

# Annual Report 2021

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The RHSV Manuscript and Rare Book collections hold material from the late 1700s to current day. The material is fragile and not on open display. The basic and standard catalogue records might give us the housekeeping information about author, publisher, place of publication and date or the name of a donor, but the richness of the collection is uncovered when one starts to look at the item as an object with many possible narratives.

Marginalia, embellishments and jottings on books and manuscripts often provide us with a more personal sense of the lives of the original handlers or owners of the material. We decided to highlight some of these in this annual report.

In gathering examples, we also added samples of signatures; draft and edits of formal documents, extraordinary handwriting, extraordinary events, personal descriptions, a few caricatures and artwork.

As handwriting can express the personality of the writer, our examples can inform us about the various human hands that created and shaped them. Signatures in books could tell us about the owner's reading tastes or the best sellers of the day. Marginalia might be the book owner's response to an entry which has been expressed in an outburst of heated language.

We noted in the 2020 Annual report that we are constantly re-evaluating material to identify material or topics that have not been noted previously. This task is continuous as no collection should remain static and, when one cannot browse through the material, the catalogue record should give you as much information as possible. New communities, genders, racial groups and individuals can be made visible, which in turn ensures that the collection remains relevant and continues to inform our views of Victorian history.

All images in this Annual Report are from our Manuscripts and Rare Book collections.

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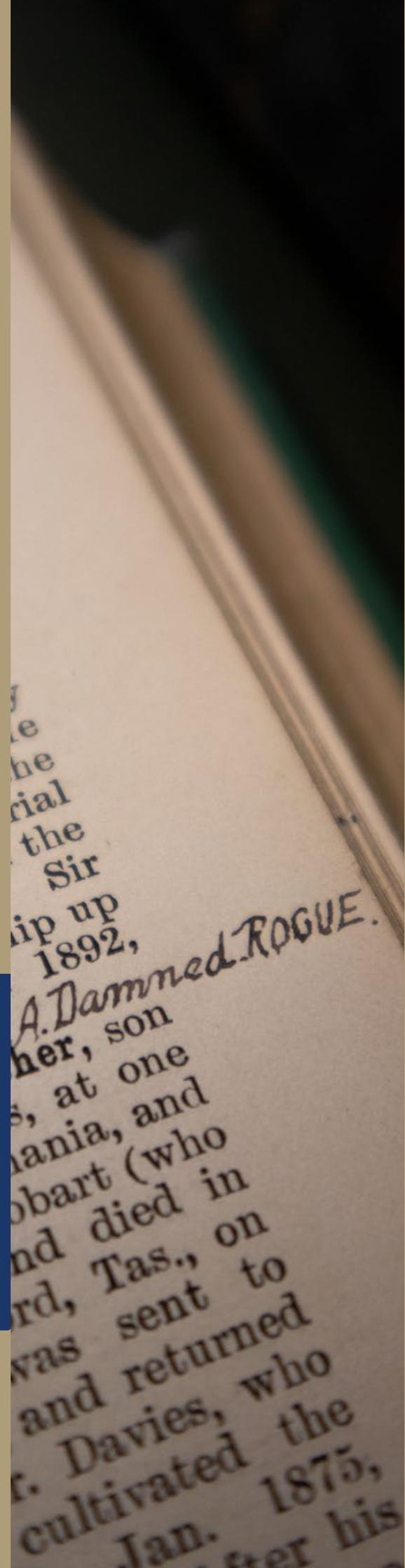
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# President's Annual Report 2021



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Do hereby certify, That Charles

**RHSV Collection marginalia:**

Certificate of an attorney, solicitor, notary Charles Leigh, Stamp Office, Somerset Place. 1834 'Scrapbook re Port Phillip District'

RHSV Collection (MS 000732)

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**The RHSV, which turned 112 in 2021, survived one pandemic in 1919 and has done so again more than a century later. The society’s resilience during COVID has been assisted by our loyal members and supporters, Creative Victoria and some residual Job Keeper funding from the assistance package provided by the federal government.**

Contrary to the world’s hope, and the hopes of all at the RHSV, 2021 was not better than 2020. Indeed, it was worse. The COVID-19 virus continued and eventually mutated into the more deadly Delta variant, causing additional widespread death and heartache. Melbourne, and at times all of the state, remained in a series of lockdowns, which wore down many businesses and tested the patience of most Victorians, Melburnians in particular. Despite the ravages of COVID, society as a whole, including the RHSV, revealed an enormous resilience.

