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Acting President's Report - A time of transition

RHSV Councillors, staff and members were saddened by the resignation of our president, Don Garden in late April.

Associate Professor Don Garden, OAM, FFAHS, FRHSV, has been President since 2013. This makes him one of the four longest serving Presidents in the history of the RHSV. He was a Councillor for a number of years before that. Don had a distinguished academic career and is the author of 17 books in fields covering local history, biography and company history. He is particularly notable in the field of environmental history.

Don has been an exemplary President for the RHSV. He has been closely involved with the day to day running of the Society, chairing many meetings and lectures. Accommodation has been a major concern for all of his presidency and he has been a strong advocate for establishing History House as our home. We hope that his efforts will bear fruit very soon.

Don has been involved in every aspect of the RHSV's operation. He was an ex-officio member of all the committees and has taken an active interest in all of them. He contributed to *Remembering Melbourne* and his active support enabled this publication and *Judging for the People* to be completed.

Don has been particularly active in supporting the work of member societies and attended many meetings throughout the state to deliver lectures and present awards to local members. He was Vice President of the Kew Historical Society for a number of years and, after

moving house recently, is now active in Sandringham Historical Society.

Don has recently completed a two-year term as president of the Federation of Australian Historical Societies. There he was successful in gaining funding and setting up projects to assist local societies in various ways - most notably in digitisation of collections.

Among the changes to the constitution approved at the Annual General Meeting, was a provision for the immediate past president to be a member of Council and we hope that Don will avail himself of this opportunity in due course.

At the AGM in May Emeritus Professor Richard Broome was elected President. He will be a very worthy successor to Don Garden and is the latest in a line of eminent historians who have filled this position. Richard is a former vice president and has been a councillor and chair of the Publications Committee for six years. The number and quality of RHSV publications over this period is testimony to his abilities in this area.

RHSV faces a number of challenges in the coming years. These include securing History House as an exciting history centre for Melbourne, ensuring we have the funds to continue and expand our operations, preventing the loss of important heritage buildings and continuing to support member societies. With the support of the Councillors, staff and members we are confident that Richard Broome will be able to meet all of these.

Elisabeth Jackson
Vice President

We Honour RHSV Donors

RHSV hosted a lunchtime function on 10 April to honour some of the long-term donors to the Society. Gordon Moffatt has been the most generous benefactor in recent years and the event marked the official naming of the Gordon Moffatt Room – a meeting room which was previously the Executive Officer's office – and the unveiling of an honour board listing individuals and organisations who have made substantial donations.

Gordon Moffatt has been a member of RHSV for 36 years. He served on the Council in the 1980s and was later instrumental in setting up the RHSV Foundation. This has attracted large donations from Gordon and others and now has substantial funds to provide an income through interest and to provide a nest egg for important projects.

The function on 10 April was attended by Gordon Moffatt, his daughter Julie Viney, granddaughter Charlotte and about 20 other significant donors. Melbourne City Council was represented by the Deputy Lord Mayor, Arron Wood. This was a nice piece of symmetry as Gordon Moffatt had also served on Melbourne City Council and was Melbourne's first Deputy Lord Mayor in 1984.

The recording and appreciation of Victoria's history and heritage have been considerably enhanced by donations to the Foundation and the Society is deeply grateful for this.

Elisabeth Jackson



Audience picture On 10 April the RHSV honoured Gordon Moffatt AM, our greatest benefactor, by naming a room in his honour. The RHSV also paid tribute to all our major donors & benefactors over the last ten years with an honour board. The front row of the audience includes Julie & Charlotte Viney - Gordon's daughter & granddaughter, second and third from the right.

Presentation picture The Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Arron Wood presents Gordon Moffatt with an RHSV Award of Appreciation. In 1984 Gordon Moffatt was Melbourne's first Deputy Lord Mayor.

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History Victoria Support Group Workshops

Members of History Victoria Support Group (HVSG), a committee of the RHSV, have been very busy organising workshops for the first half of 2019.

The third workshop, which was fully booked, was held on the 5 April at History House (RHSV, Drill Hall) Melbourne. Thanks to the wonderful efforts of Lenore Frost, who voluntarily operates the RHSV bookshop, this workshop on Publishing Local History Books was a great success. Speakers included: Lenore Frost, Jenny Coates, Kay Ball and Denise Huva. Subjects covered included many practical ideas and hints for the publication, design, indexing, costings and the marketing of local history books.

The May workshop, Storage of Archives, held at the Castlemaine Historical Society Local History Repository and Research Rooms on May 17 was also a full house. It was a very practical workshop on the storage of digital and paper-based archives. David Langdon with assistance

from CHSI members showed how to digitise various archives, including books, photographs, slides and a series of records. The paper-based session, led by CHSI archivist, detailed the path of an archive from its acquisition through the process of cleaning, numbering, cataloguing, indexing, storage and finally to accessibility by the public for research or exhibition. An enlightening presentation by Dr Gifkins, CHSI Treasurer, on the process of planning and building of a purpose-built archival storage facility was most educational. Thanks to the wonderful generosity of Archival Survival, a parcel of archival products was raffled, which assisted the expenses for running the workshop.

A planning meeting for HVSG members was held on 20 May to determine the program for the last half of the year. HVSG members are always looking for new members and ideas to support the affiliated societies.



Kay Ball, Publishing Local History Books Workshop, 5 April 2019

June Workshop

Five Innovative Ways to Increase Membership

Sat 29 June 1pm – 4pm

Speakers

Jane Nigro (Malvern Historical Society),
Sue Walters (Malmsbury Historical Society)
Rosemary Cameron (RHSV)

Venue Sebastopol Historical Society,
Sebastopol Community Centre
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Sebastopol.

Cost RHSV members \$20
Non-members \$30

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A Celebration of Community Historians at the RHSV's AGM

On 21 May 2019 the RHSV Acting President Elisabeth Jackson welcomed RHSV members and visitors to the 109th Annual General Meeting. She regretted the recent resignation of Associate Professor Don Garden after six very constructive years as RHSV President. He had been a great advocate for the RHSV and engaged with local historical societies throughout Victoria (see tribute, 'A Time of Transition' on page 2, *History News*, June 2019). Later, Elisabeth declared the election of the new President, eminent historian Emeritus Professor Richard Broome (profile by Sharon Bettridge will be in the August 2019 issue of *History News*).

Richard's pleasant first task was to announce various RHSV awards. The inaugural winner of the John Adams Prize

for best article in the *Victorian Historical Journal* 2017–2018 was **Nicola Cousen** for her article 'The Legend of Lalor's Arm: Eureka Myths and Colonial Surgery', *VHJ*, vol.88, no.2, November 2017, pp.212–34. The distinguished judges, emerita professors Patricia Grimshaw and Marian Quartly highly praised Nicola (their report is in *VHJ*, June 2019).

The AGM elected two new RHSV Fellows. Adjunct Professor **Simon Smith**, nominated by Richard Broome, was co-founder of Australia's first community legal service. A former vice president of the RHSV, he has made a significant contribution to law and history writing. Simon masterminded the magnificent book *Judging for the People: A Social History of the Supreme Court in Victoria 1841–2016*, which involved co-operation with the then Chief Justice, Marilyn



Richard Broome presented Jim Connor with his Merit Award

Warren, many authors and other legal entities. The project included a large financial donation to the RHSV, an exhibition and conference.

