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# President's Annual Report 2018

The RHSV had a stable and progressive year in 2018, characterised by consolidation of its financial strength and an expanding number of activities and involvements. The reports that follow from the RHSV committees reveal the important work they have carried out, and I congratulate them on their accomplishments.

While the RHSV draws extensively on volunteers and members for its achievements, it is also fortunate in being able to employ a number of excellent staff. As Executive Officer, Rosemary Cameron has undertaken an immense amount of work to increase the output of the organisation, professionalise its financial reporting, reorganise the building and increase its usage and income, as well as taking steps to diversify the society's activities. Amy Clay was employed throughout the year as Administration Officer, and we were sad to lose her when she took maternity leave at the end of the year. We also said goodbye to Christine Worthington, Collections Manager and Volunteer Coordinator, who moved with her family to Britain mid-year. However, we recruited an excellent replacement, Jillian Hiscock, who has very effectively continued the work undertaken by Christine. We also gained two part-time employees who made a significant contribution. Sophie Shilling worked in the collection, and also managed the Victorian Community History Awards under the leadership of RHSV Honorary Secretary and Chief Judge of the awards Carole Woods. Alan Hall, normally a volunteer in the images room, was employed to design and set up our very accessible new website.

Much of the activity of the RHSV is undertaken by our volunteers, who now number well over a hundred. These include the day volunteers, who contribute a great deal towards running the collection, mounting the exhibitions, assisting with the administration, undertaking site searches, moving furniture, and innumerable other activities.

We are very grateful to them and to Christine Worthington and Jillian Hiscock, who have supported their work in multiple ways. Recognition of individual volunteers will be found in other reports.

Also among RHSV volunteers are the many people who belong to the various RHSV committees and provide valuable assistance and guidance. They are specifically recognised in the committee reports.

My work as President would be impossible without the invaluable contribution made by another group of volunteers, the members of RHSV Council. My deep appreciation to: Elisabeth Jackson, Vice President, Council Minutes Secretary and Chair of the Collections Committee; Carole Woods, Honorary Secretary, Chair of the Judges' Panel of the Victorian Community History Awards and Chair of the Fellowship Committee; Robert Barnes and then Daniel Clements as Treasurer; Richard Broome, Chair of the Publications Committee, co-editor of the *Victorian Historical Journal* (with Judith Smart) and of *History News* (with Sharon Bettridge); Jim Dixon, Chair of the RHSV Foundation; Alleyne Hockley, Convenor of the History Victoria Support Group; Charles Sowerwine, Chair of the Heritage Committee; Rosalie Triolo, Chair of the Membership Development Committee; and Councillors George Fernando, Jane Carolan (who retired at the 2018 AGM), Margaret Anderson and Daryl Hawkey, and also Noel Turner, who sadly passed away during the year. We welcomed the return to the Council of Lucy Bracey, who took up the second non-metropolitan co-opted position and also represents the Professional Historians Association. While not a Councillor, Andrew Lemon continued as Chair of the Events and Outreach Committee and did wonderful work organising and running the lecture program. We also welcomed back into the RHSV fold a former President, Professor Bill Russell, who became the RHSV Ambassador. His advice and guidance will be invaluable.

The only area in which the society failed to make progress was in its endeavours to achieve security of tenure in the Drill Hall. We waited throughout the year for another body to reach a decision about alternative administrative arrangements, but in the absence of any firm proposal we have been unable to move forward. Nevertheless the RHSV maintains its aspiration to develop the Drill Hall into History House for Melbourne's community history and heritage organisations. To that end, late in 2018 a planning day and decisions by the RHSV Foundation and the Council determined on a fresh bout of activity to push the concept forward.

Donations and bequests to the RHSV and the Foundation remain fundamental to the future development and success of the organisation.

Following decisions made at the planning day a new focus on these is expected to boost our fundraising effectiveness. Once more, I express our particular gratitude to Gordon Moffatt, our most generous benefactor.

I also wish to convey my deep appreciation to the many other contributors to the society whom I have not specifically named in this report.

**Don Garden, RHSV President**



# Executive Officer's Annual Report 2018

My first full year at the RHSV has come to a close and every minute of those twelve months has been a pleasure and an education.

One of the few problems I faced in 2018 was continued staff churn. We started the year with the new and wonderful Amy Clay as our Administrator, but we soon learnt that Amy was pregnant with her third child and would leave at the end of the year.

Then I discovered that our much-loved Collections Manager, Christine Worthington, would be leaving in June to live and work in the UK where her partner had been relocated. So, in June, with just seven months at the RHSV, I became the longest serving staff member!

Jillian Hiscock replaced Christine, and immediately her deep interest in and love of the quirky nature of our collection was manifest. You will see Jillian's hand in the many displays of material from our collection and also in the many reforms to cataloguing—making all our catalogue entries richer and more comprehensive at a 'granular level' (a Jillian-phrase I have learnt to love).

Pankaj Sirwani, starting in December as our new Administrator whilst Amy is on parental leave, very quickly charmed our members and made some canny improvements.

For a comparatively small organisation the turn over has been substantial, and I have spent a lot of time recruiting and training new staff members; sometimes, it has been a case of the blind leading the blind.

Sophie Shilling continued her work digitising the collection and catalogue, and she was also the Victorian Community History Awards Project Officer. Sophie's contributions are fresh, thoughtful and provide well-honed rigour to all that she is involved in, across all aspects of the RHSV.

## Exhibitions

In 2018 we mounted two major exhibitions after *Standing on the Corner* came down in April. The RHSV had commemorated the centenary of World War I in 2014 with an exhibition on the Australian Red Cross, and we concluded our war commemoration in 2018 with *Vera Deakin's World of Humanity*. This exhibition

was curated by RHSV Secretary and Fellow Carole Woods, based on her many years of close research into the Deakin family and other sources.

The second exhibition broke new ground for the RHSV as we took a close look at the history of a tumultuous decade, the 1970s, in Melbourne. This exhibition, *Putting It Out There*, was curated by Zoe Henderson with advice from historian Seamus O'Hanlon. As our own collection's coverage of the most recent decades is sparse we called out to our members and friends and the response was extremely gratifying. We were lent everything from a very early wooden skateboard to the minutes of the first meeting of Australia's first community legal centre in Springvale. A cabinet of Sharpie memorabilia proved enormously popular. This exhibition kept growing long after the launch—indeed I think it only stopped growing when it came down! I sincerely thank those generous lenders of precious memories and objects, and I am delighted that there are so many bowerbirds amongst us who have lovingly preserved these items through nearly fifty years of subsequent events. This exhibition also prompted the donation of some wonderful material to our collection.

Both our 2018 exhibitions were designed by Daisy Searls, and both exhibitions were produced out of our Images Department, with David Thompson and Richard Barnden making immeasurable contributions to the research and presentation that underpinned them. Exhibitions are major undertakings for the RHSV and absorb a great many resources—most notably the time, experience and ingenuity of our volunteers. I am always in their debt.

We also mounted nine small exhibitions in our Cabinet of Curiosities including *Dollhouse*, a touching display of childhood items unearthed by Heritage Victoria in their many archaeological digs across Victoria.

## Victorian Community History Awards

I attended my first Victorian Community History Awards ceremony in October 2018 and was dazzled by the roll call of so many impressive projects, inevitably major life undertakings, each



and every one of which is to be commended. Carole Woods, Chair of the Judges' Panel, covers the awards elsewhere in this annual report, but I wish to add here that the awards ceremony itself is a joyous networking celebration and to encourage all future entrants to attend. I would also like to thank the Public Record Office Victoria (PROV), which works closely with the RHSV, and the Victorian Government, which funds the awards.

### **History Victoria Bookshop and Publications.**

History Victoria Bookshop is like the Tardis; it looks tiny on the outside but on the inside is a powerhouse of activity. It provides an invaluable service to authors of books on any and all aspects of Victorian history, and we are often their only outlet. In 2018 we started boosting promotion of the bookshop through our eBulletins and Facebook account and were gratified by instant responses—love those direct website links! Our Doctor Who is Lenore Frost, and her sidekick since late 2018 has been Julie McInnes, who used to run her own bookshop. My thanks go to both Lenore and Julie for their major commitment. The new website has also proved a boon for the bookshop, and there will be further improvements in 2019.

Lenore is also responsible each year for the massive undertaking that is our secondhand Book Fair. This is an important source of income for the RHSV each year and a dangerous indulgence for bookaholics like most of us who work here.

The Publications Committee is responsible for the major newsletters and publications produced by the RHSV, and its Chair, Richard Broome, has reported on their activity elsewhere. However, our administration staff produce the eBulletins and keep Facebook growing. Our aim is to create a large community of history enthusiasts who know that the RHSV will keep them up-to-date and linked to the larger history world.

### **Outreach**

The History Victoria Support Group continued its solid work supporting and training volunteers involved in our affiliated member societies across Victoria.

One of the best ways we are able to help those societies is by providing an extremely competitive group insurance scheme. Support is also offered through our seminars and workshops, the History Victoria bookshop, our small grants programs, History Week, direct one-on-one problem-solving, the Victorian Community History Awards, promotion of societies and their events through

our website, *History News* and our eBulletins, the library of resources on our website and, importantly, networking through events.

### **Grants**

History Week, held in October, was once again a great success across suburban Melbourne and regional and rural Victoria. And that success is possible solely through the generosity of the Trustees of the **Vera Moore Foundation**. Their support has built bridges between historical societies and their local communities, including schools and libraries, and it has showcased the varied and extensive work of those historical societies.

Each year Carole Holsworth, through the **Holsworth Local Heritage Trust**, funds publication of a number of research projects undertaken by regional and rural local history groups. This wonderful private support is increasingly important as other government funding bodies pull back from funding printed research.

The **Law Foundation** awarded the RHSV a small grant for Law Week to develop and operate guided walking tours of Melbourne's historic legal precinct, which, of course, is right on our doorstep. We will be running this walk again in 2019.