The RHSV is supported by our patron, Her Excellency, the Hon. Linda Dessau AO, Governor of Victoria; the mayor of the City of Melbourne, Sally Capp our civic patron; and former RHSV president Bill Russell, our ambassador. The Hon. Danny Pearson, Minister for Creative industries, and his staff must be thanked for the financial support they continued to give to our society. Rob Heath, our honorary legal adviser, has provided ongoing excellent *pro bono* advice,

for which we are very thankful. We remain in strong reciprocal relationships with over 340 affiliated societies throughout Victoria, and together we kept the community history movement strong in a difficult year.

### **Staffing**

Our executive officer Rosemary Cameron provided wonderful leadership to all societies in Victoria, as well as our own, with her meticulous COVID management plans and her burning desire to push through and keep the RHSV open. Events continued, and the bookshop thrived under her leadership. Throughout lockdowns our staff maintained their enthusiasm and magnificent work.

Our collections manager, Jillian Hiscock, took advantage of circumstances to increase the cataloguing of the collection in more nuanced ways and maintain its presence on Trove. Jillian also found joy in discovering new treasures in our collection once she was able to re-enter the Drill Hall. She was joined by a new staff member, Helen Stütt, employed three days per week to manage the images collection. This was made possible by a Council decision to use some of our Foundation investment income to boost our collections workforce. Helen quickly became a valued member of our staff, bursting with ideas.

Our part-time marketing officer, Jessica Scott, performed remarkably

well during COVID, despite her own pressures of home-schooling. Jessica maintained our profile on the web and Facebook, which kept people attending our events and perusing our bookshop offerings. Jessica finished with us on 15 December to enter tertiary studies in textile design, and we wish her well in this new endeavour.

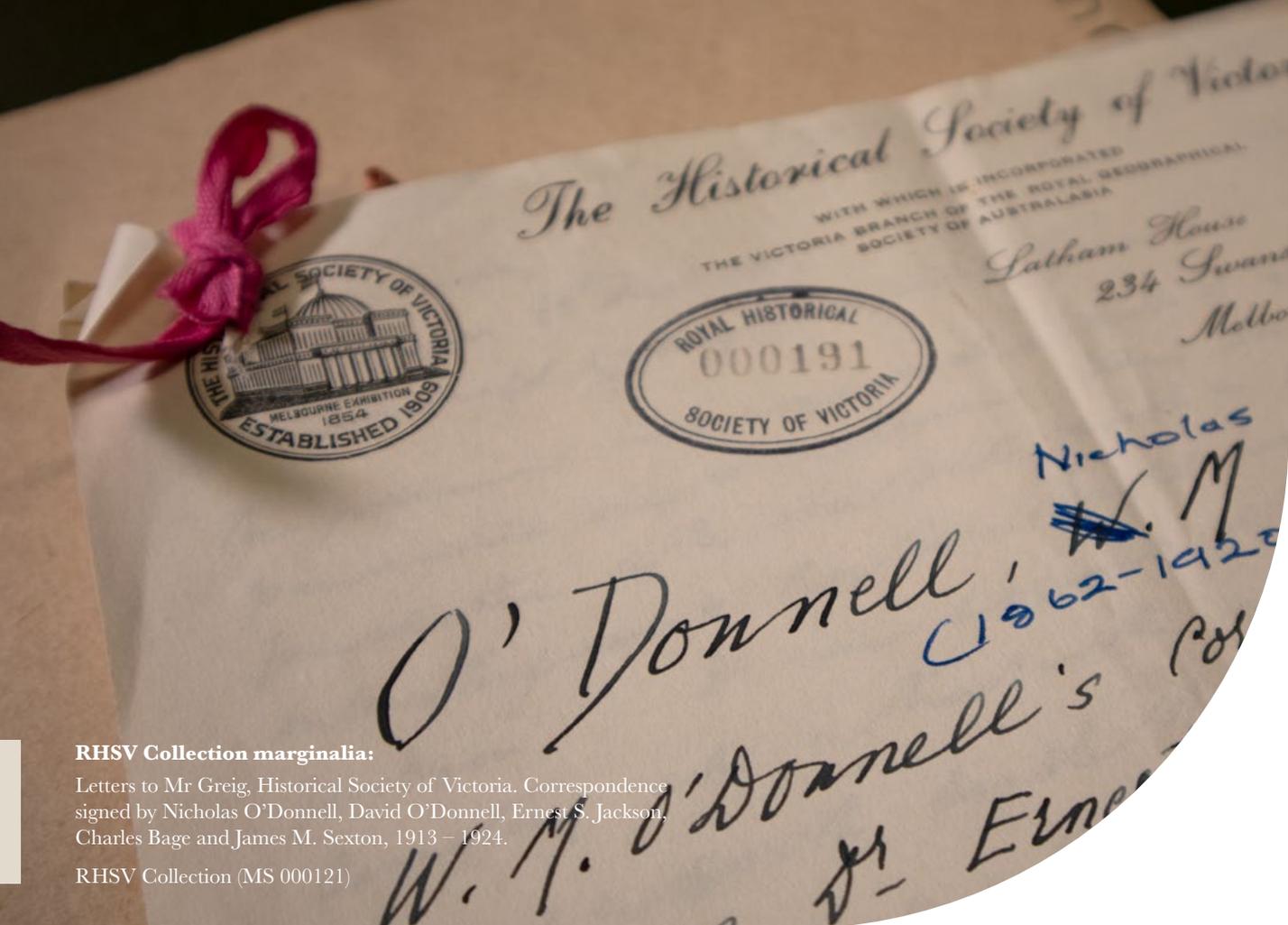
Rebecca Toohey, our excellent administrative officer who joined us in 2020, also left the RHSV at the end of 2021 to take a position as a corporate personal assistant—a role for which she is eminently suited. Rebecca’s departure was a great loss to the RHSV, where she was valued not only for her high-level skills but also for her warm and sunny manner on the front desk. She transformed many of our administrative practices.

