



History NEWS

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Royal Historical Society of Victoria

RHSV
CENTENARY
CONFERENCE
Bookings close 24 April

NOTICE of 2009 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

All members are advised that the 99th Annual General Meeting of the Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc. will be held as follows:

Date: Tuesday 12 May 2009

Time: 5.00pm

Place: 239 A'Beckett Street, Melbourne, 3000

Business:

1. To confirm the minutes of the 98th Annual General Meeting.
2. To receive the Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2008.
3. To receive and consider the Financial Statement for the year ended 31 December 2008.
4. To appoint the Hon. Auditor for 2009.
5. To adopt revisions to the Constitution
6. To elect Office-bearers and Members of Council.
7. To receive expressions of interest for History Victoria Support Group.
8. To elect any member or members who have been nominated for election as Fellows.
9. To announce Awards of Merit recipients.
10. To transact any special business of which notice has been given in accordance with the Rules of the Society.

It is proposed under pt.5 to adopt a revision to the Constitution - details found on page 2.

The AGM will be followed by a lecture on *A remarkable woman: Jessie Stobo Webb (1880 - 1944)* presented by Professor Ron Ridley.

CALL for NOMINATIONS

Six positions are available for election at the AGM. Nominations for Members of the Council and office-bearers of the Association will close on Tuesday 5 May 2009.

Nomination forms are available from the Executive Officer.

CALL for EXPRESSIONS of INTEREST

Any member of an Affiliated Historical Society, and who is a member of the RHSV, may nominate for membership of the History Victoria Support Group. Expressions of interest should be made by completing the relevant form available from the Executive Officer. Expressions of interest must be received by the Executive Officer by 5 May 2009.

Kate Prinsley, Executive Officer
26 March, 2009

COMMUNITY TREASURES: 100 Years of the Royal Historical Society of Victoria

On display at the Melbourne City Gallery from 20 March to 30 June. Full Report Page 5.



Visitors at Exhibition Opening

How to become a volunteer

Volunteer Information Morning

THURSDAY 23 APRIL 10am - Noon

This is our annual opportunity for those interested in becoming a volunteer with us to learn about the volunteer activities and projects that might interest you.

It is also an opportunity to meet current volunteers, Councillors and get a sense of whether you would find it fulfilling to contribute some time.

For further information please call Chris Cooze on 9326 9288

The morning will finish with an invitation to attend our lecture by Dawn Peel *Anna's Journey*.

Join us for our Centenary Conference

Rediscovering Victoria

Saturday 2 May 2009.

Join us for our Centenary Conference; an overview of the role and significance and future of the RHSV.

A full program and speakers is included with this edition of *History News* and available to download from the RHSV website.

Bookings close 24 April



RHSV Foundation to be launched at Centenary Conference

‘Safeguarding the future of Victoria’s history’

One of the RHSV’s most significant initiatives in many years will be formally launched at the Centenary Conference on 2 May.

The RHSV Foundation has been established to ensure our State’s wide and wonderful past is preserved for the enjoyment of generations to come. It will provide the capital base to secure the survival and success of the Society for its next century and beyond.

The central aims of the Foundation are to:

- create a permanent home for history in Victoria;
- further develop and preserve the Society’s unique collection of material on the history of Melbourne and Victoria;
- give the Society financial security; and
- promote the many wonders of Victoria’s past to all Victorians

The Foundation has been given a flying start with major donations from Dame Elisabeth Murdoch AC and Mr Gordon Moffat AM. From this base we aim to build up a substantial capital fund, the income from which will help free the Society from the recurring financial crises that have often restricted its activities.

To help us safeguard the future of Victoria’s history, you can donate to the Foundation or leave a bequest in your Will.

By supporting the Foundation, you are helping us ensure your grandchildren’s grandchildren will have the opportunity to learn about and enjoy the treasures of our State’s past.

For further information contact the chair of the Foundation Committee, Dr Peter Yule, through the RHSV 9326 9288 or www.historyvictoria.org.au

CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES

It is proposed in compliance with Clause 24 “alteration of rules” of the RHSV Constitution to amend the constitution as follows:

To add under clause 13 the role of Secretary

13 OFFICE BEARERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

13.1.5 the Secretary

Under Clause 14 to amend 14.4 to

14 COMPOSITION OF THE COUNCIL

14.4 Any office-bearer or retiring member of the Council shall be eligible for re-election

To amend the role of Executive Officer

20 EXECUTIVE OFFICER

20. 1 The Council shall appoint an Executive Officer on such terms as it shall think appropriate to carry out such duties as the Council shall from time to time determine. Where the Executive Officer is not the Public Officer (as defined in the Act), the Executive Officer’s duties are to include liaising with and assisting the Public Officer.

20. 2 The Secretary of the Association shall ensure that minutes of the resolutions and proceedings of each general meeting, Council meeting, Executive Committee meeting, and such other committee meetings are kept in books provided for that purpose together with a record of the names of persons present at such meetings.

To facilitate internet banking

22 FINANCIAL

22.1A Notwithstanding clause 22.1, the Association may make payments by internet banking provided that such internet banking is first authorized by two (2) people. These people shall be such members of the Council as determined by the Council from time to time, or one of the designated Council members and the Executive Officer

To create the role of Secretary

28. The Secretary

28.1 The Secretary of the Association must:

28.1.1 Perform the duties which would normally be the responsibility of the Secretary of such an organization

28.1.2 Ensure that minutes of the resolutions and proceedings of each general meeting, Council meeting are kept in books provided for that purpose with a record of the names of persons present at such meetings

RHSV Fellowships and Awards of Merit

Nominations for 2009 Fellowships and Awards of Merit are now being invited. The awards are a means of peer recognition within the RHSV for an outstanding contribution to history in Victoria.

