



History NEWS

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Royal Historical Society of Victoria

History Week

Join us in the theme *Our Place, Our People – Our Story*

Sunday October 12 – Sunday October 19

History Week is here again!!!

The RHSV along with the History Council of Victoria is planning to raise the profile of local history activity throughout the State. Local history: publishing, activities in historical societies and working with communities is at an exciting moment and we want the state of Victoria to share in it.

Join us in the theme *Our Place, Our People – Our Story* and organise an event such as a talk, a walk, a school visit or other local organisation, or even a small exhibition that

we will promote for you during that week. Our aim is large but the projects need only be simple; our aim is to involve as wide a group as possible; our aim is to demonstrate how lively local history is in Victoria.

By your support of History Week we hope to have great impact.

Whatever you have planned let us know by Friday 12 September. For further information and suggested guidelines please call the RHSV office on 9326 9288

GIANT BOOK SALE

SUNDAY 27 JULY
10am – 4pm

Donations of books are now most welcome.

Books on any subject are gratefully received. Please 'phone the office on 9326 9288 to arrange for us to collect them, or bring them in yourself into the RHSV. Remember there's free parking outside the front door for up to 10 minutes.

The RHSV office hours are weekdays 9.00 – 5.00



Please support one of our major fundraisers of the year.

Become a Centennial Donor

Thank you to all those who subscribed to our Centennial Address Book – the response has been spectacular and we now have a sponsor *Publishing Solutions*

The address book is promised to be absolutely gorgeous; beautifully designed, with beautiful photographs and will serve the dual role as a functional address book and treasured memento of our first 100 years.

Written into the address book will be the Society's history as well as anecdotes and wisdoms contributed by Presidents and members who have contributed so much to the Society.

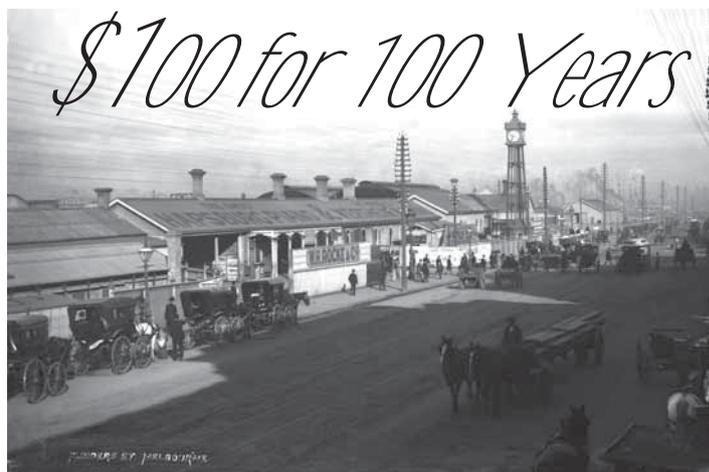
The address book will be resonant with the spirit of the Society and yet, as has always been our way, thoroughly practical.

We still need your help to bring this exciting project to completion. Why not consider becoming a Centennial Donor - *\$100 for 100 years*?

By supporting this project your name will be listed as a Centennial Donor inside the address book.

We look forward to your continued support and being able to produce this beautiful publication as a Centenary Project.

Please accept this offer by 31 July.



HOW TO DONATE

The RHSV has tax exempt status and we can forward you a tax receipt.

Donations can be made in cash, cheque, credit card by 'phone or by email, and by EFT.

Donations can be sent directly to the RHSV, 239 A' Beckett Street Melbourne 3000, by 'phoning 9326 9288, or office@historyvictoria.org.au

WHAT'S ON!

Lectures, seminars, exhibitions now all published in What's On insert.

An update on the Art Deco 2008 Regional Festival by Janice Haynes, Festival Coordinator

State set to turn 'Art Deco' in September

Proposals have been flooding in for Art Deco Regional Festival events from historical societies, community museums and art galleries across the State.

Afternoon teas, picnics, walking, driving and bus tours, film screenings, art exhibitions and displays of decorative arts, talks and radio plays are some of the 1920's and 30's era items that will be showcased during the Festival.

Locations include Ararat, Ballarat, Benalla, Bendigo, Castlemaine, Charlton, Horsham, Mildura, the Mornington Peninsula, Wangaratta, Wycheproof and Yarram with events being presented in a diversity of venues such as Town Halls, historic houses, galleries and theatres.

As the Festival Coordinator I have been very impressed by the passion and enthusiasm



people have shown for all things art deco and the era. "The creativity displayed in planning the events and the way organisers have networked and shared contacts with me has been wonderful."

So look forward to a jazzed, fringed and ragtime period from the 29th August through to the 28th September full of Art Deco Regional Festival Events. Festival program details and locations will be published in the next History News and on the Festival web site: <http://www.alphaville.com.au/artdeco>.

To express interest in involvement or to have your name added to the Art Deco Regional Festival Program mailing list contact me on PH: 9326 9288 or 0437 837 019, Email: j.haynesartdeco@hotmail.com.

And if you love Art Deco make sure you get to the fabulous National Gallery of Victoria Winter Masterpieces exhibition 'Art Deco 1910 – 1939', 28 June to 5 October, <http://www.ngv.vic.gov.au/artdeco>.

