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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

What a donation can do!

In the last *History News*, I reported on the very valuable contributions made by bequests to the RHSV. Now I wish to feature the very generous donations that many of our supporters give us.

The main focus of our fund raising since 2009 has been the RHSV Foundation, which was established to build a nest egg, an insurance policy, a rainy day umbrella. The main concern then, as now, was the issue of accommodation. We had no security of tenure in the Drill Hall and we needed financial reserves in case we were forced to move. An initial burst of donations, led by the late Dame Elisabeth Murdoch and Gordon Moffatt (a former Deputy Lord Mayor of the City of Melbourne), created a good start. Since then the Foundation has grown to about half a million dollars. Several people have donated, and Gordon Moffatt has continued to be a regular and generous contributor. Each year, part of the interest income from the Foundation investment fund has maintained the RHSV collection.

While tenure has not yet been achieved, we are assured by Minister Richard Wynne that our accommodation is safe. We look forward to our negotiations coming to a successful conclusion, which will then leave us free to invest some of our reserves in providing better facilities in the Drill Hall for our members. Secure accommodation will also facilitate our wish to develop the Drill Hall as a History House for Melbourne, an ambition which was developed by Andrew Lemon when he was President. Our Executive Officer Rosemary Cameron is now keenly exploring its possibilities.

Other donations to the Society tend to be directed towards particular purposes. History Week, which is organised by the RHSV each October, is funded by a generous annual donation by the Vera Moore Foundation.

Four years ago, the family of the late Barbara Nixon donated \$30,000 in memory of their mother, who had been our honorary librarian for many years. It was put to great practical use by professionally valuing our collection and placing parts of the collection online. We are deeply grateful for the Nixons' generosity. His Honour Paul R. Mullaly QC, a Crown Prosecutor and later Judge of the Country Court and now a valued RHSV volunteer, regularly donates to support the collection and journal.

Recently, donations by the families and supporters of our two departed colleagues, Weston Bate and Don Gibb, will promote the work of the Society. In Weston's memory we will promote 'lively' history to young people, and our AGM lecture will be named the Weston Bate RHSV Oration. Our annual prize to the best Australian History student at La Trobe University will become the Don Gibb RHSV Prize.

Over the last year, Richard Broome has built a group of regular donors to a *VHJ* Fund that will facilitate the sustainable publication of the *Victorian Historical Journal*, thereby also reducing a substantial cost on our general funds.

What a donation can do!

Don Garden

Insurance & Membership for Historical Societies

All Historical Societies should have received the insurance and membership form and relevant information both in the mail and by email (attachment) by now.

The forms and information are also available on the RHSV website (www.historyvictoria.org.au) under Societies.

If you have any queries contact Amy on 9326 9288 or office@historyvictoria.org.au

Current insurance policies expire on the 1 April and historical societies are encouraged to return their documentation no later than 30 April 2018.

Weston Bate Making History Live Fund

The RHSV has established two entities to honour the work of Weston Bate. The annual AGM lecture will now be known as the Weston Bate RHSV Oration. Also, following monies raised in lieu of flowers at Weston Bate's memorial service, a new fund has been established. This account will be called the 'Weston Bate Making History Live Fund' and has now reached almost \$10,000. The purpose of the fund is to encourage membership and participation by younger historians and other community members in the RHSV.

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NOTICE OF 2018 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

All members are advised that the 108th Annual General Meeting of the Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc. will be held as follows:

Date: Tuesday 15 May 2018
Time: 5.00pm
Place: RHSV, 239 A'Beckett St,
Melbourne 3000

Business:

1. To confirm the minutes of the 107th Annual General Meeting.
2. To receive the Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2017.
3. To receive and consider the Financial Statement for the year ended 31 December 2017.
4. To appoint the Auditor for 2018.
5. To elect office-bearers and members of Council.
6. To receive expressions of interest for the History Victoria Support Group.
7. To elect any member or members who have been nominated for election as Fellows.
8. To announce Awards of Merit recipients.
9. To transact any special business of which notice has been given in accordance with the Rules of the Society.

The AGM will be followed by the inaugural Weston Bate RHSV Oration, *History and Heritage*, to be delivered by Professor Stuart Macintyre AO, FAHA, FASSA.

The RHSV takes a keen interest in Victoria's heritage – and understandably so since the dramatic growth of the state places great pressure on its built form. This lecture explores how the understanding of heritage has been shaped by such episodes of rapid change, and argues that history is too often neglected in heritage conservation.

CALL for NOMINATIONS

Six positions are available for election at the AGM. Six Councillors are retiring by rotation and are eligible to re-stand. Nominations for members of the Council and office-bearers of the Society will close on Tuesday 8 May 2018.

Nomination forms are available from the Executive Officer.

CALL for EXPRESSIONS of INTEREST

Affiliated societies are encouraged to provide expressions of interest for membership of the RHSV's History Victoria Support Group. These should be forwarded to the Executive Officer by Tuesday 8 May 2018.

Rosemary Cameron

13 March 2018

The Victorian Community History Awards 2018 are now open

Entry forms are attached to this edition of *History News* or can be downloaded from our website: Programs>Victorian Community History Awards.

The Victorian Community History Awards are proudly presented by the Royal Historical Society of Victoria and the Public Record Office of Victoria. The Awards celebrate the people involved in community history projects who are dedicated to telling local stories, which help all Victorians to better understand their past.

The Awards ceremony will be held on 8 October at the Arts Centre and is the key event of the RHSV's History Week (7 October – 14 October).

Awards are given for work across the following categories:

Victorian Premier's History Award	\$5,000
Collaborative Community History Award	\$2,000
Local History Project Award	\$2,000
History Publication Award	\$2,000
Local History Small Publication Award	\$1,500
Cultural Diversity Award	\$1,500
Multimedia History Award	\$1,500
Historical Interpretation Award	\$1,500
Centenary of WWI Award	\$1,500 (the last year this will be awarded)
History Article (peer reviewed)	\$500

Visit historyvictoria.org.au for more information.

Entries close Friday 20 July at 2pm.



Start Planning for HISTORY WEEK 2018

The 11th annual History Week will be held this year from the 7 – 14 October*.

Already we are fielding enquiries about plans for fascinating events. With over 400 events across Victoria it really is a chance for history lovers to immerse and indulge themselves.

We encourage historical societies and groups, museums, galleries and libraries to host a history event which showcases your activities and research.

Collectively History Week demonstrates the vibrancy of local history across the state. It highlights the enormous amount of work undertaken by volunteers and paid staff to make Victoria's history accessible. Every year the range of activities and number of participants grows and we thank you – and encourage you to get planning for 2018.

HistoryWeek is promoted extensively by the RHSV with its own dedicated website and publicist.

If you are planning a history-related event (exhibition, fair, guided walk, open house, lecture, debate, re-enactment, tour, antique equipment display, market, vintage train trip, self-guided heritage trails etc) during 7 – 14 October 2018* and would like to be included in the official History week calendar, please register your event online at www.historyweek.org.au. It is FREE to register your event.

On 22 April (Lilydale) and 23 June (Nagambie) the Victorian History Support Group will be holding seminars which will, amongst a day of great topics, have a session on **creating engaging guided walking tours** to encourage historical societies to develop a walking tour for History Week.

