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2014 – A VIBRANT YEAR



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Clockwise from top left:

Dr Andrew Lemon congratulates Dr Simon Smith at the launch of his book *Barristers, Solicitors, Pettifoggers*; The Hon Ted Baillieu MLA addresses the RHSV conference 'The Other Face of War'; The Hon. Marilyn Warren, Chief Justice of Victoria and His Hon Paul Mullaly QC at the launch of the Willis Case Books website; Karen Jackson, Prof. Richard Broome, Dr Liz Rushen, Genevieve Grieves and Reuben Berg at the 'Mapping Melbourne' Melbourne Day Program; Gathering of the winners at the Victorian Community History Awards – Gideon Haigh, keynote speaker is at the left.

The photographs used to illustrate the articles in this Annual Report are taken from the exhibition 'Face2Face' 18 March – 27 June, 2014.



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# President's Report

**Fresh initiatives have become increasingly necessary as the federal and state governments are less certain in their support for the community history and heritage movement.**



**Melbourne Women's Walking Club outside Tawonga Hut [on Mount Bogong], Christmas 1928**

RHSV Collection : GS-AAE-67

It is interesting to look back upon the report I wrote a year ago and to see, in some respects, how little has changed in the ensuing year, yet what a very good year we had again in 2014.

The issue of accommodation in the Drill Hall has dragged on. The Labor government came to office late in 2014 having given RHSV some assurances about security of tenure, but there was no response in their early months in government to our requests for a solution. We expect that eventually we will be given an extension of our lease, but so far we are left in the invidious position of being limited in our capacity to plan long-term. One of the most pressing needs is for disabled access to and within the Drill Hall, especially to the upper level, and we hope to be able to accomplish this if we are given a substantial period of tenancy.

The RHSV greatly appreciates the support from Creative Victoria (formerly Arts Victoria) under the Organisations Investment Program

and we have been working hard to develop independent income sources. In 2014, the Creative Victoria Grant represented 18 per cent of our income. Several small grants have promoted our activities, and we have been extremely grateful to have received a number of generous private monetary donations, notably from Gordon Moffatt and the late Barbara Nixon's children (Rosemary, Virginia and James). There have been many significant donations of books and other materials to the collection. Among many achievements has been the rebuilding of our computer and IT system and the valuation of the RHSV collection.

A notable stimulus to RHSV revenue has come from being commissioned to prepare two books for publication. The first is an initiative by Dr Simon Smith, former Vice President, for the writing of a 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary history of the Victorian Supreme Court. The Chief Justice, Hon Marilyn Warren, has supported the scheme, and research and

writing by an enthusiastic team is well under way. More recently, the RHSV was approached by QBD Books, a Queensland-based bookshop and publisher, to prepare a book (*Lost Melbourne*) based on images from the RHSV collection, supplemented by extensive captions and interpretative introductions written by a team of volunteers. Both of these are due for publication in 2016, so our many RHSV volunteer researchers and writers are very busy. The financial return to the RHSV will be very important.

Such initiatives have become increasingly necessary as the federal and state governments are less certain in their support for the community history and heritage movement. This is disappointing as our members give thousands of hours of voluntary work for the collection, preservation and dissemination of our history and heritage. Besides the implicit monetary value, this work plays an invaluable role in our local, state and national cultural heritage.

Nevertheless, we were pleased hear as this annual report was being prepared that the Victorian Community History Awards and Local History Grants are to be funded.

Meanwhile the Commonwealth has abolished the long-standing Grants to Voluntary Environment, Sustainability and Heritage Organizations. In its place there was to be a new program of grants to community heritage organizations, but the scheme ran foul of the constitutional and legal complications of *Williams v the Commonwealth* (the Chaplains case) and was shelved. Apart from the National Library of Australia Community Heritage Grants, the Commonwealth now offers little support. Through the Federation of Australian Historical Societies the RHSV is endeavouring to find ways to reintroduce Commonwealth community history and heritage support. At present, too much is left to the limited resources of local government bodies.

The RHSV held several crowded events – the WWI conference, launch of the Willis Case Books website, exhibition openings, book launches, lectures, etc. This contributed to a sense of buzz around the Drill Hall, and I am constantly amazed at how much our team of staff and volunteers are able to achieve. Our staff, Kate Prinsley (Executive Officer), Ged Horgan (Office Manager) and Dr Jodie Boyd (Collection and Volunteer Coordinator) do a wonderful job. Our many volunteers help to care for the

collection, undertake research, run the book sale, set up exhibitions and provide diverse support services.

There are also many volunteers who serve on the Council sub-committees and do a marvellous job in organising and promoting RHSV work. Councillors Professor Richard Broome (Vice President) chairs the Publications Committee, Elisabeth Jackson the Collections Committee, Dr Robert Barnes (Treasurer) the RHSV Foundation and George Fernando the History Victoria Support Group. Dr Andrew Lemon continues to chair the Membership, Events and Outreach Committee and to MC most lectures and events. Other councillors include Carole Woods (our hard-working Honorary Secretary), Professor Chips Sowerwine (*History News* editor), Professor Judy Smart (FAHS delegate) and Jane Carolan. Sadly, we are farewelling two greatly valued councillors at the 2015 AGM, Lenore Frost, who thankfully will continue her many duties as a volunteer, and Lucy Bracey whom we wish well in her new life in the United States. We have welcomed as councillors since the 2014 AGM, Dr Rosalie Triolo and Jim Dixon.

I thank everyone for the hard work that has given the RHSV such a vibrant and successful year.

*Don Garden*

President

**Women employees, office staff and management of Swallow and Ariell Biscuit and Cake Manufacturers standing outside the factory, Port Melbourne, c 1920**

Photograph: Elsie M Dicker (possibly nee Sheppard), photographer (1889-1963)  
RHSV Collection : PH-001004



## Executive Officer's Report

**Our passion is to inspire all Victorians to engage with history. In 2014 our emphasis was very much on the writing and publishing of local history.**



**Margaret Ware in the kitchen at 5 Higham Road, Hawthorn, c. 1920**

Samuel Middleton Ware, photographer (attrib.) RHSV Collection : AL153-0003

The RHSV is a community based organisation committed to collecting, researching and sharing an understanding of the history and heritage of Victoria – making it accessible to all Victorians. We are an historical society in our own right – providing programs and making our nationally significant collection accessible. In addition we support historical societies by providing services, training, networking and advocacy. The RHSV is the peak body for local history in the state, and although a membership organization – our programs are open to all.

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To this aim in 2014, the RHSV rescued the local history arm of the Victorian Government Book shop. Renamed the History Victoria Book Shop – the RHSV launched the shop both online and as a physical space - to support individual authors and historical societies. The shop has become an additional attraction at the RHSV; as a showcase for the breadth of topics, the variety and styles in which local history can

be presented, and the vitality of local history writing. Lenore Frost and Helen Boak are very much thanked for their outstanding contribution to developing the shop.

