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Royal Historical Society of Victoria

NOTICE of 2013 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

All members are advised that the **103rd** Annual General Meeting of the Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc. will be held as follows:

Date: Tuesday 21 May 2013

Time: 5.00pm

Place: 239 A'Beckett Street, Melbourne, 3000

Business:

1. To confirm the minutes of the 102nd Annual General Meeting.
2. To receive the Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2012.
3. To receive and consider the Financial Statement for the year ended 31 December 2012.
4. To appoint the Hon. Auditor for 2013.
5. To elect Office-bearers and Members of Council.
6. To receive expressions of interest for History Victoria Support Group.
7. To elect any member or members who have been nominated for election as Fellows.
8. To announce Awards of Merit recipients.
9. To transact any special business of which notice has been given in accordance with the Rules of the Society.

LECTURE

The AGM will be followed by a lecture presented by Dr Paul Strangio:

An anti-heroic story: the history of political Labor in Victoria

CALL for NOMINATIONS

Six positions are available for election at the AGM. Nominations for Members of the Council and office-bearers of the Association will close on Tuesday 14 May 2013.

Nomination forms are available from the Executive Officer.

CALL for EXPRESSIONS of INTEREST

Affiliated societies are encouraged to provide expressions of interest for membership on the RHSV's History Victoria Support Group. These should be forwarded to Executive Officer by Tuesday 14 May 2013.

Kate Prinsley, Executive Officer

26 March, 2013

HELP BUILD THE FOUNDATION – PRESERVE VICTORIA'S PAST FOR THE FUTURE

The Royal Historical Society of Victoria has worked for over 100 years to preserve Victoria's history. We are the keeper of the most significant collection of Victorian history in non government hands and provide services to 320 affiliated historical societies.

Periods of support for history have varied and we have had to struggle to collect and preserve the stories, documents and images of our past. And yet we have always maintained a great passion.

Your contribution to this mighty project is always appreciated.

Here are two practical ways you can help.

1. Support Victoria's History at TAX TIME!!!

Donations to the Royal Historical Society of Victoria Foundation are fully tax deductible. If you make a donation before you do your tax return, it will help preserve Victoria's history and give you the best value possible for your donation.

2. Support Victoria's History WHEN YOU REVISE YOUR WILL!!

When we revise our wills, we want to show our love and support for our children and grandchildren, and we also want to support the causes and organisations we believe in.

Please consider including in your Will, when you next revise it, a bequest to the Royal Historical Society of Victoria Foundation. It is through such bequests that a firm foundation can be built for preserving Victoria's history into the future. We are building this bedrock through the Royal Historical Society of Victoria Foundation, and we need your help!

Prof Bill Russell, Chair,

Royal Historical Society of Victoria Foundation.



RHSV 20th ANNUAL BOOKSALE

We want your old books

Books are now being received for our 20th Annual Book sale to be held on
SUNDAY 15 SEPTEMBER

Books on any topic are welcome.

We will come and collect your books within a reasonable distance from CBD, alternatively you can drop them off at the RHSV – there is a 10 minute parking bay at the front of the 239 A'Beckett Street.

To arrange a pick up:
Please phone 9326 9288

Success Stories: President's Note

The work of our predecessors at the RHSV laid the way for the creation of literally dozens of organisations that in different ways now have a care for Victoria's heritage. Our role is still unique as an independent, non-government, statewide organisation encouraging the practice of history. We do history. We are a bridge between academic and non-academic historians, between history teachers and history students, between professionals, informed amateurs and local specialists. You, our members, each have your particular areas of interest and expertise. We and the whole Victorian community collectively reap the benefit.

The RHSV has 320 affiliated local, regional and special interest historical societies. We keep in touch through the History Victoria Support Group, convened by our co Vice President, Lenore Frost. HVSG encourages communication through our website and social media, through History News and through regional seminars. Euroa Historical Society last month hosted our most recent HVSG event and drew a packed house.

In 2009 the Society launched the RHSV Foundation with a view to securing our future. Thanks to your generosity we now have nearly quarter of a million dollars in the funds, but we all know what a small way that goes towards securing a future these days. We continue to ask you to make tax deductible donations to the Foundation to build this total. We make great use of grants and support we receive from the Victorian Government and the Federal Government and we take pride in our self-sufficiency. This self-sufficiency is possible only because of the enthusiastic participation of our Volunteers. It's the same with local historical societies around Victoria.

Our occupation of half of the heritage-listed Drill Hall at 239 A'Beckett Street, Melbourne since 2000 has been of mutual benefit to the community and to the RHSV. It is not perfect and it needs upgrading, but it has given an appropriate heritage use and protection to a heritage building in a key tourist precinct. We are now actively promoting a potential partnership with the city-based Genealogical Society of Victoria to develop joint occupancy of a suitable central building and to share better our

amazing research resources. The Drill Hall, suitably upgraded, could be the ideal solution but we are certainly open to other options and are pursuing these ideas with the government and with the Melbourne City Council.

Meanwhile in reviewing the RHSV program as part of our preparation for Arts Victoria Established Organisations Funding Program we have been reflecting on the ongoing achievements of the RHSV. For example, our joint management with the Public Record Office Victoria of the annual Victorian Community History Awards has undoubtedly raised the status of these important awards and lifted the standard of history publication and presentation throughout the State. History Week, an initiative of the RHSV supported by the Vera Moore Foundation, has been another success.

The *Victorian Historical Journal*, our flagship publication, is the jewel in our crown as the only publication devoted entirely to all aspects of the history of Victoria – refereed, peer-reviewed, readable and accessible. I'm delighted to welcome Prof. Richard Broome as the new chairman of the publications committee, and Marilyn Bowler as the new editor of the VHJ. Marilyn is a professional editor, has taught editing and has an MA degree in history from La Trobe University. We are most grateful to council member Adjunct Prof. Judith Smart for acting as editor for the forthcoming special issue on the history of Victoria's media, sponsored by the Edward Wilson Trust. The Journal will include a selection of papers delivered at our conference last November celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of publication of Weston Bate's influential *A History of Brighton*.

Soon it will be time for subscription renewal: notices will be distributed when the Journal is published in June. I urge you as RHSV members not just to continue your support but to encourage others to join, to attend our events, and to donate to our funds where you can. Give a birthday gift membership of the RHSV to family or friends.

Andrew Lemon
President

CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION 27 APRIL

Sailors, Ships, and Imperial Defence: The early Australian Naval Forces to 1922

Accompanying the current exhibition at the RHSV – *Fear God and Honour the King: HMAS Melbourne 1913-1928* – which will open especially on only one Saturday, April 27, will be a **fully catered one day conference** sponsored by BAE Systems and the Sea Power Centre – Australia, called ***Sailors, Ships, and Imperial Defence: The early Australian Naval Forces to 1922***. The keynote speaker will be Dr David Stevens, Strategic Director at the SPC – A and official historian of a new history of the RAN.

