an active life in volunteering.

Jim's volunteering dates from 1967 when he surveyed land boundaries between groups on Karkar Island, off Madang PNG. He volunteered at his children's school as teacher, orange cutter and milk pourer. His volunteering blossomed upon retirement. He has served as a director on the Board of Arthritis Victoria and as treasurer. Jim occupied the same positions for Black Hole Theatre, which specialises in puppetry, and at the Living Museum of the West. He has been president of Melbourne Sunshine Probus and was a committee member of Residents 3000, a city based residents' group.

Jim joined the RHSV Council in 2016 and is now also Chair of the RHSV Foundation, where he has pioneered an enhanced investment strategy. His vision for the RHSV is that it become a role model for all Victorian historical societies in the conduct of its operations, marketing, communications with members and the general public, financial management and corporate governance. He believes 'the RHSV should be promoting itself widely in the community' and hopes that the community will respond with its support. His wish is that Victoria adopts the

US tradition of 'wealthy families supporting public institutions like historical societies with significant funding'.

Of history Jim said: 'my guiding principle in life is that "chance favours the prepared mind" (Louis Pasteur), so regardless of the activity, to know the history creates a better chance at success'. History helps us to understand the present, and anticipate likely outcomes in the future. 'I encourage businesses and firms to record their history and tell the stories of past events to provide insight and encouragement to the current staff to carry the successful traditions forward and to make any past mistakes a learning experience'.

*Richard Broome*



# Standing on the Corner

The RHSV's next exhibition in our Gallery, opens on Wednesday, 12 July. It will close on 20 December 2017.

The exhibition's focus – as expressed in its title – arose from our concern when preparing captions for *Remembering Melbourne 1850-1960*, that readers would have sufficient detail to locate a pictured site in contemporary Melbourne. A large number of the images included in that book are of corner sites.

The Hoddle Grid, symbol of Melbourne, created a city of corners and intersections. No rounded edges, but sharp angles. Discounting Melbourne's numerous and exciting laneways, and concentrating on the meeting of the Great and Little Streets, the Melbourne of today has over 80 corners – each easily identified by their relationship to the compass points.

Corners offer opportunities to exhibit prominence and presence and to advertise products and services to a passing crowd of potential patrons and customers. 'Location, location, location' is the oft-repeated truism. Location matters. It is on corners that we find banks, churches and other places of assembly, entertainment houses, educational establishments, welfare and community service institutions, accommodation of all types, trade and service agencies, public

and government offices, commercial organisations, markets, shops and department stores and, of course, hotels.

Corners, besides their strong position for service and sales, sometimes offer the monumental to Melburnians. In other cases they offer the prosaic – a meeting place, a spot to watch the world go by and to catch a tram, bus or train, a place to post letters, to buy a newspaper or magazine or to use a public toilet.

Corners are vantage points for artists and photographers – often providing a dramatic or unusual angle. The perspective is generally at ground level, but sometimes elevated as from a tower, parapet, portico or roof. Street intersections are a favoured position, where a building's design is accentuated and there is the street theatre of traffic versus pedestrians. Corners can also book-end architectural styles and precincts – another favoured subject of the artist and photographer.

*Standing on the Corner* illustrates how Melbourne's corners have been used across 110 years. These are corners of Melbourne as they were – so many of them now lost to us. To provide context for the images,

we will also display a variety of maps of Melbourne for the period 1850-1960.

*Richard Barnden, RHSV Picture Collection*



Prell's Building, south-east corner of Queen Street and Flinders Lane, c. 1890 RHSV A-470.002

## Golden Lecture



Dianne Reilly, Andrew Lemon, Keir Reeves and Diane Gardner (left to right). Courtesy Christine Worthington

The A.G.L. Shaw Lecture commemorates the late professor Alan Shaw, former president and benefactor of both the RHSV and the La Trobe Society, and one of the most eminent historians of his generation. Eighty people attended this year's lecture on 20 June to hear Professor Keir Reeves of Federation University speak on 'The Historical Legacy of the Gold Rushes'. Andrew Lemon for the RHSV introduced

Professor Reeves in his most inimitably generous and erudite manner.