As a companion piece to the book shop, and with the generous support of the John T. Reid Charitable Trust, the RHSV has begun developing 'Writing Local History Workshops'. Designed to help local history authors move from the parochial to seeing the local in a wider context – these workshops are being developed to challenge and refresh our approach to "what is local

history?” Historians have the responsibility of interpreting our history and it is expected that an outcome of this program, delivered throughout Victoria, will be to extend the “audience” for local histories beyond the regional.

Flagship programs such as History Week and the Victorian Community History Awards similarly raise the profile and promote local history to all Victorians. This year the Victorian Community History Awards drew a record number of entries. Delivered in partnership with Public Record Office Victoria, the awards encourage the interpretation, research and understanding of the State’s history. The awards are unique in Australia – the only awards that recognize community historians alongside the academic and professional. Award categories include publications, exhibitions and community archive. Historian and broadcaster Gideon Haigh paid tribute to the expertise of the non- professional historian at his pitch perfect speech at the Award Ceremony held at the State Library of Victoria, in October during History Week.

To encourage the publication of local histories the RHSV promotes and administers the Holsworth Trust. This fund provides support for the publication of “manuscript ready” projects in regional Victoria. Many of these projects subsequently become entries in the Victoria Community History Awards. This year projects from Foster and District Historical Society and Warracknabeal and District Historical Society were funded.

History Week, so generously supported by the Vera Moore Foundation, has become a Victorian wide blanket of local

history activities. From the legendary gum boot tossing presented by Cobden Historical Society to uncovering the history of City Road, Melbourne’s first road; to events held at Warnambool, Swan Hill and Mallacoota – History Week collectively highlights the activity and energy infusing local history throughout Victoria. We thank museums, libraries and historical societies for so enthusiastically participating in the week – promoting their events locally – and “revving up” Victorians to engage in history.

The year’s activity at the RHSV headquarters the Drill Hall, was dominated by the uncertainty of our occupancy. We thank the many individuals, organisations and politicians that lobbied and agitated on our behalf. We held many public and “stakeholder” meetings throughout the year in an effort to negotiate an extended lease. An unanticipated benefit has been the building of closer links with our local residents groups and developing a relationship with local newspaper *CBD News*.

Ultimately the RHSV would like to establish a History House – a hub for history groups; this year the Oral History Association of Victoria, and the State Library Users Group joined the Professional Historians Association, History Council of Victoria and Maritime Museums of Victoria as history groups making use of the Drill Hall as a headquarters or meeting rooms.

This year the RHSV consolidated its exhibitions into two major ones. ‘Face2Face’ from which the images are taken for this annual report, examined the different styles of portraits from the well-known to the completely unknown

in our collection. Dr Jill Evans is greatly thanked for curating this exhibition. The second exhibition, funded by the Australian Government – Anzac Centenary Local Grants Program looked at the Australian Red Cross In the Great War. We were delighted that the exhibition was opened by Mrs Elizabeth Chernov, who continued the vice regal tradition of support for the Australian Red Cross, and the Hon. Adam Bandt, MP, Federal Member for Melbourne. It was also wonderful to work so closely with the Victorian branch of the Australian Red Cross as they celebrated their centenary year. Following the opening of the exhibition the RHSV hosted a conference ‘The other Face of War: Victorians at the Home Front’. The conference was absolutely packed – both with speakers and participants – a highlight was the warmth, knowledge and passion that the Hon Ted Baillieu MLA expressed when he talked of the Victorian Government’s Centenary of Anzac commemorations.

The RHSV continued its excellent and eclectic program of monthly and lunchtime lectures. Fifteen lectures were presented with record attendances. A highlight was our Melbourne Day event ‘Mapping Melbourne’. Developed in partnership with the Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council this discussion was presented by Reuben Berg, Director Indigenous Architecture and Design Victoria, Genevieve Greives recently lead curator of the First Peoples exhibition Bunjilka Aboriginal Cultural Centre, Melbourne Museum, Emeritus Professor Richard Broome and former Executive Director RHSV Dr Liz Rushen. The discussion examined different ways of understanding Melbourne across time and space,

through explorations of land, the built environment, art and stories.

Again this year we hosted book launches, provided work experience for year 10 students from Trinity Grammar School and University High School. We hosted students from Sunshine College and a highlight for me was working with the History Teachers Association of Victoria in judging the National History Challenge for schools.

We sponsored an indigenous student to attend the Grasping Intangible Heritage Places symposium presented by Australia ICOMOS and presented again our RHSV Award for History to a third year student from La Trobe University.

We partnered with Federation University as it develops its Centre for Australian History and hosted students from La Trobe University on a “show & tell” of primary material.

We participated in Rare Book Week discussing the Willis Case Books which foreshadowed their publication online as part of the Willis Website.

The annual book sale brought in record profits. This year we had a highly successful Members Only evening prior to the sale allowing members to shop and browse before our “market day”.

The RHSV Fellowships and Awards of Merit are a means of peer recognition and a way of raising of standards – the recipients are listed in this Annual Report – however it was a delight for Don Garden, Gerardine Horgan and me to visit Marysville Historical Society to present Reg and Mary Kenneally with their Awards of Merit. This year we added the Distinguished Service Award to our program as a way of

recognizing the wider service to history delivered by local history volunteers.

In any year there is always too much activity to present in one report –safe to say the RHSV has had another busy and effective year; providing a service for Victorians, developing programs, and confident in its purpose. I thank everybody who has contributed.

*Kate Prinsley*

Executive Officer

# History Victoria Support Group's Report

**The philosophy of HVSG training is practitioners speaking to practitioners – that the training is in scale, relevant and can be applied by volunteers in historical societies.**



**Melbourne Women's Walking Club outside Tawonga Hut [on Mount Bogong], Christmas 1928**  
RHSV Collection : GS-AAE-6

The History Victoria Support Group (HVSG) continues to support the 340 historical societies and other specialist societies affiliated with the RHSV.

Principal to the activities of the HVSG is the delivery of four training seminars a year – one metropolitan and three regional. The philosophy of the HVSG is that the training is practitioners speaking to practitioners – that the training is in scale, relevant and can be applied by volunteers in historical societies.

This year seminars were held in Warnambool, St. Arnaud and Sale, as well as Melbourne, and we thank all those historical societies for hosting us. In Warnambool, we had the special privilege of meeting 96 year old Les O'Callaghan who had dedicated his life to preserving

and promoting the town's history. A short account of his life appears in the December 2014 issue of *History News*. He died a day before the newsletter was printed. We would also like to record the death of Trevor Hart, past councillor RHSV and president Camberwell Historical Society.

