



History NEWS

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Royal Historical Society of Victoria

Start planning your History Week 2011 events!

**This year's History Week will be held from
Sunday 23rd October – Sunday 30th October.**

Make sure your local history group is involved in the celebrations and start planning your events now.

The 2011 History Week website (www.historyweek.org.au) will be live in August and will list all of the details of this year's exciting events.

If you have event details confirmed now, please email them to:

info@historyweek.org.au.

You will also be able to add events to the website once it is live.

We look forward to making this History Week another fantastic success and promoting Victoria's wide and wonderful past.

Launch of Victorian Community History Awards

Included with this 'History News' is your copy of the entry form for the Victorian Community History Awards. Entries close 19 August

Extra forms can be downloaded from our web site or posted to you 9326 9288

Pictured at the launch of the Victorian Community History Awards: Keeper of Public Records and Director of Public Record Office Victoria Justine Heazlewood with Royal Historical Society of Victoria President Andrew Lemon.



BOOKSALE

Please help us with books for our Annual Book Sale

The book sale not only raises funds but is also becoming an unexpected source of books for our collection. It is always with delight when we carefully sort through the books donated for the book sale that we find either better copies of our existing books or interesting titles that we are missing.

We need books on any topic – not just history books – every year our book sale brings in more people and income to the Society.

Please help us make this year a record.

We will come and collect the books Ph: 9326 9288

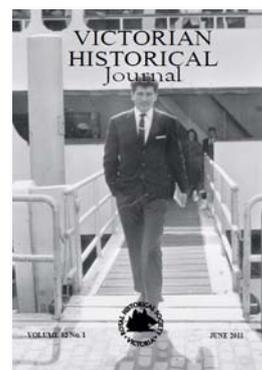
Alternatively you can drop them in to the Society.

The date of the book sale is **SUNDAY 11 SEPTEMBER**

Victorian Historical Journal

New Issue Published

This month members will receive their copy of the *Victorian Historical Journal*, Vol 80, No 1. The five articles in this first issue for 2011 contain a range of themes, large and local, and span several



centuries, from the period of the 17th-century Portuguese maritime explorers and various 'Mahogany Ship' researchers' claims of 'discovery' of the Victorian coastline then and since, until more recent times, with two very different tales of community life in Melbourne between the 1960s and 1990s. In between, are articles on two prominent subjects, first, a man, and second, a musical instrument—Victoria's chief justice, George Higinbotham (1836–1892), and a campaign to lower the performing pitch of the Melbourne Town Hall's grand organ in the early decades of last century respectively. Additionally this issue of the Journal includes eight book reviews.

In her Introduction, the editor, Marie Clark, introduces a new section of the Journal: Historical Notes. The RHSV's Publication Committee invites contributions between 2,000 and 3,000 words on a particular subject, document, source, individual or event. These 'Historical Notes' will not be refereed, and they are intended to complement the journal's more lengthy and formal refereed research articles and thus provide an opportunity for those interested in writing more specific historical fragments or observations. In inviting submissions, the committee encourages a diversity of presentation and original subject matter, seeing this new section as enriching the pulse of the *Victorian Historical Journal* and 'the value of rediscovery for all of us'.

Awards of Merit announced

At our recent AGM seven Awards of Merit were made: Here are citations for four of our recent recipients.

In the September edition of *History News* we will bring you the remaining citations.

Please consider nominating people for Awards of Merit. By recognizing exceptional work we help to encourage everybody who makes significant contributions to local history.

Wes Callender

Wes began volunteering with the RHSV in 1997. His work is most notable in the images collection where he has prepared photographs for catalogue entries. In doing this work Wes has become an expert in the images collection and an expert in dating photographs and identifying photographs of Melbourne. Roughly 40,000 images are in the RHSV data base – much of this work and certainly the detail of the catalogue entry is a direct result of Wes' work.

Vicki Court

Vicki Court has made an outstanding contribution to the local history movement in Victoria.

Vicki has made herself available to assist historical societies right round the state with their indexing and cataloguing problems, travelling great distances to the more remote groups, as well as being helpful and supportive by email or phone. She has encouraged networking, professional development and the development of computer skills in the local history community, at the same time performing similar services for the RHSV itself. She has taken on learning new technology to enable her to pass what she has learnt to others, including such things as scanning, podcasting and blogging.

Vicki was involved with the History Victoria Support Group from its formation in 2004, and has been a key contributor to its activities, giving a lecture at each seminar on the more technical aspects of managing collections. The RHSV and societies all around Victoria have benefitted from her expertise and her commitment to her work.

