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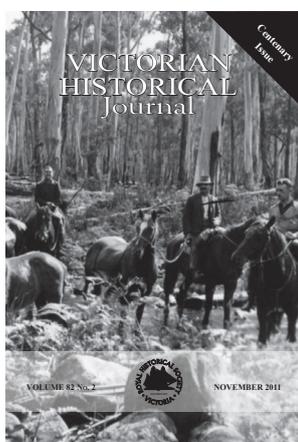
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Celebrating 100 Years of Publishing

THE VICTORIAN HISTORICAL JOURNAL

With your *History News* you will find your centenary edition of the *Victorian Historical Journal (VHJ)*.



The *VHJ*, first published as the *Victorian Historical Magazine* in 1911, is the official journal of record and scholarly publication of the RHSV. It has become a vast collaborative history of Victoria with hundreds of individual contributors and topics and has itself become a primary source for researchers. At times a journal of record, piety for pioneers, peroration for patriotism, it has also offered challenging perspectives. Although now a refereed journal with outstanding academic contributors, it has always encouraged well-researched papers

by non professional historians. A recent innovation has been the introduction of Historical Notes – an opportunity to publish less academic articles.

The committee of the *VHJ* encourages authors to contribute articles – guidelines can be found on the final page your copy.

Following a successful Victoria 175 grant, early editions of the *VHJ* up to 1954, have been digitized and can be found on the State Library of Victoria's website.

THE ADDRESS BOOK

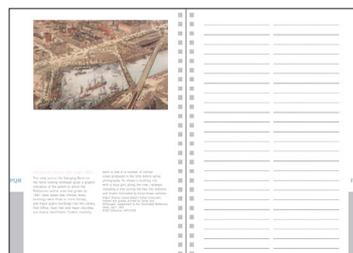
A wonderful commemorative publication – the address book is both practical and a beautiful souvenir.

The Address Book is a showcase of the treasures of our collections. Beautifully illustrated the images in the book have been selected for their ability to tell the history of Victoria and the RHSV. With over 30 illustrations – accompanied by extensive captions explaining the context of each image – the Address Book contains photographs from our map, manuscript, image and rare book collections.

The outcome is a jewel – a beautiful 60 page A5 book with plenty of space to write names, addresses, email addresses or other notes. The alphabet is tabbed down the right hand side and it is spiral bound meaning it falls open easily.

The Address Book is a beautiful gift. You can order the book directly from the RHSV office or we could post the book as a gift to friend for you. The book is \$30.00 plus p&p.

Orders can be made over the phone 9326 9288 or by mailing your cheque to 239 A'Beckett Street Melbourne.



New website launched

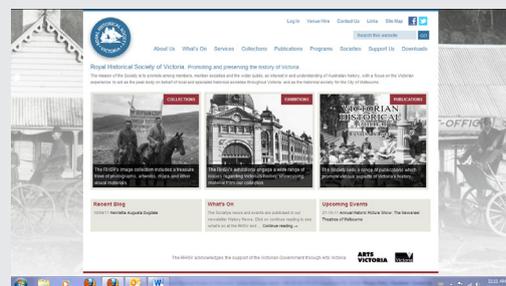
The RHSV is proud to launch its new website.

Fresh and modern in design we hope you will find our website easy to navigate and take advantage of our member resources.

We will be constantly adding content and improving access – particularly to our catalogues, events and downloads sections. In the meantime we welcome your feedback via our new contact page.

Follow us on Twitter (twitter.com/historyvictoria) or join us Facebook (www.facebook.com/historyvictoria) to keep up to date with RHSV news and join the online conversation.

We look forward to providing services for our members and the wider Victorian community.



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WISHING YOU A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON

The RHSV wishes you a happy and relaxing holiday season.

We will be closed from Thursday 22 December and reopen on Monday 9 January 2012.

Winners of the Victorian Community History Awards announced

A book about influential women in Melbourne's history, an illustrated walking tour of historic Maldon, an exhibition about Melbourne's Yiddish community and a recreated map of routes used to cross the Bass Strait in the early 1800s, are among the winners of the 2011 Victorian Community History Awards.

The Victorian Community History Awards recognise the people and projects that preserve and share Victoria's history. The awards are funded by the Victorian government and presented by the RHSV and Public Records office Victoria.

The awards were announced at Queen's Hall, Parliament House, on 20 October.

The \$5,000 overall prize went to *The People of Budj Bim*, a book written by Gib Wettenhall, in collaboration with the Gunditjmarra People of South Western Victoria.

The work documents the history of the Gunditjmarra People and their Country. It tells their story from the dreamtime, through to white settlement and the landmark native title ruling in 2007 that gave the Gunditjmarra people ownership of much of their traditional land.

Dr. Andrew Lemon, President of the RHSV, presided over the awards ceremony and warmly congratulated the many winners and those receiving commendations.

Justine Heazlewood, Director and Keeper of Public Records, Public Record Office



Gib Wettenhall and Denise Lovett receive the prize for Overall Winner 2011.

Victoria congratulated the winners for their extraordinary projects.

"There are many Victorians who are engaged in community history projects and the Victorian Community History Awards reinforce and recognise this invaluable work and the community organisations and individuals who have committed to telling local stories that enrich their communities," said Ms Heazlewood.

Premier and Minister for the Arts Ted Baillieu said the awards – which received

renewed funding in the 2011-12 Victorian Budget – showed how important local history was in shaping Victoria's identity.

"There are so many faces and events that have enriched Victoria, and the diverse projects recognised in this year's awards will play their part in shaping that proud record of history, aspiration and ambition," Mr Baillieu said.

