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Membership Drive a priority for 2010-2011: Can you help?

Our centenary year was a tremendous success. Highlights included the Launch of the RHSV Foundation, the Centenary conference and exhibition, and delightful reception at Government House hosted by our Patron, the Governor of Victoria Professor De Kretser.

Fundamental to the success of all these activities has been the engagement and support of the RHSV membership. Accordingly, this year, Council has agreed to make growing the membership a priority. This brings in new energy and ensures the continuing work of the Society.

to develop our programmes. In return corporate membership provides the opportunity for the company to become more closely engaged with Victorian and Australian history. It is also a recognised tax deduction. Such membership is a *win win* for both the RHSV and corporate Australia.

A SMALL WISH LIST

During the annual budget process for any organisation there are always things that the committee would like to do and provide to members but is constrained by the rigors of responsible financial management. These things get there eventually but it can take time. Such items fall into a *Wish list* for the future. As we approach the end of the financial year, the following items sit on Council's wish list.

Compactus filing cabinet (6 bay sliding) to help safely and efficiently store some of the collection. Estimated cost \$4500

Upgrade the library furniture – chairs, tables and lights. Estimated cost \$6,000
Perhaps you can help? If so please contact our EO Kate Prinsley on 9326 9288.

ANNUAL REPORT

The 2009 Annual Report is now available on line or sent to you in hard copy by 'phoning 9326 9288

Regional Conference

Facts and Fables – making local history

Saturday 28 and Sunday 29 August

Hotel Shamrock, Bendigo

Programme with booking form is included with this edition of *History News*

No 'History News' in July

There will not be a *History News* in July because the executive officer Kate Prinsley will be on her Churchill Fellowship. Instead there will be an edition published in August full of information about her trip and events planned for the second half of the year.

Can you help?

Volunteers are needed to help with Melbourne's Open House July 24 and July 25.

We are opening our doors for this wonderful promotion of Melbourne's fascinating buildings.

If you could spare some time over that weekend to help meet, greet and guide the visitors we would be most grateful.

Please phone the office: 9326 9288

Book Sale

Books are now being received for our Annual Book Sale.

The date this year will be SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 12

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

Welcome to the book edition of *History News*

In this edition you will find two pages of books recently received by the library.

Also inside

- Information about the Holsworth Fund - funding for publishing on page 6
- Book reviews in the *Victorian Historical Journal*.
- Information on the Victorian Community History Awards see *What's On* insert



Members enjoyed a wonderful evening at Government House on 7 April to celebrate the Centenary of the RHSV. The RHSV is most grateful to our patron Governor de Kretser and Mrs de Kretser.

With this Newsletter you will have received your subscription renewal form for 1 July 2010 – 30 June 2011.

Again this year there is no increase in Individual and Family subscriptions however we have increased the Corporate Membership to \$500.00 and set an objective of securing 20 new corporate members.

Can you help encourage Victorian based firms to join the RHSV? Perhaps a CEO lives next door? Corporate support would significantly assist the RHSV revenue stream and ensure that we can continue

News from our AGM

There was a celebratory mood to this year's meeting as some 40 members delighted at being present at our 100th AGM.

The meeting was opened by vice president Dr Simon Smith - deputizing for Andrew Lemon who is in England doing research.

Simon read the President's message from the Annual Report as he felt it summed up the previous year. Andrew had written that although he had edited the Society's journal throughout the 1990s he in fact had never served on Council. After recovering from the surprise of finding himself elected President he had discovered the RHSV in 2009 to be dynamic, innovative and surrounded by an "expert network" of volunteers in historical societies throughout the state. He had written that 2009 had been our centenary year, marked by such occasions as our centenary conference and centenary journal, the launch of the Foundation, the *Community Treasures* exhibition and the centenary garden party in Edwardian style held in the garden of Janice and Weston Bate. Andrew had written

"In celebrating its centenary year, the Royal Historical Society of Victoria could justifiably have sat on its laurels and congratulated itself on one hundred years well played. Instead 2009 was a year of activity, change, challenge and achievement. We have emerged stronger and energized, looking forward to the second century."

The Treasurer reported that the Society is in a good financial position with an end of year surplus of \$43,279. However he concluded his report by saying we cannot afford to be complacent as there are many cost pressures that will impact on our future plans.

The year saw the retirement from Council of Dr Richard Morton FRHSV

Richard had served on Council for four years and given outstanding service on the Publications Committee. He has been editor of the journal since 1999 and been a tireless advocate and seeker of excellence in writing and production. He saved the Society considerable expense by designing the Journal "in house" and introduced the use of illustrations from our collections.

The meeting concluded with a wonderful address from Weston Bate about how he became a local historian. The talk will shortly be available as a pod cast.