Di Foster

Di Foster has made an outstanding contribution to local history in the City of Stonnington and the former City of Malvern. She is passionate about making local history visible in the community. She is unflagging in her willingness to help others with their research. Di Foster joined the Malvern Historical Society in 1986. Di was soon answering enquiries, taking walks and organising the archives. Di was a valuable committee member for twenty five years. In 1988 she was actively involved in the formation of the original Malvern History Committee. Her achievements include planning all the moves as the local history collection has grown out of one small room into the outstanding Stonnington History Centre in 2009. Di has been involved with all the Council and Society's successful publications. She has been involved in the setting up of the Stonnington Local History data base, which now boasts over 55,000 records. After sixteen years as a Stonnington Local Historian she has recently retired from Stonnington Council. She continues to research and collect Stonnington's local history and she remains an active member of the Malvern Historical Society.

Michael Moore

Michael Moore commenced as a volunteer with the RHSV in 1993. He has worked assiduously on the manuscript collections and was a co-contributor to the *Supplement of Sources of Victoria's Heritage 1984 – 1998*. His contribution has been in the indexing, transcribing and cataloguing of the manuscript collection. Most recently he has worked with Harcourt Long and His Honour Paul Mullaly on transcribing and interpreting the Willis case books. In the introduction to *Sources of Victoria's Heritage* Marie Bowe/Clarke describes the manuscript collection as the place where the quieter makers of history find their place – Michael has been one of our quieter volunteers but whose work has had a large impact; ensuring that the manuscripts are accessible to a wide variety of researchers and that the collection is accurately and safely housed.

Your Support Matters

Most members of the RHSV already have renewed their membership for the financial year 2011-12. For those of you who have not got around to it yet, a renewal form is enclosed with this issue of *History News*. Perhaps you could use it to buy a membership for a friend to, or to encourage those who are interested in history to join the Society and help our work in preserving the history of Victoria. Your donations either directly to the Society or to the RHSV Foundation are also essential to our financial well-being and to our future.

Recently we asked a combined meeting of our Council and publications committee to reconsider our objectives and to rank our priorities in level of importance. Naturally opinions differed markedly on some points, but these were the ones that received the highest ratings:

1. Work to increase total individual membership of the RHSV
2. Be the peak body, hub or central point of reference for historical societies in Victoria
3. Keep members advised promptly of coming events – including electronically where possible
4. Be as up to date as possible with current technology and computer equipment relative to our objectives (a revised website is on its way)
5. Be an outspoken advocate for history and heritage
6. Campaign to increase corporate membership: Victorian businesses and institutions could support the work of the RHSV to a much greater extent
7. Maintain an active website
8. Publish and distribute *History News* : we have long-term plans to build on the success and popularity of our newsletter
9. Work towards acquiring or obtaining greater security of tenure of our premises
10. Advocate the importance of history to governments

Members will have their own ideas about where we should be going and what we should be doing. Without an active, increasing membership none of the other objectives can be met. That is why your continuing support is so important to us.

Andrew Lemon

President, RHSV

29 July – 8 August 2011

NATIONAL FAMILY HISTORY WEEK

Join in the fun of NATIONAL FAMILY HISTORY WEEK.

For lots of great ideas – go to
www.familyhistoryweek.org.au

Be part of History

Say yes to question 60

Census night 9th August 2011

NEW EXHIBITION: 13 July – 2 September 2011

Everard Studley Miller: member, historian, benefactor



The third presentation in the RHSV'S exhibition space for 2011 will concentrate on the historical and cultural interests of member: E. Studley Miller (1886–1956). In doing so it will also touch on his family background and lifestyle, explore his approach to photography, and reveal his public generosity – to the Society, the Classical Association of Victoria and the National Gallery of Victoria.

The exhibition will allow visitors to visit the mansions of Toorak, odd corners of Melbourne and Victoria, penal NSW and Tasmania, English churches and ancient Egypt – the latter themes not normally the substance of RHSV exhibitions.

The exhibition draws mainly on resources held by the RHSV. However, to give a fuller understanding of Miller's contribution to

Victoria, we are supported by the National Gallery of Victoria, the Ian Potter Museum of Art, The University of Melbourne and the Australian Institute of Archaeology.

Special events have been organised to complement the exhibition: besides a formal launch, a floor talk will be given at the RHSV and two special tours will be conducted at the National Gallery of Victoria International. Details follow.

Members invited to launch

RHSV Council invites all members to the exhibition's launch of the at 5.00 pm on 12 July. This will be followed by the New Historians Lecture at 5.45. Please come and enjoy the company of other members, Councillors, staff and speakers. RSVP is essential: 9326 9288.

An introductory floor talk at the RHSV, accompanied by lunch, will be offered on Wednesday 20 July, starting at 11.30 am. This will guide members through the exhibition and reflect on some of the issues associated with the exhibition's creation. Although at no cost to members, but please book on 9326 9288.

Tours

Special tours at the National Gallery International will be held on two Thursdays: 28 July and 11 August; both at 10.30 (free of charge, bookings essential - 9326 9288, meet at Information Desk, Ground Floor, NGV). These unique and different tours will view some highlights from E. Studley Miller's substantial bequest to the Gallery. The first tour will be conducted by Amanda Dunsmore (Curator of Decorative Arts and Antiquities, NGV), and the second tour will be led by Laurie Benson (Curator of International Art, NGV).