The conference at RHSV will open for registration from 8.30 am and finish at 4.30 pm. An outstanding speaker list of historians will discuss the origin and formation of the early Australian Navy in peace and war, including navy aviation, submarines, life below decks (by Dr Kathryn Spurling), World War One operations including the Battle of Bitia Paka, and other aspects of the Navy leading up to the Washington Treaty of 1922. In addition conference delegates will be able to obtain a discount copy of the new history of *The Forgotten Cruiser: HMAS Melbourne 1913-1928*, and have their copy signed by the authors who will both be speaking at the Conference.

BOOKINGS

Bookings are essential (no walk-ins) and seats are limited.

Registration and the full programme can be found on www.mhvh.org.au. Entry for concession card holders is only \$40, RHSV members \$50. General entry \$75.

Lunch will be served in the RHSV library allowing good time to view the adjacent Exhibition about HMAS Melbourne.

For more information call
0408 342 795.

Chicken & champagne lunch

Tuesday April 23

Come and join Andrew Kilsby, curator of *Fear God and Honour the King* for a chicken & champagne lunch and final viewing of this magnificent exhibition.

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EXHIBITION 11 JUNE

Right Royal

The Society's next exhibition will be launched on Tuesday June 11. Members will receive a personal invitation closer to the date.

The exhibition will examine the love affair with British Royalty that dominated Victoria's society from its foundation until the middle of the twentieth century – a tradition that still continues to exert an influence on its geographic, social and cultural landscape.

As talk of a republic resurfaces in public debates, it remains important to recognize the influence of the British monarchy on the construction of our cultural framework. While it may be difficult to understand today, for generations of previous Victorians, the empire and monarchy held profound significance. We are still surrounded by this cultural phenomenon.

The exhibition, based on the collection of the RHSV, will provide an insight to the impact of royalty on the society and culture of Victoria, and our identity.

FLOORTALK

The exhibition's curator Jill (Suzanne) Evans will lead floor talks of the exhibition presenting her personal approach to various features of the exhibition. The dates set aside for these talks are 25 June, 23 July, 6 August and 20 August. The talks will start at 11am and last for about 45 minutes.

Bookings are preferred; contact
Gerardine – 9326 9288.



Call for Nominations

The Federation of Australian Historical Societies is calling for nominations for Fellowship and Merit Awards.

Further information: www.history.org.au

Through a lens

A double-page spread in Melbourne's *Herald-Sun* proclaimed in a banner headline: "Blast from our Past Revealed" (Saturday, 26 January 2013). The article referred to the most recent stage of the United Kingdom's National Archives' project *Through a lens* – an online photographic presentation. The photographs exhibited are part of the Colonial Office collection that the National Archive has been releasing online through Flickr since 2011: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/nationalarchives/>. (In September 2012, it released its Asia collection.

Taken from 45 albums, this tranche is of 2,500 images of Australasia from the 1860s to 1960s. However, only 104 depict Victoria. Despite press releases stating that the recently released images have not been easily available, in the case of these particular Victorian images, this is not entirely accurate.

Just over 80 of the panoramic photographs of Victoria and Melbourne presented by the Archive are from two versions of *Souvenir of Victoria - 42 splendid views of City and Country*. The RHSV's Images Collection holds three undated versions of this generic title (which we date between 1910 and 1924). Each, while appearing the same superficially, is different from the other, in that they contain the same and different images in differing orders, with some taken at different times! Of the two versions exhibited on the National Archives

website, one is the same as that which the RHSV holds (RHSV Collection: BL-003, where the images are credited to Sears and C. E. Harvey of the Victorian Railways). The other *Souvenir* on the Archives' website promotes Victoria as 'the pioneer of irrigation State of the Commonwealth' on its cover and contains a selection of images that are also featured in the other versions. (The SLV also holds copies of this title.)

Also online via the National Archives website are 24 exterior and interior photographs of Government House, Melbourne, obviously scanned from a commemorative or presentation book. Although not acknowledged by the National Archives, these images were taken by Lyle Fowler (1891-1969) of the Commercial Photographic Company, probably in the mid-1930s. The State Library of Victoria holds over 5000 images credited to Fowler. The photographs of Government House are held in its Harold Paynting Collection. Paynting acquired Fowler's negatives, some of them being used in a number of his publications designed to raise funds for charitable causes. The RHSV was closely involved in one of these, *Victoria Illustrated 1834-1984* (1984), where four of the images of Government House can be found on pages 463 and 464.

Further information on images held at the RHSV can be found in our catalogue or by emailing images@historyvictoria.org.au



View looking north-east across the intersection of Elizabeth and Collins Streets, Melbourne; showing buildings from the Elizabeth Street GPO to Melbourne Town Hall (note the water fountain in the centre of the image), *Souvenir of Victoria*, c. 1910 (RHSV Collection: BL122-0004)

Australian Heritage Week

13 APRIL – 21 APRIL

An annual national celebration of Australia's unique heritage. It is an opportunity for all Australians to join together to celebrate our shared and special heritage.

All communities are encouraged to get involved with planning and hosting a range of exciting activities during Australian Heritage Week that showcase your unique local heritage to the rest of the country.

Visit heritage.gov.au

Insurance rates remain the same

All Historical Societies should have received the form to renew their membership and insurance by now. Please return the declaration form and payment by the end of April to ensure continuity of cover.

To keep you up to date here are some explanations about the insurance.

The RHSV offers bulk insurance through an insurance broker. The purpose of arranging insurances on a bulk purchasing basis is to make it affordable for all societies that participate. As a result of this we do not include flood cover. If we were to include this peril it would benefit a few but increase the premium for all. Similarly, the age limits have been limited to 90 years of age for those volunteers covered under voluntary workers personal accident.

The RHSV has spent considerable time during the last 6 months inquiring and obtaining quotes from different brokers to ensure that we are obtaining the best and most reasonable insurance. The result has been that we are still using the same broking company as in the past. They have very competitive charges and are efficient.

As a result, we have been able to keep the rates the same as last year except for:

1. Item 2. Property Owners Liability. This has changed from \$75.00 to \$121.00.
2. The excess for both assets and burglary is now \$1000.

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or phone on 9326 9288 if you have any queries.

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Get involved with The Office Of Geographic Place Names

The Office of Geographic Names manages (OGN) VICNAMES – is the state's official Register of Geographic Names. The register currently includes historical information about Victorian place names, but the OGN is keen to increase and improve that information.

Anyone can add historical information and provide future generations with information about why and how a name may have been chosen for any Victorian place.

By looking online you can learn more about your favourite place, be it a stadium, local park, waterfall, national park, camping ground, forest, river or lake.

VICNAMES contains more than 200,000 place names including cities, towns, suburbs, landscape features, recreational reserves, railway stations, schools, hospitals, national parks and forests. It is free to search a place name and create new historical entries or add historical information to an existing place name's entry.