The annual report is available on our website or by phoning the Society on 9326 9288

2010-2011 COUNCIL

There being six nominations for six positions on Council an election was not necessary. The Council for 2010 - 2011 is as follows:

President: Dr. Andrew Lemon

Vice Presidents: Lenore Frost (History Victoria Support Group Convenor), Dr. Simon Smith

Treasurer: John Hulskamp

Secretary: Carole Woods

Ordinary Members: Kay Craddock, Dr. Judith Smart, Assoc. Prof Don Garden, Glen Turnbull, Joan Hunt, Jenny Coates, Kate Prinsley

Expressions of interest for History Victoria Support Group were received:

Convenor: Lenore Frost

Committee: Helen Fox, Bernard Bolch, Laurina Strauch, Jane Nigro. Laurie Huffer, Kate Prinsley (Alternates Joan Hunt, Alleyne Hockley) Vicki Court Local History Officer

AWARDS

The meeting voted that Dr Peter Yule be awarded a Fellowship of The Royal Historical Society of Victoria

PETER YULE

Peter Yule joined the Council of the RHSV in May 2002 and retired from Council in 2009.

During his period on Council he served on the Publications Committee and was Council representative on the National Archives Consultative Forum.

Peter served as vice president for four years. He was an outstanding support in that role, chairing meetings with skill and good humour, but it is his experience as a local historian that particularly endeared him to the networks of the Royal Historical Society of Victoria. He has always displayed empathy and understanding and encouraged historians in local communities, especially in the Warrnambool district.

He has been a valued member of the publications committee as a writer for the journal and thoughtful commentator on submitted articles. He has suggested changes to the journal to ensure the publication of interesting but less academic papers.

Mindful of the Society's finances Peter has been a driving force in establishing the RHSV Foundation. He formally launched the Foundation at the Centenary Conference in May last year. Sadly, work commitments have caused Peter to resign recently both as Chair and member of the Foundation Committee.

Peter has been the author and editor of many published titles. *The Royal Children's Hospital: a History of Faith, Science and Love, By These We Flourish: a History of Warrnambool, A History of the Warrnambool and District Base Hospital, In the Public Interest: 150 years of the Victorian Auditor-General's Office, Carlton: A History, Ian Potter: a Biography, The Collins Class Submarine Story: Steel, Spies and Spin*

Peter has made a significant contribution to the history of Victoria - through his publications, his encouragement of community history and his involvement in the Royal Historical Society of Victoria.

Two Awards of Merit were voted upon:

Dr ROD BENJAMIN OAM

Rod Benjamin became Treasurer in 2000. In that year there was a deficit of \$37,717.

In his final annual report of 2007 Rod was able to report a surplus of almost \$10,000.

Undoubtedly the sound financial position with which he left the Society was due to his careful and regular review of the budget, and interrogation of income, expenditure and grants.

Rod brought a life time's experience to the RHSV's insurance scheme and was constantly mindful of securing premiums and services that were appropriate to the budget and scale of RHSV affiliated societies. He annually ran an insurance workshop where Affiliated Societies could ask questions about the insurance scheme.

Rod was also instrumental in establishing the RHSV Centenary Foundation - We welcome his return to involvement with that committee.

HARRY GILHAM

Eltham Historical Society would like to nominate Harry Gilham.

Harry Gilham occupied the position of President of the Shire of Eltham Historical Society and later the Eltham District Historical Society from 1993 until 2009 and during this time has been a driving force behind the success of the Society. Although he has retired from that position he remains on the society's committee and plays a very active part in society activities.

He has been involved in many personal historical projects including the history of local schools, the local railway and the Eltham Justice Precinct. His "Chronology of Known Local Events" is an important resource for the society and other historical societies in the Shire of Nillumbik. His commitment to the establishment and maintenance of the Eltham Local History Centre is a significant long-term contribution to the provision of a permanent home for the Society, including the many historical records, resources and acquisitions held there.

As Convener of Nillumbik Council's Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Tower Committee he has played a leading role in the on-going refurbishment of this important site and tower, together with the building of the Moor-rul Viewing Platform.

In recognition of his efforts on behalf of the society Harry has been awarded an honorary life membership. Harry together with his wife Sue Dyet were named joint 2008 Nillumbik Citizens of the Year in acknowledgement of the decades of community service both of them have given to their local communities.

INTRODUCING NEW COUNCILLOR: Jenny Coates

Jenny Coates is a PhD student in the School of Philosophical, Historical and International Studies at Monash University. Her honours thesis titled *Melbourne's unemployed and the Koo-Wee-Rup settlement scheme during the 1890s depression* was supervised by Professor Graeme Davison and Dr Seamus O'Hanlon. Jenny's PhD, *Melbourne's Unemployed During the 1890s Depression* is supervised by Dr Seamus O'Hanlon and Emeritus Professor Marian Quartly. Jenny is also a consultant historian with extensive experience in archival research, contextual analysis, and literature searching and review. She has 25 years' experience in family, biographical and local history research. She has worked as an author, research and editorial assistant on several projects, including the *Encyclopedia of Melbourne* and *Australian Economic History Review*.

Jenny has been a committee member of the Friends of Cheltenham and Regional Cemeteries, and Emerald Museum and Nobelius Heritage Park. She was also the editor of *Spreading Branches*, newsletter of the Narre Warren & District Family History Group, 2003-2006.

She is a member of the Professional Historian's Association (Vic), Australian Historical Association, Genealogical Society of Victoria, Australian Institute of Genealogical Studies.