On 26 April (RHSV, Melbourne) Museums Australia Victoria and the RHSV present a seminar:

Developing an Exhibition for History Week. Join Kitty Owens, Exhibitions Services Manager to get some top tips about putting on an easy, professional, well-researched and eye-catching display.

Bookings for Lilydale: <https://www.trybooking.com/TTGG>

Bookings for Nagambie: <https://www.trybooking.com/USRL>

Bookings for Melbourne: https://mavic.asn.au/booking?event_id=1438

*Because History Week is one week earlier than its usual time, societies who have planned events for the following week up until 21 October can still be included in the official timetable.

History Week is generously supported by the Vera Moore Foundation



A WEALTH OF EXPERIENCE

Robert Barnes, our current Treasurer, worked for ICI Aust Ltd for fourteen years, including five years in PNG. For the next two decades he was CEO of the Australian Institute of Bankers, the Municipal Association of Victoria and the Royal Australian Chemical Institute. Then for thirteen years he worked for a consultancy placing directors on boards and is a Senior Fellow of the Financial Services Institute of Australasia.

Robert has a BA, MA, MLitt and PhD from the University of Melbourne, all in history and is a Fellow of the RHSV. His PhD was on Captain John Hunter, the second Governor of NSW, which was published by Sydney University Press.

Robert was the President of the Nepean Historical Society in Sorrento for six years

and chaired the committee which oversaw the commemoration of the bi-centenary of Victoria's first European settlement at Sorrento in 1803.

He has been on the RHSV Council for over 15 years, including two years as vice-president and four years as treasurer. He is also on the RHSV Foundation and the Membership Development Committee.

He held a pilot's licence for 34 years flying single and twin-engine aircraft, including a P51 Mustang.

Robert has always been a student of history because he believes we cannot properly manage the present or anticipate the future, if we do not understand the past. The RHSV has an important role to play in preserving the past in order that we can learn and gain from it.



From Volunteering to Career

Lisa came from Italy to Australia in August 2012 with her husband and their first child. She has been volunteering with the RHSV since May 2016, after settling in, learning a new language and having a second child!

Lisa holds a bachelor in archaeology and originally her duties centred on the manuscript collection. Recently she's become an all-rounder with a mind to help accordingly to the Society current needs, and is always keen and ready to learn new things.

Lately, Lisa has been – to name few tasks – itemising hundreds of photograph slides donated by the National Trust, contributing to the migration of the Vertical Files and undertaking all sort of tasks around the Library. This ignited a previously hidden passion towards library science, and more recently moved her to proactively investing time and resources to enter the Australian workforce, focussing her efforts toward the library field.

For this reason, last year Lisa also started helping in her son's primary school and simultaneously started studying to achieve the Certificate III in Library and Information Services (with Christine Worthington as Supervisor!) in order to develop a better understanding of the tasks she was already involved in.

Lisa is planning to finish the course by July and in the meantime she hopes to find a position as Library Assistant either in a school library or a public one, hoping to have the chance of giving some of her time to the RHSV.



Vale John Lahey 1929-2018

John Lahey was a Melbourne journalist and author. His well-known and perennially interesting *Age* column, 'Lahey at Large', dealt with many historical subjects. John Lahey was one of the original judges of the Victorian Community History Awards. He served on the panel from 1998 to 2009, writing many sparkling citations that authors later used in publicising their books.



Honouring Four Historians

A large crowd gathered on the 20 February to honour the life and work of two of our past RHSV stalwarts, Professor Weston Bate AO and Associate Professor Don Gibb. Both have been the subject of recent obituaries in *History News* and the *Age*. Several important announcements were made on the night in the presence of members of the Bate and Gibb families, including Janice Bate and Ann Gibb.

Weston Bate RHSV Oration To honour the inspiring leadership of our former many-time president, a named annual lecture has been sanctioned by Council to be delivered at the Annual General Meeting of the Society.

Don Gibb RHSV Prize in Australian History To recognise the contribution of Don Gibb to student learning in History in this state, a prize of \$300, plus a three-year membership of the RHSV, will be awarded annually to the best student in Australian history at La Trobe University. The Gibb family has donated \$10,000 to the RHSV to ensure this is a perpetual prize in Don Gibb's honour.

Weston Bate Make History Live Fund A fund has been established from the giving which began at Weston Bate's memorial service. It is now approaching \$10,000. The object of this fund is to use the annual interest from this fund to energise the RHSV through special projects focussed on attracting younger people into the Society.

Fellowships On the same night the RHSV celebrated the award of two fellowships by the Federation of Australian Historical Societies. Associate Professor Don Garden President of the FAHS and the RHSV presented fellowship certificates to Emeritus Professor Graeme Davison and Professor Emerita Marian Quartly for their national leadership in various fields of Australian historiography.



(Left) Don Garden with Professor Emerita Marian Quartly.
(Right) Emeritus Professor Graeme Davison

John Adams RHSV Prize

The late John Adams, former councillor and indexer of sixty years of the *Victorian History Journal*, bequeathed \$10,000 to the RHSV on his death in September 2015. To honour John's long contribution to the *VHJ*, the Council of the RHSV has decided to create a prize for the best article or historical note in the *VHJ* over a two-year period, to commence from Issue 1 in 2017. The prize of \$300 and three years membership of the RHSV will be judged by an independent panel from a short list of five pieces forwarded to them by the editors of the *VHJ*. The John Adams RHSV Prize will be awarded to the best article or historical note on the criteria, that it is 'clearly and succinctly written, researched from original material, and which illuminates most significantly an element of Victoria's history'. The first recipient will be announced at the AGM in 2019 and in the June 2019 issue of the journal.

Richard Broome, Chair Publications Committee

History Victoria Support Group Housing Our Societies

Host: Nagambie & District Historical Society

Date: 23 June 2018. 9am – 3pm

Venue: Tennis Club Pavilion, Cnr Prentice and Glass Streets, Nagambie
9.00am registration,

9.30am Welcome

- 9.45am – Christine Worthington, RHSV Collections Manager – 'Digitisation and Historical Societies'.
- 10.20am – Caitlin Mitropoulos, Community Advocate – Built Heritage at the National Trust of Australia (Victoria), 'Caring for and Funding Heritage Buildings'.

11.00am – Morning tea.

- 11.30am Dr Andrew Lemon: 'The Master Gardener, T.R. Garnett of the Age and The Garden of St Erth'.
- 12.30pm Panel: Judy Richards 'Owning a Building', Larina Struach 'Occupying a Local Council Building', and Alleyne Hockley 'Occupying a State Government Building'.

1.00pm Lunch.

- 1.45pm Rosemary Cameron EO, RHSV 'Running Successful, Interesting and Rewarding Local Historical Walks'. Rosemary was previously the Administrator for the Professional Tour Guide Association of Australia.
- 2.30pm Question and Answer time.

3.00pm Finish – Visit to Nagambie & District Historical Society Museum, 344 High Street Nagambie.

Bookings: Trybooking – <https://www.trybooking.com/USRL>

The cost for the seminar is \$20 per person (includes refreshments, lunch and Museum entry).



High Street Nagambie, 1920c Courtesy Nagambie Historical Society D



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Halls of Fame

Inverleigh Public Hall & Mechanics Institute - The little hall that grew

West from Geelong on the Hamilton Highway, a dip into the Leigh River valley heralds the township of Inverleigh.