Seminars concentrated on the theme of opportunities in information technology for historical societies. In each area the local history librarian demonstrated useful online resources and the use of social media to help with research. Sue Thompson presented the case study of how Lilydale and District Historical Society had digitized its photographic collection and produced income generating online galleries and interactive

projects linking text, images, audio and video. Included in the theme of each seminar was the potential of information technology to build membership – Craige Proctor of Mortlake and District Historical Society and David Langdon from Richmond & Burnley Historical Society demonstrated the growth in membership using websites and facebook.

The RHSV continued to provide its insurance service for historical societies. The RHSV provides Public Liability, Voluntary Workers, Personal Accident, Asset Protection and Association Liability. Gerardine Horgan expertly manages this scheme and she is thanked for her skill in maintaining an excellent and cost effective service for historical societies.

Lenore Frost continued to develop the networking opportunities for historical societies. She maintained our forums which grew from 470 to 600 subscribers in 2014. Similarly our website provides an Events Calendar where historical societies can post their up-coming activities. Our Facebook reached 1,500 people per week. Lenore also managed our RHSV news blog - highlighting RHSV and other historical society's events. Lenore is greatly thanked.

Each year the HVSG provides assistance with assessing the Holsworth Local Heritage Trust Grants which help with printing costs for regional historical societies. Although the number of applications was slightly down on previous years – this is an important grant which brings great benefit to historical societies.

Again this year, thanks to the generosity of the Vera Moore Foundation we were able to offer our History Week banner grants. Historical Societies can apply for free standing promotional banners to use at community events or place outside their society on opening days.

The Victorian Local History Database is another program offered by the RHSV to enable affiliated historical societies to put their catalogue records online. The number of records included in the database is now almost 42,000.

In 2008, the RHSV produced a *Guide To Managing Historical Societies*. Work has begun to update links, rewrite outdated sections and revise the content. The *Guide* has proved an invaluable “go to” tool for historical society committees. The Guide is a web based document.

I thank the following members of the HVSG committee for the work they do to make the seminars the success they have been:

David Langdon (Richmond & Burnley); Jane Nigro (Malvern); Bernard Bolch (Walhalla); Alleyne Hockley (Castlemaine); Larina Strauch (Kyneton); Jeff Starkey (Euroa); Craige Proctor (Mortlake & District); Judy Richards (Stratford) and Lenore Frost (RHSV). I also thank Di Reidy (Brighton) and Vin Renolds (Yackandandah) who have assisted the committee..

*George Fernando*

Convenor HVSG

# Publications Committee's Report

**Long-term projects of the Committee have been finalised. The copyright negotiations with authors of articles in the *VHJ* from 1954 to 2010 were completed, and the digitised form is now hosted by the State Library of Victoria.**



**Maude Rose 'Lores' Bonney (1897 – 1994), c. 1935**

Photographer unknown RHSV Collection : GS-IT-71

The Publications Committee upholds the proud publishing traditions of the Royal Historical Society, which date from 1911 when the *Victorian Historical Magazine* first appeared.

The Committee, comprising academic and public historians, meets five times each year to oversee the publication of the *Victorian Historical Journal* [twice yearly] and *History News* [six times]. The *Victorian Historical Journal (VHJ)* maintains a mix between academic and member contributions and, where possible, makes use of the RHSV collections, while striving for the highest quality and ethical standards. *History*

*News* informs our members of upcoming events, promotes local societies and their publications, and informs our members of key issues in the practice of history in Victoria.

The Committee in the past year has been relatively stable but there have been a few changes. Most significant has been the loss of Dr Kate Jones who died of motor neurone disease on 13 March 2015. Dr Jones continued in her role as layout designer for the *VHJ* until November 2014 when she became too ill to continue. The Committee and the RHSV expressed their condolences to her partner Dr Stephen Alomes.

Marilyn Bowler continued as editor, overseeing two excellent issues in 2014. However, to assist Marilyn's PhD studies, Judy Smart, Jane Carolan and Richard Broome will relieve her of the editing of the first issue for 2015—the special issue on the World War I home front. This journal will be edited papers presented at our conference held in August 2014 – 'The Other Face of War: Victorians at the Home Front'. The issue will also introduce a new design for the *VHJ*, which, while not radically different from the old design, will give the journal a more modern look.

*History News* continues to be edited professionally by Professor Chips Sowerwine, who has developed a new look magazine with an emphasis on some stimulating contemporary issues, such as heritage matters and the teaching of history in schools. Professor Don Gibb has continued to produce his important *Books Received* page which promotes recent publications and Helen Boak is thanked for producing the *Around the Societies* pages.

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The Publications Committee, especially the editors of the *VHJ*



**Gladys Moncrieff [1892 – 1976], c. 1943**

Newsprint signed - 'Best wishes, Gladys Moncrieff 5.4.43' RHSV Collection : PH-020484

and *History News*, work hard to further the public reputation of the RHSV by producing high-quality and interesting printed and web-based materials. The Society is indebted to its hard-working committee members and the office staff, Kate Prinsley and Gerardine Horgan, who support our work.

*Emeritus Professor Richard Broome*

Convenor Publications  
Committee

# The Collections Committee's Report

**The Society was fortunate to receive a generous donation from Rosemary, Virginia and James Nixon in memory of their mother Barbara, who had been the honorary librarian of the RHSV for many years.**



**Daisy McKellar riding a bicycle, c. 1890**

Digital copy of original glass slide photographer unknown RHSV Collection : GS-GS-0301

The RHSV collection consists of more than 44,000 items which have been acquired, mainly by donations since the foundation of the Society in 1909. It focusses on the history of Victoria and includes books, journals, pamphlets, ephemera, scrapbooks, manuscripts, maps, art works and images. A research collection, examples of its researchers include members, non – members academics, students, family historians – it is accessible to all. The collection is frequently called upon for loans. The collection is the backbone to RHSV exhibitions, site searches and the RHSV's research service.

In 2014 the Society was fortunate to receive a generous donation from Rosemary, Virginia and James Nixon in memory of their mother Barbara, who had been the honorary librarian of the RHSV

for many years. This thoughtful gift has been used to support a number of projects.

- A professional valuation of the collection – important information to support our advocacy for a permanent home for the RHSV.
- An assessment of strengths and gaps of the printed collection undertaken by Jock Murphy (formerly Director of Collections at the Baillieu Library, University of Melbourne). He found no obvious gaps and recommended building on the areas where the Society has unique strengths. These include the extensive collection of Victorian local histories and the collection of newsletters from member historical

societies. A list of desirable additional titles was included in the report and these are being purchased using funds from the Nixon donation.

- Restoration of some of the fragile Sands and MacDougal's Directories and the purchase of a digital copies is also being funded by the Nixon gift. The Directories are in constant use for site searches so the use of networked electronic versions will enable preservation of the originals.

