



History NEWS

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Royal Historical Society of Victoria

Volunteering opportunities

Monday 4 March 10am – 1pm

NEW VOLUNTEER INFORMATION MORNING

We need your help!!!!

There are lots of opportunities to become involved with the work of the RHSV.

Activities include research, working with photographs and maps, exhibitions, digitizing and administration. We also need volunteers with library experience.

During this information morning Jason Odering, Local History Librarian will provide a tour of the collections and activities of the RHSV and highlight areas where you might like to become involved.

Volunteers will receive inductions, training and support.

Volunteering with the RHSV is an opportunity to meet like minded people, and become involved in the stimulating and fun programs at the RHSV.

A light lunch will be provided.

If you are interested in finding out ways in which you can contribute please call Jason Odering at RHSV on 93269288 or email jason.odering@historyvictoria.org.au by Thursday 28 February who will send you some initial documentation.

The next intake of volunteers will be 3 June 2013

Call for nominations

RHSV FELLOWSHIPS and AWARDS of MERIT

Nominations for 2013 Fellowships and Awards of Merit are now being invited. The awards are a means of peer recognition within the RHSV for an outstanding contribution made to history in Victoria.

Closing Dates:

Fellows Nomination Friday 22 March

Awards of Merit Friday 19 April

Guidelines are available by contacting Kate Prinsley

Send nominations to:

Executive Officer, RHSV,
239 A'Beckett Street, Melbourne 3000.

Announcements will be made at the RHSV AGM on Tuesday 21 May and published in our June newsletter.

By publicly recognising the outstanding work of volunteers in local history we hope that these awards will be an inspiration to others.

Banner grants open

As part of our annual *HistoryWeek* Program - Banner Grants for *HistoryWeek* 2013 are still open.

Application forms can be downloaded from our website www.historyvictoria.org.au or by phone 93269288

The banners are wonderful for promoting your Society throughout the year but most importantly a condition of the grant is that your society will use the banner to promote your *HistoryWeek* event.

To meet the conditions required for funding, your history or heritage group must be incorporated, affiliated with the RHSV and able to show that you will use the banner to promote your society and the aims of *HistoryWeek*. You also need to demonstrate that you are planning an event for *HistoryWeek* 2013.

HistoryWeek 2013 will be Sunday 20 – Sunday 27 October

HistoryWeek is made possible with the support of the Vera Moore Foundation

Applications Close –

FRIDAY 22 February.

Welcome to 2013

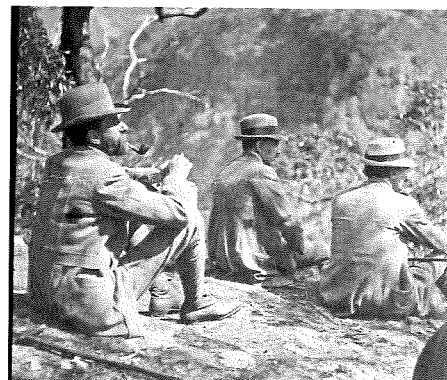


Image: *A Break During a Wallaby Club Excursion to Bacchus Marsh, 1913*

Robert Law (1870-1930) RHSV collection GS-LF-29

Robert Law was Chief Chemist and Refiner at the Royal Mint. He was a keen photographer who carefully documented aspects of everyday life in Melbourne from the 1890s – 1920s.

Among his interests was the Wallaby Club, a gentleman's walking group whose members included Ernest Scott, history professor and early RHSV president. Their excursions were convivial social affairs involving lunches and dinners at selected locations reached by public transport along with some bush walking. Their activities were not dissimilar to many walking clubs that were founded in the late 19th century when outdoor leisure and holidays became popular.

Auditor wanted (honorary)

The RHSV is searching for an Auditor to audit our end of year financials for publication in our Annual Report, produced in April for the AGM in May, and submission to Department of Justice Consumer Affairs Victoria. Our financial year is a calendar year and it is expected that our accounts will be ready for auditing by mid- February. The audit process needs to be completed by mid-April.