At the end of 2018 **The Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal** awarded us a grant to work with the historical societies of Murrindindi Shire. I will report on this grant in our next Annual Report.

Also at the end of 2018 we were awarded a Roving Curator Grant by **Museums Australia (Victoria)** (now AMAgAVic) for our first exhibition in 2020. I will report on this grant in the 2020 Annual Report.

As always, we thank those generous and clear-sighted philanthropists who make our work, and the work of the some 350 community history groups across Victoria, just that little bit easier.

### **Awards of Merit and Barbara Nixon Volunteer Awards**

Congratulations to the following list of inspiring volunteers who earned and were presented with RHSV Awards of Merit in 2018:

- James Lerk      Bendigo Historical Society
- Peter Padreny    Castlemaine Historical Society
- Sandra Sutcliffe   RHSV

RHSV President Don Garden and I had the good fortune to attend a civic presentation to award James Lerk his Award of Merit by the Mayor of the City of Bendigo in the city's magnificent town hall. It was a very impressive ceremony for a very

impressive history activist.

In 2018 we introduced a new award to highlight work above and beyond normal volunteering. This award is named in memory of one of the RHSV's longest-serving and most admired volunteers, librarian Barbara Nixon. It embodies more than length of service—it is about inspiration and the ability to improve the RHSV through new ideas. The inaugural awards were made to

- Mandy Bede
- Selina Heeps.

### **RHSV History Award**

Congratulations to Eamonn Orr, who was the recipient of the 2018 Don Gibb RHSV History Award for 'the student who received the highest mark in the subject Australian History' at third-year level at La Trobe University.

This award was renamed in 2018 to commemorate the life and work of Associate Professor Don Gibb FRHSV, who died at the end of 2017. His widow, Ann, and three children, Jane Berry, Susie Gibb and Sally Joubert, made generous donations to enable the memory of Don to be honoured in perpetuity.

### **Work on the Drill Hall**

Works to make the Drill Hall compliant with the Disability Discrimination Act took up many months in 2018 and we temporarily lost our foyer and main entrance whilst a mobility ramp and automatic doors were installed. We also have safer balustrades, more emergency exit lights, compliant external doors, and signage in braille. We thank our members, staff and volunteers, who put up with disruption and noise during this period, and we thank the Victorian Government for funding this major work through a Living Heritage Grant.

### **Reform**

Our new website, which was a long time in the planning and a year in the building, just squeaked into 2018 as we launched it mere weeks before Christmas. As with all websites, it is a living organism, which is constantly being updated and improved. It has much greater functionality than our old site, and I hope that our member societies will embrace it, as we have, and use it to promote their events and their organisations. The new site links our accounts software and our database too, so that membership, ticket sales and book sales are streamlined, thus avoiding duplicate data entry. It also allows us to give greater prominence to the feisty work of our Heritage Committee led by Professor Charles Sowerwine. This committee is

both highly active and very well respected in the many battles that are fought to preserve our built and cultural heritage.

I would like to pay tribute to Alan Hall who has overseen the massive website project in a most professional manner and has dealt with a group of website users who had minimal understanding of the intricacies of their requests or the limitations of the new site. BSO Digital, which built our very handsome new website, was accommodating and very patient whilst working with us.

Our Zoho database, also designed by Alan Hall, continues to delight (am I the only person delighted by a database?) with its flexibility and huge potential. We have barely scratched the surface of its capabilities, and in 2019 we intend it to become much more than a membership database. We will start by using it to drive our marketing, to track our group insurance scheme and to record our donors.

We have introduced many smaller reforms throughout the organisation. These include more constant and more timely information for our members through the fortnightly eBulletins, better updates for our 100-plus volunteers through Jillian's *Volunteer Dispatch*, more sustained use of Facebook as a promotion tool, better signage in the Drill Hall and in the library, ergonomically designed chairs for the volunteers and researchers, a new meeting room, which has become very popular with outside hirers as well as our own internal groups, some new computers, and a new cloud-based filing system for our internal work thus rendering the dreaded USB sticks redundant (thank you Helen Boak). All the forms we use we have tried to make more user friendly, and we anticipate the bulk of them will soon be web-based.

In the background we have been clearing out cupboards and generally sprucing up our home, and this work has been led by my logistics guru, John Rose, who has improved our working spaces immeasurably.

Inevitably in an organisation like the RHSV, dependent on a vast tide of volunteers who undertake an even vaster array of small and large projects, I am sure to have overlooked some 2018 events and those involved. Please forgive me if I have done so, for all the work that has been undertaken is important to the RHSV's standing and is greatly valued.

**Rosemary Cameron, Executive Officer**



# Publications Committee

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The key focus of the Publications Committee is the production of the *Victorian Historical Journal* (twice yearly) and *History News* (six times). The *VHJ* publishes academic and member articles and book reviews concerning Victoria's history or aspects of Australian history as they pertain to Victoria. It encourages authors to use the RHSV collections, and to strive for the highest quality and ethical standards. *History News* informs our members of upcoming events, reports on key lectures and exhibitions, promotes local societies and their publications, and informs members of key and interesting issues in the practice of history and heritage in Victoria.

The Publications Committee met five times in 2018. Its members in alphabetical order were: Jill Barnard (Professional Historians Association representative); Rozzi Bazzani; Sharon Bettridge; Marilyn Bowler; Richard Broome (Chair); Marie Clark; Jonathan Craig; Mimi Colligan; John Rickard; Judith Smart; Lee Sulkowska; Noel Turner; and Carole Woods. *Ex officio* members are Don Garden (RHSV President) and Rosemary Cameron (RHSV Executive Officer).

There were two changes to membership over the year. Mimi Colligan stepped down in April after two decades of expert service to our committee conducted in a spirit of helpfulness, good humour and respect for accuracy. Dr Noel Turner, elected to the RHSV Council in May 2017, joined the committee in February and provided thoughtful comments at several meetings as well as offering a series of five articles in *History News* on 'Murders in Melbourne', the last two published posthumously. His sudden and untimely death in July ended the promise of significant service to the committee, to Council and to the RHSV. A tribute was published in *History News* September 2016.

Judith Smart and Richard Broome continued as co-editors of the *VHJ*, and Jonathan Craig as reviews editor. Richard Broome remained editor of *History News* and was joined by Sharon

Betridge in September; they edited alternate issues from that date and were ably assisted by a team that provided or organised regular articles, including: Glenda Beckley 'Around the Societies'; Christine Worthington and Jillian Hiscock 'Volunteer Profile'; Lenore Frost Bookshop; Chips Sowerwine Heritage Committee work; Rozzi Bazzani 'Halls of Fame'; Alleyne Hockley 'History Victoria Support Group'; and Lee Sulkowska 'Books Received'.

The revised edition of the committee's publication *Remembering Melbourne* continued to sell steadily, bringing sales of this edition to almost 800 by the end of the year. The profits from *Remembering Melbourne* and the earlier publication, *Judging for the People*, have gone to the newly established VHJ Future Fund. This fund is also boosted by a patrons' program, which had eighteen members by the end of 2018. By December the VHJ Future Fund had reached almost \$70,000. The interest from this fund will, from 2019 onwards, defray about 20 per cent of the annual cost of producing the *VHJ*.

The Publications Committee is an energetic one and makes a major contribution to enhancing the profile of the RHSV and its links to supporters of community history throughout Victoria. My deep appreciation and thanks are extended to all those who have furthered the committee's work.

**Richard Broome, Chair Publications Committee**





# Collections Committee

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The Collections Committee oversees the management of the RHSV's rich collection of books, journals, manuscripts, audiovisual materials, objects, paintings, digital items and images. Throughout the 109-year history of the organisation, the collection has been built with donations, enabling us to gather an extensive collection relating to the history of Victoria.

Over the last two years we have converted records to our new cataloguing software, eHive. These records are now being harvested by the National Library's Trove database, which makes them accessible to a wider audience via the web. The society has received an increased number of enquiries as a result, and the launch of our new website in late 2018 will enable us to improve usability of our records via eHive.

Digitisation of our material has continued. This year we digitised a number of the older manuscripts including an interesting document relating to the probate on John Batman's will. RHSV Honorary Secretary, Carole Woods, generously donated money to pay for the digitisation of early minutes of the society.

The society was commissioned by the Athenaeum Club to provide images and information for a series of inserts for a newsletter marking the club's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Images of Collins Street in various decades were supplied, together with brief accounts of each decade written by a number of eminent historians. This project led to the idea for a book—provisionally titled *Melbourne's 20 Decades*—to be edited by Richard Broome and Elisabeth Jackson, and including images of the city from the start of European settlement in the 1830s to the 2020s. We expect to publish this later in 2019.

The RHSV was also commissioned late in 2018 to rewrite the historical information for the recorded commentary on Yarra Trams' City Circle tram. Throughout the year, we also supplied many images on a commercial basis, including stunning slideshows for the foyer of 485 La Trobe Street.

Christine Worthington, who had filled the position of Collections Manager and Volunteer Coordinator for two years, resigned mid-year to move to London with her family. Christine's outstanding work included the reorganisation of the collection and the setting up of eHive. Fortunately we were able to attract a very experienced librarian, Jillian Hiscock, to this position; her previous work in the Department of Transport library, which supported Heritage Victoria, has provided her with the expertise to build on the work started by Christine.

The society is very dependent on the large number of volunteers who carry out the day-to-day work on the collection. Many of these people have provided dedicated service over many years. As well as supporting the existing volunteers, Christine Worthington and Jillian Hiscock have been successful in recruiting new volunteers, including librarianship students. Special volunteer projects this year included re-organisation of the vertical file (comprising pamphlets, ephemera and articles), a review of the scrapbook collection, the addition of information from the Pioneers Register into eHive, preparation of manuscripts for digitisation, and cataloguing of the postcard and our monuments photography collections.

