

Annual Report

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COVER PHOTOGRAPHS:

- Top row Weston and Janice Bate at Government House reception for Remembering Melbourne.
- 2nd top row Ian Hockley, Alleyne Hockley, Cheryl Griffin and Adele Fernando at HVSG seminar in Bairnsdale; Administration Officer Gerardine Horgan and Geoffrey Horgan at Ged's Farewell; our short-term Administration Officer, Farzana Ahmed.
- 3rd top row Digitisation Project Officer, Sophie Shilling, Prof. Don Gibb at Ged's farewell; President, Assoc Prof. Don Garden hands Rosemary Cameron the keys to her office on her first day as Executive Officer; Benjamin Petkov, volunteer at Volunteers' Lunch.
- 4th top row Dr Robert Barnes, Assoc. Prof. Don Garden, Her Excellency the Honourable Linda Dessau AM, Governor of Victoria, Jim Dixon and Daryl Hawkey at Government House reception for Remembering Melbourne; George Fernando and Adele Fernando at HVSG seminar in Ballarat; volunteer Lisa Sciortino and her son at an RHSV event.
- Bottom row Executive Officer, Kate Prinsley and Prof. Judith Smart at Ged's farewell; Catherine Andrews speaking at the 2017 Victorian Community History Awards.

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Melbourne: hearse and mourners outside James Daley, undertakers, south-west corner of La Trobe and Spring Street, photographed 21 January 1863

RHSV Collection: P-477



Lonsdale Street, Melbourne, looking east from near Queen Street, showing ICI House, corner Albert and Nicholson Streets, March 1959

Pierre Robin, photographer

RHSV Collection: TRA-R-217

President's Annual Report 2017

The RHSV had a generally productive year in 2017, continuing to develop satisfactorily in most respects, as detailed in this report. Unfortunately, however, our security of tenure in the Drill Hall remains unresolved. The state government generously provided funds to restore much of the exterior of the building, but RHSV Council decided that we have insufficient resources to undertake responsibility as a Committee of Management unless the interior is similarly renovated. Discussions with the government continue, and we maintain our aspiration to develop the Drill Hall into History House for Melbourne's community history and heritage organisations.

Our office administrator, Gerardine Horgan, resigned in August, followed soon after by the Executive Officer, Kate Prinsley. Both had worked for the RHSV for more than a decade and had made significant contributions to the RHSV's income and reach. Farzana Ahmed, who had been assisting the officer administrator, stepped into that position until the end of the year. Our new Executive Officer, Rosemary Cameron, was appointed in November and comes to the RHSV with great breadth of experience in arts administration. She immediately undertook a major reorganisation of our operating systems that will see the RHSV become much more efficient and effective. Throughout the year, Christine Worthington continued to operate with great expertise, efficiency and enthusiasm as our Collections Manager and Volunteer Co-ordinator.

We were all deeply saddened by the death late in the year of two of our great RHSV stalwarts, Weston Bate and Don Gibb. Both had served for long periods on Council. Weston was also President for a total of twelve years, and Don was the long-term Chair of the Publications Committee. A memorial event planned for February 2018 would include an announcement

about the use of donations in their memory for permanent recognition.

These generous donations draw attention to how important bequests and monetary gifts have been for the RHSV. We are still benefiting from a generous memorial donation from the family of the late Barbara Nixon, our former honorary librarian and a Councillor. In his will, the late Doug Gunn left us his library and half the value of his house, and the latter is being used for a major overhaul of our management systems and operational software, together with a new website. A bequest from long-term Councillor, John Adams, will fund a prize recognising the best article published in the *Victorian Historical Journal* over a two-year period. We benefit from a steady flow of donations, but I pay particular tribute to Gordon Moffatt for his generosity to the RHSV Foundation over many years.

The generous donation of time by our numerous volunteers is also a major factor in the continuing development and achievements of the RHSV, and Christine Worthington has done a wonderful job of recruiting and organising people with requisite skills. The volunteers undertake a good deal of the day-to-day work in the society as Christine's report lays out.

My work as President would be impossible without the magnificent contribution made by the members of Council. My deep appreciation is extended to: Elisabeth Jackson, Vice President, Council Minutes Secretary, Chair of the Collections Committee, and FAHS delegate; Carole Woods, Honorary Secretary, Chair of the Judges' Panel of the Victorian Community History Awards and Chair of the Fellowship Committee; Robert Barnes, Treasurer; Richard Broome, Chair of the Publications Committee, co-editor (with Judith Smart) of the *Victorian Historical Journal* and editor of *History News*; Jim

Dixon, Chair of the RHSV Foundation; Cheryl Griffin, Convenor until August of the History Victoria Support Group before ill health forced her resignation; Alleyne Hockley, Convenor of the History Victoria Support Group from September; Charles Sowerwine, Chair of the Heritage Committee; Rosalie Triolo, Chair of the Membership Development Committee; and Councillors George Fernando, Jane Carolan, Margaret Anderson (FAHS delegate), Judith Smart until May 2017, Daryl Hawkey and Noel Turner. While not a Councillor, Andrew Lemon continued as Chair of the Events and Outreach

Committee and did excellent work organising and running the lecture program.

Volunteers who serve on RHSV Committees also make a significant contribution to our governance and operations, and the RHSV is indebted to them. My deep appreciation is extended to the many other contributors I have not named.

Associate Professor Don Garden OAM, FFAHS, FRHSV, President



Western Market, Collins Street, Melbourne; at the corner of Market Street is Fletcher Jones store, 1959

Egbert Spencer Wills, photographer
RHSV Collection: PH-150077



Block of five terrace houses at 408-416 Queen Street, Melbourne
(south-east corner of Queen and Franklin Streets), 1960

Egbert Spencer Wills, photographer
RHSV Collection: PH-150145



Menzies Hotel, south-east corner of William and Bourke Streets, Melbourne, c. 1875

D. McDonald, photographer
RHSV Collection: AL001-0059

Executive Officer's Annual Report 2017

As I write this report I am celebrating five months as RHSV Executive Officer. It is a milestone worth celebrating as I come to appreciate the breadth of our work and the formidable achievements produced by our largely volunteer work force. As one of the minority paid staff, I have been brought to realise the extent of our dependence on those who donate their time and expertise. They occupy most positions in this organisation, from the presidency outwards, and generously contribute their extensive knowledge, erudition, dedication, skills, kindness, flexibility and professionalism in the interests of the RHSV's work to preserve and promote Victoria's history. I am deeply impressed by and grateful for their enthusiasm and commitment.

I thank my predecessor, Kate Prinsley, for her sterling work for the Society over twelve years. Kate told me, during our handover, that I was fortunate to be taking on the executive role at the RHSV in the organisation's golden age and, whilst I agree that the Society is in great shape, I do hope our golden age is still ahead of us.

I would also like to acknowledge the contribution of Gerardine Horgan, the RHSV's long-term Administration Officer who left in August after fourteen years service. This was well before I started so, unfortunately, we did not overlap. All the volunteers who worked with Ged obviously adored her, and she left behind many friends. Following Ged's departure, Farzana Ahmed briefly took up the Administrative Officer position; however, hearing the call of the wild, Farzana left us to go trekking in Nepal. I thank Farzana for her initial work on some necessary reform processes.

At the end of 2017, Lauren Indiveri-Clarke resigned from her position as publicist for the RHSV. I would like to thank her for her efforts throughout the year and wish her well with baby number two.

Most of all, however, I wish to acknowledge the work of Christine Worthington, Collections Manager, Volunteer Co-ordinator and IT guru. Christine has been the organisation's rock throughout 2017. During a time of major personnel

changes we have all turned to Christine for her good sense and calm. She has kept the organisation functioning in the hiatus created between staff going and coming, and has provided much-needed moral support to our volunteer workforce, which, understandably, was unsettled by the churn. She has been invaluable to me as a newcomer with her wise counsel, corporate knowledge, and magical ability to produce a diverse range of talented volunteers just when I need them.

As I have been Executive Officer for a mere two months of 2017, most of what I report on here has been the work of Kate Prinsley, who left at the end of September.

Exhibitions

In 2017 we mounted two major exhibitions connected to our best-selling publication, *Remembering Melbourne*. The two exhibitions represented, first, the suburbs, *Remembering the 'burbs: 1850–1960*, and second, an unusual elegy for lost CBD buildings, *Standing on the Corner*. Richard Barnden, curator with David Thomson of both exhibitions, wrote of *Standing on the Corner*: 'Corners, besides their strong position for service and sales, sometimes offer the monumental to Melburnians. In other cases they offer the prosaic—a meeting place, a spot to watch the world go by'. The teams of volunteers who make these exhibitions a reality are extraordinary men and women and I cannot thank them enough for their substantial contributions.

Victorian Community History Awards

The Victorian Community History Awards is one of the projects of which we are most proud. The awards are well covered elsewhere in this publication, but I would like to acknowledge the largely unsung work of Carole Woods, who, officially, is Chair of the Judges' Panel for the Awards but, unofficially, is so much more. For nearly twenty years Carole has been a feisty champion of these awards, their continuing funding and their integrity. I would also like to

thank the Public Record Office Victoria (PROV), which works closely with the RHSV, and the Victorian Government, which funds the awards.

Publications and the Bookshop

Our publication, *Remembering Melbourne*, after a staggeringly successful launch at the end of 2016, continued to be a best seller with the first edition quickly snapped up. The second printing, with amendments, has been selling briskly all year—its popularity has abated not a whit. Our Patron, The Honourable Linda Dessau AC, Governor of Victoria, and her husband, Mr Anthony Howard QC, held a reception in early 2017 for more than a hundred volunteers from over twenty historical societies, who underpinned the production of *Remembering Melbourne*. That publication has been the mainstay of our History Victoria Bookshop run by the indomitable Lenore Frost. The bookshop provides an invaluable service to authors of books on any and all aspects of Victorian history. Lenore is also responsible each year for the massive undertaking that is our secondhand Book Fair. Having come away from the Fair with a box of books I could barely carry, I can attest to its popularity and income-earning capacity for the RHSV. Thank you Lenore and thank you to all our members who, throughout the year, scour op shops and their own collections sourcing history books for our sale.

The RHSV also produced six issues of *History News* and two issues of the *Victorian Historical Journal* during 2017. These publications were and continue to be overseen and edited by members of the Publications Committee, and particular tribute should be paid to the Committee's Chair, Richard Broome, who also led the editing team for *Remembering Melbourne*.

Outreach

The History Victoria Support Group continued its work with seminars across Victoria aimed at assisting our affiliated member societies.

One of the best ways we are able help those members is by providing an extremely competitive group insurance scheme. Other assistance is made available through a growing resources library of manuals, accessible through our website, to assist volunteer groups.

One of those manuals came to fruition in 2017—*Writing and Publishing Local History, A Guide for First-time Authors and Historical Societies* by Rosalie Triolo, Helen Doyle and Katya Johanson. This publication

was funded by the John T. Reid Charitable Trust and was a revision of a project originally undertaken by the Federation of Australian Historical Societies. Rosalie ran, and continues to run, a very informative full-day workshop based on the manual for historical societies across Victoria.