VALE

Professor Greg Dening FRHSV (1931-2008)

Greg Dening, who died from a stroke on 13th March while on holiday in Tasmania, was a marvellously creative Historian. His mind, sharpened by Jesuit training, was free-ranging and speculative. He was one of a group of Melbourne historians, including his wife Donna Merwick, Inga Clendinnen and Rhys Isaac, who pioneered ethnographic history.

Greg's work showed a strong anthropological emphasis and a desire to reflect on intangible rather than formal explanations of behaviour. It was always on a human scale. His major writings followed the path set in his first book, *Islands and Beaches* (1980). It was based on extensive fieldwork about culture contact in the Marquesa Islands near Hawaii. That area of the Pacific stimulated his imagination so strongly that he developed the technique of adding reflective chapters to the substantive ones. The interests of another work, *Mr. Bligh's Bad Language* (1992), is revealed by its subtitle, *Power, Passion, and Theatre, on the Bounty*. The theatre of life always caught his eye and sparked his sense of wonder.

Readers of History News will be interested in his adventurous approach to writing a church history- a Roman Catholic Parish in Sydney. *Church Alive! Pilgrims in Faith 1956-2006* (2006), is a inspiring evocation of journeys of faith.

Greg was the Max Crawford Professor of History at Melbourne University from 1971 until his retirement in 1990. He was creative about the course structure of the history department and was a stimulating teacher, who challenged students to think laterally and deeply. They were always struggling to understand his slippery emphases.

Along with the historical geographer Tom Perry, Greg Dening joined RHSV and served on council from 1981 to 1983. They were both impatient with what they regarded as the Society's limited horizons, wanting a stronger intellectual approach and more adventurous programs. Although he gave up in despair, Greg was a worthy recipient of the Society's high honour of a fellowship. Like Geoffrey Blainey's his international reputation added lustre to this organisation.



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The 98th Annual Report

The 98th Annual Report is now available at our website www.historyvictoria.org.au And in hard copy by 'phoning the office 9326 9288.

John Lahey, fellow of RHSV and judge of the Victorian Community History Awards writes about the benefits flowing from the Awards, which have just had their 10th birthday.

Benefits of the Victorian Community History Awards

First, the awards have become the acknowledged outlet for the thousands of suburban and country people who in the past did some research, fashioned it into something (a book, a register, an historic walk) and left it at that. Their only exposure was within their local group. Now they have something definite to write for, and the hearsay evidence suggests they have never been busier.

Without the awards we would see far less activity, not because there's a chance to win a prize, but because creative people falter without an audience and wither without exposure. They blossom when somebody encourages them.

There is another reason for the new activity. These groups, which include historical societies, progress associations, schools and school parents, museum workers, council staff and academics, have never before been subject to such familiarity with each other. Because of the awards, every group in the State has an opportunity to learn what others are doing. Port Melbourne comes to the awards ceremony, takes afternoon tea with Hamilton and goes away thinking, "That's a damn good idea Hamilton came up with. We can do something like that."

You can change the names at will. Port Melbourne and Hamilton are mentioned because they are exceptionally prolific in their output, along with St Kilda and Stonnington.

Over the past ten years we have seen an astounding variety of work because the awards have six categories, within which

there is scope for any way to tell a story or advance the popularity of history. Some efforts, such as collaborative work, can involve hundreds of people. Such an example came to light this year in a two-day festival of Chinese history by the Bright and District Historical Society, in memory of the long-vanished gold miners of the Buckland Valley.

It echoes the 2004 overall winner, a Chinese bridge unveiled by the Wandiligong Preservation Society which, in the absence of money, refused to say die.

One other popular category concerns records and registers, which some people painstakingly compile year by year so that the history of a town, a cemetery, an area or an event will not be forgotten. A brilliant example of this is the 2008 overall winner, the last part of a massive work by Annette O'Donohue and Bev Hanson. It is the Eaglehawk and District Pioneer Register, Volume 6 - T - Z, the culmination of 18 years research to find and list every adult person who spent time on the 4 Eaglehawk goldfields before 1880.

As the judges said in their citation of Volume 6, it contains 392 pages crammed with names, statistics, sudden deaths, robberies, triumphs, court cases, marriages, births, tragedies and people's foibles. A baby pulls down a hot teapot and is scalded to death. A miner, thinking of moving on, suddenly strikes it rich in Poverty Gulley.

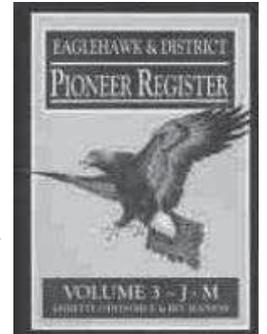
The judges wrote: "There is probably no other Australian work like this extraordinary series, which now totals 1936 pages chronicling the

stories of more than 9600 individuals and families whose presence and activities can be traced to the goldfields."

This brings us to another benefit of the awards. The six Eaglehawk books, like all entries, will go into a pool of historical matter

which the Royal Historical Society of Victoria has been accumulating from the awards each year. One day new researchers will begin asking questions and making deductions: What was the main goldfields crime, was infant mortality high, was drunkenness rife, what was the ratio of Catholic to Protestant? And so on. This pool of entries, the treasury of grassroots historical matter, will go down through generations.