Site searches continue to be an important part of the society's work and a source of income. These are undertaken for developers, who are required to establish previous uses of sites as part of the planning process. The number of requests has declined slightly this year as Melbourne's building boom slows. Nevertheless, nearly 300 site searches were undertaken during 2018.

The Collections Committee oversees the exhibitions program, which draws heavily on the images collection. This year Carole Woods curated a major exhibition on Vera Deakin, who worked with the Red Cross in Australia and overseas during and after the First World War. She was an early member of the Australian Red Cross and instrumental in setting up the Australian Wounded



and *Missing Inquiry Bureau*, which provided families with information about the fate of their loved ones.

Later in the year Zoe Henderson curated an exhibition about Melbourne in the 1970s entitled 'Putting it Out There' and covering the fashions and fads, as well as the politics and social movements, of this exciting decade. Much of the material was generously loaned by society members and others. The exhibition attracted a lot of interest from people who do not normally visit the RHSV.

Throughout the year, volunteers undertook the organisation of a succession of small displays in our 'Cabinet of Curiosities'. This cabinet provides an opportunity to show some of the ephemeral and quirky items contained in the collection.

During 2018 we had exhibits about football, family history, a Heritage Victoria travelling exhibition of toys found in the archaeological digs, and military history and aircraft.

Jillian Nicholls resigned from the committee during the year. We have been very fortunate to have access to the advice of such an experienced librarian and cataloguing expert, so she will be missed. Jillian continues to do volunteer work from home. Richard Barnden and Deirdre Wilmott continued as volunteer representatives and we have also benefitted from the expertise of Margaret Birtley and Elizabeth Willis.

**Elisabeth Jackson, Chair Collections Committee**

#### **Volunteers**

Richard Barnden (Images)  
Liz, Bath (Memberships)  
Glenda, Beckley (*History News*)  
Mandy Bede (Vertical file, Exhibitions)  
Helen Boak (Administration)  
Greg Buchanan (Site searches)  
Cathy Butcher (Administration)  
Alison Cameron (Site searches)  
Lyn D'Ath (Cataloguing)  
Tayla Di Giacomo (Manuscripts)  
Jack Eastaugh (Images)  
Margaret Fleming (Site searches)  
Lenore Frost (Bookshop, Research)  
Claudia Gaitan (Cataloguing, Library)  
Rohan Gibbs (Library)  
Cath Gill (Images)  
Fiona Graham (Vertical File, Library)  
Elizabeth Gralton (Research)  
Cheryl Griffin (Research)  
Alan Hall (Images, Website)  
Selina Heeps (Cataloguing)  
Zoe Henderson (Images)  
Pam Herrington (Research, Manuscripts)  
Elisabeth Jackson (Collections Committee)  
Julia Jackson (Images)

Terri Anne Mackenzie (Indexing)  
Chris Manchee (Flagstaff Gardens tours)  
Jane Mathews-Bede (Cataloguing)  
Jan Miller (Site searches)  
Rowena Morrison (Vertical File, Library)  
Marica Mucic (Images)  
Norma Mullins (Library)  
Tessa Occhino (Library, Manuscripts)  
Ben Omerod (Images, Research)  
Jeremy Pascoe (Site searches)  
Ben Petkov (Images, Research)  
Val Rohde (Library, Pioneer Register)  
John Rose (Administration)  
Lisa Sciortino (Library)  
Lyn Sherwood (Vertical File, Library)  
Sophie Shilling (Digitisation, Community History Awards)  
Ashley Smith (Library, Research)  
Sandra Syutcliffe (Library, Research)  
David Thompson (Images, Exhibitions)  
John Torpey (Administration)  
Sandra Torpey (Site searches)  
Brian Watson (Library)  
Deirdre Wilmott (Library, Cataloguing)  
Jillian Nicholls



# History Victoria Support Group Annual Report 2018

The RHSV History Victoria Support Group, consisting of Bernard Bolch, George Fernando, Russ Haines, David Langdon, Jane Nigro, Judy Richards, Larina Strauch and Sue Thompson, was ably supported during the year by Associate Professor Don Garden (RHSV President), together with Rosemary Cameron (Executive Officer), Christine Worthington and Jillian Hiscock (Collections Managers).

Planning for the 2018 seminars commenced in October 2017 when it was decided that the seminar programs needed to adapt to meet the changing needs of historical societies. With this in mind, it was decided to allow for more time for interaction between attendees and to provide for greater opportunities for networking. Further planning meetings were held to facilitate the series of three seminars in 2018. This early planning made it possible to use *History News* to advertise seminars and events well in advance.

Encouragement of members of HVSG to be more actively involved in the planning and in the presentations of seminars proved both rewarding and successful. HVSG members chaired various seminar sessions and also shared their wealth of knowledge and wide range of experiences by being part of the panel segments.

Seminars were held at Lilydale in April, Nagambie in June, and Melbourne in August. Attendances at Lilydale and Nagambie were excellent. However, the Melbourne Seminar was not as well attended as the others, possibly because the Drill Hall was not available on Saturdays and it therefore had to be held on a Sunday.

The focus of the Lilydale Seminar was 'Succession Planning and Management', with the key presenter being Dr Bernadette Flynn, Outreach Officer of the Federation of Australian Historical Societies, who *Zoomed* in from Sydney. This was the first time HVSG had undertaken a presentation via the web, and, while there were a few technical glitches, the content of the presentation was well received.

The Nagambie seminar concentrated on 'Housing our Societies', with the HVSG panel directing attention to three aspects: owning a building, occupying a local council building, and, finally, occupying a state government building. Dr Andrew Lemon, a former RHSV President, was the guest speaker, explaining why gardens, parks, reserves and national parks are of such significance in today's society.

The theme of the Melbourne seminar, 'Moving Forward' featured guest speaker Dr Jan Penney, who shared her wealth of knowledge about management and maintenance of publicly owned buildings, and gave advice on the differences between Crown Land leases and other types of tenancies. With her years of experience, Jan was able to explain the nature of such leases for both commercial and not-for-profit tenants such as historical societies. She spoke about licenses, committees of management and insurance on government buildings. Most important was her wisdom about raising income from Crown Land properties for the conservation and maintenance of associated heritage buildings.

During 2018 the HVSG committee was ably supported by RHSV staff and officers and by representatives of the Federation of Australian Historical Societies, Public Record Office Victoria and the National Trust of Australia (Victoria).

**Alleyne Hockley, HVSG Convenor**





# Membership Development Committee

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The roles of the Membership Development Committee (MDC) are to recruit and retain members as well as monitor membership trends for reporting to Council. The Chair is Rosalie Triolo and the committee members over the past twelve months have been RHSV President Don Garden, RHSV Honorary Secretary Carole Woods, Robert Barnes and Liz Bath. RHSV Executive Officer Rosemary Cameron has also attended meetings. MDC met six times during the year with numerous email communications between meetings.

Member numbers at the time of writing are slightly higher than at this time last year, at approximately 1,041, a welcome reversal of the pattern of gradual decline in recent times. An important point is that flat or declining membership numbers are not unique to RHSV or history-related organisations; indeed, research suggests that the wealth of information and opportunities available ‘free’ in multiple media forms can work against traditional models of subscribed membership. An organisation such as RHSV needs to work strategically within this reality—and MDC has sought to do this.

Several initiatives we have taken aim to recruit and retain young members as ‘the next generation of RHSV’. The Weston Bate Fund was established when Janice Bate, Weston’s widow, generously directed friends to donate to the RHSV in lieu of flowers at Weston’s funeral. Weston’s goal was always ‘to make history live’ and to engage young people in its practice. In this spirit, the RHSV has decided to use the income from the Weston Bate Fund to attract new young members. The fund’s first initiative enabled thirteen post-graduate history students from La Trobe University to enjoy one year of free RHSV membership. In 2019, RHSV will engage with another university in a cycle through the university history departments and will, in time, turn its focus to history teachers in secondary and primary schools. It is hoped that

these targeted gestures of outreach will translate in the future into paid memberships by young history professionals who see the value of the RHSV as a research and education resource.

In other ways, social media communications have complemented the traditional approaches to communicating with and marketing events to younger members, though not at the expense of subscribed member benefits. One very successful event was the RHSV’s Trivia-Au-Go-Go Night, which was attended by a total of 52 members and friends, including tertiary students, professional historians, museum educators, curators, and teachers.

We also introduced some successful member events that will become annual. The first was a celebration of all those members who have belonged to the RHSV for over fifty years. We had a splendid morning tea and awarded certificates of appreciation to those who attended. It was a warm and moving event that provided appropriate recognition of long-term commitment to the RHSV’s work.

The second event was a Welcome to New Members, which we will refine and repeat in 2019 to assist new members to derive maximum benefit from their membership.

RHSV member-only events, for example, the Trivia Night, the preview of books in the annual book sale, and visits to the Athenaeum Club and Supreme Court Library, were well subscribed in 2018. Other ‘visits’ and the book sale preview are planned for 2019. A personal letter to lapsed members resulted in a good number of renewals, suggesting that members may not always consciously determine not to renew their memberships and that gentle reminders can work. MDC members also contributed positively to many committee discussions, bringing membership models from other organisations to the table, as

well as participating in considerations beyond the immediate remit of membership on the Strategic Planning Day held in November 2018. The committee also welcomes ideas from others about how to retain existing members and recruit new ones.

I extend sincere gratitude to Don Garden, Carole Woods, Robert Barnes and Liz Bath for their dedication to the wellbeing of the RHSV and the preservation of Victoria's history and heritage, and to Rosemary Cameron for her fresh thinking and support of different ventures in her capacity as Executive Officer.

**Rosalie Triolo, Chair Membership Development Committee**



# Heritage Committee Annual Report 2018

Since the last AGM, the committee has been very active. I begin with two general points:

Elisabeth Jackson worked hard with Alan Hall on revamping the RHSV website and enabling us to put up all our submissions for easy access. Thanks to Elisabeth and Alan.