Jason Odering resigned as Collections Coordinator early in 2014. The position description was revised and re-named as Collections and Volunteer Coordinator. Dr Jodie Boyd was employed in June 2014 to

fill this position on a part-time basis. Under her leadership, a thorough review and replacement of computer software and hardware has been undertaken and a variety of new protocols have been developed to assist the implementation of the RHSV volunteer program.

The Society was also successful in obtaining a grant from the Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation to be used for capacity building in our volunteer program. Significant progress in this regard has been made including the drafting of a Volunteer Manual. This manual contains step-by-step guidelines for present and successor Volunteer Co-ordinators, procedures regarding recruiting, selecting, inducting, training and recognising prospective and active volunteers. Detailed position descriptions have been drafted and the first group of volunteers under this regime has begun work on a number of specific and defined tasks.

Under Jodie's direction innovative projects were introduced. One such is using the software OMEKA to promote lesser known collections such as the Scrapbooks. OMEKA will enable 'bite-size' chunks of the Scrapbook Collection to be curated in an online forum designed to entice researchers by offering a 'taste' or preview of the research potential within this collection.

Throughout the year interesting donations have made important contributions to the RHSV Collections. We are the recipients of significant portions of the now defunct Taylors College archive, including photographs and newsletters. We also accepted a bequest from the estate of Betty Vivian – a meticulously catalogued collection of slides depicting hundreds of historical building

throughout Victoria. An important contribution to Victorian social history was also made with Eric and Margaret Smith's donation of the Green family papers. The RHSV filled significant gaps in its map collection with the generous donation of scores of Parish Maps by Steve Bird.

In 2014 the Society mounted two major exhibitions: 'Face2Face' and 'The Australian Red Cross in the Great War'. 'Face2Face' exhibited portraiture in many of its various forms: photography, caricature, sketch or line drawing, lithograph, oil paint etc. A determined effort was taken to include items from significant Victorian photographers, artists and their studios. 'The Australian Red Cross in the Great War' focussed on the manner in which people in Australia responded to World War 1 and assisted the troops overseas. This exhibition was made possible by funding through the Australian Government's Anzac Centenary Local Grants Program. 'Face2Face' drew on the RHSV's own extensive Images Collection, while the Victorian archives of the Australian Red Cross graciously provided the content for the latter exhibition.

Complementary events and articles in *History News* and the Press were a feature of both exhibitions. The RHSV greatly appreciates the contributions of: Jill (Suzanne) Evans and Carole Woods, who curated these exhibitions; Daisy Searls, who was responsible for their design; David Thompson, Richard Barnden, Wesley Callender, Jenny Coates and John Rose who provided much assistance and support in their development and installation.

The site search team of Margaret Fleming, Jeremy Pascoe, Alison Cameron, Russell Pearce, Jayden

Pollard, Virginia Parish, Sandra and John Torpey and most ably assisted by Brian Ward continued to deliver high quality commercial research for developers. The pleasure in this work is developing expertise in using Sands & McDougal's Directories, maps, Victorian Directories, and in developing an extensive knowledge in the history of the city.

Throughout the year, third year Deakin History student Meg Warren, mentored by Don Gibb, undertook an analysis of our Bradshaw Guides – in essence railway timetables – assessing their value as research documents. This work has brought to the fore the research opportunities of this under used resource.

Lyndall Pascoe continued to work on our manuscripts and we were fortunate to receive a National Library of Australia – Community Heritage Grant to undertake a Significance Survey of our manuscript collection.

In the images room Juan Sanin and Allan Hall joined the team of Margaret Connor, Richard Barnden, Wesley Callender and David Thompson. The RHSV was delighted to receive, in partnership with The History Teachers Association of Victoria (HTAV), a grant from Culture Victoria to develop a short film of elements of the collection to go on the Culture Victoria website. Working with Jo Clyne of the HTAV we are developing a film aimed to assist school children to interpret our Macpherson Robertson collection. The images team are to be congratulated as they simultaneously answer research inquiries, develop content for exhibitions and extend the research potential of the RHSV collections. An addition to their

activities is Picture of the Month which appears on our website.

Guy Featherstone continued the mammoth task of keeping on top of the cataloguing of the library – assisted by Jillian Nicholls and Fiona Graham, whilst John Mercer continued the tradition of making bespoke acid free conservation boxes for our more fragile books in addition to his contribution to Picture of the Month.

Two members retired from the Collections Committee during the year. Joan Hunt retired as an RHSV Councillor and thus from the Committee. Her knowledge and common sense approach are greatly missed. Judith Bilszta retired as a volunteer and from the Committee. She had given an astonishing 40 years of service to the RHSV as a Councillor and honorary research officer. Her depth of knowledge of the collection is irreplaceable.

Three new members joined the Collections Committee: Jillian Nicholls a volunteer with the RHSV, Margaret Birtley, Executive Officer of the History Council of Victoria and Elizabeth Willis who has a background in museums. They join the existing members: RHSV Councillor Elisabeth Jackson, volunteers Richard Barnden and Guy Featherstone, President Don Garden, Executive Officer Kate Prinsley and Collections and Volunteers Coordinator Jodie Boyd.

*Elizabeth Jackson*

Chair, Collections Committee

# Membership, Events and Outreach Committee Report

Responsible for specific events such as lectures and the book sale the Membership, Events and Outreach Committee (MEOC) delivered a lively year of engaging speakers, expanding networks and increased attendances. The committee works across other programs such as exhibitions and this year's conference.

Our lecture program, held on the third Tuesday of every month had average attendances of 55 people at every talk. The program included and speakers included:

- Observations of the Upper Class 1924 – 74 – Paul de Serville
- Aboriginal Activism and the Aborigines Advancement League – Prof. Richard Broome
- A sense of Place: Australian Garden Style in the Post War – Dr Anne Vale
- Some Victorian Adventures of Dr Louis Lawrence Smith – Prof. John Poynter
- Doctor Blake: How much does historical accuracy count? – George Adams
- Superintendent La Trobe and the wreck of the *Cataraqui* – Dr Andrew Lemon & Marjorie Morgan OAM
- The cultural biography of Vegemite & Willie Sang's Garden – Juan Sanin and Gabriella Haynes
- The case behind Judge Willis Case Books – His Honour Paul Mullaly QC & Janine Rizetti



**Two nurses tending an elderly man on house verandah, South Gippsland, c. 1905**

Digital copy from original glass negative Paul Merlo, photographer RHSV Collection : GN-GN-0476

- 'Mapping Melbourne' Reuben Berg, Genevieve Grieves, Richard Broome, Liz Rushen
- Launch of Judge Willis website – The Honourable Chief Justice Marilyn Warren
- Picturing the Victorian Mallee – Professor Katie Holmes
- Schoolboy conscripts and Khaki Criminals – Dr Max Waugh & Russell Robinson
- Researching your World War 1 Ancestor – Lenore Frost

Maree Coote, winner of the Victorian Community History Awards 2012, joined the committee bringing refreshing and dynamic ideas to our program. Many of these will be implemented in 2015. Maree comes from an advertising background and her expertise in developing an "RHSV Brand Development & Membership Drive Strategy" has proved invaluable.