Closing date for Fellows Nomination and for Awards of Merit	Friday 17 April
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Guidelines are available by contacting Kate Prinsley

Nominations should be sent to the Executive Officer, RHSV

Announcements will be made at the RHSV AGM on Tuesday 12 May.

BOOK SALE

SUNDAY JUNE 21 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 your self to the RHSV.

Please remember there is free parking for unloading for up to 10 minutes outside the front door.

Last year was a record year..... please help us with the donation of your books to build on our success!!



Bushfires

The loss of life and damage to property caused by bushfires throughout so many parts of Victoria has been horrifying. Many members of the RHSV and affiliated groups live in affected areas. Our thoughts are with these members, their families and their friends as they face the destruction caused by these fires.

The following websites provide information that may assist those trying to save items and collections damaged by fire.
www.culturalconservation.unimelb.edu.au/publications/bushfires
www.historyvictoria.org.au/pdf/Disaster_Response_Arts_Vic_.pdf

The History Victoria Support Group mc2 provides additional information about caring for collections www.historyvictoria.org.au/connected.htm for more information

Call for volunteers – Letters of a Nation

The RHSV is proud to be a partner with Australia Post in the Letters of a Nation project.

Members of the public are invited to submit copies of letters to be included in a vast electronic archive managed by Australia Post.

Volunteers are needed to help read, sort and identify letters of historical significance. Guidelines are being developed to help volunteers. The time commitment is entirely up to the volunteer and much of the task can be done from home. It is anticipated that volunteers will be needed from March – December.

For further information about how you can become involved in this project please contact Kate Prinsley on 9326 9288 or kateprinsley@historyvictoria.org.au.



Calling for great personal history stories from around Australia



www.makingaustralia.com.au

Essential Media & Entertainment, in conjunction with the ABC, is making a social history documentary series called The Making Of Modern Australia spanning the post-war period, from 1945 until now.

We are looking for stories that are particularly interesting, unusual, uplifting and perhaps heartbreaking.

Tell us your stories of Romance & Relationships, Faith & Religion, Parenting & Childhood, and the Australian home/ a sense of place.

Set against the broader picture of Australia's changing social history your story may be selected for the documentary.

Do you have photos or home video of key people and events in your past, to help tell the story?

Get in touch by mid April 2009 to be considered for the documentary.

Visit the website to add your stories, or contact Elissa on (02) 8568 3100 or elissa.mckeand@essential-media.com

The Impact of Black Saturday, February 7 2009, in St Andrews

By Gaye Ponting, St Andrews Queenstown Historical Society

Our Society has been fortunate, our archival material is safe. The recent bushfires have decimated the north of our district. The fire did not come into town – it came within 2kms.

This wildfire devoured many people and their homes, as well as wildlife, livestock and family pets. We start to count the deaths of our neighbouring communities of Strathewen, just in the next valley and the up the mountain to Kinglake.

So many people are numb and aching from this traumatic event.

The district has lost some of the last homesteads that our pioneers built over 120 years ago. These homesteads were the last remnants linking these European pioneer families with their battles and the hardships of this land. It is well documented in local papers at the time, of other bush fires in 1896, 1926, 1939 and 1962. In particular, in 1962 the headline on the front page of the Woman's Day read– THE DAY ST ANDREWS DIED.

The St Andrews' community fought together at all of these fires to save each others homes and their lives but no-one could stop Black Saturday, February 7, 2009. The homesteads that were destroyed were 'Flowerdell' and 'Pinegrove' owned by the Muller Family. This family first came to St Andrews in 1860, they mined for gold and then established many orchards. There were remnants of these orchards on some properties. It will be interesting to see if they have survived this fire. I have a hand drawn map by a member of this family of an orchard and where they dug for gold, on the orchard.

There was also an old stage coach barn, next to the Pinegrove property.

The Ninks, who came to Queenstown (now St Andrews) early 1860s were also gold miners and orchardists. They were known as the 'Peach Kings' by other fruit sellers in Queen Victoria Market circa 1915. They named their home 'Peach Grove'. In 1926 devastating bushfires caused much damage in the Kinglake area and came as far south as Peach Grove in St Andrews.

Using a windmill, family members managed to pump enough water from the creek to douse flames burning the home's window frames and other out buildings. No amount of water could save this homestead.

Another homestead known as 'Moonlight hill' circa 1880, owned by the Whelpton Family was also destroyed.

I know of 5 buildings left standing, that are over 100 years old. They are a reminder of our early pioneer European heritage in our District: St Andrews Hotel, St Andrews Anglican Church, St Andrews Hall, St Andrews Community Centre (old school) and Clifden Farm.

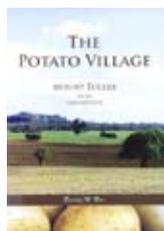
BOOKS RECEIVED

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

Beverley M. Ross, *The Potato Village, Mount Eccles near Macarthur*

Hamilton Spectator, Hamilton, 2008, pp.iii + 160. ISBN 978 0 646 50338 7

A most attractive, well-researched, and logically arranged book dealing with the history of settlement to the northeast and east of Mount Eccles National Park. The author identifies the generations of families, including her own, that have farmed this rich volcanic land, the Indigenous and natural history of the area, and the schools and churches (only a Primitive Methodist and Free Presbyterian). It has an excellent index and very clear map and should be very valuable to genealogists.