The committee spent some time deliberating on its role, given our limitations as a small volunteer group. Our consensus pointed to focusing on threats to important sites within the Hoddle Grid area but also across Victoria when local historical societies request our support.

This report details our involvement in major heritage issues during 2018, some of which are ongoing.

## 1. Queen Victoria Market

Our involvement began with announcement of the Doyle Plan in September 2016. We have made a number of submissions, including to Heritage Victoria, which rejected the Doyle Plan in 2018. Dr Judith Smart and I represented the RHSV on the 2018 People's Panel, which rejected the Doyle Plan, but the City has pushed ahead with other problematic proposals.

## 2. Federation Square

In the face of Fed Square Pty Ltd's plan to demolish part of the square and replace it with an Apple Global Flagship Store, the National Trust, with our support, nominated Fed Square for heritage listing. Fed Square Pty Ltd then applied to Heritage Victoria for a permit to demolish, which we opposed in a strong submission.

## 3. St Vincent's Private Hospital

St Vincent's Private Hospital development threatened two major sites on the Victorian Heritage Register, Dodgshun House and the Eastern Hill Hotel. Judy Smart and Ian Wight continue to work on this evolving issue. Ian drafted a submission and argued the case at the VCAT hearing on 16 March 2018. Owing to Ian's work, VCAT ruled that Yarra Council did have the right to impose conditions aimed at

protecting heritage, so long as conditions were not aimed *exclusively* at protecting heritage. We await further developments.

## 4. Corkman Hotel

Following up an *Age* report, I got the Planning Minister's office to admit—a week before the state election—that Minister Wynne had, on 18 October, gazetted a planning amendment that effectively allows the developers to put up a 40-metre apartment block, possibly with the requirement to rebuild the façade of the hotel they illegally destroyed. Concurrently, the Minister gazetted a general amendment to allow future Ministers of Planning to force reconstruction of buildings illegally demolished.

## 5. Historic Strip Shopping Centres

As with the Corkman, HOs are often topped by Design and Development Overlays (DDOs). The City of Yarra began work on a Planning Amendment to reconcile DDOs and HOs for historic strip shopping areas by specifying the development to be permitted on the Queens Parade shopping strip. In essence, the policy under formulation was to allow six-storey development with a setback of six metres, thus retaining little more than the façade of the historic shop buildings, which would be crushed visually beneath the new development. We decided to oppose such policies. Ian Wight prepared a paper and we worked with the National Trust to bring this issue to public attention.

## 6. Titles Office

Victoria University applied for a permit to erect a brutal seventeen-storey tower above this superb classified structure. We opposed it strongly. Although we had missed the period during which objections could be submitted, Ian Wight discovered a clause under which we could write to the Director of Heritage Victoria. Our letter (18 April 2018) was taken into account in the decision to refuse a permit.

## 7. Northcote Bank Building, 340 High Street

Local residents asked for our support when



Darebin Council considered a proposal for development of this outstanding 1888 building covered only by a precinct HO. Ian Wight drafted a submission submitted by Judy Smart. At a VCAT compulsory conference on 18 October 2018, I pointed to the magnificent interior, with superb woodwork and leadlights (see <https://www.realestate.com.au/property/342-high-st-northcote-vic-3070>). The planner representing Council was happy with the developer's proposal. Only the façade will be preserved.

#### **8. Hoddle Grid Study**

Melbourne City Council initiated a Heritage Review for the inner Melbourne area defined by the Hoddle Grid, which was presented at a briefing we attended in August 2018. We made a submission to the Future Melbourne Committee commending the study, which if finally enacted will save many threatened buildings. In October, we wrote to the Minister congratulating him on approving the relevant planning controls for the Hoddle Grid, for two laneways and for Southbank. We are hopeful for final approval.

#### **9. Jack Dyer Stand**

In September 2018, the Richmond Football Club proposed to demolish the historic Jack Dyer Stand at Punt Road Oval, built in 1914 and one of the last of the great Melbourne Aussie Rules stands still remaining. The solution would be to nominate the Stand for the VHR, but in the face of other challenges we have failed to take up this important issue. The National Trust is considering a nomination.

#### **10. Sarah Sands Hotel (29 Sydney Road, Brunswick)**

This 1854 hotel, protected only by an HO, is to be developed. Building on Judy Smart's submission, Elisabeth Jackson represented the RHSV at Moreland Council meetings and VCAT hearings. The nineteenth-century hotel was saved, although a later portion of the interior will be demolished in exchange for cutting the apartment block from eight to seven storeys.

#### **11. Porter Prefabricated Iron Store, 111 Queens Parade**

A plan to dismantle and relocate this classified structure dating from 1853–56 is before Heritage Victoria. Ian Wight prepared an excellent submission. So far, Heritage Victoria is still awaiting proof that the structure can be dismantled and rebuilt.

#### **12. Pentridge Issues**

We expressed concern at the failure of the developer of Pentridge to adhere to the permit conditions. Judy Smart drafted a letter to send to Heritage Victoria.

#### **13. Eastern Hill/Peter Mac**

Judy Smart led our participation in a coalition opposing plans to rezone the site for high-density development. The government enacted the rezoning with some restrictions on development.

#### **14. Robur Tea House**

Judy Smart led our campaign opposing unsympathetic development covering this significant warehouse in Southbank. New plans went to the MCC. These involved reducing the height, which meant that the Minister no longer had to make a decision. The MCC then issued a permit.

#### **15. Port Nepean National Park Master Plan**

Judy Smart represented us throughout the development of this plan and attended Nepean HS to discuss the plan on Friday 2 March. Parks Victoria will now include local organisations in governance.

**Charles Sowerwine, Chair Heritage Committee**



# Events and Outreach Committee

## Annual Report 2018

The Events Committee of the RHSV is a small group that organises the annual program of talks and lectures. Members of the group in 2018 were our Executive Officer, Rosemary Cameron, Dr Jane Carolan (until May 2018), Maree Coote and Mandy Bede (from mid-2018).

Lorraine James retired from her voluntary role as host for drinks and refreshments at our monthly lectures and at our exhibition openings. She helped us set high standards and established a template that we have since been able to follow. The RHSV is grateful for all her hard work over several years.

All our regular talks attracted large attendances of members and non-members, the exhibition openings and special events particularly so. This year our biennial conference was spread over two days in mid-September; the 2018 Augustus Wolskel Lecture, presented by Official Historian of Australia's involvement in Southeast Asian conflicts 1948–75, Dr Peter Edwards, was well attended on the Friday evening, but numbers were

disappointing for the following Sunday's seminar. Perhaps we had taken for granted the potential appeal of the topic: 'War, Peace, Protest: Fifty Years Since 1968'. What we lacked in numbers that day was, however, made up for in the quality of the presentations. Two of these will appear in the mid-2019 issue of the *Victorian Historical Journal*.

### Highlights from 2018:

- Our February event was billed as 'Four Great Historians'. First, our President, Associate Professor Don Garden, officiated at a special reception for the families of our late benefactors, Don Gibb and Weston Bate. Next, Don presented Professor Emerita Marian Quartly and Emeritus Professor Graeme Davison with their awards as Fellows of the Federation of Australian Historical Societies. Finally, Emeritus Professor Peter Gronn lectured on the life and career of Sir James Darling (1899–1995), subject of his imposing, recently published biography *Just As I Am*.





- In March, Dr Ross McMullin made a welcome return to the RHSV to speak on the centenary of the Battle of Villers-Bretonneux and the role of Australians in that campaign. This followed Ross's address last year on the Battle of Fromelles.
  - April saw the much-anticipated official opening of the exhibition 'Vera Deakin's World of Humanity', curated by the RHSV's Honorary Secretary, Carole Woods. It was doubly meaningful that the RHSV was able to present to Vera Deakin White's daughter, Judith Harley, a framed certificate in honour of her support and work for the society for more than 50 years, and that the exhibition was officially opened by Judith's son, Roger Harley. Fittingly, the April lecture was by Emeritus Professor Judith Brett on her much-applauded biography, *The Enigmatic Mr Deakin*.
  - The RHSV Monthly Lecture for the Annual General Meeting has been re-named the Weston Bate Oration. Professor Stuart Macintyre spoke eloquently on 'History and Heritage', drawing on his role as Chair of the Heritage Council, Victoria. The address has now been published in the December 2018 issue of the *Victorian Historical Journal*.
  - June saw the A.G.L. Shaw Lecture, always held jointly in conjunction with the C.J. La Trobe Society. Major-General Mike O'Brien gave a scintillating illustrated lecture, 'Charles La Trobe and Hugh Childers: The Ladder of Success in Victoria'. The text has been published in the March 2019 issue of the journal *Latrobeana*.
  - Later in the month we reprised the RHSV Trivia Night. Thanks especially to Dr Rosalie Triolo, the event was well attended, with only minor outrage expressed at the rulings of Dr Andrew Lemon as master of ceremonies.
  - In July we again participated in Rare Books Week with a talk by Rod Reynolds and Peter Campbell about the treasures to be found in the Royal Melbourne Philharmonic Society's library. Later in the month, psychologist and author Jill Giese introduced us to her new book, *The Maddest Place on Earth*. In the Victorian Community History Awards (presented in October by the RHSV in conjunction with the Public Record Office Victoria), Jill's book won the 2018 Victorian Premier's History Award.
  - The August lecture is held to mark Melbourne Day, in conjunction with the City of Melbourne. RHSV Past President, Professor Bill Russell, spoke engagingly on the centenary of the death of civil engineer Carlo Catani and his contribution to the shaping of our city and state. Isaac Doug and colleagues at the St Kilda Historical Society did an outstanding job throughout the year devising many events to remind Victorians of the work of this remarkable Italian–Australian.
  - In September, Dr Peter Edwards delivered the Wolskel Lecture on 'Now We Know: A Half-century Perspective on Australia's Vietnam War'. This was preceded by the exhibition opening for 'Putting It Out There', noted elsewhere in this report—the grooviest event ever held at the RHSV. The following Sunday the society hosted a full-day seminar on 'War, Peace, Protest: Fifty Year Reflections on 1968'. A highlight was the presentation by Dr Jean McLean, former MLC and motive force for the Save Our Sons movement protesting against conscription. Her daughter Rebecca McLean's 1996 documentary *SOS* was screened. Excellent speakers at the seminar included Keynote Lecturer Dr Seamus O'Hanlon and Professors Chips Sowerwine, Richard Broome and Judith Smart.
  - For our October lecture, Elinor Robin spoke on her newly published book on Charles Swanston, *Swanston: Merchant Statesman*, and Professor Andrew May introduced the discussion that followed.
  - In our final lecture for the year, author and photographer Tim Webster gave an engaging presentation based on his beautiful new book *Melbourne's Queen Victoria Market*.
- Many other events organised outside this committee contributed to the vitality and viability of the RHSV in 2018. Of particular note were the History Victoria Support Group seminars, the Open House, the tours of private clubs, the RHSV Book Sale, and the regular walking tours of the Flagstaff Gardens. As Chair of the Events Committee, I wish particularly to acknowledge the dynamic work of Rosemary Cameron both in creating ideas for and in the publicising and presentation of our events.
- Andrew Lemon, Chair Events and Outreach Committee**