The Trustees of the Vera Moore Foundation have been supporters of the RHSV's History Week for many years, providing a wonderful opportunity for our members to mount events, exhibitions, walks, lectures, fairs, open days etc. in order to promote and to engage the public in community history. The Foundation also funds a series of grants made to historical societies to improve their own marketing.

Carole Holdsworth, through the Holdsworth Local Heritage Trust and with the able assistance of Lenore Frost, funds publication each year of a number of research projects undertaken by regional and rural local history groups.

We thank those generous and clear-sighted philanthropists who make our work and the work of the some 340 community history groups across Victoria just that little bit easier.

Awards of Merit and Fellowships

We congratulate Dr Dianne Reilly, who in 2017 joined a distinguished group of colleagues in becoming a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society of Victoria.

Congratulations too to the following list of impressive stalwarts who earned RHSV Awards of Merit:

- Bernard Bolch, Walhalla Heritage and Development League
- Diana Cowan, Colac and District Historical Society
- Margaret Fleming, RHSV
- Pat Grainger, Port Melbourne Historical and Preservation Society
- Heyfield & District Historical Society, Group Award to five members
- Larina Strauch, Kyneton Historical Society
- Susie Zada, Geelong and District Historical Association

RHSV History Award

Congratulations to Amy Hodgson, who was the recipient of the 2017 RHSV History Award for 'the student who received the highest mark in the subject Australian History' at third year level at La Trobe University.

Cabinet of Curiosities

Just before Christmas 2017 I was surprised by an exquisite small exhibition of Christmas ephemera that had appeared, seemingly, overnight. I soon found out it was the curatorial work of talented member and volunteer Mandy Bede. David Thompson dubbed the library cabinet 'The Cabinet of Curiosities' and Mandy and I have devised a schedule of exhibitions featuring items from our collection. We have invited other RHSV members with a passion for a particular part of our collection to curate these small exhibitions on a six-week roster, and we plan to use the exhibitions as a training ground for curatorial skills. The exhibitions are worth seeking out next time you visit the Drill Hall.

Work to Exterior of Drill Hall

During 2017 the Department of Planning carried out work to the exterior of the Drill Hall to make the building sound and waterproof. Works to make the Drill Hall compliant with the Disability Discrimination Act will continue into 2018 with work on the foyer and balustrades. We thank the Victorian Government for funding this major work through a Living Heritage Grant.

Genealogical Society of Victoria

In 2017 we welcomed the addition to our collection of a major part of the Genealogical Society of Victoria's library, which has now been merged with that of the RHSV. We look forward to a closer relationship with the GSV in 2018.

As a newcomer, I am certain that I have failed to thank all those involved in producing the above events and publications, This is not through a lack of appreciation, merely a lack of knowledge, and I ask those I have omitted to forgive me and accept my gratitude for their work.

In the final two months of 2017 we introduced many administrative and financial reforms to the RHSV; these will continue during 2018. We are also in the process of implementing a new website and membership database, both of which will increase our efficiency and professionalism. I am looking forward to a year of stability and steady growth in 2018.

**Rosemary Cameron,
Executive Officer**



For Auld Lang Syne; New Year greeting card, Davidson Bros., London, Eng., n.d.

RHSV Collection: VF 031107

This item from our ephemera collection appeared in the Christmas Cabinet of Curiosities exhibition.



Prestige Hosiery advertisement; *The State News*, 9 November 1929, back cover

RHSV Collection: VF 034212

This item from our ephemera collection appeared in the Christmas Cabinet of Curiosities exhibition.

Publications Committee

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The Publications Committee, comprising academic and public historians, oversees the publication of the *Victorian Historical Journal* (twice yearly) and *History News* (six times). The *VHJ* publishes academic and member articles and book reviews, and encourages the use of the RHSV collections, while striving for the highest quality and ethical standards. *History News* informs our members of upcoming events, reports on key lectures and exhibitions, promotes local societies and their publications, and informs members of key issues in the practice of history and heritage in Victoria.

Our Committee, which met five times in 2017, comprised the following: Jill Barnard (PHA rep.) Rozzi Bazzini, Marilyn Bowler, Richard Broome (chair), Marie Clark, Jonathan Craig (second half), Mimi Colligan, Don Gibb, David Harris (first half), John Rickard, Judith Smart, Lee Sulkowska (last quarter), and Carole Woods.

There were some changes to membership over the year. David Harris stepped down as editor of the *VHJ* and from the committee after three issues. New committee members included Jonathan Craig, who took up the role of review editor of the *VHJ* from Judith Smart; Lee Sulkowska who agreed to assist Don Gibb with 'Books Received'; and Sharon Bettridge. Ex officio members: Don Garden (President RHSV) and Kate Prinsley (Executive Officer).

We were greatly saddened that a long-standing committee member, Don Gibb (FRHSV 2005) passed away in November aged eighty. Don was a former teacher, then an academic for the rest of his career in teacher education. He did much for education in Victoria. For the RHSV he was a delegate to the History Council of Victoria (2005–2008) and a councillor of the FAHS. He was also an RHSV councillor (1998–2008), chair of the Publications Committee for eleven years, reviewer par excellence for 'Books Received' in *History News*, and a judge for the Victorian Community History Awards from 2011 to 2016.

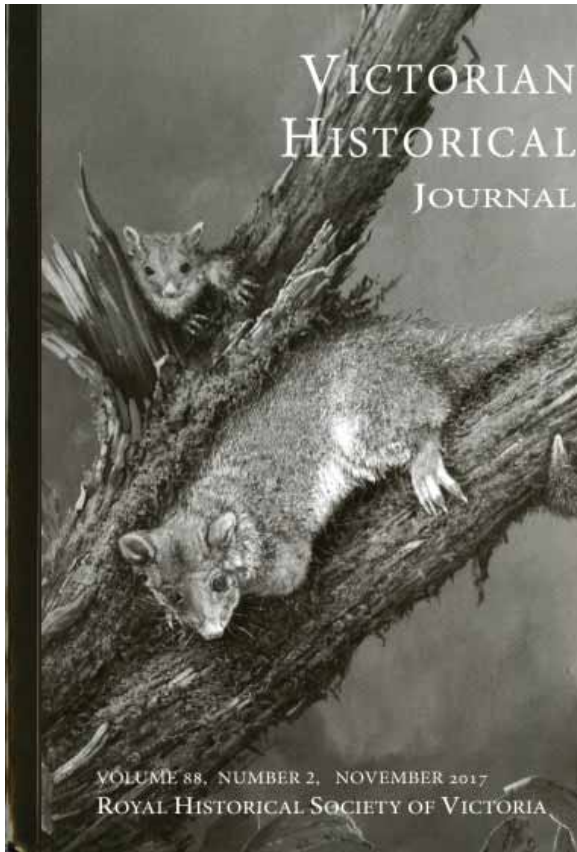
A full obituary by Carole Woods is available in *History News*, issue 334, February 2018.

Judith Smart and Richard Broome assumed the role of co-editors of the *VHJ* in July. Richard Broome was editor of *History News* in 2017 and was ably assisted by a team that provided or organised regular articles, including: Glenda Beckley 'Around the Societies'; Christine Worthington 'Volunteer Profile'; Lenore Frost Bookshop; Chips Sowerwine Heritage Committee news; Rozzi Bazzini 'Halls of Fame'; Cheryl Griffin and Alleyne Hockley 'History of Victoria Support Group'; and Don Gibb 'Books Received'.

The *Remembering Melbourne* team: Richard Barnden, Richard Broome, Don Garden, Don Gibb, Elisabeth Jackson and Judith Smart prepared a second corrected printing of *Remembering Melbourne* in the autumn of 2017, and it was launched on Melbourne Day, 30 August 2017, by Melbourne City Councillor Jackie Watts. The RHSV purchased 600 copies from QBD books and this consignment all but sold out by December. Profits from sales were earmarked for the soon-to-be-created *VHJ* future fund. This imminent fund has also been enhanced by the inauguration of a *VHJ* Patron's program, with ten members by the end of 2017, double the previous year.

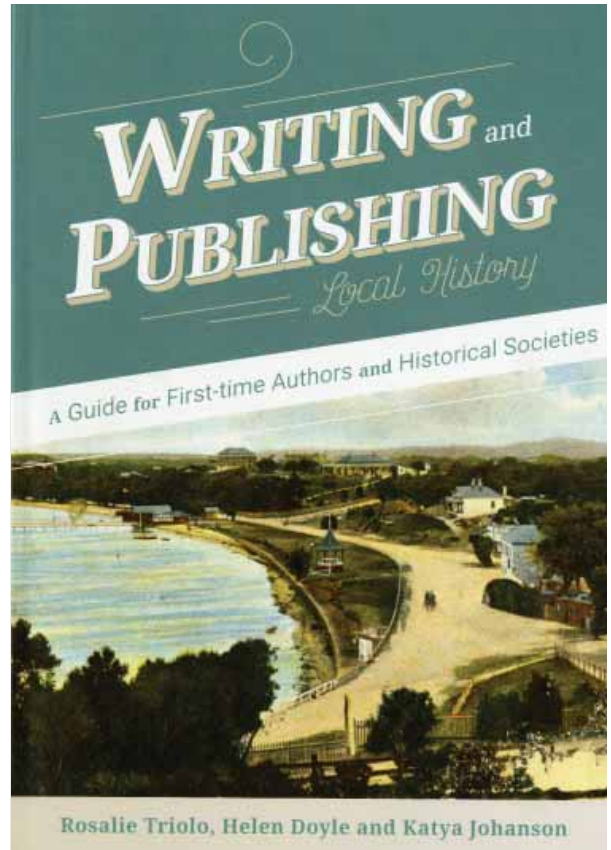
My deep appreciation and thanks are extended to all of those who have furthered the work of the Publications Committee, which continues to be a vital communication link to all history supporters in Victoria.

**Emeritus Professor Richard Broome FRHSV,
Chair, Publications Committee**



Victorian Historical Journal, Vol 88 (2) November 2017; cover image - Short Eared Brushtail Possum (Michael Piper, photographer, c. 1985)

Our biannual *Victorian Historical Journal* has been published since 1911.



Writing and Publishing Local History: a guide for first-time authors and historical societies, Rosalie Triolo, Helen Doyle and Katya Johanson (Melbourne, RHSV and FAHS, 2017); cover image - Front beach, Sorrento, c. 1908, RHSV –PC-0709

Available as a free download this publication is one of the many resources developed by the RHSV for its members.

Collections Committee

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The RHSV collection consists of books, periodicals, manuscripts, maps, images and some objects acquired over the organisation's life of 108 years. It focuses on Victorian history and benefits from constant donations. It includes a comprehensive collection of Victorian local histories and long runs of the newsletters of local historical societies as well as many unique treasures. The images collection provides material for a number of exhibitions held each year.

The accessibility of the collection was greatly improved this year with the introduction of a new cataloguing system. DB Textworks had been used for many years and served us well, but among the many advantages of adopting a more modern cloud-based system is compatibility with the National Library Trove database.