"We thank the winners and nominees for their projects, which will ensure that Victoria's history is preserved and shared with future generations, and for their commitment to sharing the many stories of Victoria."

Established in 1997, the Victorian Community History Awards are managed by Public Record Office Victoria in partnership with the Royal Historical Society of Victoria. The 2011 winners were chosen by an expert panel from a field of more than 130 entries.

Please see the Souvenir Programme included with this newsletter, or on the RHSV web site for more details.

Promotion opportunity

Victorian Community History Award Entrants 2011

Congratulations on completing your publication project and entering it in the Victorian Community History Awards.

The Royal Historical Society of Victoria would like to support your efforts by making your Award entry for 2011 available for sale at our headquarters at 239 A'Beckett Street, Melbourne.

We would publicise the books in a special Christmas promotion through our website. We would charge 20% commission on the retail price of each sale. Payments would only be made after sales. The author/society would be responsible for delivery of the books to our headquarters, and collection of them if they fail to sell after a period of time.

If you are interested in making this arrangement, please ring our office on 9326 9288 and speak to Ged, or email office@historyvictoria.org.au

Thank You for contributing to History Week 2011

Another wonderful year of diverse events and large and small institutions putting on programs has made this year's HistoryWeek a resounding success.

We have had very positive feedback from both regional and city based groups complimenting us on the wide promotion achieved and the easy to use web site. Following feedback we included a search feature on the website to find events by region as well as by date.

HistoryWeek has become a tour de force of passion from volunteers and professionals to engage Victorians in our history. Events included work shops, cemetery walks, open days, lectures, tours, films and exhibitions – all creating a magnificent mix of activity.

In just four years HistoryWeek has grown to include hundreds of quality history events on offer for Victorians to participate in and learn from.

Next year we hope to develop HistoryWeek even further – to embrace an even wider public interested in Victoria's history. The dates are already set – Sunday 21 October – Sunday 28 October so please get planning and send all details of your events to info@historyweek.org.au.



Tim Holding MP launches History Week and the Melbourne Walking Club Pioneers of Bushwalking exhibition.

Melbourne Walking Club Pioneers of Bushwalking

Pioneers of Bushwalking Exhibition closes 9 December

The Melbourne Bushwalking Club was the first walking club dedicated to exploring the bush. It began in 1894 as the Melbourne Amateur Walking and Touring Club and later became known as the Melbourne Walking Club.

The exhibition draws on material from the Royal Historical Society of Victoria and the State Library of Victoria. It shows the history of the Melbourne Walking Club and some of the remarkable achievements of its members. Although not a comprehensive history of bushwalking it shows the development of bushwalking in Victoria.

The exhibition looks at the equipment the early bushwalkers used. Originally they walked in their semi formal suits; and carried a swag. Sleeping bags were first used on a walk to Wilsons Promontory on 1904. Before the end of WW2, bushwalkers would waterproof their own equipment using hot petrol and paraffin wax. Of particular interest on display is an Aneroid Barometer, a prismatic compass and a choover stove.

The Melbourne Walking Club was remarkable for its map making. On display are hand drawn maps of walks. The club also documented its walks in



photographs, and writing them up in their club magazine. The descriptions of the walks and photographs describe a regional Victoria that has almost vanished. The club was also remarkable for its witty publications such as the club magazine called the Walkers Rag – some of which are on display.

The exhibition looks at the importance of the cattlemen and packhorses in the development of the walks. The first major use of pack horses was in summer 1914 to the Bogong High Plains. The last pack horse trip was to the Mt. Wellington area

in 1948. The exhibition looks at some of the cattlemen and their expertise as guides in areas of Victoria.

Some trips are looked at in detail. These include Omeo to Mt. Kosciuszko, 1924 Mansfield to Bright 1927 and Searching for the Waterfalls in the Cumberland River 1950

The Melbourne Walking Club has also made contributions to the community: it established the Victorian Federation of Walking Clubs in 1934, and this subsequently led to walking clubs being involved in Search and Rescue operations and; the Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade. Members of the Melbourne Walking Club were advocates for conservation and the environment; recommendations for National Parks in alpine regions and from the late 1940s the abolition of cattle grazing licences in National Parks.

The exhibition closes on Friday 9 December.

Boer War Memorials in Victoria. Where Are They?

Geoff Dare is conducting extensive research into locating and recording Boer War memorials and plaques (and relevant histories) throughout Victoria. Following the Anglo-Boer War (1899-1902) memorials were erected around Australia for those who served and more particularly, for those who gave their lives in service. Frequently these memorials listed only one or two names.

Whilst many are located in prominent positions, many more are being found in schools, churches, community halls, museums and cemeteries and as such are not so readily accessible or identifiable. Some old country halls, now closed, still have memorial plaques therein. In other instances, plaques have later been added to WW1 and WW2 memorials.

If you know the location of ANY Boer War memorial or plaque would you please contact Geoff -

Phone: 0417 593 001; or

Email: gadare@tpg.com.au; or

write to: P O Box 113, Mulgrave, 3170

Please do not assume that a particular memorial has been recorded or that someone else will forward the location.

Public Records Advisory Council - Expressions of Interest

The Public Record Office Victoria (PROV) has an advisory council, the Public Records Advisory Council (PRAC). The role of PRAC is to advise the Minister on matters associated with *The Public Records Act 1973* and to provide a reference group of stakeholders for PROV. Council members are appointed by the Minister for the Arts.

The Council meets five times a year at a time which is mutually convenient to members. Two meetings a year are held in metropolitan Melbourne and/or in regional Victoria with the rest held at PROV's offices in North Melbourne.