# The Victorian Community History Awards

## Turn Twenty

On Monday 8 October 2018 about 240 guests celebrated the twentieth anniversary of the Victorian Community History Awards in The Pavilion at the Arts Centre, Melbourne. Associate Professor Don Garden, President of the Royal Historical Society of Victoria (RHSV), welcomed guests including Public Records Advisory Council President Judy Maddigan, MC of the Awards, and John Henwood, who inspired the competition.

John Henwood, a former ABC rural affairs reporter, worked for Pegasus Media in the 1990s. His proposal for a community history competition was adopted by one of his clients, the former government agency Information Victoria, which had a mandate to connect with local communities. The competition aimed to give recognition to community and individual projects with popular appeal that were overlooked by the mainstream media and scholarly journals.

The competition was first held at Toongabbie in Gippsland in 1998 and later for ten years at Queen's Hall, Parliament House. As the ceremony increased in popularity and prestige it moved to the Arts Centre, taking its rightful place in the Southbank arts precinct. The competition was temporarily suspended in 2006, and since 2011 has been administered by the RHSV in partnership with the Public Record Office Victoria (PROV). The VCHA plumbed a vast reservoir of interest, and stimulated higher standards and diversity in both print and multi-media projects.

Sophie Shilling, the excellent VCHA project officer for 2018, was based at RHSV; she meticulously recorded 146 entries and introduced the valuable *VCHA 2018 Publications and Projects and Where to Find Them*. The judges of the History Article (peer reviewed) category were Professor Joy Damousi, Professor Alistair Thomson and Emeritus Professor Graeme Davison. The main judges were Carole Woods (Chair), Dr Joan Hunt and Dr Gary Presland.

For their outstanding contribution to community history, these three were made Fellows of the RHSV in 2008. It was with great sadness that the RHSV and PROV received news of Joan's passing on 6 September. Don Garden gave a moving tribute to Joan at the VCHA ceremony, and tributes from her colleague, Carole Woods, appeared in the December 2018 issue of *History News* and in the *Age*, 25 March 2019. Further appreciation of her contributions by former RHSV President Bill Russell was published in the *Victorian Historical Journal* in December 2018. The RHSV held a memorial event in November.

Musician Jessie Lloyd, the keynote speaker at the 2018 prize giving, discussed her innovative Mission Songs Project. An Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, Jessie was mentored by Professor Marcia Langton and Archie Roach in her quest to find and perform Aboriginal songs from mission stations in Australia. A vibrant figure, she captivated the audience with her talk and performance of 'The Irex', sung on boats plying the seas between Townsville and Palm Island, and 'Hopkins River', which originated in Framlingham mission near Warrnambool.

Jessie's pursuit of a new historical perspective dovetailed with the History Awards, which continually showcase entries of striking originality blended with scholarship and general appeal. This was exemplified in 2018 by the winner of the Victorian Premier's History Award, *The Maddest Place on Earth*. In this book, Jill Giese, a clinical psychologist, examined efforts in nineteenth-century Victoria to improve treatment of mental illness. She humanised the story by tracing the interwoven lives of three protagonists and by entering a writing partnership with the intriguing journalist known as the Vagabond.

Originality combined with extraordinary dedication was a feature of several prize-winning entries.

Gregory Eccleston's *Granville Stapylton* involved a long search for the surveyor's field notebooks followed by scholarly and striking presentation, making the book both 'a mine of information and a work of art'. The study of Barrabool sandstone by Jennifer Bantow and Ros Lewis conveyed the subtle beauty of stone quarried near Geelong, which gives distinctive character to private residences, public buildings and memorials in the Geelong region and far beyond. *Silent Lives* was the outcome of Elizabeth O'Callaghan's painstaking efforts to document the often sadly curtailed lives of the women of Warrnambool.

The VCHA has always contained a strong regional aspect, allaying fears that the metropolis might completely dominate. *Secrets from the Mallacoota Bunker* entered by Mallacoota Historical Society took the Multimedia prize, *Art Captured* from Murchison Historical Society won Small Publications, and the Kilmore Historical Society secured the Centenary of World War I Award. Regional entries also fared well among the commendations.

The competition has adapted constantly to changing preoccupations, as was indicated by the introduction of the Centenary of World War I category in 2015. This section attracted

numerous entries for several years, including books, exhibitions, memorials and websites, but will be replaced in 2019 by a category that reflects increasing interest in digitally recorded history.

As always, the 2018 competition had a strong inclusive character; there were eleven prizes, many commendations and all entrants appeared in the VCHA booklet and on the RHSV website. Tellingly, both the large Stapylton book and the tiny *Ballarat's Blooming Begonias* received recognition. Although the competition again failed to attract the attention of the daily newspapers, there was substantial local publicity, especially in regional newspapers.

Darryl Rogan, a foundation organiser of the VCHA at Information Victoria, sent his best wishes for the 2018 ceremony, and two of his former colleagues, Helen Beekmans and Nancy Tsaklakis, attended. Kate Lahey, daughter of gifted journalist John Lahey, a judge of the competition for ten years, also attended. The hopes of the founders were fully realised in the heart-warming celebration of the twentieth anniversary of the Victorian Community History Awards.

#### **Carole Woods, Chair VCHA Judges' Panel**



"2018 Victorian Community History Award Recipients with Assoc Professor Don Garden, President, RHSV."

# RHSV Foundation

## Annual Report 2018

The RHSV Foundation exists to provide financial support to the Royal Historical Society of Victoria in its endeavours to promote and maintain the history of Victoria and our most liveable city, Melbourne. The Foundation is a committee within the RHSV with responsibility to make recommendations to the RHSV Council on fundraising and on the management of the financial performance and the financial position of the RHSV. Unlike the reports on prior financial years, the 2018 report does not attribute specific assets nor a surplus to the RHSV Foundation specifically as a separate entity.

The RHSV Foundation continued, during 2018, to examine the best means to honour existing donors and to increase our capacity for philanthropy and bequests. Members of the Foundation participated in an RHSV Planning Day held in November which prioritised projects suitable for future fundraising initiatives.

The Planning Day examined the concept of "History House" as a possible principal focus for future fundraising activities. It was also agreed that

the RHSV Council recommend the Foundation provide funding for future staff positions within the RHSV and provide financial support for specific initiatives.

The Foundation finalised the specifications for an Honour Board listing major donors to the RHSV and to the RHSV Foundation since its establishment in 2009.

The Foundation continues to seek new members. The knowledge, skills and experience of members of the RHSV Foundation stand ready to assist the RHSV Council to achieve the objectives of the RHSV.

Members of the Committee at 31 December 2018 were Jim Dixon (Chair), Daryl Hawkey, Keith Kendall, John Fitzgerald and in May 2018 Daniel Clements replaced Robert Barnes as Treasurer. Don Garden, RHSV President and Rosemary Cameron, Executive Officer are ex officio members.

**Jim Dixon, Chair RHSV Foundation**



# RHSV Treasurer's Annual Report 2018

RHSV has continued to produce strong financial performances, and maintain a strong financial position during the financial year ended 31 December, 2018.

	2018	2017
Income		
RHSV Inc		572,749
RHSV Foundation		51,609
RHSV Consolidated	591,105	624,358
Expenses		
RHSV Inc		569,237
RHSV Foundation		8,214
RHSV Consolidated	570,405	577,451
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	\$20,700	\$46,907

As indicated in the table above, and upon close inspection of the financial statements provided, as compared with the financial statements for the year ended 31 December, 2017, there has been some changes to the financial reporting structure in that RHSV Foundation has been consolidated into the general RHSV Inc Financial Statements in the 2018 financial year. The reason for this change is that upon inspection and consideration by the Council, it was agreed that the foundation is in fact a part of the Association rather than a separate legal entity. It was therefore prudent that the two sets of financial statements be combined for the purpose of the annual financial statements. This is further referenced at Note 1: Statement of Significant Accounting Policies.

In addition to the above and as reported at Note 10: Reserves, the Association's reserves have been

reviewed and reconciled to more accurately reflect special purpose funding.

It is noted above that RHSV has maintained strong financial performance even though the table above shows a decrease in turnover as well as a decrease in the net surplus. In reviewing the financial statements for the year to 31 December, 2018, it is evident that there are numerous positive and negative variations between the 2017 and 2018 financial years. We do note that a significant variation/consideration was the decrease in the value of RHSV's investment in a Growth Fund with UCA Fund Management, in that there was a reduction in the value of during the last quarter of the financial year of approximately \$45,000. We advise that this reduction has now almost fully restored by the end of April 2019. However, had this downturn not occurred, it is expected that the

financial performance of the year would have been well in excess of the 2017 financial year.

