



# History NEWS

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## CENTENARY CONFERENCE

# RHSV Foundation launched at Centenary Conference

It was with great pleasure that Peter Yule, retiring Vice President RHSV, launched the Foundation. With this edition of *History News* you will find the Foundation Postcard. Please consider supporting our Foundation because it is with your support that we can safeguard our future.



Susan Prestitley looks on as Marjorie Tipping and John Adams cut the Birthday Cake during lunch at our Centenary Conference held on 2 May.

## 2009 – 2010 Subscriptions are now due

Included in this edition of *History News* is your blue subscription renewal form for the coming year 1 July 2009 – 30 June 2010.

Again this year there is no increase in our subscription fee.

To deliver our valued programs we rely on your continued support. Your subscriptions help the RHSV provide leadership in history, research and publication opportunities; public programs; the maintenance and access of Victoria's most significant collection outside the State institutions, and support and services for over 300 affiliated historical societies.

We thank you for your subscriptions and encourage you to "sign up a friend" in our centenary year.

Extra renewal forms can be downloaded from our website [www.historyvictoria.org.au](http://www.historyvictoria.org.au) or by phoning the office on 9326 9288.

Subscriptions can also be paid by direct debit, details of which are on the subscription renewal form.



*Can we have  
your old books?*

We need books for our Annual Book Sale!!!

Clean out your book shelves; empty those cupboards; reduce the mountain of books on your bedside table!!!!

If you have any books that you no longer need please 'phone us 9326 9288 and we'll come and collect them from you. Alternatively you can drop them in to the RHSV office (there is 10 minutes parking outside the front door)

We welcome books on any topic

Please help us with our major fundraiser for the year.

The book sale will be SUNDAY

21 June 10am – 4pm

Any offers of help gratefully received.



## Community Treasures

*100 Years of the Royal  
Historical Society of Victoria*

**This exhibition closes on 30  
June.**

**Get along and see the Society's  
treasures and the wonderful film  
showcasing our volunteers.**

## Report from the 99th Annual General Meeting

The meeting opened with Professor Bill Russell welcoming around 40 members.

As this was to be his last AGM as President, Professor Russell commented on how robust the Society seemed with frequently full houses at Speakers Meetings, a conference that had had a waiting list, continuous calls on our collections and research and the increasing viability and visibility of the History Victoria Support Group. He reflected that the Society had begun with a clear vision of its purpose 100 years ago and concluded that "long may its vision remain clear."

The Treasurer gave a short report principally to draw attention to an end of year surplus of almost \$26,000 which was achieved through careful budgeting, earned income, grant income and donations.

This year saw the retirement of 6 Councillors

### JUDITH BILSZTA:

Judith has brought wise advice to the Council both in terms of her extensive knowledge of local historical societies throughout the State; her experience as a past president of Melton Historical Society and her expert knowledge of the library collection at the RHSV. She has brought an understanding of the needs of researchers, use of collections and the ability of volunteers to support that. Her involvement with the RHSV for over 30 years is greatly valued and although she is stepping down from Council she will continue her voluntary role as research officer with the Society

### SUSAN PREISTLEY

Susan has served as President from 1998 - 2002 and has become the unofficial "corporate historian" - her outstanding paper at our recent conference underlines this. In her role as President she was largely responsible for bringing us to this building. Latterly Susan has served as the chair of the Public Programs/ Outreach Committee - organizing with the support of the committee, our annual speakers program which excels in its diversity and breadth of Victorian history, and the wonderful excursions and long trips. These are a form of cultural tourism, beautifully researched, organized and thoroughly enjoyed by all who attend. The book sale is another of Susan's quiet achievements which we hope she will continue to do.

### RICHARD BARNDEN

Richard has served on Council for six years. His insightful advice in overview of budgets and operational aspects of the Society has been invaluable. Richard has practical experience in most aspects of the Society, particularly in his excellent management of the images collection and more recently he has supported the librarians in cataloguing the collections. He has

served on the Collections Committee. Richard has made a great contribution to Council. Although he is stepping down, he will remain a key figure in the running of the Society.

### PETER YULE

Peter has served as Vice President for six years. He has ably supported the work of Council particularly in the chairing of meetings and establishment of the Foundation. Peter has served on the Executive, the Publications and the Foundation Committee - he will maintain his involvement with the Society, particularly with Publications Committee and the Foundation.

### WESTON BATE

It is impossible to sum up everything that Weston has brought to the RHSV. His insurmountable energy, creative mind and generosity of spirit and time has helped shape the culture and image of the RHSV. He thinks widely looking for extensions and connections for the RHSV and once an idea has been generated - it is always followed through. Weston has served as President and most recently he has been the driving force behind History Week - and establishing the Foundation.

Weston may be retiring from Council but he will maintain his close association with the RHSV

### BILL RUSSELL

Bill Russell has served as President for four years. In that time he has introduced sound governance and planning. Working with the Treasurer in the early part of his term he was important in bringing the RHSV finances in line. Bill introduced the Society to wide horizons whilst always presiding over the detail and care the Society extends to its collections and members.

Bill will continue his association with the Society.