Grassroots is a good word, because overwhelmingly the awards belong to the ordinary people of Victoria. Do you know what else is good about the awards? The companionship at afternoon tea, in the elegant Queen's Hall at Parliament House, when Wandiligong meets Collingwood, and St Kilda meets the Mallee.



Volume Six of the Eaglehawk and District Pioneer Register T-Z has won the \$5000 prize as overall winner of the Victorian Community History Awards 2008

Offer to Affiliated Societies

A recent review of Parliamentary Papers held by the RHSV identified a significant number of duplicates.

It has been decided to offer some of these to affiliated Societies on a 'first come - first served' basis. These papers relate to approximately 150 localities in Victoria and date back to the Colonial Government of the 1850s and 1860s. They are originals and are therefore about 150 years old. Most are single sheets and are of the following nature:

- Proclamations of Farmers or Goldfields Commons
- Local Court Regulations
- Petitions: Liquor Sales Laws or Beer Bill
- Petitions: Licensing of Public Houses Bill
- Petitions: Railways Construction Bill
- Water Supply and irrigation Trusts
- Petitions: State Aid to Religion

We feel that members of Societies that do not have these documents in their collection will find them of particular interest. A few are of

poor quality but nevertheless we feel that those interested in colonial history should benefit.

Should your Society wish to participate in this offer please email RHSV at office@historyvictoria.org.au (or write), indicating the localities in which you have an interest. Requests must come from a Society official (not individual members). Available items will then be posted to the mailing address on the RHSV Affiliated Societies database. Some papers refer to several localities and late applicants may therefore miss out.

Closing date for application is **18 July 2008**.

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

Localising human services: a history of local government human services in Victoria

Robert Lowell, Australian Scholarly Publishing, Melbourne, 2005, pp. xiii + 222. ISBN 1 74097 097 7.

The expanded roles of local governments and debates about their functions, and even the notion of 'human services' are comparatively recent phenomena. Social welfare was primarily left to charitable and religious organisations before the 1960s with state governments providing support when needs became pressing. The major areas were related to public health and welfare, sometimes with federal help especially through income assistance. Direct local government involvement was rare until the 1970s. This book focuses on the developments in local government provision in Victoria over the last 40 years and provides a path-breaking account that adds much to the recent history of local government and our understandings about differences in the provision of basic human services.

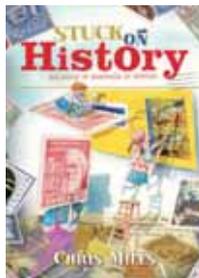
A great school : 150 years at School No. 547, Seymour 1857-2007

John G. and Virginia Jennings, Seymour Primary School, Seymour, 2007, pp. 88, available from John G. Jennings, 73 Goulburn Street, Seymour, 3660, \$10 + \$5 postage.

Arranged chronologically under principals and head teachers (all male and including John Jennings for a period of 14 years), this details school personnel, school events, school development and school statistics. It has a comprehensive index of surnames and will be valuable for forthcoming social historians of Seymour.

Stuck on stamps : the story of Australia in stamps,

Chris Miles, Black Dog Books, 2008, pp.48, \$16-99. ISBN 978-1-74203-033-3.



Written for young readers, the book is a useful reminder of the ways in which stamps both convey and reflect history and heritage.

Ronald Rainy Macdonald OBE : a life of service to others, Wing Commander, country doctor and gentleman,

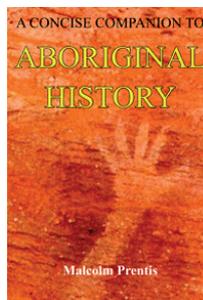
Sally Heerey (compiler and editor), Penfolk Publishing, Blackburn, 2007, pp. xi + 139, \$20 payable to Coffs Harbour Legacy Nursing Home available from Sally Heerey, Apartment T/01, 115 Beach Street, Port Melbourne. ISBN 978 1875894 66 6.

Rainy Macdonald's memoirs deal with growing up on an outback New South Wales sheep station, boarding in Melbourne to complete schooling and medicine at the university in the late 1920s and early 1930s, and then life as an air force medical officer and country doctor in Grafton and Coffs Harbour where he died in 1994. His earlier family history intersects strongly with late 19th century Presbyterianism in Melbourne where his Scottish grandfather was first minister at Toorak Presbyterian Church and later head of the theological college at Ormond College.

A concise companion to Aboriginal history

Malcolm Prentis, Rosenberg Publishing, PO Box 6125 Dural Delivery Centre, NSW 2158, pp. 264, \$29-95. ISBN 9781877058622.

The author has had more than 30 years' involvement in providing helpful guides to students and teachers grappling with Aboriginal history within Australian history. This book fulfils the continuing need for glossaries and dictionaries in an area of considerable publication and re-assessment. Dictionary entries are often accompanied by further reading; there is a useful timeline that does start before the arrival of Europeans; and a short additional bibliography. Users will doubtless find events, terms and people missing from the *Companion* but there is much to be grateful for.



Anglican Church of St Columba, Aspendale : Minutes 1912-1917

Published by St Nicholas Anglican Church. Mordialloc, 9 Bear St, Mordialloc, 3196, pp. 63.

In 2006, these minute books in an exercise book were saved from the tip by the astute occupant of a property in Frankston. They fill what is a large gap in the archives of the now reconstituted parish of Mordialloc. They contain some of the early travails of establishing a parish in a relatively new suburb in the second decade of the 20th century.