After careful consideration of various alternatives, the Collections Committee decided upon eHive, and transfer of data took place during the year. The majority of catalogue records have now been uploaded and have been harvested by Trove. This means they are easily and widely accessible, and, as a result, we have received many enquiries about sections of the collection that were previously not well known. We have also been able to integrate a number of hitherto separate databases into the main catalogue. The new RHSV website currently under development will facilitate searching the eHive database using an advanced search screen.

The Society has also embarked on a program of digitisation of the manuscript collection starting with the oldest items. This includes the Pioneers Register—a collection of family recollections and stories from Victoria's earliest settlers. A bequest from former volunteer, the late Barbara Nixon, financed commencement of this project, and it continues with other donations and income from the RHSV Foundation fund. During the year the establishment of a digital archive enabled the increasing amount of digital information and

records to be stored securely on our server. Archivemata software was installed and Sophie Shilling was employed to set up the archive and load the records.

A second printing (with corrections) of *Remembering Melbourne*, launched with great success in 2016, was published in August 2017 and has proved very popular. Photographs from the book provided by local historical societies had formed the basis of an exhibition in 2016–17, and this year a second exhibition using images of the Central Business District from the Society's collection was curated by Richard Barnden and David Thompson.

Two substantial donated collections are in the process of being sorted and incorporated. These are the collection of the late Doug Gunn (who bequeathed to the Society half his estate including his book collection) and the holdings of the Genealogical Society of Victoria. The GSV has moved to smaller premises and its substantial Victorian history and family history collection is being incorporated into the RHSV library.

Christine Worthington, Collections Manager and Volunteer Coordinator, has been very successful in recruiting a number of library technicians seeking work experience, and they, with other volunteers, have worked hard to catalogue the collections. A basement storage area has been utilised and the library space reorganised to accommodate the additional books.

Site searches continue to be a significant part of the Society's work and contributor to its income. These are commissioned by developers who are required to investigate the history of potential development sites. Margaret Fleming coordinates the team of volunteers undertaking this work. In 2017, 365 searches were completed.

The Society is heavily dependent on volunteers to conduct its work and this is particularly the case in the collections area. The Collections Committee oversees the development of policies

and new technology and considers whether to accept items offered, using criteria specified in the Collection Policy Guidelines. It is chaired by RHSV Councillor Elisabeth Jackson and consists of three volunteers—Richard Barnden, Jillian Nicholls and Deirdre Wilmott—and two experts in museums and collections—Margaret Birtley and Elizabeth Willis. The President and Executive Officer are ex-officio members and guidance is provided by Christine Worthington.

Other regular volunteers are:

- Research (Site Search): Margaret Fleming (Coordinator), Glenda Beckley, Greg Buchanan, Alison Cameron, Jan Miller, Jeremy Pascoe, John Torpey, Sandra Torpey
- Research (Public Enquiries): Alannah Croom, Benjamin Petkov, Sandra Sutcliff
- Research (Items of Interest): Alannah Croom, Tessa Occhino, Benjamin Petkov
- Digital & Social Media: Alan Hall, Sophie Shilling, Alex Midgley
- Publications (compilation of 'Around the Societies' for *History News*): Glenda Beckley
- Manuscripts (cataloguing and collection care): Tessa Occino, Val Rohde (Pioneer Register), Ashley Smith, Deidre Wilmott
- Library (cataloguing and collection care) Main Collection: Acacia Beaumont, Jane Cheng, Linden Carroll, Ross Dennis, Guy Featherstone, Callum Forrester, Claudia Gaitan, Selina Heeps, Pam Herrington, Kate Ingles, Maddie Lewis, Rosemary McConnell, Lauren Mason, Jane Matthews-Bede, Isabelle Meister, Stephanie O'Connor, Lisa Sciortino, Naomi Sinclair, Holly Tubb, Lisa Wilkinson
- Vertical File: Mandy Bede, Lynette D'Ath, Dee Evans, Fiona Graham, Rowena Morrison
- Images (cataloguing, collection care, enquiries): Richard Barnden (Coordinator), Julie Albutt, Margaret Connor, Sandra Dimitrijevic, Alan Hall, John Mercer, Marica Mucic, Jill Nicholls, John Rose, David Thompson
- Exhibitions: Richard Barnden, Mandy Bede, David Thompson, John Rose
- Bookshop: Lenore Frost, Helen Leary
- Administration: Liz Bath, Cheryl Griffin, Chris Manchee, Norma Mullins, Val Rohde, John Rose, Brian Watson
- Catering: Lorraine James
- Tours: Chris Manchee
- Indexing: Terri Anne Mackenzie (*Victorian Historical Journal*), Lyn Sherwood (Memorials Index), Karen Ziemnicki

Without the contributions of these individuals the Society would not be able to operate and our thanks are extended to all of them.

**Elisabeth Jackson,
Chair, Collections Committee**



National Gallery of Victoria, north-west corner of Little Lonsdale and Russell Streets, Melbourne, 1960

Egbert Spencer Wills, photographer
RHSV Collection: PH-150144



Standing on the Corner, poster, RHSV, 2017 - cover image: *Map showing the site of Melbourne and the position of the Huts and Buildings previous to the foundation of the Township by Sir Richard Bourke in 1837*, Robert Russell (c. 1837), detail

The poster is from our enormously successful exhibition, *Standing on the Corner*.

History Victoria Support Group Annual Report 2017

During 2017 the History Victoria Support Group (HVSG) continued to provide advice and training for volunteers in our 340 affiliated historical societies. It delivered four seminars, and members of the group visited a number of historical societies. Convenor Cheryl Griffin was guest speaker at several seminars and meetings, including the South Eastern Historical Association's seminar at Narre Warren in February and the Association of Easter Historical Societies' Regional Conference at Ringwood in June. HVSG's regular column in *History News* enabled us to showcase the work of a number of our regional and suburban groups, and many societies continue to promote their activities through *History News* and on the RHSV website.

The HVSG regional seminar program began on Saturday 25 March at the Drill Hall, RHSV's headquarters in A'Beckett Street, Melbourne. Three country seminars followed at Kilmore (hosted by the Kilmore Historical Society), Bairnsdale (hosted by Heritage Network East Gippsland) and Ballarat (hosted by the Gold Museum). The seminars were well attended, many participants and presenters travelling long distances to be there. We thank our speakers and seminar leaders for their interesting and often thought-provoking presentations. We also thank the keynote speakers: Ian Clark, on his history of the Djabwurrung Aboriginal people of Western Victoria, 1836–1901 (Melbourne); Robert Macklin on Hamilton Hume (Kilmore); Ken Berryman on managing a national oral history collection; and Dr Fred Cahir on his work in the field of Indigenous history.

The ongoing support of Dr Mark Eccleston and his team at Aboriginal Victoria is always appreciated. This year we heard from Dr Eccleston and Matthew Phelan (Barwon Grampians Heritage Programs Manager) on the important issue of how historical societies and Aboriginal Victoria can work together effectively.

Other speakers included Felicity Watson (National Trust), Janice van de Velde (State Library Victoria), Daniel Wilksch (Public Record Office Victoria), Leigh Moulden (RHSV's insurance broker), Sue Thompson (Lilydale Historical Society), Christine Worthington (RHSV), Debra Parry (Melbourne Conservation Services), Angela Henricksen (Archival Survival), and Cheryl Griffin (RHSV).

I extend my thanks to RHSV President Don Garden for his support of the HVSG program. Executive Officer Kate Prinsley helped organise the printing and publicity, while Administrative Officer Ged Horgan took care of registrations and other enquiries. Special thanks must go to Christine Worthington, RHSV Collections Manager and Volunteer Coordinator, for her work in making the seminars a success. As well as presenting at each seminar, Christine ensured that the technology functioned efficiently and did a great deal of other work behind the scenes.

My work as Convenor would not be possible without the contribution of the HVSG Committee members: Bernard Bolch (Walhalla), George Fernando (Camberwell and RHSV Council), Alleyne Hockley (Castlemaine and RHSV Council), David Langdon (Richmond & Burnley), Jane Nigro (Malvern), Judy Richards (Stratford), Larina Strauch (Kyneton), and Sue Thompson (Lilydale). I extend special thanks to George and Adele Fernando and to Alleyne Hockley for their moral and practical support when I became unwell in late July. Don Garden also stepped in to help in the lead-up to the Ballarat seminar. Their support meant a great deal. Finally, thank you to my successor, Alleyne Hockley, who has taken on the convenorship for 2018.

Cheryl Griffin
Convenor, History Victoria Support Group



Bairnsdale seminar, July 2017 (left to right): Pauline Hitchins, National Trust; two members of the Heyfield & District Historical Society; Convenor of the HVSG, Cheryl Griffin; RHSV Collections, Manager Christine Worthington; Debra Parry, Melbourne Conservation Services and Ken Berryman, Oral History Victoria.

Photo credit: Adele Fernando



Ballarat seminar, August 2017 (left to right): Fred Cahir, Federation University; George Fernando; Matthew Phelan, Aboriginal Victoria; RHSV Collections Manager, Christine Worthington; Felicity Watson, National Trust of Australia; RHSV President, Don Garden; HVSG Convenor, Cheryl Griffin; Angela Henriksen, Archival Survival; RHSV Executive Officer, Kate Prinsley and Michelle Smith, the Gold Museum.

Photo credit: Adele Fernando

Membership Development Committee Annual Report 2017

The roles of the Membership Development Committee (MDC) are to recruit and retain members as well as to monitor membership trends for reporting to Council. The Chair is Rosalie Triolo and Committee members over the past twelve months have included Don Garden, Robert Barnes, Liz Bath, Cheryl Griffin and Carole Woods. Rosemary Cameron and Kate Prinsley have also attended meetings in their role as Executive Officer. There were six meetings in 2017, and numerous email communications.

The Committee has been keen to attract members to the RHSV by improving the Society's public profile. Our first work was to develop and distribute a visually appealing membership brochure that embraces multiple historical perspectives. Efforts have been made to position the brochure in venues and at events likely to capture members, especially in the Melbourne central business district. The Committee has encouraged more timely and appealing electronic 'press release' advertising of RHSV events, better signage and a banner outside the Society's headquarters at the Drill Hall in A'Beckett Street, and brightening of the building's foyer. Councillors have been asked to distribute brochures and promote events to their local historical societies' members or to other history and heritage organisations, to wear new badges to promote the Society, and to identify partnership and reciprocal benefit opportunities. Local and regional historical societies have been encouraged to place links to the RHSV on their home pages. MDC members, Councillors and others have been invited to suggest strategies for retaining and recruiting members and to share ideas known to work well in other organisations.

Member numbers remained stable during 2017, halting the slow steady decline of the past decade. In undertaking promotion and

recruitment activities to bring this about, we have recognised that the pattern of falling membership is common to many organisations, not just the RHSV or 'history-related' groups. Indeed, research suggests that the wealth of information and opportunities freely available in multiple media forms can work against more traditional models of subscribed membership. The RHSV needs to work strategically within this reality.