Robert Barnes, in the 2017 Treasurer's Report referred to changes being implemented in respect to administration and financial reporting. These changes include the changes noted above as well as enhanced management and reconciliation of our financial data. Our systems and processes continue to be developed to further improve the accuracy and effectiveness of our financial reporting to ensure that not only are we able to provide reliable financial statements for the organisation as a whole, but are able to provide management reports for individual committees and divisions.

Furthermore, and again in reference to the surplus achieved for the year, we note that amounts which have been future committed for special programs have exceeded the net surplus for the year. As such, the net effect is that operational expenses have been partially funded out of retained earnings, which is far from an ideal scenario. Further development is required to structure a program whereby appropriate amounts of funding received is set aside as a contribution towards operational costs.

Overall, as Treasurer, and at the end of my first year as Treasurer of RHSV, I remain pleased with the financial performance and the financial position of the organisation, and am greatly appreciative of the efforts and support from Rosemary Cameron and her RHSV team.

**Daniel Clements, Treasurer**





# **Royal Historical Society of Victoria**

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Financial Statements

For Year ended  
31 December 2018



**Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc**  
**Statement of Comprehensive Income**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2018**

	Note	2018	2017
		\$	\$
Revenue	2	591,105	572,749
<b>Gross Surplus</b>		<b>591,105</b>	<b>572,749</b>
Depreciation and Amortisation		1,219	1,764
All Other Expenses		569,186	567,473
<b>Operating surplus (deficit) before income tax</b>		<b>20,700</b>	<b>3,512</b>
Income tax (credit) attributable to operating profit (loss)			
<b>Operating profit (deficit) after income tax</b>		<b>20,700</b>	<b>3,512</b>
Retained Surplus at the beginning of the financial year		2,082,501	2,078,989
Total available for appropriation		2,103,201	2,082,501
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>		<b>2,103,201</b>	<b>2,082,501</b>
Items not taken to Profit and Loss account:			
Increase in Reserves due to Consolidation with RHSV Foundation		535,431	-
<b>Retained surplus at the end of the financial year</b>		<b>2,638,632</b>	<b>2,082,501</b>

**Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc**  
**Detailed Income Statement**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2018**

	Note	2018	2017
		\$	\$
<b>Income</b>			
Research Fees		46,760	53,606
Sales Publications		34,439	51,800
Donations		163,634	123,005
Interest Received		27,667	7,957
Grants – Creative Victoria		84,315	84,315
Grants - Other		15,000	15,400
Annual Subscriptions		53,004	53,360
Insurance – Member Societies		128,660	116,102
Other Income		37,625	67,204
<b>Total Income</b>	2	<b>591,105</b>	<b>572,749</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Advertising & Marketing		7,305	14,069
Bank Charges		3,191	3,137
Depreciation		1,219	1,764
Holsworth Fund Expenses		-	9,800
Insurance		57,270	53,024
Postage		11,911	3,684
Printing & Stationery		15,484	23,427
Computer & Internet		23,134	13,196
History Week & Awards		-	46,186
Publications		-	8,855
Insurance Assets Historic Societies		31,453	24,824
Staff Costs		235,842	257,307
Occupancy Costs		47,511	47,290
Other Expenses		133,458	60,395
Telephone		2,627	2,279
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>570,405</b>	<b>569,237</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	3	<b>20,700</b>	<b>3,512</b>

**Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc**  
**Statement of Financial Position**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2018**

	Note	2018	2017
		\$	\$
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	4	947,827	412,920
Trade and Other Receivables	5	72,737	35,068
Other Current Assets		23,307	18,512
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>1,043,871</b>	<b>466,500</b>
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>			
Monies Held In Trust – RHSV Foundation	6	-	415,781
Property, plant and equipment	7	1,846,756	1,847,975
<b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>		<b>1,846,756</b>	<b>2,263,756</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>2,890,627</b>	<b>2,730,256</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Trade and Other Payables	8	62,390	50,576
Short Term Financial Liabilities	9	189,604	181,399
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<b>251,994</b>	<b>231,974</b>
<b>Non-Current Liabilities</b>			
Trust Liability – RHSV Foundation	9	-	415,781
<b>Total Non-Current Liabilities</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>415,781</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>251,994</b>	<b>647,755</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>2,638,632</b>	<b>2,082,501</b>
<b>Equity</b>			
Reserves	10	2,617,932	2,078,989
Retained Surplus		20,700	3,512
<b>Total Equity</b>		<b>2,638,632</b>	<b>2,082,501</b>

**Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2018**

**Note 1: Statement of Significant Accounting Policies**

The financial report is a special purpose financial report that has been prepared in accordance with the financial reporting requirements of the Australian Charities and Not for Profit Commissions Act. The Committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

The following is a summary of the material accounting policies adopted by the economic entity in the preparation of the financial report. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

**(a) Basis of Preparation**

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs modified by the revaluation of selected non-current assets, and financial assets and financial liabilities for which the fair value basis of accounting has been applied.

**(b) Accounting Policies**

**Donations**

The Agency is a non-profit organisation and receives donations which, by their nature, can only be recognised and recorded as received.

**Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Cash and Cash Equivalents includes cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks or financial institutions, other short term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within short term borrowings in current liabilities on the balance sheet.

**Trade and Other Receivables**

Trade receivables are recognised at their transaction cost. Receivables expected to be collected within 12 months of the end of the reporting period are classified as current assets. All other receivables are classified as non-current assets.

**Property, Plant and Equipment**

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost or fair value less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

**a) Plant and equipment**

Plant and equipment is measured on the cost basis less depreciation and impairment losses.

The carrying amount of plant and equipment is reviewed annually to ensure it is not in excess of the recoverable amount from those assets. The recoverable amount is assessed on the basis of the expected net cash flows that will be received from the assets employment and subsequent disposal. The expected net cash flows have not been discounted to present values in determining the recoverable amounts.

**b) Depreciation**

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets including capitalised leased assets is depreciated on a straight line basis over their useful lives to Australian Multicultural Community Services Inc. commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use. Leasehold improvements are depreciated over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements.

**Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2018**



The assets residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each balance sheet date.

An asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount.

Gains and losses on disposal are determined by comparing proceeds with the carrying amount. These gains or losses are included in the income statement. When revalued assets are sold, amounts included in the revaluation reserve relating to that asset are transferred to retained earnings.

### **Impairment of Assets**

At each reporting date, the committee members review the carrying values of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have been impaired. If such an indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the assets fair value less costs to sell and value in use, is compared to the asset's carrying value. Any excess of the assets carrying value over its recoverable amount is expensed to the income statement.

### **Trade and Other Payables**

Trade and other payables are liabilities at the end of the reporting which remain unpaid and are recognised at their transaction cost. Trade payables are recognised at their transaction cost. Trade payables are obligations on the basis of normal credit terms.

### **Revenue**

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable after taking into account any trade discounts. For this purpose, deferred consideration of revenue is not discounted to present values when recognising revenue.

Interest revenue is recognised on a proportional basis taking in to account the interest rates applicable to the financial assets.

Revenue from the provision of membership is recognised over the financial year.

Grant revenue is recognised when the association obtains control over the funds, which is generally at the time of receipt.

If conditions are attached to the grant which must be satisfied before it is eligible to receive the contribution, the recognition of the grant as revenue will be deferred until any such conditions are satisfied.

Donations and bequests are recognised as revenue when received.

Revenue from the rendering of a service is recognised upon delivery of the service to the customer.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

### **Consolidation of RHSV Inc and RHSV Foundation**

It was determined in 2018 by the Board to consolidate the RHSV Foundation into the accounts of RHSV Inc for completeness and simplicity of reporting. The Foundation held a share of managed funds in the name of RHSV Inc and was previously reported separately. The effect of the consolidation is an increase in the value of investments held and an increase in Reserves within Equity.

**Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2018**

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
<b>Note 2: Revenue and Other Income</b>		
Revenue:		
Research Fees	46,760	53,606
Sales Publications	34,439	51,800
Donations	163,634	123,005
Interest Received	27,667	7,957
Grants – Creative Victoria	84,315	84,315
Grants - Other	15,000	15,400
Annual Subscriptions	53,004	53,360
Insurance – Member Societies	128,660	116,102
Other Income	37,625	67,204
<b>Total Revenue and Other Income</b>	<b>591,105</b>	<b>572,749</b>
<b>Note 3: Net Income for the Year</b>		
Surplus (deficit) from ordinary activities before income tax has been determined after:		
<b>Charging as Expense:</b>		
Depreciation of non-current assets:		
- Plant & Equipment	1,219	1,764
<b>Total depreciation expenses</b>	<b>1,219</b>	<b>1,764</b>
<b>Note 4: Cash assets</b>		
<b>Bank accounts:</b>		
Cash & Cash Equivalents	947,827	412,920
<b>Total Cash Assets</b>	<b>947,827</b>	<b>412,920</b>
<b>Note 5: Receivables</b>		
Current		
Trade debtors and other receivables	72,737	35,068
<b>Total Receivables</b>	<b>72,737</b>	<b>35,068</b>
<b>Note 6: Monies Held In Trust – Foundation</b>		
Non-Current		
Foundation Share of UCA Growth Fund	-	211,427
Foundation Share of UCA Cash Fund	-	204,354
<b>Total Monies Held In Trust - Foundation</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>415,781</b>

**Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2018**



	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Note 7: Property, Plant and Equipment</b>		
Plant and equipment:		
- At cost	35,474	35,474
- Less: Accumulated depreciation	(30,522)	(29,304)
<b>Total Plant &amp; Equipment</b>	<b>4,952</b>	<b>6,171</b>
<b>Collections</b>		
Collections at Valuation	1,841,804	1,841,804
<b>Total Collections</b>	<b>1,841,804</b>	<b>1,841,804</b>
<b>Total Property, Plant &amp; Equipment</b>	<b>1,846,756</b>	<b>1,847,975</b>
<b>Note: 8 Trade and Other Payables</b>		
<b>Unsecured:</b>		
Trade Creditors	31,305	34,255
Donations	21,611	22,011
Provision for GST	9,474	(5,691)
<b>Total Payables</b>	<b>62,390</b>	<b>50,576</b>
<b>Note 9: Financial Liabilities</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Clearing Account - Foundation	-	28,929
Subscriptions In Advance	31,785	28,706
Insurance In Advance	34,575	26,422
Grants In Advance	114,930	94,873
PAYG Withheld	8,314	2,559
	<b>189,604</b>	<b>181,399</b>
<b>Non-Current</b>		
Monies Held On Trust – Foundation UCA Funds	-	415,781
	-	<b>415,781</b>
<b>Total Financial Liabilities</b>	<b>189,604</b>	<b>597,181</b>
<b>Note 10: Reserves</b>		
Foundation	547,016	-
Weston Bates Reserve	15,017	-
Don Gibb Reserve	9,397	-
Estate of John Adams Reserve	9,784	-
Vic History Journal Reserve	70,926	-
AGL Shaw Endowment	-	10,000
Armstrong Bequest	-	36,448
Ian Woodroffe Fund	-	2,000
General Reserve	123,988	188,737
Revaluation Reserve	1,841,804	1,841,804
<b>Total Reserves</b>	<b>2,617,932</b>	<b>2,078,989</b>



**Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc.**  
**Committee's Report**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2018**

Your committee members submit the financial accounts of the Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc for the financial year ended 31 December 2018.

**Committee Members**

The names of Committee members throughout the year and at the date of this report are:

President	Don Garden*	Member	George Fernando
Vice President	Elisabeth Jackson*	Member	Daryl Hawkey (until Mar 2019)
Secretary	Carole Woods	Member	Alleyne Hockley
Treasurer	Robert Barnes (until May 2018)	Member	Charles Parkinson (from Mar 2019)
	Daniel Clements (from May 2018)	Member	Charles Sowerwine
Member	Margaret Anderson	Member	Rosalie Triolo
Member	Robert Barnes (from May 2018)	Member	Noel Turner (until Jul 2018)
Member	Lucy Bracey (from Sep 2018)		
Member	Richard Broome		
Member	Cathy Butcher (from Feb 2019)		
Member	Jim Dixon		

\*Don Garden resigned as President on 29 Apr 2019 and Elisabeth Jackson became Acting President until the AGM on 21 May 2019.

**Principal Activities**

The principal activities of the association during the financial year were exhibit collections and conduct researches with the purpose of sharing an understanding of the history of Victoria through lecturing, seminars, excursions and exhibitions for its members and general public.

**Significant Changes**

No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year however a change in reporting was decided upon in 2018 to consolidate the Royal Historical Society of Victoria Foundation with the Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc. for reporting completeness and simplicity. The RHSV Foundation held a share of managed funds and earned interest on those funds. These investments have now been consolidated into the RHSV Inc accounts from 31 December 2018.

**Operating Result**

The Net Income for the year ended 31 December 2018 amounted to a surplus of \$20,700.



Dated: 9 May 2019

**Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc.**  
**Statement by Members of the Committee**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2018**

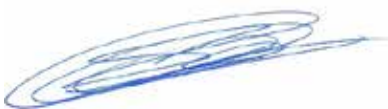
In the opinion of the Members of the Committee the Statement of Comprehensive Income, Statement of Financial Position, Detailed Income Statement and Notes to the Financial Statements:

1. Presents fairly the financial position of Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc as at 31 December 2018 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, mandatory professional reporting requirements and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the association will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elisabeth Jackson".

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Elisabeth Jackson  
Acting President

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Daniel Clements".

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Daniel Clements  
Treasurer

Dated: 9 May 2019



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INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REVIEW REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ROYAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF VICTORIA INC.

### Report on the Financial Report

I have reviewed the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report of Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc (the "Association"), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2018, the statement of comprehensive income and detailed income statement for the year ended on that date, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the Statement by Committee.

#### *Trustees' Responsibility for the Financial Report*

The responsible parties of the registered entity are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 to the financial report is appropriate to meet the requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* (ACNC Act). The responsible parties' responsibility also includes such internal control that the Trustee determines is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### *Auditor's Responsibility*

My responsibility is to express a conclusion on the financial report based on my review. I conducted my review in accordance with Auditing Standard on Review Engagements ASRE 2415 *Review of a Financial Report: Company Limited by Guarantee or an Entity Reporting under the ACNC Act or Other Applicable Legislation or Regulation*, in order to state whether, on the basis of the procedures described, anything has come to my attention that causes me to believe that the financial report does not satisfy the requirements of Division 60 of the ACNC Act including: giving a true and fair view of the registered entity's financial position as at 31 December 2018 and its performance for the year ended on that date; and complying with the Australian Accounting Standards and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013* (ACNC Regulation). ASRE 2415 requires that I comply with the ethical requirements relevant to the review of the financial report.

A review of a financial report consists of making enquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards and consequently does not enable me to obtain assurance that I would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, I do not express an audit opinion.

#### *Conclusion*

Based on my review, which is not an audit, nothing has come to my attention that causes me to believe that the financial report of the "Association" does not satisfy the requirements of Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* including:

- (a) giving a true and fair view of the registered entity's financial position as at 31 December 2018 and of its financial performance and cash flows for the year ended on that date; and
- (b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1, and Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013*.

In conducting the "Association's" audit review, I confirm that the "Association" complied with the Private Ancillary Fund Guidelines in respect of the year ended 31 December 2018

### *Basis of Accounting*

Without modifying my conclusion, I draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the Committee's financial reporting responsibilities under the ACNC Act. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

*Stephen R Allen*

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Mr Stephen Robert Allen BBus Acc. MIPA FTAA  
Alkemade & Associates  
Suite 2, 107 Union Rd  
Surrey Hills Vic 3127

Signed on: 1st day of May 2019

# SUPPORT THE RHSV FOUNDATION

To mark the RHSV's centenary year 2009, Council established the Royal Historical Society of Victoria Foundation.

The aim of the foundation is to safeguard the RHSV's future and its principal activities include:

- To receive charitable donations to further the work of the RHSV
- To raise funds to support the work of the RHSV
- To develop a long-term investment fund on behalf of the RHSV
- To build capital without undue risk
- To support the conservation and preservation of the RHSV's nationally significant collection
- To work towards creating a permanent home for the RHSV - a History House
- To promote the RHSV and Victoria's history.

## **Donations to the foundation can be made by:**

### **CHEQUE**

made out to RHSV Foundation

### **CREDIT CARD**

Or

### **DIRECT DEBIT**

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Royal Historical Society of Victoria,  
BSB 013040

A/c 3475 70336

A receipt will be issued for all donations of at least \$2, which may be deductible for tax purposes.

## **Become a member of the RHSV**

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

We value our members - they are our lifeblood. Members enjoy not only a wide range of benefits but they have a multitude of opportunities to volunteer and to become involved in the RHSV through its many committees.

To become a member download information from our website: <http://www.historyvictoria.org.au/support-us/become-a-member>

Or phone the office on 9326 9288.

We thank all our members and hope we continue to deliver programs, advocacy and value for money and, of course, to champion Victoria's history and keep it alive.

# RHSV Councillors and Staff

## PATRON

Her Excellency the Honourable Linda  
Dessau AC Governor of Victoria

## AMBASSADOR

Prof E. W. (Bill) Russell FRHSV (from 2018)

## PRESIDENT

Assoc. Prof Don Garden OAM FRHSV, FFAHS

## VICE PRESIDENT

Elisabeth Jackson

## TREASURER

Dr Robert Barnes FRHSV (until May 2018)  
Daniel Clements (from May 2018)

## SECRETARY

Carole Woods FRHSV

## COUNCILLORS

Margaret Anderson  
Lucy Bracey (from September 2018)  
Emeritus Professor Richard Broome FRHSV  
Dr Jane Carolan OAM (until May 2018)  
Jim Dixon  
George Fernando  
Daryl F. Hawkey  
Alleyne Hockley  
Emeritus Professor Chips Sowerwine  
Dr Rosalie Triolo  
Dr Noel Turner (until July 2018)

## HISTORY VICTORIA SUPPORT GROUP

Alleyne Hockley Convenor  
(Castlemaine Historical Society)  
Bernard Bolch  
(Walhalla Heritage League)  
George Fernando  
(Camberwell Historical Society)  
Russ Haines  
(Ringwood & District Historical Society)  
David Langdon  
(Richmond & Burnley Historical Society)  
Jane Nigro  
(Malvern Historical Society)  
Judy Richards  
(Stratford Historical Society)  
Larina Strauch  
(Kyneton Historical Society)  
Sue Thompson  
(Lilydale & District Historical Society).  
*Ex-officio*  
Don Garden  
Rosemary Cameron

Christine Worthington (until June 2018).

## COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

### Executive & Finance Committee

Don Garden (chair), Robert Barnes (until May 2018), Richard Broome, Daniel Clements (from May 2018), Jim Dixon, Elisabeth Jackson, Carole Woods. Rosemary Cameron (ex-officio).

*Responsible for governance, financial management, strategic planning.*

### Publications Committee

Richard Broome (chair), Jill Barnard, Rozzi Bazzini, Sharon Betridge, Marilyn Bowler, Marie Clark, Mimi Colligan, Jonathan Craig, John Rickard, Judith Smart, Lee Sulkowska, Noel Turner Carole Woods.  
Don Garden (ex-officio). Honorary indexer: Terri Mackenzie.