The valley provided an abundant food trail for the Wada-wurrung people travelling to the Barwon River and the coast. European settlement began in 1837 with the Derwent Company introducing sheep. Township blocks were sold from 1855.

A public meeting was held at Hewett's Hotel on 6 October 1865, 'For the formation of a Mechanics Institute, and to decide the best means of appropriating the funds already in hand'. The building was to be 40' x 20' (12m x 6m) with a fireplace, and to be built of local stone. The first library was situated on either side of this fireplace. As the carting of stone necessitated passing the 'toll gate' on the road, efforts were made to be allowed to cart 'toll free'. Construction seemed to have been remarkably swift with the building being completed on 21 February 1866, with a librarian appointed and the hall opened with a concert. In 1890 a more suitable reading room and office, as seen in the photograph, was added and then a concert stage.

Contrast the 1865 build with the rate of progress in 1946 when a public appeal was commenced to add a larger hall. These were difficult years after WW2 and it took fourteen years of fundraising and considerable voluntary labour, to garner the £10,290

required. It culminated in a Grand Ball on 23 October 1959, with 600 attending. Fundraising activities had included balls, rabbit drives, sports days, dances, euchre nights, paper and rag collections, street stalls and a monthly contribution scheme. Fortunately, just prior to the opening, it was discovered that the plans did not include toilets, so these were hastily retro fitted outside the rear of the hall. But only school sized units were available at short notice - a trip outside necessitated a torch and a large hitch of your ballgown. A similar inattention to detail seems also to have occurred previously, when in 1908, the tender for a Kitchen and Supper Room failed to include a floor.

After a nine-year self-help scheme for electricity, the *Geelong Advertiser* reported that on 12 December 1952, that 'The Public Hall was incapable of holding the crowd which attended to witness the switching on in the midst of a celebration concert'. At 9.30pm the kerosene lamps were dimmed, the ribbon cut and a host of coloured lights set alight, as the audience rose and sang the National Anthem.

The third major development in 2001-2 encompassed a community room, new kitchen, storage facilities and the raising of the original hall floor. Today the enjoyment of working and talking around the island

bench in the kitchen is a major part of every function, especially when making the traditional minced beef sandwiches and country suppers.

The Inverleigh Hall has served this community for 152 years, growing and adapting to the needs of each era. Examples of community uses have been: a library, lectures, lantern slides, flower shows, dances, concerts, political meetings, welcome home to soldiers, wedding breakfasts, school concerts, balls, dancing classes, ANZAC commemorations, a disaster-centre, preschool, cabarets, family gatherings, Seniors, playschool, funerals and wakes, karate, yoga, naturalization ceremonies, Australia Day breakfast, and it now houses the Inverleigh Historical Society collection. The hall complex is still in constant use and in modern parlance, we are proud of the 'continuous improvement and community ownership' of our little hall that grew.

Liz McDonald, Inverleigh Historical Society



Inverleigh Hall 2018 Courtesy Inverleigh Historical Society



Inverleigh Hall Jubilee 1916 Courtesy Elizabeth Campbell Inverleigh Historical Society

Another Historic Hotel in Danger: Heritage Committee Acts



Development of Great Western Hotel, Artist's Impression. The ground floor has been completely redone with modern porches and entries. The first-floor windows and corner treatment have been softened beyond recognition. And the corner parapet has been eliminated.

Can we maintain any of Melbourne's historic hotels? Last year saw the string of losses continue with the 1864 Great Western Hotel (cnr King and Little Bourke streets—see *History News*, June 2017). The developer proposed demolition and replacement by a 26-storey glass tower (on a tiny site), but Melbourne City Council forced a compromise: the external facade will be retained structurally, but altered beyond recognition; the interior will be gutted to serve as an 'atrium' for the 26-storey tower. Melbourne Council planning committee chair, Cr Nick Reece, claimed 'a win-win result', but many would think that demolition to allow a clean modern building would have been preferable.

Now we are fighting to save the Sarah Sands Hotel (recently trading as Bridie O'Reilly's), a landmark 1854 hotel at the corner of Sydney and Brunswick roads, Brunswick. Regrettably, the Sarah Sands is not on the state heritage register. Like the 1857 Corkman Hotel (illegally demolished in 2016), the Sarah Sands is covered only by a local Heritage Overlay.

Peregrine Projects (the developer) claim they 'are bringing Sarah back' with 'reinstatement of the corner pub together with the creation of a vibrant hospitality precinct'. But nothing

would remain of the Sarah Sands except the exterior walls, and they would be dwarfed by a ten-storey apartment block. The interior would become a tavern, which locals are calling a beer barn. See the front cover drawing in this issue. This drawing minimises the bulk of the proposed tower: the angle chosen hides the 2nd and 3rd floors and the top three floors are hidden under a sloping roof. In reality the tower will loom much larger.

Dr Judith Smart wrote the RHSV's submission to Moreland Council, opposing the proposal (see under 'About Us' on the RHSV web site for Heritage Committee documents). Moreland Council refused the application. The developer went to VCAT claiming Council took a day too long to issue its refusal. Now the developer is preparing amended plans, which will be put back to Council on 28 March. RHSV Cr Elisabeth Jackson is representing the RHSV. We know all too well that the developer will go to VCAT again if it's in their interest and that VCAT often ignores Heritage Overlays. Watch this space.

Another important issue where we await a result is St Vincent's Private Hospital's proposal to build an aggressively thrusting 12-storey building overwhelming the highly significant Dodgshun House and Eastern

Hill Hotel. (In the July 2017 issue of *History News*, we published a photo showing this splendid mansion already overshadowed and hemmed in by St Vincent's buildings when it should have been maintained in an appropriate setting.)

St Vincent's propose to demolish part of the Eastern Hill Hotel, which, like Dodgshun House, is on the Victorian Heritage Register as of state significance. Balance Architecture published an excellent discussion of the issues as 'Heritage Dispute in Old Fitzroy' (google the title).

In addition, St Vincent Private plan to demolish East Hill House, which has only local Heritage Overlay protection. Research by local activists demonstrates that this building is of considerable significance.

Yarra Council attached conditions to reduce the development's impact and St Vincent's went to VCAT. Two committee members, Ian Wight and Judith Smart, have been working tirelessly, researching, liaising with locals, and attending VCAT hearings. Ian cross-examined the St Vincent's heritage expert and we hope this will influence the VCAT decision.

The Queen Victoria Market continues to preoccupy us. The current power vacuum in Town Hall may offer an opportunity for Council to change direction, but this will take further community effort. The current proposal now has a life of its own through the bureaucracy and through Team Doyle, which retains control of Council. And the current proposal is enshrined in the budget, which will be passed before the new Lord Mayor is elected. For that reason, we have taken the opportunity to lodge an objection to the Council's amended plans for a 'temporary pavilion' to lodge any displaced traders during the works (see RHSV web site, About Us, and 'Strong objection to pavilion'. *CBD News*, March 2018, p. 17—google that title).

We are keeping a watching brief on several other major issues including the rezoning of the Peter MacCallum site on Eastern Hill; the threat to Campbell Arcade (aka Degraeves Subway, Flinders Street)—the National Trust is running strongly on this; implementation of the Point Nepean master plan—Dr Smart continues to follow this; and the Robur Tea House—the developer has lodged amended plans that will be considered by MCC, not the Minister.