This year the MEOC committee added a "members' only" preview night to our annual book sale. The event was highly successful – not only financially – but also a wonderful social occasion for our members.

The conference *The Other Face of War: Victorians and the Home Front*, held in August 2014, featured twelve academic and

public historians each delivering new research perspectives on the Victorian home front. The conference was booked to capacity, 120 attendees, and the committee is to be congratulated on the smooth running of such a busy day.

The exhibition *The Australian Red Cross in the Great War* brought fresh networks and we were delighted that the Australian Red Cross encouraged their branches, staff and volunteers to visit the exhibition.

Exhibition openings were hosted with considerable finesse, largely due to the acute eye of Lorraine James who has brought a "touch of class" to our hospitality.

Amongst our outreach activities are walks of the Flagstaff Gardens presented by Chris Manchee. His engaging style is delighting tourists and members as he brings to life the historic heart of the city.

I thank the MEOC committee and RHSV volunteers for presenting a lively and vibrant year.

*Dr Andrew Lemon*

Chair MEOC Committee

# RHSV Foundation Committee's Report

The RHSV Foundation was established in 2009 to safeguard our future; to enhance our financial stability and to support our collection.

The RHSV thanks all those members and friends who have made a donation to the Foundation in 2014, in particular Gordon Moffatt AM KSJ whose interest in our activities is warmly appreciated.

This year the Foundation Committee was expanded to include:

Jim Dixon, Former Assistant Auditor General, Victorian Auditor General

Professor John Fitzgerald, Director Asia Pacific, Centre for Social Impact & Philanthropy

Daryl Hawkey, Chair Uniting Care Prahlan Mission and former Executive Director Rothschild Australia, Dr Keith Kendall, Barrister and Senior Lecturer School of Law La Trobe University

The Committee has begun to develop practical and strategic projects to enhance the growth of Foundation.

The Foundation Committee is committed to re-investing half of the interest earned during the year, while the other half is directed to an activity or project that supports

the RHSV collection. This year additional storage cabinets were purchased to preserve the images collection and maps.

The total funds held by the Foundation now stand at \$316,621 up \$76,542 from 2013. Interest earned totalled \$8,180.

Members are warmly encouraged to support the Foundation, as both gifts and bequests to the Foundation are tax deductible.

I thank the Committee and RHSV President Don Garden for their invaluable help in developing the RHSV Foundation.

*Dr Robert Barnes*  
Chair

# Treasurer's Report for Financial Year 2014

It is pleasing to present the RHSV financial position for the year 2014. Our total income for the year was \$452,308 (against a budgeted amount of \$419,400) while expenses amounted to \$449,377 (against a budgeted amount of \$403,900), leaving a surplus of \$2,931.

It was reassuring to begin 2014 in the full knowledge that the RHSV had received from Creative Victoria (formerly known as Arts Victoria) under the Organisations Investment Program of \$80,300

per annum for three years. This represented 18 per cent of our annual income for 2014.

Similarly we were fortunate to receive several project grants listed on page 31 of this Annual Report

The year concluded with a small surplus of \$2,931 and whilst we have been resourceful in generating additional income from research, in particular site searches, and the book sale we still need to be vigilant.

The RHSV Foundation made an operating profit of \$ 68,362 plus interest income of \$8,180 making a net profit of \$76,542

A special thanks goes to Gerardine Horgan and Kate Prinsley for their support and input, and to the Council and volunteers for their work on our behalf to keep the RHSV operating effectively and leanly. A further special thanks must go to our independent auditor Dimitrios Beroukas.

*Dr Robert Barnes*  
Treasurer



**Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc**  
**Income Statement**  
**For the Year ended 31 December 2014**

	Note	2014 \$	2013 \$
Revenue		452,308	422,306
Depreciation and Amortisation		4,407	4,604
Other Expenses		444,970	403,567
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>2</b>	<u><u>2,931</u></u>	<u><u>14,135</u></u>

*The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements*

*These financial statements should be read in conjunction with the attached Independent Accountant's Review Report*

**Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**As at 31 December 2014**

	Note	2014 \$	2013 \$
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	4	322,108	272,850
Trade and Other Receivables	5	19,248	13,362
Other		19,115	19,846
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<u>360,471</u>	<u>305,858</u>
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>			
Property, Plant and Equipment	6	2,755	6,273
<b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>		<u>2,755</u>	<u>6,273</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>		363,226	312,131
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Trade and Other Payables	7	25,738	14,256
Short-Term Financial Liabilities	8	159,846	123,164
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<u>185,584</u>	<u>137,420</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<u>185,584</u>	<u>137,420</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<u>177,642</u>	<u>174,711</u>
<b>Equity</b>			
Reserves	9	174,711	160,576
Retained Earnings		2,931	14,135
<b>Total Equity</b>		<u>177,642</u>	<u>174,711</u>

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**Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc**  
**Profit and Loss Statement**  
**For the Year ended 31 December 2014**

	2014	2013
	\$	\$
<b>Income</b>		
Research Fees	40,898	35,888
Sales Publications	21,105	11,451
Donations	7,984	6,239
Interest Received	7,168	5,942
Grants	91,811	170,055
GVEHO Grant	1,500	3,000
Creative Victoria Operating Grant	80,300	
Annual Subscriptions	57,177	55,998
Insurance member Societies	87,893	67,730
Sundry Other Income	76,492	68,005
	<u>452,308</u>	<u>422,306</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Advertising & Public relations	17,312	19,859
Depreciation	4,407	4,604
Estate Edward Wilson Expense	20,675	17,538
Holsworth Fund Expense	3,500	7,639
Insurance Public Liab H S Expense	38,013	37,864
Association Liability H S Expense	11,068	11,482
Postage	4,221	2,407
Printing & Stationery	2,239	1,874
Computer & Internet	5,706	2,261
History Week & Awards	30,938	46,046
Publications	4,006	702
Insurance Assets H Societies	26,482	30,976
Staff Cost	168,161	156,349
Occupancy Cost	61,279	39,433
Sundry Other Expenses	57,235	25,214
Telephone	4,135	3,821
	<u>449,377</u>	<u>408,171</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<u>2,931</u>	<u>14,135</u>

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**Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**For the Year ended 31 December 2014**

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**1 STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The financial statements are special purpose financial statements prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 (VIC). The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historic costs and do not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

The following material accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless stated otherwise, have been adopted in the preparation of the financial statements.