OGN is offering a number of training sessions and will run through how to add historical information to the register, please contact OGN for more information.

For help with using the VICNAMES database you can check the user notes online or email the OGN on geo.names@dse.vic.gov.au.

Lectures online

Podcasts of various lectures from the November 2012 conference can be found at:

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

Ash Wednesday 30 Call for Stories

To commemorate the 30th Anniversary of the Ash Wednesday Bushfires, the Victorian Government is inviting people to share their stories on a dedicated website.

Please visit
www.ashwednesday30.vic.gov.au



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Prahran Mechanics' Institute History Library – Short History Prize

Prize: \$1,000

Being \$500 for the author(s) and \$500 for the associated historical group.

In line with the PMI objective to encourage and facilitate historical research, Prahran Mechanics' Institute invite you to participate in our 2013 Short History Prize.

Topic: A historical essay, article or work on a place or aspect of a place in Victoria or a person associated with a place in Victoria, written by a member or members of a Victorian historical society or similar organisation.

Entries up to 15,000 words in length, non-fiction, completed within the past 5 years and previously unpublished (or published only in the historical group's newsletter).

Closing date: 4pm, Friday 30 August 2013

A panel from the Professional Historians Association will judge the prize.

For further information and an entry form

http://www.pmi.net.au/linked_docs/Prize.pdf

For enquiries about the Short History Prize contact

Tim McKenna

Tel. (03) 9510 3393

Email library@pmi.net.au

www.pmi.net.au

Want to get involved? Be a participating writer

Give your book maximum exposure by launching at Melbourne Writers Festival (MWF). MWF is currently accepting submissions for publications seeking to launch during MWF 2013. For more information and to download the application form, head to Melbourne Writers Festival Website:

Applications close Monday 22 April 2013.

National Trust Heritage Festival

18 April – 19 May

This year's Heritage Festival is the National Trust's most entertaining and fascinating yet with over 180 events from St Arnaud to Chiltern, Yea to Corinella.

See website for details

www.nationaltrust.org.au/vic/HeritageFestival2013

BOOKS RECEIVED:

We note below relevant items sent to the Society. Interested groups or authors are invited to contribute to this valuable service to members in *History News* and through possible deposit in the library. Some items may later be reviewed in the *Victorian Historical Journal*.

[Katherine Kirkland], *Life in the Bush by a Lady*, Red Rooster Press, 38 Canning Street, North Melbourne, 3051, pp. 56

First published in Edinburgh in 1845, Hugh Anderson reproduced it earlier in his *Flowers of the Field, a History of Ripon Shire* (1969). This new booklet adds illustrations to the original and notes. Kirkland's is an important early Victorian settlement account that is a welcome republication.

Geulah Solomon, *My Life, My History, My Legacy, A Jewish-Australian Journey*, Makor Jewish Community Library, 304 Hawthorn Rd., Caulfield South, 3162, 2012, pp. ix + 248

Geulah Solomon (née Loven) was born in 1929 and died in 2010. This record of her life story lovingly recalls the lives of her parents and grandparents and writes about her children and grandchildren. It chronicles her long involvement with academic study and teaching and her commitment to Jewish organizations especially those concerned with women's affairs. A tireless and capable advocate for a better world, this autobiography is a commentary on the life of a woman with drive and spirit, and an intense love of family and commitment to issues of social justice internationally and locally.

Linda Barraclough (ed.), *Maffra Milk Trucks and Tankers, Photographs from the Collection of Maffra and District Historical Society*, Maffra and District Historical Society, PO Box 321, Maffra, 3860, 2012, pp. 68

The title indicates the content – a series of excellent photos that trace transport changes in the dairying industry from its beginnings in the early 20th century to the present. It is not just about the vehicles but it is a window into a key industry of the Maffra area.

Telling the Gippsland Story, The Buildings and Objects at Old Gippstown, Cataloguing and Collections Management Team, Old Gippstown, PO Box 337, Moe, 3825, 2012, pp. 50

Founded in 1968, Old Gippstown at Moe aims to present Gippsland history through a display of relocated buildings and new buildings each housing materials from their eras. An excellent guide to Gippstown with informative photos, map, and text. There is much of interest

including photos and artefacts from the collection of legendary Yallourn medico, Dr Andrew.

Kevin O'Reilly, *Flyers of Time, Pioneer Aviation in Country Victoria, The First Fifty Years, A Collection*, Kevin O'Reilly, 12 Kimber Court, Dingley Village, 3172, 2012, pp. 407

An extraordinary gathering of evidence about aviation in rural Victoria from 1910 to 1960 drawn from newspapers and photographs from diverse collections. In addition to general index, there is a comprehensive index of landing grounds of all descriptions, of aeroplanes by registration numbers, and of names of people involved. All the items are carefully sourced. The book has a slight bias towards Nhill, the author's hometown and site of the RAAF base during World War 2, as well as the focus of his earlier book. The book not only serves the interests of aviation historians but it also promotes understandings of the perils of early flight and the vital role played by aviation in connecting parts of Australia.

Fred Cahir, *Aboriginal People on the Goldfields of Victoria, 1850-1870*, ANU E Press and Aboriginal History Inc., Aboriginal History Monograph 25, pp. viii+ 152, \$24-95, also available as free download at <http://epress.anu.edu.au/>

This book breaks new ground in literature about the goldfields. It covers a multiplicity of ways in which Aboriginal people participated in gold mining and interacted with non-Aboriginal people; it shows Aboriginal people as being significant in the search for gold; and it shows the impact of gold mining on Aboriginal communities. Far from being simply swept away, the impact on Aboriginal communities was complex. Fred Cahir adds much to our understandings of goldfields society as well as meticulously recreating an important place for Aboriginal people in a setting in which they have been rarely mentioned. This is an important book.

Patrick Morgan, *Melbourne Before Mannix, Catholics in Public Life 1880-1920*, Connor Court Publishing, PO Box 1, Ballan 3342, 2012, pp. vi + 234, \$29-95.

Morgan argues that Mannix 'was the inheritor, not the initiator, of the vibrant Catholic culture' that has been seen to flower in his long tenure as archbishop. The growth of the culture in the time of Mannix's predecessor, Archbishop Carr, has largely been ignored in a literature that gives enormous prominence to Mannix and some attention to Goold. The author identifies a number of Catholic movers

and shakers in Melbourne from the late 19th century onwards, some clerics but mostly lay people who were influential in the establishment of many Catholic institutions in the period before Mannix. He has clearly substantiated their part in Catholic life in a period of great change in Irish affairs as well as sectarianism at home. A considerable contribution to our understandings of Catholicism in Victorian society.