### FOLLOWING THE ELECTIONS THE COUNCIL FOR 2009 - 2010 IS AS FOLLOWS:

**President:** Dr. Andrew Lemon

**Vice President:** Dr. Simon Smith

**Vice President:** Lenore Frost (History Victoria Support Group Convenor)

**Treasurer:** John Hulskamp

### Ordinary Members:

Dr Richard Morton

Assoc. Prof. Judith Smart

Glen Turnbull

Kate Prinsley

Joan Hunt

## NEW GRANTS

The Helen Macpherson Smith Trust has resolved to establish a special \$2 million HMS Bushfires Grants Fund which will make a significant direct contribution towards assisting the restoration of community life in the rural townships damaged or destroyed by the February 2009 bushfires across Victoria. The Trust holds the view that philanthropy's role in the aftermath of the bushfires lies in the medium to long-term segments of the recovery efforts, and should be related to rebuilding community lifestyles and spirit. Grants from this special Fund will be made to local and state-wide charitable organisations specifically in support of capacity-rebuilding projects and programs to restore the community life of the damaged Victorian townships.

Grants will be considered which: support social, education or health programs which were in existence prior to the fires, but have not been reinstated due to a lack of community capacity; support for the development of new programs to help rebuild the lifestyle of ravaged communities; contributions towards equipment, furniture and fittings, and other facilities damaged and/or lost due to the fires, such as aged care and disability care, education or health; and capacity-building programs to assist community organisations to meet emerging community needs arising from the bushfire tragedy.

Applications from Victorian charitable institutions, public benevolent institutions or health promotion charities can be made to the HMS Bushfires Grants Fund. Grant rounds close at the end of September 2009, January 2010 and April 2010.

Application guidelines and forms can be downloaded from [www.hmstrust.org.au](http://www.hmstrust.org.au)

Or by phone (03) 9631 2551

## JOBS FUND GRANT

All affiliated Historical Societies would have received information on the Jobs Fund Grant. Applications close on 12 June.

The program guidelines and application form can be found at <http://www.deewr.gov.au/Employment/Pages/JobsFund.aspx>. Further information on the heritage component of the funding is also available at [www.heritage.gov.au](http://www.heritage.gov.au) <<http://www.heritage.gov.au/>> .

*Victorian Historical Journal*

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this *History News*

## President's Message

This is an exciting time for history in Victoria and for our Society in particular.

New technology is progressively opening to every internet user the materials, collections and data that previously have been hard to find in libraries, archives and our own historical collections. Many people as they start exploring their family and local histories are discovering the joys and challenges of historical research. It is a real opportunity for local and special interest historical societies to expand their membership and activities. We at the RHSV are well placed to offer specialist advice on Victorian history. Our library and image collection is an excellent place to start. Our journal, newsletter, website and programme of lectures, seminars and workshops will spark your own imagination. Our knowledge of the local history network can give you the contacts you need. We are intent on building stronger links between the RHSV and other organizations who appreciate history, heritage and historical understanding.

So I'm delighted if daunted to find myself president of the RHSV in this its centenary

year. By the unintended peculiarities of our constitution we have lost from our Council in one blow not only our esteemed president for the past four years, Prof Bill Russell, two revered past presidents Prof Weston Bate and Susan Priestley, a co vice president Dr Peter Yule, the Society's picture expert Richard Barnden and collections expert and networker extraordinaire, Judith Biltza. Lost to the Council, but not I know to the wisdom of the Society. Peter continues as chair of our important capital raising arm, the new RHSV Foundation. It is a strength, too, that a former RHSV vice president, Dr Don Garden, is national president of the Federation of Australian Historical Societies. The centenary conference early in May was a huge success: congratulations and thanks to all involved. Happy birthday to the RHSV – and many happy returns.

Andrew Lemon

## Introducing new President and Vice President

### Dr Andrew Lemon (President)

Dr Andrew Lemon is an independent professional historian and author of many books, particularly on aspects of Victoria and the history of racing. He edited the *Victorian Historical Journal* from 1990 to 1999 and is a fellow of the RHSV.

### Lenore Frost (Vice President)

Lenore has been a member of the History Victoria Support Group since its inception in 2004, and now takes on the role of Convenor of that group. She has had a long-term involvement with Essendon Historical Society, having been a committee member since 1995, Museum Manager since 1995, newsletter editor since 1998, and serving a three year term as President from 2005 to 2008. Lenore has published a number of books on local and family history topics, of which the best known is *Dating family photos, 1850 to 1920*. She has also acted as editor of several books for the Essendon Historical Society.

Lenore has created a number of indexes, including the index of the Victorian Year Book 1977, Australian Women's

Work Exhibition Catalogue 1907, and participated in the indexing of the Women's Petition 1891. Her research interests include a study of the goldrush era settlement on the Keilor Plains, the Essendon/Flemington volunteers in the Great War, and the Melbourne Tailoresses' Strike of 1881-82.

## Call for items for new exhibition

### *Art Deco: Made in Victoria.*

**Items manufactured in Victoria during the 1920s & 30s**

#### ART DECO SCOPING REQUEST

The Royal Historical Society of Victoria is now contacting all members to source items manufactured in Victoria during the 1920s and '30s for the exhibition *Art Deco: Made in Victoria*. Because of the interest in art deco generally and especially the wonderful experiences that were had by all during the Art Deco 2008 Regional Festival jointly presented by the RHSV and Museums Australia (Victoria), and at the National Gallery of Victoria's spectacular art deco exhibition, no-one wants to stop celebrating and re-discovering the style, delights and wonders of the art deco era.

