



History NEWS

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Royal Historical Society of Victoria

THE PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION INQUIRY INTO AUSTRALIA'S HISTORIC BUILT HERITAGE

A rare chance to influence the policy settings for historic heritage

The Productivity Commission is undertaking a broad-ranging inquiry into Australia's historic built heritage. In particular the Commission is required to examine not just the economic benefits and costs of conserving and managing our heritage places, but also the social and environmental benefits and costs.

The Commission has released a detailed issues paper which contains a broad range of questions.

This paper is available on line at <http://www.pc.gov.au/inquiry/heritage/tor.html>.

This is a real opportunity for all organisations and individuals with an interest in heritage places and history to make a submission to the Inquiry.

Submissions can be made by registering on-line at www.pc.gov.au/inquiry/heritage/index.html, or by contacting Jill Irvine on tel (02) 620 3223 or by fax (02) 6240 3311 or by mail to Heritage Inquiry, Productivity Commission, PO Box 80 Belconnen ACT 2616. A closing date for submissions is 29 July 2005. Public hearings will take place in June-July 2005 and a draft report will be released 2005, final report April 2006.



Friends of St
Kilda Cemetery
re-enact a not so
grave celebration to
commemorate 150
years of St Kilda
General Cemetery.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Thanks for Prompt Subs

Thanks to everyone for paying renewals so promptly. To reduce costs we will not be issuing membership cards unless requested. However, receipts will be posted for all donations. The *Annual Report 2004* is available by request or on our website: www.historyvictoria.org

Congratulations

Congratulations Janet Hawkins from Woodend and Macedon Heritage Society and Susan Jennison from Keilor Historical Society who received OAMs in the Queens Birthday Honours list.

Why Melbourne? Wins Award

The RHSV is very pleased to announce that its 'Why Melbourne?' online exhibition at www.historyvictoria.org.au was Highly Commended by the Museums Australia Publications Design Awards 2005. The online exhibition was created by Delsha Rees - BurningCuriosity.com.au and is a visual feast on the early history of Melbourne. For those who have not yet seen it, we urge you to have a look by logging in to the RHSV website as soon as possible.



Minister Jennings launched the Travellers Aid Exhibition: *A Warm and Home Like Welcome* on Tuesday June 7.

HISTORY VICTORIA SUPPORT GROUP

SEMINAR DAY SATURDAY 23 JULY 2005

LOCAL HISTORY INTO THE FUTURE (Multimedia & Information Technology)

239 A'Beckett Street, Melbourne, 3000

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Whistle up a memory

At the Wangaratta opening of the 'Making Tracks' exhibition on Thursday 5 May the extra panel assembled by local historical societies and railway buffs provided an insight into locomotive whistling.

Apparently there were distinctive sounds from different types of locomotives and even signature tunes from drivers, played by skilful manipulation of the operating toggle.

The 'Memory Album' grows and grows. I like the story from its Mildura sojourn, of the blond toddler, the son of a stationmaster at whose siding the sleeping car of the Chief Commissioner, Harold Clapp, was expected to park during an official inspection. For weeks the station staff cleaned up. Each day the stationmaster would arrive home exhausted, mouthing his opinion of "Bloody Clapp". Imagine his dismay when on inspection morning, the little boy was lost, only to appear eating an apple and hand-in-hand with "Bloody Clapp". Had he blurted out his father's curse? The family lived on tenterhooks for weeks.

Wangaratta, reached by rail in 1873, is notable for branch lines. One went to the Murray at Wahgunyah, others into the mountains at Beechworth and Bright, as well as by narrow gauge up the King Valley to Whitfield. They opened up the country, taking in supplies and bringing out distinctive local produce like tobacco, hops, apples and nuts.

Weston Bate

Making Tracks Report

Louisa Scott is the new Project Manager for *Making Tracks*. (Judith Penrose has gone off to delve into the mummies at the Melbourne Museum.) During May, *Making Tracks* visited Wangaratta. The exhibition which included the newly added *Northeast Railway Story* received a good response. Thanks to Wangrail Inc., Chiltern Railway Station, Wangaratta Historical Society, Bright Historical Society, Myrtleford Historical Society, Wodonga Historical Society, Tallangatta Historical Society and the Wangaratta Council. The exhibition will continue its tour to Latrobe Council Offices, Traralgon

Annual General Meeting Report

The 95th AGM was held on Tuesday June 14th at 5.00pm. About fifty people attended, at which Weston Bate summarised the previous year as great adventure.

Under the stewardship of Liz Rushen the image of the RHSV had been raised, its influence extended. Highlights of the year had been in IT, particularly the opportunities presented in *my connected community*, and the success of the History Victoria Support Group.

The triumph of the year had been the travelling exhibition *Making Tracks* and its wonderful impact in bringing societies together.

Challenges for the year ahead lay in putting the RHSV finances on a firm footing and it was with pleasure that he was able to announce that Gordon Moffat is to become a Benefactor and assist the Council.

Rod Benjamin gave a summary of a poor year financially but stressed the implementation of budget controls for the next financial year.

Weston Bate stood down as President, and after elections for office Joan Hunt and Rod Benjamin expressed on behalf of the Society their heartfelt thanks to both Weston and Janice Bate for their outstanding contribution to the RHSV.