Isaac Hebb, *A Further History of Colac, 1830s to 1930s*, Colac and District Historical Society, PO Box 154, Colac, 2012, pp. xviii + 216

Isaac Hebb was a Colac bootmaker who collected material about his district from the 1870s onwards. The *Colac Herald* published his history of Colac in its paper in the late 1880s. This was republished as a book by the Colac and District Historical Society in 1970. His *Further History* was never published (he died in 1939). It represents his continued collection of Colac history and contains partly re-written sections of his earlier work as well as later material up until the 1930s. Colac is lucky to have had Hebb as a meticulous researcher and its historical society which has provided yet another valuable volume of local history. It is illustrated from slides in Hebb's collection, has a comprehensive index and much community input, perhaps headed by Dawn Peel who wrote the foreword.

Deborah Towns, *To Dream, Dare & Achieve: The History of the BPW Victorian Women's Window*, Business & Professional Women's Co-operative, Melbourne, 2012, pp. 88

The window was installed in St James Old Cathedral in 1988 commemorating 'women's past and future work in the Victorian community'. This well-researched booklet discusses the window and Derek Pearce, its creator; the history of BPW Victoria; St James Cathedral; and the involvement of key women in BPW and their feminist links. An interesting vignette.

MF James (compiler), *Hamlets in the Strzelecki Ranges, From the Pen of 'Correspondent', Balook, Blackwarry, Bulga & Bulga Lower, Kjergaard*, Yarram & District Historical Society, 2012, pp. 64

The items are taken from the *Gippsland Standard* and provide information about lives in a series of hamlets close to the Grand Ridge Road. Weddings, deaths, rabbits, World War 1 events, accidents on the roads and in timber cutting, sports including wood chopping, fires, concerts, dairy farming and seasonal conditions are frequent topics. Illustrated with photos from the historical society's collection.

Pictorial Hanging Rock, A Journey Through Time, Gisborne and Mount Macedon Districts Historical Society, PO Box 113, Mount Macedon, 3441, 2012, pp. 100

A beautifully produced book with fine reproductions of images of the Rock since the 1860s with brief text detailing its significance to a clan of the Wurundjeri people and to European settlers. The images, many of them the work of professional artists and photographers, show the users of this memorable physical setting: picnics, race meetings, concerts, as well as the making of the film based on Joan Lindsay's book. They also present the sheer physical presence of the Rock that partly explains its popularity over time.

Margaret Williamson (compiler), **Portrait of Pyramid Hill, 1890-1909, From the Pyramid Hill Advertiser**, Pyramid Hill & District Historical Society, PO Box 83, Pyramid Hill, 3575, 2011, pp. 96

Local historians depend on local newspapers. The years covered by this booklet are those after the railway arrived in Pyramid Hill in 1884. This was not only a catalyst for further settlement but also for adjustment to the infrastructure that had grown up with closer settlement

from c 1870. The items presented chronologically give some idea of these changes and those who were involved at the local level.

Bernard Bolch (ed.), Wm. Broadbent, **Easter at Walhalla 1912**, Walhalla Heritage and Development League, 2012, pp. 42

William Broadbent was a supplier of herbal remedies at Melbourne's Eastern Market and a supporter of George Brown, the British Christian Socialist and evangelist dealt with by Guy Featherstone in his 2006 article in the *VHJ*. This booklet reproduces Broadbent's diary account of his visit with his friend Gladish to Walhalla in Easter 1912, not long after the arrival of the railway in 1910 and just before the closure of the Long Tunnel Mine and the decline of the town. He gives fulsome descriptions of the trip as well as giving many insights to his character. Illustrated with photos mostly from the Walhalla Heritage collection.

Diana L. Stemp, **Captain Champlin's Precious Cargo, A Stemp Family Journey**, Diana L Stemp, 2012, pp. vi + 156

This is both the story of Diana Stemp's family origins and branches as well as a personal account of familiar experiences in genealogy.

Strong in identifying and reproducing documents and in making many family trees.

Olwen Ford, **Harvester City, The Making of Multicultural Sunshine 1939-1975**, Sunshine & District Historical Society, PO Box 720, Sunshine, 3020, 2012, pp. 592

This very large book is an excellent community history based on exhaustive research. It is very well written, using many images, drawing on community oral sources and telling important stories about the waves of post-war immigration,

the development of a massive industrial base, and the development of distinctive parts of suburban Melbourne. It illustrates the impact of the wider world on the suburb as well as showing its importance in national development as a microcosm of multicultural Australia and manufacturing in the difficult post-war period. Problems arising from limited infrastructure had to be overcome as in all parts of an expanding Melbourne in this period. It is a splendid sequel to the author's *Harvester Town* (reprinted 2011) and testimony to the society that published both books. It deserves to be widely read not only by Sunshine residents, but also by anyone with an interest in post-war Melbourne, immigration policies and practice and Australian manufacturing.

Jennifer Acopian, **Amy Stella Dolphin, Her Life and Heritage**, Jennifer Acopian, 71 Sydney Parade, Geelong, 3220, 2nd edition 2012, pp. vi + 436, \$25 + postage

Amy Dolphin was the author's maternal grandmother and the book tracks down both her own direct family but also the extended families of her grandmother on both maternal and paternal sides. The result is a substantial collection of material about families that were particularly significant in the central goldfields area but also in Geelong and northeast Victoria. The book is impeccably documented, clearly written, well-illustrated, and solidly indexed. It is based on a wide range of material gathered from newspapers, government records, and cemetery records as well as from local historical societies. The lives outlined are clearly placed in the contexts of both place and time. Those contemplating writing up a family history might well use this as a model. Those connected to the families will find it most instructive.

Sylvia Black et al., **Changing Places, 100 Years of Domestic Architecture in Jolimont and East Melbourne**, East Melbourne Historical Society, 122 George Street, East Melbourne, 3002, 2012, pp. 94

This attractive booklet describes itself as 'a short ramble' through what is its sub-title. It presents 'typical houses or apartment blocks' for each decade from the 1850s. There is a photograph and explanatory text about each. The result is glossy, well-researched and interesting, very suitable for a 'ramble' in East Melbourne, instructive about the architecture, and adding other dimensions to the heritage material collected on the area from Maie Casey and John O'Brien onwards.

History in the National Curriculum

The History Teaching Association of Victoria (HTAV) was invited to contribute an article on history in the new national curriculum. Ingrid Purnell, HTAV's Manager, Publishing and Australian Curriculum Projects writes:

Background

As many RHSV members will be aware, Phase 1 of the national curriculum, now referred to as the Australian Curriculum, involves four subjects: English, Mathematics, Science and History. These subjects have been deemed to be 'core,' that is, that they include important content and skills that all Australian students are expected – and entitled – to learn. Curriculum documents for other subjects are in consultation.

In regard to History, new curriculum covering the years from Foundation (Kindergarten) to Year 12 has been written by the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) and approved by states and territories. Most jurisdictions are in the process of rolling out the new courses to Year 10, with senior years to follow. The guiding document in Victoria is 'AusVELS' which includes Australian Curriculum: History in the context of the Victorian Essential Learning Standards.