With the aid of a RETI (Regional Exhibition Touring Incentive) grant the Royal Historical Society of Victoria has again been able to engage the services of Janice Haynes who was the Coordinator of the Art Deco 2008 Regional Festival as the Project Manager to develop and plan the *Art Deco: Made in Victoria* exhibition.

The first request is to identify what items could be loaned to the exhibition. Information will be sent to all historical societies, galleries and museums across Victoria. Items must have been manufactured in Victoria during the period from 1914 – 1945, and must be able to be loaned for entire year 2010. Initial submissions need to be returned by Friday 26th June.

Long may 'Art Deco' style live on!

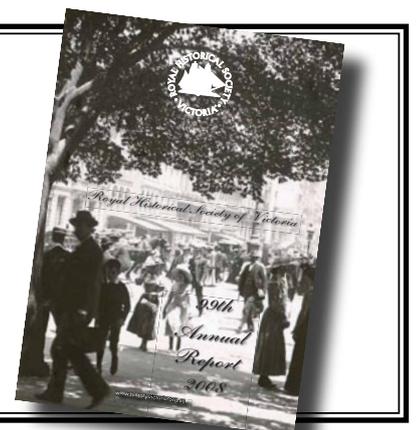
Contact: Project Manager, Janice Haynes

PH: 0407 348 478 Email: j.haynesartdeco@hotmail.com

**The 99th Annual Report is now available on line at**

**[www.historyvictoria.org.au](http://www.historyvictoria.org.au) or**

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# The Future of the RHSV

In its Centenary Year, the RHSV can be proud of its many achievements, but it must also look to the future.

These achievements are many. It has played a central role in the preservation of the records of Victorian history - both through its own collection as an advocate for the preservation of Victoria's public records and the creation and work of the Public Record Office. RHSV has always been a staunch advocate and generous co-worker with government in this task.

RHSV has always sought to work strongly with independent local societies. Its first local branch was established as early as 1911; today we can be proud of the History Victoria Support Group, which has provided advice, assistance and seminars across the state, warmly supported by local societies.

The record of the Society in publishing the highest quality research into Victorian history through the annals of the *Victorian Historical Journal*, is a stunning achievement. So too has been its influence on the use of original historical sources in the writing of Victorian history, pioneered by Professor Ernest Scott.

And we can be justly proud of the continuous sequence of lectures, discussions and exhibitions mounted by the Society over the years - from the Historical Exhibitions of the 1930s through to state wide exhibitions such as those recently held for the centenary of the railways or the regional Art Deco Program.

The future of the Society can be firmly built on these achievements, but I would like to identify five ongoing challenges.

First, there is the challenge of maintaining membership and relevance in an age when people have endless choice of leisure, entertainment, intellectual and scholarly activities. In 1910, few organisations occupied the terrain chosen by the Historical Society of Victoria. Today those interested in ideas, and in history, have many offerings to choose from. RHSV must both "stick to the knitting" by celebrating and building on its strengths -but it must also reach out to the

many other groups that form its milieu. Sometimes this should involve joint lectures, excursions and publications, and sometimes new venues, drawing the attention of wider groups in Society to the many joys we offer.

Second, there is the opportunity new technology and particularly digitization is providing. Digitizing is allowing images and documents once secluded deep in collections to be made available globally and instantly to new audiences. As the digitization of the image collection at RHSV proceeds, both a source of revenue and a source of outreach is being created. Best of all, the quality of historical research at all levels must be enhanced and accessing of documents

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and images becomes easier.

Third, there is sustainability. Its essence lies in the vibrancy of the people of whom the Society is composed, and the vitality of the historical dialogue and discussion they create. But financial sustainability underpins this. Recently, the RHSV has created a Foundation where contributions can build to a mighty fund to guarantee the future of the collection. But another element of sustainability is that the collection must continue to grow and reflect the history of later generations, new forms of Victorian endeavor, and a cultural and linguistic diversity yet to fully enter our discussions.

Fourthly, the Society should develop its relationships with history teaching in schools and universities. There has always been such a link - but there is much more to be done. We should expect that any university student studying Australian history would join our Society; we should expect and cater for school visits to our exhibitions, and we

*(Summary of Talk given by RHSV President Prof Bill Russell at the RHSV Centenary Conference 1 May 2009. The talk will be printed in full in the Victorian Historical Journal November edition)*

should regard school libraries as natural subscribers to our Journal.

Fifthly, there is the question of a long term home for the Society. This is no simple matter, for we do not want our resources and effort diverted into the duties of building manager or landlord. Perhaps not tomorrow, but at some point, the provision of a permanent home should take prominence as a goal. Such a place should be well endowed by government, philanthropic and community support, and provide a place where the Society's work and collections can be adequately showcased to our communities of interest, to school children and researchers, and to tourists and visitors.

All of these hopes and possibilities rest in the strength of the members, volunteers, staff, Councillors and affiliates that make up the Society, and their ability and desire to continue the founders

Vision. For a century, this desire has not diminished, and I hope and expect that it will not diminish in the next century either.

## Lecture on prize winning book

### *Crime in Port Phillip 1835 - 1851*

On Tuesday 9 June at the RHSV, His Honour Paul Mullaly will give a talk on his book *Crime in Port Phillip 1835 - 1851*

Paul Mullaly's book has just won this years Judges' Special Prize for Excellence in the Victorian History Awards, see latest **What's On at RHSV**.