Two Fellows were announced:
Don Gibb and Richard Morton.

Dr Richard Morton's advocacy of history has remained undiminished in his professional retirement. Personal and grassroots history interests led to membership of the Warrandyte Historical Society. He edited the Newsletter of the History Institute of Victoria until it was wound up in 2001. In 1998 he joined the RHSV Publications Committee and took on the demanding task of Honorary Editor of the *Journal* from 1999 to 2004. During part of that time he also served on Council. Under his direction, the *Journal's* publishing process was upgraded using Information Technology, the design improved, and costs reduced. Content was notably strengthened, with issues commemorating the sesquicentenaries of Victoria's gold discoveries, its police force and Eureka, achieving special distinction. The Society is grateful that his support of Publications is continuing.

Associate Professor Don Gibb, school teacher and academic (at Rusden and Deakin), moved into local history through an MA on Sandringham. He has championed it in his teaching and practised it especially as an originator of the Canterbury History Group,

for whom he has been a mover and mentor. He co-authored *Visions of a Village*, an evocative study of Canterbury shops and shopping. A long-time member and councillor of the RHSV, Don chairs the Publications Committee

and is one of the Society's delegates to the Federation of Australian Historical Societies.

Merit Awards were announced: Richard Barnden, Dorothy Minkoff, Nonie Long from the RHSV; Mary Bradshaw from Skipton Historical Society; and Murray Houghton from Warrandyte Historical Society. (Our commendations will be published in the next edition of *History News*.)

The Council for 2005/6 is:

President: Bill Russell
 Immediate Past President: Weston Bate
 Vice President: Joan Hunt
 Treasurer: Rod Benjamin
 Ordinary Members:
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 Don Garden
 Don Gibb
 Nonie Long
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Family and local histories a speciality

Shipping Exhibition launched

There was no champagne across the bow, but the RHSV's exhibition of some of its paintings of ships was launched across the walls of our exhibition space. Related works from others areas of the Collection show the interdependence of the various genres of materials we hold. Curated by Sandy Sutcliffe and David Thompson, supported by numerous other volunteers from all areas of the Society and all ably led by Kate Prinsley, the exhibition closes in July.

Bumper Book Sale

The Book Sale on 15 May brought the Society a welcome \$3800. That will rise with the remaining good quality books, as well as Victorian parish and topographical maps, being offered to members and the public at mini-sales on Fridays.

Thank you to all donors of stock, to Barbara Nixon and Phillipa Ryan who staffed the refreshments, and to the generous givers of time and energy in transporting, sorting, pricing, setting up, selling and packing away - Richard Barnden, Weston Bate, Rod Benjamin, Wes Callender, Don Garden, Don Gibb, Maureen Goldie, David McCarthy, Gwen McWilliam, Chris Manchee, Dorothy Minkoff, Diana Phoenix, Margery Priestley, Ken Sheahan, Peter Yule, the perceptive valuer, and to our staff Gerardine, Judith B. and Kate who enlisted her whole family!

Susan Priestley

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LECTURES

In 2005 the evening lecture series (February to November) will be on the second Tuesday of the month instead of the third Tuesday, the latter dates being set aside for monthly Council meetings. Occasional lunchtime lectures can be on any Tuesday. Check the What's On timetable on the back page of History News and/or the Calendar of Events in the quarterly flyers.

Lectures are free to members, and \$5.50 for non-members. They are held at the RHSV premises, entry from William Street.

JULY LECTURE

The Rail Tale

Date: Tuesday 12 July

Time: 5.45 pm

Cost: Free to members

\$5.50 to non-members

Note: Coffee and tea will be served from 5.15 pm

Judith Penrose has curated the extraordinary travelling exhibition *'Making Tracks'* which began its journey appropriately at Station Pier in September 2004 and has since visited Geelong, Ararat, Bendigo, Mildura and Wangaratta and is now at Traralgon

The exhibition marks 150 years of Australian railway history with the first train in Australia running from Melbourne to Sandridge - now Port Melbourne.

Judith will speak about her experience researching and curating the exhibition.

WORKSHOPS

Indexing for Historical Societies

Date Friday 26 August

Time 10.00 – 3.00

Cost \$45 – non members

\$40 members

[Fee includes morning tea and book.]

BYO LUNCH

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL - 9326 9288

John Adams, a member of the Australian Society of Indexers and Fellow and honorary indexer for our Society's Victorian Historical Journal, will outline the processes of indexing including the selection of key words and formatting index entries. Particular issues relevant to the peculiarities of indexing non-books items (periodicals, manuscripts, newspapers, photographs and other non-text materials) will also be discussed. A copy of *Indexing for Historical Societies* will be provided to each participant at this year's workshop.

Oral History Workshop

The Oral History Association of Victoria is holding an all-day workshop on Saturday July 30 at the Victorian Archives Centre, looking at the theory and practice of oral history. Further information: Lesley Alves – 9438 2791

AUGUST LECTURES

Student Historians

Date: Tuesday 9 August

Time: 5.45 pm

Cost: Free to members

\$5.50 non-members

Note: Coffee and tea will be served at 5.15.

This will be a great opportunity to hear from some of the most creative young men and women at our universities. They will discuss their cutting edge research and new approaches to history. Please call the RHSV for further details.