**(a) Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities on the balance sheet.

**(b) Property, Plant and Equipment**

Leasehold improvements and office equipment are carried at cost less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation.

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets are depreciated over the useful lives of the assets to the association commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

Leasehold improvements are amortised over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements.

**(c) Trade and Other Receivables**

Trade receivables are recognised initially at the transaction price (i.e. cost) and are subsequently measured at cost less provision for impairment. Receivables expected to be collected within 12 months of the end of the reporting period are classified as current assets. All other receivables are classified as non-current assets.

At the end of each reporting period, the carrying amount of trade and other receivables are reviewed to determine whether there is any objective evidence that the amounts are not recoverable. If so, an impairment loss is recognised immediately in income and expenditure statement.

**(d) Leases**

Leases of fixed assets, where substantially all the risks and benefits incidental to the ownership of the asset (but not the legal ownership) are transferred to the association, are classified as finance leases.

Finance leases are capitalised by recognising an asset and a liability at the lower of the amounts equal to the fair value of the leased property or the present value of the minimum lease payments, including any guaranteed residual values. Lease payments are allocated between the reduction of the lease liability and the lease interest expense for the period.

Leased assets are depreciated over the shorter of their estimated useful lives or the lease term.

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**Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**For the Year ended 31 December 2014**

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**(e) Revenue and Other Income**

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable after taking into account any trade discounts and volume rebates allowed. For this purpose, deferred consideration is not discounted to present values when recognising revenue.

Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest method, which for floating rate financial assets is the rate inherent in the instrument.

Revenue from the provision of membership subscriptions is recognised over the financial year.

Revenue from the rendering of a service is recognised upon the delivery of the service to the customer.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

**(f) Trade and Other Payables**

Trade and other payables represent the liabilities at the end of the reporting period for goods and services received by the association that remain unpaid.

Trade payables are recognised at their transaction price. Trade payables are obligations on the basis of normal credit terms.

**(g) Goods and Services Tax (GST)**

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included with other receivables or payables in the statement of financial position.

**Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**For the Year ended 31 December 2014**

	2014	2013
	\$	\$
<b>2 Net Income</b>		
<b>Expenses</b>		
Depreciation and Amortisation Expenses	4,407	4,604
Advertising & Public relations	17,312	19,858
Insurance	49,081	49,347
Postage	4,221	2,407
Printing & Stationery	2,239	1,974
Publications	4,008	702
Telephone	4,135	3,821
Other Expenses	363,976	325,458
	<u>449,377</u>	<u>408,171</u>
<b>3 Net Income for the Year</b>		
Net Income from continuing operations includes the following specific expenses:		
<b>Charging as Expense</b>		
Movements in Provisions		
Depreciation		
- Depreciation of Property Plant and Equipment	4,407	4,604
Net Expenses Resulting from Movement in Provisions	<u>4,407</u>	<u>4,604</u>
<b>4. Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>		
Cash on Hand	1,522	1,913
Cash at Bank	320,586	271,097
	<u>322,108</u>	<u>272,850</u>
<b>5. Trade and Other Receivables</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Sundry Debtors	19,248	9,991
Provision for GST	-	3,371
	<u>19,248</u>	<u>13,362</u>
<b>Total Trade and Other Receivables</b>	<u>19,248</u>	<u>13,362</u>

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**Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**For the Year ended 31 December 2014**

	2014	2013
	\$	\$
<b>5 Property, Plant and Equipment</b>		
<b>Plant and Equipment</b>		
Furniture & Fittings	47,055	46,166
Less Accumulated Depreciation & Impairment	<u>44,300</u>	<u>39,893</u>
	2,755	6,273
<b>Total Property, Plant and Equipment</b>	<u>2,755</u>	<u>6,273</u>
<b>7 Trade and Other Payables</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Sundry Creditors	21,833	14,256
Provision for GST	<u>3,855</u>	<u>-</u>
	25,738	14,256
<b>Total Trade and Other Payables</b>	<u>25,738</u>	<u>14,256</u>
<b>8 Financial Liabilities</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Subscriptions	27,142	27,637
insurance	25,816	23,918
Grants	104,367	68,988
PAYG Tax withheld	<u>2,522</u>	<u>2,621</u>
	159,846	123,164
<b>Total Financial Liabilities</b>	<u>159,846</u>	<u>123,164</u>
<b>9. Reserves</b>		
AGL Shaw Endowment	10,000	10,000
Armstrong Bequest	36,448	36,448
Ian Woodroffe Fund	2,000	2,000
General Reserve	<u>125,263</u>	<u>112,128</u>
	174,711	160,576

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## Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc Committee's Report

Your committee members submit the financial report of the Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc for the financial year ended 31 December 2014.

### Committee Members

The names of committee members throughout the year and at the date of this report are

Don Garden  
Robert Barnes  
Richard Broome  
Carole Woods

### Principal Activities

The principal activities of the association during the financial year were:  
The Operation of Royal Historical Society of Victoria

### Significant Changes

No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

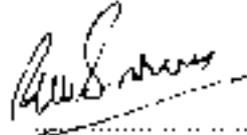
### Operating Result

The Net Income for the year ended 31 December 2014 amounted to \$2 931.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the Committee.



Don Garden  
President



Robert Barnes  
Treasurer

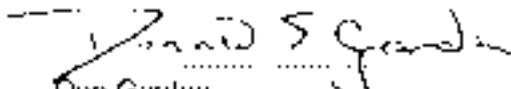
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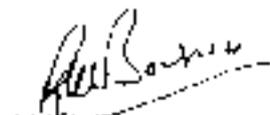


**Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc  
Certificate by Members of the Committee**

I, Don Garden and I, Robert Barnes of Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc certify that:

- a) We attended the annual general meeting of the association held on 26 May 2014
- b) The annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2014 were submitted to the members of the association at the annual general meeting

  
Don Garden  
President

  
Robert Barnes  
Treasurer

Dated this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2015

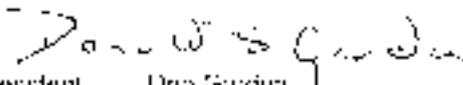
## Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc Statement by Members of the Committee

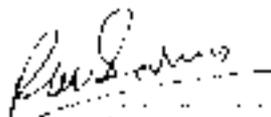
The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the committee as set out in the accompanying financial statements:

1. Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc as at 31 December 2014 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the committee and is signed for and on behalf of the committee by:

  
President Don Gordon

  
Treasurer Robert Barnes

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May 2015



## **Independent Accountant's Review Report to the Members of Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc**

We have reviewed the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc (the association), which comprises the committee's report, the assets and liabilities statement as at 31 December 2014, the income and expenditure statement for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the statement by members of the committee.

### Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The committee of Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc is responsible for the preparation of the financial report, and has determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 is appropriate to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 (VIC) and the needs of the members. The committee's responsibility also includes such internal control as the committee determines is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### Independent Accountant's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our review. We have conducted our review in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards. Those standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to our review engagement and plan and perform the review to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

A review involves performing procedures to obtain review evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the accountant's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the accountant considers internal control relevant to the association's preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view, in order to design review procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the association's internal control. A review also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the committee, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

We believe that the review evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc as at 31 December 2014 and its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, and the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 (VIC).



## Independent Accountant's Review Report to the Members of Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc

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### Basis of Accounting and Restriction on Distribution

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 (VIC). As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.



Dimitrios Beroukas  
bid chartered accountants

Dated this... 12 day of... May... 2015



**Royal Historical Society of Victoria Foundation  
Income Statement  
For the Year ended 31 December 2014**

	Note	2014 \$	2013 \$
Revenue		79,750	20,740
Other Expenses		3,208	4,415
<b>Net Income</b>	2	<u>76,542</u>	<u>16,325</u>

*The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements*

*These financial statements should be read in conjunction with the attached Independent Accountant's Review Report*

**Royal Historical Society of Victoria Foundation  
Balance Sheet  
As at 31 December 2014**

	Note	2014 \$	2013 \$
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	3	319,544	240,079
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<u>319,544</u>	<u>240,079</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<u>319,544</u>	<u>240,079</u>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Trade and Other Payables	4	3,023	-
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<u>3,023</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<u>3,023</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<u>316,521</u>	<u>240,079</u>
<b>Equity</b>			
Reserves	5	240,079	223,753
Retained Profits		76,542	16,326
<b>Total Equity</b>		<u>316,521</u>	<u>240,079</u>

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**Royal Historical Society of Victoria Foundation  
Profit and Loss Statement  
For the Year ended 31 December 2014**

	2014 \$	2013 \$
<b>Income</b>		
Donation Received	71,570	11,850
Interest Received	8,180	8,790
Sundry Income	-	100
	<u>79,750</u>	<u>20,740</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Employment Expenses	185	-
Sundry Expenses	3,023	4,415
	<u>3,208</u>	<u>4,415</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<u>76,542</u>	<u>16,325</u>

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## Royal Historical Society of Victoria Foundation Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year ended 31 December 2014

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### 1. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements are special purpose financial statements prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 (VIC). The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

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The following material accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless stated otherwise, have been adopted in the preparation of the financial statements.

(a) **Cash and Cash Equivalents**

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(b) **Revenue and Other Income**

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable after taking into account any trade discounts and volume rebates allowed. For this purpose, deferred consideration is not discounted to present values when recognising revenue.

Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest method, which for floating rate financial assets is the rate inherent in the instrument.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

(c) **Trade and Other Payables**

Trade and other payables represent the liabilities at the end of the reporting period for goods and services received by the association that remain unpaid. Trade payables are recognised at their transaction price. Trade payables are obligations on the basis of normal credit terms.

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**Royal Historical Society of Victoria Foundation**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**For the Year ended 31 December 2014**

	2014	2013
	\$	\$
<b>2. Profit</b>		
<b>Expenses</b>		
Other Expenses	3,208	4,415
	<u>3,208</u>	<u>4,415</u>
<b>3. Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>		
Cash at Bank	139,644	60,079
Bendigo Bank Term Deposit	180,000	180,000
	<u>319,644</u>	<u>240,079</u>
<b>Reconciliation of Cash</b>		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	319,644	240,079
	<u>319,644</u>	<u>240,079</u>
<b>4. Trade and Other Payables</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Trade Creditors	3,023	-
	<u>3,023</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total Trade and Other Payables</b>	<u>3,023</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>5. Reserves</b>		
General Reserve	240,079	223,753
	<u>240,079</u>	<u>223,753</u>

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## Royal Historical Society of Victoria Foundation Committee's Report

Your committee members submit the financial report of the Royal Historical Society of Victoria Foundation for the financial year ended 31 December 2014.

### Committee Members

The names of committee members throughout the year and at the date of this report are:

Don Garden  
Dr Robert Barnes  
Lenore Frost  
Prof. John Fitzgerald  
Carole Woods

### Principal Activities

The principal activities of the association during the financial year were:

The Operation of Royal Historical Society Victoria Foundation

### Significant Changes

No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

### Operating Result

The Net Income for the year ended 31 December 2014 amounted to \$76,642.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the Committee.

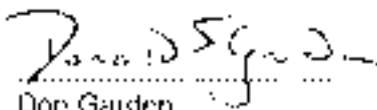
Don Garden  
President

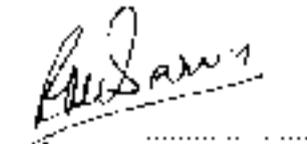
Dr Robert Barnes  
Treasurer

Dated this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2015

## Royal Historical Society of Victoria Foundation Certificate by Members of the Committee

- I, Don Garden and : Dr Robert Barnes of the Royal Historical Society of Victoria Foundation, certify that;
- We attended the annual general meeting of the association held on 25 May 2015
  - The annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2014 were submitted to the members of the association at the annual general meeting.

  
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Don Garden  
(President)

  
.....  
Dr Robert Barnes  
(Treasurer)

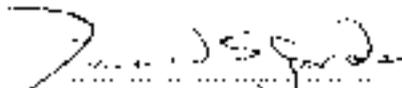
## Royal Historical Society of Victoria Foundation Statement by Members of the Committee

The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the committee as set out in the accompanying financial statements:

1. Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of Royal Historical Society of Victoria Foundation as at 31 December 2014 and its performance for the year ended on that date;
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Royal Historical Society of Victoria Foundation will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the committee and is signed for and on behalf of the committee by:

  
President Don Galton

  
Treasurer Dr Robert Barnes

Dated this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May 2015



## **Independent Accountant's Review to the Members of Royal Historical Society of Victoria Foundation**

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### Independent Accountant's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our review. We have conducted our review in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards. Those standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to our review engagement and plan and perform the review to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

A review involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the accountant's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the accountant considers internal control relevant to the association's preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view, in order to design accounting procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the association's internal control. The review also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the committee, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

We believe that the review evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### Opinion

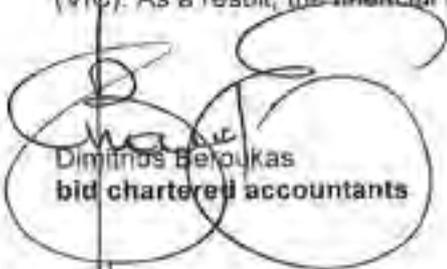
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**Independent Accountant's Review Report  
to the Members of  
Royal Historical Society of Victoria Foundation**

Basis of Accounting and Restriction on Distribution

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist Royal Historical Society of Victoria Foundation to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 (VIC). As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