David Thompson, nominated by Carole Woods and Richard Barnden, was born in Northern Ireland. He gained a PhD from Queen's University, Belfast, before pursuing a career in aeronautical engineering in Melbourne. After retirement in 2001, he became a leading volunteer at the RHSV. He has performed various tasks but is best known for his collegial and disciplined work in the Images Room; he has saved the RHSV many thousands of dollars through his quietly efficient and artistic installation of exhibitions. His own exhibitions include *Dancing the Skies* on aviation and the highly successful *Nail Can to Knighthood: the Life of Sir Macpherson Robertson*.



James Nixon presented Julia Jackson with her Barbara Nixon Volunteer Award

Richard Broome announced 11 Awards of Merit, which reflect the outstanding contribution, over ten years or much longer, of key players in affiliated local historical societies across the state.

Joan Anderson has provided steadfast support as Treasurer and in other roles for the **Gisborne and Mt Macedon Historical Society**.

Robert Baker has been one of the mainstays of the **Kew Historical Society** since 2011 as archivist, newsletter editor, website content editor, and member of the research, events and publicity groups.

Judith Biddington initiated the **Carlton Community History Group** thirteen years ago and has sustained it ever since.

William (Bill) Church and **Jacye Symes** have served the **Yarrowonga Mulwala Historical Society** as president and secretary /treasurer respectively.

Jim Connor, president of **Eltham District Historical Society** since 2009, excels at networking locally and beyond, and has been an inspiring leader.

Helen Gobbi has served 9 terms as president of **History Monash** (formerly

Oakleigh Historical Society) and has made many improvements to the Monash Federation Centre.

Russ Haines, has been president of the **Ringwood and District Historical Society** and secretary of the Association of Eastern Historical Societies since 2007. An excellent communicator, he personifies all that is best about local historical societies.

Elizabeth O'Callaghan continues her immense work for the **Warrnambool & District Historical Society**, and in 2018 won a Victorian Community History Award for her book *Silent Lives* on the 19th century women of Warrnambool.

Robert Ousley, a man with a generous and willing nature and many skills, has assisted hundreds of visitors to the **Richmond and Burnley Historical Society** and played a major role as Treasurer and in the digitization of records.

John Szekfy has been 'a quiet but most influential leader' of the **Yarrambat Historical Society** and Yarrambat Heritage Museum for nearly thirty years.

The Barbara Nixon Volunteer Awards were introduced in 2018 as a memorial to the longstanding honorary librarian at RHSV. These awards recognize the significant service of volunteers at the RHSV and, unlike the other service awards, have no long qualifying period. Jillian Hiscock, Collections Manager & Volunteer Coordinator, announced the two awards for 2019.

Julia Jackson, archivist and assistant bookshop manager, has given rigor and richness to cataloguing of the Images collection and curated an exhibition on objects for the Cabinet of Curiosities.

Alan Hall, another essential member of the Images Team, has done innovative and dedicated work on the RHSV's new website and Customer Relationship Management system.

James Nixon, son of Barbara, presented these awards.

The 109th AGM continued a long RHSV tradition of honoring the major contributions of volunteers to the history and heritage of Victoria.

Carole Woods



Richard Broome presented Helen Gobbi her Award of Merit

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Heritage Report:

Newport Railway Workshops



View of a Small Portion of the Historic Sheds with central Administrative Block in Background. (Photo Charles Sowerwine). Note the tracks leading into each shed.

On 14 April I joined a delegation, that included City of Melbourne Councillor Jackie Watts and the National Trust Advocacy Manager Felicity Watson, that visited the Newport Railway Workshops. We were led by Sydney rail heritage expert Chris Richards. The reason for the visit was to consider responses to the threat hanging over this site.

The State Government's major projects office are looking at forcing out the various tenants of this huge site. But the risk is not only to the exterior, which would no doubt be kept as a facade, but also to the interior of the buildings, which are of the very highest heritage significance. In the words of the statement of significance on the Victorian Heritage Registry, 'the 1888 group of buildings forming the original Newport Railway Workshops have historical significance as one of the best surviving 19th century railway workshops in the world, and one of Australia's most outstanding items of industrial heritage.'

The workshops began manufacturing carriages but from 1893 they grew to manufacture locomotives. They 'even made many of [their] own machine tools, a task which required a high level of technical expertise. Newport Workshops was also an important centre of World War Two production.' In addition, the statement of significance notes, the buildings 'have architectural significance for their large scale and the high quality of their design and construction'.

The workshops form a vast complex. The site includes not only a vast complex of sheds with rails running into them, but also a central administrative block complete with clocktower, railyards and gardens which were once beautifully landscaped. The whole is a moving testament to Victoria's heritage, even in its current rundown state. I want to focus, however, on the industrial heritage.

The tools that were used to build and maintain the trains that made Victoria

are still there, many of them still used by volunteer groups that maintain heritage carriages and locomotives for use in weekend pleasure trips. The sheds cover an immense area. We wandered through many sheds, finding countless locomotives and carriages from every epoch, some restored and many yet to be restored. We saw specialised tools of all shapes and sizes, many of which are still in use. And we met people who have learned how to use these tools to maintain the heritage fleets that still operate out of these workshops. If the tenants are forced out, these volunteer groups will be unable to continue and this knowledge will be lost.

We believe that every effort should be made to maintain this precious heritage and to develop the site as an industrial museum. It has the potential to rival Great Britain's National Railway Museum in York or the Völklingen Ironworks in Saarland, a world heritage site in Germany that I



Steamrail Victoria's Locomotive R761 (1951), housed and maintained at Newport Railway Workshops. (Photo Charles Sowerwine).

visited in 2017, which now attracts crowds to see the art work displayed as well as the industrial heritage now on view. There is at present a small museum on the site run by the Australian Railway Historical Society of Victoria (<https://www.arhsvic.org.au>). That could be the basis of a great new museum.