Papers and proceedings of the Royal Society of Tasmania: forum on the Sub-Antarctic

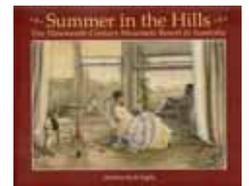
Patricia M. Selkirk, Patrick G. Quilty and Margaret Davies (eds). , Vol. 1. Part1, November 2007. ISSN 0080-4703.

Nearly all of the papers deal with geological, biological, climatic and ecological studies as well as aspects of the conservation and management of the islands that lie in the Southern Ocean, close to the Antarctic region. Australians will probably be more familiar with Macquarie and Heard Islands than with many of the others. The human impact is notably discussed in the last three short papers.

Summer in the hills: the nineteenth-century mountain resort in Australia

Andrea Scott Inglis, Australian Scholarly Publishing, Melbourne, 2007, pp. xxiii + 247, \$44-00. ISBN 1-74097-127-2.

Focusing on Mount Macedon, Toowoomba, the Blue Mountains and Southern Highlands of New South Wales, and the Adelaide Hills, this book

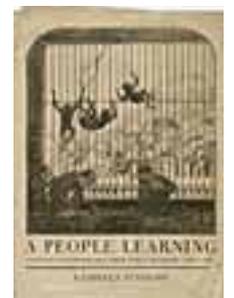


argues for the existence of antipodean hill stations that had links to British India and to ideas in the late 19th century about health in hot climates, but which were distinguished by their approach to the natural environment and to the concept of class.

A people learning: colonial Victorians and their public museums, 1860-1880

Kathleen Fennessy, , Australian Scholarly, Melbourne, 2007, pp. xiii + 321, \$39-95. ISBN 978 1 74097 175 1.

The role of public institutions in promoting learning, self-improvement, civic values and economic growth in post-Gold Rush Melbourne society is thoroughly examined in this finely argued and impressive work.



The Public Library, National Museum, National Gallery, the Industrial and Technological Museum, the Botanic Gardens and the Zoological Gardens were created in this society and were guided by similar and interconnecting aims for public learning. The individual and collective experiences of the institutions are examined in the light of perceptions about modern museums.

Discovering the fascinating world of Mechanics' Institutes

If the walls could speak

Judith Dwyer, Secretary, MIV Inc. reports

Mechanics' Institutes of Victoria not only describes the hundreds of public halls, community centres, libraries, historical societies throughout Victoria, but also the Mechanics' Institutes of Victoria (MIV) - the organisation formed in 1998 "to foster the preservation and restoration of the social, cultural and physical heritage of Mechanics' Institutes".

The seminal work on the social history of Mechanics' Institutes in Victoria is Pam Baragwanath's book *If the walls could speak*, published in 2000. Now out of print, it provides a starting point for anyone wanting to know about mechanics' institutes or to check the origins of a local building or institution.

Pam's notes and her extensive follow-up research are a core element of the Mechanics' Institutes Resource Collection (MIRC) a joint project of the MIV and the Prahran Mechanics' Institute. The collection is comprised of the 'Big Mech' Database of records for almost every mechanics' institute in Victoria; three vertical files of articles, booklets, ephemera, images, and reports for more than 400 individual institutes; and the Pete's Pedia collection of CDs containing professionally scanned images of minute books, building plans, ephemera and other original documents of mechanics' institutes. Two volunteers are currently indexing the material, and a grant from the State Government's Local History Grants Program is assisting with its conservation. For the first time material on Mechanics' Institutes will be available in a centralised location, readily accessible to local historians, heritage architects, genealogists, and researchers of adult education, libraries, and the early social, sporting and intellectual culture of Victoria.

The MIV Newsletter *Useful knowledge*, now edited by Don Barker, is a source of relevant information on grants, legislation, research, publications, etc. for its members. There is a current debate in the Newsletter on the definition of a Mechanics' Institute - is it defined by its role? building? management? history? Readers have been encouraged to add their contribution to the debate. It also keeps MIV members (now numbering close to 200 individuals and organisations) informed of activities "Around the Institutes". From these articles we learn of recent developments at Bonnie Doon (building to be renovated and relocated for use as a library), Malmsbury (successful exhibitions as part of local Heritage Festival), Melbourne Athenaeum (launch of a building fund to "Restore this grand old lady to her former glory"), Fawcett (open day and inspection of restoration progress), Ballarat (official opening of the building re-developments and a resurgence of cultural activities), Neerim Junction (successful, active and highly motivated), Tallarook (book launch of *They called me the Wildman - the prison diary of Hendricke Neilson*, written and illustrated by Robert Hollingworth), and a grant from the Department of Planning and Community Development, Public Libraries Programs, Office of Local Government to be shared by the Mechanics' Institute libraries at Ballarat, Berwick, Footscray, Maldon Athenaeum, Melbourne Athenaeum and Prahran.