General Capabilities (including literacy and numeracy) and Cross-curriculum Priorities (including engagement with Asia) are expected to be addressed by all subject areas.

The new History to Year 10

In the Primary years, History study begins with the child's own family and community and gradually broadens out to cover much of Australian history to the present day, with a strong focus on Aboriginal history.

In Year 7-10, the Australian Curriculum in History (ACH) adopts a chronological approach from 60,000 BCE to the present day, with each year combining an Overview of the given period and a number of Depth Studies (the latter containing a number of options to cater to student interest).

There is genuine enthusiasm for the 7-10 History curriculum among Victorian teachers. Most believe the curriculum provides an effective survey of significant national and international developments, is well underpinned by skills, and offers enough flexibility to allow teachers to run with topics of interest to them and their students.

Judging from queries and feedback received by the History Teachers' Association of Victoria, common issues facing 7-10 teachers at present are:

- Getting sufficient allocations for History in the timetable, particularly at schools that have not offered it as a separate subject in the past
- Finding time to cover the large timespans and ideas in a crowded curriculum
- The difficulty of teaching Primary curriculum based on year levels in the context of composite classes
- Incorporating the General Capabilities and Cross-curriculum Priorities
- Confusion over different signals coming from state and federal bodies
- Unfamiliarity with new topics (e.g. ancient India, the Enlightenment, decolonisation in the Pacific) and a scarcity of resources on the same.

In addition, some teachers in government schools feel they are insufficiently prepared for ACH because it has been the subject of ongoing union work bans.

There is an emerging consensus that covering all of the stated content will not allow students time to develop important skills – thus, teachers are finding creative solutions such as finding activities that cover several things at once and reducing the number of depth studies.

Implications for senior History

Australian Curriculum has been more contentious at Year 11-12 than at 7-10. This is partly because of the high-stakes nature of senior study and the incompatible assessment regimes around the country, but it is also due to serious concerns over the coherence and quality of ACARA's senior courses. While education ministers have signed off on Ancient History and Modern History, it remains to be seen to what extent they will implement them.

In Victoria, Education Minister Martin Dixon has suggested that he will consider the new courses only insofar as they complement or improve current offerings in Victoria, saying he will continue to demand that the state's 'high standards' are met. The review of VCE History study designs, commencing this year, will include an examination of whether Ancient History

or Modern History, or aspects of either, will be adopted here.

Key questions being raised by teachers of VCE History are:

- How can we retain the depth and coherence of current subjects?
- If we lose the popular Revolutions course, will students opt out of History?
- How can we ensure that Australian history is still taught in depth?
- Will Renaissance Italy survive the review?
- Is there an appetite for senior Ancient History here?
- Can aspects of ACARA's Modern History be incorporated into current courses?
- How will ACH at Year 7-10 affect the senior years?

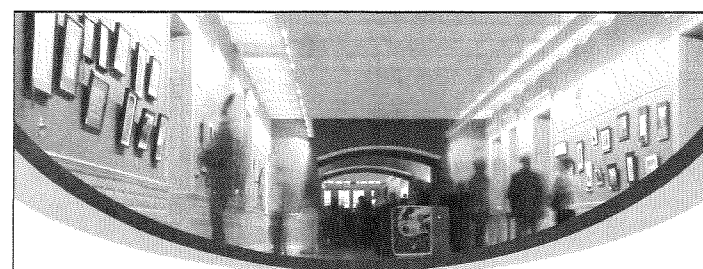
Answers to many of these questions will emerge as the VCE review is completed in 2013-14.

Conclusion

In addition to the many other reforms and challenges underway in education – such as school funding, national testing, teacher-quality benchmarks, pay rates, the NBN, digital learning – teachers are grappling with a new national curriculum. In History, one of the four priority subjects for national study, the new curriculum has been greeted enthusiastically up to Year 10 and with some trepidation at senior level.

Although a lot has already been achieved in this regard, teachers will continue to need a good deal of professional development and published resources to equip them to teach the new topics with flair and confidence, as well as support from school curriculum leaders and timetablers to ensure that History is taught meaningfully and enjoyably around the country.

Ingrid Purnell
Manager, Publishing and Australian Curriculum Projects, HTAV



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Holsworth Local Heritage Trust

The purpose of the **Holsworth Local Heritage Trust**, a charitable fund within the **Victorian Community Foundation**, is to invite applications for grants from **not-for-profit organisations** such as historical societies, clubs, schools and museums in regional and rural Victoria.

The Trust is interested in supporting enthusiastic community groups and organisations with a true interest in heritage preservation and appreciation, and the enhancement of community life.

About the grant

Grants of up to \$2,000 are available for the publication of any specific or general local history or natural history in rural and regional Victoria. The Grant is intended for small organisations with an interest in publishing works of historical value, even where the organisation has little or no experience of self publishing work. Joint projects encompassing several groups or annual/special edited journals incorporating submitted historical articles from a wide community are encouraged.

Applications

Applicants are required to submit a proposal including details of the intended date of publication. It is expected that considerable research has already been undertaken before applying.

Application deadlines

Applications open on 1 March and close on 31 July each year.

These are considered by the Holsworth Local Heritage Trust Sub-committee. Applicants will usually be advised by mid-September. Grants are paid via the Royal Victorian Historical Society.

Within three months of publication, a completed publication is to be provided to the Royal Historical Society of Victoria as proof of publication. This copy will become part of the collection of Royal Historical Society of Victoria. Applicants are reminded that **Legal Deposit Legislation** requires that a copy of all publications published in Victoria must be lodged with the State Library of Victoria and the National Library of Australia.

COMPLETING YOUR APPLICATION

Read the Guidelines carefully before making a submission, and complete the application form in full.

Application forms can be downloaded from the ANZ website and the RHSV website.

Hard copy application forms can also be requested by phoning: 9326 9288

Museums Australia (Victoria) Exhibition Grants

Museum Australia Victoria's Exhibition Services encourages Victorian collecting organisations to apply for grants relating to exhibition development and production. Grants of up to \$10,000 are available for static or touring exhibitions. Applications are welcomed from all Victorian museums and galleries.

The aim of Exhibition Services is to enhance access, awareness and community engagement of the rich cultural history in Victoria.

Grants for up to \$10,000 are available for organisations to:

- develop a static or touring exhibition concept or plan
- production costs towards a static or touring exhibition

Applications close Monday 15 April 2013.

See the Exhibition Grants website for templates to assist you in completing the application.

<http://www.mavic.asn.au/grants>

Grant applications should be discussed with the grant manager prior to submitting your application.

Georgia Rouette, Manager,
Exhibition Services
Telephone (03) 8341 7342
Regional freecall 1800 680 082
www.mavic.asn.au

Community Heritage Grants

2013 Community Heritage Grants funding round are now open.

The Community Heritage Grants (CHG) program provides grants of up to \$15,000 to community organisations such as libraries, archives, museums, genealogical and historical societies, multicultural and Indigenous groups. The grants are provided to assist with the preservation of locally owned, but nationally significant collections of materials that are publicly accessible including artefacts, letters, diaries, maps, photographs, and audio visual material.