There are currently a number of vacancies on the Council and we are seeking expressions of interest from people with experience in the following fields:

- Historical research
- Records management
- Local government
- Public & business administration

These appointments are on an honorary, unpaid basis, with members being eligible for the reimbursement of expenses such as those related to travel to meetings.

Further information about PRAC and PROV, including the latest Annual Report, is available on the Public Record Office Victoria website at www.prov.vic.gov.au

Interested parties should forward their CV (maximum of three pages) and an accompanying statement as to why they would make a good Council member by 18 November to:

Rebecca Young

Executive Officer, Public Records Advisory Council

Email: Rebecca.young@prov.vic.gov.au

Tel: 03 9348 5673

BOOKS RECEIVED

We note below relevant items sent to the Society. Interested groups or authors are invited to contribute to this valuable service to members in *History News* and through possible deposit in the library. Some items may later be reviewed in our journal.

James Boyce, *1835, The Founding of Melbourne & the Conquest of Australia*, Black Inc., Melbourne, 2011, pp. xiii + 257, \$44-95. This skilfully crafted book challenges much of our conventional wisdom about the importance of the founding of Melbourne in the pastoral invasion of Australia in the late 1830s. Boyce's argument is that the illegal occupation and its acceptance by governments in Sydney, Hobart and London, and later generations, has meant that there has been no questioning of what might have occurred if governments had acted against illegal occupiers by depriving them of rights to take leaseholds of land, access to convict labour, access to public office, at the same time as ensuring Aborigines' rights to access their lands. In a wider context, he argues that 1835 might be more pivotal in the making of Australia than 1788. This book will be widely read and its messages reflected in Australian history discourse.

Frank Hutchinson, *Beginnings, A Brief Account of Some of the First Europeans to Explore or Settle in Victoria*, Prahran Mechanics Institute Press, Melbourne, 2011, pp. x + 122, \$15. A very useful guide to stories and sources of European occupation of Victoria, arranged by regions and with a comprehensive index and bibliography. It provides an excellent starting point for users who may want to add to its content. For example, the section on the 'Mahogany Ship' would benefit from the material in Murray Johns's article in the latest *VHJ* and one wonders if there should have been more in the bibliography about the extensive literature. A notable omission is also reference to Robert Spreadborough and Hugh Anderson, *Victorian Squatters* (1983), a notable revision and supplement to Billis and Kenyon.

Jeanette Holland, *A History of Picola Hall 110 Years and Still Dancing, 1900-2010*, the author, Picola, 2010, pp. 126. Local halls are important sites for social, sporting, cultural and political gatherings. Picola's is typical of so many in rural communities. Built in the Federation period and replaced by a brick building in 1937 after a fire destroyed the original 'Federal Hall', it became Picola Memorial Hall and later Picola Public Hall. Its place in its community is well defined in this book through the photos, reminiscences and documents that are sourced and presented.

David Fallshaw, *Five Generations of Furniture Manufacturing in Australia, 1875-2009*, the author, First Avenue, Rosebud, 3939, 2009, pp. 103. Starting in North Melbourne and mostly

based there manufacturing a range of tables, chairs, billiard tables, and latterly, huge numbers of desks and chairs for schools, the firm moved to Fairfield in the mid-1950s and later to West Heidelberg, specializing in school furniture but later meeting the demands of the burgeoning motel industry as well as churches. The book chronicles hard times, changing markets and loyal employees in an attractive format.

Imre Salusinszky (ed.), *On Rabbits, Morality, etc., Selected Writings of Walter Murdoch*, University of Western Australia Publishing, Perth, 2011, pp. xiv + 306, \$29-95. Walter Murdoch's columns appeared in newspapers like the *Argus* and the *Herald* until the middle of the 20th century and were well-known to Victorians as were his published collected essays. This republication reminds us of his early pre-eminence in Australian essay-writing and captures a sample of his massive output incorporating irony, humour and skilled craftsmanship. There is also a foreword written by Rupert, his illustrious great nephew.

Carol Holsworth, *Chinese Ancestral Shrines in Victoria*, Friends of the Bendigo Cemeteries, 2011, pp. 44. A booklet that explains the significance of Chinese ancestral shrines and their association with fire. It provides a guide to current research and their distribution in Victoria and the need for their heritage protection. Well-illustrated and indexed.

Maryborough Field Naturalists' Club, *Exploring the Central Goldfields Shire*, pp. 72. An instructive booklet detailing walks and drives to areas of interest in and around Maryborough and its box-ironbark forests. Well researched and illustrated.

Jeff Atkinson, *The Troublesome American, The Story of Charles Ferguson, Foreman of the Burke and Wills Expedition*, Carlton Community History Group, 2010, pp. 34. Charles Derius Ferguson (183?-1925) was an American who spent much of his time between the 1850s and the 1880s in Victoria and New Zealand. His own story was published first in Cleveland in 1888 where he recorded his participation in two significant Victorian events: Eureka and the Burke and Wills expedition. This booklet focuses on the latter, arguing that Ferguson, an expert with horses, was sacked by Burke at Balranald after disputes about pay and Ferguson's handling of his men. Ferguson took the exploration committee to court and was granted compensation for wrongful dismissal. Ferguson's experiences are probably not well known, but an edited version by the Potts of the Australasian content was republished in Melbourne in 1979 that deserves to be better known. This booklet recalls some of the Ferguson story and his part in the farces of the Burke and Wills expedition.