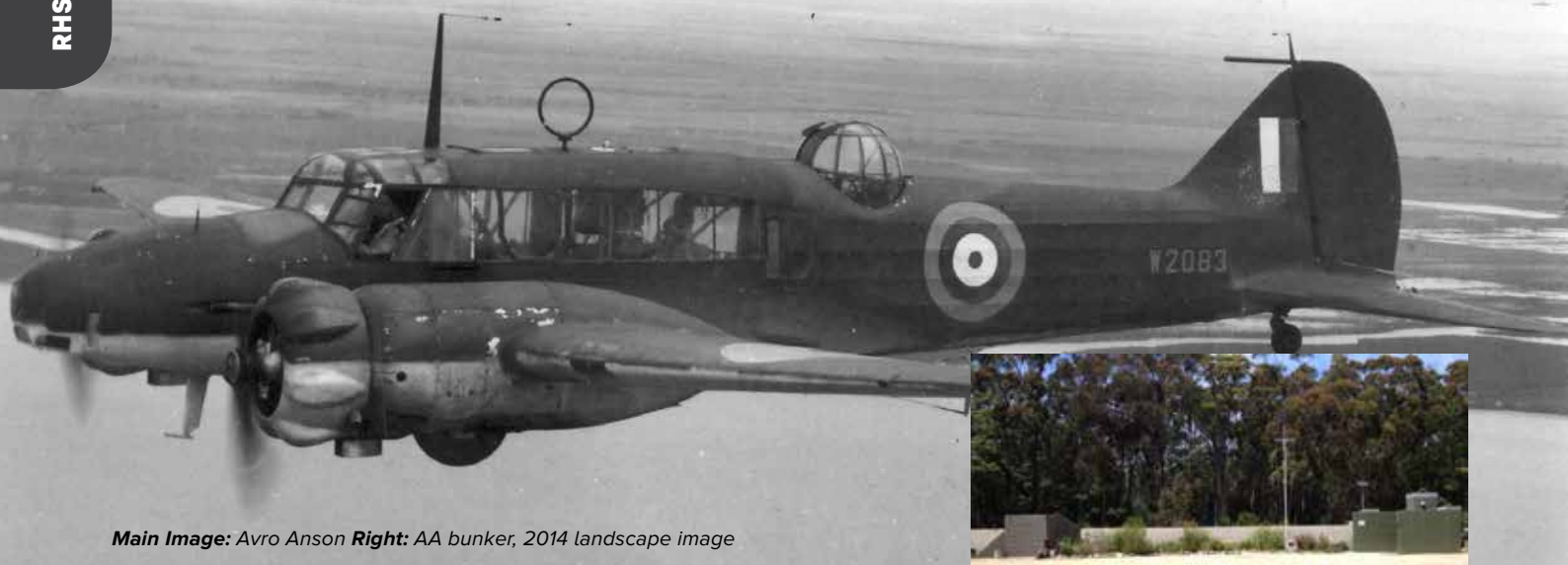
Unfortunately, the heritage registration of our workshops does not cover the tools and workshops. The first step is to amend what is called the 'extent of registration' to protect the whole of the complex. We will be supporting an application for such amendment.

Charles Sowerwine
Chair of the Heritage Committee, RHSV



Build Plaque on Early Locomotive. (Photo Charles Sowerwine). The first locomotives built at the Newport Railway Workshops entered service in 1893.

Secrets from the Mallacoota Bunker: A Documentary film



Main Image: Avro Anson Right: AA bunker, 2014 landscape image

Members of the **Mallacoota & District Historical Society** felt that it was important to produce a film which would record the important work of the society in researching wartime activities in our region – known by some historians as 'Australia's Secret War'.

The Society obtained a grant from the **Victorian Government Veteran's Fund** to produce a documentary, titled *Secrets from the Mallacoota Bunker*, to tell the story of the high security wartime activities associated with the WWII Operations Bunker, located remotely in far East Gippsland.

This historic underground bunker building is now the society's **WWII Bunker Museum** where the film is screened for visitors as an introductory audio visual and interpretive presentation. It is also accessible on the society's website at www.mallacootabunker.com.au

The film pays tribute to the secret wartime activities of the RAAF Advanced Operations Base which was located at the bunker and Mallacoota aerodrome during WWII. The important work undertaken by these men has generally remained undocumented and unrecognised. Surveillance and communications operations ensured that vital coastal shipping lanes remained open despite the activities of Japanese submarines off the east coast of Australia. An adjacent airfield was established for servicing the Avro Anson aircraft which operated coastal reconnaissance, reporting back to the wireless operators at the bunker. The intelligence gathered locally was transmitted by telephone line to RAAF Bomber Command in Melbourne

where the movement of all ships was carefully tracked.

These small aircraft also provided escorts for the vulnerable shipping convoys which travelled along our coastline, following Australia's busiest shipping lanes. Towards the end of the war, the Mallacoota airfield was extended for refuelling and arming the much larger Beaufort bombers.

Tourists and guests at the Mallacoota WWII Bunker Museum frequently ask, 'Why Mallacoota?' Why was this remote location chosen for the headquarters of the RAAF coastal Intelligence for the region? There is little public awareness of the wartime vulnerability of our region and visitors are surprised to learn from our displays of the extent of shipping losses along our eastern coastline. WWII activity by 13 Japanese I-class submarines which claimed 22 allied ships was heavily censored. Museum visitors are even less aware of the much earlier WWI activities that occurred just off Gabo Island in 1917. The British ship 'Cumberland' was sunk by a mine laid by the undetected German raider ship the 'Wolf'. Was this treacherous event which highlighted the vulnerability of our coastline a factor in choosing Mallacoota as the site for IOBU?

Built in 1942, the communications bunker was a high security installation: part of a chain of defence bases planned for the Australian coastline. The building housed wireless equipment and trained RAAF operators who were listening to coastal shipping and gathering intelligence - surveillance which was further collated and sent to Melbourne. The purpose of these operations was to protect coastal shipping

and keep the sea lanes open.

Any official record of the strategic decision to locate IOBU, the very first Operations Base Unit, at Mallacoota is yet to be found. However, it can be contended that the WWI event, the sinking of the *Cumberland*, would have added to the significance of the location and its close proximity to Gabo Island. The RAAF had already established No 16 Radar Station on the island, perhaps heeding the warning of the dangers of an undefended coastline.

Many sources, including the records compiled by volunteers of the society, were assembled for use in the film. The society is most grateful for the assistance of a very professional project team including the film production company, Tiny Empire Collective. To validate the evidence, we sought the collaboration of consultant historian, Dr Sarah Mirams, Adjunct Research Fellow, Monash University.

Interviews with local residents, historic photographs and a backdrop of Mallacoota's magnificent landscape were all used to place the narrative in its authentic setting. The original aim of the film was to help tell a unique and intriguing story – something that the museum endeavours to do. *Secrets from the Mallacoota Bunker* has successfully accomplished that purpose - winning the Multimedia Category in the Public Record Office of Victoria's Community History Awards in 2018.

Article compiled by Joanne Grant, Curator, Mallacoota & District Historical Society and Mallacoota WWII Bunker Museum

What's On

Attendance at any and all RHSV events should be booked through our website: <https://www.historyvictoria.org.au/rhsv-events/>

All events are held at RHSV, 239 A'Beckett St, Melbourne VIC 3000, unless otherwise stated.



EXHIBITION LAUNCH : ISAAC SELBY: LECTURER, HISTORIAN, ASSASSIN!

Speaker: Emeritus Professor Geoffrey Blainey AC FASSA FAHA FAHS FRHSV

Curated by Alison Cameron

Thursday 13 June 2019

5pm – 7pm, RHSV Gallery Downstairs

Bookings: [historyvictoria.org.au/whats-on/rhsv-events/](https://www.historyvictoria.org.au/whats-on/rhsv-events/)

We are honoured that Emeritus Professor Geoffrey Blainey AC FASSA FAHA FAHS FRHSV will be launching our next exhibition, ISAAC SELBY: LECTURER, HISTORIAN, ASSASSIN! Curated by Alison Cameron who was inspired by Selby's own scrapbooks in the very innovative and graphic way she tells Selby's intriguing story.