Professor Reeves proceeded to give an expansive survey of Victoria's golden legacy that transformed a sheepwalk into a premier colony of the British Empire. The political legacy of those golden years solidified responsible government and constitution making, forged the egalitarian ethos of the colony and especially its progressive



Professor Keir Reeves delivers the A.G.L. Shaw lecture. Courtesy Christine Worthington

and liberal temperament. Economically it transformed the colony, created splendid rural towns and underpinned Melbourne's rise as a city of the British and indeed modern world. Yet these years led to racial exclusion both in practice and legislation, and some violence, although Professor Reeves was at pains to point out not all relationship between Chinese and European diggers were negative.

Governor La Trobe held these tumultuous times together. Professor Reeves stated that all prime ministers of Australia before Bob Hawke had their ancestral roots in the gold rushes. Diane Gardner, the President of the La Trobe Society, warmly thanked Keir Reeves for a wonderful lecture.

*Richard Broome*

# Don On The Road



President Don Garden makes many visits per year to member societies around the state. Don travelled to Colac in May for the AGM of the Colac and District Historical Society. While there he presented a well-deserved RHSV Award of Merit to Diana Cowan for services to history in Victoria and the CDHS. Pictured at the occasion from left to right are life members of the CDHS: Diana Cowan, Ida Macintosh, Dawn Peel and Elizabeth Chambers. Courtesy of the Colac Herald.



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**ALBURY:** The society has published a book to help celebrate and remember 150 years of band music in Albury. Written by Greg Ryan, it chronicles band music from the first record of a local band in 1855 to the present Albury City Band. The history of the band mirrors the history of Albury itself as the band has been present for almost every major event in our city's past. The book, containing about 130 historic photographs, lists over 800 men and women who have been band members in Albury. It is available for \$35 from Albury Library Museum, Dymocks bookstore or directly from ACB.

**AUSTRALIAN RAILWAY VICTORIAN DIVISION:** Entertainment Meetings - We invite you to attend our monthly Entertainment Meetings for members and friends on the fourth Thursday of each month January to November. For 2017, the December meeting occurs on Tuesday 12 December. Meetings are held in the Hayden Raysmith Room, Level Four, Ross House, 247 Flinders Lane, Melbourne. Meetings commence at 8.00pm and usually finish by 10.30pm. Supper is usually provided (tea, coffee and biscuits - at a charge of \$1.00). You are welcome to come in from 7.30 pm. The Sales table operates before the start of the meeting and offers the latest publications. Meetings usually consist of a presentation by a Guest Speaker or by one of our members, or a video show by our Film and Video group.

**BALNARRING:** From the Argus, Saturday 4 January, 1930: BALNARRING EAST: Friday, at Palm Beach Balnarring 82 boys were at the Melbourne Legacy Club's camp during the holidays. The camp is conducted annually by the club for the sons of dead soldiers, and this year the club constructed a large dining hall, kitchen and hospital ward. Lieut. Colonel S. Savige was camp commandant and organiser. He has undertaken these duties for four years. The boys played tennis and cricket tournaments

with Lieut.-Colonels Savige's house party. On Wednesday the mothers of the boys visited the camp. In the afternoon a sports meeting was held and at night the older members of the party had a dance in the mess hut. Many senior legatees visited the camp and all have been delighted at the facilities provided for the boys' welfare. (Further information from All Our Somers - Bruce Bennett, newspaper articles, an Internet article by the Somers Residents Association and the script of the ABC programme 'Compass' for April 2015 - "The Legacy Man" .)

**BALWYN:** Note: There will be no meeting in July. At our meeting on Thursday 10 August 2017 - 8 pm, the guest speaker is Russ Haines. The topic is The History of the Eucalyptus Oil Industry. Russ Haines is the past president of the Association of Eastern Suburbs Historical Societies.