Jeff Atkinson, *Railway House, A History of the North Carlton Railway Neighbourhood House*, North Carlton Railway Neighbourhood House, 2010, pp. 78. A well illustrated account of the North Carlton railway station as part of the Inner Circle line (finally closed 1981); as the scene of a community battle to retain open space; as a building; and its culmination in the development of a neighbourhood house (opened 1984) and subsequent success especially in advocacy and social outreach. One of its original users, the Montemurra Bocce Club remains.

Linden Gillbank, *From System Garden to Scientific Research: The University of Melbourne's School of Botany Under Its First Two Professors (1906-1973)*, School of Botany, University of Melbourne, 2010, pp. 38. A concise charting of botany teaching and research from the time of its separation from biology with appointment of AJ Ewart as professor in 1906. Succeeded by JS Turner (1938-1973), the department had gradually established an important place in teaching and research with Ethel McLennan, Isabel Cookson and others, despite acrimonious disputes, a lack of its own building until 1929, and lack of staff to teach its burgeoning student numbers. The bases had been laid for substantial expansion in the postwar period especially in plant physiology. Notably in this period, the remarkable work of David Ashton on mountain ash forests and Maisie Fawcett on the Bogong High Plains was part of a continued extension into ecology. A well-told story of considerable achievement, often against the odds.

Bob Marmion & Marilyn Townsend, *The Nelson's Sixty-Fours*, History Solutions, PO Box 108, Drysdale, 3222, 2011, pp. iii + 73. Its sub-title describes it well: *An intriguing tale. How a Bendigo archaeological dig recovered an important part of early Victoria's naval heritage.* HMVS *Nelson*, dating from the end of the Napoleonic Wars, was a twice modified battleship donated to Victoria as a naval training ship that arrived in Port Phillip in 1868 partly armed with a number of 64 pounder naval guns. When she was decommissioned in 1897, many of the guns were distributed to Victorian municipalities, including the two in Rosalind Park, Bendigo, rediscovered in a dig in 1997. This book provides a clear account of the guns' manufacture, specifications, use and eventual burial as well as their place in Victorian defence history.

Val Noone et al. (eds), *Golden Years, Grounds for Hope, Father Golden and the Newman Society 1950-1966*, Golden Project, Melbourne, 2008, pp. 270. Golden (1910-80) born in Ireland, educated in Sydney and Ireland, was a Jesuit priest appointed to be chaplain at the University of Melbourne in 1950 where he stayed until 1966. This collection of material comes from the work of those who knew him in that role in the 1950s and 1960s, especially

through the Newman Society. The 'Golden Years' were the subject of seminars in 2007 and 2008 led by Greg Dening and others, and this book was conceived as a 'living history' by Dening who died in 2008. It was brought to fruition by Noone and others. The result is an engaging excursion into Catholic intellectual discussions at the university and Golden's part in years when images of monolithic Catholicism were challenged. The subsequent lives of many of the contributors show the diverse impact of those discussions in their youth. A rare addition to our knowledge of Australian intellectual history.

Ken James and Noel Davis, *For King and Country: The Shire of Metcalfe and WWII*, the authors, Malto Park, Elphinstone, 3448, 2011, pp. 364. The Shire of Metcalfe is now part of the Mount Alexander Shire and comprised an area between Castlemaine, Kyneton and Bendigo. A considerable collection of details about Metcalfe's involvement in the war arranged in thematic chapters dealing with topics like prisoners of war, killed on service, community support and commemoration, and tables of names with other details arranged by district and complemented by a comprehensive index. The latter items are a boon for family historians.

Shirley M. Joy, *Hugh Peck, Arthur Peck, and the Port Phillip Yacht Club at Sandringham*, the author, 10 Abbott St, Sandringham, 3191, 2011, pp. x + 206. A collection of material drawing on the *Argus*, the *Brighton Southern Cross*, probate, titles and births, deaths and marriage records. Hugh Peck (1825-1904) came to Victoria in 1852 and did business mostly as an estate agent and debt and rent collector. He founded the Freehold Home Investment & Building Bank, one of the many land banks exposed by the crash of the 1890s. His dealings sometimes involved court action specified in the author's research. Arthur (1855-1945), his son was an architect and valuer, and yachtsman, involved with the founding and direction of the Port Phillip Yacht Club in Sandringham in 1903. The author believes that the sharp business practices of the Pecks in the 19th century might account for the fact that there was tension between the Port Phillip Club and the Sandringham Club founded in 1911 and later amalgamated with it in 1931.

John S Green, *The Royal Melbourne Golf Club, History of the Courses*, Full Swing Golf Publishing, Melbourne, 2011, pp. xv + 234. Long associated with Sandringham and Black Rock, the club had its beginnings on courses in Caulfield, Albert Park and Fishermans Bend. This comprehensive account focuses on the courses themselves and those who made them rather than played them. The lavishly illustrated text complements a range of histories of the club and its membership and helps to establish how the courses have acquired an international reputation.

Mark St Leon, *Circus, The Australian Story, Melbourne Books*, Melbourne, 2011, pp. xiv + 274. Copiously illustrated and written by an author with family connections to circus in Australia, this book traces the history of circus from its roots in Britain and Europe to its flowering in the 19th century colonies and continued existence to the present with Circus Oz and a range of family companies continuing the traditions of an entertainment business that has depended on family and extended family involvement. It details the acts and the performers, many that enjoyed high international reputations like May Wirth, 'the world's greatest bareback rider' and Con Colleano, the Indigenous wirewalker. It provides a rich introduction to life on the road, learning circus arts, circus families, international influences, adaptation to social and cultural change, and the role of circus in popular entertainment.