Lighthouse on the Boulevard

Date: Tuesday 23 August

Time: 5.45pm

Cost: Free to members

\$5.50 to non-members

Note: Coffee and tea from 5.15 pm

Judith Buckrich will discuss her new book *Lighthouse on the Boulevard: A History of the Royal Victorian Institute for the Blind 1866-2004* published by Australian Scholarly 2005.

What was it like to be blind in 1900?

Did you know that up until the late 1800s people who were blind or vision impaired had no voting rights, libraries, or schooling and faced mass discrimination? In such difficult circumstances the Royal Victorian Institute for the Blind was formed. Established in 1866, it provided services for people who were blind, and was the first organisation and school of its type in Australia. It also paved the way for similar developments across the nation.

SEPT LECTURE & EXCURSION

Lunchtime Talk & Walk

Date: Tuesday 6 September

Time: 1.00pm

Cost: \$10 Members

\$15 Non-Members

Following an introductory talk, accompany Weston Bate on a fascinating walk through some of Melbourne's historic streets and lanes.

Bookings 9326 9288

EXCURSIONS

ANNOUNCING the Along the Murray in November excursion

This year's long excursion, from Monday 7th to Friday 11 November, will focus on the Murray River.

It will take in Echuca (1st night), a diversion to Deniliquin on the Edwards River and then to Swan Hill (2nd night). The latter half of the tour will be in the Mildura district and include a look at the Darling River at Wentworth. We will explore how the region's resources have lured people to settle there, and ponder the bewitching power of the river on generations of residents.

McHarry's of Geelong will again provide the coach and skilful driver. Motor inn accommodation is at the Settlement in Echuca, the Jane Eliza in Swan Hill and the Commodore in Mildura. Cost will be in the region of \$650 pp twin share, with single accommodation \$750. This is all inclusive except for lunch on the first day.



A booking form with further details will be sent with the September Newsletter, but you can join the dozen or so who have already expressed interest by putting your name down at the RHSV office.

Susan Priestley (for the Excursions Committee)

Excursion: Bountiful Brighton

Date: Thursday 4 August

Time: 10am – 4pm

Cost : \$30 members;
\$35 non-members.

Please call the RHSV to book: 9326 9288

Meeting Place: Brighton Beach railway station.

Discover the bounties of Brighton with its renowned historian Weston Bate. A coach tour of the suburb in the morning will be followed by a 'Helen Broad lunch' and an afternoon visit to the Brighton Historical Society rooms in the former Brighton Town Hall.

The coach will leave Brighton Beach railway station (Sandringham line) at 10am, and drop us off at lunchtime. The Brighton Historical Society's rooms are within easy distance of Middle and North Brighton stations and several bus routes for your journey home.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Victorian Community Foundation - Holsworth Local Heritage Trust

GRANTS FOR PUBLICATION OF LOCAL HISTORY

The Trustees of the Holsworth Local Heritage Trust, a charitable fund with the Victorian Community Foundation, are happy to announce that following a review of the trust purpose a new granting program has been established.

The Trustees invite applications for grants from not-for-profit organisations such as historical societies, clubs, schools and museums in rural Victoria. Grants of up to \$1,000 are available for projects that will enable the preservation and appreciation through publication, of local and other history in rural Victoria.

Closing date for applications is 1 October 2005.

The grants will be offered annually and successful applicants will be expected to publish within one year of receipt of a grant.

Application forms are available from the Victorian Community Foundation, ANZ Charitable Services, GPO Box 389D, Melbourne, Vic 3001, or fax (03) 9273 2319. For further information please phone Maria Stylianou on (03) 9273 2701 or email charitabletrusts@anz.com

Melbourne Day Celebrations –

August 30 – include opportunity to visit free of charge the replica of the schooner 'Enterprize' at New Quay, Docklands, 10.00 – 5.00.

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Victorian Community History Awards 2005

The Royal Historical Society of Victoria was delighted to join forces again with Information Victoria in organising the Victorian Community History Awards. Now in its eighth year the aim of the awards is to develop awareness of community history across Victoria and to promote excellence within historical research, ultimately to the benefit of all Victorians.



Justin Corfield and Dorothy Wickam.

THE OVERALL WINNER - *The Eureka Encyclopaedia* by Justin Corfield, Dorothy Wickham and Clare Gervasoni, fittingly published in 2004, the 150th anniversary year of the Eureka Stockade – was described by the judges as a “Work of strength, depth, good research and entertainment, while remaining accessible to all.”

The overall winner received \$5,000 whilst the winner of each of the six categories receives \$1,000. The prizelist follows with the judges annotations.

Best Collaborative/Community Work

Category Winner:

Carlton: A History

Produced by the Carlton Residents Association Inc. Edited by Peter Yule.

“Fifty-two fine essays grace this book, which might sound a large number, but not when you consider the diversity of Carlton’s rich history, which has included successive waves of immigrants. One important thing about these essays is that they were written by experts in their various fields. Their passion for Carlton is obvious. The project is a splendid success.”

Commendations:

A German Church in the Garden of God: Melbourne’s Trinity Lutheran Church 1853-2003.

Edited by Herbert D. Mees

“This book is distinguished by good words, fine typography and lavish illustrations...(it reaches) out from church history to embrace social and cultural matters.”