In this context, the Committee's activities over the past twelve months have included liaising with Councillors and other parties involved in the selection and development of customer relationship management software to improve communications and administration, and to help us better understand what members hope to receive and achieve through their membership. A personal letter to lapsed members resulted in a very pleasing number of renewals, suggesting that members may not always consciously discontinue their subscriptions and that gentle reminders can work.

The desirability of attracting younger members is one of MDC's key objectives and we recognise that greater use of social media—*not* at the expense of subscribed member benefits—is essential, alongside the more traditional approaches to member communications and marketing of events. Opportunities offered by convergent events must also be taken up. When the History Teachers' Association of Victoria (HTAV) held its conference in the city near the Drill Hall late in 2017, teacher-attendees were encouraged to walk around the Flagstaff Gardens then visit the RHSV premises in order to prompt their thinking about ways of enriching the Australian history curriculum. Most young teacher-attendees knew where the RHSV is located but none had been inside the building before; they were impressed by the scale of the exhibition area, as well as the rich research

potential of the collection. RHSV already promotes a discounted membership rate to teachers who have also joined HTAV. Our next strategy, the holding of HTAV events at RHSV, will further encourage this younger market of teachers.

RHSV ‘member only’ events—for example, the preview of books in the annual book sale—have been well subscribed this year and have elicited new members. The visit to the Australian Club on a wintry morning, but with a collegial and comfortable tour of the building as well as refreshments, was soon sold out. Member-only tours of the Athenaeum Club and the Supreme Court Library are advanced in planning for 2018 and a list of other ‘special visit’ venues will be prepared.

Plans have begun to work more closely with other RHSV committees, such as the Events and Outreach Committee and the History

Victoria Support Group. These include helping to identify events or speakers likely to attract members or casual attendees, and taking Writing and Publishing Local History workshops to regional areas. The Committee has also broached mutually beneficial member-enhancing relationships with external organisations such as the Genealogical Society of Victoria, which has expressed interest in cooperating with the RHSV in Writing and Publishing workshops.

I extend my gratitude to Don Garden, Robert Barnes, Liz Bath, Cheryl Griffin and Carole Woods for their dedication to the wellbeing of the RHSV and the preservation of Victoria’s history and heritage, and to Executive Officers Kate Prinsley and Rosemary Cameron for their support of the Committee’s work.

Dr Rosalie Triolo
Chair, Membership Development Committee



Queen Victoria Market, Elizabeth Street, Melbourne: frieze above entrance to the Meat Market, c. 1950

The Queen Victoria Market is the focus of an RHSV Heritage Committee campaign.

RHSV Collection: PH-150193

Heritage Committee

Annual Report 2017

This is the second full year of the Heritage Committee's operations. It works to protect built heritage in the Hoddle Grid area and, in cooperation with local historical societies, across the state. It also seeks to keep the RHSV abreast of heritage matters. We continue our collaboration with the National Trust. With limited resources and facing a wave of threats to our heritage, we focus on significant issues where we can support effective local groups. I have sought to cover here the major issues we tackled during 2017, some of which are continuing into 2018.

We fought hard to save the Great Western Hotel (King Street, City). On Tuesday 21 March 2017, we met the Planning Minister's heritage advisors. On 5 April 2017, I wrote individual letters to every Melbourne City Councillor. I received replies from Crs Leppert, Reece and Watts. Cr Watts sought to put a motion to Council for interim protection but could not find a seconder. I had extensive discussions with Cr Rohan Leppert, Arts, Culture and Heritage Chair. He negotiated a compromise: the external walls will be retained but altered beyond recognition; the interior will be gutted to serve as an 'atrium' for the 26-storey tower. Demolition to allow a clean modern building would have been preferable. See the April issue of *History News*.

We supported the National Trust on the retention of trees along St Kilda Road, but they were cut down to enable cheaper construction of Metro. The Queen Victoria Market is an ongoing preoccupation, with three aspects.

1. The Planning Minister has approved a height limit of 125 metres for the new building on the Munro site. The developer's proposal, currently lodged with the Minister, is analysed in 'PDG hint at their new Munro Site tower design' (*Urban Melbourne*, a web site).
2. The plan is to replace the car park over the cemetery with a park and a street (New Franklin Street), which will continue Dudley Street through onto Franklin Street, part of a deal between the City Council and the state; the state government is holding firm to

forcing this through. We have been invited to meet with Rob Adams, Director City Design and Projects, to discuss the issues.

3. The most contentious issue is excavation for three levels below the market sheds in order to provide underground services and car parking. On Wednesday 29 March 2017 I attended a City of Melbourne forum on the QVM. It did enable me to register the RHSV's position again. Margaret Anderson and Judy Smart were given a progress report and briefing on 25 August at project headquarters in Queen Street. Ian Wight, Judy and I then met with Amy Lees, MCC, on 19 October 2017. We were stunned by the extent of the intrusions planned into this unique heritage site, soon to go on to the National Register and also mooted for World Heritage listing. See this submission and others under 'About Us' on the RHSV web site.

Our work on this issue is continuing into 2018 and includes lodging an objection to the Council's amended plans for a 'temporary pavilion' to accommodate displaced traders during the works (see RHSV web site, About Us, and 'Strong objection to pavilion', *CBD News*, March 2018, p. 17).

Another major issue is St Vincent's Private Hospital's proposal to demolish East Hill House in order to build an aggressively thrusting 12-storey building overwhelming the highly significant Dodgshun House and Eastern Hill Hotel. Ian Wight has been leading our case, assisted by Judith Smart. Yarra City Council (the responsible authority) put conditions on the permit to preserve part of East Hill House and prevent demolition of the rear of the Eastern Hill Hotel, and to reduce the bulk and footprint of the planned 12-storey building. St Vincent's appealed to VCAT, where RHSV agreed to join South Fitzroy residents in supporting YCC's position at hearings scheduled for early in 2018. Detailed discussion of the issues can be found at <https://balancearchitecture.wordpress.com/2018/01/19/heritage-dispute-in-old-fitzroy/>.



Sailing vessels at Little Dock [Spencer Street], Yarra River, Melbourne, showing Robur Tea Warehouse on the Yarra's south bank, c. 1920
Robur Tea House is the focus of an RHSV Heritage Committee campaign.

Edwin G. Adamson, photographer
RHSV Collection: D-435

I attended a forum, organised by Cr Rohan Leppert, Arts, Culture and Heritage portfolio chair, 13 April 2017, to present the Hoddle Grid Heritage Study, which aims to identify buildings in need of heritage protection in the CBD. This will improve things when completed but, during the next three or more years, currently unprotected buildings like the Great Western will remain at risk.

We have joined local historical societies fighting to save the Sarah Sands Hotel (recently trading as Bridie O'Reilly's), a landmark 1854 hotel at the corner of Sydney and Brunswick roads, Brunswick. Judith Smart wrote the RHSV's submission to Moreland City Council, opposing the proposal (see under 'About Us' on the RHSV web site for Heritage Committee documents), and RHSV Vice President Elisabeth Jackson took responsibility for monitoring and reporting Council's response to extensively amended plans during 2018.

We have been active in fighting a proposed 39-storey tower to be cantilevered over the Robur Tea House. In the wake of amendments to the original plans, this is now solely a City of Melbourne issue and it is not clear what further action we can take.

Dr Smart has been our representative cooperating with the National Trust and a number of East Melbourne groups and churches to campaign against state government plans to rezone the old Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre site in St Andrews Place from public use to mixed use in order to permit intense development and so sell at a higher price. An RHSV letter to the Treasurer, Premier and Minister for Planning largely supported the critical comments made in a City of Melbourne submission. And, on 15 November 2017, Ellen Sandell, MLA, spoke in the lower house against the rezoning. The situation continues to be monitored.

Point Nepean National Park Master Plan 2017 (final version) was released at the end of the year. The Heritage Committee supported the Nepean Historical Society's submission on an earlier draft and is pleased to note the final plan is considerably improved. However, much will depend on the details of implementation and the Committee will join NHS in monitoring this during 2018.

Among further issues for 2018 is Campbell Arcade (also known as Degraives Subway, Flinders Street). This is under threat from the Metro Authority, which wants to enlarge it as the passage between the new station and Flinders Street Station. The National Trust has met with the authority and pointed out to them that the arcade is on the state heritage register. They are reconsidering.

I extend my gratitude to the members of the Heritage Committee for their ongoing work: Margaret Anderson, Peter Hiscock, Judith Smart and Ian Wight.

**Emeritus Professor Charles Sowerwine
Chair, Heritage Committee**



Shoe Repairs shop, Campbell Arcade
(connecting Degraves Street with
Flinders Street Station), Melbourne, 1997
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Campbell Arcade is the focus of an
RHSV Heritage Committee campaign..

History Victoria Bookshop and Annual Book Fair Report

It is easy to see in the graph of book sales over the last three years just how dominant the publication of *Remembering Melbourne* was in late 2016—it truly broke the bank at Monte Carlo. It required an enormous effort from staff and volunteers to package and process the orders, with a backbreaking 2.6 kilograms per book to lug to the post office. Now that the feeding frenzy is over, the book, in a second printing with corrections, still sells regularly.

The graph also shows that sales of all books are growing steadily, supporting the publication of history in Victoria. We are a specialist bookstore serving our members, including members of affiliated societies, by making their books available to the general public both through online orders and in store. In particular, each year we feature books entered in the Victorian Community History Awards, though not every book entered appears in the bookstore. All entrants receive an invitation to place their books with us, but it is up to the author/publisher to decide whether it is economic to take up this offer. It is understandably more difficult to do so in the case of books published in regional areas.

Our online store provides a wonderful window into Victorian local history publishing, and we receive many orders from interstate, and some from overseas.

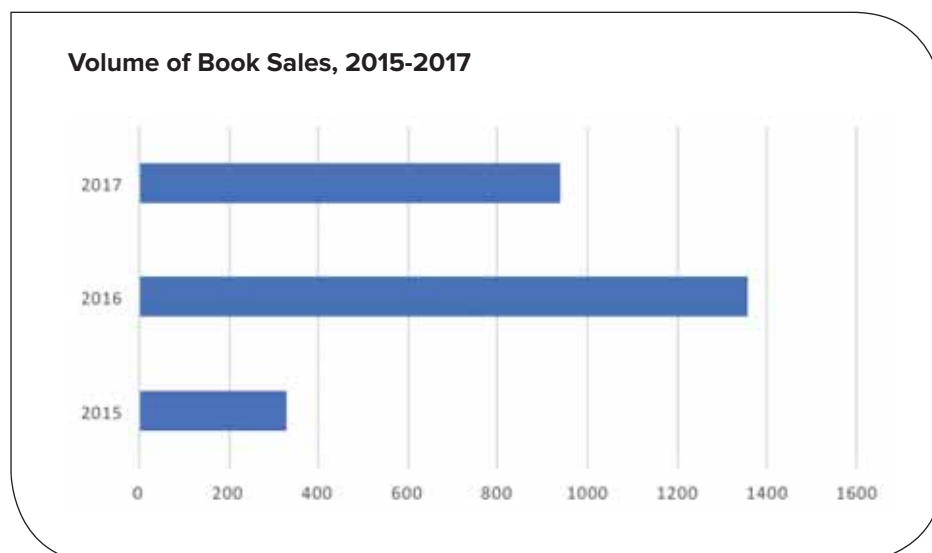
Annual Book Fair

The 2017 Book Fair brought in an astonishing \$10,750, which is a mighty effort now that we are only accepting history books for second-hand sale. Once again we were greatly assisted by the Society's volunteers in sorting and pricing books and getting the exhibition space ready for the sale.