**BELLARINE:** The former Drysdale Court House (1880) presently houses a local history collection, index of family histories of the peninsula, pioneer index, index of arrivals by ship at Port Henry, court house furnishings, shire honour boards and plaques, cemetery records, early school rolls and agricultural equipment. Our new publication launched at the unveiling of new Leopold War Memorial on 21st April 2017 is Leopold & District (Curlewis, Wallington & Moolap) WW1 Enlistments. Cost is \$12 (plus \$5 postage).

**CASTLEMAINE:** Can you help? Our 'Historic Houses Tour' in November needs one more historic house. If you would be willing to open your home or know someone who might be a possibility, please speak to Carol Dorman or email [chsi@castlemainehistoricalsociety.com](mailto:chsi@castlemainehistoricalsociety.com)

**CORNISH:** Can You Help? The big gap in our Library is the central and east side of Cornwall with little information on Parishes and the people who lived there. Also the Parishes below the Camborne Group. If you have family information of ancestors and/or their Parish you are able to contribute or loan, or like to be involved in accessing it, please let us know. Any contribution is very welcome. Secretary:

Miss June Whiffin [jwhiffin@bigpond.com](mailto:jwhiffin@bigpond.com)

**DONCASTER TEMPLESTOWE:** Schramm's Cottage Complex is located at Rieschiecks Reserve, Victoria Street,

Doncaster. Schramm's Cottage Construction Details - During the dismantling of Schramm's Cottage, interesting details of its construction have been discovered. The internal walls are framed with oregon with the studs mortised into the plates. The frame is lined with lathe and plaster and packed inside with brick. To give a clean straight edge, window and door surrounds are lined with brick. These bricks are hand made to the small size that was the standard in Melbourne before 1880. All plaster and mortar is made with sand and lime. About 30 dray loads must have been used in the building. The stone walls are 18 inches thick, weigh 250 tons, and the largest block weighs 600 pounds. When the sitting room fireplace surround was removed, several Christmas cards were found dated 1887.

**ECHUCA:** Our next exhibition to be held is "The Wedding Dress through the Years". We will be bringing our wedding gowns out from storage and presenting a small exhibition within the museum. Margaret Hart is coordinating this exhibition so if you are interested please contact her on 54826235. We anticipate the exhibition to run from 8th of September till 29th of October.

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are not permitted on Society excursions. The phone number for contact on the day is 0409 021 063.

**GISBORNE/MOUNT MACEDON:** The Society's collection covers the localities of Cabbage Tree; Couangalt; South Gisborne; Gisborne; New Gisborne; Bullengarook; Macedon; Mount Macedon; Barringo; Cherokee; Hesket; Kerrie; & Riddells Creek. The beautifully restored 1858 Gisborne Court House, home of Gisborne and Mount Macedon Districts Historical Society, is open to the public each Wednesday from 10am to 4pm, when volunteers are in attendance to assist with family and local history research enquiries. The Family and Local History Resource Centre at the Court House may be opened at other times by appointment.

**HAWTHORN:** Saturday 19 August is our annual history seminar with a variety of speakers and displays. This year's theme will be THE HOUSE. For any enquiries please contact hawthornhistoricalsociety@gmail.com

**HEIDELBERG:** Heidelberg Historical Society was formed in 1967. As this year is our 50th anniversary, we are now hosting a 1967 exhibition, to remind us how things have changed over the past 50 years. Since the Society started in 1967, we have developed a substantial collection of photographs, objects, maps, documents, works of art and other items that help to tell the story of Heidelberg and its surrounding localities. The Remembering '67 exhibition is at the Old Court House in Jika Street, Heidelberg on Sundays from 2 – 5. Entry is \$5

**HUNTLY:** The Fable of the Ant, the Bee and the Grasshopper is on display at the Apiarist Museum at the Huntly Historical Rooms. Access is via Greene Street, at the rear of the Historic Council Chambers. It is available for viewing on Wednesdays and Thursdays, or any other day by phoning Ann on 54488834