Ruth Gooch, *Seal Rocks and Victoria's Primitive Beginnings*

Warrangine Word, PO Box 54, Hastings, 2008. ISBN 9780646495668.

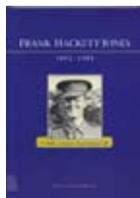
As the title suggests, this book is about more than Seal Rocks that lie at the western end of Phillip Island. They serve as a symbol for a wider examination of the coming of sealers to the Victorian coast, the relationships between sealers and Indigenous women, the subsequent development of the fishing industry and its opposition to the claimed rise in seal numbers, and scientific studies of the protected species. Well-documented, indexed and illustrated.



Don Chambers, *Frank Hackett-Jones, 1892-1988, A 20th Century Australian Life*

Hyland House Publishing, Melbourne, pp. vi + 144, 2008, \$29-95. ISBN 9781864471120

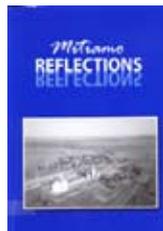
A very interesting family-commissioned biography of an 'ordinary Australian' of many parts – son of a Methodist minister, accountant, public servant (in New South Wales), soldier (field ambulance in the Middle East in World War I), barrister and farmer. Born in Sydney, he spent most of his life in New South Wales and died in Adelaide in 1987, aged 95, despite persistent ill-health including tuberculosis. The author makes the point that 'ordinary Australians' do not usually have books written about them. In Frank Hackett-Jones's case, Don Chambers amply demonstrates how biography can illuminate social history despite a significant lack of source materials.



Helen Stevens (compiler), *Mitiamo Reflections*

Mitiamo Back To Committee, 388 Sylvaterre Road, Pyramid Hill, 2008, pp. iv + 160

A substantial collection of written and visual material arranged under headings like schools, churches, wars, sport, etc. A simple location map, a chronology of events and recognition of Indigenous people would have helped enhance this labour of love.



Colin Heggen, *Kerang Soldiers of the Queen, Citizen Soldiers of the Kerang Shire in the Boer War and Before*

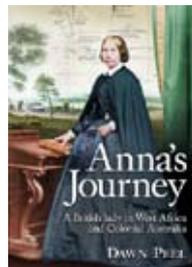
Colin Heggen, 13 Moresby Avenue, Bulleen, 3105, 2008, pp. xiv + 172. ISBN 978 0 9578850 1 1

A very thoroughly researched account of the participation by Kerang men in the Boer War that uses the military records and the Kerang papers to very good effect. The author identifies 45 Kerang men in South Africa, 3 of whom died ; 8 also served in World War 1 and 2 of them were killed in action. The book is a valuable model for those undertaking similar military projects.

Dawn Peel, *Anna's Journey, A British Lady in West Africa and Colonial Australia*

Dawn Peel, 33 Grant Street, Colac, 3250, 2008, pp. iv + 194, \$30 + \$7 postage and packing. ISBN 978 0 646 50200 7

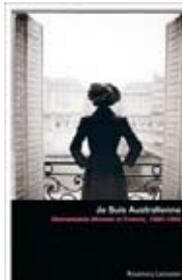
Anna Bage, born in Ireland in 1820, spent time working in Gambia, Liberia and Sierra Leone in West Africa before her marriage to Edward in 1850 and subsequent migration to Victoria in 1853 where she settled first in Geelong, then Colac, and finally East St Kilda from 1863 until her death in 1891. Her life story of good works has been skilfully pieced together by Dawn Peel in a well-written, well-researched, and illustrated book. There is much of interest in her remarkable life in Africa and in the developing colony of Victoria and in the growth of post-Gold Rush Melbourne.



Rosemary Lancaster, *Je Suis Australienne, Remarkable Women in France, 1880-1945*

University of Western Australia Press, Perth, 2008, pp. xvi + 234 ISBN 978 1 921401 13 8

The writings of several well-known (and some not so well-known) Australian women about French society, life and culture are set in their own times and personal contexts in six very interesting chapters: Daisy White's schoolgirl experiences on



the outskirts of Paris in the late 1880s; Jessie Couvreur's (Tasma) Paris-based novels of the 1890s; the experiences of Australian nurses on the Western Front, 1916-19; painter, Stella Bowen's life on the Parisian Left Bank in the 1920s; Christina Stead's novels based in the 1930s Depression in France; and Nancy Wake's heroic resistance work in World War II.

Marie Fish, *Carpentertown, A History of the New Works Cottages at Lakes Entrance*

Lakes Entrance Regional Historical Society, 2008, pp. 80. ISBN 978 0 646 50186 4

Carpentertown had its origins in the long struggle to open the Gippsland Lakes to Bass Strait from 1869 to the early 20th century. Only a handful of the cottages built on the dunes still remain. The book combines details about the ownership of the houses and their uses, mainly for summer holidays after the completion of the entrance, with good maps, illustrations and photographs and many excerpts from memoirs.

Mary J. Chandler (compiler), *Cardross In Mosaic, Reflecting the People of Cardross from the 1920s to the early 1950s*

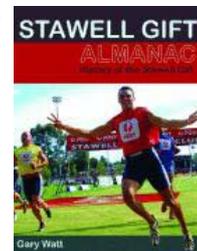
Cardross Progress Association Inc., 2008, pp. 116. ISBN 978 0 9595459 3 7

A collection of excellent photos thematically arranged that charts the first generation of life and settlement of this irrigated soldier settlement. It includes some important photos of initial clearing in the 1920s.