Donations of books for the sale are always checked against our catalogue, and we keep any that are not listed, enabling us to build our collection. We are grateful for the support of our members in donating books to the sale.

Both the History Victoria Bookshop and the Annual Book Fair provide very valuable untied funds that enable us to undertake other projects in support of the study of history in Victoria.

**Lenore Frost, Volunteer Manager,
History Victoria Bookshop**



Events and Outreach

Committee Annual Report

2017

The Events Committee of the RHSV is a small group that organises the annual program of talks and lectures. Continuing on the Events Committee for 2017 were Maree Coote, Dr Jane Carolan and Dr Cheryl Griffin (to October). On the Committee *ex-officio* was Executive Officer, Kate Prinsley (also to October).

RHSV Collections Manager Christine Worthington again helped us to maintain a high standard of presentation, organising our audio-visual equipment and arranging recording of talks for podcast through the RHSV website.

Although 2017 was not a conference year, it included an impressive number of events all the same. A feature was the consistently large attendances of members and non-members at almost all of the lectures. We make an effort to ensure everyone feels welcome, and we are indebted to volunteer Lorraine James, who, with great panache, presides over the welcome drinks and refreshments.

Some highlights of the 2017 program:

- In February filmmaker Malcolm Mackinnon gave us a taste of old time movies in country halls, screening his brilliant documentary, *The Farmer's Cinematheque*, to a full house. The extraordinary story of a family of gifted rural home movie makers on the land near the Wimmera town of Rupanyup won the media award at the 2016 Victorian Community History Awards. It is viewable at <http://beamafilm.com/the-farmers-cinematheque/#.WW13kjPAfUI>.
- March featured a lunchtime lecture by author Susan Pierotti, editor and publisher of *City Kid*. This is the memoir of the unsinkable Lola Russell, proprietor of the oldest continuing shop and residence in the central business district, on the corner of King and La Trobe streets, where she was born in 1921. Lola and her husband George were special guests at the lecture.
- Rozzi Bazzani gave the March monthly lecture. In 2016 she won the overall Victorian Community History Award for *Hector*, her biography of musical entrepreneur Hector Crawford, who pioneered Australian television drama and sustained it through his company Crawford Productions.
- In April Dr Ross McMullin gave fresh insights into the grim story of Australian involvement in the First World War battle of Fromelles. Ross won the 2013 Australian Prime Minister's History Prize. We have invited him back in 2018 to reflect on the centenary of the battle of Villers-Bretonneux.
- Our Annual General Meeting in May was addressed by Simon Ambrose, the new Chief Executive Officer of the National Trust of Australia (Victoria). He spoke with 'an eye to the past' on the Trust's plans for the future. The AGM also allows the RHSV to honour stalwarts of the local history movement through the award of Fellowships and Merit Awards.
- To mark Law Week, and as a follow-up to last year's 'Judging for the People' conference, esteemed journalist Peter Gregory joined a Q&A on the perils and practice of law reporting in the news media.
- June saw the annual A.G.L. Shaw Lecture, jointly organised by the C.J. La Trobe Society and the RHSV. With its special catering, this is the one lecture for which we charge members a fee. We were pleasantly embarrassed by a near overflow audience. Guest speaker Professor Keir Reeves spoke on the impact of the 1850s gold rushes in Victoria.

- Rare Books Week was bigger than ever this year. Once again the RHSV participated. Dr Andrew Lemon showed a lunchtime audience one of the rare books in our collection, William Snell Chauncy's 1855 handbook, *How To Settle in Victoria*, and discussed its provenance.

Our August lecture was a lunchtime event to mark Melbourne Day. Professor Richard Broome, lead editor of the highly successful RHSV publication *Remembering Melbourne*, spoke about the work that went into the book. Cr Jackie Watts, Melbourne City Councillor, launched the updated reprint.

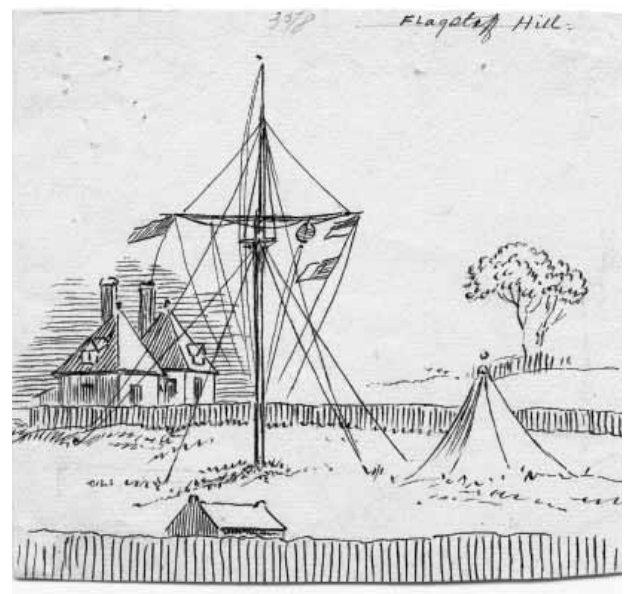
- In September Susan Priestley—historian, Fellow of the RHSV and esteemed past president of the Society—spoke insightfully on her researches on the history of the Bush Nursing movement in Victoria.
- The October lecture allowed John Burch to discuss his important new book *Returning the Kulkyne*, a social, geographical and cultural history of the Hatter–Kulkyne National Park. Unbeknown to the Events Committee, John's book turned out to be the winner of the 2017 Victorian Premier's History Award, announced the following week at the Victorian Community History Awards.
- In November, Canberra historian Dr Peter Dowling related the largely unknown story of the women who deciphered secret code messages in Canberra in the Second World War, the 'Cable Girls of West Block'.

Several other events outside the aegis of this committee were essential to the vitality of the RHSV in 2017. These include the country seminars organised by the Society's History Victoria Support Group and the Victorian Community History Awards. The Membership Committee organised a visit for members to the historic Australian Club in September. For the annual Book Sale and RHSV Open Day—so important to fund-raising and outreach—Lenore Frost and Jane Carolan again shouldered most

of the hard work. Throughout the year, expert volunteer Chris Manchee has run a regular series of guided public walks of the Flagstaff Gardens precinct. It is Chris, not the Events Committee, who must take the credit for this important initiative.

Late in the year the RHSV farewelled Kate Prinsley and Ged Horgan, the Society's long-term Executive Officer and Administrative Officer respectively. The Events Committee paid tribute to the efforts both had put into countless events, big and small, run and hosted by the RHSV over many years. Finally, the Events Committee acknowledges the contribution to the Society of the late Professor Weston Bate. In so many ways, over such a long time, he was an event organiser *par excellence* and set an impossible standard for his successors. He was so often an effervescent part of our events, and we all miss him.

**Andrew Lemon,
Chair, Events and Outreach Committee**



Flagstaff Hill, William Street, Melbourne, west side between La Trobe and Dudley Streets, Melbourne, c. 1850 [c. 1916]

The RHSV offers walking tours of historical Flagstaff Hill.

George Gordon McCrae, c. 1916
RHSV Collection: ART-0328.035

Belonging: The Victorian Community History Awards 2017

For the third successive year the Victorian Community History Awards (VCHA) prize-giving ceremony was held in the elegant space known as The Pavilion at the Arts Centre Melbourne. The History Awards, first held at Toongabbie in 1998, were later celebrated in Queen's Hall, Parliament House, for ten years. The ceremony was then nomadic for several years before settling into the Arts Centre, where there is an increasing sense of belonging to the Southbank arts precinct.

The Royal Historical Society of Victoria was involved from the outset with the Awards, initially through the former government agency Information Victoria and since 2011 in partnership with the Public Record Office Victoria. The judges for 2017, Carole Woods, Dr Joan Hunt and Dr Gary Presland, were all made Fellows of the RHSV in 2008 for their significant contribution to community history. Professor Joy Damousi, Professor Alistair Thomson and Professor Warwick Anderson judged the History Article (peer reviewed) category. Janice Haynes, the VCHA project officer, was assisted by Tamara Jones and Claudia Kurrle.

The competition is unique in Australia and highly valued in Victoria. Entries numbered 148 in 2017, with 41 designated for the History Publication category and 36 for Local History–Small Publication. The Centenary of World War I Award continued to attract quality entries, including the winning book *To Paint a War*, which featured a cluster of Australian artists from the Ballarat region, such as Will Dyson and Hilda Rix Nicholas. As usual, the competition conveyed a sense of inclusiveness. Eleven prizes and many commendations were announced at the awards ceremony, and, in addition, all entrants were listed in the VCHA booklet and on the RHSV website. The best entries showed the distinctive hallmarks of the competition: originality,

scholarship, popular appeal and community involvement.

The RHSV President, Associate Professor Don Garden, welcomed about 260 guests to The Pavilion on 16 October and Judy Maddigan, Chair of the Public Records Advisory Council, acted as MC. Catherine Andrews, historian and archivist, standing in for Special Minister of State, the Hon. Gavin Jennings, assured entrants that their individual stories would become interwoven with the general narrative of Victoria's history.

The keynote speaker, Emeritus Professor Graeme Davison, himself a former recipient of a VCHA prize for his remarkable book *Lost Relations*, based his address on a question posed by Manning Clark as a young historian in 1943, 'Do We Belong Here?' The question was one that preoccupied many Australians of European descent who felt a sense of exile. At that time, the study of Australian history, which might have provided something of an anchor, was in its infancy. When surveying contemporary trends, Graeme found a similar sense of dislocation in a restless, mobile, globalised society with little attachment to place and community. However, he recognised that VCHA entrants would defy this trend.

In fact, the leading entries in the 2017 Awards gave a resounding affirmation of belonging to community and attachment to place. The Fletcher Jones website entry, which won the Community Collaborative Award, was inseparable from Warrnambool, while the study of *The Red Brick Legacy of H.D. McBean*, which claimed the Small Publication Award, captured the appeal of Castlemaine. The handwritten garden diaries of Michael Morrison and evocative prose of Lisa Clausen blended in *Cruden Farm* to gain the Judges' Special Prize. Ros Stirling's *Joseph Reed and the Making of Marvellous Melbourne*,

winner of the Multimedia Award, explored Reed's architectural achievements culminating in the Exhibition Building, which put Melbourne on the international heritage map of place.

Community bonding, a constant theme in the competition, was best expressed in *Discover Historic Kyneton*. Members of a local group spurred one another on for twenty years to perfect their tribute to Kyneton and take out the Historical Interpretation Award. A dedicated city group continues to extend their project on *Notable People of Collingwood*, winner of the Local History Project prize.