**KEW: EXHIBITION** - Scouts and Girl Guides in Kew 1909-2009 featuring a number of photographs and objects illustrating the history of Scouts and Girl Guides in Kew. The first recorded Scouts in Australia date from 1908, while the 1st Kew Scout Troop was established in 1909. The exhibition includes a number of photographs salvaged from the Disraeli Street (1st Kew) Scout Hall at the time of its demolition in

1993. Opening 5.00pm 2 June, thereafter Each Friday and Saturday 11.00am-1.00pm Level 1 Kew Court House, 188 High Street, Kew, 3101

**KILMORE:** Don't Miss the tour of the Exhibition Building. We will be holding a tour of Melbourne's Exhibition Building on Friday 7 July at 11 am. This will be an opportunity to see behind the scenes and investigate parts of the building that the public rarely visits. Cost will be borne by KHS. Contact kilmorehistoricalsociety@gmail.com for bookings.

**MALVERN:** 26 July – Chapel Street's rise to Fashion Street of Dreams - Lesley Sharon Rosenthal will provide an entertaining overview of how Chapel Street rose to be the pioneering pinnacle of Australian Fashion. At the Stonnington History Centre, 1257 High Street Malvern. Bookings online through Stonnington History Centre, or call 8290 1360 (10-00 – 11:00).

**MECHANICS INSTITUTE:** Over the last months, artist Damian Callanan has been quietly moving around Victoria sketching and then painting a range of Mechanics' Institutes. The sample that has been chosen highlights the diversity of Victoria's Institutes: hall, theatre, library, museum, arts complex. His sketches are unique takes on what he considers the building and its 'theme' is really about. There will be an exhibition in Castlemaine on the weekend of 9-10 September, with the launch and final sale on 10 September. Lock in the date to secure your piece of the Mechanics' Institute story in the form of an original pen and ink watercolour.

**MIRBOO:** Our facebook page is still going well with many interesting photos being shared. We encourage our supporters to upload photos, as we are always looking for new Mirboo North pictures, and especially business premises in Main Street (now Ridgeway). Our Annual Meeting will be held in our rooms at 1:00pm on 2 August.

**MORWELL:** Do you have some old photos, papers or information or perhaps objects or artefacts pertaining to Morwell and the wider area? If you have, please don't throw them away. We are developing an extensive resource collection of items relevant to the local district such as early books, pamphlets, maps, newspaper cuttings. Rather than throw them away, why not donate them to the Society?

If you have items you cannot part with, we would love to borrow them for copying and the originals will be returned to you. email secretary@morwellhistoricalsociety.org.au

**NEWSTEAD:** A group of members are preparing an exhibition to be called 'Newstead Remembers'. It will bring together two themes, the schools of the old Newstead Shire and the 100 year Centenary of WWI. Over 300 men and women connected to the old Shire volunteered for service in the Great War and many of them went to the local schools. The exhibition and its accompanying book will highlight many of these people and the schools they attended. If any member is interested in assisting with research for the exhibition please contact us Email: secretary.ndhs@gmail.com

**NHILL:** The Society at 104 - 106 Macpherson Street Nhill Victoria has a domestic collection and an archive of photographs and newspapers. A collection of household goods, linen and clothing including day wear, evening gowns and wedding dresses, includes household items and the John Shaw Neilson display. The Archive contains photographs, records of past and present community clubs, newspapers of Nhill Free Press from 1882 thru to today, which are all used for family research to the public by emailing nhillhistorical@gmail.com

**PAYNESVILLE MARITIME:** A gas navigation marker light has recently been acquired by the Society. The new marker lamp with its ingenious "on-off" switching arrangement has attracted plenty of attention and the lamp will now be mounted on a small plinth to make it easier to see and understand. We are now looking to verify that it was in operation on the Lakes as it is important that we not only have great display items but that we can also accurately describe their provenance. There were similar platforms used around for these lamps, the two overhead beams carry the heavy gas cylinders through to the shed at the back. If you can help, or if you have family photos of platforms please let us know.