Charles Sowerwine, Chair, Heritage Committee

Fifty Years of Steady Achievement. The Eltham District Historical Society

Early Eltham pioneers needed to actively engage with other local people to establish community and cultural connections we now take for granted. Their social links were often developed through church, sporting, business and other groups. Their initiatives often established assets for following generations.

With this in mind it is interesting to look back at the development and history of the Eltham District Historical Society, which commenced following a public meeting held on a foggy night on 6 June 1967, for the sole purpose of forming a Shire of Eltham Historical Society. At this meeting, attended by over 50 people, an interim committee was formed to establish the Society.

Since then many members have continued to encourage the preservation and recognition of the valuable historical records and memorabilia representing activities and events in the Eltham area.

The Society originally covered what was then the Shire of Eltham and its early activities extended from Lower Plenty to Kinglake. The establishment of other local historical societies, as well as municipal restructuring, meant the Society's activities were refined to the Eltham district, which includes Eltham, Research, Kangaroo Ground, Montmorency, Briar Hill and Lower Plenty. While this is reflected in the later change of name to the Eltham District Historical Society, our collection of local records extends to cover the whole of the former Eltham Shire.

Over the years there has been significant interaction between the Society and the local Council, initially Eltham and later Nillumbik. Involvements have included assisting with the publication in 1971 of the Shire of Eltham's centenary history *Pioneers and Painters*; researching and assisting with historical photographs; consultations on historical matters and major inputs into local heritage studies. During 1990, the Society assisted with the establishment of the Andrew Ross Museum in the former residence of the Kangaroo Ground School. We work closely with the Nillumbik Shire Council, providing information and advice, as required.

Another important milestone in the history of the Society was the establishment of our Local History Centre at 728 Main Road, Eltham in the former police residence, adjoining the former Eltham Courthouse, both of which date from 1860. The official opening of this home for the Society was on 12 July 1998, so we are looking forward to celebrating our 20th anniversary in a few months.

Eltham is associated with the Royal Historical Society of Victoria and under its auspices the

Association of Eastern Historical Societies. There have been many visits to Eltham by members of other societies and excursions to other areas as guests of local societies. Our Society has strong contacts with the Eltham Society in the historic town of Eltham, an outer suburb of London, England and has also established contact with the historical society in Eltham, New Zealand.

Society meetings cover a wide range of subjects regarding local history, other historical subjects and other matters of local interest, with involvement by a variety of speakers.

Society members have been and are currently involved in various community-based activities, festivals, local history courses, hosting visits to our premises and presentations to schools, as well as organising heritage excursions for members and the public around Eltham. The Society's newsletter is a long established and on-going feature, which includes news of activities together with articles of historical interest.

Our website contains a range of information, articles, newsletters and links to other historical societies. We are active on Facebook and Twitter, including with regular 'Mystery Monday' and 'Throwback Thursday' features that encourage involvement across all age ranges.

During 2017, the Society commemorated our 50th anniversary year with various activities and initiatives. These included a major refurbishment and reorganisation of our Local History Centre, as well as the purchase of new computers, scanners and other technology. This has enabled an extensive scanning and cataloguing project resulting in over 6,500 records and images being available on the Victorian Collections website.

There also has been extensive work by members on refining and recording our

collection, production of a video to recognise our 50th year and an anniversary celebration dinner on 27 October 2017, where we were fortunate to have Associate Professor Don Garden OAM, President of the RHSV, as our guest speaker.

Indeed, 2017 was a busy and successful year with many important achievements, assisted by the valued commitments and personal donations from members and with support from our sponsors and the Nillumbik Shire Council, which have all contributed to preparing our Society for our future years. On Australia Day this year the Eltham District Historical Society was honoured to receive the 2018 Nillumbik Community Group of the Year Award.

Many, many people have shared the successful history of both the Shire of Eltham Historical Society and the Eltham District Historical Society. Stories we tell of history not only shape our past, they also shape our future. We look forward to being an active part of our community's future.

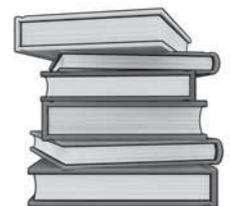
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Murders in Melbourne - Glenroy

Murder knows no geographical or socio-economic boundaries and all areas of Victoria have had their share of notorious cases. The Melbourne suburb of Glenroy is high on the list of sites of infamous cases, highlighted by five crimes between 1938 and 1992.

Phyllis Wiseman was aged 17 when she and her aunt, Annie, 62, were murdered in their Melbourne Road home on 12 November 1938 by George Green, a chimney sweep. With a robbery motive, Green had broken into the Wiseman's home after the two women had retired for the night. Phyllis Wiseman had been raped and strangled in her rear bedroom and Annie had been strangled in her front bedroom. Forensic evidence was used to convict Green of the murders but the primary evidence was a portion of a milk docket found in the Wiseman home. The docket, with details of a potential customer for Green, had been given to him by an earlier customer who had used his services. Green was convicted of the two murders and executed on 17 April 1939.

Gordon McKay, 27, took the law into his own hands on 9 September 1956 when he shot intending chicken thief, Walter Wicks, 29, at the McKay farm on Glenroy Road. McKay had chicken coops behind his home and had become infuriated that his chickens were disappearing at night. He set up an alarm system which was activated at 6.20am on a

quiet Sunday morning. McKay fired off at least five shots at the fleeing bandit, two of which struck Wicks. McKay was charged with murder, but a jury convicted him of manslaughter. He was sentenced to three years in prison, reduced to eighteen months on appeal.

Of all the Glenroy murders, perhaps the most iconic case occurred in Cardinal Road on 1 July 1970. In a premeditated rampage, it is believed that Elmer Crawford bashed and electrocuted his entire family: wife, Theresa, 35, daughters, Katherine, 12, and Karen, 6, and son James, 8. Elmer then loaded the bodies into the family car and he drove to Loch Ard Gorge, where he rolled the car over a cliff into the sea. Unfortunately for Elmer, the car failed to hit the water but instead rested precariously on a ledge. The car, with its occupants, was soon recovered and traced back to the Crawford home in Glenroy. Elmer had vanished and to this day has never been seen. Elmer and Theresa had married in 1957 and to their family and friends they had a seemingly happy marriage. Elmer was employed at Flemington Racecourse, while Theresa, like most mothers of her era, was engaged in full-time home duties. On the day of the murders, all three Crawford children had been absent from school and this was the only indication that a situation was unravelling at the Crawford home. Reported sightings of Elmer Crawford over the years

have never been substantiated. In Australian folklore, the unsolved case ranks alongside such mysteries as the disappearance of the Beaumont children in Adelaide in 1966.

Being the father of reigning Miss Australia, Gloria Krope, did not prevent Frederick Krope from being shot over 17 times by his son, William, 20, at their family home in Sim Street at 11.30pm on 21 December 1977. Frederick and his wife Josephine had been together for thirty years by 1977 and the couple had three adult children. Gloria was living in a motel as part of her Miss Australia contractual obligations when William Krope bought a Ruger .22 rifle on 16 December 1977. The same rifle would be used with deadly effect, five days later. William Krope had planned the attack on his father, who the family described as controlling and abusive. The Krope family engaged Melbourne's leading barrister, Frank Galbally and he put forward a brilliant defence that painted the Krope family members as the real victims of years of abuse, rather than the dead Frederick Krope. William Krope was found not guilty of any crime.