In this talk His Honour will use some of the crimes committed in the Port Phillip District between 1835-51 to illustrate what was happening in the developing community of that time and how the authorities and the legal system coped with those crimes.

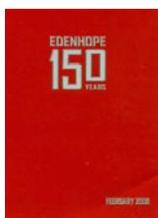
Ring 9326 9288 to book.

**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*.

**Edenhope 150 Years**

Jan Lampard (compiler), 2008 pp. 60.



Very much a souvenir commemorating 150 years, this little booklet comprises a series of short pieces written by locals about Edenhope institutions and events. It also reprints the booklet produced for the Edenhope centenary. The hope of the compiler is that there will be a more detailed history eventually.

**Street Names of Colac**

Ida and Andrew McIntosh (eds), Colac and District Historical Society, PO Box 154, Colac, 3250, 2008, pp. 59, \$10 + \$3 postage.



An attractive booklet with material accumulated since the 1970s originally as local history projects in primary schools. The publication provides a useful model for similar ventures, as do the projects from which much of it emanated.

**A Living Museum, A Short History of the Toora Pear Orchard**

Margaret Cole, 2009, pp. 30



The compiler was very much involved in the establishment of the Toora Pear Orchard in 1996 – a living museum indeed with more than 60 varieties. It serves as both reference point for horticulturists and garden historians.

**Fly Like A Falcon, History of The Knox School, The School on Top of the Hill, Burwood Highway, Wantirna South**

Glen Turnbull, 2003, pp. 183

Few schools have published histories after 20 years of existence. Perhaps inevitably, this history mostly comprises a chronicle of people and events from 1983. There is a first chapter detailing some of Wantirna's history and especially of the land on which

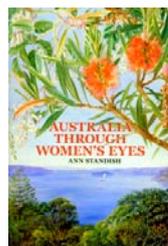
the school is built. The present site was once an extension of Bialik College in Hawthorn. It was sold to Taylors Schools Limited in 1980 and developed by them as Knoxfield College in 1983, later The Knox School. Those with an interest in the last 20 years will find rich pickings without much sense of the enormous impact of government funding on private schools like Knox.



**Australia Through Women's Eyes**

Ann Standish

Australian Scholarly Publishing and State Library of Victoria, 2008, pp. viii + 335



A discussion of the writings of women about Australia taken from the period 1840 to 1930 drawing on some familiar figures and others not as well-known – Katherine Kirkland, Elizabeth Fenton, Louisa Meredith, Annie Baxter Dawbin, Louisa Atkinson, Marianne North, Ellen Clacy, Elizabeth Ramsay-Laye, Clara Aspinall, Fanny Rains, Mrs Charles Thomson, Millicent Stafford, Jessie Ackermann, Beatrice Webb, Katie Langloh Parker and Daisy Bates. The writings examined are mostly travel narratives of the 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century that have usually been seen as marginal in mainstream Australian history writing. The author convincingly shows that these are not only important in a female literary tradition but also significant in making 'Britain and the English-speaking world' aware of Australia and familiar with its 'landscape and the growing white society' in which 'the Indigenous population were destined to fade from view' (p.22).

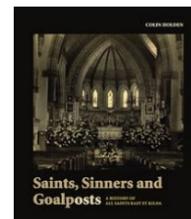
**The Zealous Conservator, A Life of Charles Lane Poole**

John Dargavel, University of Western Australia Press, Perth, 2008, pp.xiii + 252

Lane Poole was a forester trained in France at the start of the 20<sup>th</sup> century who spent his life as a public servant and forest educator in South Africa, Sierra Leone, Western Australia, Papua New Guinea, and finally as federal Inspector-General of Forests in Canberra where he established the Australian Forestry School. Lane Poole made many enemies especially among the state conservators and his well-placed dedication to conserving and managing forests has been easily thwarted by governments and the timber industry. He died in 1970.

**Saints, Sinners and Goalposts, A History of All Saints East St Kilda**

Colin Holden, Australian Scholarly Publishing, Melbourne, 2008, pp. xiv + 313



An elegantly produced book based on impeccable research that links this old and surviving Anglican parish to Melbourne's suburban growth, tides of change in Anglicanism, and broader cultural movements. In the process, there is much of interest about 19<sup>th</sup> century Melbourne elites, the rise and fall of All Saints Grammar, the continuing interest in choral and organ music, the attributes of various incumbents, and much more. A substantial addition to the number of recent Melbourne Anglican parish histories, and a model to which other parish historians might aspire.

**Divine Discontent, The Brotherhood of St Laurence: A History**

Colin Holden & Richard Trembath with Judith Brett, Australian Scholarly Publishing, Melbourne, 2008, pp. ix + 351

An excellent analysis of the role of the Brotherhood in social welfare issues since its founding in Newcastle during the Great Depression. Its employment of professional staff from 1947, its adoption of a very secular face while maintaining its Anglican origins and connections, its tireless advocacy for action for groups not covered by existing government agencies, and its succession of activist directors following Tucker, have made it a large and important organization in Melbourne and Australian welfare delivery and policy. A very substantial history.