The RHSV Foundation continues to build

Recently, former RHSV President Professor Bill Russell and former RHSV Treasurer Dr Rod Benjamin OAM have agreed to join the Foundation Committee. Their experience and support is most welcome. They join continuing Council members Dr Simon Smith and Mr John Hulskamp. The former chair Dr Peter Yule retired in early 2010. We thank him for his contribution.

We are delighted to acknowledge the support of our most recent Foundation Founders:

HW Menadue
Norah Killip
Frank Ford
John Adams
David Langdon

OBITUARIES

JEAN UHL

31.1.1912 – 22.5.2010

When Jean joined the RHSV as a Monday volunteer in the 1950s the Society had just moved into 19 Queen Street after shifting from Palmer Hall in the State Library. As Jean mentioned in her memoirs, in those days 'things were slightly chaotic'. Some time later she was nominated by John McEwen as a council member and served on the Council from 1962 to 1966

Jean arrived in Australia on the "Ormonde" in 1939 and was only here a short time when she experienced a baptism of fire on Black Friday, 13 January 1939. Involved in school Mothers Clubs, producing plays for Sunday School Concerts, acting as secretary for Home and Family Week, Jean was dismayed at the lack of awareness in Victoria (and Australia's) history and the documentation thereof.

This was rectified to some extent by Jean's output of nine publications by 1979. Many researchers today are grateful to her for the huge task she completed on indexing of Victoria's earliest Criminal Trial Briefs which were then held in the basement of the State Library. Copies of these are held by the State Library and the Public Record Office. She had a first class, sparkling mind and wrote and researched well.

Other activities included being the house mother in charge of all the girls who were sent from Interstate through the Y.W.C.A. Jean was a foundation member of the Box Hill Historical Society, a long time supporter of the Friends of Nunawading Library and a foundation member of the Schizophrenia Fellowship.

When she was aged 80 years Jean launched her publication "A Woman of Importance: Emily Childers in Melbourne 1850-1856". Five years later she published "Once in a Lifetime" which detailed the exasperating experiences of building a new home in Blackburn in the early 1950s.

Jean once wrote : "I am a firm believer that what you give out either materially, mentally or spiritually, you get back in double, sometimes triple measure". A great philosophy indeed.

MAUREEN GOLDIE

It was with great sadness that fellow research assistants learned of the sudden death of Maureen Goldie in late April. Joining our team of volunteers a decade ago, Maureen initially undertook proof-reading associated with the transfer of the cumulative index of our Journal to electronic form. She assisted in the detailed indexing of forms submitted for RHSV Historical Register and the photographic contents in the Cyclopaedia of Victoria and prepared and summarised the contents of recently-donated manuscript material for computer cataloguing. Maureen carried out these tasks with patience, skill and dedication. Her humour and concern for the well-being of others is greatly missed.

HELEN BROAD

by Weston Bate

*She would come in the morning
Eager to feed us,
Piloting her pantry on wheels.
Food and equipment
Ready for action.
All served with precision
Although you'd see her fussing,
About the size of tables
Or the warming of the soup.
Up all night to bake us
A new crop of biscuits.
Then dawn-cut sandwiches
Filled with fresh delights.*

*Often you'd find her
Between Lancefield and Mornington
Or calling on headquarters
With the tinkle of her laugh.*

*Out on the road
Helping with excursions
Of the history army
Marching on its stomach
To understand our state
Pinpointing toilet stops
As long as they were clean.*

*Helen was tireless
Wise and unselfish.
Councillor and friend
Full of inspiration
Doing all things carefully
Wherever they might end.*

21-5-2010

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 the *News* and through possible deposit in the library. Some items may later be reviewed in the *Journal*.

Hugh Anderson, *Paddy Collins: A Sydney Street Poet*. Studies in Australian Folklore No.13, Red Rooster Press, 38 Canning Street, North Melbourne, 3051, 2010, pp. 101, \$26 + \$3 post



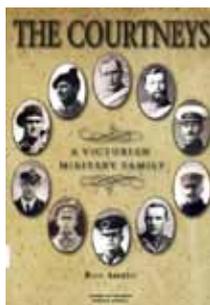
Another fine contribution to our acquaintance with Australian folklore from one of the most prolific authors and gatherers. What is presented is an introductory essay that originally appeared in *Labour History* in 2002 and an anthology of Paddy Collins' verses written in the period from the 1890s to the 1930s on topical subjects and sold as broadsheets mostly at sporting events. There are many related to World War I. Anderson likens Collins' poetry to that of William McGonagall, the 19th century Scot, in its 'definite honesty and pathos' and 'lasting appeal'.