The RHSV is so very grateful to the NGV for offering us the opportunity of these tours, especially given the very busy schedule of all NGV personnel during the celebration of their sesquicentenary. Founded in 1861, the National Gallery of Victoria is Australia's oldest public art gallery.

<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Invitation</p>	<p>OFFICIAL OPENING</p> <p>Dr. Andrew Lemon, President RHSV has pleasure in inviting you to the exhibition</p> <p>Everard Studley Miller: member, historian, benefactor</p> <p>A man of generosity – to the Royal Historical Society of Victoria, the Classical Association of Victoria and the National Gallery of Victoria.</p> <p><i>Exhibition closes Friday 2 September</i></p>	 <p>Tuesday 12th July 5pm 239 A'Beckett Street, Melbourne</p> <p>To be followed by the New Historians Lecture 5.45pm</p> <p>RSVP: office@historyvictoria.org.au 9326 9288 By Friday 8 July</p>
		

Volunteer guides needed

OPEN HOUSE – JULY 30 – 31

Following the success of our involvement in OPEN HOUSE last year we are taking part in it again this year.

OPEN HOUSE is a promotion where interesting city buildings are open to the public over the weekend. It's a busy and exciting weekend welcoming Melburnians to our building.

We need guides to help showcase our building. If you like talking to people and share our enthusiasm for our building please volunteer – even a small amount of time is appreciated.

For further information and to “put your name down” please contact Jane Carolan at carolan@trinity.vic.edu.au

Local History Officer – Temporary Position

Following the retirement of Vicki Court the position of Local History Officer, Royal Historical Society of Victoria, has become available.

The Local History Officer is an important role within the RHSV - developing projects with and supporting the work of historical societies throughout Victoria.

The position offers opportunities for someone passionate about local history, experienced at working with voluntary organizations and with comprehensive IT skills.

This is a part time/two days per week position being offered on a temporary basis. Some Saturday work is expected.

This position is being offered for a six month period: August – mid February (The Society has a three week Christmas compulsory close down)

For a position description and salary please email kateprinsley@historyvictoria.org.au
Further enquiries phone Kate Prinsley 9326 9288.

Applications close: Monday 18 July with expectation that the successful candidate can start week beginning 1 August.

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

Betty Tyzzer (ed.) *Colbinabbin & District 1840-2010*, Colbinabbin & District Historical Society, 2010, pp. 164. Mostly a collection of family histories of Colbinabbin settlers and their descendants with many photos. As with many such compilations, both an index and a map of the area would help those with an interest in the area, as would some kind of overview of where the many family stories fit in the context of the district generally.

John Watts, Glen Turnbull, Kathleen Walsh, *Mercy Girls, The Story of Sacred Heart College, Geelong 1860-2010*, the school, Retreat Road, Newtown, 3220. 2010, pp. 122. 150 years as an educational institution means a complex history reflecting extensive changes in educational thought, social expectations, and in this case, in the Catholic church itself. Selecting material for what is a celebratory history is not easy. This one is magnificently designed and illustrated. It is strong on the building of the school for the Irish sisters of Mercy on its present site; on changes in the buildings as change was accommodated and funding sources became available. It outlines how the college changed to a girls' secondary school, shedding its boarders and its primary school that taught boys and girls. It is sensibly arranged in chronological slabs and goes much of the way to present a 'lived' documentary, one of its stated aims.

Golden Dragon Museum, *The 1880s Processional Regalia of the Bendigo Chinese Association*, Golden Dragon Museum, PO Box 877, Bendigo, 3552, 2010, pp. 92. A beautifully presented guide to the richness of the regalia held by the museum with informative essays about the Chinese presence in Bendigo; the significance of the exhibits; their place in Bendigo processions; and the long process to conserve these materials. A remarkable book about a remarkable collection.

Brian E. Lloyd, *Alexandra and District*, Murrindindi Historic Register, 2006, updated 2010, pp. viii + 389. This large, handsome volume incorporates the work of Gerry Noble in what was a pioneering local history, *The Red Gate* (1969) and greatly extends the account with chapters on aspects of the history of the old shire of Alexandra: pastoral settlement; farming; gold; the town's growth; churches and schools; communications; timber industry; water storages; local government; community life. There are also extended

local family histories and many excellent photos. While updated to 2010, there is no account of the 2009 fires that brought Murrindindi shire into general Victorian consciousness.

Rebecca Jones, *Green Harvest, A History of Organic Farming and Gardening in Australia*, CSIRO Publishing, Melbourne, 2010, pp. 208, \$49-95. A path-breaking history that emphasizes the dependence of human health upon the natural environment comprising four principles: soil, chemical free, ecological wellbeing and back to the land. Each of these elements is examined from the grower perspective for the period from c 1940 to the present and with case studies of particular farmers or gardeners. The book opens up a rich new area in the area of environmental history that others may further cultivate.

