



SATURDAY 19 AUGUST 2017
SEMINAR: HISTORY VICTORIA SUPPORT GROUP

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A Seminar Day

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At THE GOLD MUSEUM
Bradshaw St
Ballarat

9.15 - 9.45 Morning tea and registration
9.45 - 10.00 Welcome and updates from the RHSV
10.00 - 10.45

Many a lost white man, woman and child, owed their lives to the charity of Aboriginal people': rethinking our shared history in a positive light.

Dr Fred Cahir, Associate Professor in Aboriginal studies at Federation University (Ballarat). Fred will highlight how there is a large volume of evidence in our local historical societies archives which clearly indicates that Aboriginal cultural traditions and Aboriginal expertise had a formative influence on the skills, culture and outlook of the Australian nomadic bush worker – the template for Russell Ward's (1958) 'Australian Legend'. The object of this talk is to assist us in drawing the curtain - and reveal that a more rigorous, nuanced (and affirming) understanding of our shared heritage is a valuable tool for historical societies to accurately and positively acknowledge Aboriginal innovation and culture as a positive and defining force in the development of a more inclusive Australian national identity. **Dr Fred Cahir** is Associate Professor in Aboriginal History at Federation University Australia's Mt Helen Campus and co-ordinates the University's Indigenous Studies Program.

10.50 - 11.30

Aboriginal cultural heritage and historical societies. This 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. **Matthew Phelan**, Manager, Barwon Grampians Heritage Programs, Aboriginal Victoria.

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)

12.30 - 1.15 LUNCH

1.15 - 1.55

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. Angela Henricksen of Archival Survival will present some practical solutions to preserving and storing a range of heritage items.

Angela Henricksen, Principal, Archival Survival

2.00 - 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 - 3.00

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.

Dr Cheryl Griffin, HVSG Convenor and Secretary/Treasurer, Coburg Historical Society.

3.00

The exhibition Doctor Blake's Ballarat offers a glimpse into the world of the internationally successful drama series The Doctor Blake Mysteries. There will be an opportunity to tour the exhibition, see costumes, props, set sketches and see the historic Ballarat locations featured in the show.

Michelle Smith Senior Curator and Manager Gold Museum will give a short talk and then welcomes participants to tour the exhibition at their leisure.

The Gold Museum closes at 6.00pm.

REGISTRATION: 9.15 for a 9.45 start

COST: \$25.00 per person includes light lunch, morning tea and entry to exhibition.

Please book through RHSV by notifying Ged:

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BOOKINGS CLOSE Wednesday 16 August

Please advise of any dietary requirements when booking.

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