Jim Lowden (compiler), *Kilmore & Districts Regional and Some Other Anglican Clergy*, Lowden Publishing Co., Donvale, 2011, pp. vi + 331, \$74-95 (postage \$10). A remarkable biographical dictionary of more than 400 clergy who had connections with Kilmore and its district by work, birth, visitation, this is a model of dedicated research, expert compilation and presentation in accessible entries that detail education and training, postings, military service, family details, and community involvement. Of considerable value for those with an interest in the Anglican church in general, and in Kilmore in particular.

Lynette Willey, *The Waterholes, A History of Drysdale on the Bellarine*, Bellarine Historical Society, PO Box 53, Drysdale, 3222, 2010, pp. 95. A well-illustrated outline of aspects of Drysdale history detailing the development of the community in terms of institutions, governance, economic enterprise, and sporting clubs. It includes three guided walks around the town and has a substantial index.

Sophie Cunningham, *Melbourne*, University of New South Wales Press, Sydney, 2011, pp. 292. An engaging personal journey through Melbourne's seasons, full of insights, reflections and appreciations, that derive from acute observation, research and a lifetime working experience in writing and editing, mostly in Melbourne.

Marjorie Theobald, *The Wealth Beneath Their Feet, A Family on the Castlemaine Goldfields*, Australian Scholarly Press, Melbourne, 2010, pp. xi + 273. A fascinating exploration of family history in the context of the history of Castlemaine and Victoria through to the author's parents' generation. There is much reflection on the nature of history and its sources and while not autobiographical, it tells much about the

author, a distinguished historian especially of the education of women, an impeccable researcher, a beautiful writer, and a current Castlemaine resident returned after an adult life connected but away.

Anne Longmire, *The Catalysts: Change and Continuity 1910-2010*, Anne Longmire and the Catalysts, Melbourne, 2011, pp. viii + 326. The Catalysts, formed in 1910, are a group of women who meet regularly for a meal and the discussion of a paper delivered by one of the participants. Without premises such as those of clubs and with fairly informal and democratic procedures, the group has contained many notable women, mostly with university links, whose papers, discussions and biographies form the bases of this examination of themes and how they were dealt with over the past century. It provides a well-written perspective on the lives and interests of a veritable who's who of women with an intellectual interest and inclination such as Marnie Bassett, Margaret Blackwood, Stella Deakin, Enid Derham, Kathleen Fitzpatrick, Myra Roper, Dorothy Ross, Mary Turner Shaw, Georgina Sweet, Jessie Webb, Ethel McLennan and Margaret Sutherland. More recent Catalysts include Beatrice Faust, Ann Blainey, Dianne Reilly and Jean McCaughey.

Helen Ennis, *Wolfgang Sievers*, National Library of Australia, Canberra, 2011, pp. viii + 186, \$49-95. Sievers (1913-2007) did much of his superb photography of industrial sites in Melbourne and Victoria. His importance in the history of photography is attested in this excellent publication. The book contains more than 130 images, including many of his iconic photos in factories, mining sites and oil refineries, taken in the postwar period.

Anne Jackson, *William Philpott, Pioneer Victorian First Class Cricketer*, Malvern Historical Society, PO Box 184, Malvern 3144, 2011, pp. vi + 57. Philpott (1818-1891) arrived in Melbourne in 1844, played cricket for the MCC, and captained Victoria against Tasmania in 1851. He built in Malvern in 1856 and imported two pipe organs both of which still exist in Melbourne. He sold up in 1872 and returned to England with his wife. This is a neat exploration of the scant evidence about him.

Maureen O'Brien et al. (eds), *Upon This Rock...Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, East Brunswick, Celebrating 100 Years, 1911-2011*, 2011, pp. iv + 170, \$20 + \$10 postage. A solid compilation of short historical pieces and recollections, supplemented by a rich collection of photos that convey this parish's evolution in the changing 20th century world. The product of many pens, the finished book provides substantial links to the parish's past as well as substance for its future.

Australian Heritage Week

Federal Heritage Minister, Tony Burke, has announced that Australian Heritage Week 2012 will run from 14 - 22 April.

Australian Heritage Week is an annual national celebration of Australia's unique heritage.

Mr Burke said that Heritage Week was an opportunity for all Australians to join together to celebrate our shared and special heritage.

"Australian Heritage Week has become an important annual celebration, which encourages us all to reflect on the stories and places that make our nation unique," Mr Burke said.

"After a very successful Inaugural Australian Heritage Week in April 2011, I am looking forward to an even greater number of celebrations and events right across the country for Australian Heritage Week 2012."

During Australian Heritage Week 2011 over 300 events were held across Australia, with communities in each state and territory involved.

"What makes Australian Heritage Week so special is that it is open to anyone who wants to get involved," Mr Burke said.

"Community organisations, schools and individuals can all participate by organising activities and events.

"The 2011 Australian Heritage Week celebrations included a variety of information days, tours, family activities and celebrations.

"Throughout the year we continue to honour anniversaries, commemorations and listings of specific events and places but Australian Heritage Week is a time to reflect and celebrate together as a nation.

"It is my great pleasure to announce the dates for Australian Heritage Week 2012, an exciting opportunity for all Australians to come together to celebrate our shared and special heritage."

In the lead up to Australian Heritage Week 2012, information will be available from the department's website www.heritage.gov.au.

Amazing Stories: Innovation and Invention

Heritage Festival 2012 21 April – 20 May

The boomerang, the rotary clothes hoist, Aussie rules football and Ned Kelly's armour are all icons of Australian invention; while lesser known examples of ingenuity include trousers with permanent creases, the 'Ute', multi focal contact lenses and the first feature length film in 1906!