Should you be interested in helping us please phone Kate Prinsley 9326 9288

RHSV 2013: A Year of Challenge

Welcome to the working year of 2013: summer is a tough season in Australia as well as being a time for change of pace and, sometimes, relaxation. This summer has been no different with the paradox of fires and floods. Every time a challenge or disaster hits a particular district we look to its sense of self, which usually means its history, to find the strength to move on. Victoria's network of historical societies plays a crucial role in collecting, preserving and telling the story of our local past. That means you, our members and supporters, working on your own patch but having an understanding of the bigger picture. It's one of the most important roles of the RHSV which advocates Victoria's history. Your support through membership, donations (including bequests), volunteering and participation is essential if the work of the RHSV is to continue. Please encourage others with an interest in history to become members and join in our activities.

The late Dame Elisabeth Murdoch

I represented the Society at the state memorial service for the late Dame Elisabeth Murdoch at St Paul's Cathedral shortly before Christmas and the Society placed a tribute notice in the press. We may be just one of more than a hundred organisations, mainly in Victoria, that Dame Elisabeth supported, and yet she was our largest supporter financially and took an active interest in our work. She magnificently launched the RHSV Foundation in our centenary year with a donation of \$100,000 and she continued to add an annual donation with her subscription. Dame Elisabeth was born in 1909, the same year as our Society, so it was a special moment when she joined us at our centenary reception at Government House. Her targeted philanthropy helped many member organisations and local community groups. How we shall manage without her, I don't know. She was an optimist so we have to treasure her as an inspiration.

West Fest: our tribute to Weston Bate

We could have guessed how much fun we would have at our two day conference and exhibition opening last November to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of Weston Bate's groundbreaking *History of Brighton* – but the uniformly high standard of presentation by our guest lecturers was the bonus. They all wanted to do their best by our Society's dynamic and seemingly ageless past president and driving force. Peter Hiscock, former director of Sovereign Hill, officially

opened our outstanding exhibition, which owed much to the input of the Brighton Historical Society and our own team of volunteers. Professor Graeme Davison presented a superb Wolskel Lecture. A stellar cast included Richard Broome, John Lack, Charles Fahey, Don Gibb, Susan Priestley, Janet McCalman, Rosalie Triolo, Don Garden, Carole Woods, Keith White and Darren Peacock made for a memorable day of community history, past, present and future. Historian and broadcaster Michael Cathcart entertained us at the Savage Club dinner while I imposed on the generosity of those present to raise funds for the RHSV through a mini book auction, supported by Kay Craddock Antiquarian Bookseller. Weston and Janice Bate were surrounded by friends and family, and Weston was finally allowed to have his say, which he did in his uplifting, inimitable way. If you missed the conference you will be able to read a selection of conference papers in the June issue of the *Victorian Historical Journal*.

Burke and Wills

Kate Prinsley and I represented the RHSV and the Royal Historical Society of Queensland, at a dignified ceremony at the Burke and Wills statue in Melbourne's city square on 21 January. We were commemorating the 150th anniversary of that extraordinary funeral in 1863 that drew thousands of mourners to the streets of the city. Queenslander Dave Phoenix, president of the Burke and Wills Historical Society, was chief organiser with the Royal Society of Victoria and spoke well – as did Lord Mayor, Robert Doyle – on the historical significance of the occasion. Wreaths were laid at the memorial and messages received from Galway in Ireland and Totness in Devon, home towns of the two explorers. The event brought the Burke and Wills commemorations to a close. The RSV has done a magnificent job since 2010 in reminding Australians of the many facets of that journey across the continent, its achievements as well as its disasters. The RHSV has been proud to have played a small part in those activities.

Closer links with the Genealogist Society of Victoria

In looking at the future your Council has been keen to forge links with the Genealogical Society of Victoria, a strong organisation with an active membership. Our areas of interest overlap and for some time we have been looking at ways we could co-locate in a 'History House', whether here at an upgraded A'Beckett

Street or at a suitable alternative location. We can't do this alone; it needs state government and Melbourne City Council backing and we may be asking for your encouragement as members. What an essential boost it would be for history and heritage in Victoria, and for tourism in Victoria. The previous state government came close to giving this project the go-ahead just over two years ago. The arguments have been made and it is no empty dream. In the meantime we will run joint activities and we encourage RHSV members to explore the GSV website www.gsv.org.au. We will again be running combined events with the C.J. La Trobe Society, the Professional Historians Association (Victoria), the History Council of Victoria and the Royal Society of Victoria and will jointly run the Victorian Community History Awards with the Public Record Office, Victoria.