Gary Watt, *Stawell Gift Almanac, History of the Stawell Gift*

Legacy Books, 2 Pauls crt., Ringwood North, 3134, 2008, pp. 342

The Stawell Gift, run at Easter since 1878, is an iconic event in professional foot running. As its title and length suggests, this book assembles details of every Gift down to the present; it has excellent photos, numerous press reports, and enough statistics to satisfy the most ardent buff. It does not attempt to place this significant annual event in a wider social and cultural context of change.



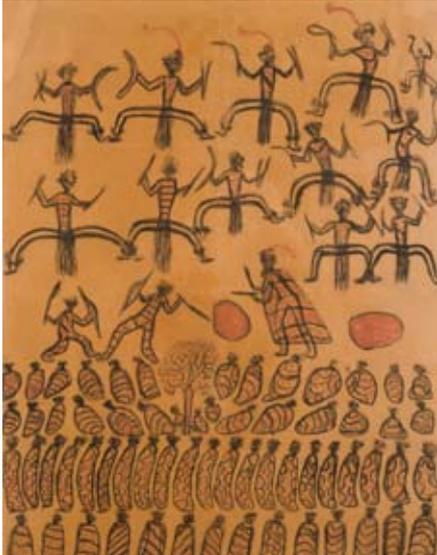
RHSV member writing biography of

**Annie Lister [1866-1928]
and
Philip Sidney Watson
[1857-1936]**

would like to hear from descendants of Annie's parents Charles Lister [died 1892] and Annie Lister [nee Cowper, died 1904].

Please contact Norman C Hutchinson
pnhutchinson@hard.net.au
tel 03 9888 9401 fax 03 9888 9441

COMMUNITY TREASURES: 100 Years of the Royal Historical Society of Victoria



William Barak (c1824-1903) *Untitled (Figures in a corroboree)* c.1900



Tiny fan as a dance card from the Lord Mayor's Ball in the Exhibition Building in 1863



Map of the Burke and Wills Expedition, which was later printed as Supplement to the Yoeman and Australian Acclimatiser December 14, 1861

A treasure not to be missed

The Community Treasures exhibition showcases some of the treasures of the RHSV's collection, and the accompanying essay in the free catalogue traces its history.

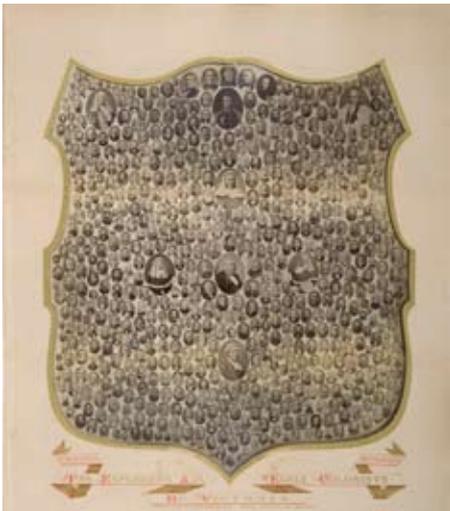
The exhibition was developed for the City Gallery, Melbourne Town Hall, Swanston Street by the Arts and Culture Branch in consultation with the RHSV.

The exhibition shows how the RHSV grew from its beginnings in 1909 with a sense of urgency to capture the memories of the first generation of pioneers; to a society where prominent men became members and left their papers, to a more democratic society that collected records of less prominent people. The catalogue essay supports the exhibition by discussing the importance of the academic historians Ernest Scott and Jessie Webb, the advocacy role of the Society and its long established role as the peak body for local history and historical societies.

A rich cross section of RHSV material is on display.

There is also a video by Shannon Owen that shows the other treasures of the RHSV, the volunteers.

The RHSV thanks the City of Melbourne and in particular Eddie Butler Bowden, Elizabeth Willis and Catherine Hockey for their generous support of this exhibition.



Photographic collage; 'The Explorers and early colonists of Victoria' by T.F. Chuck, Artist Photographer, Royal Arcade, Melbourne

Gallery Times

Monday: 10am – 2pm
 Tuesday- Thursday: 11am – 6pm
 Friday: 11am – 6.30pm
 Saturday 10am – 4pm
FREE ADMISSION

Dame Elisabeth 100

*100 years, a crop of silver hair,
 A mine of golden memories
 To toast the hour.
 Freshwater falls of feeling
 For the sick and poor,
 And forests of smiles (so memorable your own)
 To brighten others' faces every day.*

*The rainbow tethered to your pot of gold,
 Is like an arch through which we view
 And journey to the landscape of the Arts,
 Music, sculpture, painting. And bright tapestry,
 Threads of a sunburst sky
 Your hand reached up and drew them down.*

*You're the first to ask
 What can I do?
 And last to argue
 But it doesn't matter what happens only to those
 out of sight.*

*With seven pillars pointing to the sky,
 Your inner garden offers fruit for thought
 That nourishes a nation
 And redeems
 Salt tears the heart must shed*

Weston Bate

On the occasion of Dame Elisabeth's 100th birthday

HISTORY VICTORIA SUPPORT GROUP SEMINAR DAY – SATURDAY 13 JUNE

- Topic:** Managing your paper based collection, conservation and producing a newsletter
- Region:** Murray/Goulburn Region
- Venue:** To be confirmed.
- Invitation letters will be sent nearer the time and check the website for details.