Hugh Anderson (ed.), *The Quartz Reefs of Bendigo*, Red Rooster Press, 38 Canning Street, North Melbourne, 3051, 2010, pp. xiii + 22, \$15 + post



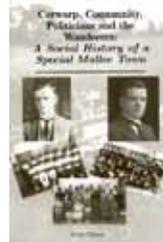
The booklet comprises items contributed by 'Pan' mainly to the *Colonial Mining Journal* in 1859. Possibly attributable to Joseph Panton, the articles provide lively descriptions of the reefs being worked around Bendigo, dealing with the 'history of each reef, its original occupation, progressive development, and present position'. (p.1)

Ronald J. Austin, *The Courtneys, A Victorian Military Family*, Slouch Hat, 2009, pp. 200, \$59 Available from A. Courtney, 6/6 Albert Street, Mosman Park, WA 6012. Coming from Ireland to the Victorian goldfields, the men of the Courtney family were volunteers in military service over four generations. All were commissioned in infantry battalions or as medical officers. During the Great



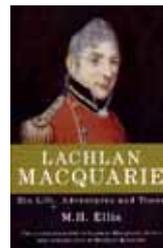
War, Dick Courtney was commander of the 14th Battalion that, in the early days of Gallipoli, held a site known as Courtney's Post. The book contains chapters that describe the service of ten members of the family, two of whom later held high-ranking posts in the Repatriation Department established after World War 1. Very well illustrated.

Colin Cleary, *Carwarp, Community, Politicians and the Wanderers: A Social History of a Special Mallee Town*, Colin Cleary, 24 Goynes Rd., Epsom, 3551, 2009, pp. xii + 108



The author, one of Carwarp's sons, has a keen eye for the demographic and economic changes that have affected this small Mallee wheat town from its beginnings before World War I. He argues for a continuing sense of community that especially derived from sport, particularly the Wanderers' Cricket Club.

M.H. Ellis, *Lachlan Macquarie, His Life, Adventures and Times*, Angus & Robertson, Sydney, 2010, pp. xxvi + 614 First published in 1947 and an important contribution to early Australian history. Many times re-issued, this latest edition contains an instructive introduction written by Beverley Kingston.

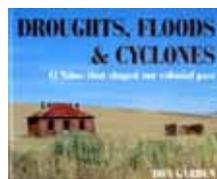


Robert Freestone, *Urban Nation, Australia's Planning Heritage*, CSIRO with Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts and Australian Heritage Council, Melbourne, 2010, pp. x + 322, \$79.95



A very substantial survey of Australia's planning heritage by the doyen of Australian planning historians. It provides valuable material to justify claims for the importance of our urban heritage internationally and for arguments about the making and retention of quality environments.

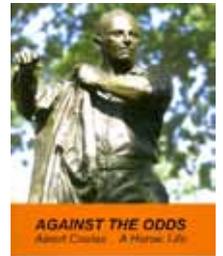
Don Garden, *Droughts, Floods & Cyclones, El Ninos that shaped our colonial past*, Australian Scholarly Publishing, Melbourne, 2009, pp. xiv + 414



El Nino events have now become part of

our understandings of weather and climate. Through an examination of three past periods – 1864-69, 1876-78, and 1895-1903 - in eastern Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific, the author shows us that El Ninos are not new and that their effects are varied and considerable. Lest climate change sceptics take heart from his findings about the past, Don Garden reminds us in his conclusion that Melbourne temperatures in 'ten of the last eleven years have been in the top 10%, compared with only six in the 90% (140 years) between 1856 and 1996.' (p.342) This is a path-breaking book in environmental history characterised by detailed and judicious research and providing important dimensions for our understandings of colonial societies trying to come to terms with their environments.

Walter Gherardin, *Against The Odds, Albert Coates, A Heroic Life*, Albert Coates Memorial Trust, PO Box 2478, Bakery Hill, 3354, 2009, pp. xii + 196, \$25 + \$5 post



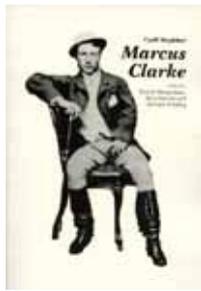
At the end of World War II, Coates was probably the best-known of the POW army surgeons for whom there was almost universal respect and admiration. This book goes a long way to explaining why. Coates was largely self-educated, a Ballarat boy of considerable talent but limited means; after service in the Great War as a medical orderly and intelligence gatherer, he started his medical studies and went on to considerable success as a surgeon. He volunteered in World War II and went to Malaya with the 8th Division, was captured in Padang and subsequently taken to Burma where his skills, determination and compassion made him a hero. This is a worthy tribute to the life and work of a great Australian.

Philip Goldswain & William Taylor (eds), *An Everyday Transience, The Urban Imaginary of Goldfields Photographer John Joseph Dwyer*, University of Western Australia Press, Perth, 2010, pp. 203, \$59.95



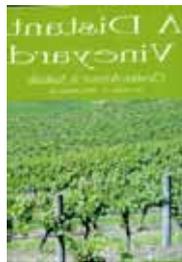
A beautifully produced book that presents works by Dwyer in the early years of the Western Australian goldfields accompanied by a series of essays that discuss what Dwyer's photographs show. Of considerable value for those interested in the history and use of photography.