RHSV Council changes

We are delighted to welcome two new members to the RHSV Council. Prof Richard Broome, FAHA has long been one of our supporters and was for two years editor of the *Victorian Historical Journal*. He now succeeds Don Gibb as chair of the publications committee. Professor of History at La Trobe University, Richard is admired as an outstanding writer of regional, local and aboriginal history. Elisabeth Jackson has been a remarkable contributor to the library profession, having been Chief Executive Office of the Hume-Moonee Valley Regional Library and of the Yarra-Melbourne Regional Library. She was closely involved with community history as a councillor at the Brunswick City Council. Its community history group produced the innovative local history *One History, Many Voices*. We are glad to advise that Council member Glen Turnbull is making a brave recovery from serious injuries in a car crash last year. A return home is on the schedule. Glen and his wife Catherine appreciate the messages of support from his friends at the RHSV.

Andrew Lemon

President

RHSV conference 2012

Celebrating 50 years of local history in Victoria

Podcasts of various lectures from the last conference can be found at:

<http://www.historyvictoria.org.au/rhsv-conferences>

EXHIBITION 18 FEBRUARY – 1 MAY 2013

Fear God and Honour the King: HMAS Melbourne (1) 1913–1928

Announcing a Special Event and Book Launch 26 March:

Exhibition and Book Launch 5.30pm

To be followed by Lecture 7.00pm

ALL RHSV MEMBERS INVITED

The Royal Historical Society of Victoria, an official supporter of the Military History and Heritage Victoria (MHHV), is pleased to host a major exhibition presented by MHHV to commemorate the centenary of the arrival of Australia's first light cruiser, *HMAS Melbourne*, in Port Phillip Bay on 26 March 1913. The ship took the name and crest of the City of Melbourne and its credo 'Gather Strength as She Goes'.

The *Melbourne*, a 5,600 ton ship with eight 6-inch guns, served the Royal Australian Navy from its commissioning in England in 1912 until its decommissioning, also in England in 1928. She saw war service in the operations against the German colonies in the SW Pacific in 1914, escorted the 1st AIF fleet from Albany, WA; saw service with the West Indies Squadron in 1915-1916; then served with the North Sea Fleet from 1916-1918. In 1922 the *Melbourne* was involved in a dramatic rescue of the crew of an American schooner in the Tasman Sea, at the height of a hurricane.

The exhibition, which takes its name from the scroll donated to the ship by the City of Melbourne in 1913, will feature the ship's original crest, memorabilia, photographs and documents kindly lent by the Australian War Memorial, the Australian National Maritime Museum, Museum Victoria, Monash University, the Museum of HMAS Cerberus, State Library of South Australia and from individual donations. The exhibition examines the ship's war service as well as the crew who served her.

Sponsors of the exhibition include the Port of Melbourne Corporation, Navy Health, the Melbourne Naval Centre and Coee History and Heritage.

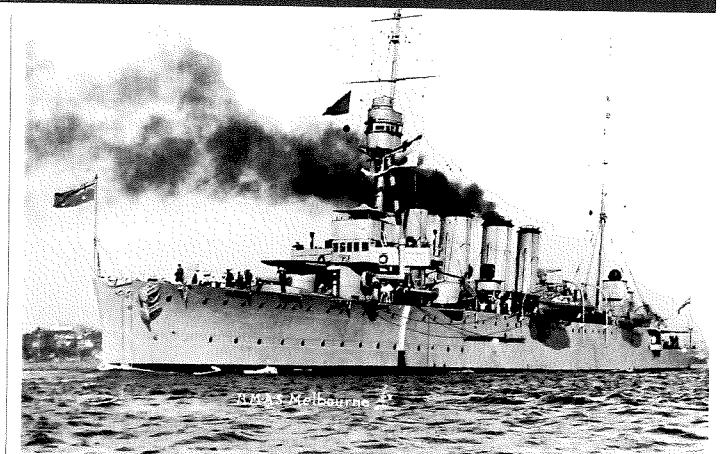
Burke and Wills funeral – 150th anniversary