**What's In A Name, The Lanes of East Melbourne**

Sylvia Black, Jill Fenwick, D e i r d r e

Basham, Nina Crone, East Melbourne Historical Society, 122 George Street, East Melbourne, 3002, 2008, pp. 39



The naming of the lanes started about 30 years ago. This fine booklet supplies details about those after whom the lanes were named and is illustrated with contemporary and historical photos. Unusually, it has both index and lists of sources, as well as map. An excellent model for historical societies to follow in this often attempted publication.

**HISTORY VICTORIA SUPPORT GROUP – RHSV****SEMINAR DAY SATURDAY 13 JUNE 2009**

Hosted by the Shepparton Heritage Centre Inc.

To be held at Shepparton Heritage Centre, 154 Welsford St, Shepparton

**MANAGING YOUR PAPER BASED COLLECTION  
AND CONSERVATION**

- 10am Registration and cup of tea for those who have travelled from far afield
- 10.30 Welcome by Shepparton President (Margaret Babidge)  
Introduction, reports, general information:
- 10.30 Convenor, History Victoria Support Group Lenore Frost – introduction
- 10.40 President, Royal Historical Society of Victoria – Andrew Lemon - welcome
- 10.50 Exec. Officer, Royal Historical Society Victoria, Kate Prinsley – RHSV news
- 11.00 Presenter: Speaker from Archival Survival: Principal, Angela Henriksen  
Angela will give a demonstration-based presentation based on Archival Survival, which provides archival quality storage products for long-term preservation to museums, galleries, libraries and archives. See [www.archivalsurvival.com.au](http://www.archivalsurvival.com.au)
- 12.30 LUNCH (Bring your own paper-bag lunch) Followed by viewing of the Shepparton Historical Society museum.
- 1.30 Presenter: Joan Hunt  
Joan has been involved in publishing newsletters, journals, and other small periodicals for many years. She reads all Society newsletters which are sent to RHSV, and will share her experiences of what constitutes a very successful written communication for historical society members.
- 2.15 Presenter: Lenore Frost  
Lenore will co-ordinate a discussion session based on issues arising from the above presentations. Everyone will be encouraged to participate with anecdotes, experiences, ideas, and solutions, with input from Angela, Joan and Lenore.
- 3.00 Afternoon tea - Closure of Seminar Day, and departure.  
(Costs: \$5 per head includes morning and afternoon tea- Please book through RHSV by notifying Ged on 9326 9288. Bookings will close Wednesday 10th June 2009).

**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 \$2,000 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 organizations. Small organizations 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:**

Maryborough Field Naturalists Club, Linton & District Historical Society, Tatura & District Historical Society, Mornington & Peninsular National Trust, friends of Bendigo Cemeteries Inc.

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/](http://www.anz.com/aus/fin/Trustees/)

Applications close 1 October 2009.

**Nominations open for regional Victoria's only arts awards**

Regional Arts Victoria's RAVE Awards acknowledge the phenomenal work of regional artists, arts workers, organisations and volunteers in creating, delivering and presenting cultural activity in regional Victoria.

Regional Arts Victoria (RAV) is now calling for nominations in the following six categories:

- Contemporary Cultural Development
- Arts and Business Partnership
- Indigenous Arts
- Arts Volunteering
- Regional Touring
- Youth Leadership – includes for the first time in 2009 a \$1,000 special cash prize generously supported by the Deloitte Foundation

Nominations close Friday 14 August 2009.

Guidelines and Nomination Forms can be downloaded from [www.rav.net.au](http://www.rav.net.au)

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**JUNE-JULY 2009 AROUND THE SOCIETIES**

This column is compiled by Lenore Frost 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 June and for the September Newsletter by 10 August to lenore10@hotmail.com

**ADAM LINDSAY GORDON:** Saturday and Sunday June 20 and 21 will see our second annual Torquay Froth and Bubble Literary Festival, a free event with presentations and workshops. [www.torquayfrothandbubbleliteraryfestival.com](http://www.torquayfrothandbubbleliteraryfestival.com) Our sponsorship of the Fellowship of Australian Writers National Literary Awards 2008 resulted in three winners, announced last month, who had to brush up their history on Adam Lindsay Gordon in order to compete, in verse.

**ANGLICAN:** Dr John Rickard will speak on "St Mary's North Melbourne - all change", on Wednesday 17 June, Canon's Vestry, St Paul's Cathedral at 6.30 pm. Enquiries: 9818 4565.

**AVOCA:** Avoca and District Historical Society celebrated its 25th birthday on 17 May with a luncheon at the Mooneambel Hotel. The Society was able to take advantage of a PROV offer of Exhibition Display material offered to a museum which had the ability to pick it up immediately - several other societies turned up with vehicles too small for the job, so ADHS got most of it.

**BALLARAT:** James Coghlan will talk about the Ballarat Brewing Company at the Gold Museum, Bradshaw St, Ballarat on Tuesday 9 June. The meeting commences at 7.30 pm, visitors welcome. Enquiries 03 5341 2405.

**BALWYN:** Architectural historian Peter Barratt will speak on his research on 'Colongulac', North Balwyn's Oldest House, and 'How to research Your House' on Thursday 11 June at 8 pm. At the 9 July meeting local historian, Marjorie Morgan will speak on her book about John Kendrick Blogg, famous woodcarver of Surrey Hills, circa 1900. Supper served. All welcome at The Evergreen Centre, 45 Talbot Ave, Balwyn. Enquiries Robin Kelly, 9836 6589.