This is a free event and all RHSV members and friends are invited. Please note bookings are essential.

LECTURE: BREAKTHROUGH!

Presenters: Andrew Lemon (RHSV) and Alicia Cerreto (PHA)

Tuesday 18 June 2019

Drinks: From 5pm, RHSV Gallery Downstairs

Lecture: 6pm, RHSV Officers' Mess Upstairs

Cost, \$10

We are delighted to, once again, work with our friends at Professional Historians Australia (VIC & TAS) to present BREAKTHROUGH!

Breakthrough: 1. a sudden, dramatic, and important discovery or development.

With Andrew Lemon (RHSV) and Alicia Cerreto (PHA) hosting the event, 6 of our newest historians/members tell the story of a breakthrough in their research work.

The evening will conclude with a short discussion about the changing ways of telling a story well.



TOUR OF THE SAVAGE CLUB

Thursday 4 July 2019

10am – 11am,
Savage Club, 12
Bank Pl, Melbourne

Cost, \$25

Bookings essential:
<https://www.historyvictoria.org.au/rhsv-events/>



The RHSV continues to offer tours of otherwise private historic buildings and institutions – this time the Savage Club. This tour is limited to 20 RHSV members (you must be a member of the RHSV to join this tour).

Curious to see what caused the fuss with Julian Burnside? Or curious to see a well-preserved slice of Melbourne's history? Club members have included Napier Waller, Sir William Dargie, Sir Owen Dixon, W. R. Guilfoyle, Barry Humphries, Sir Robert Menzies, Frederick McCubbin, John Reed, Billy Hughes, Joseph Lyons, Sir Arthur Streeton and Sir Tom Roberts.

LUNCH-TIME LECTURE FOR RARE BOOK WEEK

Speaker: Dr Andrew Lemon

Monday 8 July 2019

12:30pm

The RHSV began assembling its library collection from the time of its inception in 1909 and it also incorporated, in the 1920s, the library of the Royal Geographical Society of Australasia (Victoria) formed in 1883. Former President of the RHSV and well-known professional historian, Dr Andrew Lemon, will speak on some of his favourite items and oddities from the collection which is the largest and richest collection of Victorian history outside those held by government bodies.

The Ephemera Society of Australia has a Rare Book Week event in the RHSV's Officers' Mess Upstairs at 11am on the same day, Mon 8 Jul. There is a break between the two events from 12noon – 12:30pm when we will serve morning tea.

This event is free but we'd appreciate patrons booking for catering purposes.

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Lecture

Speaker: Carolyn Rasmussen on her latest book, *The Blackburns. Private Lives, Public Ambition*.

Tuesday 16 July 2019 Drinks: From 5pm, RHSV Gallery Downstairs

Lecture: 6pm, RHSV Officers' Mess Upstairs

Lunch-time Lecture

Speaker: Gregory Hill on *Victoria's Earliest Potteries*.

Friday 19 July 2019

12:30pm

Mini-conference: Celebrating Engineering History

Organised by Engineering Heritage Victoria in partnership with the RHSV.

Thursday 15 August 2019

1pm – 5pm, RHSV, Officers' Mess Upstairs.

Engineering has been defined as being 'a vital art, working with the great sources of power in nature for the wealth and well-being of the whole of society'. Victoria has many outstanding world-leading engineering works however many of these achievements are not well documented or have been forgotten; and we believe they need to be celebrated!

Four papers, focussing on the history of some of the significant engineering works in Victoria, will be presented. This year is the 150th anniversary of the Great Melbourne Telescope, the 100th anniversary of the Electrification of Melbourne's suburban railways and the 100th anniversary of the formation of the Institution of Engineers, Australia. And, as many notable indigenous engineering works survive in Australia, we hope to include a paper on this topic as well. Tickets \$20 / \$30

Workshop: Cataloguing for Beginners

Workshop delivered by Sophie Shilling

Saturday July 13 2019

1pm – 4pm

Venue: Numurkah Historical Society

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Cathy Butcher: New Councillor Enriches our Skills

Cathy Butcher joined the RHSV Council in February 2019 bringing excellent and needed skills to Council relating to policy and governance. She was immediately appointed assistant secretary, and recently completed the meticulous work of revising our constitution in readiness for the 2019 AGM.

Cathy grew up in Canberra and completed HSC in 1969 then entered the Commonwealth Public Service. Cathy worked for the Department of Supply in Human Resources for fourteen years, rising to HR Manager.

From 1983 Cathy became involved in delivering the Hawke Government's policies for worker participation, industrial democracy and equal employment opportunities into Australian government factories. This involved her working with shop floor committees and blue-collar workers at the Williamstown Dockyard and the Government Clothing Factory. She was also involved with women from non-English speaking backgrounds in environmental programs focussed upon the Maribyrnong River.

In 1989 Cathy became an Occupational Health and Safety (OH&S) trainer then Manager at the Trades and Labour Council in the Australian Capital Territory, writing training manuals for ACT workers and later Commonwealth workers to comply with new Territory and Commonwealth legislation.

Cathy moved to Melbourne to work as OH&S Coordinator at the Australian Council of Trade Unions. In that role she was an advocate for workers' health, formed policy after analysing laws and standards concerning chemical hazards, and represented the ACTU at national meetings. Cathy then worked for the Liquor, Hospitality and Miscellaneous Workers Union conducting workplace inspections, and negotiating improvements for workers in such diverse industries as ambulance services, child care, security, contract cleaning, baking and tanneries.

From 2000 Cathy worked as OH&S coordinator for the Victorian Trades Hall Council representing workers on numerous Worksafe Victoria stakeholder groups. She worked with government, employers, other

union officials and researchers at the state, national and international level. She coordinated submissions to government on changes to the Victorian OH&S Act and represented the ACTU on SafeWork Australia's development of harmonised OH&S law across Australia. In 2013 the Victorian WorkCover Authority presented Cathy with its annual award: 'Outstanding Leadership and Contribution to Health and Safety'.

Cathy retired in 2015 but was appointed as a member of The Independent Occupational Health and Safety Compliance and Enforcement Review by the Minister for Finance, Robin Scott; this review was established to make recommendations to improve health and safety outcomes for Victorian workers. All the recommendations of the panel were accepted by the Victorian Government.

We are fortunate to have Cathy's expertise, sharing her time with her other interests of family, movies, reading history and politics and experimenting with new recipes.

Richard Broome



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Halls of Fame:

Horticultural Hall, Victoria Street Melbourne



'Melbourne's Horticultural Hall' c1981, SLV

On Victoria Street, opposite the impressive Trades Hall building, stands Melbourne's Horticultural Hall, known simply as 'Horti Hall' by its regular users. The site was first occupied in 1859 by the Victorian Horticultural Improvement Society, founded by John Pascoe Fawkner, who erected an iron shed to house their activities.

Fourteen years later, in 1873, the current Hall replaced the shed, and extensions in 1878 and 1888 completed the Hall as it stands today. Although the original shed was used to grow plants, after the hall was completed the growing was moved to the society's site in Burnley and the Hall was reserved for club meetings and regular displays like their annual Camellia and Dahlia shows.