Dr Andrew Lemon, President of the Royal Historical Society of Victoria, attended the special wreath laying ceremony on Monday in Melbourne to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the funeral of Burke and Wills. At the event he also represented the Royal Historical Society of Queensland which is the Trustee of the 'Dig Tree' Reserve on Cooper Creek. The Royal Historical Society of Victoria has worked closely with the Royal Society of Victoria over the past two years to ensure that good use was made of the interest awakened by the 150th anniversary of the expedition.

The commemoration was covered in the ABC local TV bulletin on Monday, 21st January 2013:

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2013-01-21/wreaths-laid-at-the-burke-and-wills-statue-in-city/4476982?section=vic>

(Source: Dr Andrew Lemon, 22nd January 2013 and *E-Bulletin* Editor)

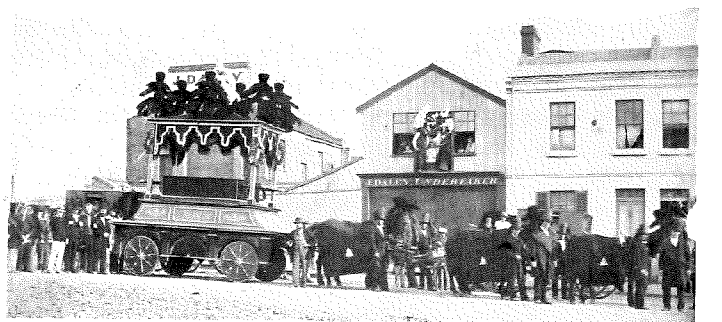


The exhibition will be open to the public from 18 February – 1 May, however MEMBERS are invited to a special event – the official opening and book launch on 26 March – the 100th anniversary of the date of the arrival of the ship in Melbourne. The exhibition will be opened by Captain Michael Harris RAN, whose great grandparents and grandfather were rescued from the sinking schooner during the hurricane in 1922. Captain Harris later joined the RAN and commanded Melbourne (III). In addition, John Francis, son of the 2nd mate on the sinking schooner will also attend the opening – both men owe their lives to the crew of the *Melbourne*. To complete the story, a grandson of one of the *Melbourne*'s crew who was involved in the dramatic rescue, along with other crew descendants will attend the opening.

The official opening will be followed by a lecture delivered by the curator of the exhibition Andrew Kilsby and launch of his co-authored book with Commander Greg Swindon, RAN, of the Sea Power Centre, *HMAS Melbourne 1913-1928: The Forgotten Cruiser*. Please see *What's On*

All members are invited to this special opening and book launch on TUESDAY 26 MARCH from 5.30.

Please RSVP by Thursday 21 March to 9326 9288 or office@historyvictoria.org.au



Funeral of Robert O'Hara Burke and William John Wills Melbourne 21 January 1863.

The photograph shows the hearse and mourners outside James Daley, undertakers in La Trobe Street near the corner of Spring Street.

RHSV Collection: P-477

This image and others are reproduced in the award winning RHSV Address Book.

The Address Book is available for sale \$25.00, plus P+P.

HISTORY VICTORIA SUPPORT GROUP – RHSV

Seminar Saturday 16 March 2013

Euroa Flour Mill, 17 Kirkland Ave, Euroa

Toolbox Topics

- Exhibitions on a Shoestring Budget
- Role of a Volunteer Co-ordinator
- Social Media for Historical Societies
- Sourcing and Writing Grant Applications

All members of Affiliated Societies are invited to attend, booking details below.