Malcolm Prentis, *A Concise Companion to Aboriginal History*, Rosenberg Publishing, Sydney, 2011, pp. 264, \$19-95. A useful guide to names, events, concepts, issues arranged alphabetically backed by maps, illustrations, tables and guides to further reading. Designed for students, it is user friendly.

Peter Turbet, *The First Frontier: The Occupation of the Sydney Region 1788 to 1816*, Rosenberg Publishing, Sydney, 2011, pp. 288, \$29-95. A detailed chronological account of conflict between settlers and Indigenous people in the early years of the European occupation of the Sydney region. Understanding the conflicts is acknowledged as a complex question. Perhaps surprisingly, there is no mention of Inga Clendinnen's *Dancing With Strangers* (2003) in the extensive bibliography.

John Ramsland, *The Rainbow Beach Man, The Life and Times of Les Ridgeway Worimi Elder*, Brolga, Melbourne, 2009, pp. xxiv + 452, \$24-99. The biography of a distinguished Indigenous man from the New South Wales central coast whose troubled youth gave way to a life of public service as a manager of Aboriginal communities under the Aborigines Welfare Board, as a welfare officer, and later as a regional officer under the newly-established Commonwealth Department of Aboriginal Affairs. Well told by someone with a sensitive ear and a strong commitment to getting Les Ridgeway's story out there for a wide readership.

Melbourne Day Committee, *Melbourne 175, Commemorating the City's 175th Anniversary*, Faircount Media, Sydney, 2010, pp. 116. Glossy magazine-style publication reminiscent of an in-flight journal with a smattering of not very familiar images and

some enthusiastic public relations type articles. Couldn't the Melbourne Day Committee do something better, given the history resources – personnel and objects – than this apparently Sydney-produced puff?

James McDonald, *Three William McDonalds, A Family History*, Sorley Boy Press, Canberra, 2010, pp. xx + 418. The title derives from the names of three generations of forebears of the author and his collaborators. This is a comprehensive tracing of the McDonalds and sundry related families down to the now deceased generation of the sons of the third William McDonald. Many illustrations, assiduous searching, and appendices including details of the clan and an interesting memoir by Harold McDonald.

Dawn Missen & Anne Trigg, *Beeac Winds of Change 1860-2010*, the authors, 2010, pp. 168. An attractive, systematic account of the Beeac community, arranged in chapters dealing with contact and early European settlement, businesses, schools, churches, the war, farming and other land uses, transport, community organizations, and community use of leisure time. A valuable contribution to help this community know its past.

Liz Coady (ed.), *The Thomas Martin Letter, Memories of Strangeways and Newstead*, Newstead and District Historical Society, 2010, pp. 88. The letter held by the Newstead society was probably written c1936 in response to a request from Frederick Ellis, the local schoolteacher. As presented, readers have a facsimile of the text accompanied by a copy of the text as well as detailed and informative notes about its content. The overall result is a most interesting local publication showing how a simple memoir can become an important vehicle for the elaboration of the district's history, as well as a source for a dramatised reading that continues to be performed in the area.

Hugh Anderson (ed.) *The Launch of SS Great Britain and Other Broadside Ballads*, Studies in Australian Folklore No.14, Red Rooster Press, 38 Canning Street, North Melbourne, 3051, 2010, pp. 36, \$15; *A Trip to the Australian Diggings & Incidents in a Miner's Career*, Golden History Series, Red Rooster Press, 2011, pp. 56, \$18 + 75c. Hugh Anderson's contribution to the dissemination of 19th century texts relevant to Australia is immense. His latest products focus on contemporary publications, especially ballads about the Great Britain taken mostly from the *Illustrated London News*; and on a contemporary account of a trip to the diggings by 'JGF' and 1886 recollections of the 1850s by 'WH'.

Victorian Community History Awards 2011.

Entries close 19 August

Entry forms included with this newsletter or forms can be downloaded from the RHSV website.

Funded by Public Record Office Victoria and presented by the Royal Historical Society of Victoria, the awards recognise the contributions made by Victorians to the preservation of Victoria's heritage.

The awards seek to encourage work that contributes to the development and appreciation of the history of Victoria and to develop awareness of best practice community history across Victoria.

Community history is a lens through which to see national events. All around Victoria local historians are researching the people, the landscapes and events that shaped their community. Cumulatively, local histories are the detail that underpins the grand narrative of Victorian history.

Over the years these awards have seen some fantastic work from historians both professional and non professional: from a history of nineteenth-century beachside bathing machines to Andy May's *Melbourne Street Life*, which so clearly evokes the sights, smells and noises of early Melbourne, to Jenny Davies' lovingly sketched and detailed celebration of Flinders Street Station.