The cost of building the hall had exceeded £3800 leaving the society with a huge overdraft so the Hall was rented out to a range of tenants; groups hired it for bazaars, meetings and a Mr Henri L'Estrange used the space to repair his hot air balloon.

Although these various rental fees assisted with the repayments, the onset of the Depression after the Gold Rush forced the society to lease the building to the newly founded University High School.

In 1912 Melbourne High School took over the lease. Melbourne High had begun in 1905 as the Melbourne Continuation School, the first State Secondary School in Victoria, in a building in Spring Street.

In 1912 it was re-named Melbourne High School. The school's rapid growth (from 218 students in 1905 to 706 in 1913) had filled the Spring Street site to overcapacity, and 'Horti Hall' became a welcome addition. The School's Senior Public classes moved there and 'Horti Hall' became known as 'The Branch', with the Spring Street site being called 'The Main'.

A former student, Bill Cuthill, after attending the re-opening of Melbourne's Horticultural Hall following its refurbishment in 2000, explained how every morning the students would assemble in the large hall before proceeding upstairs for classes. The boys would go first up the stairs, not because boys took precedence, but rather to prevent any view up the stairs at the ascending girls.

Whilst the school was co-educational, the Principal, Joseph Hocking, a staunch and active Methodist, instituted School Rule Number 1, which restricted fraternisation between the sexes. A rule not always observed Bill explained pointing out that he had married a former student himself.

The Branch developed its own social functions, ANZAC commemorations and clubs and by 1919 there was a Music Committee and a debating society. The music committee was prompted by the arrival of a new piano, the old piano described as 'having been one of the pair of pianos Noah had taken onto the Ark'. From that time on a song was played after

roll call each morning with the girls then allowed to use it during dinner time on Mondays and Thursdays and the boys on Tuesdays and Fridays. On cold days, the girls would push back the desks and dance, an activity the boys apparently did not share.

In 1923 the hall was re-painted in shades of brown, black, white and sky-blue and, at the same time, a generation of student's thoughts were lost when the desks were sandpapered and revarnished.

In its decade and a half at 'Horti Hall' the school produced a range of distinguished students including Sir John Eccles (winner of the Noble Prize in 1963), Minnie Cawthorn (notable girls education principal), her brother Major-General Sir Walter Cawthorn (deputy Chief of Staff of the then new Pakistan Army, and later head of ASIS), Professor Norman Harper (Professor of History), Dame Ada Norris (nee Bickford) who was a strong campaigner for women's rights, her husband Judge Sir John Norris, who had founded the Branch debating society and Stella Fawcett who had a distinguished botanical career becoming the first female soil conservation officer in Victoria as well as a pioneer in high country research.

In 1927 Melbourne High was split, bringing to an end the educational occupation of Horti Hall. The boys moved to Forrest Hill in South Yarra, becoming Melbourne Boys' High School, and the girls consolidating onto the Spring Street site as Melbourne Girls' High School before settling in their permanent home at Albert Park, as The Mac Robertson Girls' High School.

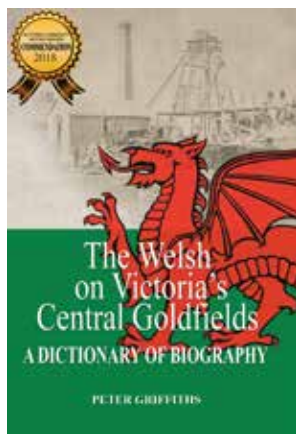
After MHS's departure, the Hall had a variety of uses, including the meeting place of the Italian anti-Fascist Matteotti Club, as offices of the Commonwealth Bureau of Meteorology, the home for various Unions and for the Melbourne Christadelphian Church.

The Victorian Horticultural Improvement Society (by then known as the Royal Horticultural Society of Victoria) finally left Horti Hall in 1989. In 2000 Working Heritage began refurbishing the Hall and, since its reopening, it has been the home of Opera Victoria, allowing Melbourne's Horticultural Hall to again reverberate to the sounds of music as it had back in the earliest days as University and Melbourne High Schools.

Luke Savage, Melbourne High Archivist



Sketched at a time 'Horti Hall' was overflowing with students, Melbourne High Archive



The Welsh on Victoria's Central Goldfields: A Dictionary of Biography

More than three thousand Welsh-born men and women flocked to Victoria's Central Goldfields after the official announcement of the discoveries in 1851. *The Welsh on Victoria's Central Goldfields: A Dictionary of Biography* records the lives of six hundred and twenty of them in individual biographies, a sample estimated to be around forty per cent of the Welsh immigrant population.

The meticulously researched and referenced biographies are tied together by an underlying theme of the Welsh attempting to retain their language and culture as a minority in the cultural melting pot of the goldfields. Miners and mining investors joined politicians, preachers, publicans and many others as they were caught up in the all-pervasive 'gold culture'.

Around twenty non-conformist Welsh chapels sprang up across the goldfields in the 1860s, but there was a constant shortage of Welsh-speaking ministers and a lack of permanence as the miners moved from rush to rush. Chapels were physically moved, sold to other denominations or simply disappeared. And the study shows that around half of the Welsh population were, in fact, Anglicans. Welsh was said to be the language of the chapel and English the language of business. However, by the 1880s many religious services were being held in English and the old bards were complaining that the eisteddfods had become too much like an English concert. Reverend William Merion Evans bemoaned in 1875 that:

The children are growing up as English; only a few are coming from the old country to settle among us; also there is room to fear that the national feeling is gradually disappearing in the hearts of many of the old settlers and that it is likely to be so as long as one thinks that it is to be of no profit, or of any distinction to be a Welsh speaker.

Evans was also concerned at the 'wild and drinking habits of some of his countrymen'.

Tales of success, failure, tragedy and even humour thread their way through this absorbing study that breaks down the typical stereotype of the Welsh immigrant of the period. Almost every Welshman, from politician to the poorest labourer, invested in mining shares. This was like a giant game of lotto. Fortunes were made, lost and sometimes regained.

John Beynon is said to have made £40,000 from the Poverty Reef at Tarnagulla and rode a horse shod with golden shoes down the main street, but he died leaving debts of £260. Methuselah Williams had mined the rich Nimrod Reef at Chewton and was involved in the Queen's Birthday Mine at Dunolly when its shares jumped from 2d to £30; he died in Ballarat 'having made and lost two fortunes'. Some made fortunes and invested wisely. William Anthony, a benefactor of the Stawell Welsh Baptist Church, made thousands out of the Cross Reefs at Stawell and put most of it into prime real estate. Four two-storey town houses in Carlton alone were valued at almost £10,000. James Randell was an investor of 'sound judgement and wide experience' and was heavily involved in the Madame Berry mines north of Creswick. He retired at 55, built a mansion in Geelong and died leaving an estate valued for probate at more than £42,000.

There are more than fifty entries for Welshmen who died in mining 'accidents', some by their own misadventure, but many by unsafe practices used to save time and money. Ebenezer Jones was one of four men killed when the shaft of the Britannia Quartz Company's claim at Carngham collapsed in 1861. A second shaft had to be sunk to recover the bodies and it was two weeks before they were brought to the surface. The *Geelong Advertiser* reported that 'a grosser state of neglect and mismanagement has seldom, if ever, occurred on any claim'.