A case that remained unsolved for 20 years was the 2 February 1992 disappearance of Prue Bird, 13, from her home in Justin Avenue. Prue disappeared from her home with the television on, the front door open and an uneaten hot meal on the table. It later transpired that she had been abducted and murdered by 1997 Bega schoolgirl killer, Leslie Camilleri. Camilleri was serving life in prison over the Bega killings, when, in December 2012, he pleaded guilty to Prue Bird's murder. Prue's body has never been found.

The five homicide cases from Glenroy involved murders in residential settings and Glenroy has remained primarily a residential suburb. The victims in these cases included innocent children, a petty thief and an abusive husband and the murders illustrate how dramatic and iconic murder cases can be found in the most ordinary of suburbs.

Dr Noel Turner, RHSV Councillor



The Crawford family home in Cardinal Road Glenroy in 1970. Photo contained in Inquest File VPRS24/P/002 Unit 392 1971/1536 held at Public Records Office, Melbourne.

A Little-known Specialist Library in Melbourne



In 1890, a group of citizens interested in the defence of the colony of Victoria formed an Institute to inform the public on that issue. The United Service Institution (USI) they formed was modelled on the London-based Royal United Services Institute that had been founded by the Duke of Wellington in 1831. USIs formed in other states with New South Wales leading in 1888. We have a national co-ordinating body in Canberra. We are now titled the Royal United Services Institute of Victoria

From its founding, the USI established a military library, helped by a grant from the Victorian government. This library continues to today and is housed in an 1862 bluestone heritage building in Victoria Barracks, St Kilda Rd. It is run by a dedicated group of volunteers and is open for public use.

The collection is a broad military library centered on all aspects of Australian and New Zealand defence. More than 25 000 items are well catalogued and visible on the web and Trove.

The collection has been recognised as one of national importance and is certainly the best of its type in Victoria. We think of it as having both good coverage and depth. The coverage of military topics includes most of the books you expect. Official war histories and those of army, navy and air force units provide a firm foundation, supplemented by a very wide collection of biographical and thematic volumes. Books on campaigns are there, of course, but also books on art, religion, philosophy, fiction and poetry, bibliography, women in war, biography, politics, music, juvenile works – all related to the military experience. The book collection is supplemented by an extensive array of pamphlets and leaflets, many of which have not been preserved in other collections. There is an extensive digital collection of relevant books and films. A growing collection of maps and a well-organised assembly of military instructional pamphlets also form important parts of the collection.

Among the rarer (and frequently unique) items are documents written by one of our earlier honorary secretaries, John Monash; newspapers issued to the troops at Gallipoli; the maps used at the Gallipoli landing; the Military Orders of the AIF during the First World War; troopship newsletters; many lists of officers of the three armed services from pre-federation to the present and a remarkable collection of sheet music dating from the pre-Boer War to the Vietnam War. Our collection of unpublished letters, diaries and journals is also growing.

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AROUND THE SOCIETIES

We welcome Societies to submit an article/event of around 50 words, or email your Newsletter to us and we will write up around 50 words for you around twice per year. For the June 2018 issue, please send details to office@historyvictoria.org.au by 10 May 2018. Prepared by Volunteer Glenda Beckley on behalf of the History Victoria Support Group.

ADAM LINDSAY GORDON: It was in Dingley Dell Cottage near Port Macdonnell in S.A that Gordon wrote "Ashtaroth".

Published in June 1867. Here, it was said, the poet spent the happiest years of his short life. The cottage was owned by Gordon from March 1864 to March 1867 and he treated it as his holiday home. Into this poem Gordon inserts his own life experiences. Hugo being himself, and the plot probably drawn from visits with his mother, when a boy, to Europe, and his readings from books. There was a Mistress, and the cliffs on the edge of the sea could well be Cape Northumberland near to the cottage. Visit Adam Lindsay Gordon's Dingley Dell Cottage. Port MacDonnell S.A. Phone Allan Childs 0408 382 222

BALWYN: Thursday 12 April 2018 – 8 pm, at the Balwyn Evergreen Centre, 45 Talbot Avenue, Balwyn. Speaker: James Nicolas Topic: 'The Secret of Fairyland, Kew'. James Nicolas has written several books on local history. His most recent book was on a house in Kew which was known to children in Kew and neighbouring suburbs as Fairyland.

BELLARINE: The Historical Society Museum and Research Centre is located in Drysdale's Old Court House, 11 High St Drysdale, adjacent to the bustling centre of Drysdale. We are a community organisation whose aim is to preserve the history of The Bellarine Peninsula. The museum opens every Sunday in January, 1.30-4.30pm, then the 1st Sunday of each month. Special opening hours, Guest Speakers and Workshops can be organised for groups. Our current events and 2018 calendar can be viewed on our website <https://pbruce2.wixsite.com/website> and we are also on facebook.

CAMPERDOWN: History Signposted - Congratulations to the Camperdown Lions on the unveiling of their enormous project documenting the history of the town. The 34 information panels have information about buildings, statues, special sites, local industry and local stories – from Aboriginal history to European settlement. The brochure and the signs have been welcomed by visitors and locals alike, a number of locals being quite surprised at some of the history they have learnt! Well done Lions,

particularly historian – and CDHS Member and Secretary – Maree.

CARISBROOK: Following years of research and diligent transcription and data-entry by our volunteer members, a wide range of searchable data bases are accessible to Society on (03) 54642601 to speak to a researcher. at the Society's Research Centre at 19 Bucknall Street, Carisbrook. Piece together your family ancestry - ring the Carisbrook Historical society on (03) 54642601 to speak to a researcher. T03 54642601 to speak to a researcher.

CARLTON: Historical Walk - Jewish and Italian Carlton Walk and Talk Saturday 21 April 2018, 10am to 12 noon. Walk through its historic streets to learn something of the two communities that, in the early and mid twentieth century, made Carlton one of Australia's first truly multi-cultural suburbs. Visit the sites of synagogues, churches and iconic businesses, and hear stories of crimes and disputes, of those who prospered and those who struggled. Starts in Macarthur Square, Carlton, at the Rathdowne Street end. These walks are run by Princes Hill Community Centre in conjunction with Carlton Community History Group. Bookings: phone: 9387-7740, or email: enquiries@princeshill.org.au Cost \$10.

COBURG: As ever, our monthly meetings will be held in the Coburg Library Meeting room. We have an exciting program lined up for 2018. Monday 16 April at 8:00pm: Guest Speaker Dr William Chauvel (grandson of General Harry Chauvel) talking about the Australian Light Horse and the Palestine campaign during WW1.

EAST MELBOURNE: The Society has permanently moved the venue of meetings and lectures to the East Melbourne library at 122 George Street, East Melbourne. On Wednesday 18 April, at 8:00pm Max Griffiths will take us through the life of Dt Adam Cairns, clergyman, theologian, and founding father of the Presbyterian Church in Melbourne.

ELTHAM: At the 2018 Australia Day ceremony held by Nillumbik Shire Council, it was announced that the Eltham District Historical Society has received the 2018 Nillumbik Community Group of the Year Award. This award is an appreciated recognition of the commitment and contributions of current and past members of our society over many years. It is fitting to receive this award in our 50th year and encourages our society to continue engaging and supporting the interest on our community, in our local history.