  
Dimitrios Beloukas  
bhd chartered accountants

Dated this 12 day of May 2015

# Support the RHSV Foundation

**To mark the RHSV's centenary year 2009, Council established the Royal Historical Society of Victoria Foundation.**

The aim of the Foundation is to safeguard the RHSV's future:

Its principal activities include:

- To receive charitable donations to further the work of the RHSV
- To raise funds to support the work of the RHSV
- To develop a long term investment fund on behalf of the RHSV
- To build capital without undue risk
- To support the conservation and preservation of the RHSV's nationally significant collection
- To work towards creating a permanent home for the RHSV – a "History House"
- To promote the RHSV and Victoria's history

Donations to the Foundation can be made by:

Cheque made out to RHSV Foundation

Credit card

Direct debit: ANZ – Royal Historical Society of Victoria – BSB 013 040 A/C 3475 70336

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# RHSV Councillors and Staff

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FRHSV

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## COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

### Executive and Finance

Assoc Prof Don Garden (chair), Carole Woods, Robert Barnes, Elizabeth Jackson, Richard Broome Kate Prinsley and Gerardine Horgan (non-voting)

*Responsible for governance, financial management, strategic planning.*

### Publications

Richard Broome (chair), Carole Woods, Judith Smart, Kate Prinsley, Mimi Colligan, Richard Morton, Don Gibb, John Rickard, Emma Russell, Peter Yule Marie Clark, Marilyn Bowler (VHJ Editor), Kate Jones (Production Editor). Kate Prinsley *Responsible for Victorian Historical Journal, and other RHSV publications.*

### Membership, Events and Outreach

Andrew Lemon (chair), Lenore Frost, Jane Carolan, Maree Coote, David Thonpson, Lucy Bracey, Rosalie Triolo, Kate Prinsley, Jodie Boyd *Responsible for specific events such as conferences, lecture program, the book sale, open house. Strategic planning for increasing and fostering membership.*

### Collections and Research

Elizabeth Jackson (chair) Richard Barnden,, Judith Bilszta (resigned May 2014) Guy Featherstone, Margaret Birtley, Jillian Nichols, Elizabeth Willis, Kate Prinsley, Jodie Boyd *Responsible for library, images, manuscripts, IT and research projects.*

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George Fernando - Convenor

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Robert Barnes (chair), Jim Dixon, Daryl Hawkey, John Fitzgerald, Keith Kendall, Don Garden, Kate Prinsley *Responsible for promotion and development of RHSV Foundation.*

### RHSV Fellows Committee

Don Garden (chair), Carole Woods, Judith Smart, Lenore Frost, Robert Barnes

*To meet as required under the RHSV Constitution.*

### Victorian Community History Awards organising committee

Lenore Frost, Carole Woods, Kate Prinsley, Jenny Coates

*Responsible for management of Victorian Community History Awards*

### The RHSV is represented on the following committees

Australian Heritage Council

Federation of Australian Historical Societies

History Council of Victoria

Public Records Office of Victoria

Stakeholders Group

Holsworth Heritage Trust

Victorian Community History Awards

State Library Users Group

Victorian Community Collections

Network

Office of Geographic Names Anzac

Commemorative Naming Pilot Project

Victorian ANZAC Cultural

Institutions Network

## RHSV STAFF

### Executive Officer

Kate Prinsley (Full-time)

### Administrative Assistant

Gerardine Horgan (Full-time)

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## Roll of Fellows

The names of the Fellows of the RHSV living in December 2014 and the year in which they were awarded Fellowships are listed below:

1967	Prof. G.N. Blainey
1974	H.M. Anderson
1976	J.D. Adams
1991	Prof. Weston Bate
1995	Dr John F. Lack Dr Andrew G. Lemon
1997	Prof. John Rickard
1999	Assoc. Prof. Don Garden
2000	John Murphy
2001	Susan Priestley
2003	Judith Bilszta Valda Cole Assoc. Prof. Don Gibb Dr. Richard Morton Dr Mimi Colligan John Lahey
2008	Joan Hunt Dr. Gary Presland Carole Woods
2009	Dr Peter Yule
2010	Richard Barnden Allan Willingham
2011	Adjunct Prof. Judith Smart
2012	Prof. Bill Russell
2013	Lenore Frost Dr. Robert Barnes

## Distinguished Service Award

Dr. Kate Jones

## Awards of Merit 2014

Dorothy Benyei	Kew Historical Society
Laurie Burchell	Coburg & Waverley Historical Societies
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Valma Sheehan	Liydale & District Historical Society
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## Benefactors

1996	Dame Elisabeth Murdoch Prof. A.G.L. Shaw
1997	Prof. Weston Bate
2000	Allan Willingham Gordon Moffatt AM
2008	Dame Elisabeth Murdoch

## Royal Historical Society of Victoria Prize for Australian History

Jake Breheny – La Trobe University

## Volunteers

Richard Barnden  
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Helen Boak  
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John Mercer  
Paul Mullaly  
Norma Mullins  
Jillian Nicholls  
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Brian Ward  
Brian Watson  
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# Grants and Support

## **The RHSV wishes to thank the following organisations for support in 2014**

- Australian Government – Anzac Centenary Local Grants Program
- Australian Government – Department of the Environment – Grants to voluntary Environment, Sustainability and Heritage Organisations
- Creative Victoria – Organisations Investment Program (formerly known as Arts Victoria)
- Estate of the Late Edward Wilson
- John T Reid Charitable Trusts
- Lord Mayors Charitable Foundation
- National Library of Australia – Community Heritage Grant
- Vera Moore Foundation

## **And expresses its gratitude to the following individuals.**

- Gordon Moffatt AM KSJ
- The Hon Paul Mullaly QC
- Virginia, Rosemary & James Nixon in memory of their mother the late Barbara Nixon

# Donations and Bequests

A participant in the Cultural Gifts Program, the RHSV also enjoys a status with the Australian Taxation Office as ‘an income tax exempt charitable entity’. The RHSV Library, Art Gallery and Museum Fund has been endorsed by the Australian Tax Office as ‘a deductible gift recipient’. This method of contributing to the maintenance of our existing marvellous collection of books, manuscripts, pictures and artefacts, or enabling the Society to add to its collection, provides a benefit both to our Victorian heritage, and to the donor.

Donations of cultural items through the Cultural Gifts Program offer attractive taxation benefits - donors

receive a tax deduction for the market value of the donation, which can be spread over five income years and donations are exempt from capital gains tax. Advice on the Cultural Gifts Program is available from the Australian Taxation Office, or from the Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.

In addition to the gift of an item or items under the Cultural Gifts Program, monetary bequests can be made to the Society as a specific sum or as a proportion of an Estate.

A solicitor should be consulted when a Will is made.