10.00 am	Registration and cup of tea for those who have travelled from afar.
10.30	Welcome from Jeff Starkey , President of Euroa Historical Society.
10.45	Welcome also from Lenore Frost , Convenor, History Victoria Support Group.
10.55	Kate Prinsley , Executive Officer: <i>Report to Societies</i>
11.05	Daisy Searls , Exhibition Curator: <i>Exhibitions on a Shoestring Budget</i>
12.00	Alleyne Hockley , Castlemaine Historical Society <i>The Role of a Volunteer Co-ordinator</i>
12.30	LUNCH
1.30	Jason Odering , RHSV Local History Librarian <i>Social media for Historical Societies</i>
2.00	Kate Prinsley , RHSV Executive Officer <i>Money, Money, Money – Sourcing and Writing Grant Applications</i>
2.30	Closing remarks of seminar, and an invitation to have a visit and short tour of the nearby Euroa Historical Society Museum, 25 Kirkland Avenue, Euroa 3666

Costs: \$15 per head includes a light lunch and morning tea. Please book through RHSV by notifying Ged by email office@historyvictoria.org.au or phone 9326 9288, or use our online Trybooking service.

Bookings close Wednesday March 13. Please advise when booking of any dietary requirements. If you wish to bring your own lunch, that is fine, but please mention it when booking so we don't order an extra lunch. There will be a \$5 charge for bottomless tea and coffee.

Veterans Heritage Workshops 27 & 28 March

Free all-day events designed to support RSL, community museum and local historical society volunteers to preserve and display objects, photos and other memorabilia.

27 March	Preparing displays and exhibitions
28 March	Introduction to Victorian Collections Cataloguing System

http://www.dpcd.vic.gov.au/veterans/news-and-events/news/veterans-heritage-workshops

Further Information:

Please see calendar of events www.historyvictoria.org.au

The Genealogical Society of Victoria: Program: February – April 2013

All events take place at the

GSV: Level B1 257 Collins Street, Melbourne

THURSDAY TALKS

Held 12.30pm to 1.30 pm Members Free, Visitors \$8.00

7 Feb	findmypast TM Ireland & more! - Linley Hooper
14 Feb	London needlewomen on the Culloden - Lynda Collier
21 Feb	Separation & Divorce - Scotland 17th to 19th centuries - John Blackwood
28 Feb	Tracing your NSW ancestors: key dates and resources - Susie Zada
7 Mar	Death in Scotland - Irene Fullarton
14 Mar	Agricultural labourers: revealing their stories - Allen Evans
21 Mar	Diversions from the truth in family history - Martin Playne
4 Apr	Not just a housewife - Women's work 1700s to 1800s UK - Ada Ackerly
11 Apr	Mining ancestors - England - Vicki Montgomery
18 Apr	Where did they go? Moving around in England - Jenny Redman

COURSES AND CLASSES (FEES INVOLVED)

Wed	6 Feb	10.30am- 12pm	Starting Family History
Tue	12 Feb	10.30am- 12.30pm	Beginning Irish Family History (part 1)
Tue	19 Feb	10.30am-12.30pm	Beginning Irish Family History (part 2)
Tue	26 Feb	10.30am-12.30pm	Beginning Irish Family History (part 3)
Tue	5 Mar	10.30am-12.30pm	Beginning Irish Family History (part 4)
Wed	6 Mar	10.30am- 12pm	Starting Family History
Tue	12 Mar	10am- 1pm	English Family History (part 1)
Tue	19 Mar	10am- 1pm	English Family History (part 2)
Tue	26 Mar	10am- 1pm	English Family History (part 3)
Wed	3 Apr	10.30am-12pm	Starting Family History

Further information:

9662 4455 gsv@gsv.org.au www.gsv.org.au

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AROUND the SOCIETIES

This column is compiled by Lenore Frost and Jenny Coates on behalf of History Victoria Support Group using information provided by societies, either by email or contained in their newsletters. For the April 2013 issue please send details of forthcoming events by 10 March to lenore10@hotmail.com.

ADAM LINDSAY GORDON: The society mounted two exhibitions during 2012, one at the Torquay Library and the other at the Ballarat Library. Both libraries commented on the interest the exhibition created. The December *Wayfarer* examines the question of 'who was Starlight', mentioned in a Gordon poem. To join the society visit: http://adamlindsaygordon.org/joining.htm.

BALLARAT: The November *Lamplight* relates the discovery of a second WW1 Avenue of Honour at Ballarat, planted on land then owned by the Ballarat Orphanage as a memorial to former residents. This lost avenue, off Fussell St, now has a storyboard and new commemorative plaques. Enquiries: ballarathistoricalociety@gmail.com.