**TERANG:** Our WW1 soldiers - Do you have a World War 1 soldier in your family? Are they on our war memorial? We are compiling a history of all these men and the seven nurses for a book to be published early next year. If you have any information/

photographs/letters etc. about these men and women we would love to hear from you. Or if you know of anyone connected to these servicemen and women, please give us their details so we can contact them. A full list of the names on the memorial can be found on our website at: <http://www.teranghistory.org.au/our-soldiers/>

**WHITTLESEA:** What's in a name, by John Waghorn: CHURCH STREET, Whittlesea. This "Church Street" must be the only one in Victoria that does not have, nor ever did have, a church in it. How did this come about? Well it goes back to 1853 when Whittlesea Township was first surveyed and land in Church Street, between Laurel and Lime Streets was reserved for the use of the Church of England. In 1863 however, the Anglicans were donated a 15 acre block of land in Wallan Road by Thomas Wills, and their church (Christ Church) was erected there instead of in Church Street. That Church's foundation stone was laid in July 1864 and officially opened on the 25th February 1866. Meanwhile the Church Street site was used for a Church of England School, now long demolished, so perhaps the name should be changed to School Road.

**WOADY YALLOCK:** The Dereel History display is on 27 August at the Soldiers Memorial Hall from 12 noon until 3:00. It will be presented by Julie Donaghy. Entry is \$5 which includes a ticket for afternoon tea. The Society is also looking to replace its old kitchen. If you happen to be replacing your old one, we would love to hear from you. If you can help call Tuesdays or Wednesdays 03 5342 8754.

**WOODEND:** You've come to the right place if you're interested in the history of the villages of Woodend, Newham, Ashbourne and Heskett. Lots of places in the world are called Woodend or Wood End. We're in Australia, about an hour north-west of Melbourne, in the heart of the beautiful Macedon Ranges. We're volunteers and we meet on Wednesdays at the court house in Forest St, Woodend. You can learn more about the Society on our website at [woodendhistory.com](http://woodendhistory.com). Our Contact page has all the details for getting in touch with us, plus a map and directions for visiting us. And if you'd like to join us, take a look at our membership page. You can also find us on Facebook at Woodend & District Heritage Society.