All heritage related groups, organisations and clubs are invited to join in the **2012 National Trust Heritage Festival, 'Amazing Stories: Innovation and Invention'**, to be celebrated across Australia for the first time as a nationwide theme adopted by all National Trusts. Through talks, tours, exhibitions and events the National Trust invites you to explore our heritage of innovation and invention and develop a better understanding of the ingenuity and resourcefulness that shaped Australia.

As a dynamic new element of the Festival, in 2012 the National Trust of Victoria is developing an **I-Phone App** that will allow users to search for events based on area, date and type of event. This will be a free application supported by Information Victoria and launched in early 2012. In addition to this new media, a comprehensive printed program of events will still be sent to over 12,000 National Trust member households (representing over 23,000 members statewide) and a DL promotional flyer available at all large tourist information centres. With **45,000 participants** at over 90 events across Victoria in 2011, we will be bigger and better in 2012.

Registration of events has opened for next year and, for inclusion in the printed program, will close on November 25th. Registration is online at http://www.natrust.com.au/heritage_festival/event_registration and although it's not a lot of time, I hope that there are some existing programs you may be able to adapt for the Festival.

Please contact Alexandra Hill (Festival Coordinator) 03 9656 9834 or alix.hill@natrust.com.au.

HISTORY VICTORIA SUPPORT GROUP

Seminar

Saturday 3 March 2012

At RHSV Headquarters

239 A'Beckett St, Melbourne

"Standing your Ground"

At the first HVSG Seminar for the year we will be looking at tenancy issues – understanding your lease, security of occupancy, working collaboratively with local councils, justifying the space.

Full details will be posted on the HVSG "My Connected Community" when available, and in the February issue of *History News*.

Bookings are being taken now: \$15.00

Phone: 9326 9288 or

office@historyvictoria.org.au

Digitising newspapers

The National Library of Australia is pleased to announce the newspapers that are scheduled to be digitised through the Australian Newspapers Digitisation Program over the coming year: http://www.nla.gov.au/ndp/selected_newspapers/Future_Titles.html.

Through Trove (trove.nla.gov.au), the national resource discovery service, there is free online access to over 5 million pages from over 130 Australian newspapers. All of the digitised newspapers are fully text-searchable and users can enrich and enhance the data through subject tagging, text correction and annotations.

Titles have been selected by the National Library in consultation with the state and territory libraries. A number of the titles are being digitised with the generous support and funding from a range of organisations. For those libraries and organisations wishing to digitise a specific newspaper title, Contributor Guidelines and a Factsheet provide additional information. If you would like any additional information please email us at austnewsdigiproj@nla.gov.au.

David Ong,

Manager, Australian Newspapers Digitisation Program

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Coordinator, Australian Newspaper Plan

THE BOOK SALE

A hearty thank you to all those members who emptied their book shelves to help us raise money through our annual book sale.

Your libraries not only help us fund raise but often we find excellent additions for our collection.

This year we cleared \$5,800 which although not a record - an excellent result. Many thanks

AROUND the SOCIETIES

This column is compiled by Lenore Frost and Jenny Coates on behalf of History Victoria Support Group using information provided by societies either directly or contained in their newsletters. For the February 2012 issue please send details of forthcoming events by 10 January 2012 to lenore10@hotmail.com.

ANGLICAN: The 2011 Sydney Smith Lecture will be delivered by Rev Dr Andreas Loewe, Chaplain of Trinity College, on Wednesday 16 November, commencing at 7.30 pm. The lecture, titled "Proclaiming the Passion through Music", will be presented in the Anglican Centre, Flinders Street (next to St Paul's Cathedral). Enquiries: Roger Meyer 9818 4950.

BALWYN: On Thursday 10 November at 8 pm, Robert Wuchatschwill give a talk on "Westgarthtown – the German Settlement at Thomastown". This settlement was established by William Westgarth in the 1850s. Meetings are held at the Balwyn Evergreen Centre, 45 Talbot Avenue, Balwyn. Enquiries: bhs@balwynwelfare.org.au.

BOX HILL: Lambis Englezos, AM, will speak on "Fromelles" on Thursday 17 November at the Strabane Chapel Hall, 29 Strabane Ave, Mont Albert North at 8 pm. Lambis' painstaking research led to the location and reburial of men who fell at the battle of Fromelles in 1916. Enquiries: boxhillhistory@gmail.com.

BROADFORD: The Spring issue of the *Broadford Times* has an interview with Andrew Jacovou, a successful local business man whose father came to Australia from Cyprus in 1949 and worked on the Snowy Mountain Scheme at Bright. It was five years before he could bring out his wife and five children. Enquiries: broadfordhistorical@gmail.com.

CAMBERWELL: On Thursday 24 November the guest speaker will be Volkhard Wehner on "Hartwell: the trials and tribulations of a researcher". Meetings are held in the Meeting Room, Hawthorn Town Hall (side entrance via car park), 360 Burwood Rd, Hawthorn at 8 pm. Enquiries: enquiries@chs.org.au or 9885 9927.

CASTLEMAINE: The August newsletter reports on the history of the Castlemaine Volunteer Fire Brigade which was formed in 1854 after a shop fire. A water supply was arranged by sinking a well at the rear of what is now the market building in Mostyn Street. Enquiries: chsi@castlemainehistoricalsociety.com.

CHURCHES OF CHRIST: Plans have been announced to extend the current library and archive facilities at Mulgrave to expand the space available and improve storage for the movements' valuable artefacts and archives. Items relating to Churches of Christ may be donated after consulting the historian on history@handasyde.com, or PO box 462, Bayswater 3153.