The National Trust Research Manual: Trace the History of Your House or Other Places.

Produced by the National Trust of Australia (Victoria), Edited by Celestina Sagazio.

“An excellent publication...the contributors are distinguished in the field of heritage conservation”

Slab Hut to Red Brick: Ivanhoe Primary School 1853-2003

By Teresa Castelvetera, Dianne Fox and Louse Ryan

“Volume One is in three sections, each by a different

author, and it deals with community, history and reminiscences”

No Locked Doors: Jewish Life in Shepparton.

By Shirley Randles

“It is an affectionate account of the community which developed when eight Jewish families established a neighbourhood of orchardists in Shepparton in the 1920s”

“I remember that....” Life in and around Snake Valley

Produced by Leanne Beeson-Canty and Maria Edmondson for the Snake Valley and District Historical Society

“This sort of project is often ordinary, but this one is written and presented with flair.”

Best Print/Publication

CATEGORY WINNER

The Enduring Rip: A History of Queenscliffe

Produced by the Borough of Queenscliffe. Written by Barry Hill.

“Here is a grand book which tells a good story in a witty, elegant and unhurried way”

COMMENDATIONS

Robert Hoddle, Pioneer Surveyor, 1794-1881

By Berres Hoddle Colville

“The author is a Hoddle descendant, and she says that this is her first biography. This book expands our knowledge of the man”

Car Wars: How The Car Won Our Hearts And Conquered Our Cities

By Graeme Davison

“Lucid writing, excellent research and great perception stamp Professor Davison yet again as a formidable author”

Blood Matters: A Social History of the Victorian Red Cross Blood Transfusion Service

By Matthew Klugman

“...a scholarly, well written account of a subject which ...might seem to lack warmth and attraction. Mr Klugman has handled his topic with skill”

John Wren: A Life Reconsidered

By James Griffin

“Access to new material is one of the factors which led Professor Griffin to reassess Frank Hardy’s *Power Without Glory*...Hardy emerges badly.... from this sober, balanced and thoughtful book”

Coopers Creek, Gippsland; The Trevisani

By Diana Ruzzene Grollo

“From the 1920s to the 1950s a group of Italian families from the province of Treviso lived and worked in isolation at Coopers Creek and Jubilee in the hill country near Walhalla. They were poor timber cutters and lime workers, but happy in their shared dialect, history, religion and culture. Their descendants live now in Melbourne’s northern suburbs maintaining friendships

which are now five generations old”

Memories in Glass. Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Kew

By Geraldine McFarlane

“...this book is graceful...it introduces us to twenty two stained glass windows. Their history and what they symbolise in Christian culture. We also meet some interesting locals”

Best Walk/ Tour

CATEGORY WINNER

Exploring Hamilton Walks

Produced by Margaret Gardner and Val Heffernan, The Hamilton History Centre

“A series of five booklets offers a total of 123 stops. It contains clear maps and good illustrations....an excellent asset to a tourist”.

COMMENDED

Beechworth: Echoes of History: Follow the Pioneers”

Co-ordinated by Joy Phillips, Bob Simpson and Margaret Carlton

An extremely compact guide which can be understood at a glance”

Walking Melbourne: The National Trust Guide to the Historic and Architectural Landmarks of Central Melbourne

Produced by The National Trust of Australia (Victoria) by Rohan Storey.

“Large in scope, easy to read and well-illustrated.”

Radical Melbourne 2, the enemy within

By Jeff Sparrow and Jill Sparrow

“Not only radicals, but quite a few ratbags have got into the pages of this second radical-Melbourne book. Many people will enjoy the walkThere are some laughs too.”

Maldon: Portrait of a Goldfields Town

By Vivien Markham and Andrew Leckie

“A very attractive booklet with many illustrations, a central map and a lot of information”

BEST AUDIO-VISUAL/MULTIMEDIA

Happy Birthday Robinvale

By Beverley Harbinson, Euston/Robinvale Historical Society

“A lively, clever film that uses snatches of interviews with Robinvale residents and animated cartoon figures to capture the character of the town on its eightieth birthday....it fulfilled the judges’ wish to see innovation in the entries”

COMMENDATIONS

Tractor Stories – An exhibition at Wheatlands

By Warracknabeal Historical Society and Malcolm McKinnon

“Old farmers reminisce about their now retired horses and their early model tractors....an entertaining program, well presented.”

Why Melbourne? From Dreamtime to the Capital of Victoria

A website by Delsha Rees

"A good introduction to Melbourne history which many young people might find more appealing than a book"

Bealiba - Early Industries

By Jeremy Lloyd

"An affectionate look at the old gold town of Bealiba"

Best Exhibit/ Display

CATEGORY WINNER

Harvests, Headlands and Halcyon Heritage

By David Williams

"An exhibition of professional and childrens' paintings ...an impressive example of community collaboration"

Johnny Mullagh Cricket Centre (and Education Kit)

The West Wimmera Shire Council

"Johnny Mullagh was a member of the victorious 1868 Aboriginal cricket tour of England. This new cricket centre aims not only to honour his memory and that of other Aborigines, but to target children in an education program covering cricket, sailing ships, Aboriginal history, the writing of history, and other topics related to the centre's exhibits."

Beechworth Chinese Cultural Centre

The Beechworth Chinese Cultural Centre and Garden Inc.