Laurie Hergenhan, Ken Stewart and Michael Wilding (eds), *Cyril Hopkins' Marcus Clarke*, Australian Scholarly Publishing, Melbourne, 2009, pp. xlvii + 339



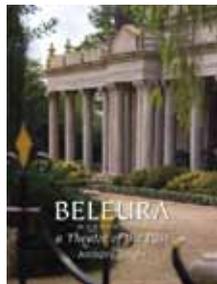
Cyril Hopkins (brother of Gerard Manley) was a close boyhood friend of Clarke. His biography, probably written about 1906 and revised in 1926, is in manuscript form in the Mitchell Library. It has not been published previously. Clarke corresponded with Cyril especially in his early years in Melbourne and the biography draws on these as well as Hopkins' own research and knowledge of Clarke's early life. This is an important book adding much to our knowledge of Clarke. The editing is meticulous and informative and there is a long and excellent introduction. The book has much to offer about life in Melbourne in the post-gold rush era as well as about Clarke's colonial experience as a jackaroo, traveller in remote parts of the colonies, journalist, librarian, theatre critic, and *bon viveur*

Norman C. Hutchinson, *A Distant Vineyard, Christian Science in Australia*, Norman C. Hutchinson, 1/2 Linden Street, Box Hill South, 3128, 2008, pp. 322



A well-researched guide to a century of Christian Science in Australia dating from 1891. Arranged in chronological chapters with a comprehensive index and lists of Teachers and First Readers, this is a very useful source for the Christian Science movement as well as a vital contribution for its members.

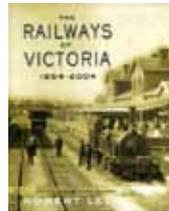
Anthony Knight, *Beleura, Mornington, A Theatre of the Past, A Mirror Reflecting Earlier Time*, Trustees of the Tallis Foundation, Beleura House and Garden, PO Box 1198, Mornington, 2009, pp. 240



A fine and sumptuous tribute and guide to Jack Morton Tallis and his beloved 'Beleura' which he bequeathed 'to the people of Victoria ... as a place of historic and educational interest'. The Tallis archive comprising Jack's papers and those of George, his very successful theatrical entrepreneur father, provide rich pickings

as does all the work in which Knight himself has been engaged in restoring the house and garden in ways that accord with Jack's taste. Jack died in 1996. Beautifully illustrated with an interesting text occasionally marred by some sloppy copy editing.

Robert Lee, *The Railways of Victoria, 1854-2004*, Melbourne University Publishing, Melbourne, 2008, pp. xiii + 304



A book to delight those who have wanted a comprehensive analytical history of Victorian railways. Produce, to mark the 150th anniversary, this is a wide-ranging account of the impact of the railway on the Victorian economy, society and politics and the substantial changes over time. It also is rich in the details of engineering and all the technical components that make for a railway system. Copiously illustrated and well-written, it is a very valuable additional reference about Victoria.

Bronwyn Lowden (compiler), *Mechanics' Institutes, Schools of Arts, Athenaeums, Etc.: An Australian Checklist*, Lowden Publishing, 29 Lisbeth Avenue, Donvale, 3111, 3rd edition, 2010, pp. iv + 128, \$30 + \$7 post



A valuable, comprehensive, concise, informative guide to these important local institutions throughout Australia.

Colin McDonald, 'CC', *The Colin McDonald Story, Cricket, Tennis, Life*, Arcadia, Melbourne, 2009, pp. xiii + 213



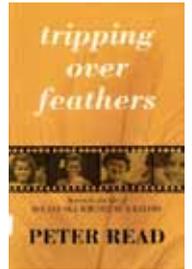
This is not your usual 'ghosted' sportsman's autobiography. McDonald has written a detailed account of his cricketing career in the 1950s and 1960s with incidental comments about the development of the game and life. He also gives a personal account of the development of the tennis centre and of his period on the Melbourne City Council.

John Murdoch, *Folly, Fortune, Fate, The Demise and the Rebirth of the Right in the Early Federal Parliament*, National Biographic, Kilmore, 2009, 2 volumes, pp. 411 + 379, \$39.95 each.



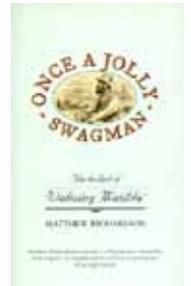
The history of the Commonwealth parliament in its first 25 years is treated at length in a series of short biographical essays of politicians ranging from the very well-known, e.g. Deakin, Forrest, Hughes to lesser figures. Many of the biographies are Victorian, e.g., Coon, Mauger, Best, McColl, Irvine, Maloney, Watt, Mathews, Anstey. In addition, there are essays on several political tracts of the time. Surprisingly, there is no index, but the whole is a forceful contribution about the machinations and personalities of the early parliaments.

Peter Read, *Tripping Over Feathers, Scenes in the Life of Joy Janaka Wiradjuri Williams*, University of Western Australia Press, Perth, 2009, pp. xxxv + 149, \$32.95



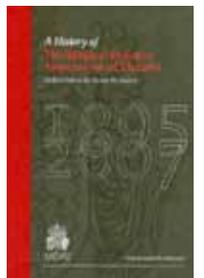
The life of Joy Williams (1942-2006), taken at birth from her mother, is a confronting narrative. Peter Read skilfully uses Joy's own words and poems in what he calls 'an imaginative reconstruction'. His approach to biography is novel and the book adds to the author's deserved reputation for tackling significant issues, notably those related to the Stolen Generation.