FAMILY HISTORY CONNECTIONS: The Australian Institute of Genealogical

Studies is now known as Family History Connections. We are still the same organisation with the same objectives and deep commitment to assist members and the wider community in their search for their ancestors in Australia and overseas. We are still located at Unit 1 / 41 Railway Road, Blackburn. Our phone number is still 03 9877 3789. Our new website is familyhistoryconnections.org.au

FRIENDS OF GULF STATION: Gulf Station Open Day 2018 – Thursday 19 April 2018, 10am – 3pm. As part of the Trust's Heritage Festival, come along to Gulf Station to experience Australia's oldest pioneer farm building precinct while volunteers work to maintain it. Tours of the property are available as well as the opportunity to bring a picnic and discover what life was like for a family to live, and making a living, on the land in nineteenth century Australia.. This year's theme is 'My Culture, My Story'. If you are able to contribute to Gulf Station's story, do come! If you can't help, please come on the day and encourage your friends to come too. 1029 Melba Highway, Yarra Glen 3775, VIC

GOLDFIELDS: Tour of Bealiba: We intend to visit the original site of the town, location of a suspicious death, the railway station and other sites of interest. The tour will be by private cars, bring your own lunch and chair. Cost members \$5, non-members \$15. Meet at Dunolly Museum at 10.00am on Monday 16 April.

HASTINGS-WESTERNPORT: Our next Morning Coffee will be held on Thursday, 10 May, 2018 at 10.15 am in the Museum Main building - subject: 'Growing Up in Hastings'. Members will discuss growing up in Hastings in the 1950s, with reference to the big, aerial photo (1960) currently on view in the Museum. All welcome.

HEIDELBERG: The Society is currently undertaking a significance assessment of its civic collection which includes photographs of Heidelberg Shire and City dignitaries and staff, documents, robes and regalia, furniture, presentations and gifts. These items were transferred to the Society by the City of Heidelberg in the 1980s.

We are very keen to hear from other historical societies which may hold similar collections of original framed photographs of local government dignitaries which were formerly displayed in their shire offices, council chambers etc. Our collection includes some 20 formal framed portraits of the chairmen of the Heidelberg Road Board and subsequent chairmen or presidents of the Shire of Heidelberg. They range from the 1860s through to the 1930s. Several of the photographic portraits are over-painted to resemble an oil painting. Almost without exception, the portraits are the work of the

Allan Studio, Smith Street, Collingwood. If someone has a similar collection, or can provide detailed information about the Allan Studio or indeed can help us fill in the gaps in our collection, we would be delighted to hear from you. Please email our Society, with the subject line 'Heidelberg Civic Collection' at heidelberg.historical.society@gmail.com

KEW: Wednesday 9 May, Phyllis Hore Room, 8.00PM - Topic: Frances Derham: artist and teacher. Speaker: Felicity Renowden: Felicity is an active member of our Research Group and is also a volunteer in the Preshil School Archives. She will talk about the artist Frances Derham, and how her interest in child art was triggered at Preshil and by her teaching experience at the school from 1935-7.

KILMORE: Open House - Historic Homes of Kilmore Tour for 2018. Last year we held an Historic House Tour viewing some of the more interesting homes of Kilmore. The visitors were able to see the interior of some of the buildings they had only ever seen from outside, and the householders were happy to show off their properties. We are holding another tour this year, on Saturday 14 April. Keep the date free! While we already have several properties lined up to visit, there is space for one or two more if anyone wishes to volunteer their home. We already have most of the homes we need but others are always welcome. We would also be happy to hear from anyone interested in volunteering a few hours on the day to supervise at each site.

LILYDALE: As part of their Mentor Program, scholars from the Melba Opera Trust again visited the grave of Dame Nellie Melba at the Lilydale Lawn Cemetery. They were given a talk by John Brown one of our members, who gave them a brief history of Madame Melba, her connections to Lilydale, plus a brief history of her granddaughter Pamela Lady Vestey. He concluded with the connections of Melba and the architect Sir Edwin Lutyens who designed Madame Melba's tomb.

LINTON: Linton: A Photographic History includes over 100 pages of historic black and white photographs from the collection of the Historical Society, many never previously published. The book was launched on Sunday 10 December in the Shire Offices. After a welcome from the Mayor of Golden Plains Shire, Councillor Helena Kirby, the book was officially launched by local historian Joan Hunt. Joan stressed the enormous amount of research detail that had gone into the descriptions accompanying the photographs and the fact that each section had an Introduction that put the photographs in a broader historical context. Joan

emphasised that this was not merely a book of photographs, but indeed a visual social history of the town of Linton.

MALLACOOTA: "Secrets from the Mallacoota Bunker". The Society obtained a grant from the Victorian Government Veteran's Fund to produce a documentary film to record the wartime activities associated with the WWII Bunker. The film was launched at a preview function held on 24 February. It will be screened routinely at the Mallacoota WWII Bunker Museum as an introductory audio visual and interpretive presentation for visitors, and will also be permanently accessible on the society's website. It is the role of our museum to tell these stories and preserve the history of our region.

NILLUMBIK: We are requesting volunteers early in 2018 as we would like to commence a stocktake of every item in the Cottage and Barn. You do not need to be computer literate. We plan to do one room at a time, and physically record everything in that room. If you could spare an hour or two, please contact the Society at elliscottage@gmail.com or leave a message on 94385619.

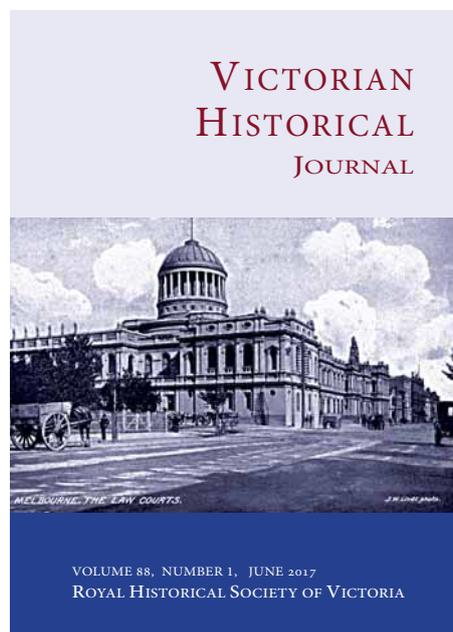
PORT MELBOURNE: World War 1 Project: By March 1918, 1,400 Port Melbourne men had enlisted and men were still enlisting, though in dribs and drabs. Recruiters were trying to ramp up enlistments but there wasn't much enthusiasm. Wounded soldiers were returning home. News of fatalities, woundings and decorations was being

received. Excerpts from the daily papers on our facebook page give interesting insights into life in Port Melbourne in March 1918 - the introduction of electricity to Holy Trinity, a robbery at North Port Station. In the lead up to Anzac Day, keep an eye on this important project. You might find more information about a relative or someone who lived at your address, or be able to add to the record.

The annual Anzac Commemoration Service will be held on the foreshore on Wednesday 25 April as usual.

