



What's On at RHSV

JULY-AUG 2017

Unless stated otherwise all events will take place (or at least begin) at the Royal Historical Society of Victoria, 239 A'Beckett Street, Melbourne 3000. 93269288 or office@historyvictoria.org.au

TUESDAY 18 JULY

LA MAMA

Speaker: Adam Cass

Refreshments: 5.15 /Lecture 5.45

Cost: Free to RHSV Members/ Non Members \$10.00

La Mama, a new book by Adam Cass commemorating the fifty-year history of Australia's most iconic theatre.

When Betty Burstall founded La Mama Theatre in Carlton in 1967, she opened up a new Australian cultural landscape. So many of our playwrights, actors, filmmakers, poets, musicians, etcetera, have found their voices at La Mama. Those early years functioned like a kind of 'big bang', sparking a universe which continues to expand to this day. That's the easy part of telling a story about La Mama, but it isn't what interested me when I set out to write this book.

I see the true history of La Mama as a progression of ephemeral moments. Each La Mama play exists only briefly before disappearing forever, and yet for the time of their making, and for the time it takes to watch them, they have the power to profoundly transform their makers and audience in ways that arguably the output of no other Australian theatre can match.

In trying to capture the ephemeral, this book became a history not of big moments, important people or social shifts, but a story of what La Mama feels like. What does it feel like to work there, or watch there? What did it feel like fifty years ago, or forty? What might it feel like tomorrow? And why and how is any of this important?

Adam Cass short biography.

Of his fifty or so plays, Adam Cass is best known for 'I Love You, Bro', which after debuting and winning the Emerging Writer Award at the 2007 Melbourne Fringe Festival, continues to be produced around the world (with productions in Australia, the UK and Ireland, Denmark, New Zealand, Sweden, and Germany). He has a long association with La Mama theatre, having performed in or directed roughly forty shows there since 1999. This is his first book.

OPEN HOUSE WEEKEND

SATURDAY 29 JULY- SUNDAY 20 JULY

**Come and visit us for
OPEN HOUSE. Saturday 29 July
For further information:**

<http://www.openhousemelbourne.org/buildings>

WEDNESDAY, 12 JULY. - 20 DECEMBER 2017.

EXHIBITION. STANDING ON THE CORNER

Standing on the Corner, the RHSV's next exhibition in our Gallery, opens on Wednesday, 5 July. It will close on 20 December 2017.

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.



History Week 2017

www.historyweek.org.au 15 - 22 October

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WEDNESDAY 30 AUGUST

MELBOURNE DAY

Annual Lunch time lecture

The Making of 'Marvellous Melbourne' 1835-1890, the Making of Remembering Melbourne 2015-2016

Speaker: Emeritus Professor Richard Broome FAHA FRHSV

Time: 12.30 Refreshments

Lecture 1.00pm – 2.00pm

Cost: RHSV Members Free
Non Members \$10.00

This lecture will trace the development of Melbourne from an Aboriginal place to the colonial hub, in succession, of a sheepwalk, a golden field of wealth, and an urbane modern metropolis. It will focus in particular on the latter European phase, asking why and how did Melbourne grow so 'marvellous'. This will to an extent explain the despair the city fell into during the 1890s. The second half of the lecture will explain how the RHSV's book was initiated, created, devised, produced and sold out.

If 'Marvellous Melbourne' was the product of a particularly rampant individualism based very much on money-making through property, the creation of Remembering Melbourne was the outcome of a rampant communalism and the spirit of volunteering. If avarice created a city, altruism has recorded it.

Richard Broome taught Indigenous and Australian history at La Trobe University for over thirty years. He is an RHSV councillor and patron of the History Teachers' Association of Victoria. Richard is the author of dozens of articles and twelve books including Aboriginal Australians. A History since 1788 (2010) in four editions and the award winning Aboriginal Victorians. A History since 1800 (2005). He has edited (with others), Remembering Melbourne 1850-1960 (2016), and the journals Australian Historical Studies and the Victorian Historical Journal. His latest book is with Visier Sanyü, Naga Odyssey (September 2017). His next book (with three others) is Mallee Country. Land, People, History (forthcoming).



SATURDAY 22 JULY 2017
SEMINAR: HISTORY VICTORIA SUPPORT GROUP

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A Seminar Day

SATURDAY
22
JULY 2017

At St Mary's Parish Hall
135 Nicholson Street, Bairnsdale
(Opposite K.Mart)

9.15 - 9.45 Morning tea and registration
9.45 - 10.00 Welcome and updates from the RHSV

10.00 - 10.45
Managing a national Oral History Collection.
Ken Berryman will speak about his work at the Melbourne Office of the National Film and Sound Archive where he managed its Oral History Program and helped develop its Oral History collection. Recently retired, he continues to work as a freelance interviewer and volunteer for the Oral History Program.

Ken Berryman, Secretary of Oral History Victoria

10.50 - 11.30
Aboriginal cultural heritage and historical societies.

Dr Major's talk will focus on managing and promoting an understanding of Victoria's rich Aboriginal cultural heritage and demonstrating how historical societies and Aboriginal Victoria can work together.

Dr Janine Major, Transition Manager, Secretariat to the Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council

11.40 - 12.20
Heritage: Citizen advocacy.

What does the Heritage Act (1995) mean and how can small groups become effective heritage activists? Felicity Watson will discuss the role of the National Trust (Victoria) and its advocacy priorities in the protection of cultural heritage.

Felicity Watson, Advocacy Manager, National Trust Australia (Victoria)

12.25 - 1.05
Storage formats and environments. We all face the problem of how to store our collections appropriately so that they will be available to future generations of historians. Debra Parry will present some practical solutions to preserving and storing a range of heritage items.

Debra Parry, Melbourne Conservations Services

1.10 - 1.50 LUNCH

1.50 - 2.30

Volunteers: 'You can't do it all yourself'.

How can your society make the most of the volunteer experience? What are the rights and responsibilities of volunteers? How can we establish and maintain a strong volunteer base? What are some of the possibilities of 'remote' volunteering?

Christine Worthington, Collections Manager and Volunteer Coordinator, RHSV.

2.35 - 3.05 **TROVE.**

The TROVE treasure chest of information is an expansive resource that is well known to most local historians. Hear what some groups are doing to take advantage of this digital resource and discover ways of expanding and adding value to your collection.

3.10 - 3.30

Concluding remarks and an opportunity to share ideas.

Dr Cheryl Griffin, HVSG Convenor and Coburg Historical Society

REGISTRATION: 9.15 for a 9.45 start

COST: \$15.00 per person includes light lunch & morning tea

Please book through RHSV by notifying Ged:
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or 9326 9288

BOOKINGS CLOSE Wednesday 19 July

Please advise of any dietary requirements when booking.

www.historyvictoria

Come and join us for a day full of tips, inspiration & useful ideas to help our historical society