"Appropriately, this permanent exhibition is still growing"

People of Mercy Exhibition

Mrs Jan Rice, Mercy Hospital for Women.

"A travelling exhibition on the eve of the Mercy's shift to Heidelberg. It attracted many appreciative audiences."

Best Community Research, Registers & Records

Gallipoli Heroes: A tribute to the men from Western Victoria who gave their lives for their country

By Graeme Massey

"An impressive publication based on records of the Australian War Memorial and the National Archives of Australia. It is a true community work which involved the school's staff and students, the Western Association of Historical Societies, other groups and many people who contributed photographs or information"

COMMENDED

The Big Mech Database

By Jim Lowden, hon.sec. to Mechanic's Institutes of Victoria Inc.

"Everything you wanted to know about mechanics' institutes in Victoria on DVD. A rare resource which contains 4500 pages of historical information, 2800 photographs and 300 architectural drawings."

Rifle Clubs of the Yarra Valley: A historical perspective from 1885 - 2000

By David Rapley

"An interesting reminder of a forgotten Australia"

Pots, Punks and Punters: A history of the hotels of St. Kilda and South Melbourne

By Becky Aizen, St. Kilda Historical Society, series No.5

"This is a good book for what one may read into it."

HISTORY VICTORIA SUPPORT GROUP

SEMINAR DAY SATURDAY

23 JULY 2005

HOSTED BY THE ROYAL HISTORICAL
SOCIETY OF VICTORIA

239 A'Beckett Street,
Melbourne, 3000

Theme: LOCAL HISTORY INTO
THE FUTURE

(Multimedia and Information
Technology)

09.30 Registration and morning tea

10.00 Welcome, introduction, reports, general
information:

Convenor History Victoria Support Group
Joan Hunt - welcome

10.05 President of RHSV Prof. Weston Bate -
introduction

10.10 Executive Officer of RHSV Kate Prinsley
- events report

10.15 Discussion:

Topic: Oral History - From Video Interview to
Publication:

Discussion led by Leeanne Beeson-Canty and Maria Edmondson of Snake Valley & District Historical Society, who received a commendation at the Victorian Community History Awards 2005 for their book "I Remember That", based on oral history video interviews with 17 local residents. Samples of the videos will be shown and the process explained by Leeanne and Maria. All members present are encouraged to contribute, debate and add to the discussion.

11.00 Seminar Paper:

Topic: Multimedia Presentations of Local History:

Keith and Diane White of Nepean Historical Society, who own Lavender Hill Multimedia, will demonstrate their work producing local and family history documentaries on CD-ROM, archiving of records, converting video and film into digital format, scanning and restoring photographs, slides, negatives, documents and drawings, including how they produced the DVD display systems for the museum at Sorrento.

Introduction by Joan Hunt.

Thanks by Prof. Weston Bate

12.15 LUNCH - will be catered at a cost of \$10, to be paid upon registration

1.00 Digital Archives: Daniel Wilksch from Public Records Office Victoria on researching using PROV's new web-site launched in July, with an emphasis on Digital Archives, and the use of digital cameras.

2.00 Internet Research: Irene Fullarton, President of Genealogists Using Microcomputers (GUM), speaking on how to research local and family history sites on the internet.

3.00 Local History Databases: Vicki Court, IT Manager RHSV, speaking on RHSV databases (catalogue of local historical societies' collections; RHSV collection of 39,500 items on-line; Victorian Historical Journal index 1911-2005; Picture Victoria 600,000 images; My Connected Community, etc.)

4.00 Afternoon tea and finish.

Books received by the RHSV

Mary Proctor: Convict, Pioneer and Settler, by Jeff Atkinson. Published by Rosenberg Publishing Pty Ltd. NSW. 2005

Biography of Mary Proctor who arrived in Australia in 1823.

'The route map of times, place and events that Mary Proctor's life leads us through includes her imprisonment and trial in England, transportation by sea to Van Diemen's Land, her time as a female convict and pioneer settler in Tasmania, and as a poor resident of early Melbourne before and during the gold rush. Her life is the history of early Australia in microcosm.'

A Cargo of Women: Susannah Watson and the convicts of the Princess Royal, by Babette Smith. Published by Rosenberg Publishing Pty Ltd. 2005.

'A Cargo of Women traces the chequered story of one hundred women transported together in 1829 on the ship *Princess Royal*. ...Through imaginative and detailed research, Babette Smith presents a personalised view of this group of women.'

Living by Water: A history of Barwon Water and its predecessors, by Leigh Edmonds. Published by Barwon Water 2005.

This book traces the almost one hundred year history Barwon Water which has supplied Geelong and the Barwon region with safe water and a sewerage system.

Aboriginal Victorians: A History since 1800, by Richard Broome. Published by Allen & Unwin supported by La Trobe University, 2005.

'The first history of black-white interaction in Victoria to the present, *Aboriginal Victorians* offers new insights into frontier conflict, attempts at control and assimilation, the Stolen Generation, and Aboriginal survival and identity in modern Australia.'