ST JOHN AMBULANCE: Quarterly Meeting 12 April. The first railway in Victoria was the Sandridge (Port Melbourne) to Flinders Street, built shortly after the discovery of gold in 1851. The first major accident was at Jolimont in 1881, prompting the Railway Commissioners to promote first aid training throughout the railway system. Classes for the public were commenced in 1883 with the founding of St John Ambulance Association Victoria Centre in Melbourne. The presentation at the meeting by Dr Allan Mawdsley KStJ will report some of the activities and personnel in this linkage which continues to the present day.

WENDISH HERITAGE: Our AGM is on Saturday 7 April at 1:30pm, followed by afternoon tea. All are welcome at our meeting room at St Aidan's Community Centre, 12 Surrey Street, Box Hill South. Please ensure you appoint a proxy if you are unable to attend. We need 26 members, including proxies to form a quorum.

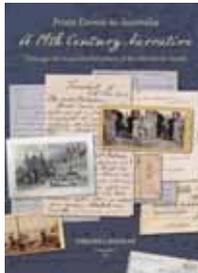


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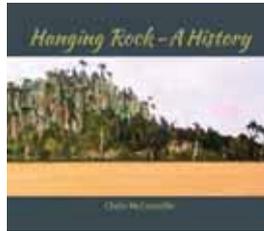
AUTHORS, PUBLISHERS AND HISTORICAL SOCIETIES ARE INVITED TO CONTRIBUTE BOOKS TO THE RHSV FOR THE LIBRARY AND FOR CONSIDERATION FOR INCLUSION IN BOOKS RECEIVED.

From Devon to Australia, a 19th Century Narrative Through Unpublished Letters of the Merrifield Family Virginia Noonan, Melbourne Victoria, 2017, pp 176, ISBN 9780994612830



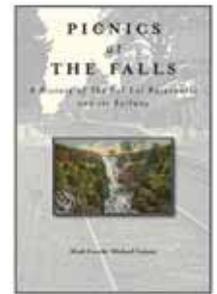
The Merrifield family tree, is a giant ancient oak, with roots deep underground in Tavistock UK and countless complex branch structures, reaching as far as Victoria, Australia. Noonan is a member of this grand old tree and has told the tales of her forebears skillfully through their preserved letters and careful archival research. The immense changes of the 19th century are reflected in the generations of the author's kin. Starting with the story of illiterate labourers who recognize the importance of education, their children and grandchildren go on to become eminent academics, pioneers, business people and land owners. It is a beautiful book and a fascinating read.

to the famous family.
Hanging Rock – A History Chris McConville, Friends of Hanging Rock Inc, 2017 pp 264, ISBN 9780648166603



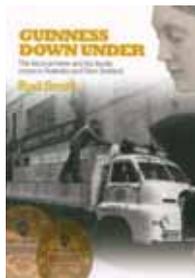
Hanging Rock has a great many different meanings to a great many different groups of people all across the world. McConville has explored some of these; a place of Aboriginal spiritual significance, a malevolent force, a picnic space, a geological wonder, a literary muse, a film location, a race track and more. The book is beautiful, with the image of the rock displayed in many drawings, pictures and diagrams. The author has skillfully discussed the conflict European settlement has brought to the rock and to the original owners of the land, how that has affected the ecological environment, and what our continued presence may mean for the rock in the future. A thought provoking read, and not only for fans of the famous rock.

Picnics at the Falls: A History of the Lal Lal Racecourse and its Railway Mark Cauchi, Michael Guiney, Australia, 2017, pp 87, ISBN 9780648176510



Punters from the late 1800's until today love a day out at the races; a few bob put on the horses, a cold tippie and to complain bitterly about the state of rail transport (albeit these days they do it on Twitter). Cauchi and Guiney have put together a history of the Lal Lal Falls Racecourse, and its ill-fated railway. The pull of the ponies used to bring tens of thousands to the Falls, and VR hoped to capitalize on that, building a station close to the action. However, drought, recession and frankly dangerous rail conditions, seemed to put a damper on the spirits of holidaymakers. Rail history enthusiasts will be well served by this chapter in an ongoing series.

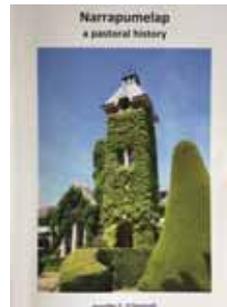
Guinness Down Under: The Famous Brew and the Family Come to Australia and New Zealand



Rod Smith, Eyeglass Press Ltd, Tauranga New Zealand, 2018, pp 392, ISBN 9780473408428

An engaging and unique look at the famous stout empire, Smith has decided to discuss the Antipodean aspects of Guinness history. Recognising the glut of existing literature on the brewing and business process of the company, the author instead primarily focuses on the people, those Guinnesses who migrated to Australia and New Zealand. Between excellently researched chapters of the family tree, Smith has interestingly penned semi-fictional letters and recollections of his wife's descendant, who lived the life of a colonial wife in New Zealand and Fiji. This can be a risky move in non-fictional accounts, but they work well in this book, giving the reader an emotional connection

Narrapumelap: A Pastoral History Jennifer F. O'Donnell, Melbourne Victoria, 2018, pp 142, ISBN 9870092532833



The imposing gothic tower of the Narrapumelap homestead has been silently watching the comings and goings of humans for 145 years. It has seen pastoral toil, wealth, gaiety and expansion, war and division, decline, decay and vandalism. It remains today, lovingly restored by the efforts of its devoted owner. Its long and colourful history is meticulously documented by O'Donnell. Filled with newspaper clippings, quotes and pictures – this book has a real sense of being a time capsule for Narrapumelap. Happily, due to the efforts of O'Donnell and the owner McIntyre, that gothic tower will remain watchful for another 145 years at least.

Riversdale 125 John Arnold, Riversdale Gold Club, Mt Waverley, 2017, pp ix – 353, ISBN 9780646974675

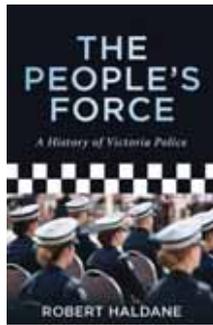


One for the keen golfers, this hefty tome is a celebration of the Riversdale Golf Club and it's 125 years of continuous operation. This is a rewrite of a previous centenary edition history, with a new chapter focusing on the past 25 years. Arnold attests that the previous quarter century has been an eventful one not only for the club, but for the sport of golf itself as new technologies and strategies present themselves. The book is incredibly thorough and well organised, playing through the new chapter as you would a round of golf, hole by hole. Long serving members will delight in recognizing their favourite spots in the club, and indeed may spy their own faces in the pages.

The People's Force: A History of Victoria Police

Robert Haldane,
Melbourne University Press, Carlton Victoria, 2017, pp vii-524, ISBN 9780522864953

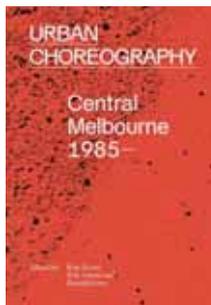
This is the excellent third edition of Haldane's adapted PhD project on the history of the Victorian Police Force. Despite concerns that the treatment would be biased (as Haldane served in the force for 34 years), or too broad to go in to appropriate depth, it serves as a comprehensive, detailed and objective record. Engagingly written, Haldane starts from the very beginning, through the struggles to modernize in the early 20th century, to various controversies and tragedies in the modern day. The author always emphasizes that the Victorian Police was raised up by, and exists for, ordinary people. It rings true in this project.