Reverend Zerubabel Davies, a Welsh Baptist minister and school teacher,

preached the first Welsh language sermon in Victoria in Melbourne in 1852. In about 1858 he moved to Stawell, where he became the first recognised school teacher. He also 'salvaged gold from the creeks and the alluvial leads. Sunday he sought to salvage souls from any pulpit that offered.' He later became minister of the Stawell Welsh Baptist Church and financed the building of its manse, while investing heavily in Stawell mines and at one time owning the town's newspaper.

This is a must-read book for lovers of Victorian regional and social history, family historians, history teachers, students and anyone with Welsh ancestry. It contains ninety illustrations, extensive indexes and easy-to-read charts and tables that put the biographies into a wider context.

Peter Griffiths is the author of the acclaimed *Three Times Blest: A History of Buninyong and District 1837-1901*, and this new work continues his passion for documenting histories of the Victorian gold era.

Peter Griffiths

The Welsh on Victoria's Central Goldfields: A Dictionary of Biography by Peter Griffiths, 'Commended in the 'Local History Project Award' section, VCHA 2018. Now available at the RHSV bookshop for \$45



Zerubabel Davies, (Reverend, 1806-1877)

Books Received

By Lee Sulkowska

Authors, publishers and Historical Societies are invited to contribute books to the RHSV for the library and for consideration for inclusion in Books Received.

Please note: these books listed are not necessarily offered to the bookshop by authors, please check the shop catalogue.



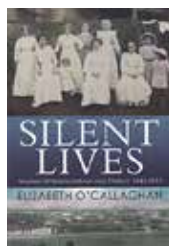
Remember, Respect, Rejoice: Pyramid Hill & District Happenings & Letters Home from WW2. Helen Stevens, Pyramid Hill & District Historical Society, Pyramid Hill, Victoria, 2018, pp i – 255, ISBN 9780980814453.

The Pyramid Hill & District Historical society have painstakingly chronicled what appears to be every single aspect of the region's World War Two contribution. Pictures, poems, letters, newspaper articles, lists of the dead, lists of honour, fund raisers(sic), socials, songs, lists of clothes knitted and more— all meticulously, chronologically listed throughout the war years. There is an overarching sense of care and community through these acts. Those who fought did so for those at home, those at home did all they could to assist those who fought. That feeling of respect is reflected in the effort made in creating this book, a fitting tribute to the district's war history.



Navigating 45 Years: A History of the Yarra Valley Orienteering Club 1972-2017. Peter Black, Yarra Valley Orienteering Club, Melbourne Victoria, 2018, pp 5 – 124, ISBN 9780646982755.

There is something of the Australian pioneer in the modern sport of Orienteering. Members of the Yarra Valley Orienteering club have been plunging themselves into the Victorian terrain for over 45 years now, as the pioneers before them, trying to find their way. (Albeit the stakes are quite different now!) This is a fun and informative history of the club, from when the sport was introduced in Australia, through decades of advancing technology, maps, interviews, club and individual achievements and the challenges and hopes for future orienteers.



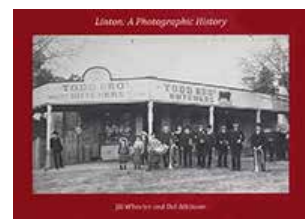
Silent Lives: Women of Warrnambool and District, 1840-1910. Elizabeth O'Callaghan, Warrnambool & District Historical Society Inc, Warrnambool, Victoria, 2017, pp 1 – 374, ISBN 9780987120229.

Winner of the 2018 Victorian Community History Award, Silent Lives is an important addition to feminist history. Pioneer history is synonymous with Anglo-Saxon patriarchy, with female and Aboriginal voices still relatively unheard. O'Callaghan explores the lives and contributions of women in the district of Warrnambool, each a pioneer in their own right. It is a beautifully researched and written book, providing a satisfying mirror to gender discussions in the present. Previously muted, generations past and present are lifting up their voices, and O'Callaghan's book is a rich addition to the song.



A Pictorial Guide to the Long Lost Lancefield and Kilmore Railway. Kylie McKay and Bob Tomkins, Romsey & Lancefield Districts Historical Society Inc, Reservoir, Victoria, 2018, pp i – 106, ISBN 9780987234759.

There is a scene in the 1989 iconic movie sequel Ghostbusters II in which the heroes are scared out of their wits by a thundering ghost train – this book carries a similar aesthetic! The Romsey & Lancefield Districts Historical Society maps out the history and spectral tracks of the nineteenth century 'white elephant' rail line between Lancefield and Kilmore. Faint tracks through private property are all that remains of long removed rails and overgrown earth banks the only indication of old stations. The society encourage train enthusiasts, geocachers and fans of lost things to follow the train line in person – duly warning to be respectful of private property.



Linton: A Photographic History. Jill Wheeler and Del Atkinson, Linton & District Historical Society Inc, Linton, Victoria, 2017, pp iv – 125, ISBN 9780646976693.

There is a special draw that pulls us towards black and white photographs of people long gone. A romance or nostalgia perhaps, a recognition of ancestry and places that have seen the passing of generations. The Linton and District Historical Society have put together a wonderful pictorial history of their area, not an easy task when contending with photo quality, date uncertainty and time period spread. Each person, building or landscape is accompanied with a short description; each a window to our shared past.



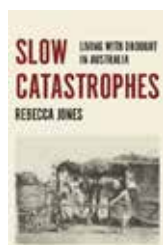
The Buxtons: 150 Years of Developing Melbourne. Peter Yule, Nero, Carlton, Victoria, 2018, pp vii – 293, ISBN 9781760640088.

It's safe to say that the architectural development of Melbourne since the early canvas tents and log huts of the Port Phillip settlement has seen its fair share of stylistic hits and misses. The Buxton family have weathered it all. One hundred and fifty years of witnessing building trends come and go, surviving depressions and riding the waves of booms. This book documents the five generations of Buxtons, both their personal and professional lives as they made their mark all over Melbourne. Boasting developments such as 333 Collins Street, Rochester Terrace and the modern-day Docklands, the staying power of this real estate family will likely see many more generations of Buxtons leave their mark on the city.



Scotland to Australia Felix: Founding Scots of Victoria's Camperdown District. Camperdown & District Historical Society Inc, Camperdown, Victoria, 2018, pp v – 190, ISBN 9780992317805.

Scots are a patriotic people, so when Major Thomas Mitchell published his favourable account of a visit to the west of Victoria, Scottish expatriates soon flocked to the area. The Camperdown and District Historical Society, embracing their Scottish colonial heritage, have put together short biographies of the early settler Scots to the region. Scots thrived in this area, the place Mitchell described as 'fortunate Australia', through their education, tenacity and sense of clanship and community. This book describes how these settlers brought their homeland with them and imparted flavours of Scottish culture on the landscape of their adopted country.