In 2017 the Victorian Premier, the Hon. Daniel Andrews, bestowed the title Victorian Premier's History Award on the highest VCHA prize, thus increasing the profile and prestige of the competition. Prior to the introduction of the VCHA, community history, shunned by the daily papers, major historical journals and commercial publishers, had little status. Only at the RHSV and its affiliated local societies was it welcomed and nurtured. The premier's prize signalled that

community history had indeed come in from the cold to claim rightful recognition and status in the wider history movement.

Catherine Andrews presented the inaugural Premier's Award to John Burch for *Returning the Kulkylne*, a book charting the transformation of a sadly degraded region into a national park. This self-published book, original, scholarly, and with a community dimension, encapsulated the spirit of the competition. *Returning the Kulkylne* also has overtones of the power of one as it traces the efforts of naturalist Les Chandler to seek protection for the Kulkylne, a region for which he felt a powerful sense of belonging.

**Carole Woods FRHSV,
Chair, VCHA Judges' Panel**



The winners of the 2017 Victorian Community History Awards with RHSV President, Assoc. Prof. Don Garden (centre, back row).

Official PROV photographer

RHSV Foundation

Annual Report 2017

During the year, members of the Foundation conducted in depth research and analysis of the performance of alternative fund managers with a view to improving the return on our available funds. The RHSV Council adopted the recommendations of the Foundation to place up to \$700,000 with UCA Funds Management with 50% in the Enhanced Cash Portfolio and 50% in the Growth Portfolio. At 31 December 2017 over \$600,000 of the \$700,000 had been progressively invested with UCA Funds Management. The RHSV Council subsequently decided to request the Foundation pay \$10,000 of the interest earned to the RHSV, which has been transferred.

The Foundation continued to examine the best approaches to fundraising in a very challenging environment and during 2018 a fundraising strategy will be finalised and implemented. The knowledge, skills and experience of members of the RHSV Foundation stand ready to assist the RHSV Council to achieve the objectives of the RHSV.

All members of the RHSV Foundation are committed to playing an active role in promoting the RHSV Foundation to the community. Current members of the RHSV Foundation are encouraged to suggest and introduce possible new members for the Foundation.

Current Members of the Committee are Mr Jim Dixon (Chair), Dr Robert Barnes, Mr Daryl Hawkey, Dr Keith Kendall and Professor John Fitzgerald. Assoc. Prof Don Garden RHSV President and Rosemary Cameron Executive Officer are in-attendance.

At 31 December 2017 the RHSV Foundation had total assets of \$531,904 and during 2017 earned a surplus of \$43,395.

Treasurer's Annual Report 2017

The RHSV experienced some financial disruption in 2017 with the departure of the Executive Officer and the Administrative Officer in September/October. This resulted in a spike in temporary staff costs and new staff hiring overheads. Staff costs rose to \$257,307 (plus \$18,000 agency fees for temporary staff) compared to \$190,302 in 2016 and \$162,979 in 2015.

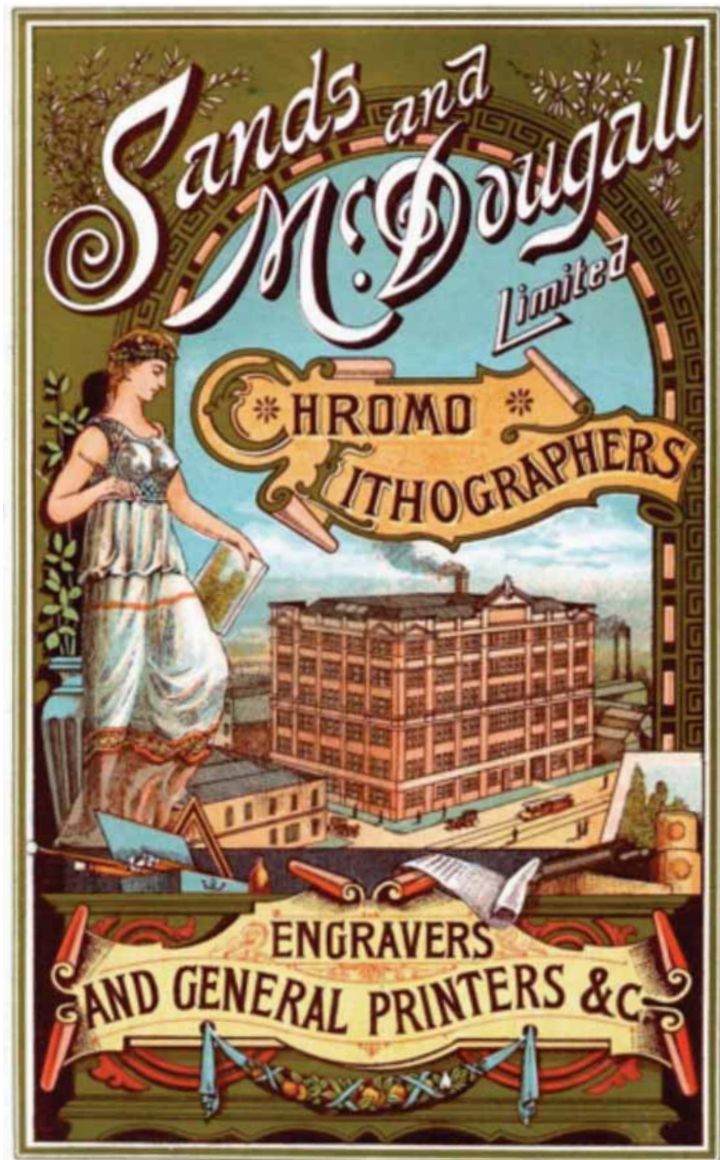
Computer-related expenses increased from \$8,618 in 2016 to \$13,196 in 2017 as we modernised our IT systems. Members' subscriptions declined over the same period from \$56,000 to \$53,000; this is an area of concern to which the Membership Development Committee is devoting considerable energy. On the other hand, book sales remained vigorous, donations and bequests rose appreciably, our insurance activities remain strong, and our room-hiring provided handy income.

Out total income was \$572,749 while our expenses amounted to \$569,237, leaving us with a surplus of \$3512. This figure means we effectively broke even for the year in spite of additional staff and computer-related costs, which were off-set by pleasing increases in bequests and donations as well as the accumulated income from successful publishing projects in 2015 and 2016. In 2017 we also decided to deposit our funds and investments with the Uniting Church Managed Funds (UCMF) to secure a more attractive interest rate. Our assets remain strong, with over \$600,000 invested through UCMF.

The new Executive Officer and Administration Officer are in the process of modernising our financial and accounting systems so that there is maximum efficiency, transparency and consistency in the future.

Special thanks also goes to our auditors, Council members and volunteers for their input, assistance and support in furthering the fortunes of the RHSV. Our financial position remains sound, but prudent management is required to maintain and improve this position.

**Robert Barnes,
Treasurer**



Advertisement for Sands & McDougall Ltd, showing their printing office, north-west corner of Spencer and Jeffcott Streets, West Melbourne

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Royal Historical Society of Victoria

Financial Statements

For Year ended
31 December 2017

Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc
Statement of Comprehensive Income
For the year ended 31 December 2017

	Note	2017	2016
		\$	\$
Revenue	2	572,749	607,057
Gross Surplus		572,749	607,057
Depreciation and Amortisation		1,764	2,916
All Other Expenses		567,473	566,294
Operating surplus (deficit) before income tax		3,512	37,857
Income tax (credit) attributable to operating profit (loss)			
Operating profit (deficit) after income tax		3,512	37,857
Retained Surplus at the beginning of the financial year		2,078,989	2,041,132
Total available for appropriation		2,082,501	2,078,989
Retained surplus at the end of the financial year		2,082,501	2,078,989
Other comprehensive income:			
Other comprehensive income for the year, net of tax		-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year		2,082,501	2,078,989

Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc
Detailed Income Statement
For the year ended 31 December 2017

	Note	2017	2016
		\$	\$
Income			
Research Fees		53,606	58,104
Sales Publications		51,800	31,787
Donations		123,005	63,969
Interest Received		7,957	6,279
Grants		99,715	236,411
Annual Subscriptions		53,360	56,757
Insurance – Member Societies		116,102	73,429
Other Income		67,204	80,321
Total Income	2	572,749	607,057
Expenses			
Advertising & Marketing		14,069	28,267
Bank Charges		3,137	-
Depreciation		1,764	2,916
Holsworth Fund Expenses		9,800	8,850
Insurance		53,024	49,839
Postage		3,684	-
Printing & Stationery		23,427	15,418
Computer & Internet		13,196	5,518
History Week & Awards		46,186	102,769
Publications		8,855	12,280
Insurance Assets Historic Societies		24,824	25,211
Staff Costs		257,307	190,302
Occupancy Costs		47,290	51,131
Other Expenses		60,395	71,505
Telephone		2,279	2,094
Total Expenses		569,237	569,200
Surplus/(Deficit)	3	3,512	37,857

Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc
Statement of Financial Position
For the year ended 31 December 2017

	Note	2017	2016
		\$	\$
Current Assets			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	4	412,920	457,716
Trade and Other Receivables	5	35,068	29,085
Other Current Assets		18,512	19,344
Total Current Assets		466,500	506,155
Non-Current Assets			
Monies Held In Trust – RHSV Foundation	6	415,781	-
Property, plant and equipment	7	1,847,975	1,848,558
Total Non-Current Assets		2,263,756	1,848,558
Total Assets		2,730,256	2,354,713
Current Liabilities			
Trade and Other Payables	8	50,576	136,982
Short Term Financial Liabilities	9	181,399	138,743
Total Current Liabilities		231,974	275,725
Non-Current Liabilities			
Trust Liability – RHSV Foundation	9	415,781	-
Total Non-Current Liabilities		415,781	-
Total Liabilities		647,755	275,725
Net Assets		2,082,501	2,078,989
Equity			
Reserves	10	2,078,989	2,041,132
Retained Surplus		3,512	37,857
Total Equity		2,082,501	2,078,989

Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 December 2017

Note 1: Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial report is a special purpose financial report that has been prepared in accordance with the financial reporting requirements of the Australian Charities and Not for Profit Commissions Act. The Committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

The following is a summary of the material accounting policies adopted by the economic entity in the preparation of the financial report. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

(a) Basis of Preparation

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs modified by the revaluation of selected non-current assets, and financial assets and financial liabilities for which the fair value basis of accounting has been applied.

(b) Accounting Policies

Donations

The Agency is a non-profit organisation and receives donations which, by their nature, can only be recognised and recorded as received.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

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

Trade and Other Receivables

Trade receivables are recognised at their transaction cost. 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.

Property, Plant and Equipment

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost or fair value less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

a) Plant and equipment

Plant and equipment is measured on the cost basis less depreciation and impairment losses.

The carrying amount of plant and equipment is reviewed annually to ensure it is not in excess of the recoverable amount from those assets. The recoverable amount is assessed on the basis of the expected net cash flows that will be received from the assets employment and subsequent disposal. The expected net cash flows have not been discounted to present values in determining the recoverable amounts.

b) Depreciation

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets including capitalised leased assets is depreciated on a straight line basis over their useful lives to Australian Multicultural Community Services Inc. commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use. Leasehold improvements are depreciated over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements.



Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc
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The assets residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each balance sheet date.

An asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount.

Gains and losses on disposal are determined by comparing proceeds with the carrying amount. These gains or losses are included in the income statement. When revalued assets are sold, amounts included in the revaluation reserve relating to that asset are transferred to retained earnings.

Impairment of Assets

At each reporting date, the committee members review the carrying values of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have been impaired. If such an indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the assets fair value less costs to sell and value in use, is compared to the asset's carrying value. Any excess of the assets carrying value over its recoverable amount is expensed to the income statement.

Trade and Other Payables

Trade and other payables are liabilities at the end of the reporting which remain unpaid and are recognised at their transaction cost. Trade payables are recognised at their transaction cost. Trade payables are obligations on the basis of normal credit terms.

Revenue

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

Interest revenue is recognised on a proportional basis taking in to account the interest rates applicable to the financial assets.

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

Grant revenue is recognised when the association obtains control over the funds, which is generally at the time of receipt.

If conditions are attached to the grant which must be satisfied before it is eligible to to receive the contribution, the recognition of the grant as revenue will be deferred until any such conditions are satisfied.

Donations and bequests are recognised as revenue when received.

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

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

Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 December 2017

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Note 2: Revenue and Other Income		
Revenue:		
Research Fees	53,606	58,104
Sales Publications	51,800	31,787
Donations	123,005	63,969
Interest Received	7,957	6,279
Grants	99,715	236,411
Annual Subscriptions	53,360	56,757
Insurance – Member Societies	116,102	73,429
Other Income	67,204	80,321
Total Revenue and Other Income	572,749	607,057
Note 3: Net Income for the Year		
Surplus (deficit) from ordinary activities before income tax has been determined after:		
Charging as Expense:		
Depreciation of non-current assets:		
- Plant & Equipment	1,764	2,916
Total depreciation expenses	1,764	2,916
Note 4: Cash assets		
Bank accounts:		
Cash & Cash Equivalents	412,920	457,716
Total Cash Assets	412,920	457,716
Note 5: Receivables		
Current		
Trade debtors and other receivables	35,068	29,085
Total Receivables	35,068	29,085
Note 6: Monies Held In Trust – Foundation		
Non-Current		
Foundation Share of UCA Growth Fund	211,427	-
Foundation Share of UCA Cash Fund	204,354	-
Total Monies Held In Trust - Foundation	415,781	-

Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 December 2017



	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Note 7: Property, Plant and Equipment		
Plant and equipment:		
- At cost	35,474	34,294
- Less: Accumulated depreciation	(29,304)	(27,540)
Total Plant & Equipment	6,171	6,754
Collections		
Collections at Valuation	1,841,804	1,841,804
Total Collections	1,841,804	1,841,804
Total Property, Plant & Equipment	1,847,975	1,848,558
Note 8: Trade and Other Payables		
Unsecured:		
Trade Creditors	34,255	54,363
Supreme Court History Project	-	45,200
Donations	22,011	28,841
Provision for GST	(5,691)	8,578
Total Payables	50,576	138,982
Note 9: Financial Liabilities		
Current		
Clearing Account - Foundation	28,929	-
Subscriptions In Advance	28,706	22,341
Insurance In Advance	26,422	28,054
Grants In Advance	94,873	85,253
PAYG Withheld	2,559	3,095
	181,399	138,743
Non-Current		
Monies Held On Trust – Foundation UCA Funds	415,781	-
	415,781	-
Total Financial Liabilities	597,181	138,743
Note 10: Reserves		
AGL Shaw Endowment	10,000	10,000
Armstrong Bequest	36,448	36,448
Ian Woodroffe Fund	2,000	2,000
General Reserve	188,737	150,880
Revaluation Reserve	1,841,804	1,841,804
Total Reserves	2,078,989	2,041,132

Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc.
Committee's Report
For the year ended 31 December 2017

Your committee members submit the financial accounts of the Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc for the financial year ended 31 December 2017.

Committee Members

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

President	Don Garden
Vice President	Elisabeth Jackson
Secretary	Carole Woods
Treasurer	Robert Barnes
Member	Margaret Anderson
Member	Richard Broome
Member	Jane Carolan
Member	Jim Dixon
Member	George Fernando
Member	Daryl Hawkey
Member	Alleyne Hockley
Member	Charles Sowerwine
Member	Rosalie Triolo
Member	Noel Turner

Principal Activities

The principal activities of the association during the financial year were exhibit collections and conduct researches with the purpose of sharing an understanding of the history of Victoria through lecturing, seminars, excursions and exhibitions for its members and general public.

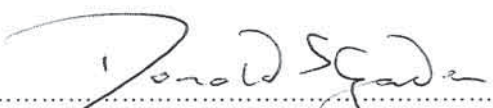
Significant Changes

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

Operating Result

The Net Income for the year ended 31 December 2017 amounted to a surplus of \$3,512.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the Committee on:


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Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc.
Statement by Members of the Committee
For the year ended 31 December 2017

In the opinion of the Members of the Committee the Statement of Comprehensive Income, Statement of Financial Position, Detailed Income Statement and Notes to the Financial Statements:

1. Presents fairly the financial position of Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc as at 31 December 2017 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, mandatory professional reporting requirements and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the association 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:

Don Garden (President)

Robert Barnes (Treasurer)

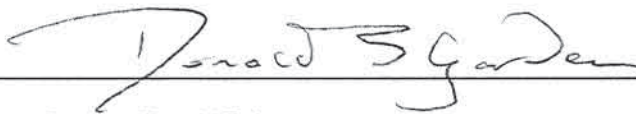
Dated: 9 May 2018

**Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc.
Certificate by Members of the Committee
For the year ended 31 December 2017**

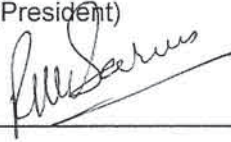
I, Don Garden, and I, Robert Barnes

certify that:

1. We are members of the Committee of Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc.
2. We attended the annual general meeting of the association held on 15 May 2018 .
3. We are authorised by the attached resolution of the Committee to sign this certificate.
4. This annual statement was submitted to the members of the association at its annual general meeting.



Don Garden (President)



Robert Barnes (Treasurer)



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REVIEW REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ROYAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF VICTORIA INC.

Report on the Financial Report

I have reviewed the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report of Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc (the "Association"), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2017, the statement of comprehensive income and detailed income statement for the year ended on that date, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the Statement by Committee.

Trustees' Responsibility for the Financial Report

The responsible parties of the registered entity are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 to the financial report is appropriate to meet the requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* (ACNC Act). The responsible parties' responsibility also includes such internal control that the Trustee determines is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express a conclusion on the financial report based on my review. I conducted my review in accordance with Auditing Standard on Review Engagements ASRE 2415 *Review of a Financial Report: Company Limited by Guarantee or an Entity Reporting under the ACNC Act or Other Applicable Legislation or Regulation*, in order to state whether, on the basis of the procedures described, anything has come to my attention that causes me to believe that the financial report does not satisfy the requirements of Division 60 of the ACNC Act including: giving a true and fair view of the registered entity's financial position as at 31 December 2017 and its performance for the year ended on that date; and complying with the Australian Accounting Standards and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013* (ACNC Regulation). ASRE 2415 requires that I comply with the ethical requirements relevant to the review of the financial report.

A review of a financial report consists of making enquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards and consequently does not enable me to obtain assurance that I would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, I do not express an audit opinion.

Conclusion

Based on my review, which is not an audit, nothing has come to my attention that causes me to believe that the financial report of the "Association" does not satisfy the requirements of Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* including:

- (a) giving a true and fair view of the registered entity's financial position as at 31 December 2017 and of its financial performance and cash flows for the year ended on that date; and
- (b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1, and Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013*.

In conducting the "Association's" audit review, I confirm that the "Association" complied with the Private Ancillary Fund Guidelines in respect of the year ended 31 December 2017

Basis of Accounting

Without modifying my conclusion, I draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the Committee's financial reporting responsibilities under the ACNC Act. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

Stephen R Allen

Mr Stephen Robert Allen BBus Acc. MIPA
Alkemade & Associates
Suite 2, 107 Union Rd
Surrey Hills Vic 3127

Signed on :...9th day of May 2018



Royal Historical Society of Victoria Foundation

Financial Statements

For Year ended
31 December 2017

Royal Historical Society of Victoria Foundation
Statement of Comprehensive Income
For the year ended 31 December 2017

	Note	2017	2016
		\$	\$
Revenue	2	51,609	60,115
Gross Surplus		51,609	60,115
Depreciation and Amortisation		-	-
All Other Expenses		8,214	5,791
Operating surplus (deficit) before income tax		43,395	54,324
Income tax (credit) attributable to operating profit (loss)		-	-
Operating profit (deficit) after income tax		43,395	54,324
Retained Surplus at the beginning of the financial year		488,509	434,185
Total available for appropriation		531,904	488,509
Retained surplus at the end of the financial year		531,904	488,509
Other comprehensive income:			
Other comprehensive income for the year, net of tax		-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year		531,904	488,509



Royal Historical Society of Victoria Foundation
Detailed Income Statement
For the year ended 31 December 2017

	Note	2017	2016
		\$	\$
Income			
Donations Received		31,000	50,130
Interest Received		15,619	9,985
Other Income		4,990	-
Total Income	2	51,609	60,115
Expenses			
Accounting Fees		-	886
Expense Funding - RHSV		7,810	-
RHSV Collection		-	4,905
Sundry Expenses		404	-
Total Expenses		8,214	5,791
Surplus/(Deficit)	3	43,395	54,324

Royal Historical Society of Victoria Foundation
Statement of Financial Position
For the year ended 31 December 2017

	Note	2017	2016
		\$	\$
Current Assets			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	4	503,320	464,170
Trade and Other Receivables	5	36,393	30,130
Total Current Assets		539,713	494,300
Total Assets		539,713	494,300
Current Liabilities			
Trade and Other Payables	6	7,810	5,791
Total Current Liabilities		7,810	5,791
Total Liabilities		7,810	5,791
Net Assets		539,713	488,509
Equity			
Reserves	7	488,509	434,185
Retained Surplus		43,395	54,324
Total Equity		531,904	488,509



Royal Historical Society of Victoria Foundation Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended 31 December 2017

Note 1: Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial report is a special purpose financial report that has been prepared in accordance with the financial reporting requirements of the Australian Charities and Not for Profit Commissions Act. The Committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

The following is a summary of the material accounting policies adopted by the economic entity in the preparation of the financial report. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

(a) Basis of Preparation

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs modified by the revaluation of selected non-current assets, and financial assets and financial liabilities for which the fair value basis of accounting has been applied.

(b) Accounting Policies

Cash and Cash Equivalents

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

Trade and Other Receivables

Trade receivables are recognised at their transaction cost. 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.

Trade and Other Payables

Trade and other payables are liabilities at the end of the reporting which remain unpaid and are recognised at their transaction cost. Trade payables are recognised at their transaction cost. Trade payables are obligations on the basis of normal credit terms.