Rebecca was replaced in early December by the extremely competent Emily Maiolo, who has been our administrator for the Victorian Community History Awards (VCHA) for the past two years. Emily will be well suited to her new role, as she is already familiar with the world of the RHSV.

Liridon Shaqiri, our part-time bookkeeper, left mid-year to pursue a full-time role, and was replaced by Noha Ghobrial.

### **Volunteers**

Many of our volunteers were unable to continue working during the long periods of lockdown, which



**RHSV Collection marginalia:**

Letters to Mr Greig, Historical Society of Victoria. Correspondence signed by Nicholas O'Donnell, David O'Donnell, Ernest S. Jackson, Charles Bage and James M. Sexton, 1913 – 1924.

RHSV Collection (MS 000121)

eventually set a world lockdown record—a fame Melburnians never sought. Some volunteers did not return at the end of the year, including Richard Barnden, who has given decades of work to our image collection. Sadly, we lost Val Rhode, who devoted many hundreds of hours to our collection. Most recently, Val transformed our unique Pioneer Register to enable greater web access. We thank them all most profoundly for the work they did for the RHSV over the years. Some volunteers thrived during lockdowns and were vital to our existence. Margaret Fleming and Greg Buchanan continued our site searches, which assisted our income; David Thompson worked on exhibitions and the image room; and John Rose continued work on compiling a chronology of the RHSV. Cheryl Griffin switched her admired History Writers Group to Zoom sessions with great success, kept building her RHSV Women's

Biographical Dictionary and maintained her monthly articles on RHSV images in the *CBD News* as well as writing articles for the Genealogical Society of Victoria's magazine.

All our committees continued via Zoom and maintained their efficient management of RHSV affairs. The Executive and Finance Committee worked hard to make the RHSV more responsive to its changing and challenging environment. Elisabeth Jackson provided excellent support to me and the RHSV as vice president. Carole Woods continued her dedicated work as RHSV secretary, ably supported by assistant secretary Cathy Butcher. Daniel Clements, our treasurer, gave wise and prudent financial advice amidst his busy life in an accountancy firm, Nexia Australia, for which we thank him most deeply. Our Council continued to provide wise counsel to our leadership team. Robert Barnes stepped down from its ranks after

forty years, and we thank him for this long commitment and his work as vice president and treasurer for some years. Peter Yule, now based in Warrnambool, returned to Council after a decade's absence to become one of our regional representatives.

Many of our supporters made kind donations, large and small, to the RHSV during 2021, and we thank them all including Gwen Jones. Gordon Moffatt AM, a long-time benefactor and RHSV Councillor in the 1980s as a City of Melbourne representative, continued his generosity with a large contribution in early 2021 to our investment funds. Gordon Moffatt also provided funding for a short-term research scholar position—awarded to Dr Bart Ziino of Deakin University—to study the Essential Workers Act in the Second World War. We hope this will set a precedent for future contributions to RHSV-based research.

## Change

Since 2017 Council has directed that some of our investment funds should be in equities, through UEthical. In response to the generous giving of Gordon Moffatt in early 2021, the Executive and Finance Committee, with the assistance of Marisa Broome, chair of the Financial Planners Association of Australia, developed an Investment Philosophy and Policy. This was discussed by Council and approved at its December meeting. This policy involved the RHSV hiring a financial planner. After interviewing several, Council appointed Personal Financial Services of Queen Street, Melbourne, to conduct that work. Council created an Investment Committee, with two external members versed in financial matters, to advise the Council on this appointment and subsequent financial plans. Darryl Hawkey, former merchant banker, and Keith Kendall, chair of the Accountancy Standards Board, are the inaugural external members.