The MIV also holds regional forums - in April at the Tallarook MI, and last year at the Narracan MI, located at the Gippsland Heritage Park, Moe. These forums provide an opportunity for members to meet together to share ideas and plans

for the future. Many "city" members also welcome the opportunity to travel to the country to meet their rural counterparts. The vitality and resurgence of Mechanics' Institute activity in regional Victoria is most noticeable. An appreciation of the heritage value of the "local hall" has seen work going into the conservation, preservation and restoration of the buildings. At the same time new ideas for future community activities are being explored and implemented. The MIV organised a successful Tour of Gippsland Mechanics' Institutes in October 2007 - with visits to Walhalla, Toongabbie, Glenmaggie, Boisdale, Briagolong and Stratford, and is currently planning a Tour of the Mechanics' Institutes of the North East region of Victoria for 11-12 October 2008.

This year is the Tenth Anniversary of the Mechanics' Institutes of Victoria Inc. A Commemorative Dinner is planned to celebrate its achievements over the decade - with a special tribute to the five committee members who were foundation members and are still serving - Jim Lowden, Frank Hurley, Graham Dudley, Cathy Milward-Bason and Pam Baragwanath. In 1998 many thought that Mechanics' Institutes were relics of a bygone era, but the activities of individual Mechanics' Institutes and their volunteers throughout the state of Victoria show that they continue to flourish and to respond to their local communities.

History Victoria Support Group Seminar Day

The next History Victoria Support Group Seminar Day will be hosted by Kyneton Historical Society

Saturday 6 September

9.30am to 3.00 pm

The theme of the day will be "Mechanics Institutes". The itinerary for the day will be published in the next *History News*, and letters of invitation will be sent to history and heritage groups in the region around Kyneton.

Put the date in your diary, make your booking with Ged on 93269288, and prepare for a fascinating Seminar Day,

Joan Hunt

Convenor History Victoria Support Group

Vice President RHSV

Funding opportunities – call for applications

VICTORIAN COMMUNITY FOUNDATION – HOLSWORTH LOCAL HERITAGE TRUST

Historical Societies in Regional Victoria are encouraged to apply to the Holsworth Fund to support the production of publications.

Funding of up to \$1, 500 is available for the **publication** of works on any specific or general local history in Regional Victoria.

The grant is not intended to benefit individual authors or large organisations. Small organisations with little or no experience of self publishing work will be encouraged. Joint projects encompassing several groups or annual/self edited journals incorporating submitted historical articles from a wide community are encouraged.

Previous recipients include:

Nullawil Historical Society, Donald History and Natural History Group, Castlemaine Cemetery Trust, Walhalla Heritage and Development League, Echuca Historical Society, Port Fairy Historical Society, Daylesford and District Historical Society.

For more information, application guidelines and forms go to ANZ Executors and Trustees on 03 9273 6799 or free call 1800 808 910

Or www.anz.com/aus/fin/Trustees/

Applications close 1 October 2008.

FOLKLIFE PROGRAM

The Royal Historical Society of Victoria has established a public fund to financially support folklife projects and activities, which reflect the cultural diversity of the people of Victoria. Applications can be made by individuals, community groups, not-for-profit organisations, and cultural and educational institutions. Applications close 17th October 2008.

For further information contact:

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VICTORIA'S HERITAGE GRANTS

Financial Year 2008/09

Applications are now open for the Victoria's Heritage Grants Financial Year 2008/09 grant program. This grants program supports the State heritage strategy Victoria's Heritage: Strengthening our communities. Applications are invited in the following categories:

- Repair and conservation of heritage places and objects
- Interpretation of heritage places and objects
- Community collections management
- Local government heritage studies and advice

Details of the eligibility and selection criteria, as well as the application process, are provided on Heritage Victoria's website www.heritage.vic.gov.au

According to DPCD requirements, organisations applying are required to be registered with an ABN and provide the ABN on the application form provided.

The grants will provide opportunities for the State Government to work in partnership with councils and communities to conserve and interpret heritage places and objects across Victoria for future generations. If you have any queries, please contact;

- Tony Armstrong on 03 9637 9281 for repair, and conservation of heritage places
- Anne Cahir on 03 9637 9298 for interpretation of heritage places and objects
- Susanna Collis on 03 9637 9340 for community collections management and conservation of objects
- Geoff Austin on 03 9637 9292 for local government heritage studies

Please note: this year, applications can also be submitted via e-mail with attachments for images, to heritage.grants@dpcd.vic.gov.au

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS: 24 JULY 2008

Seminar: Shaking the Money Tree - pathways to funding - Melbourne

Thursday 31 July at RHSV. See What's On insert

National Standard project

New National Standards for Australian Museums and Galleries. are currently being developed and will be available next September. Stay tuned to the Collections Australia Network (CAN) website, collectionsaustralia.net where they will be launched online.

ArteFACTS

Professional workshops
presented by Museums Australia (Victoria)

Care of Textiles

Presented by Christina Ritschel
Friday 29th August 2008 (full day workshop)

Preservation of Photographs and Negatives

Presented by Euan McGillivray
Friday 5th September 2008 (full day workshop)

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www.heritagehill.com.au



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JULY-AUGUST 2008 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@ncable.net.au

BALLARAT: At 7.30pm on Tuesday 8 July Joan Hunt will speak about 'A Decade of Ballarat Historical Society, 1974-1984' in the Ballarat Historical Society's 75th anniversary year, at the Gold Museum, Bradshaw Street, Ballarat. The dinner to celebrate the Society's 75th anniversary will be held on Saturday 30 August at Portico Restaurant (The Ballarat Club) with guest speaker Doug Bradby, at \$40 per person. Contact Elizabeth on 5341 2405.