The Victorian Community History Awards is one of the only awards where the work of both professional and non-professional historians is sensitively and thoughtfully judged in the same competition. Who ever the author -overwhelmingly prizes have gone to works where

there is a strong community dimension such as Peter Yule's *The Royal Children's Hospital* and Richard Broome's *Aboriginal Victorians*.

In the past Community history has been criticised as for being parochial but increasingly the judges have seen valuable microcosms of a larger picture such as the Collingwood Historical Society's history of its local schools, Sigrid Bourke's oral history of Port Melbourne, Ann Synan's *We Came With Nothing* the story of the West Sale Migrant Holding Centre, which remembers the displaced persons who arrived in Australia from Europe in the 1940s, and Jillian Durance's *Still Going Strong: the story of the Moyarra honour roll*. A full list of winners can be found on the RHSV website.

In launching the Awards Justine Haezelwood, Keeper of Public Records and Director of Public Record Office Victoria said

"This year, we have doubled the prize money across all award categories. Most significantly, Public Record Office Victoria has raised the award for best community research, registers and records to \$4000.

This award is particularly important to the Public Record Office because it recognises the invaluable - generally voluntary - contribution that thousands of Victorians make each year to archiving, arranging, preserving, organising and making available the primary resources of our

history. This work so often goes unrecognised, but without it our writers and historians' would not be able to produce the outstanding work recognised by the Victorian Community History Awards."

These awards, now in their thirteenth year, encourage work that contributes to the development and appreciation of the history of Victoria and to develop awareness of best practice community history across Victoria.

The 2011 Award categories and prizes are:

Overall Winner	\$5,000
Best Collaborative Community Work	\$2,000
Best Print/Publication	
Commercial Publication	\$2,000
Self or Community Publication	\$2,000
Best Exhibit or Multi Media	\$2,000
Best Community Research, Registers and Records	\$4,000
Best Walk/Tour	\$2,000
Judges Discretionary Prize (if appropriate)	\$1,000

Previous award winners have written.....

To say that Pam Jennings and I were surprised and excited about winning our category in the 2010 Victorian Community History Awards would be an understatement. We had entered our e-book "Scots in Geelong & District to 1860" in the Community Research, Registers and Records category. Although it was a book, we felt the most important aspect was the research and records of people - hence our decision to enter this category.

To know that respected historians had recognised our entry for our research meant a great deal to both of us - it was something we prided our work on and winning the award justified that effort.

The financial award was the icing on the cake! It is not easy to research, write and publish a book in any form, especially as volunteers for our local societies. Winning the money has eased the burden of getting more publications out there. We have since published Bountiful Produce of the Bellarine Peninsula to 1900 and there are more publications on the way - thanks to the Victorian Community History Awards

Susi Zada and Pam Jennings winners Best Community Research, Registers and Records 2010

Firstly it was recognition by a highly-respected group that all the hard work, time and effort that went into the text and images was worth it, and that our commitment to providing a high-quality document was justified. It provided additional exposure and sales opportunities. As a self-publisher it is difficult to gain access to distribution networks and book retailers, so an award like this opens a few doors. Self-publishing requires accepting financial risk and the cheque attached to the prize helped balance the books and meant that I might finally "break even". But most importantly, it raised the profile of the subject of an important aspect of 20th Century design in Melbourne.

Robin Grow winner Best Print Publication 2010, Melbourne Art Deco

When my book Beyond the Façade: Flinders Street, more than just a railway station was not mentioned in the awards for the Best Publication, I think I must have held my breath till the Overall Winner was announced. I remember saying when I stood at the lectern that I felt privileged to be the conduit of so many stories related to Flinders Street Station and the community that my book embraced was indeed extensive. Winning the award has further demonstrated the important role the station continues to play in the cultural life of Melbourne and has strengthened the case for its refurbishment. As a result of the profile the book has received, I have enjoyed a busy speakers circuit with endless opportunities to both share stories and collect others.

Jenny Davies Overall Winner 2010

History project seeks participants

AUSTRALIAN GENERATIONS ORAL HISTORY PROJECT is currently seeking participants across Victoria, Queensland, South Australia and Western Australia.

In a new national project, historians at Monash (Professor Al Thomson, Associate Professor Christina Twomey and Dr Seamus O'Hanlon) and La Trobe Universities, in partnership with ABC Radio National and the National Library of Australia, are collecting life story interviews with generations of Australians born from the 1920s to the 1980s.

The Project is interested in the life stories of all Australians – rural and urban, male and female, the recently arrived and people whose families have lived in Australia for generations.

People can register their interest in participating by going to www.arts.monash.edu.au/australian-generations and clicking on the orange headphones. Or call Kate on 03 9905 2206.

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/

Applications close 1 October 2011.