*Responsible for Victorian Historical Journal and other RHSV publications.*

### Events and Outreach Committee

Andrew Lemon FRHSV (chair), Jane Carolan (until May 2018), Maree Coote. Don Garden, Rosemary Cameron and Christine Worthington (until June 2018) (ex-officio).  
*Responsible for specific events such as conferences, lecture program, the book fair and Open House.*

### Membership Development Committee

Rosalie Triolo (chair), Robert Barnes, Liz Bath, Carole Woods. Don Garden, Rosemary Cameron (ex-officio).  
*Responsible for strategic planning to increase and retain membership.*

### Collections Committee

Elisabeth Jackson (chair), Richard Barnden FRHSV, Margaret Birtley, Jillian Nicholls, Elizabeth Willis, Deirdre Wilmott. Don Garden, Rosemary Cameron, Christine Worthington (until June 2018), Jillian Hiscock (from June 2018) (ex-officio).  
*Responsible for library, images, manuscripts, IT and research projects.*

### History Victoria Support Group

Alleyne Hockley (convenor).  
Delegates as listed above.  
*Responsible for historical societies, networking, professional development.*

## RHSV Foundation

Jim Dixon (chair), Robert Barnes (until May 2018), Daniel Clements (from May 2018), Daryl Hawkey, John Fitzgerald, Keith Kendall, Bill Russell. Don Garden, Rosemary Cameron (ex-officio).

*Responsible for the promotion and development of RHSV Foundation.*

## Fellows Committee

Carole Woods (Chair), Robert Barnes, Richard Broome, Don Garden. Rosemary Cameron (ex-officio).

*To meet as required under the RHSV Constitution.*

## Heritage Committee

Chips Sowerwine (chair), Margaret Anderson, Peter Hiscock, Judith Smart, Ian Wight. Don Garden, (ex-officio).  
*Works to protect built heritage in Melbourne and, with local historical societies, across Victoria.*

## Victorian Community History

**Awards Organising Committee**  
Carole Woods (Chair), Lenore Frost FRHSV, Rosemary Cameron (ex-officio).  
*Responsible for management of the RHSV part of the Victorian Community History Awards.*

## THE RHSV is represented on the following committees

Australian Heritage Council  
Federation of Historical Societies  
History Council of Victoria  
Holsworth Heritage Trust  
Joint Victorian Archives Consultative Forum  
State Library User Organisations Council  
Office of Geographic Place Names.

## RHSV STAFF

### Executive Officer

Rosemary Cameron  
Full-time.

### Administration Officer

Amy Clay (until December 2018)  
Pankaj Sirwani (from December 2018)  
Full-time.

### Collections Manager & Volunteer Co-ordinator

Christine Worthington (until June 2018)  
Jillian Hiscock (from June 2018)  
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**Auditor**

Steven Allen  
Alkemade & Associates  
Suite 2, 107 Union Rd  
Surrey Hills, VIC 3127.

**Hon. Legal Officer**

Robert Heath  
Barrister  
Chancery Chambers  
Level 25, 200 Queen St.  
Melbourne, VIC 3000.

**Roll of Fellows**

The names of the Fellows of the RHSV living in December 2018 and the year in which they were awarded Fellowships are listed below.

1967	Emeritus Prof. Geoffrey Blainey
1995	Assoc. Prof. John F. Lack Dr Andrew G. Lemon
1997	Prof. John Rickard
1999	Assoc. Prof. Don Garden
2000	John Murphy
2001	Susan Priestley
2004	Judith Bilszta Valda Cole
2005	Dr Richard Morton
2006	Dr Mimi Colligan
2008	Dr Gary Presland Carole Woods
2010	Peter Yule
2011	Richard Barnden Allan Willingham
2012	Adjunct Prof. Judith Smart
2013	Prof. Bill Russell
2014	Dr Robert Barnes Lenore Frost
2016	Emeritus Prof. Richard Broome
2017	Dr Dianne Reilly

**Distinguished Service Awards 2018**

Nil

**Awards of Merit 2018**

James Lerk  
Bendigo Historical Society  
Peter Padreny  
Castlemaine Historical Society  
Sandra Sutcliffe  
RHSV

**Barbara Nixon Volunteer Award 2018**

Mandy Bede  
RHSV  
Selina Heeps  
RHSV

**Benefactors**

Prof. Weston Bate OAM FRHSV  
Estate of Doug Gunn  
Gordon Moffatt AM KSJ  
Dame Elisabeth Murdoch DBE AC  
Emeritus Prof. A.G.L. Shaw AO FAHA FAHS  
FRHSV  
Allan Willingham FRHSV

**Don Gibb RHSV Prize in Australian History 2018**

Eamon Orr, La Trobe University

**GRANTS****The RHSV wishes to thank the following organisations for support in 2018.**

Creative Victoria - Organisations Investment Program  
Holsworth Local Heritage Trust  
Victoria Law Foundation  
Public Record Office Victoria  
Vera Moore Foundation

**VOLUNTEERS**

Allbutt, Julie  
Barnden, Richard  
Bassett, Leigh  
Bath, Liz  
Beaumont, Acacia  
Beckley, Glenda  
Bede, Mandy  
Bergin, Kerry  
Betridge, Sharon  
Boak, Helen,  
Brown, Sarah  
Buchanan, Greg  
Burkinshaw, Maria  
Cameron, Alison  
Cameron, Johanna  
Carroll, Linden  
Cheng, Jane  
Connor, Margaret  
Croom, Alannah  
D'ath, Lynette  
Dennis, Ross  
Dimitrijevic, Sandra  
Eastaugh, Jack  
Elliston, Simon  
Evans, Deirdre  
Fleming, Margaret  
Forrester, Callum  
Frost, Lenore  
Gaitan, Claudia  
Gill, Catherine  
Graham, Fiona  
Gratton, Elizabeth

Griffin, Cheryl  
Halkias, Maria  
Hall, Alan  
Heeps, Selina  
Henderson, Zoe  
Herrington, Pam  
Ingles, Kate  
Jackson, Elisabeth  
Jackson, Julia  
James, Lorraine  
Kurre, Claudia  
Lakshman, Jesna  
Leary, Helen  
Lewis, Maddy  
Ling, Peter  
Lo Bianco, Nicky  
Mackenzie, Terri Anne  
Manchee, Chris  
Mason, Lauren  
Matthews-Bede, Jane  
McConnell, Rosemary  
Meister, Isabelle  
Mercer, John  
Midgley, Alex  
Morling, Sharlene  
Miller, Jan  
Morrison, Rowena  
Mucic, Marica  
Mullins, Norma  
Nicholls, Jill  
Occhino, Tessa  
O'Connor, Stephanie  
Pascoe, Jeremy  
Petkov, Benjamin  
Rohde, Valerie  
Rose, John  
Sciortino, Lisa  
Sherwood, Lyn  
Shilling, Sophie  
Sinclair, Naomi  
Smith, Ashley  
Spiteri, Bella  
Sutcliffe, Sandy  
Thompson, David  
Torpey, John  
Torpey, Sandra  
Tubb, Holly  
Tudorache, Carmen  
Vearing, Emily  
Watson, Brian  
Wilkinson, Lisa  
Williams, Belinda  
Wilmott, Deirdre  
Wilson, Laura  
Ziemnicki, Karin

# Donations

A participant in the Cultural Gifts Program, the RHSV also enjoys status with the Australian Taxation Office as 'an income tax exempt charitable entity'. The RHSV Library, Art Gallery and Museum Fund has been endorsed by the Australian Taxation Office as a 'deductible gift recipient'. This method of contributing to the growth, preservation of and access to our splendid collection of books, manuscripts, pictures, artefacts, or enabling the Society to add to its collection, provides a benefit both to our Victorian heritage, and to the donor.

Donations of cultural items through the Cultural Gifts Program offer attractive taxation benefits - donors receive a tax deduction for the market value of the donation, which can be spread over five income years and donations are exempt from capital gains tax. Advice on the Cultural Gifts Program is available from the Australian Taxation Office or from the Department of Communications and the Arts.

[www.ato.gov.au/Non-profit/Gifts-and-fundraising](http://www.ato.gov.au/Non-profit/Gifts-and-fundraising)

[www.arts.gov.au/funding-and-support/cultural-gifts-program](http://www.arts.gov.au/funding-and-support/cultural-gifts-program)

# Bequests

Making a bequest is an extraordinary act of generosity. By making a bequest to the Royal Historical Society of Victoria you can support the development and nurturing of current and future historians and ensure our collection continues to grow and to be accessible. As custodians of this important collection, we have a responsibility to maintain its legacy.

We are happy to discuss with you any special areas of interest. Your bequest can be untied or it will be used solely for your nominated purpose. A bequest acknowledges the important role that the RHSV has played in your life. Your gift will, in turn, enrich the lives of others. A bequest to the RHSV enables you to make a contribution that you may not have been able to, during your lifetime.

The Society has had wonderful bequests in the past that have allowed it make its collections accessible to all through digitising the Pioneer Records and indexing the on-line Victorian History Journals as well as restoring original artworks and building a new website.

We strongly recommend that you seek professional advice from your solicitor or financial adviser in arranging a bequest.

If you have any questions about leaving a gift in your Will to the Royal Historical Society of Victoria, please contact your solicitor or our Executive Officer on (03) 9326 9288 or [executive.officer@historyvictoria.org.au](mailto:executive.officer@historyvictoria.org.au).



# Images:

## COVER IMAGE:

Early 1970s Webb Craft skateboard loaned for the *Putting It Out There: Melbourne in the 1970s* exhibition by Ian and Margaret Wood. These wooden skateboards were manufactured in Footscray using off-cuts from a coffin-maker. Photograph by Fiona Hamilton.

## OTHER IMAGES:

Images throughout this Annual Report are from our 2018 exhibition, *Putting It Out There: Melbourne in the 1970s*, curated by Zoë Henderson. These protest badges were lent to the RHSV by Margaret Donnan, Andrew Hillier, Ruth Leveson and Elizabeth Willis. Scans by David Thompson.

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