Australian Copyright Council's 2009 Training

Everyone uses copyright-protected material, but not everyone understands their rights and obligations under copyright law in Australia.

Australian Copyright Council training will help you work out when you're faced with a copyright issue and what to do about it. Some sessions deal with certain activities, and others are targeted at certain organisations, such as educational institutions and libraries.

The Australian Copyright Council's 2009 Melbourne training sessions will be held on 12-15 May 2009. The Council is a non-profit, non-government organisation.

CPD & attendance certificates

Continuing professional development (CPD) points where applicable. € Attendance certificates available.

How to book

- book online at <http://shop.copyright.org.au/home.php?cat=255>
- download an order form from <http://www.copyright.org.au/training2009>
- email us your details and order

Australian Copyright Council

PO Box 1986 Strawberry Hills NSW 2016

T: 61 2 8815 9777

F: 61 2 8815 9799

info@copyright.org.au

<http://www.copyright.org.au>

PROGRAM OVERVIEW at

<http://www.copyright.org.au/training2009>

Tuesday 12 May 2009

- Copyright primer
- Permissions & clearances

Wednesday 13 May 2009

- Websites & online publishing
- User-generated content; Web 2.0
- Recent legislative & policy developments
- Recent cases

Thursday 14 May 2009

- Educators: Copyright overview
- Educators: Using text & images (incl. internet)
- Educators: Using AV material (incl. internet)

Friday 15 May 2009

- Educators: New education technologies: copyright issues
- Compliance procedures & policies
- Libraries: Conquering copyright

APRIL-MAY 2009 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 May to joanhunt@ncable.net.au

ADAM LINDSAY GORDON: This year will be an exciting one for our committee. The 25,000 bricks belonging to Gordon's last house where "Bush Ballads and Galloping Rhymes" was compiled have been discovered languishing in the Gippsland bush and we have the task of relocating them for re-erection as a fitting memorial to the poet. The site chosen is Dingley Dell in S.A. This year August the 6th-16th is the period we commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the wreck of the "Admella" with the loss of 89 lives. Gordon rode from the wreck to raise the alarm, and wrote his poem "From the Wreck".

BALLARAT: At 7.30pm on Tuesday 14 April July Claire Flowers will speak about 'Bailey the Butcher, the story of the Bailey family in Ballarat from the 1850s to 1969', at the Gold Museum, Bradshaw Street, Ballarat. On Tuesday 12 May Bill Smith will present a talk about the recently demolished chaff mill in Doveton Street north. Visitors are most welcome. Contact Elizabeth on 5341 2405 or email trudgeon@westnet.com.au. See www.ballarathistoricalsociety.com.

BALWYN: At 8pm on Thursday 9 April, Daryl Rogan will speak on 'The Annual Victorian Community Awards' at the Evergreen Centre, 45 Talbot Ave, Balwyn. On 14 May Liz Hore, President of the Australian Federation of Cemetery Friends will speak on 'Boroondara (Kew) Cemetery and Beyond'. Visitors welcome. Phone Robin on 9836 6589.

BAPTIST: Dr Ros Otzen will speak on 'From Formality to Informality: A study of Victorian Baptists going to Church', at 7.30pm on Tuesday 11 June at the Auburn Baptist Church, 597 Burwood Rd, Hawthorn. An International Conference on Baptist Studies will take place 15-18 July at Whitley College, Melbourne. Phone Margaret on 9489 4693.

BOX HILL: On Thursday 16 April at 8pm Brian Pell will speak on "Minette Russell-Young and Greenlink", to tell the story of the revegetated habitat of Koonung and Bushy Creeks due to the vision, drive and commitment of Minette. On 21 May Athina Liarcos will speak on the establishment and progression of the Greek Orthodox community within the wider community of Box Hill. Meetings are held at Strabane Chapel Hall, Strabane Avenue, Mont Albert North. Visitors are welcome. Enquiries: phone: 9285 4808 or see www.vicnet.net.au/~bhhs/

BRIGHTON: As part of the Bayside Literacy Festival the Society will present "Fantasy and High Tea" with Cecilia Dart-Thornton, renowned fantasy writer of *The Crowside Chronicles*, at 2pm on Sunday 24 May on the First Floor, Bayside Arts and Cultural Centre (Old Brighton Town Hall), Cnr Wilson & Carpenter Streets, Brighton. At 7.30pm on Wednesday 27 May the Brighton Theatre

Victorian Museum Awards - Call for Nominations

Nominations are now open for the Victorian Museum Awards. The Awards recognise and celebrate the diverse range of museums throughout the state and the outstanding individuals who support them.

Nomination forms and criteria can be downloaded from <http://www.mavic.asn.au/victorian-museum-awards/nominations/> or contact us on (03) 8341 7344. Nominations must be received by 5pm on Friday 22 May 2009.

Winners of the Victorian Museum Awards will be announced at a formal presentation on Thursday 23 July at the Australian Centre for the Moving Image. This year's Awards are set to sizzle with our special guest Lawrence Leung from the new ABC documentary/comedy/adventure series, *Lawrence Leung's Choose Your Own Adventure*.