History Victoria Support Group – RHSV

Seminar Saturday 27th August 2011

R L Campbell Theatre, Bendigo Library,

259 Hargreaves St, Bendigo

Hosted by the Bendigo Historical Society

Chinese in the Goldfields

- 10 am Registration and cup of tea for those who have travelled from afar.
- 10.20 Welcome from Jim Evans, President of the Bendigo Historical Society
- 10.30 Introduction by Lenore Frost, Convenor, History Victoria Support Group.
- 10.45 Kate Prinsley, Executive Officer: Report to societies
- 11.00 Carol Holsworth, "Bendigo's Loss - Chinese Secret Society's gain".
Carol is an independent scholar based in Bendigo. She has published on aspects of the Burke and Wills saga and the Chinese community in Victoria, including Chinese lepers in Victoria: a case of charity and cultural clashes (2009)
- 12.00 Susan Walters, author of *Gold 'n greens: a history of the Chinese of Malmsbury and district* (2010) will speak on the manner in which she went about researching the Chinese community in her area, her rationale, the problems faced and the sources used.
- 1.00 LUNCH
- 2.00 Panel discussion – where societies can ask questions or raise matters for discussion.
- 2.30 Bendigo Regional Archives Centre (BRAC). An outline of the resources of BRAC.
- 3.00 Close of seminar.

We may organise a short visit to the Bendigo Joss House in celebration of its 150th year. When you book: please let us know if you are interested.

Cost: \$15 per head, includes a light lunch and morning and afternoon tea.

Bookings: Please book through RHSV:

office@historyvictoria.org.au or 9326 9288.

When booking: please advise of any dietary requirements and your interest in a short visit to the Bendigo Joss House.

Bookings close Wednesday 24th June 2011.

Just Digitise It!

Ballarat Digitisation Workshops

21st & 22nd July 2011

The Public Record Office Victoria, in partnership with the City of Ballarat and with the support of the Community Heritage Grants Scheme, will deliver a two day digitisation workshop for community based collecting organisations at the Gold Museum, Ballarat on Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd July 2011.

Bookings are essential and can be made at:

www.prov.vic.gov.au/community-programs/digitisation-basics.

Follow the links to the Day One: July 21 and Day Two: July 22 bookings page.

AROUND the SOCIETIES

This column is compiled by Lenore Frost and Jenny Coates on behalf of History Victoria Support Group using information provided by societies either directly or contained in their newsletters. For the September issue please send details of forthcoming events by 10 August to lenore10@hotmail.com.

ANGLESEA: Our museum, at 5a Mcmillan Street, is open for inspection by appointment. We welcome bus tours, Probus groups, and school groups. Bookings can be made for a local guide: phone 5263 1249 or email bodman@netspace.net.au.

ARARAT: The Langi Morgala Museum at 48 Queen Street, Ararat, is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10 am to 3 pm, and on Saturdays and Sundays from 1.00 pm to 4.00 pm, or by arrangement. School or bus groups are welcome by appointment: phone – 5352 3117.

BALLARAT GENIES: The society has worked on a range of exciting indexing projects, the details of which can be seen on their website, along with an excellent downloadable newsletter: <http://www.ballaratgenealogy.org.au/>. Many indexes, such as the Ballarat East Petty Sessions Records, 1858-1921, are available for purchase on CD.

BALLARAT: The society received a Sir Rupert Hamer Records Management Award for their “Capture the Vision” project, the citation reading in part, ‘. . . the committee identified significant gaps in the society’s photographic collection from the 1950s to the present day. CTV has been the vehicle used to address this need in a creative and tangible way’.

BAPTIST: The society will hold a meeting on Wednesday 8 September at Auburn Baptist Church, 597 Burwood Rd, Hawthorn at 7.30 pm. Pastor Ryan Smith’s topic will be “Celebrating 150 years at Kyneton Baptist Church”. Enquiries: Christine Dyer 9729 1752.

BEAUFORT: The society opens the old Court House to the public on the third Sunday of the month from 10 am until 4 pm. Meetings are held there on the 4th Sunday of the month at the Court House starting at 11 am. Enquiries: larf@beauforts.own.net.au or phone 5349 2420.

BENALLA: The Costume and Pioneer Museum is open seven days a week at 14 Mair St, Benalla from 9 am to 5 pm. The Research Room for local and family history is open to the public on Wednesdays from 1 to 3. Enquiries: 5762 1749 or robin.sadler1@bigpond.com.

BENDIGO: Details of meetings and news from the Bendigo Historical Society are available on their website <http://www.bendigohistory.com>. Currently there are no facilities for visitors to research, but enquiries can be made by mail or email: P.O. Box 2309 Mail Centre, Bendigo 3554 or info@bendigohistory.com.

BERWICK-PAKENHAM: Our museum, the 1912 Shire of Berwick Shire Offices at 85 Princes Highway, Pakenham, opens on Sundays 2 – 4 .30 pm. We sell publications produced by

the society. Monthly meetings are held on the first Friday of the month, except January, at 8 pm at the Museum. Enquiries: 9707 3519.