**BOX HILL:** John Farmer, Station Manager of 3WBC Community Radio 94.1FM, will speak on Thursday 18 June on the history and operation of Whitehorse-Boroondara Community Radio, which broadcasts from its studios in the Box Hill Town Hall Hub. On 16 July Keith de Kretser, President of the Box Hill Rugby Union Football Club, will speak on the story of the Club, 'Home of the Mighty Broncos', which celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. Meetings are held at Strabane Chapell Hall, Strabane Ave, Mont Albert North, starting at 8 pm. Enquiries 9285 4808 or see [www.vicnet.net.au/~bhhs/](http://www.vicnet.net.au/~bhhs/)

**CAMPERDOWN:** Dr John Menzies will talk about the history of "Wurrong" homestead and the influential people who lived there on Tuesday 7 July. The meeting will commence at 7.30 pm in the McCabe Room, behind the Library, Manifold Street, Camperdown. Enquiries [cdhs@tca-online.net.au](mailto:cdhs@tca-online.net.au)

**CHELTENHAM:** The Friends of Cheltenham and Regional Cemeteries Inc are celebrating the signing of our 100th member, less than two years after the group's formation. We are putting together a new tour titled "The Tragic '30s: Decade of Adventure", to be held on Sunday 21 June at 2.00 pm. Financial members can

access a growing archive of newspaper articles, stories, obituaries and other material from our website. Membership is \$5.00 per annum. For more information, visit our website [www.focrc.org](http://www.focrc.org), ring Vivienne on 03 5420 7671 or email [info@focrc.org](mailto:info@focrc.org)

**CRESWICK:** Creswick Historical Society was pleased to assist the Creswick Museum in staging its "Ruby and Will" exhibition - art works by husband and wife Will and Ruby Dyson (nee Lindsay). The society has also collected all the written details from the headstones in the Creswick Cemetery and these are being typed up prior to digitisation. The Museum has just commenced indexing the old Creswick "Advertiser" newspapers from 1859. A map of the original Shire is available from the Secretary or the Museum for \$5 plus \$3 postage. Enquiries 03 5345 1310.

**DANDENONG:** You are invited to join the Dandenong Historical Society at their annual lunch on Saturday 20 June at the Dandenong Club, cnr Stud and Heatherton Roads, Dandenong at 12 noon. Guest speaker will be Sue Jarvis, well-known local artist, whose art depicts the story of Dandenong, its places and people. Cost will be \$28 for 2 course meal. Bookings and payment to DDHS, PO Box 8029, Dandenong 3175 by 9 June. Enquiries to Carmen on 9796 2456.

**DROMANA:** On Tuesday 16 June there will be a coffee morning at 11 am, the guest speaker to be Cathy Gowdie on her new book "Foxy's Hangout". Enquiries to 03 5989 9119, or email [dromanahs@gmail.com](mailto:dromanahs@gmail.com)

**EAST MELBOURNE:** Laurie Moore will tell us about the life and times of Rev Dr Adam Cairns and the history of the church named in his memory. The meeting will be held at Clarendon Terrace, 210 Clarendon St, East Melbourne on Wednesday 17 June at 8 pm. Enquiries [info@emhs.org.au](mailto:info@emhs.org.au) or phone 9416 0445.

**ELTHAM:** A heritage walk will be held on Saturday 4 July at 2 pm, leaving from the Eltham Local History Centre, 728 Main Road Eltham. The walk will take about two hours. It is free to members and the public, and afternoon tea will be available at the end. Ring Sue on 9439 9520 for bookings.

**ESSENDON:** When shepherd John Caine disappeared on the Keilor Plains in 1849 his wife Bridget became the prime suspect in his supposed murder. Join the Essendon Historical Society and Strathmore Theatrical Arts Group in a journey of discovery to find the truth behind this 160 year old mystery. Saturday 13 June, 8 pm at the Stag Theatre, Loeman St, Strathmore. Cost \$10. Bookings essential, call Christine on 9379 7161.

**FITZROY:** "Founding Footsteps" is a self-guided heritage walk which can be found on the City of Yarra website. Go to <http://www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/home.asp> and search for "Founding Footsteps", or follow the links from Planning & Building > Heritage > History of the City of Yarra.

**FLINDERS:** Celebrating 150 years of Shoreham, Bill Clancy, a descendant of one of one of Shoreham pioneer families, the Rileys, will speak on early settlement of Shoreham Township, at the AGM on Sunday 5 July at the Shoreham Hall. Enquiries 5989 0145.

**GISBORNE:** Plaques honouring the pioneer families of Gisborne will be unveiled in the Gisborne Pioneer Park at the rear of the

Courthouse on Sunday 28 June at 2 pm. If your family settled in the area before 1920, you may still order a plaque up to 30 May, at the cost of \$235. For further details contact the society on 03 5428 1450, or email [history@gisbornemountmacedon.org.au](mailto:history@gisbornemountmacedon.org.au)

**GULF STATION:** On 28 February a gathering at Gulf Station acknowledged those whose efforts on Black Saturday extinguished the fire in the paddocks. Trust CEO Martin Purslow presented George Miller and John Gilligan with framed certificates, and he also thanked all others involved at Gulf Station that awful night.