Since 1994, \$4.5 million has been awarded to community organisations throughout Australia.

The types of projects supported include Significance Assessments of collections; Preservation Needs Assessments of collections; conservation activities and collection management; and training workshops.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE 1 MAY
GUIDELINES ARE AVAILABLE AT
nla.vic.gov.au/chg

For further information or to discuss your application
Coordinator Community Heritage grants
National Library of Australia
Canberra ACT 2600
02 62621147
chg@nla.vic.gov.au

Volunteer Grants 2013 call for applications now open

Funding of \$16 million is available under Volunteer Grants 2013

Volunteer Grants 2013 recognises the valuable work of Australia's volunteers. This initiative forms part of the Australian Government's ongoing commitment to organisations whose volunteers assist disadvantaged communities and encourage inclusion of vulnerable people in community life.

Funding of \$16 million is available to support and encourage volunteering. Eligible not-for-profit community organisations can apply for grants between \$1,000 and \$5,000 to:

- Purchase portable, tangible, small equipment items to help their volunteers
- Contribute to the reimbursement of fuel costs for their volunteers who use their own car to transport others to activities, deliver food, assist with medical appointments or help people in need
- Contribute to the reimbursement of transport costs incurred by volunteers with disability who are unable to drive
- Contribute to the cost of training courses and/or undertake background screening checks for their volunteers

Applications close 24 April 2013

Contact Volunteer Grants Hotline: 1800 183 374 or vg2013@fahcsia.gov.au

www.fahcsia.gov.au

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

AVENEL: Avenel people and other locals are invited to contribute stories, their memories and heard histories, facts and photographs on any and all topics for "Avenel in Living Memory: Twentieth Century Local History Project". Contact Lyn and Grace at Avenel Neighbourhood House on Wednesday or Thursday mornings, on 5796 2043.

BACCHUS MARSH : At its AGM in October the Society received a report from the Moorabool Shire Heritage Advisory Committee. Amendment C6 Part 1 has now been gazetted and puts 60 additional properties on the Heritage Overlay. Moorabool Heritage Study Stage 1 is still in draft form. The Society hosted a visit from members of Maryborough Midlands Historical Society.

BALNARRING: The February issue of *Snippets from our collection* features water colour paintings of from a 1930s sketch book by David Robb, a farmer with a property along Merricks Road. The sketch book is still in the hands of the family. The sketches are of the local area, and include Somers.

BOOLARRA: The society will be hosting the Latrobe Combined History Group on Synday 12 May. The meeting will commence at the Museum, Old Boolarra Primary School, at 2.00 pm. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

BOX HILL: Dr Gordon Low, AM will be the guest speaker on Thursday 18 April, on "The Whitehorse Medical Clinic". Meetings are held at the Strabane Chapel Hall, 29 Strabane Ave, Mont Albert North, at 8 pm. Enquiries: 9285 4808. The society celebrates its 50th Anniversary this year.

CAMPERDOWN: In November a group of members visited the historic homestead "Narrapumelap" at Wickliffe to see the restoration work on the house and garden which has been undertaken by the owner, Kevin McIntyre.

CENTRAL HIGHLANDS: The theme of the Annual History Festival 2013 is "We come from many lands". It will be held at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Dawson St south, Ballarat, 10 am - 4 pm, Thursday to Saturday, 17 to 19 October. Entry \$5, children under 12 free.

CHELSEA: A new display was opened in February on "Chelsea Beach" including such aspects as The Bunurongs, Beachwear Fashions, Beach Scene of Today, Pollution, Beach Holiday in 1910, Camping, and so on. The Courthouse Museum is open every Sunday, 1 to 4 pm, or to groups by appointment. Enquiries: 9772 2875.

CHELTENHAM CEMETERIES: The Friends have completed photographing every grave of the Pioneer Cemetery and are now working on the Memorial Park. Members will see a quicker turnaround when submitting research requests as we will no longer need to travel to the Pioneer Cemetery. In time, the photos will be available on our website through a searchable interface. <http://www.focrc.org/>.

COLAC: When Isaac Hebb died in 1939 he left a draft of an unpublished manuscript. Seventy-three years later *A further history of Colac 1830s-1930s* has been published by his descendants and the society, with Dawn Missen and Dr Dawn Peel completing the work. Enquiries: 5232 1624 or email colachistoricalsociety@googlemail.com.

CRESWICK: In 2013 the society will launch an updated historic walk around Creswick; adding four more names to our Honour Roll at a dinner in the Town Hall during Heritage Week; doing the Slaty Creek-Cabbage Tree walk; digitising the last of Creswick's Church records; and printing a new history of Creswick. Enquiries: 5345-1310.

DONCASTER-TEMPLESTOWE: Val Polley from Warrandyte, a former Mayor of the municipality, will speak about Warrandyte and its history on Wednesday 1 May at Schramm's Cottage, Rieschiecks Reserve, Victoria St, Doncaster, at 8 pm. Enquiries: 9439 7577.

DROMANA: The March newsletter contains an account of the Arthur's Seat Chairlift, the proposed replacement of which with gondola and a refreshment room at the top has been in the newspapers of late. The original chairlift was built in 1960, and was closed in 2006 after serious incidents. Enquiries: dromanahs@gmail.com.

EAST GIPPSLAND: The December issue of *Black Sheep* includes a recently rediscovered poem by William Campbell whose parents were pioneers of the area. The poem was originally published in 1951 and consists of reminiscences of his early life.

EAST MELBOURNE: A new book called *Changing places: 100 years of Domestic Architecture in Jolimont and East Melbourne* has been published, available from the East Melbourne Library, or from the society at PO Box 355, East Melbourne, 8005, for \$20 plus \$3 postage.

FOOTSCRAY: The official dedication of the Avenue of Honour Memorial Garden will be just before Anzac Day on a date to be notified. The relocation of the Avenue of Honour plaques has taken a long time, but the results are very good. Enquiries: foothist@bigpond.com.

GEELONG: Mick McGuinness will address the meeting to be held on Wednesday 1 May on the "History of the Geelong Fire Brigade". Meetings are held at St George's Church Hall, Latrobe Terrace, Geelong at 8 pm. Enquiries: 5278 3530.

HORSHAM: The society is still collecting photos and stories of Zumsteins to be included in the book for which a Holsworth Trust grant was received last year. The date for the centenary of the picnic grounds will probably be in April or during Heritage Week. Enquiries: 5382 1569 or email lwbsmith@netconnect.com.au.

HOTHAM: A "Temperance Walk" will be held on Saturday 4 May, past the sites of old de-licensed pubs, many of which closed through the actions of the Temperance movement. Meet outside the North Melbourne Library, Errol St, at about 1.50 pm. Enquiries: info@hothamhistory.org.au.