The Eccentric Mr Wiehholt by Rosamond Siemon. Published by University of Queensland Press, 2005

'Arnold Wienholt - MP, lion hunter and intelligence agent - was a larger-than-life action hero whose eccentricities were legendary. He once hired a circus tent when campaigning for Parliament and offered to box all-comers in the ring....Schooled at Eton and on his family's vast holdings in Queensland, Wienholt fought for empire during the Boer War and was an early exponent of guerrilla warfare. Decorated for bravery in the First World War, he died in mysterious circumstances spying behind the line in northern Africa in 1940.'

On Austral Shores: A modern traveller's guide to the European exploration of the coasts of Victoria and New South Wales. Published by Envirobooks, Annandale NSW 2005.

'...tells in detail for the first time the story of European exploration of the 400 kilometre coast of Victoria and New South Wales....As far as possible this fascinating story is told in the explorers' own words.' The book includes many maps and charts.

JULY-AUGUST 2005

AROUND THE SOCIETIES

This column is compiled by Joan Hunt on behalf of History Victoria Support Group using information provided by Societies either directly or contained in their newsletters. For next issue please send details of forthcoming events by 10 August to joanhunt@netconnect.com.au

BALLARAT GENIES: Speaker for the AGM at 7.30pm on Tuesday 26 July is Dr Liz Rushen: 'An Insight into Researching Women in Family and Local History', at Ballarat Central Library meeting room, 178 Doveton Street north. See www.ballaratgenealogy.org.au.

BOX HILL: On Thursday 21 July at 8.00pm Dr Hugh Wirth will speak on 'Dr Isabel Bruce Reid of Balwyn, Australia's First Female Veterinary Surgeon', at Strabane Hall, 29 Strabane Ave, Box Hill North. The launch of the 'Eminent Women Buried in Box Hill Tour' will be held at 2.00pm on Sunday 31 July at Box Hill Cemetery. Dorothy Hill's book 'The Salvation Army in Box Hill' will be launched on Saturday 2 July, and Dorothy will then speak about her book at 8.00pm on Thursday 18 August at Strabane Hall. Telephone 9897 4167 for more details.

CAMPERDOWN: Guest speakers will be long time Camperdown residents Mrs Thelma McGill and Mr Kevin Code at 8.00pm in the McCabe Room, 241 Manifold Street, on Tuesday 5 July. Thelma will talk of her life as a hairdresser in Camperdown and Kevin will talk of his experiences as a Post Master in several country towns. Phone: 5594 7263 or 5593 1990.

CASTLEMAINE: Guest speaker on Monday 4 July at 7.30pm will be Kevin Morgan, speaking on "Sheriff's Department", at the Former Court House, 7 Goldsmith Cres, Castlemaine. On Monday 8 August at 7.30pm the guest speaker will be Leigh Edmonds, author of "Bringing Home the Bacon". See www.castlemainehistoricalociety.com or phone 5470 6072.

DANDENONG: Jenny and Bruce Thomas will speak on the Keys family at 2.00pm on Sunday 21 August, at the Houlahan Centre, 186 Foster Street east, Dandenong. Email dandhist@yahoo.com.au or phone 9794 8967.

EAST MELBOURNE: On Wednesday 17 August at 8.00pm Prof. David Aspin will talk on the history of Holy Trinity Church, East Melbourne. This year marks 125 years since the first Holy Trinity was built on the old cathedral reserve. Meet at Clarendon Terrace, 210 Clarendon Street, East Melbourne. Enquiries: phone Sylvia on 9417 2037.

ELTHAM: At 8.00pm on Wednesday 13 July a musical evening entitled 'Local Heroes' will be held at Eltham Senior Citizens' Centre, Library Place, which was formerly the old Shire Office driveway. The Eltham Local History Centre is at 728 Main Road, Eltham, open by appointment - phone Gwen on 9439 8642 or Harry on 9439 9717.

ESSENDON: The AGM will be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 16 July at the Old Moonee Ponds Courthouse Museum, cnr Mt Alexander Road and Kellaway Avenue. The museum is open 2-5pm Sundays. Contact Alwyne on 9379 2679.

FLINDERS: The AGM will be held on Sunday 3 July at Flinders Hall, when Society projects will be presented, such as the map of aboriginal place names of the Morning Peninsula, a book of poems by Henry Tuck, a leaflet for walks through Flinders, and a set of images of the former mural from the Flinders Hotel. Contact Heather on 5989 0145 for more details.

HASTINGS-WESTERN PORT: On Monday 1st August at 7.30pm a meeting will be held at the Museum, Pioneer Cottage built c1900, of which the garden is quite a feature, at the corner of Marine Parade and Skinner Streets, Hastings. See www.vicnet.net.au/~dromana/hastings.htm

HAWTHORN: Julia Church, a speaker from the Italian Historical Society, will speak at 2.30pm on Tuesday 19 July at the Hawthorn Library Meeting Room. Phone 9278 4666 for details.

HEIDELBERG: Ron Amor will speak on "Local Agriculture" at 8pm on Tuesday 9 August at the Uniting Church Community Centre, Seddon Street, Ivanhoe. See www.member.telpacific.com.au or phone 9458 3185 or 9499 5222.