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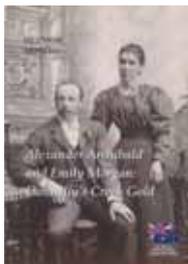
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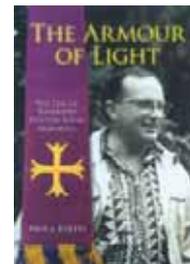
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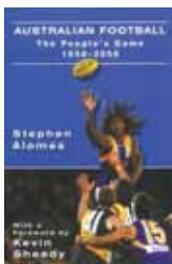
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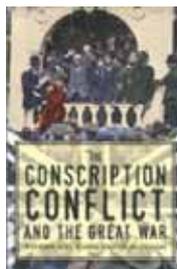
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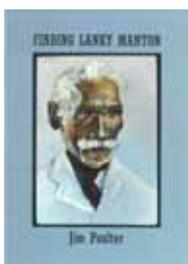
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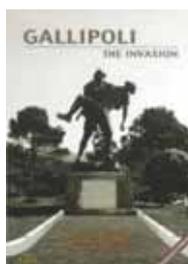
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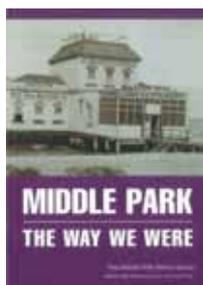
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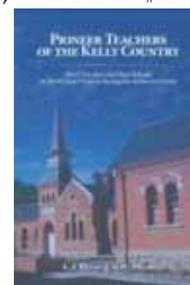
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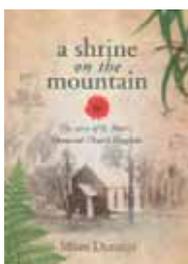
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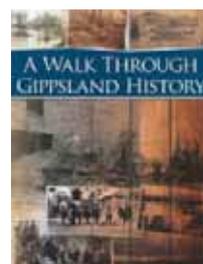
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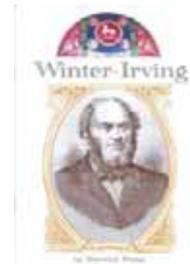
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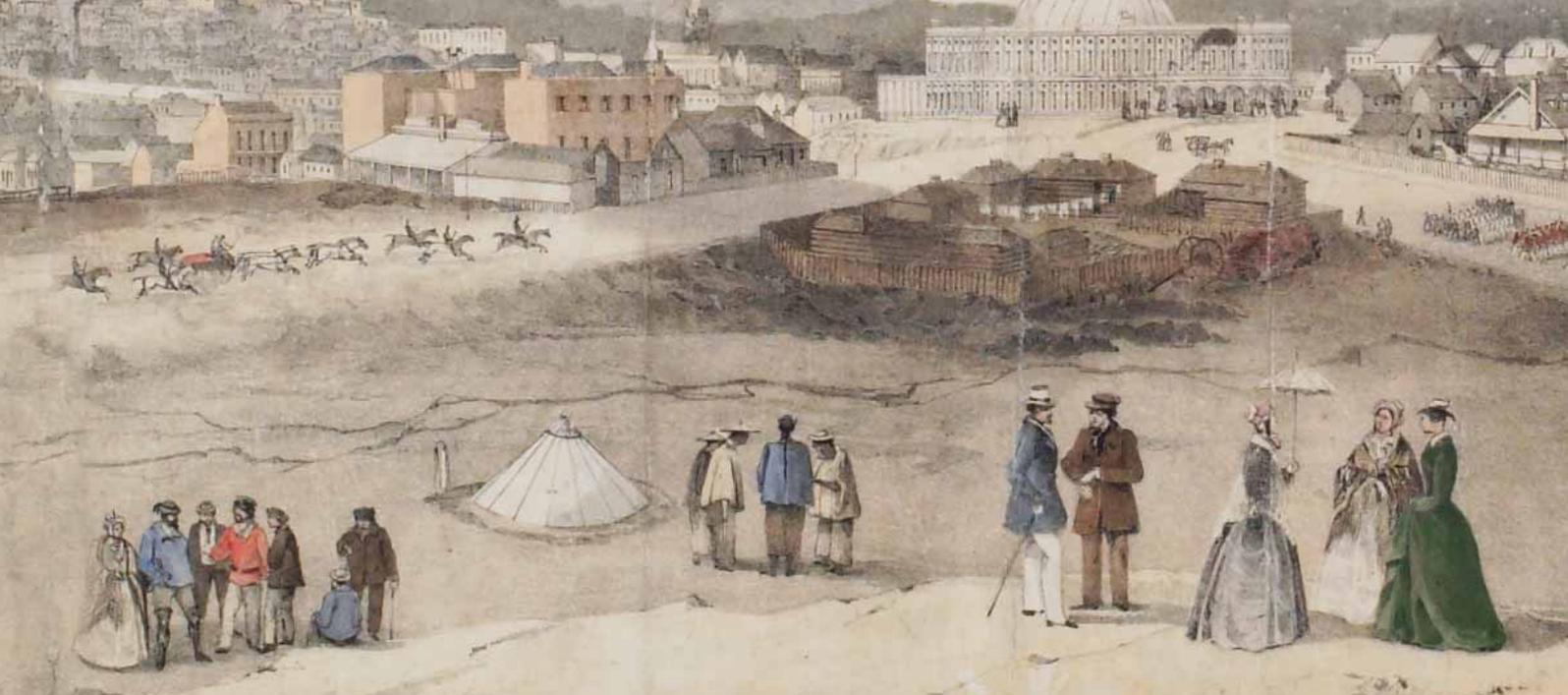


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