Matthew Richardson, *Once a Jolly Swagman, the Ballad of Waltzing Matilda*, Melbourne University Press, Melbourne, 2006, pp. x + 230



An interesting discussion of the many contexts and arguments about the ballad and its uses over time. Much has been written about this perennial hit but this book really does advance our understandings.

Emma Russell with Vicky Ryan, *A History of the Medical Defence Association of Victoria, Medical Defence By Doctors For Doctors*, Avant Mutual Group, Melbourne, 2008, pp. 110



From its foundation in 1895 almost until its merger in 2007, the MDAV council comprised practising doctors serving in an honorary capacity. This little book traces the MDAV's history against the background of vast changes in medical practice, society, and insurance provision. There are short biographies of leading figures and a good index and bibliography.

Call for Nominations

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/

Applications close 1 October 2010.

Victoria 175 History Grants

2010 is the 175th anniversary of the founding of Melbourne as a city and the first European settlement in what later became the State of Victoria. The Victoria 175 History Grants provides small grants of up to \$12,000 to community organisations to preserve, record, publish and commemorate the origins and founding stories of Victoria's many and diverse communities, including Indigenous communities, and the stories behind individuals or organisations that have contributed to Victoria.

The Victoria 175 History Grants are administered by Public Record Office Victoria. The program is funded by the Department of Premier and Cabinet.

Applications for the grants program are being accepted until 16 July 2010.

More details and application form at -

http://www.prov.vic.gov.au/CommunityCollections/Victoria175_HistoryGrants.asp

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Exhibition Services Grants

Museums Australia (Victoria) invites all museums located in Victoria to apply for funding to develop a collections based exhibition for either their venue or for tour.

Grants of up to \$10,000 are available for organisations to be used to assist with exhibition research, concept development, content development, to engage an independent curator, create education kits for public programs, exhibition design for travelling, production of an exhibition catalogue, preparation of a touring manual, display equipment and infrastructure, or to carry out special projects related to touring exhibitions. Applications must be received by 5pm on Friday 2 July 2010.

Further information & application forms now available from website:

www.mavic.asn.au/grants

International Women's Day involvement

Would members of your community museum/collecting organisation be interested in either of the following?

1. Joining a committee aimed at planning for and coordinating events for International Women's Day, 8 March 2011
2. Hold an event to honour women's actions and achievements and recognise continuing challenges in achieving equity and fairness as part of International Women's Day, 8 March 2011

This is an important opportunity for community museums to be part of a celebration of a significant part of our history and future.

If you would like more information or would like to get involved, please contact myself on the details below:

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Community Engagement Officer Rural Women Leading Change

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Latest Discovery launched

Joan Hunt launches the third in the *Discovery Series* of RHSV brochures at the Rutherglen Seminar on 29 May.

The brochure gives a timeline of regional Victoria's history as well as highlighting the benefits of visiting or joining an historical society.

The brochures are intended to be generic with space for societies to attach a sticky label or stamp to promote their own society.

Brochures can be ordered from RHSV 9326 9288

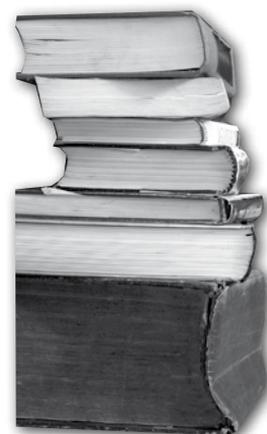
The brochure has been produced with funding from the Local History Grants Programme.

BOOK SALE

The ANNUAL RHSV BOOK SALE WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY 12 SEPTEMBER

10.00am - 4.00pm

All books and volunteer help gratefully received



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 the next issue please send details of forthcoming events by 10 June to lenore10@hotmail.com.

ADAM LINDSAY GORDON: Our annual Torquay Froth and Bubble Literary Festival will take place on the weekend 19-20 June at Torquay College starting at 10 am: Google 'Torquay Froth and Bubble'. On Saturday 26 June at 11am gather at the statue to the poet in Gordon Square, Spring Street, Melbourne.

ANGLESEA: Power has been connected to the Bark Hut precinct. A small grant from the Surfcoast Shire assisted with the work. The Hut has been re-roofed with new bark. The interior has been smartened up with new photographic and text display panels. Enquiries: bodman@netspace.net.au or phone 5263 1249.

AVOCA: A new venue for their garage sale led to the 'best ever' sale, in takings and ease of operation. Funds from the sale are to be devoted to roofing the deck linking the Helen Harris OAM Room and the Courthouse. Research enquiries may be directed to adhsinc@iinetnet.au or phone 03 5465 3249.

BALLAN: The society participated in a Heritage Care Project of the Conservation Volunteers Australia. Two volunteers assisted on a weekly basis for six months to sort and catalogue items from the collection, and add information about items to the computer database.

BENDIGO: Society secretary Trevor Parsons represented the society at the 'turning of the sod' for the new Archives Storage Centre in Nolan St. The Centre is expected to be opened in September 2010, and will provide document storage and working space for the Bendigo Historical Society.