**HASTINGS-WESTERN PORT:** This Society as well as the other historical groups of Mornington Peninsula Shire is dismayed at the news that the Shire's funding for the position of Local History Officer will no longer continue from the end of June. Local History Officer, Sally Robins has made a very positive contribution to all groups and appeals are being made for continuation. The Society was very thrilled to receive from RHSV a \$100 grant for brochures and approval for a banner for the Society. The next morning coffee at Museum is Wednesday 12 August, 10.15 am - "Antiques & Collectables" \$5pp. Bookings 03 9781 1141.

**HEALESVILLE:** Tom Osburg will speak on "Yarra Ranges National National Park, before and after" in the Historical Society rooms in Healesville Memorial Hall, on Sunday 28 June at 2 pm. The Society's rooms are open to the public every Monday and Friday (except Public Holidays and days of Total Fire Ban) from 1.30 to 4 pm. Enquiries 5962 1655 or email [hhsociety@optusnet.com.au](mailto:hhsociety@optusnet.com.au)

**HEIDELBERG:** The 30th Anniversary of the opening of the Museum at the old Heidelberg Courthouse is coming up, and the society is seeking photos taken at the opening on 18 Nov 1979, as well as photos of other society events. Contact the society on 9455 2130 or email [history@heidelberg.50webs.com](mailto:history@heidelberg.50webs.com)

**HUNTLY:** The historical society was very excited to receive a small grant through the RHSV to print brochures, and also for a banner for their society.

**KNOX:** The restoration of Ambleside Park Homestead, the headquarters of the Knox Historical Society, has been completed. The Homestead, at 3 Olivebank Rd, Ferntree Gully, is open on Sunday afternoons from 1 pm to 4 pm, or by appointment. Enquiries [khs@relics.com](mailto:khs@relics.com) or phone 9758 6722. Research facilities are available, see website. [www.vicnet.net.au/~khsinc](http://www.vicnet.net.au/~khsinc) for details.

**KOROIT:** Koroit and District Historical Society meets on the second Monday of the month at the Tower Hill Common School, Victoria Park, High St, Koroit, at 8 pm. Enquiries 03 5565 7994. For research enquiries email [kathyb@westvic.com.au](mailto:kathyb@westvic.com.au)

**LANDSBOROUGH:** The Barkly room is open on the last Sunday of the month from 2pm to 4pm, or by appointment. Books, pamphlets, teatowels and DVDs are available for sale. Ring Tim or Diane on 5356 9288.

**LINTON:** On Wednesday 6 May the society launched "The Exchange Project - The Party Line", a novel system of story telling of Linton's history, based on the manual telephone exchange. Visitors are invited to come and share living memories from townspeople and actors re-creating interpretive material from our collection. The next open day is 21 June, 1 to 4

pm, at 71 Sussex St, Linton. Enquiries: email [lnhs@bigpond.com.au](mailto:lnhs@bigpond.com.au) or phone 5344 7430.

**MARYBOROUGH:** Work was to begin in May on the building of the society's resource centre extensions in the grounds of Worsley Cottage Complex, with completion expected to be within ten weeks. Access to records in the present building is expected to be available most of the time. [www.vicnet.net.au/~mbhs](http://www.vicnet.net.au/~mbhs)

**NEPEAN:** At the mid-year luncheon at the Rye Hotel on Friday 3 July at 12 noon we will have Valda Cole speaking about "Hobson's Christmas Party at Arthur's Seat". The Society is also planning a visit to the Shrine, La Trobe's Cottage and Government House, Melbourne on 15 July. The expected cost is \$30 per person. For more details regarding any of these events contact Don Ewart 5984 0255 or visit [www.nepeanhistoricalsociety.asn.au](http://www.nepeanhistoricalsociety.asn.au)

**PORT PHILLIP PIONEERS:** On Saturday 11 July Jenine Rizzetti will speak on "The sacking of Judge Willis", at 2 pm, St Andrew's Uniting Church, cnr Burke and Malvern Rds, Gardiner. Enquiries [marillajames@yahoo.com](mailto:marillajames@yahoo.com) or 9822 1776.

**OUYEN:** Ouyen is celebrating its Centenary this year. The Ouyen District History and Genealogy Centre has a special historic display on Fridays from 9.30 to 4 pm or by appointment. Genealogy Research Days are held at the Centre on the third Thursday of the month from 10 am to 4 pm. Help is available on these days with family and history research. Enquiries to [history@ouyen.vic.au](mailto:history@ouyen.vic.au) or see their website [www.ouyen.vic.au/history](http://www.ouyen.vic.au/history)

**PHILLIP ISLAND:** The Museum is located in the Heritage Centre, 89 Thompson Ave, Cowes, open Saturdays 10 till 12 noon, Sunday 2 till 4.30pm, and also during school holidays on Thursdays 2 till 4.30 pm. Check the website for details: [home.waterfront.net.au/phillipislandhistory](http://home.waterfront.net.au/phillipislandhistory), or email [history@waterfront.net.au](mailto:history@waterfront.net.au)

**PLENTY:** The Plenty Historical Society has undertaken a project to restore the War Memorial Gates at the Plenty War Memorial Park. They intend to re-dedicate the Gates in November, and the society would like to contact families of those persons who formed the original committee which established the memorial, and also members of the armed forces and their families from Plenty who served in the various conflicts since the establishment of the Memorial Gates. They would like to extend invitations to the Re-dedication Ceremony to as many of those people as they can locate, and seek assistance in locating them. If you can help, contact the society on 9435 9117 or email [kerlan@vicnet.net.au](mailto:kerlan@vicnet.net.au)

**RYE:** On 24 March this year a new classroom for the Rye Primary School arrived on two large low-loaders and quickly put into position at the school. This classroom was purchased with funds raised by the Rye Historical Society and donated to the school in exchange for the full use of the Old Schoolhouse which they had been sharing with the school's remedial reading classes.