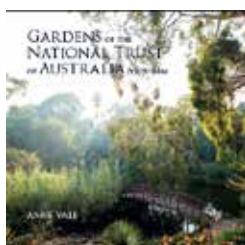
Slow Catastrophes: Living with Drought in Australia. Rebecca Jones, Monash University Publishing, Melbourne, Victoria, 2017, pp vi – 357, ISBN 9781925495430.

This is a very gracefully written book about a particularly tough and increasingly relevant topic. Jones has explored the experiences of South-Eastern Australian farmers who documented their farming life during times of drought. The time period ranges from 1890's to the 1950's and the stories of the seven families flow on from and overlap each other. Using farm diaries written by the men, women and even children of the household, Jones creates pictures of how they suffered, survived and adapted without rain. The second part of the book explores the mechanisms of drought and current farmers methods of resilience. The book will invoke uneasy feelings of solastalgia, but will also inform and inspire, as it is a testament to the hardiness of Australian farmers.



The Mouth that Roared. Les Twentyman, Wild Dingo Press, Melbourne, Australia, 2017, pp 1 – 272, ISBN 9780987381361.

Les Twentyman, a household name in the west of Melbourne tells his life story in his informal, dry and witty way. It's not an easy story to tell, Les has spent his entire life advocating and supporting those who cannot do so for themselves. Yet somehow the stories of devastating drug abuse, the impoverished youth and rampant homelessness doesn't leave the reader feeling hopeless. Rather, Twentyman's 'just get on with it' attitude heartens and encourages, which is likely his modus operandi – to encourage local communities to come together, fundraise for those in need and realise the debt we owe each other.



Gardens of the National Trust of Australia (Victoria). Anne Vale, National Trust of Australia (Victoria), Melbourne, Victoria, 2018, pp 4 – 200, ISBN 9780646988061.

It is fitting that celebrated garden historian Anne Vale has written this warm and rich history of the Victorian gardens under the National Trust of Australia's care. Green spaces such as Endeavour Fern Gully, Glenfern, Mulberry Hill and Mooramong (among others) have been lovingly photographed and extensively researched. Lists of known bird life and pictures of extravagant flora complement letters from the past and descriptions of walking tracks to allow the reader to fully immerse themselves in these spaces, both within the pages and on their next visit.



The Civilisation of Port Phillip: Settler Ideology, Violence, and Rhetorical Possession. Thomas James Rogers, Melbourne University Publishing, Melbourne, Victoria, 2018, pp viii – 253, ISBN 9780522870602.

An adaption of Rogers award winning PhD thesis explores the relationships between colonial mindset and violence during the process of white settlement of Port Phillip. Rogers discusses the paradox of the British 'civilising mission', their categorisation of Aboriginal peoples as 'savages' and the fact that the settlers were so ready to use violence to carry out their mission. The book explores what civilisation meant to these men, and how violence created the early settlement of Port Phillip.

Around the Societies

AUSTRALIAN GARDEN HISTORY: AGHS website changes - We are pleased to announce recent work on the website is now complete. Fine tuning the detail is still ongoing on but the website has seen many improvements including conference registration (reusable each year), improved membership renewal, donation payment links and an online shop for publication and souvenir purchases.

BALLAN SHIRE: A Pictorial History of the Shire of Ballan, produced by the Society in 1989 has now been reprinted with an updated index. A small celebration to launch the reprint will be held on Sunday 2nd June 2019 at the Courthouse at 2pm. Everyone is welcome to attend this function.

BALWYN: Thursday 13 June 2019 – 8.00 pm - Topic: The Roads and Streets of Balwyn presented by Dr Max Lay. Dr Lay was executive director of the Australian Road Research Board, an independent reviewer for the City Link project and a past President of the RACV. From 2000 onwards there has been the 'Dr Max Lay Perpetual trophy for best outstanding car' presented at the 'RACV Great Australian Rally' each January.

BENALLA: A major new exhibition is now on display at the Benalla Costume and Kelly Museum - home of the Benalla Historical Society Inc. Titled 'Fashion Through Time from 1750', the various exhibits contrast fashions one hundred years apart.

Around the Societies

Prepared by volunteer Glenda Beckley on behalf of the History Victoria Support Group.

We welcome Societies to submit an article/event of around 50 words, or email your Newsletter to us and we will write up around 50 words for you around twice per year.

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There are about twenty-five costumes exhibited commencing with the museum's oldest garment, a beautiful green brocade gown, circa 1750, which is compared with a magnificent cream crinoline, circa 1850, and an elegant evening gown of the 1950s.

Contrasts continue up to the present day where a tubular ankle-length garment from 1918 differs strikingly from a glittering short dress of 2018.

Society members were treated to a very pleasant evening when the exhibition opened on 24th March by Loel Thomson, the well-known Melbourne costume collector and exhibitor.

BOX HILL: The Open House programme this year will run on Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 July, and once again will include the Box Hill Town Hall. The Hall will be open on both days, and this Society will use the opportunity to both promote itself, and to raise some very-much-needed income.

On Saturday 27 July the Society's Heritage Centre will be open from 10am to 3pm for visitors to explore our collection. In keeping with the theme of 'Open House', we will have a small photographic display of houses in the Box Hill/Surrey Hills/Burwood area. Digital copies of the photographs will be available at a cost of \$15 per image, which can be provided electronically.

On Sunday 28 July, together with the Friends of Nunawading Libraries, we will be holding a second hand book sale, with all monies raised going towards our project to digitize issues of the Reporter newspaper, from 1919 onwards. The book sale will run from 11am to 2pm. Donations of good quality books (no text books, please), can be dropped off at our rooms any Tuesday between 11 and 4pm; or after hours in the carport of 40 William Street, Box Hill.

CAMPERDOWN: Camperdown Robert Burns Scottish Festival - Special Exhibition at the Camperdown Heritage Centre. Entry: gold coin (at door) 'Founding Scots of the Camperdown District' Saturday 6th July 10.00 am - 2.00 pm and Sunday 7th July 10.00 am - 2.00 pm. More information and details of the lecture program can be found at camperdownburnsfestival.com.au

CARLTON: On Tuesday 2 July 2019 at 7.30pm, at the Carlton Library, Rathdowne St, North Carlton the society presents 'A History of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission'. This talk by military historian George Ward tells the story of the process by which men who had been lost in the chaos of muddy battlefield became soldiers remembered in peaceful garden surroundings, and visited by relatives and friends.

COBURG: A reminder to members and visitors that our monthly meetings will be held on various different days and at different times this year. Please make a note of the monthly

meeting dates and times: Saturday June 15th 1:45 pm Dr Elizabeth Taylor talking about 'Melbourne (Alcohol) Dry Zones and Victorian liquor licensing history'. Saturday July 20th 1:45 pm Leo Kennedy talking about 'Black Snake - an alternative view of Ned Kelly and his gang'.