INVERLOCH: Issue 181 of the newsletter describes the training involved in operating a Rocket Shed, and the process involved in having the building assessed, moved and restored in the Maritime Precinct. The Rocket Shed at Inverloch was opened on Australia Day 2013. The society is also interested in ideas for a permanent home for their collection. Enquiries: 5674 3779.

KNOX: A working bee will be held at "Ambleside", 3 Olivebank Rd, Ferntree Gully, on Saturday 20 April at 10 am, followed by a general meeting at 2 pm with guests Kath and Don Brown who will talk about the Knox U3A and the early days of Knox Little Athletics. Enquiries: 9758 6722.

KOO-WEE-RUP: Newsletter No 344 includes photos of trucks laden with sacks of potatoes to be unloaded at the Koo-Wee-Rup Station. The late Fred Hooper wrote a book called *At King Spud's Court: the story of the Koo-Wee-Rup Potato Festival's first ten years (1972-1982)*, available from the society for \$5.00. Enquiries: 5997 1357.

LAKES ENTRANCE: The Society has received a bequest from life member, Reg Schulz, of an original watercolour of Lakes Entrance painted by Flora Gregson in 1878. The Society also noted the 150th anniversary of the Gabo Island Lighthouse.

LORNE: The "Ivy Baldry Walk" signs have been installed and look very good. An official opening of the track will be arranged. Enquiries: 5243 1249.

MECHANICS' INSTITUTES OF VICTORIA: In November MIV hosted the "Buildings Books and Blackboards" conference in partnership with the Australian and New Zealand History of Education Society and the Library History Forum. The conference was held over five days at RMIT and attracted delegates from around Australia and overseas. The Keynote address and some other papers from the Conference have been reproduced in the MIV newsletter, *Useful Knowledge*.

MIRBOO NORTH: Last November the society had an Open Day to co-incide with the Great Victorian Bike Ride, and entertained a number of visitors and locals. There is an open invitation to visit the rooms on Wednesdays between 11 am and 3 pm, upstairs, Mirboo North Hall. Enquiries: 5668 1598.

MONTROSE: RHSV has been notified that the Montrose Historical Society has ceased operating, owing to the difficulty in filling committee positions. Their assets have been donated to the Lilydale Historical Society. As recently as 2011 the Montrose group had success with a Brickworks Heritage Trail with the support of Yarra Ranges Council.

MORNINGTON: The society has a "Helen Broad History Award" which is offered to a history student at each of the six secondary colleges in the area. The student is chosen by the school, and the award consists of a certificate explaining the role of the society, Helen Broad's interests in history, and a book voucher for \$50.

MORWELL: The February issue of *The Morwell Post* has a number of images from their archives, including St Mary's Church of England, the Masonic Temple, Commercial Road taken in 1927, and a charming picture the Roman Catholic Church with a number of children out the front taken in 1884. Enquiries: 0411 206 405.

NARRE WARREN: At the meeting of Saturday 11 May, at 2 pm, the guest speaker will be Yvonne Izaat from the International Settlers Group. Meetings are held at the Narre Warren Branch Library, Overland Drive, Fountain Gate, in the meeting room. The cost is \$3.00.

NAVAL & MILITARY: *The Three-Headed Dog* encourages Victorians to visit the Museum at HMAS Cerberus, Crib Point, open on weekdays from 9 am to 2 pm. Club visits and bus loads can be catered for. Enquiries: 5931 5697. Look online for a YouTube video called "Museum at HMAS Cerberus".

NEWSTEAD: The website has been updated with a current list of publications for sale <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~newdhs/>. An excursion is planned to the Newstead Cemetery, so keep an eye on the website for details or phone 5476 2006.

NHILL AVIATION HERITAGE CENTRE: The Centre now has a newsletter – the *Board Bulletin*. The first issue reports on the construction of a Museum at the Nhill Aerodrome; restoration of a WW2 Avro Anson; a display of donated WW2 artefacts in rooms and shopfront in Nelson Street; various donations; and their web address: www.nhillaviationheritagecentre.com.au.

PLENTY: The Centenary of Plenty celebrations will be held on the weekend of 12 to 14 April. Keep an eye out for publicity for the events, or email the society at kerlan@ihet.net.au.

ihet.net.au. The February newsletter also mentions a very heartwarming project by the Australian Blacksmith's Association to support fire ravaged communities. <http://www.pozible.com/index.php/archive/index/4997/description/0/0>.

PRAHRAN HISTORICAL: Ralph Staveley, a former policeman and historian, will be the guest speaker on Saturday 18 May on the subject "Victoria Police – History". The meeting will be held at the Grattan Gardens Community Centre, Grattan Street, Prahran, at 2 pm. Enquiries: prahranhistoricalsociety@yahoo.com.au.

RINGWOOD: Mark Grealy will mention "The Importance of Archives" on Tuesday 23 April, and on Tuesday 28 May it will be Don Garden explaining that "History is My Life". Meetings are held at 8 pm in room 4, Federation Estate, Greenwood Ave, Ringwood. Enquiries: 9870-2714 or email terrykane42@optusnet.com.au.

RYE: The society journal *White Cliffs* Jan-Mar 2013 contains a story about, and extracts from the diary of Michael Caine, whose parents settle Rye in the 1840s. The diary includes little drawings. Michael's great grandson has used the journals as the basis of a story called "Michael, Lizzie and Me".

SNAKE VALLEY: The March issue of *District Diggings* contains the story of Carngham Station, first settled in 1839. The first homestead was burnt down in 1918, and the building which replaced it was burnt down in January 1913. Enquiries: 5344 9281.

ST JOHN AMBULANCE: A facsimile of the original Papal Bull founding the Order of St John in 1113AD, has been obtained to display at the St John Museum, The Esplanade, Williamstown Beach, which is open, free of charge, on Thursdays and Sundays. Enquiries: 0419 77 00 66.

STRATFORD: "We Saw the Queen" will be on display at the Museum, Hobson St, Stratford, May to June 2013. The Museum is open Tuesdays 10 am to 3 pm, and from 2 pm to 4 pm on the 4th Sunday of the month. See for other times <http://stratfordhs.blogspot.com/>. Group bookings by arrangement on 03 5145 6836.

SUNSHINE: Sunshine and District Historical Society has published *Harvester City: the making of multicultural Sunshine 1939-1975* by Olwen Ford. It is available from the Society and selected bookshops for \$45.00.

WALHALLA: In conjunction with the Sale Cemetery, the League has commissioned a memorial plaque for the unmarked grave of William McGregor who died in Sale in January 1900. He one of the three prospectors who first found gold at Walhalla in December 1862. The League's website has a further installment of the saga of Henry Hadden, the town's first resident doctor.