BAPTIST: The Honorary Archivist of the Baptist Union of Australia reflected in the November *Newsletter* on the difficulties of researching the history of early Baptist churches for which the records are incomplete. He reflects on the benefits of having Baptist newspapers available online, and how happy it would make genealogists. Indeed!

BELLARINE: The *Bellarine Times* reminds society members to check the Geelong & District Database, which includes Bellarine, and now contains over a million names. The website is http://zades.com.au/gandd/index.php/geelong/gdha.

BENDIGO: A new publication, *Melbourne to Bendigo Railway 1862-2012*, is available for \$15.00 plus \$2.00 postage per copy. Enquiries: 5442 1005 on Tuesdays or Thursdays 9 am to 3 pm; admin@bendigohistory.com; or Box 2309 Mail Centre, Bendigo 3554.

BENALLA: A Volunteers grant has allowed the museum to purchase archival materials for the conservation and storage of paper-based and textile items in their collection. A brochure is in preparation to link the blue plaques on significant buildings with a walking trail. Enquiries: 5762 1749.

BRIGHT: The society has now signed a lease for the Museum precinct, which includes the Goods Shed. A grant has been applied for to clean and paint the red and 'Gold' carriages. An increase in bus tours is thanks to the Management of the Ovens Valley Motor Inn. Enquiries: 5755 1009.

BROADFORD: The society has released a new book, *From the Broadford Courier, 1891-1978: Mishaps, Mayhem & Maladies*, which costs \$15 plus postage. It is available from the Old Schoolhouse on Wednesdays, the

Broadford Newsagency and the Broadford Post Office. Enquiries: broadfordhistorical@gmail.com or 5784 1970.

BROADMEADOWS-COBURG-BRUNSWICK: Paul Darragh will speak on the history of Holeproof at a combined meeting of the Broadmeadows, Brunswick and Coburg Historical Societies. The meeting will take place in The Mayor's Room, 1st floor (lift available) Brunswick Town Hall on Saturday 2 March 2013 at 1.30. Enquiries: http://home.vicnet.net.au/~bwkhstg/.

CAMBERWELL: Dr Barbara Nichol will address the next meeting on "Melbourne 1901-1914, as seen through the lens of its Chinese restaurants". In this period there were heightened fears of an invasion by Chinese or Japanese. To be held on Thursday 28 February at the new Camberwell Library in Camberwell Road, at 8.00 pm.

CHURCHES OF CHRIST: The November issue of *Historical Digest* contains articles about women who trained in missionary work a century ago. In 1912 the College of the Bible, now Stirling Theological College, invited women to enrol for the Foreign Mission Certificate. The *Digest* looks at the lives of some of those women.

CINEMA & THEATRE: The CATHS Archives are seeking volunteers to be trained to assist with filing and data base projects. Workshop days are Wednesdays and Thursdays 9.30 – 3.30. Enquiries: Gerry Kennedy on 0432 434 169 or Mike Trickett on 0419 117 900.

CLUNES: As the society's premises are undergoing redevelopment, their Boer War era cannon has been relocated on loan to the Geelong Maritime Centre. The November issue of *Discovery* relates some history of the cannon, especially the unfortunate firing of the gun to celebrate the Armistice. Enquiries: 5345 3592.

COBURG: A joint meeting of Friends of Coburg Cemetery and the historical society will be held on Wednesday 20 February at the Coburg Library, 26 Louisa Street (cnr Victoria Mall and Louisa Street), Coburg, at 8 pm. Celestina Sagazio of the Southern Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust will speak on "The heritage value of cemeteries and conservation techniques".

DUNOLLY: A letter written in 1935, donated to the Goldfields Historical and Arts Society, complained of being unlucky of late. It was written by Rupert Hutter, a Swiss-born artist. Rupert entered his paintings in the Archibald Prize on a number of occasions, and was a finalist six times. See the letter in *Tailings*, No 564.

ESSENDON: The meeting to be held on Tuesday February 26 will feature Bob Mackay on "A Moonee Ponds Tragedy". Meetings are held at the Moonee Ponds Courthouse Museum, cnr Mt Alexander Rd & Kellaway Ave, Moonee Ponds at 7.30 pm.