**SHIPLOVERS:** The "muster" of Shiplovers on Wednesday 10 June, 7.45 pm will feature "The Voyage of the Spirit of Mystery". A replica of the Cornish fishing lugger *Mystery* that made a voyage from Newlyn to Melbourne in 1854-55 arrived at Williamstown to a great welcome and

then went on exhibition. Musters are held at the Port of Melbourne Corporation's Education Centre, Lorimer St, Port Melbourne, Melway Ref Map 42 F10.

**ST KILDA:** Eminent historian Richard Broome will present stories and images from his prizewinning history of Victorian Aborigines from 1800 onwards, including St Kilda on Sunday 14 June. On Sunday 12 July George Haddon, a former editorial cartoonist with the Sun Herald will tell his life's journey to become one of Australia's best known and prolific cartoonists. The meetings commence at 2.30 pm in the St Kilda Community Room, Foyer, St Kilda Library, 150 Carlisle St, St Kilda. Enquiries 9537 1967 or email [info@skhs.org.au](mailto:info@skhs.org.au)

**ST KILDA CEMETERY:** "Notable women". On Sunday 21 June at 2 pm, the Friends will take a tour focussing on notable women buried in the Cemetery and the contributions they have made to the community and the nation. Tours leave from the main entrance gates on Dandenong Rd, St Kilda East. Cost \$10, members and children free. Bookings essential on 9531 6832.

**SUNSHINE:** In 1922 Charlie Pippett, a blacksmith with Sunshine Harvester Co, crafted large iron gates for the main entrance to the firm's vast factory. In 1996 the gates were re-erected within a few feet of the original site in Devonshire, Sunshine. An appropriate plaque, installed on one of the gates' pillars by the Sunshine & District Historical Society in 2000, was stolen, probably for scrap metal. On Monday 27 April a replacement plaque in black granite was unveiled by Cr Troy Atanasovski, Mayor of Brimbank, in front of a gathering which included former employees of the factory and their descendants. Mercy Hospice Inc, the current owner of the land on which the gates stand, provided refreshments and opportunities for renewed contacts.

**TALBOT:** The Talbot Museum in Camp St, Talbot is open on Sundays from 1 to 4pm, or by appointment. The Museum is also open for members and volunteers on Tuesday and Wednesday from 10am to 4 pm, visitors welcome. Entry is \$2, a fee for research applies. For further information email [talbotmuseum@hotmail.com](mailto:talbotmuseum@hotmail.com) or ring 03 5463 2167 on Sundays only.

**WAVERLEY:** The fifth annual Glen Waverley Steam Train Rides will run on Sunday 28 June. See [www.vicnet.net.au/~whsvic](http://www.vicnet.net.au/~whsvic) for details. Tickets may be purchased on the train on the day.

**WARRACKNABEAL:** The Easter Vintage Machinery Rally was a huge success with people attending as far as away as NSW, Queensland, WA and New Zealand. The Easter Street Parade was hailed as the "best ever". Locals and visitors also enjoyed the Vintage Tractor Pull, craft stalls, stationary engines and demonstrations. At our April meeting members and locals were treated to a presentation by Miss Betty Murphy who talked about her book which follows the Murphy settlement at Willenabrana.

**WARRAGUL:** The society recently had a wonderful donation, from a donor in Canada, of postcards connected to the Cromie Drapery store. Meetings of the historical society are held on the last Monday of the month at the Old Shire Hall, Queen Street, at 7.30 pm. Enquiries 5625 3763.

**WESTGARTHTOWN:** Ziebell's Farmhouse is open to the public on the second Sunday of each month between 1-4pm. For enquiries call 9464 1805 or email [nmj1@bigpond.com](mailto:nmj1@bigpond.com)

**WHITEHORSE:** Peter McPhee of the Healesville RSL will speak on the Kakoda Trail on Saturday 13 June, at 1.30 pm at Schwerkolt Cottage and Museum Complex, Deep Creek Road, Mitcham. Enquiries 9873 4946.

**WOADY YALOOK:** The society Mid Year Dinner will be held at the Scarsdale Hotel on Wednesday 15 July. For details, nearer the date, contact [wylhs@vic.chariot.net.au](mailto:wylhs@vic.chariot.net.au) or ring Pauline on 03 5342 8594.

**YARRAWONGA MULWALA:** A special 6-month photographic exhibition was recently opened at the Pioneer Museum in Mulwala. The late Ian Sloane of Savernake has been widely recognised as an exceptional movie maker of the 1930s, specialising in rural documentaries and images. He was also a dedicated still photographer, capturing a wide range of subject matter with creativity and clarity, developing his prints in his own home darkroom. Memorabilia of his camera collection and darkroom equipment is on display, along with over 80 photographs. Opening times: Wed-Sun; 1 - 4.30pm. Enquiries: 03 5744 1402 or 02 6035 9415.

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