WARRANTDYTE: A tour will be held of the Anderson's Creek Cemetery on Saturday 18 May from 1.30-3.00 pm. Ring 9844 4176 or email whs.secretary@hotmail.net.au to express interest in participating – numbers are limited. Also ask for details of the Buried Treasure exhibition during Heritage Week, 14 to 19 May.

WESTERN VICTORIA: The 50th Anniversary of the WVAHS will be held at Maryborough on Saturday 27 April. The program includes a dinner at the Highland Society costing \$30, with drinks available at the bar; and a bus tour on Sunday. For further details phone 5461 2800 or 0419 356 249.

WOADY YALOOK: Dr Pauric Travers of Dublin will be the guest speaker on Wednesday 15 May at 7.30 pm. He will talk on the biography he is writing on Arthur Lynch (1861-1934), the son of John and Isabella Lynch of Smythesdale. Enquiries: 5342 8754 or email wyhs@vic.chariot.net.au.

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What's On at RHSV

April – May 2013

TUESDAY 16 APRIL

TREENET

Speaker: Darren Peacock

Time: 5.15 refreshments Lecture 5.45

Cost: Members Free, Non Members \$10

Avenues of Honour research project: An invitation to become involved in an innovative pilot project

The arboreal Avenue of Honour has been an enduring and highly popular form of public commemoration of military service in Australia. More than any other nation, Australians have chosen to recognise service and sacrifice through community plantings of memorial Avenues of Honour. The earliest recorded Avenues of Honour were created in response to Australia's participation in the Boer War, but the majority were established during and after World War I and to a lesser extent, World War II.

The Avenues of Honour 1915-2015 project is being managed by *TREENET* a national not-for-profit organisation based in Adelaide. The project was launched in September 2004 as part of the 5th National Street Tree Symposium. It is a national initiative to honour with a tree the memory of every individual who has made the supreme sacrifice on behalf of all Australians, by documenting, preserving and reinstating the original and establishing new Avenues of Honour, by the Centenary of Gallipoli in 2015.

The first stage of the project is capturing information about existing (and lost) Avenues of Honour and the people commemorated by them. *TREENET* has established a database of all known avenues and is now collecting other information to build a comprehensive national record. This database will enable the development of new digital and online access to information about Australia's Avenues of Honour and connect communities and descendants to the full record of their Avenues to help them plan for their futures. The project will be using contemporary technologies such as blogs, wikis and mobile apps to collect and share information within communities and with tourists, school groups and the wider public. Promotion and participation online will help efforts to restore and in some cases re-establish the Avenues as part of the Centenary of ANZAC and to honour the memory of more than 102,000 Australians who died in the service of their country.

Darren Peacock is an innovator in social media and local history. In this presentation Darren will describe Treenet (see page 5 *History News*); how it will work and how local historians and historical societies can become involved

Darren Peacock is the Director of Sociable Technology, an independent strategy consultancy based in Adelaide. Darren works with government, cultural, educational and community organisations to help them plan and implement digital communication strategies. He has twenty years' experience in planning and managing information and communication projects and services. Darren has worked as a curator, manager and consultant for museums in Australia, Europe and North America. He recently completed his doctoral research on digital information and communication technologies and organisational change within cultural heritage institutions. He also holds an Honours degree in Australian history and a graduate diploma in Arts and Cultural Management.

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TUESDAY 21 MAY

AN ANTI-HEROIC STORY: THE HISTORY OF POLITICAL LABOR IN VICTORIA

Speaker: Paul Strangio

Time: 5.45 (Following RHSV AGM)

Cost: \$10.00 non-members. RHSV members free

Where: RHSV

Compared to its fellow state ALP branches, the Victorian Labor Party has been largely neglected by historians. Undoubtedly, a major factor in deterring interest in the party's story was its dismal electoral record. In writing the first major narrative history of political Labor in Victoria, Paul Strangio set out to explain the party's fallow years. A related objective of his study was to understand how persistent failure shaped the party's traditions and cultures. He discovered that exile from government did indeed shape Victorian Labor into a unique and intriguing species among the state Labor parties. In this talk Paul will discuss his account of the history of Victorian Labor, as well as the intriguing provenance of his book.

Author:

Paul Strangio is an Associate Professor in Politics at Monash University. He is a specialist in Victorian and Australian political history and has a particular interest in political parties, political leadership and biography. Paul has authored and edited several books, including *Keeper of the Faith: A Biography of Jim Cairns* (MUP, 2002), *The Victorian Premiers, 1856-2006* (Federation Press, 2006), *Confusion: The Making of the Australian Two-Party System* (MUP, 2009) and *Neither Power Nor Glory: 100 Years of Political Labor in Victoria, 1856-1956* (MUP, 2012). He is also a frequent media commentator on Australian and Victorian politics.

THURSDAY 23 MAY

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RHSV joint Lecture

PORTRAIT OF THE ARTIST AS A YOUNG COLONIST: GEORGE ALEXANDER GILBERT 1815 – 1877

Speaker: Dr Margaret Bowman OAM

Time: 6.30 for 7.15 start

Cost: \$25.00 Refreshments

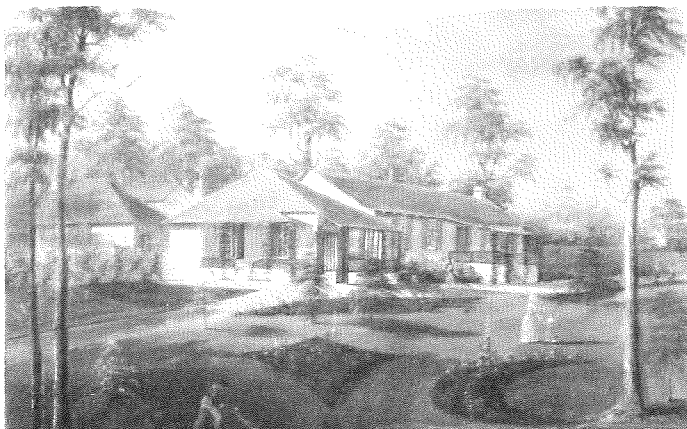
Venue: Royal Historical Society of Victoria

RSVP essential by 14 June

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Dr Bowman will discuss the life and work of George Alexander Gilbert, the topic of her Creative Fellowship at the State Library of Victoria in 2011. She will shed light on an artist familiar to us through his exquisite watercolour of La Trobe's Cottage, but about whom relatively little is known – until now.

Dr Margaret Bowman OAM is a scholar and member of both the RHSV and the La Trobe Society. She was awarded a Creative Fellowship at the State Library of Victoria in 2011.



George Alexander Gilbert, 1815-1877, artist

View of Jolimont, Melbourne, Port Phillip, 1843-44

Pastel

La Trobe Picture Collection, State Library of Victoria, H 5278

THURSDAY TALKS at the Genealogy Society of Victoria

Time: 12.30pm – 1.30pm

Venue: GSV Meeting Room, Level B1
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