BRIGHT: A photograph of the laying of a foundation stone donated to the society inspired a bit of detective work leading to the identification of the building and the location of the foundation stone, lurking long forgotten behind some bushes at the Alpine Visitors' Centre, formerly the Masonic Temple.

BRIGHTON: The society has obtained a Victorian Heritage Council Grant of \$5000 towards a significance assessment of their collection. Work will begin on the signing of the contract. The first task is listing everything in the rooms, noting those items which have provenance – the only ones which can be graded for significance.

BRIGHTON ANTIQUE: Club meetings are held at 10.30 am sharp on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month. There is an extensive library for members to use. Enquiries: 9560 4849.

BROADFORD: The recent book of poetry, *From the Courier: 1891-1987*, has been extremely well received, requiring a second print run. It can be purchased from the Broadford Post Office, or at their Schoolhouse headquarters in High Street. Enquiries: broadfordhistorical@gmail.com.

BRUNSWICK: Robert Terrett will address the meeting on Saturday 3 July on 'The History of Spinal Manipulation as a Therapy up to and including the rise of Chiropractic'. Meetings take place in the Mayor's Room, 1st Floor, Brunswick Town Hall, 233 Sydney Rd, Brunswick at 1.30 pm. Lift available.

CAMPERDOWN: Please bring along a family treasure or collectable to the 'Show and Tell' night at the Killara Centre, Manifold St, Camperdown, on Tuesday 6 July, 7.30 pm.

CORNISH: The AGM will feature a presentation on 'Two Years in Cornwall' presented by Ted and Beryl Curnow. This will be held on Saturday 19 June at the Oakleigh Baptist Church, corner of Warrigal Rod and Moorookyle Ave, Oakleigh at 2 pm. Enquiries: 9877 2968.

DINGLEY VILLAGE: The society has several items for sale: postcards of Dingley Village at \$1.00 each; *Chronology of Dingley Village* at \$10 each; and *Settlers to sandpits* by Alan Bennett, also \$10. Enquiries: 9551 1799 or email dvocab@bigpond.com.au.

EUROA: A 'History, Heritage and Heroics' festival will be held on the weekend of Saturday 12 to Monday 14 June. Activities will include heritage games, demonstrations, exhibitions, bus and walking tours, or horse and carriage tours. For the full program see the Shire of Strathbogie website: www.strathbogie.vic.gov.au/.

FLINDERS: Members of the society joined the RAN in celebrating the official re-opening of the West Head Gunnery Range. West Head was used by the Army for defence purposes during WW2 and acquired by the Navy in 1955. The site now includes a gunnery range, classrooms, gymnasium, changing rooms, mess and library.

GISBORNE & MT MACEDON: The official opening of the Gisborne Court House Precinct Project will take place on Sunday 27 June at 2 pm. This will mark the completion of an exciting project that will enhance the precinct for decades to come. For catering purposes please phone 5428 1450 or email history@gisbornemountmacedon.org.au.

HAMILTON: Recent group projects have included: the updating and printing of a second edition of John McKay's *Streets of Hamilton*; memorial plaques and headstones at the Hamilton Lawn Cemetery have been photographed, indexed and saved to DVD; and many other records have been transcribed and indexed. Enquiries: 5572 4933.

HEALESVILLE: Meetings are held in the Healesville Memorial Hall on the fourth Sunday of the month. The society is open on Mondays and Fridays from 1.30 to 4.00 pm. However, as the Shire intends to do work on the Hall, the society may be elsewhere, so check beforehand. Enquiries: hhsociety@optusnet.com.au or phone 5962 1655.

KILMORE: The society's rooms in the old Courthouse, Powlett St, Kilmore are open on the first Saturday of each month, from 10 am to 1 pm, and on Tuesdays from 10 am to 3 pm. Entry is free for members, and \$15 for non-members. Enquiries: kilmorehistory@nl.com.au or phone 5782 0416.

KNOX: Graham Hansen is assembling an extensive printed catalogue of the society's photo collection and newspapers not currently on microfilm, and would appreciate some assistance. Ray Pearce is collecting names of the City of Knox with historical associations, and would also like some assistance. Email khs@relics.com.

LIGHT RAILWAY: The Alexandra Timber Tramway narrow gauge steam train will operate on 13 and 14 June, and also a diesel-hauled train on 27 June. For information or bookings, ring 0427 509 988.

LINTON: After an address by Joan Hunt of the RHSV, the society decided to use the computer to do all the data recording for their cataloguing, and to start to use the new system with recently acquired acquisitions. When up-to-date with these, they will gradually fill in the gaps with past uncatalogued items.

MARYBOROUGH: On Wednesday 16 June there will be an excursion to the School House, formerly PS 2828. Meet in the car park, Argyle Road, at 2 pm. Enquiries: worscott@bigpond.com or see the website www.vicnet.net.au/~mbhs.

MIRBOO NORTH: Wednesday working bees include work on cutting and filing of local newspaper stories. These are very important when answering family history queries. Funding is available for historic markers in the town, and text and accompanying photos are now being prepared. Enquiries: 5668 1598.