BRIGHTON ANTIQUE: The purpose of the club is to further the interests of members in the study, research and knowledge of antiques and other collectibles. Meetings are held at St Leonard’s Uniting Church Hall, New St, Brighton. Enquiries: gbfrecker@hotmail.com or 9560 4849.

CARLTON: The Community History Group meets on the first Monday of the month (except January) at the Carlton Library, 667 Rathdowne Street, North Carlton at 7.30 pm. Projects include a study of the history of Rathdowne Street, North Carlton from Princes Street to Park Street. Enquiries: 9203 3699 and see <http://www.cchg.asn.au/>.

COBURG: The society meets in the Coburg Library Meeting Room on the third Wednesday of the month at 8.00 pm. Their museum at the Bluestone Cottage, 82 Bell Street, Coburg, opens to the public on the first Sunday of the month from 2.00 pm to 4.30 pm or by appointment. Enquiries: 9386 3826.

COLLINGWOOD: The society meetings at the Collingwood Library on the second Wednesday of every second month. They have several publications for sale, including the winner of the “Best Community Research Registers and Records” in the Victorian Community History Awards of 2009. See their website for details: <http://www.collingwoodhs.org.au>

CORNISH: On Saturday 16 July at 2 pm “Cornish Born” will be presented by Hartley May and others. The Information Resource Centre will be open from 10 am to 1.30 pm. Meetings are held at the Oakleigh Baptist Church, cnr of Warrigal Road and Moorookyle Avenue, Oakleigh. Enquiries: 9877 2968 or email jwhiffin@bigpond.com.

DONCASTER-TEMPLESTOWE: Jim Connor of the Nillumbik Historical Society will give a visual presentation of Eltham “Now and Then” on Wednesday 3 August at Schramm’s Cottage, Rieschiecks Reserve, Victoria St, Doncaster at 8 pm. Enquiries: 9439 7577.

DROMANA: The Museum in the Old Shire Offices, 359A Point Nepean Road, Dromana, is open on Sundays from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm, and other times by appointment. A Pioneer Pathway at the Museum has plaques showing the names of some 32 families who settled in the Red Hill and Dromana area prior to 1875. Enquiries: dromanahs@gmail.com or 5989 2243.

EAST MELBOURNE: Professor Miles Lewis will give a talk entitled “Researching the History of Your House” on Wednesday 17 August at 8 pm, at Clarendon Terrace, 210 Clarendon St, East Melbourne. Enquiries: www.emhs.org.au or 9416 0445.

EDENHOPE: The society is making good use of new social media to attract photos and stories for their society, and what appears to be a younger audience. Now that has got to be good! See <http://www.facebook.com/edenhopehistory> and <http://edenhopehistory.wordpress.com>.

HASTINGS - WESTERN PORT: The AGM will feature speaker Michael Collins on the book *Our Boys at the Front – Peninsula boys at war 1914-1918*, Sunday 28 August at 2 pm at the museum, cnr Marine Pde and Skinner St, Hastings. Enquiries: 5977 5786 or see <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~dromana/hastings.htm>.

INVERLOCH: Three artefacts have been acquired through the Polly Woodside for the Rocket Shed. The first is a Line Throwing Rocket, and the other two are very old notices (possibly 100 years) giving instructions on how to operate the apparatus. Enquiries: 5674 2796

KNOX: The society was recently awarded the Sir Rupert Hamer Records Management Award for Achievement in Good Records Management practice in local community archives. The award was for the society’s School Photo Collection project, involving more than 20,000 photos from more than 50 schools in the City of Knox. Enquiries: khs@relics.com.

KYNETON: Historical Society has given advance notice of its 60th birthday celebrations on Sunday 9 October, at which Professor Weston Bate will be guest speaker. kynetonhs@hotmail.com, www.vicnet.net.au/~kyhist/

LILYDALE: On Sunday 20 August at 1 pm, Sue Thompson and David Mitchell will show the video *A Change of Pace* at the Old Lilydale Court House, 61 Castella St, Lilydale. The cost is \$2 to non members. Enquiries: aross35@bigpond.com.

MILITARY - VIC: After the AGM on Thursday 28 July, Don Davis speak on “The Air Observer Corps”. On Thursday 25 August there will be a WWI night with the Australian Great War Association. Meetings are held at the Oakleigh-Carnegie RSL, Drummond St, Oakleigh at 8 pm.

OUYEN: *Mallee Roots to Vanilla Slices: Celebrating the Centenary of Ouyen 1909-2009*, by Hugh Caroll, is available for sale \$40 plus postage. See <http://ouyen.vic.au/history>.

PAYNESVILLE MARITIME: Founded in 2009, the society has a vibrant membership, undertaking projects that include restoration of the life boat *Lively Lady*; interpretative signs for the Paynesville Heritage Trail; a register of historical boats on the Gippsland Lakes and oral histories. To become involved see: <http://www.pmm.org.au/>

PORT MELBOURNE: David Thompson is transcribing details from Building Survey Registers from St Kilda (1898 to 1961) and Port Melbourne (1931 to 1965) for Professor Miles Lewis of the University of Melbourne, to be made available through the Australian Architectural Index. See www.mileslewis.net/australian-architectural.htm.