HORSHAM: The Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday 6 July when Lindsay Smith will speak on family history. Results of research enquiries published in the newsletter make interesting reading. Phone Allan on 5382 5286 or see <http://www.vicnet.net.au/~hhs>

KNOX: On Monday 1 August at 8pm David Kilderry will speak on the history of the Rowville and Wantirna Drive-In Cinemas, at Ambleside Park Homestead, 3 Olivebank Road, Ferntree Gully, which is also the Society's Resource Centre. See <http://www.vicnet.net.au/~khsinc>

KYNETON: On Wednesday 13 July, commencing at 7.30pm, a Trivia Night will be held at Aesop's Book Shop in High Street, Kyneton. The Society's museum is located in the beautiful bluestone Bank of NSW building (1856) which is reputedly the oldest surviving bank building in the state, on the corner of Piper and Powlett Streets. Also on the grounds is Theaden Homestead (c.1840), open Friday to Sunday and public holidays from 11.00am to 4.00pm. Contact 5422 1228 or (1300) 656 577.

MANSFIELD: On Saturday 23 July a Seminar with speakers from the Public Record Office Victoria and the State Records of New South Wales will be held at the Mulwala & District Services Club, from 9.30am to 3.30pm. This event will be fully catered, costing \$30 all inclusive. See <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~manshs> or phone 5779 1094 for details.

MARYSVILLE: Established in 1969 to promote local historical study, compilation and presentation of authentic records relating to the history of Marysville and District, membership of the Society is available for an annual fee of \$10 per person. The Society conducts meetings, workshops, special projects, and a library and archives. Contact Mary on 5963 3552.

MIDLANDS-MARYBOROUGH: On Wednesday 20 July at 1.30pm Peg Stormont will be guest of honour, the topic being 'Family History', at Worsley Cottage, 3 Palmerston St, Maryborough. See <http://home.vicnet.net.au/mbhs/>

MORNINGTON: A Show and Tell session entitled "Bring Out Your Treasures" will be held at 10.30am on Tuesday 12 July in the Old Post Office Museum, Cnr Main Street and The Esplanade, Mornington. Denis Collings, President of the Peninsula Stamp Club, will speak at 10.30am on Tuesday 9 August on researching and writing the history of Mornington Peninsula postmarks. The AGM will be held at 2.30pm on Saturday 27 August, when Libby Skidmore will give the Leslie Moorhead Memorial Lecture, titled "The History of Education in Victoria 1905-2005". Ring Diane on 5989 2219 for details.

MORWELL: The 60th anniversary of the opening of the 'La Mode' Industries building in Winifred Street will be held on Wednesday 13 July. Contact Elsie on 5134 1149 for more details, or see www.LatrobeCityOnline.com.

NARRE WARREN: The Family History Group's AGM will be held at 2.00pm on Saturday 9 July, at the meeting room of Narre Warren Library in Overland Drive. The Monuments and Memorials Project is under way, so if anyone knows of honour boards or other memorials may be found please email pamelalowther@optusnet.com.au or phone Pam on 9704 9598. See website: <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~nwflg>

NEPEAN: The mid-year luncheon will be held on Friday 1 July at 12 noon in the Rye Hotel Blue Water Function Room. On Friday 5 August at 5.00pm the meeting will be held at the museum, 827 Melbourne Road, Sorrento. See www.nepeanhistoricalociety.asn.au or phone Don on 5984 0255.

NILLUMBIK: A casserole tea will be held at Ellis Cottage, 14 Collins Street, Diamond Creek 3089 at 6pm on Wednesday 3 August, followed at 8pm by the Annual Meeting. Ellis Cottage is open to the public from 2.00pm to 4.00pm the first Sunday each month or b arrangement. Phone 9438 3439.

OAKLEIGH: On Sunday 7 August the St Kilda Cemetery Tour will be held. The Society's rooms at the Monash Federation Centre, 3 Atherton Road, Oakleigh, are open on the first Wednesday of each month from 10am to 2pm. Contact oakhist@monlib.vic.gov.au or phone 9563 2823.

PORT MELBOURNE: Congratulations to Glen Stuart, who has won the 2005 Museums Australia Industry Recognition Award "for lifetime achievement in the Victorian Museum Sector", recognising his years of commitment as a volunteer with the Port of Melbourne, Polly Woodside Maritime Museum and the Port Melbourne Historical and Preservation Society. See the Society's new website on www.vicnet.net.au/~pmhps

PORT PHILLIP PIONEERS: Dr Elizabeth Rushen will speak on "Female Migration to Australia 1833-1837" at 2.00pm on Saturday 9 July, at St Andrew's Uniting Church Parish Hall, 253A Burke Road, Glen Iris (Melways 59 H7). See <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~pioneers> or phone Marilla on 9822 1776.

RICHMOND & BURNLEY: On Sunday 10 July a walk will be taken along Church Street, home to many notable figures in Richmond and Victorian history, and then around Dockers Hill. For details ring Daryl on 9428 7686. The Society's rooms are in the lower level of Richmond Library, 415 Church Street, open on Sundays from 2.15 to 4.15pm.

SNAKE VALLEY: A video oral history interview with Gladys Sharp will be shown entitled "I Remember That", on Tuesday 12 July at the Society's Rooms in the old RSL Hall, Smythesdale Road. A Show and Tell night will be held on Tuesday 9 August. The Society's newly revamped newsletter, entitled "District Diggings" is produced by an editorial team and is packed full of interesting historical information. Contact by phone to Helen on 5344 9440 or Pat on 5344 9281 or C/- PO Snake Valley, 3351.