Further information: <http://www.mavic.asn.au/victorian-museum-awards/nominations/>

Company will present for the Society "Visiting Mr Green" at the Clocktower Theatre in the Bayside Arts and Cultural Centre. For details, charges and reservations phone 9553 8650. See <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~vbhs>

CARISBROOK: At 7.30pm on Tuesday 15 April Anne Comley will speak on "Flight History" at the Carisbrook Town Hall in Bucknall Street. Judith Healey will speak about "Bealiba Newspapers" on 20 May. Every Tuesday from 10 to 12 Society Research takes place at the Town Hall rooms. Cemetery tours and Ghost walks are conducted several times each year. For details of these and many other events phone secretary Judith on 5464 2601 or see www.cgold.com.au/carisbrook%20Historical%20S/home/htm

CASTLEMAINE: Lindsay Cox will be the speaker at the Mount Alexander Shire Festival at 7.30pm on Monday 4 May at the Former Court House, 7 Goldsmith Crescent, Castlemaine when he will speak on "The Salvation Army's Wartime Work on the Front Line". On 1 June Cec Kuhle will be speaker. Contact Alleyne on 5470 6072 or see www.castlemainehistoricalsociety.com.

CHELTENHAM: The Friends of Cheltenham and Regional Cemeteries Inc. are now working on a companion tour to our successful "The Tragic '20s" tour held on 1 March. It's the first time a tour involving tragic circumstances of local persons from a single decade has been undertaken in Australia. We have also just produced a 6,100 word article that contains 35 persons who died in the 1920s, available free from our website to financial members. Membership is just \$5.00 per annum. For more information, contact Vivienne on 03 5420 7671 or email info@focrc.org

CORNISH: On Saturday 18 April (Trevithick Day) at 2pm Bill Phillips will speak on 'Festivals of Cornwall', at the Uniting Church Hall, Cnr Kangaroo Road and Skipton St, Hughesdale. The 23 May meeting will be on "Cornish Ministers who Came to Michigan", presented by Susan Pellowe. See the C.A.V. website at <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~caov/index.htm>

DONCASTER-TEMPLESTOWE: On Wednesday 6 May Jeremy Smith, Heritage Archaeologist, will speak on the intriguing story of the remains of an historic burial ground in the former Pentridge Prison at Coburg, at Schramm's Cottage in Rieschiecks Reserve, Victoria Street, Doncaster. Phone secretary Val on 9439 7577 or see www.vicnet.net.au/~dthsoc/

DROMANA: The AGM will be held on Tuesday 21 April at the Old Shire Offices in Dromana, when Jeff Weir, executive director of the Dolphin Research Institute who will speak about the lives of Melbourne's unique family of dolphins. All correspondence to PO Box 30, Dromana 3936.

EAST MELBOURNE: At 8pm on Wednesday 15 April Ann Blainey, author of "I am Melba" will talk about the life of the opera singer, who attended Presbyterian Ladies College in Albert Street in a building constructed under the direction of her father David Mitchell. Meeting is at Clarendon Terrace, 210 Clarendon St, East Melbourne. Phone secretary Sylvia on 9417 2037 or see www.emhs.org.au

ECHUCA: The Society notes with great sadness the passing of life member and President for 24 years Joan Mitchell, OAM (nee Tracey) born in Echuca East in 1929, died 13 December 2008. A copy of Joan's eulogy is available for reading at the Museum. "The Chinese in Echuca 1853-1930s A Chronicle" written by Carol Holsworth, is available. Phone secretary Dot on 5482 4914 or email eh.soc@bigpond.com

FLINDERS: At a cost of \$36 per person (includes pedestrian ferry fare, entry and guided tour fees, and bus transfers) an excursion from Sorrento Ferry ticket office to Queenscliff will be held from 9.30am to 4.40pm on Monday 27 April. Enquiries and payments to Brian Hartung, PO Box 106, Shoreham, 3916 or email hartung@bigpond.net.au or phone 5989 8398.

GEELONG: At 8pm on Wednesday 6 May in the Morrow Theatre at Geelong Library, 51 Little Malop Street, Mark Beasley will speak on "The Search for a Freedom Fighter - 50 years in the making". On 3 June John McVilly will speak on "Enterprize Voyages - 1835-2000 Reminiscence". The Society works in conjunction with the Geelong Heritage Centre, which it was instrumental in forming and to which its records have been entrusted. See www.geelongaustralia.com.au/Archives/

HASTINGS-WESTERN PORT: Volunteers from Conservation Australia are continuing their task of cataloguing our artefacts and photographs. Green Corps volunteers have tidied up the grounds of Harry's House, part of the Museum precinct. Work has now been completed on this property and our volunteers will be able to move in and have more space for their work. Sally Robins, the Local History Officer, has located her office to Harry's House. Volume 3 of the book series "Hastings People & Places" is being indexed and should be in print in a couple of months. The next Morning Coffee will be held at Hastings Museum on Wednesday, 6th May at 10.15 am and guest speaker will be Berres Huddle Colville speaking on Robert Huddle, who surveyed the streets of Melbourne and who married a daughter of Benjamin & Martha Baxter of Carrup Carrup, Baxter. Contact president Shirley on 9781 1141 or email sadavies@alphalink.com.au

HEIDELBERG: Carlotta Kellaway will share her 'Research on Ned Kelly' at 8pm on Tuesday 14 April at the Uniting Church Community Centre, Seddon St, Ivanhoe (enter from car park at rear), and on 9 June David Frankel will speak on 'Local Aboriginal Archaeology'. Phone 9455 2130 or see <http://heidelberg.50webs.com>