ECHUCA: A new Exhibition opening on 7th June tells the stories of 'A Century of Pioneer Women - 1853 - 1953'. This exhibition is at the Museum, 1 Dickson Street, and will be open daily from 11am till 3pm until the end of August. The exhibition features stories and some pictures of the women who worked side by side with their menfolk, took over the business when tragedy struck, or just got on with helping others. Read about the first woman to be become a licensed chemist in Victoria, the one who was the first Town Clerk - both residents of Echuca; and our early nursing sisters, midwives and other women who made their mark on our community. The Brigidine Nun who bought her sisters over the oceans all those years ago, arriving in the heat of summer from Ireland. The group of ladies who started the Benevolent Society, many of their given names are unknown they were just known only as 'Mrs. Someone'... could we imagine that happening today. Contact the Museum on 0354801325, or email eh.soc@bigpond.com

ELTHAM: Photographer and former Eltham resident George Coop has donated to our Society a copy of a photograph he took in about 1970 showing the Carrucan dairy in Dalton Street, Eltham. The Carrucan farm included land within the area bounded by Dalton Street, Metery Road and Mount Pleasant Road, as well as other land in various locations around Eltham. A number of members of the Carrucan family left their homes in West Clare, Ireland in the 1850s to settle in various parts of the world including Australia. The book *Dirt Poor Spirit Rich* produced in 2011 by The Carrucan Family Fellowship tells the story of the history of this extensive family.

FITZROY: Open House - Fitzroy Town Hall. On Saturday 27 July, the Fitzroy Town Hall will be open to the public. FHS members will act as guides for visitors.

HEIDELBERG: Heidelberg's Busy Bee Signature Quilt 1895-96 is part of an exhibition that opens on Sunday 19 May, 2019 and will remain open until April 2020. The exhibition features the large and rare 'signature' quilt with distinctive lace insertions. The 213 hand-embroidered squares record almost 140 legible names as well as dozens of initials, decorations and place-names. The quilt was created by a Busy Bee Society formed in 1895 by an industrious group of Heidelberg women. Their initiative raised funds for the local Scots Church. The signatures reveal social networks extending from Heidelberg to Williamstown and elsewhere in Victoria. The exhibition aims to raise awareness of a popular fund-raising strategy from the late 19th century, not unlike the crowd-funding projects favoured

by today's social networks. By showing connections between people from the past, it may inspire new networking amongst people who practice traditional crafts and who explore family, church and local history. The exhibition can be visited during normal Museum hours. The admission charge of \$5 will apply to non-members aged 16 years and over. Group visits by appointment on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Phone: 94552130

LAKE BOLAC AND DISTRICT: On Sunday, April 28th interested members of the community and descendants of former pupils and staff gathered to witness the unveiling of a plaque at the site of the former 'Mellier State School'. The school opened in 1906 at Mount Pleasant, 14 kilometres north of Lake Bolac and was relocated to a site in Norbank Road, Lake Bolac in 1919. Due to falling enrolments the school closed in 1932. The unveiling was followed by afternoon tea at the Lake Bolac Memorial Hall.

RYE: On display in the Old Schoolhouse Museum on Sundays 2 to 4pm, The Rye Tapestry was originally unveiled in 2011 marking the 150th year of Rye becoming a town. Designed and woven by Rebecca Moulton, a weaver from the world-renowned Victorian Tapestry Workshop in South Melbourne, assisted by fellow weaver Joy Smith; the tapestry was two years in the making and is made up of three panels, each marking 50 years of the town's settlement. Included are many names of pioneers and those who helped to form our community. It is divided into streets and many of our well-known buildings and landmarks are woven along them - the pier store, School, Tyrone Homestead, The Palms, Mechanics Institute and the three churches. Come in on Sunday and see the tapestry and our many other items of historical interest, publications and photos of yesteryear.

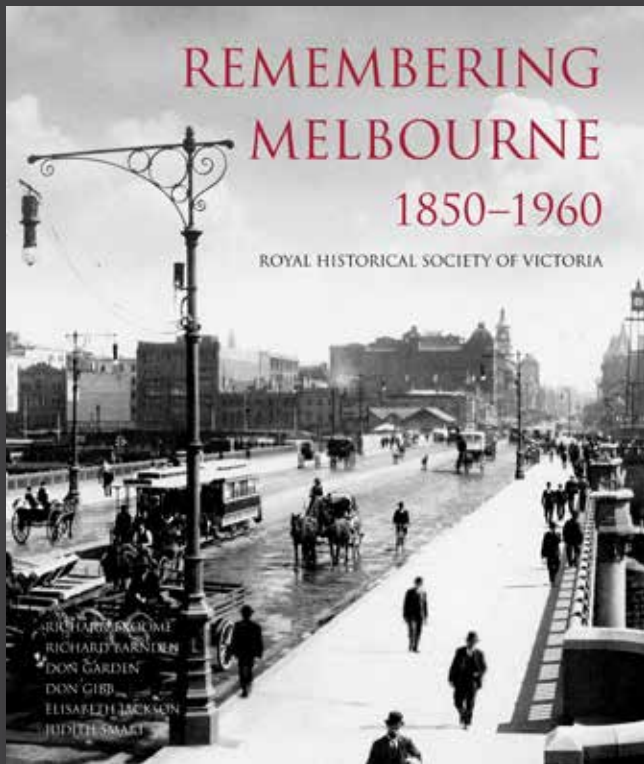
STAWELL: We recently received a Post Office Letter Box that was situated in the Main Street since the late 1800's and was recently removed for street alterations. The Letter Box was donated to us by Australia Post and has been installed near the front of the Old Court House. We are about to install a very old Gas Light and Column near the Letter Box.

Our current Museum display features the history of the Stawell Woollen Mills that existed in Stawell from 1926 to 1998. We are also setting up a display on the history of the Stawell Timber Industries that supplied timber and built houses from 1948 to 1980.

We have developed a 'Local History and Schools Program' to connect our local schools to the Historical Society. We aim to enhance student's knowledge, exposure to and an understanding of the events and people that brought Stawell into being, and the journey to our present day. We are keen to develop a stronger sense of community and invite teachers to call and meet with us to discuss our aims and objectives.

REMEMBERING MELBOURNE

Returns - and for \$35!



On Melbourne Day, 30 August, the updated version of Remembering Melbourne 1850-1960 was launched at the RHSV and is now on sale. This stunning book, which sold out at the RHSV in just four weeks, is currently available to enhance your book shelves and delight those who receive it as a gift. The price is again a sensational \$35 (pick up from the RHSV), or plus postage and handling for mail orders <http://www.historyvictoria.org.au/>

All proceeds from sales will boost our growing Victorian Historian Journal Future Fund, aimed to secure our century-old journal, currently the second oldest, continuously published, history journal in Australia.

GUIDED WALKS IN HISTORIC FLAGSTAFF GARDENS

GUIDED WALKS EVERY MONDAY

Time	11am
Where	Meet here at the Royal Historical Society of Victoria, 239 A' Beckett St
Cost	\$10 Children under 16 free
Duration	75 minutes
Booking preferred email	At reception, or 9326 9288 office@historyvictoria.org.au

Flagstaff Gardens, which are just to your right, are Melbourne's oldest gardens. They take their name from a flagstaff erected in 1840 at the settlement's highest point, in order to communicate between the harbour and town. This became known as "Flagstaff Hill". Before this, the area was used as a cemetery and was known as Burial Hill. (There is a memorial in the gardens that marks the graves of the first European settlers.)