PRAHRAN HISTORICAL: The 75th birthday of the Astor Theatre is marked with a brief article about the theatre in the May newsletter. It survived threats of demolition and it currently owned by St Michael’s Grammar School which is planning to refurbish the theatre for use in their arts and educational programs.

PYRAMID HILL: We recently purchased the *Pyramid Hill Advertiser* on searchable CDs, 1890-1971, made possible by a grant from Arts Victoria and PROV. This, and all our valuable resources are available for research. A fee of \$20.00 applies. Please send your cheque to the Historical Society, PO Box 83, Pyramid Hill 3575.

RINGWOOD: on Tuesday 26 July Dr Hermione Parsons will speak on "Ports of Melbourne", and on 23 August Barbara Hawkins will speak on "Early Port Phillip". Meetings are held at Room 4, Federation Estate, formerly the Ringwood State School, Greenwood Ave, Ringwood at 8 pm.

SALVATION ARMY: In the April-May issue of *The Sentinel*, Bandmaster Bill Himes, of the USA Eastern territory examines the question, "The Brass Band: Dynamo or Dinosaur?", and makes out a compelling case for the retention of brass band music in the Salvation Army for reasons other than sentiment and tradition.

TALBOT: The museum has a wonderful collection historical photos of Talbot and district and its people. There are 600 to select from at \$5 each. Enquiries: talbotmuseum@hotmail.com or phone 5463 2167 on Sundays between 1 and 4 pm.

TRARALGON: The society rooms are at the Kath Teychenne Centre, 11 Breed St, Traralgon. The open days for the rest of the year are on Sundays 31 July, 28 August, 25 September and 27 November, from 2 pm to 4 pm. See the website for details of the collection: www.traralgonhistory.asn.au.

WANDIN: The 2011 Mont De Lancey Art Show will be held from Sunday 7 August to Sunday 28 August. Opening hours are 10 am to 4.30 pm Wednesday to Sunday, closed Monday and Tuesday. The official launch and awards presentation will be on Sunday 7 August at 2.30 pm. Enquiries: 5964 2088.

WANGARATTA: During Wangaratta Heritage Festival, 1 to 14 August, the family history society will open during the first week. Members and visitors will be welcome to undertake family research and also join us for a free lunch on a day to be advised: 1st floor, 100-104 Murphy Street, Wangaratta; enquiries: 5721 5906 or info@wfh.s.org.au.

WHITEHORSE: The society has launched *Spiders in the Loo*, by Pat Richardson. The book contains a collection of sixteen stories of residents of the district. Topics covered include the

Depression, World War II, bushfires, the Deaf and Dumb Society at Blackburn, and life with no mains gas, water or electricity: <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~ndhsinc/> or 9877 0141.

WILLIAMSTOWN: The society has lately acquired a new computer to be dedicated to cataloguing, membership, records, etc. They are particularly interested in adding to their collection of family histories. If you can help, see the website www.williamstownhistsoc.org.au; phone 9397 1534, or write to PO Box 189, Williamstown 3016.

WOADY YALLOAK: A "Show and Tell" afternoon will be held at The Well, Heales St, Smythesdale on Sunday 17 July at 1.30 pm. Bring a plate for afternoon tea. The society newsletter reports Council plans to remove trees from the WW1 Avenue of Honour for safety reasons.

WOODEND: The Society asks for help with a new project looking at Guest Houses in their area. If you have any reminiscences, photographs or postcards relating to holidays spent in houses such as *Oxford Farm*, *Seven Chimneys*, *Kynersley*, or *Bon Air*, please email wahs@vicnet.net.au or phone on Wednesdays 5427 3361.

YALLOURN NORTH: In April the society launched *Welcome to Little Europe: Displaced Persons and the North Camp*, by Josef Sestokas. Copies are available from the Old Brown Coal mine Museum, cnr Third St and Latrobe River Rd, Yallourn North 3825. See www.browncoalminemuseum.websyte.com.au

YARRAM: The Society recently celebrated 100 years since the formation of the first sub-centre of the Historical Society of Victoria in 1911. Seventy people sat down to lunch at

the Yarram Club Hotel on Sunday 15 May, including Dr Lemon and Professor Weston Bate (our very interesting Guest Speaker) of the RHSV.

YARRAMBAT: The society is developing a museum on 2.5 hectares at Yarrambat Park. The feature exhibit is a fully operational gold-battery re-located from the Golden King mine in North Oatlands Road. Also the "Len Young Woolshed", which nearly 150 years ago, was a Wesleyan Church, and classroom from Yarrambat Primary School. Open on designated days and by appointment. Enquiries: 9435 5320 or 9436 1356.

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