BALWYN: Kate Prinsley, Executive Officer of the RHSV will speak at 8pm on Thursday 10 July on "How it all began" (RHSV Centenary), at the New Balwyn Historical Society's meeting at The Evergreen Club, 45 Talbot Ave., Balwyn - all welcome. Enquiries to Robin Kelly on 9836 6589.

BAPTIST: At 7.30pm on Thursday 11 September, at the Auburn Baptist Church, 597 Burwood Road, Hawthorn, Dr Darrell Paproth, lecturer in Church History at the Bible College of Victoria, will speak on "The Life and Work of Rev Allan Webb (1839-1902)", the subject of Darrell's recent book. Phone secretary Christine on 9729 3263.

BELLARINE: Covering twenty Bellarine Peninsula townships, the Bellarine Historical Society and Old Courthouse Museum at High Street, Drysdale, is open every first Sunday 1.30 - 4.30pm. The AGM will be held on Wednesday 9 July at 7.30pm. Contact PO Box 53, Drysdale, 3222.

BERWICK-PAKENHAM: The 2008 Annual Luncheon will be held at Clover Cottage, Manuka Road, Berwick at noon on Thursday 11 September, when Mrs Shirley Davies, President of the Hastings-Westernport Historical Society will speak on "History Kaleidoscope" (RSVP by 20 August); cost \$40 per person. Phone Louise on 9707 4491 or Geoff on 0408 343 992.

BOX HILL: At 8pm on Thursday 17 July Graeme Andersen, Executive Officer of the Local Government Electricity Supply Association of Victoria 1987-1990 will speak on "The birth of electricity in Melbourne", at Strabane Chapel Hall, 29 Strabane Avenue, Mont Albert North. On 21 August Paul Tesselar will speak about "The Story of the Tesselar Bulb Farm". See www.vicnet.net.au/~bhhs/

BRUNSWICK: At 2pm on Saturday 5 July Arthur Gullidge will speak on "A Brunswick Identity" in the Mayor's Room, First Floor, Brunswick Town Hall, 233 Sydney Road, Brunswick. On 2 August Ian Munro, Fire Brigade historian, will speak on "Blyth Street Fire Station Brunswick", and on 6 September Willa Longmuir's talk will be on "Sr Hartnett's Work in Brunswick". All welcome. Contact Francesca on 9387 1194 or email brunswickch@yahoo.com.au

CAMBERWELL: A tour is arranged to visit "The Melbourne Story" exhibition at the Melbourne Museum, 11 Nicholson St, Carlton, on Sunday 13 July - assemble in the Museum foyer at 1.30pm; free for Seniors or \$6 other adults. All welcome. Phone Wendy on 9836 3558.

CARISBROOK: The annual dinner at Caroline's will be held on Tuesday 15 July, when a 'Show and Tell' is obligatory: bookings are essential to Mike on 5464 2251. At 7.30pm on Tuesday 19 August, John Tully will be guest speaker, at the 1859 Carisbrook Town Hall in Bucknall Street. Research facilities are available every Tuesday 10am to 12 noon at the Town Hall. Contact secretary Judith on 5464 2601 or see www.cgold.com.au/carisbrook%20Historical%20S/home/htm.

CARLTON: At 7pm on Wednesday 23 July, the curator of Information Technology at Museum Victoria, David Demant, will give an illustrated talk on the history of entertainment in Melbourne. This talk, to be held at the Carlton Library, 667 Rathdowne St, North Carlton, will include demonstrations of an early lantern slide projector and a phonograph. Come and see and hear how your grandparents and great-grandparents entertained themselves. To book, ring the Carlton Library on 9426 5600; all welcome; free entry.

CASTLEMAINE: At 7.30pm on Monday 7 July Russell Chapman will speak on "Castlemaine Cricket" at the former Court House, 7 Goldsmith Crescent. Dick Mack will speak on 4 August about 'Charles A. Saint - M.A.M.', and the AGM will be held on 1 September. See www.castlemainehistoricalociety.com

CORNISH: Computer advice will be available from Viv Martin at 10.30am on Saturday 19 July at the Information Resource Centre of the Cornish Association of Victoria in the Uniting Church Hall, cnr Kangaroo Road and Skipton Street, Hughesdale. See http://home.vicnet.net.au/~caov/index.htm

DROMANA: At 10am on Tuesday 15 July a coffee morning will be held with Richard Cotter speaking on the local Bunurong people. Sally Robins, Local History Officer with the Mornington Shire, has been helping with re-organisation of the museum. Contact Jan. eggstone@bigpond.com

EAST MELBOURNE: Prof. Geoffrey Blainey will speak about the origins of Aussie Rules at Clarendon Terrace, 210 Clarendon Street, East Melbourne on Wednesday 20 August. The Society's collection is on the 1st Floor, East Melbourne Library, 122 George St, East Melbourne. See www.emhs.org.au

FLINDERS: The AGM will be held at 2pm on Sunday 6 July at Shoreham Hall, Byrnes Road, Shoreham, when Dr Leonie Foster, maritime historian, will speak on "All at Sea? Women and Shipwrecks". Current Society projects include cataloguing on computer database, recording oral history interviews, excursions, and research of local history. Contact secretary Heather on 5989 0145.