Urban Choreography Central Melbourne 1985-

Ed. Kim Dovey, Rob Adams, Ronald Jones, Melbourne University Press, Carlton Victoria, 2018, pp 318, ISBN 9780522871661

Melbourne's reputation as one of the most liveable cities on earth has been a hard-won trophy according to Dovey, Adams and Jones. These architectural academics have curated a kind of collaborative art installation in book form, about the transformation of central Melbourne post 1985. With contributions from policy makers, public planners, urban designers, architects and more, this book documents inner Melbourne's transformation from bleak commuter office space to a greener, more leisure friendly postcode. Clever warnings about sustainability and the challenge of climate change remind us to be mindful of the history and future of our city spaces.



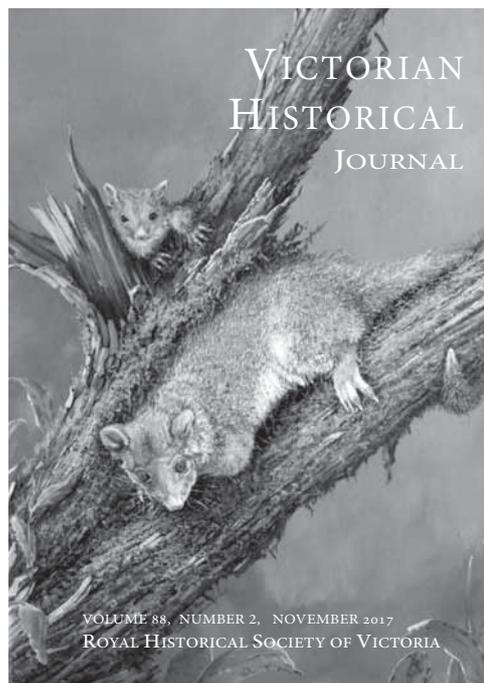
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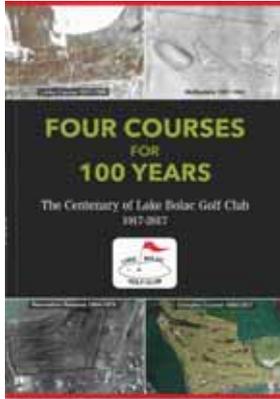
The RHSV now has a VHJ Future fund aiming to free the annual RHSV budget from this ongoing expense. Profits from Judging for the People (2016), and Remembering Melbourne 1850-1960 (2016, 2017) have bolstered this fund. So too has a patrons' plan currently supported by ten patrons who have pledged varying amounts for the next three to five years to support the journal.

Please consider a tax deductible gift to the RHSV by becoming a journal patron. Inquires can be made to **Richard Broome**, Chair of the Publications Committee on r.broome@latrobe.edu.au

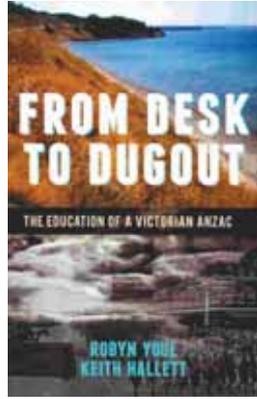


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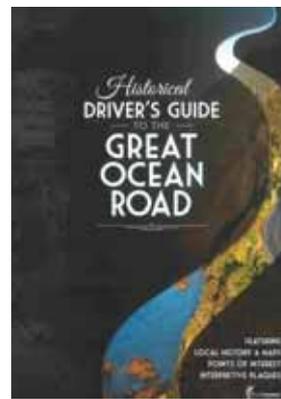
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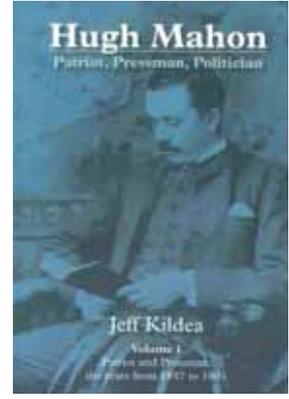
Four Courses for 100 Years, the Centenary of Lake Bolac Golf Club 1917-2017.
Karen McIntyre. \$30



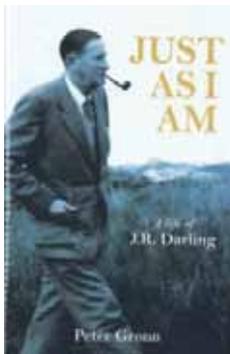
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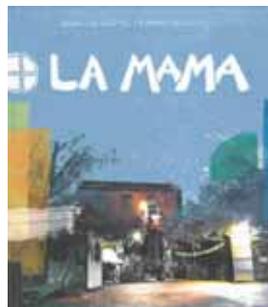
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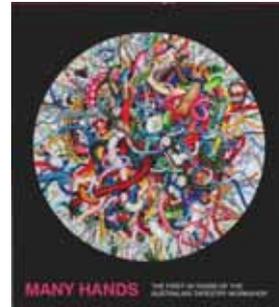
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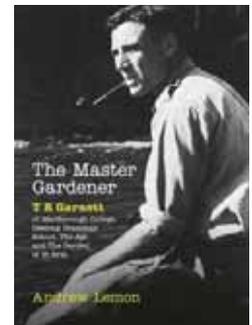
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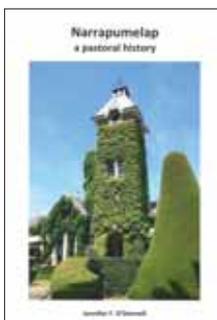
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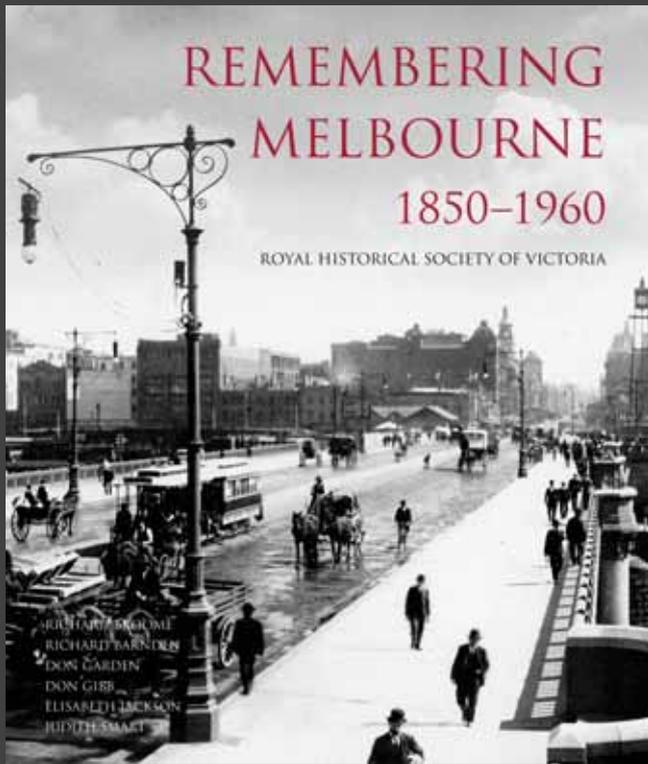
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