GLEN EIRA: The next meeting of the society will be held at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 27 March 2013, in the Theatre, Glen Eira Town Hall. The speaker will be archaeologist and historian, Dr Gary Presland, on "Pre-European Aboriginal Culture in Glen Eira". All welcome; entry free; enquiries: gehs@optusnet.com.au.

GOLF SOCIETY: The October issue of *The Long Game*, reports that the Guinness Book of Records has recognized Musselburgh Old Links, near Edinburgh, as the oldest golf course in the world. The world's first cutting implement was used there in 1829, and the 4¼ inch hole diameter became the standard size because that was its width.

GULF STATION: The November *Newsletter* raised the question as to whether sufficient volunteers would come forward to allow the Station to be open to the public on one day a month. If they opened on the second Thursday of the month, from 10 to 2 pm, they would have the gardening volunteers for company. Enquiries: Irene Kearsey@bigpond.com.

HASTINGS-WESTERN PORT: New displays have been set up around the museum, and are well worth a visit. The museum is on the corner of Marine Parade and Skinner St, Hastings, and is open on Sundays 2 to 4 pm and Wednesdays 10 am to 12 noon. Enquiries: hasthistory@hotmail.com or 5977 5786.

HUNTLY: A great idea from the Huntly group, which has commenced lunch-time talks to members by other members, on a researched topic, as a means of gaining public speaking experience. The next general meeting will be on Monday 18 February, in the former Shire Council Offices, at 8 pm. Enquiries: 5448 8237.

KANGAROO GROUND: The society is asking for Kangaroo Ground State School attendees or anyone with memories of a football team in Kangaroo Ground to contact them: wcleeson@primus.com.au

KILMORE: The meeting on 5 March at 7.30 pm at the Kilmore court house will hear guest speaker Andrew Dodd on J. J. Clark, architect of the court house: www.kilmorehistory.info

LA TROBE SOCIETY: The society will sponsor a three month "CJ LaTrobe Society Fellowship" at the State Library in 2013. Its end-of-year function will be in the La Trobe Reading Room. Project volunteers are working apace with PROV on indexing and digitising Inward Correspondence 1839-1851. Enquiries: 9646 2112; www.latrobesociety.org.au.

LEONGATHA: A number of people combined to restore the 1918 Avenue of Honour at Koorooman East. The names were researched and a grant acquired to have a plaque made. South Gippsland Shire organized the restoration of the trees. The Avenue and plaque were unveiled on Sunday 11 November 2012.

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MALDON: The society operates the History Research Centre and Maldon District Museum in the old Shire Offices and Hall in the Maldon Gardens (open Saturdays 1.30 - 4 pm); and a Vintage Machinery Museum in Vincent Road (on Saturdays 12.00 - 4 pm). Enquiries: 5475 1633 or 0408 164 537 for the Vintage Machinery.

MALVERN: The latest *Exploring the City of Stonnington* brochures are now available. The most recent brochures are: Chapel Street North Area; Malvern Valley Golf Course and the Urban Forest; Princes Gardens; Prahran Mechanics' Institute; and Toorak House. They are all available from the Stonnington History Centre: 8290 1360.

MIDDLE PARK: *The Heart of Middle Park: stories from a suburb by the sea*, is available for \$15 plus postage. It is also available at a handful of outlets in Middle Park and Albert Park, and through the RHSV. Enquiries: middleparkhistorygroup@gmail.com.

MOE: Members of the Moe community are invited to attend a 50th Anniversary Dinner to celebrate the Declaration of the City of Moe on Friday 1 March, 6 pm, at the Moe RSL. The cost is \$35 per head, and must be booked and paid by Wednesday 20 February at the Moe RSL. Enquiries: 5127 6264 or 5127 1007.

OAKLEIGH: A new exhibition at the Monash Federation Centre, 3 Atherton Rd, Oakleigh, is *Remembering 1942: 70 years since World War 2 arrived on mainland Australia*, providing an aspect of the War and something of its impact locally. One item is the Memory Cloth, embroidered with names of those who served: oakhist@monlib.vic.gov.au.