GARDEN HISTORY: Roger Cousens will speak on "Victoria's regional botanic gardens: Who knows, who cares?" at 6pm on Thursday 17 July at the Mueller Hall, The Herbarium, Birdwood Avenue, South Yarra. See www.gardenhistorysociety.org.au or phone 9650 5043.

GEELONG: At 8pm on Wednesday 6 August in the auditorium above Geelong Library, 51 Little Malop Street, Ron Medson will speak on "The Rise and Fall of an International Giant - International Harvester history world wide and Geelong, Hawkes Bros. prelude". Contact secretary Freda by mail at 6 Balmoral Crescent, Ripplside, 3215.

HASTINGS WESTERNPORT: On Wednesday 13th August at 10.15 am there will be an appraisal of antiques and collectables taking place at the Morning Coffee (\$5 per person). The Society participated in the Hastings Tidy Town competition with the judges visiting the Museum. An enjoyable visit by the Friends of Churchill Island took place at the Museum recently. The AGM of the South Eastern Historical Association is to be held at the Hastings Museum on Sunday, 3rd August at 2 pm. Plans are being formulated, with the other local historical societies, for a Local History Forum to be held at the Peninsula Community Theatre, Mornington on Saturday 23rd August at 9.30 am.

HEIDELBERG: At 8pm on Tuesday 12 July Dr Leonie Foster will speak on 'Women and Shipwrecks' at the Uniting Church Community Centre, Seddon St, Ivanhoe (enter from car park at rear). See http://heidberg.50webs.com or phone 9455 2130.

INTERNATIONAL SETTLERS GROUP: The AGM will be held at 1.00pm on Saturday 16 August when Alan Hainz will speak on "The migration from the village of Nieder-Weisel, Germany, in the 1850s", at the meeting room of the Genealogical Society of Victoria, Level B1, 257 Collins Street, Melbourne. See http://www.gsv.org.au/Groups/igs.htm

INVERLOCH: The 13th AGM will be held at 2.15pm on Wednesday 23 July, at the RSL Hall, Inverloch. The Inverloch Uniting Church celebrates the centenary of Methodist worship in Inverloch. In May Nancye Durham spoke about the formation and development of the Society since 26 June 1996 when 24 people attended. See www.vicnet.net.au/~invhs

KILMORE: At 8pm on Tuesday 5 August the AGM will be held, when Ray Carroll will speak on the "History of Sport at Assumption College", at the Kilmore Court House. On 2 September Geoff Hewitt will talk on Johann Fredrich Krumnow and the Herrnhut Commune at Peshurst. Phone secretary Liz on 5782 1243 or email kilmorehistory@nl.com.au

KNOX: A "Disaster Preparedness" workshop organised by the Association of Eastern Historical Societies and presented by Catherine Turnbull will be held at Ringwood at 1.30. Contact Glen on 0409 287 359 for details. The Society will hold an excursion to Montsalvat at Eltham on Saturday 3 August. Ambleside Park Homestead and grounds are closed for renovations until further notice. See http://www.vicnet.net.au/~khsinc

LINTON: A current project is the researching of the IWW Avenue of Honour to be marked with a memorial. At 7.30pm on Monday 21 July the Linton Historical Society annual dinner will be held, with Joan Hunt speaking on "A Brief History of the Springdallah District". Contact secretary Letty on 5344 7430 or email violetarmstrong@bigpond.com

MARYSVILLE: From 11am till 3.00pm on Saturday 12 July an informal get-together for historical societies in the neighbouring district of Marysville will be held at the Village Hall to discuss the benefits of networking through shared common interests. Lunch will be provided and morning and afternoon cuppas. Joan Hunt from RHSV will attend - all welcome. Phone Mary on 5963 3552 or email rjmtk@imprimus.com.au

MIDLANDS (MARYBOROUGH): At 1.30pm on Wednesday 16 July cars will leave from Worsley Cottage, 3 Palmerston Street, Maryborough to visit Maryborough Fire Station. Contact secretary Betty on 5461 2800 or see www.vicnet.net.au/~mbhs.

MONT DE LANCEY: A Bastille Weekend Celebration will be held 9am-5pm on Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 July at Wellington Road, Wandin North (Melway 121 B2), with re-enactments both days, performances, dancers and music, circus skills workshops, working blacksmiths, a market both days, Peugeot Car Club display, prizes and fun for all, for just \$5 entry fee, children free. See www.mondelancey.com.au

MORNINGTON: The AGM will be held at 1.30pm on Saturday 16 August at Mornington Library, with reports detailing the achievements of the past twelve months. The Mornington Peninsula Local History Network will host "Looking Back - Looking Forward: Challenges Ahead for the Peninsula's History", to be held 9.00am to 4.30pm on Saturday 23 August at the Peninsula Community Theatre, organised by Sally Robins, Local History Officer with the Mornington Peninsular Shire Council. \$20 booking (essential) will include lunch, morning and afternoon teas. See www.vicnet.net.au/~mornhsoc.

NARRE WARREN: At 2pm on Saturday 12 July, John Donaldson will speak about how to "Digitize Your Family History", at the AGM held in the Meeting Room, Narre Warren Library, Overland Drive. On 9 August Brenda Stevens-Chambers will speak on the "History of the CWA". See <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~nwfhg>.