MOE: The society reports that Latrobe City has taken over responsibility for the maintenance of their building. Work will

need to be done to bring the building up to standard to meet current safety and security requirements. Enquiries: moehist@vic.australis.com.au or 5127 6264.

MORDIALLOC: The society has applied for a Kingston City Wide grant for a reprint of Leo Gamble's book *Mentone through the years*. Many requests for copies have been made, but it has been out of print for some time.

NAVAL: The Victorian Chapter of the Society meetings at the Melbourne Naval Centre, 146 West Toorak Rd, South Yarra at 7.30 pm on the 4th Monday of the month. Informative and entertaining speakers are a feature of the meetings. Enquiries: rex.f.williams@gmail.com or 9850 8497.

NEWSTEAD: Recent mail to the society included the original contract and specifications for renovations to the Newstead Mechanics' Institute. They seem to have a date of 1911 in one section, and make interesting reading. Enquiries: adawn@gcom.net.au or 5476 2006.

PORT FAIRY: An invitation to afternoon tea and a tour of 'behind the scenes' attracted seven new volunteers for the society. Two new books were launched: *The Belfast fantasy - James Atkinson in the Antipodes*, and *The natural history of Port Fairy and district*. Enquiries: 5568 2263 or PFHS@ANSONIC.com.au.

PORT PHILLIP PIONEERS: On Saturday 10 July John Watts will speak on '150th anniversary of a convent and boarding school in Geelong', at the St Andrew's Uniting Church, cnr Burke and Malvern Rds, Gardiner, 2.00 pm. Afternoon tea provided. Entry \$2. Enquiries: 9500 8118 or marillajames@yahoo.com.

QUEENSCLIFFE MARITIME: With a grant to employ a consultant to review the museum display, the displays have been altered to better emphasise their primary themes of lifeboat, wrecks and rescues, safety and pilotage. New display cabinets have been purchased, and displays will incorporate the colours of the new logo.

RYE: On Monday 28 June the guest speaker will be Simon Lloyd, Heritage and Urban Design Planner of the Mornington Peninsula. Meetings are held at 8.00 pm at the Rye Primary School Library. Enter from Collingwood Street.

SANDRINGHAM: The librarian reported that 1,263 records were contributed to the Victorian Local History Database operated by the RHSV, giving a total of 2,348 records of their holdings now accessible to those who use the internet. The entries include books, photographs, videos, periodical titles, documents and digital images.

SNAKE VALLEY: The society has a number of publications for sale, including: *Photographic memories of Snake Valley and district No 2* (\$7.50 posted), *Forgotten goldfields* (\$18 posted), and *I remember that* (\$38.95 posted). Contact the treasurer: helen1940@hotmail.net.au or 5344 9440.

SOMERVILLE/TYABB: Leila Shaw writes of her excitement in meeting the Governor of Victoria, Professor David and Mrs de Kretser at a Shire Civic function, when she was able to present the Governor with a copy of her book, *The way we were*. A full account has been filed with society records.

SUNSHINE: The HV McKay Memorial Gardens celebrated its centenary in November 2009. The Council's restoration work to the paths, lighting and entrance gates, and the new signage has enhanced the appearance of the gardens. A 'Music in the Gardens' event is being planned for 2010.

TRAFALGAR: The society will celebrate its 25th anniversary with a formal dinner at the Trafalgar Community Centre on Friday 18 June, 7.00 for 7.30 pm. Guest speaker Linda Barraclough on 'The Nicholas Family in Trafalgar'. Bookings: 5633 1960 by 4 June, \$25 per head.

WALHALLA: Historic Brunton's Bridge is now open for all to walk across once more. After years of neglect it now has a new skin of sheet metal and sturdy new hand railing to enable everyone to walk in safety across the Thomson River.

WANGARATTA: Work experience students have assisted with entering all the library books in the Ossie Smith room on the computer ready for transfer to the InMagic database. The society has also appointed an accreditation officer, who has prepared two new policies needed for accreditation.

WARRAGUL: The March 2010 *Monthly bulletin* carries an article by Phillip Hopkins on 'The opening of the road into Gippsland', which is to be continued in the next edition. Enquiries: 5625 3763 or 5622 3425.

WILLIAMSTOWN: A 'Saluting Their Service' Commemorative Grant was received to repair the damaged Trafalgar Lodge First World War Honour Roll located at the Williamstown Mechanics Institute. The Institute also stores a large number of honour boards from other local lodges, churches and the Oddfellows. Enquiries: 9379 5423 or email enquiries@williamstownhistsoc.org.au.

YACKANDANDAH: The society recently enjoyed hosting an exhibition, called 'Howzat!' celebrating 150 years of cricket in Yackandandah. A postcard featuring a 1955 trophy was produced to

accompany the exhibition, and visitors are encouraged to write a list of words rhyming with 'cricket', and to write a cricket rhyme. Enquiries: 02 6027 0627.

We would be grateful if societies who forward their newsletters by email to the RHSV would also send a paper copy. We wish to keep a comprehensive archive of newsletters of our affiliated societies for research purposes, and as a backup for your own collections. If you are not already sending us a copy of your newsletters, please do consider this.

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