PORT MELBOURNE: Reorganisation at the society rooms has enabled the carpet and drapes to be steam-cleaned, and pest treatment applied. All heritage photos, maps and artworks were removed from the first floor Town Hall walls where they have hung since July 2010. These will be rested and other items from the City Collection will take their place.

PRAHRAN MECHANICS: The November *Newsletter* announces the winner of the Annual PMI Short History Prize can be found on: www.pmi.net.au. Also announced was the latest PMI Press Publication, Garry Powell's *Valuable Steps: A History of Physical Education In Victoria*. The book is available for \$31.50 plus \$10 postage. Enquiries: 9510 3393.

QUEENSLIFFE MARITIME: The society has taken the plunge into social media, and now has a Facebook page. As well as forthcoming events, the page is used to acknowledge regular donors to the collection, as well as publicise information from the library. Photographs have been uploaded. Visit www.facebook.com/queenscliffe.maritimemuseum. Ask to be a friend.

ROMSEY & LANCEFIELD: A Volunteer grant makes it possible for volunteers to receive training and to purchase computer software. They are experiencing continuing problems at Seymour Cottage with rainwater, dampness and termites, and while they have grants for the Macedon Shire and the Bendigo Bank, further funding is required to complete the work.

SALVATION ARMY: Recently discovered in the Day Collection of Magic Lantern slides are two sets of slides made by the Limelight Department in 1904. One set tell the story of "The Blind Man of Siloem", while the other features "The Syro-Phenecian Woman". Enquiries: lindsay.cox@aus.salvationarmy.org

SANDRINGHAM: The society will try Saturday afternoon meetings in winter to cater for people who do not like being out at night. It may also suit working folk. The society also reports having sent a total of 8,080 catalogue items to the RHSV for the Victorian Local History Database. Enquiries: sandringhamhistorical@gmail.com.

SEYMOUR: The Military Heritage weekend will be held on Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 March 2013. Events will include fireworks, an outdoor movie, historical displays, a military vehicle parade, rides and family entertainment, guided tours of the Australian Light Horse Memorial Park, and the opening of the Vietnam Veterans Commemorative Walk. Enquiries: tourism@mitchellshire.vic.gov.au

TALBOT: In his 2012 President's Report, the president thanked long-serving members of the committee. He has himself served 12 years as president, but he commented that he felt it was time for the members to look to the future and encourage more people to become active participants in the operations and management of the museum.

TERANG: Acquisitions include three splendid photos featuring the "Heel and Toe Shoe Shop" in High Street, Terang, taken circa 1930-1940. One shows the interior of the shoe shop, and two feature the exterior, and include some of the staff. The society celebrated its 40th Anniversary in 2012. Enquiries: historysociety04@hotmail.com.

WANGARATTA: The Society received museum accreditation in 2012. The society was also fortunate to receive a Community Heritage Grant for conservation of the Marianne Gibson quilt which has been registered with the Heritage Council of Victoria: www.wanghistsoc.org.au.

WARRNAMBOOL: *Fields of War: letters home* is the latest book published by the society. It documents letters sent home by WW1 soldiers printed in *The Standard*. The material was collected in a scrapbook, now in the society collection, during WW1 by local girl Jessie Bonnett. The book is \$30. Enquiries: warrnamboolhistoricalsociety@hotmail.com or 5561 0099.

WAVERLEY: The society will introduce more variety into their annual program, and include historical walks, cemetery tours, open days, excursions, and displays, instead of just meetings with speakers. A detailed list will appear in the February edition of *History Here*. Also see the website www.vicnet.net.au/~whsvic.

WHITTLESEA: The October *Newsletter* contains an account of a talk given by Robert Aquilina, a railway historian and former train driver along the Epping line. Robert has spent many years researching and documenting the Whittlesea train line history, and is still campaigning for the restoration of the line at Whittlesea.

WOODEND: Those societies which occupy former court houses might enjoy hearing *The Court House Song* by Kevin Davis. Another song, *Remember Me*, was written in response to the society publication *They Went to War*. These songs and several others feature on a CD *Something Old, Something New*, which costs \$10 or \$15 posted. Contact: PO Box 124, Woodend 3442.

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