INTERNATIONAL SETTLERS: This GSV Interest Group will meet at 1.00pm on Saturday 16 May when Wolfgang Schoch will speak on "Researching Family Military History and German War Graves Commission" at the GSV meeting room, Level B1, 257 Collins St, Melbourne. See <http://www.gsv.org.au/Groups/isg.htm>

INVERLOCH: An excursion to Leongatha district will take place on Wednesday 22 April - contact secretary Phyllis on 5674 2449. Successful grant applications will allow the purchase of a computer/laptop, printer and accessories. See www.vicnet.net.au/~invhs

KANGAROO GROUND: The Andrew Ross Museum AGM will be held at 7pm on Friday 1 May at Le Pines, 848 Main Rd, Eltham when Mick Woiwod will speak about the many books he has produced; in particular the latest on "Kangaroo Ground - Its Land and Its People". Email: rossmuseum@optusnet.com.au

KEW: Friends of Boroondara Cemetery will meet at 7.30pm on Wednesday 22 April at the Leo Baeck Centre, 37 Harp Rd, East Kew (enter via rear carpark) when Magistrate Maurice Gurvich, one of the authors of "The Scarlet Thread: Australia's Jack the Ripper" will talk about the infamous case of multiple murderer Frederick Deeming and the connection his trial and subsequent hanging have with the Boroondara Cemetery at Kew. For further details contact Pauline on 9420 4518 or 0419 619 275. See also <http://www.prov.vic.gov.au/online/touring.asp> for the Public Record Office Victoria on-line exhibition about this infamous case.

KILMORE: At 8pm on Tuesday 5 May Robert Berglund of the Australian Electoral Commission will speak on the history of Kilmore electoral rolls since Federation and give a brief history of the federal seat of McEwan at the Kilmore Courthouse, 4 Powlett Street. Glen Turnbull will speak on 2 June about Boroondara (Kew) Cemetery for which he has recently edited a book covering the 150 years of its history. Phone secretary Rose on 5782 0416 or see www.kilmorehistory.info

MALMSBURY: An exhibition entitled "Open All Hours" about local shops and businesses down through the years, will be held on Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 May at the Malmsbury Mechanics' Institute. The Society's rooms at the Mechanics' Institute are open on Tuesdays between 9am and 2pm - please phone Sue on 5423 9383 beforehand. At 7.30pm on Wednesday 21 May Alexandra Tynan will speak on costume/clothing trends in different walks of life from one period of history to another. See <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~malmhist>.

MORNINGTON: On Easter Tuesday, 14 April at 10.30am Frank Tagliabue, President of the Iron Collectors Association, will show his collection under the title of "Dashing Away with the Smoothing Iron", at St Mark's Uniting Church Friendship Room, Barkly St, Mornington. On 12 May at 10.30 am at the Mt Eliza Community Centre, Canadian Bay Road, Mt Eliza, Peter Greer will show the Community Centre's design award and other material as "Some Treasures of Mt Eliza". A bus trip of the Southern Peninsula will take place on Thursday 28 May; phone Val on 5975 2958 for details. Museum phone 5976 3203 or see www.vicnet.net.au/~mornhsoc.

NARRE WARREN: The Family History Group will hold a session entitled "Family History Questions and Answers - Ask the Experts" at 8pm on Wednesday 13 May at 8pm in the Research Room at Narre Warren Library, Overland Drive, Fountain Gate. A number of Library Internet Seminars will be held at Casey Cardinia Library to the end of June - contact Heather on 9704 7696. See <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~nwfhg>

NAVAL: On Monday 27 April at 7.30pm Commodore Mark Campbell CSC RAN, Director General Navy Aviation Systems in the Defence Material Organisation will speak on "Aviation in the Royal Australian Navy of Today" at the Melbourne Naval Centre, 146W Toorak Road South Yarra (opposite Fawkner Park). On 25 May LCDR John Bird RNR, recently retired as Federal Vice-President of the Navy League, will present a paper on "A Self Reliant Defence Force", concerning Maritime Air Support. Phone president Rex on 9850 8497 or email franxx@optusnet.com.au

NEWSTEAD: A reader-printer for use with microfilmed newspapers has been purchased, a Scan Pro 1000 which is similar to that used at the Castlemaine library. The ability to copy pages from film to a computer in tif format using equipment at a relatively affordable price has at last become a possibility. The Society meets at Newstead courthouse which is open for research every Monday 9.00am-12.30pm. Contact secretary Dawn on 5476 2006 or email adawn@gcom.net.au

NILLUMBIK: A "Step Back in Time to 1870 at Ellis Cottage" will be held on Sunday 3 May with conducted tours at 1pm, 2pm, and 3pm. See the lovely 1865 farm house, one of the few original buildings still remaining in the Diamond Valley, situated off the Main Hurstbridge Road (Melway 12F5). Phone 9438 5619 or email ronvgordon@gmail.com

NORTH MELBOURNE (HOTHAM): At 7.30pm on Tuesday 26 May Lyndon Arnold will speak about his forefathers' contribution to early West Melbourne history, especially the 1850s shop/house on the south-east corner of King and LaTrobe Streets. Meet at the North Melbourne Library 66 Errol Street. Phone 9658 9700 or see www.hothamhistory.org.au

PORT FAIRY: A Pioneer Dinner will be held at 6.30pm on Saturday 25 April at the Port Fairy Golf Club, when Joan Powling will be speaker. Phone secretary Benia on 5568 2492 to book. A Publications sub-committee has overseen the production of Jodie Honan's book "The Nature of Port Fairy", now launched and available. See www.historicalsociety.port-fairy.com

PORT MELBOURNE: "My Father's Port" will be presented by Shirley Andersson, whose father was manager of the Port Theatre for a time, in the first floor Council Chamber of the Port Melbourne Town Hall at 7.30pm on Monday, 27 April. Phone secretary Pat on 9645 2324 or see www.vicnet.net.au/~pmhps.