PORT MELBOURNE: At 7.30pm on Monday 28 July at the Town Hall Council Chamber, Shirley Videon will speak about the book "Fire in the Borough", and on 25 August at the AGM, Mac Gregory, Naval Historical Society will talk on the Great White Fleet of one hundred years ago. Phone secretary Pat on 9645 2324 or see www.vicnet.net.au/~pmhps

QUEENSLIFFE: At 10am on Thursday 24 July Brad Duncan will speak on the role of shipwrecks in the community, and on 28 August Robert Barnes will speak on Governor John Hunter, at Queenscliffe Uniting Church, cnr Hesse & Stokes Sts. Phone: 5258 2511 or see www.queenscliffe-history.org

RINGWOOD: Bushland Care Groups (Warranwood, Loughie's, Mullum Mullum Creek) will speak at the meeting on Tuesday 22 July. At 8pm on Tuesday 26 August, John Hurst will speak on the "History of Ringwood Railways and Turnbull", in Room 4, Federation Estate, Greenwood Avenue, Ringwood. A Heritage Weekend will take place in November,

with a photographic display and launch of the 'Recollections of East Ringwood' book. Phone president Russ on 9876-4367 or email rhaines@bigpond.net.au

ROMSEY: At 7.30pm on Tuesday 26 August at the new 'Romsey Hub', a special showing of Helen Broad's unique collection of slides will take place. The archives and museum at Lancefield Court House is open to the public on the first Sunday each month from 1.30 to 4.30pm. Contact by mail to PO Box 101, Lancefield, 3435.

ST KILDA: A 'Vida Goldstein Display' will be on show from 1 to 31 July in the Foyer Showcase of St Kilda Library, and from 11am to 1pm on Friday 15 August a Travelling Art Installation will commemorate the centenary of Women's Suffrage and the life and achievements of Vida Goldstein at the St Kilda City Hall Steps. At 2.30pm in the Community Room of St Kilda Library on Sunday 13 July a Memory and Ephemera Day will be held, and on 10 August the Australian Naval Historical Society will commemorate the 100th anniversary of the arrival of the American Great White Fleet in 1908. See www.vicnet.net.au/~hsosk

SANDRINGHAM AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY: On Thursday 7th August, following our meeting at 7:30pm at the Society Resource Centre at 6 Waltham St Sandringham, Dr Jennifer Strauss AM will be our guest speaker. The subject of her talk is - "Fighting to Make the Vote Count for Women: Mary Gilmore's Women's Pages in the AWU Newsletter 1908-1931". Our entrant in the 2008 Community Heritage Awards Best Walk/Tour, "A Walk to Gipsy Village" - an illustrated Book or Booklet is still available at a cost of \$20.00 or \$10.00. Contact by phone to 95970985 or sandringhamhistorical@gmail.com.

SHEPPARTON: The AGM of the Shepparton Heritage Centre will be held from 7.30pm on Wednesday 6 August at Morvell Cottage, 154 Welsford Street. Primary school tours have been popular as well as Probus and Lions clubs. Phone 5821 7717 or email peterandbeverleyford@hotmail.com

SNAKE VALLEY: At 7.30pm on Tuesday 8 July Neville Oddie will speak on "Caring for the Land" at the Society's rooms, Smythesdale Road. John White will speak about Rotary on 12 August. Transcripts of coroner's inquests are helping define early hotels where they were held, and details of local residents. Contact secretary Evelyn on 5344 9574.

WARRACKNABEAL: At a recent meeting members were treated to an evening of viewing lantern slides that had originally been shown in theatres and concert halls in the 1930s. Mr Len Pietsch has restored a projector that can show the slides. Apart from the projector almost catching fire, the evening was of great interest. This year the annual reunion will be held at Warracknabeal instead of Ballarat, on Sat 20 and Sun 21 September. It is hoped that a bus will run from Ballarat - more information later or ring Jean on 5398 1901. Contact Warracknabeal Historical Society at PO Box 355, Warracknabeal, 3393 or phone secretary Serene on 5398 1578.

WAVERLEY: At 2pm on Sunday 27 July, Kevin Morgan will speak on "Murder Most Foul" (about the infamous 1921 'schoolgirl murder' when an innocent man was sent to the gallows), at the Society's rooms above Mt Waverley library. Contact secretary Norma on 9802 9332 or see www.vicnet.net.au/~whsvic.

WHITEHORSE: at 1.30pm on Saturday 9 August the AGM will be held, when Lyn Ford will speak about Mitcham Primary School, at the Local History Room of Schwerkolt Cottage and Museum Complex. The Whitehorse Historical Society will have a display at Nunawading Library from 30 July to 26 August, and at Vermont Library from 27 August to 30 September. Phone secretary Val on 9803 4434 or see www.vicnet.net.au/~ndhsinc/

WOADY YALOOK: Neil Wright will speak about Ballarat and district foundries and blacksmiths at the Smythesdale Court House at 1.30pm on Sunday 20 July. On Sunday 17 August meet at the Ballarat Library in Doveton Street at 1.30pm when the Ballarat & District Genealogical Society will give a tour and explanation of their research collection in the Australiana Research Room. Phone 5342 8754 or email wys@vic.chariot.net.au

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