ST KILDA: Robin Grow, President of the Art Deco Society will offer fascinating insights into the origins and features of some of St Kilda's most beautiful homes, at 2.30pm on Sunday 10 July at St Kilda Library community room, 150 Carlisle Street. Non-members are welcome at no cost, and afternoon tea is served at 4.00pm. Experience the dark side of St Kilda in the dark of a winter's night at 7pm on Tuesday 19 July, as part of the free walks 2005 program. See www.skhs.org.au

SURREY HILLS: On Monday 15 August at 8.00pm local historian, researcher and author Ken Lyall will speak on "Historic Theatres, Halls and Historic Tales of Balwyn, Canterbury and Surrey Hills", at the Chandler Room of the Neighbourhood Centre, 157 Union Road, Surrey Hills. Phone: 9836 0245.

TRAFALGAR: The Society's "Gazette" of 24 pages, A5 size, and sporting a colourful cover with a 1940 harvesting photograph, is filled with articles of historical interest at only \$3 a copy or \$12.50 for an annual posted subscription. Contact Mrs J. Huffer on 5633 1960.

UNITING CHURCH: On Sunday 17 July at 2.00pm the subject will be "Wesley Church and Its Mission" with several topics and a number of speakers. For details contact Gillian on 9878 3812

WALHALLA: A special event, "Murder on the Walhalla Express" will take place on Saturday 2 July, so book with Shirley on 5634 2243 or Walhalla Goldfields Railway on 5126 4201. See: www.walhalla.org.au

WARRACKNABEAL: Has acquired a painting called "Rolling of the Mallee". Originally part of an Education Department display train in about 1954, it was found under lino in a house in Werribee, and has now been restored and framed locally. The Society has been presented with survey drawings of the railway extensions from Murtoa to Patchewollock, plans prepared 120 years ago. The annual reunion of ex-Warracknabeal residents and friends will again be in September at Ballarat. Contact the Society at PO Box 100, Warracknabeal, 3393.

WARRANTYTE: The AGM will be held at 2pm on Sunday 17 July, when Dr Susan Aykut, a member of the History Council of Victoria, will speak on Turkish baths in Australia. Meet at the Museum, 111 Yarra Street, Warrandyte. Phone Louise on 9844 3600 for details.

WAVERLEY: Ray Price will talk about his experiences while working in Papua New Guinea at 2.00pm on Sunday 24 July at Black Flat Community Centre (old Glen Waverley Primary School), cnr Springvale & Waverley Roads. The AGM will be held on Sunday 28 August. Email: whs@kepl.com.au or phone secretary Marjo on 9544 8792.

WEST BOURKE: On Saturday 20 August from 10am to 4pm the West Bourke Local and Family History Fair will be held at Overnewton Castle, listed on the National Trust Register and the Victorian Heritage Register (Melways 14 F3), at a cost of \$10pp. For more details contact Denise on 9331 3265 or see <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~wbourke>

WHITEHORSE: (Nunawading) The AGM will be held at 1.300pm on Saturday 13 August at the Local History Room at Schwerkolt Cottage and Museum Complex, Deep Creek Rd, Mitcham

(Melway 49 D7), when Joseph Borg will speak about the Maltese Historical Society. See www.vicnet.net.au/dhsinc/ or phone Peter on 9877 0141.

WOADY YALOK: Peter Perry, Director of Castlemaine Art Gallery will speak at 1.30pm on Sunday 17 July at the Court House, 64 Brooke Street, Smythesdale. A family history day will be held at 1.30pm on Sunday 21 August, with speakers Judy Morrison speaking on the Howlett family of Norfolk, and Joan Aisbett speaking on her life at Black Hill, Scarsdale. See www.wyhs.goldlinksweb.com or phone 5342 8754.

WOODEND: Neil MacLean's book "Miss Sim Remembered" is available for \$5 plus \$3 p&p, and "Echoes of the Past, A history of Newham and Cobaw" by Jannys Williams costs \$29.70 plus \$5 p&p from PO Box 124, Woodend, 3442, or see www.vicnet.net.au/~wdhs.

YARRA GLEN: "Recollections and Records of Mining at Steels Creek" by Eric Tetlow, No. 1 in the Society's Publication Series, is now available. See website: www.yarraglenhistorical.websyte.com.au or email Eric on etetlow@alphalink.com.au for details and costs.

WHAT'S ON - July-August 2005

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DATE	DAY	TIME	FUNCTION
July			Ships and shipping exhibition - Treasures from the RHSV Collection continues
7 June-5 August			Aunty Didn't Meet Me - Exhibition of the Travellers Aid Society of Victoria
12 July	Tuesday	5.45	The Rail Tale - talk by Judith Penrose
4 August	Thursday	10am-4pm	Bountiful Brighton - Excursion with Weston Bate
9 August	Tuesday	5.45	Student Historians
23 August	Tuesday	5.45	Judith Buckrich - talk on Lighthouse on the Boulevard: A History of the Royal Victorian Institute for the Blind
26 August	Friday	10:00	Indexing for Historical Societies
6 September	Tuesday	1pm	Weston Bate - talk followed by walk - 'Melbourne's streets and lanes'
13 September	Tuesday	5.45	Richard Broome will talk about his book Aboriginal Victorians: A History since 1800,

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