PORT PHILLIP PIONEERS: Iain Grant of History House, Portland will speak on "The Great Ocean Road" at 2.00pm on Saturday 13 May at St Andrew's Uniting Church, cnr Burke & Malvern Rds, Gardiner. On 12 July Jenine Rizzetti will speak on "The Sacking of Judge Willis". Phone secretary Marilla on 9822 1776 or see http://home.vicnet.net.au/~pioneers.

RICHMOND & BURNLEY: On Sunday 20 April a Barkly Gardens Walk will be held, and an exhibition focusing on the Industries of Richmond over the years will open on Sunday 31 May. The Annual Bus Tour will take place on Sunday 5 July. More details about these interesting activities can be gained by phone to 9428 6231 or email richmondhs@optusnet.com.au

ROMSEY & LANCEFIELD: This year the Society celebrates its 30th birthday, and celebrations will be held on Sunday 26 April in the form of an afternoon tea. A grant of \$3300 has been obtained to put a kitchen in the Courthouse. Seymour Cottage is open 3rd Sunday each month 1.30-4.30pm. Phone secretary Shirley on 0402 248 540 or email lancefieldcourthouse@gmail.com

ST KILDA: "Women in Football" is the topic when Dr Robert Hesse of Victoria University presents his recent research and images at 2.30pm on Sunday 19 April in the Community Room of St Kilda Library, 150 Carlisle St. On 17 May Kerry Greenwood, author of novels about the fascinating detective of the jazzy twenties Phryne Fisher, will talk about her books and their researched St Kilda settings. Phone 9537 1967 or see www.vicnet.net.au/~hsosk

ST KILDA CEMETERY: The Friends will conduct a Military Tour at 2pm on Sunday 19 April to highlight the resting place of veterans of battles from the Napoleonic wars to WW2. At 2pm on Sunday 17 May the tour is titled "The Trials of Ned Kelly" and features personnel connected with the Kelly trials and the pursuit of the gang - to be held in conjunction with Victorian Law Week. Tours leave from the main entrance in Dandenong Road (Melways 58-G8). Reservations are essential - to 9532 6832; \$10 per adult.

SNAKE VALLEY: At 7.30pm on Tuesday 14 April the topic will be 'Researching District Servicemen and Women', at the Society rooms, Smythesdale Road, Snake Valley. The 12 May meeting will be a Show and Tell format - all welcome. Research by arrangement with Pat on 5344 9281.

TERANG: Meetings are held at 8pm on Monday 27 April and 25 May at the Museum Complex, School grounds, Terang Collage, Primary Campus, Princes Highway and details can be gained by emailing historysociety04@hotmail.com or phone secretary Margaret on 5592 1531. A recent Federal Government grant and donation of archives boxes from the Public Record Office Victoria have helped with collection management.

TRARALGON: Ann Pawley will speak on the Latrobe Theatre Company (Latrobe Light Opera Society) at 7pm on Tuesday 12 May at the Kath Teychenne Centre at 11 Breed Street. On 9 June Rob Youl and Jim Grubb will talk about "Traralgon". Phone secretary Thelma on 5174 3696 or see www.traralgonhistory.asn.au

WARRACKNABEAL: The Easter Vintage Machinery Rally will be held on 11th, 12th and 13th April, featuring Trucks Over the Years, 60 Years Production of Chamberlain, and the 100 Year Anniversary of Jelbart. Inquiries to Jean on 5398 1901 or email jara@netconnect.com.au. Cataloguing continues at the Historical Centre where on Tuesday 21 April Betty Murphy of East Melbourne will speak on "From Blackwater Valley to the Old Mallee" featuring the Murphy families of Willenabrina, a book she has recently written. See www.warracknabealhistory.org.au

WARRNAMBOOL: The Society has a new website at www.warrnamboolhistory.org.au, and the newsletter has a colourful new look.

Check out the website to see some good links and ideas for promotion. The Society's rooms are in Gillies Street.

Phone 5561 0099 or mail to PO Box 731, Warrnambool, 3280.

WHITEHORSE: At 1.30pm on Saturday 18 April Samantha Westbrook, a heritage architect, will speak about Post-War Housing, at Schwerkolt Cottage, Deep Creek Road, Mitcham (Melway 49 D7). Phone secretary Peter on 9877 0141 or see www.vicnet.net.au/~ndhsinc/

WAVERLEY: To commemorate ANZAC the Society has invited Major General Frank Poke to speak on Thursday 23 April on "Darwin - its place in the history of Australia's participation in WW2". A bus trip to Queenscliff will take place on Sunday 19 April - book soon. Contact secretary Norma on 9802 9332 or see www.vicnet.net.au/~whsvic.

YACKANDANDAH: Since the reopening of the Museum on 29 November 2008 visitor numbers demonstrate the strong support the wider community is showing to Yackandandah Historical Society after their 'home' was destroyed by fire. A total of 1289 visitors through the door in 2008 tells the story. Grant applications have been successful, and donations of materials are helping. Email to ykbankmuseum@yahoo.com.au

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