Revenue

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

Interest revenue is recognised on a proportional basis taking in to account the interest rates applicable to the financial assets.

Donations and bequests are recognised as revenue when received.

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

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

Royal Historical Society of Victoria Foundation
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 December 2017

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Note 2: Revenue and Other Income		
Revenue:		
Donations	31,000	50,130
Bank Interest	15,619	9,985
Sundry Income	4,989	-
Total Income	51,609	60,115
Note 3: Net Income for the Year		
Surplus (deficit) from ordinary activities before income tax has been determined after:		
Charging as Expense:		
- Sundry Expenses	8,214	5,791
Total Sundry Expenses	8,214	5,791
Note 4: Cash assets		
Bank accounts:		
Cash at Bank	87,488	168,170
Bendigo Bank TD	-	180,000
ING Term Deposit 1	-	58,000
ING Term Deposit 2	-	58,000
ING Foundation Account	51	
UCA Cash Fund Held In Trust – RHSV	204,355	
UCA Growth Fund Held In Trust – RHSV	211,427	
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	503,320	464,170
Note 5: Trade Receivables		
Current		
Trade debtors and other receivables	36,393	30,130
Total Trade Receivables	36,393	30,130
Note 6: Trade and Other Payables		
Unsecured:		
Trade Creditors	7,810	5,791
Total Trade Payables	7,810	5,791
Note 7: Reserves		
General Reserve	488,509	434,185
Total Reserves	488,509	434,185



Royal Historical Society of Victoria Foundation Committee's Report For the year ended 31 December 2017

Your committee members submit the financial accounts of the Royal Historical Society of Victoria Foundation for the financial year ended 31 December 2017.

Committee Members

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

Chair	Jim Dixon
President	Don Garden
Treasurer	Robert Barnes
Member	Daryl Hawkey
Member	John Fitzgerald
Member	Keith Kendall
Ex officio	Rosemary Cameron

Principal Activities

The principal activity of the association during the financial year was the holding of cash investments.

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 2017 amounted to \$43,395.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the Committee on:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Don Garden' written over a horizontal dotted line.

Don Garden (President)

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Jim Dixon' written over a horizontal dotted line.

Jim Dixon (Chair)


Dated: 9 May 2018

Royal Historical Society of Victoria Foundation.
Statement by Members of the Committee
For the year ended 31 December 2017

In the opinion of the Members of the Committee the Foundation is not a reporting entity and that the Statement of Comprehensive Income, Statement of Financial Position, Detailed Income Statement and Notes to the Financial Statements:

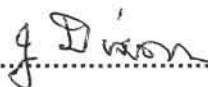
1. Presents fairly the financial position of Royal Historical Society of Victoria Foundation as at 31 December 2017 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with accounting policies outlined in Note 1 of the financial accounts.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the association 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:



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Don Garden (President)



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Jim Dixon (Chair)

Dated: 9 May 2018



Royal Historical Society of Victoria Foundation.
Certificate by Members of the Committee
For the year ended 31 December 2017

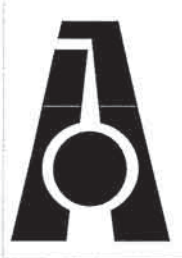
I, Don Garden, and I, Jim Dixon

certify that:

1. We are members of the Committee of Royal Historical Society of Victoria Foundation.
2. We attended the annual general meeting of the association held on 15 May 2018 .
3. We are authorised to sign this certificate.
4. This annual statement was submitted to the members of the association at its annual general meeting.

Don Garden (President)

Jim Dixon (Chair)



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REVIEW REPORT TO THE ROYAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF VICTORIA FOUNDATION

Report on the Financial Report

I have reviewed the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report of Royal Historical Society of Victoria Foundation (the "Foundation"), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2017, the statement of comprehensive income and detailed income statement for the year ended on that date, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the Statement by Committee.

Trustees' Responsibility for the Financial Report

The responsible parties of the registered entity are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 to the financial report is appropriate to meet the requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* (ACNC Act). The responsible parties' responsibility also includes such internal control that the Trustee determines is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express a conclusion on the financial report based on my review. I conducted my review in accordance with Auditing Standard on Review Engagements ASRE 2415 *Review of a Financial Report: Company Limited by Guarantee or an Entity Reporting under the ACNC Act or Other Applicable Legislation or Regulation*, in order to state whether, on the basis of the procedures described, anything has come to my attention that causes me to believe that the financial report does not satisfy the requirements of Division 60 of the ACNC Act including: giving a true and fair view of the registered entity's financial position as at 31 December 2017 and its performance for the year ended on that date; and complying with the Australian Accounting Standards and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013* (ACNC Regulation). ASRE 2415 requires that I comply with the ethical requirements relevant to the review of the financial report.

A review of a financial report consists of making enquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards and consequently does not enable me to obtain assurance that I would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, I do not express an audit opinion.

Conclusion

Based on my review, which is not an audit, nothing has come to my attention that causes me to believe that the financial report of the "Foundation" does not satisfy the requirements of Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* including:

- (a) giving a true and fair view of the registered entity's financial position as at 31 December 2017 and of its financial performance and cash flows for the year ended on that date; and
- (b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1, and Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013*.

In conducting the "Foundation" audit review, I confirm that the "Foundation" complied with the Private Ancillary Fund Guidelines in respect of the year ended 31 December 2017



Basis of Accounting

Without modifying my conclusion, I draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the Trustees' financial reporting responsibilities under the ACNC Act. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

Stephen R Allen

Mr Stephen Robert Allen BBus Acc. MIPA
Alkemade & Associates
Suite 2, 107 Union Rd
Surrey Hills Vic 3127

Signed on :...9th day of May 2018

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 and 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

Or

DIRECT DEBIT

ANZ

Royal Historical Society of Victoria,
BSB 013040
A/c 3475 70336

A receipt will be issued for all donations of at least \$2, which may be deductible for tax purposes.

Become a member of the RHSV

historyvictoria.org.au

We value our members - they are our lifeblood. Members enjoy not only a wide range of benefits but they have a multitude of opportunities to volunteer and to become involved in the RHSV through its many committees.

To become a member download information from our website: <http://www.historyvictoria.org.au/support-us/become-a-member>

Or phone the office on 9326 9288.

We thank all our members and hope we continue to deliver programs, advocacy and value for money and, of course, to champion Victoria's history and keep it alive.

RHSV Councillors and Staff

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Her Excellency the Honourable Linda Dessau AC Governor of Victoria

PRESIDENT

Assoc. Prof Don Garden OAM FRHSV, FFAHS

VICE PRESIDENT

Elisabeth Jackson

TREASURER

Dr Robert Barnes FRHSV

SECRETARY

Carole Woods FRHSV

COUNCILLORS

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Emeritus Professor Richard Broome FRHSV
Dr Jane Carolan OAM
Jim Dixon
George Fernando
Dr Cheryl Griffin (until Nov 2017)
Daryl F. Hawkey
Alleyne Hockley
Adjunct. Professor Judith Smart FRHSV (until May 2017)
Emeritus Professor Chips Sowerwine
Dr Rosalie Triolo
Dr Noel Turner

HISTORY VICTORIA SUPPORT GROUP

Dr Cheryl Griffin - Convenor until Nov 2017 (Coburg Historical Society)
Alleyne Hockley Convenor from Nov 2017 (Castlemaine Historical Society)
Bernard Bolch (Walhalla Heritage League)
George Fernando (Camberwell Historical Society)
David Langdon (Richmond & Burnley Historical Society)
Jane Nigro (Malvern Historical Society)
Judy Richards (Stratford Historical Society)
Larina Strauch (Kyneton Historical Society)
Sue Thompson (Lilydale & District Historical Society).
Ex-officio
Don Garden
Kate Prinsley (until Oct 2017)
Rosemary Cameron (from Oct 2017)
Christine Worthington.

COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

Executive & Finance Committee

Don Garden (chair), Robert Barnes, Richard Broome, Jim Dixon, Elisabeth Jackson, Carole Woods. Gerardine Horgan (until Sep 2017), Kate Prinsley (until Oct 2017), Farzana Ahmed (from Oct 2017) Rosemary Cameron (from Oct 2017) (ex-officio).
Responsible for governance, financial management, strategic planning.

Publications Committee

Richard Broome (chair), David Harris (until June 2017), Jill Barnard, Rozzi Bazzini, Marilyn Bowler, Marie Clark, Mimi Colligan, Jonathan Craig (from July 2017), Don Gibb, John Rickard, Judith Smart, Lee Sulkowska (from Oct 2017), Carole Woods. Don Garden, Kate Prinsley (until Oct 2017) (ex-officio). Honorary indexer: Terri Mackenzie.
Responsible for Victorian Historical Journal and other RHSV publications.

Events and Outreach Committee

Andrew Lemon (chair), Jane Carolan, Maree Coote, Cheryl Griffin (until Nov 2017). Don Garden, Kate Prinsley (until Oct 2017), Rosemary Cameron (from Oct 2017) and Christine Worthington (ex-officio).
Responsible for specific events such as conferences, lecture program, the book fair and Open House.

Membership Development Committee

Rosalie Triolo (chair), Robert Barnes, Liz Bath (from Dec 2017), Cheryl Griffin (retired Nov 2017), Carole Woods. Don Garden, Kate Prinsley (until Oct 2017) Rosemary Cameron (from Oct 2017) (ex-officio).
Responsible for strategic planning to increase and retain membership.

Collections Committee

Elisabeth Jackson (chair), Richard Barnden, Margaret Birtley, Jillian Nicholls, Elizabeth Willis, Deidre Wilmott. Don Garden, Kate Prinsley (until Oct 2017), Rosemary Cameron (from Oct 2017) Christine Worthington (ex-officio).
Responsible for library, images, manuscripts, IT and research projects.

History Victoria Support Group

Cheryl Griffith (convenor).
Delegates as listed above.
Responsible for historical societies, networking, professional development.

RHSV Foundation

Jim Dixon (chair), Robert Barnes, Daryl Hawkey, John Fitzgerald, Keith Kendall. Don Garden, Kate Prinsley (until Oct 2017), Rosemary Cameron (from Oct 2017) ex-officio.

Responsible for the promotion and development of RHSV Foundation.

Fellows Committee

Carole Woods (chair), Robert Barnes, Richard Broome, Don Garden, Judith Smart.

To meet as required under the RHSV Constitution.

Heritage Committee

Chips Sowerwine (chair), Margaret Anderson, Judith Smart, Ian Wight. Don Garden, Kate Prinsley (until Oct 2017), Rosemary Cameron (from Oct 2017) (ex-officio).

Works to protect built heritage in Melbourne and, with local historical societies, across Victoria.

Victorian Community History Awards Organising Committee

Carole Woods (chair), Lenore Frost, Kate Prinsley (ex-officio).

Responsible for management of the RHSV part of the Victorian Community History Awards.

THE RHSV is represented on the following committees

Australian Heritage Council
Federation of Historical Societies
History Council of Victoria
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