COBURG: The September issue of *Search* has an extended article called "Where did you get that hat? The story of Sneddon's Millinery, Sydney Road, Coburg", written by Marilyn Moore with assistance with memories and photographs from family members of the Sneddon-Cullen family. Enquiries: coburg_historical_society@yahoo.com.au.

COLLINGWOOD: A History Walk will be held on Saturday 12 November at 2 pm. It will explore the Gold St. Precinct, a largely intact area of nineteenth and early twentieth century timber and masonry workers cottages, with some interesting factories, significant buildings and quirky hidden treasures. For the meeting point, see www.collingwoodhs.org.au.

FLINDERS: The Spring-Summer issue No 63 of *Local History News* focusses on camping in Flinders and Shoreham foreshore, with many evocative photos of camping holidays. Enquiries: 5989 6562.

GISBORNE & MOUNT MACEDON: The society has obtained a grant to restore 13 chairs built for the Shire Office in Hamilton Street in 1928 and used in the Council Chambers until 1995. Contact: www.gisbornemountmacedon.org.au or history@gisbornemountmacedon.org.au.

GREENSBOROUGH: The society has produced a set of six historical postcards featuring Quirk's Tearooms, Commercial Bank, Greensborough Hotel, Plenty River Bridge, Medhurst's Fruit Store and Farmers Arms Hotel, available for \$5 a set, plus postage. Their new Resource Centre is at 34 Glenauburn Road, Lower Plenty. Enquiries: info@greensboroughhistorical.org.au or 9435 4513.

GULF STATION: In memory of Heather Horne, 1920-2011, the last grandchild of Mary Ann and William Bell, and to recognise all four grandchildren, trees will be planted at Gulf Station and a memorial plaque unveiled, followed by afternoon tea on Sunday 20 November at 2 pm. RSVP: Lesley Barnes 9735 5772.

HAWTHORN: Lucy Sussex, author, will speak about her latest book, *Saltwater in the Ink – Voice from the Australian Seas* at the AGM on Sunday 27 November at 2.230 pm. The AGM will be in the Hawthorn Town Hall Meeting room – enter via entrance in the car park. Enquiries: 9818 2518.

HEIDELBERG: On Tuesday 13 December, Janet Creed will speak on *The Argus*, at the Ivanhoe Uniting Church Community Centre, Seddon St, Ivanhoe at 8.00 p.m. Our museum opens each Sunday 2-5 p.m. up to and including 11 December, in the old Courthouse, corner Jika St and Park Lane, Heidelberg.

FRANKSTON: In July 2011 the Frankston Historical Society celebrated its 50th birthday. The first official meeting was held at the "Studio". A dinner was held to thank the

current working volunteers. The society also reports that the heritage liaison officer at the Frankston City Council did not have his contract renewed.

KEW: The society's quarterly monster book sale will be held on Sunday 20th November from 1-4 pm in the Phyllis Hore Room at the rear of the Kew library in Civic Drive. Enquiries: <http://www.kewhistory.com.au/> or info@kewhistory.com.au.

KILMORE: The society opens its rooms in the Old Courthouse, 4 Powlett Street, on the first Saturday of each month, from 10 am to 1 pm as well as each Tuesday between 10 am and 3 pm. You can pick up a copy of *Kilmore: those that came before* for \$40. Enquiries: kilmorehistory@nl.com.au or 5783 3141.

KOO-WEE-RUP: The August newsletter has an interesting photographic study of a 1920s commercial building which was "updated" to Spanish Mission style with the addition of terracotta tiles on the parapets and rendering of the brickwork in the 1930s. At this time the premises became a service station. Enquiries: 5997 1357.

MOOROOPNA: The society has moved into their own home, the former Grutzner House, part of the original Mooroopna Base Hospital. Its collection includes company records such as Ardmuna Foods Ltd and McLennan's Flour Mill, two major employers in the town. A significant hospital and medical collection is also held by the society. Enquiries: <http://www.hsm.org.au/>.

MORDIALLOC: Members enjoyed a bus trip to the Bundoora Homestead Art Centre in September, exploring the historic house, the art exhibition and learning about its history. The newsletter reports that the Friends of Mentone Station and Garden are preparing a publication on their first ten years. Enquiries: 9583 5975.

NEPEAN: A Sorrento Cemetery Tour will be held on Sunday 27 November. The tour will be conducted by Peter Munro, and will take approximately 90 minutes. The cost is \$5 per adult. As numbers are limited, book on 5982 0502.

OAKLEIGH: The exhibition *Oakleigh's Citizen Soldiers* is open at the Monash Federation Centre, Tuesdays and Thursdays, October to December 2011, 10.00 am to 5.00 pm. It draws on photographs and memorabilia to show how citizen soldiers from the Oakleigh district have contributed in war and peace. Enquiries 9563 2823 or oakhist@monlib.vic.gov.au.

PORT FAIRY: Several walks to "Secret Places of Port Fairy" are planned for January in lieu of open houses. Check <http://historicalsociety.port-fairy.com/> or pfhs@port-fairy.com for further details.

PORT PHILLIP PIONEERS: Meyer Eidelson will be the guest speaker on Saturday 12 November on the topic "A Saint in the Slums – Social Reformers of Old Melbourne". Meetings are held at St Andrew's Uniting Church, cnr Burke and Malvern Rds, Gardiner starting at 2 pm. \$2 entry, refreshments provided. See www.portphillippioneersgroup.org.au.

PRAHRAN MECHANICS: The historic minute books of the PMI dating from 1861 are to be digitally preserved using funding from the Stonnington Community Grants Scheme. The nine minute books, from 1861-2006, were repaired and rebound in 2007. Scanning has already commenced, and indexing will take place upon completion of the project.

QUEENSCLIFFE HISTORICAL: Monthly talks are held on the fourth Thursday from February until November, in the Uniting Church hall, Stokes St at 10 for 10.30am. All welcome, non members \$5. On 24 November Garry Spry will follow the AGM with a talk on "Aspects of Australian Aboriginal Rock Art". Enquiries: 52582511.

QUEENSCLIFFE MARITIME: The society is preparing for its 5th Annual Maritime Market, to be held at 2 Wharf St, Queenscliff on Sunday 4 December from 9 am to 1 pm. Entry \$6 for adults, children free. Items donated for the Museum stall can be collected from anywhere on the Bellarine Peninsula. Enquiries: 5258 3440.

RICHMOND & BURNLEY: The society has a number of books for sale, including *Rural Remnants* (\$20), *Ab-Origine* by Geoff Wenzell (\$10), *Melbourne Portfolio*, by James Flood Trust (\$10), *Colonial Architecture in Port Phillip* (\$10), *Lighting up Australia* by Jerry Bell (\$20), and a DVD called *Richmond 150 Years on* by John Morrison (\$25). Enquiries: richmondhs@optusnet.com.au.

SHIPLOVERS: The Christmas Muster will be held on Wednesday 14 December at the Port of Melbourne Corporation's Education Centre, Lorimer St, Port Melbourne, commencing at 7.45. One or two DVDs on interesting maritime subjects will be shown, followed by a Christmas supper. Enquiries: mauriehutch@gmail.com.

RYE: The historical society was awarded a Certificate of Commendation from the National Heritage Trust in recognition of the contribution to heritage by the creative re-use of the Old Schoolhouse. Visitors can check a full list of all Rye's plaques and historic markers at the Schoolhouse. See <http://ryehistoricalociety.weebly.com/index.html>.

SEYMOUR: The second part of an article by Tim Whitford, entitled "Mutton Stew and Sioux Indians: notes on the 41st US Infantry Division in Seymour, 1942", appears in the September issue of the *Historical Society News*. Enquiries: seymourhistoricalsociety@hotmail.com or 5792 1745.

SNAKE VALLEY: The *District Diggings*, issue No 87 has an interesting account of the history of the Carngham Hotel at Carngham, reputed to have first been licenced in the mid 1840s, and subsequently used as a changing station for coach services. Enquiries: helen1940@hotmail.net.au.

SOMERVILLE/TYABB: The new president, Ron Wood, thanked retiring president Ken Archer for his tireless work and accomplishments during his 15 years at the helm of the society. Members have agreed to have a display at the Aero Club at Tyabb in March 2012 to promote their society.

STAWELL: The August issue of the *Newsletter* records the history of various Fire Brigade bells in Stawell. The first Fire Brigade was formed in 1866. The first bell caused a problem because it sounded the same as the Wesley Church bell, leading to a number of false alarms. Enquiries: stawhist@bigpond.com or 5358 3789.

STRATFORD: The "Shakespeare & the Shed" exhibition runs from 23 October to February 2012. This is the first public viewing of the scale model of the "Shakespeare Hotel", the first building erected in Stratford in the mid 1840s, built by William Odell Raymond. Also see the extended layout of "George's Shed". Enquiries: 51456485.

TERANG: An address to the society by Dr Bob Knight has been reproduced in the July newsletter. Bob outlined a career in the eradication of cattle diseases, especially dairy herd testing for TB in the period prior to compulsory testing commencing in 1962. Enquiries: historysociety04@hotmail.com or 5596 1688.

UNITING CHURCH: Two new books are available from the historical society: *The Bible Christian Church in Victoria, 1850s-1902* by Trevor McHarg, and *Women in the Church: a Memoir*, by Jean Yule. For further details ring the secretary on 9878 3812.

WARRAGUL: The Warragul Agricultural High School had its origins in a meeting of the Warragul Australian Natives Association in 1907 which resolved to secure the establishment of an Agricultural High School in their district. The school opened in October 1912. See issue No 438 of the society's *Monthly Bulletin*. Enquiries: 5625 3763.

WAVERLEY: The October *Newsletter* presents an interview with Miriam Porter from 2007 about her family's association with Mount Waverley from 1948 when they bought a block of land for sale and the house that was built by her husband over the next six years. Enquiries: whs@kepl.com.au.

YACKANDANDAH: A new exhibition called "Yackandandah identities...now and then" will run from the end of October until after Easter 2012. Some of the identities include Matthew Rome (chemist), Howard

Meek (Presbyterian Minister), Ellen Stiles (newsagent) and Augustus Miller (doctor and vigneron). Enquiries: museum@yackandandah.com.

YALLOURN NORTH: "Coalies Weekend" is on Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 November at the Old Brown Coal Mine Museum, cnr Third Street & Moe/Tyers Rd, Yallourn North, 10am to 4pm. See how life was in the early 1900s and how coal was mined then and now. Everyone welcome. Enquiries: 5167 1589.

YARRAM: Has extensive archives that cover Alberton, Tarraville, Port Albert, Woodside, Tarra Valley, Won Wron, Macks Creek, Carrajung, Devon North, Jack River, Alberton West, Alberton East, Gelliondale, Hedley, Stacey's Bridge, Blackwarry, Balook, Baloong, Willung, Binginwarri, Willung South, Calrossie, Hiawatha, Woranga, Wonyip, Darriman and Giffard. See: <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~ydhs/welcome.htm>

Don't forget that the RHSV has a section of its library devoted to the newsletters of our affiliated societies. These can be accessed Monday to Friday, 10 am to 4 pm.

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