During the year, Council expressed a growing concern about its limited success in reflecting the diversity of contemporary society. This resulted in a decision that all Councillors and staff are to be trained in Indigenous cultural awareness. This will be conducted online through the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies in Canberra. The protocol surrounding a new annual lecture in Indigenous history has been established, and the first lecture by Dr Julie Andrews of La Trobe University was organised, but, owing to COVID, it was delayed until March 2022. Funding of \$3000 per annum for five years has been secured from an RHSV member to support this lecture. Helen Stitt, our image archivist, organised two

students from Monash University interested in decolonising the past to assess our collection. We will use these changes to ensure greater cultural safety in our services to members and visitors. Elizabeth Triarico, a member of Council for part of 2021, has enhanced our multicultural awareness. Elizabeth is manager of the Italian Historical Society and Museo Italiano. Our regular publications, *Victorian Historical Journal* and *History News*, are also encouraging articles and other content on Indigenous and multicultural themes.

## Continuity

The strengths of the RHSV have continued. Our holdings have been enhanced by the gift of the Jones Collection, which is a rich archive of everyday life over several generations in Coburg and Melbourne. Gwen Jones also donated significant funds to support its incorporation into the collection. We were saddened, however, by her passing in October 2021 at the age of 98.

The Publications Committee produced two fine issues of the *Victorian Historical Journal*, six bumper issues of *History News* and the book *Vera Deakin and the Red Cross* by Carole Woods. This book was launched at the Shrine of Remembrance by Her Excellency, the Hon. Linda Dessau AO, Governor of Victoria, in May 2021. The Heritage Committee carried on the fight to preserve Melbourne's heritage and has established significant respect for the RHSV in the heritage space. Our events continued apace on Zoom, including the announcement of the winners of the various categories of the Victorian Community History Awards. Adrian Jones, formerly associate professor of history, La Trobe University, chaired the awards panels, assisted by Gary Presland,

Helen Doyle and a large and diverse team of judges. Above all our membership rose in 2021, despite the loss of key members, most notably Professor Stuart McIntyre AO, eminent historian, former chair of the Victorian Heritage Council, and *VHJ* patron.

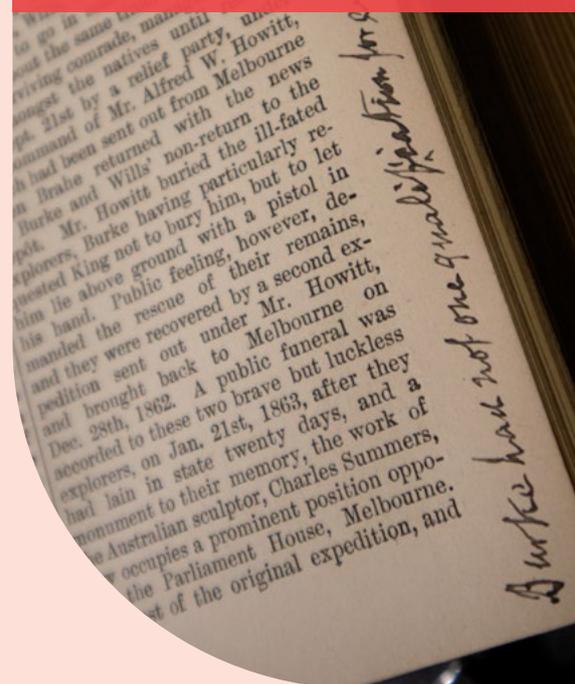
I commend the reports of RHSV committees to you. Despite the winds of change, the RHSV remains as strong as, and perhaps stronger than, it has ever been in over a century. With your help we will all work hard to continue this trend.

**Emeritus Professor Richard Broome AM FAHA FRHSV**  
| RHSV President

### RHSV Collection marginalia:

Marginalia regarding Robert O'Hara Burke, *Dictionary of Australasian Biography*, London, Hutchinson & Co., 1892. RHSV Collection (LIB 032443)

We do not know the owner of this book, but he was keen to note his opinion of a few people who have entries. The owner has written 'Hogwash', 'Part fool and part rogue', 'a damned rogue' and 'Scoundrell!' in ink across the text.



# Publications Committee Annual Report 2021

**The Publications Committee is vital to the RHSV. Its membership is set out below; the only change of personnel in 2021 came with the resignation of Lee Sulkowska in April owing to her move to Poland.**

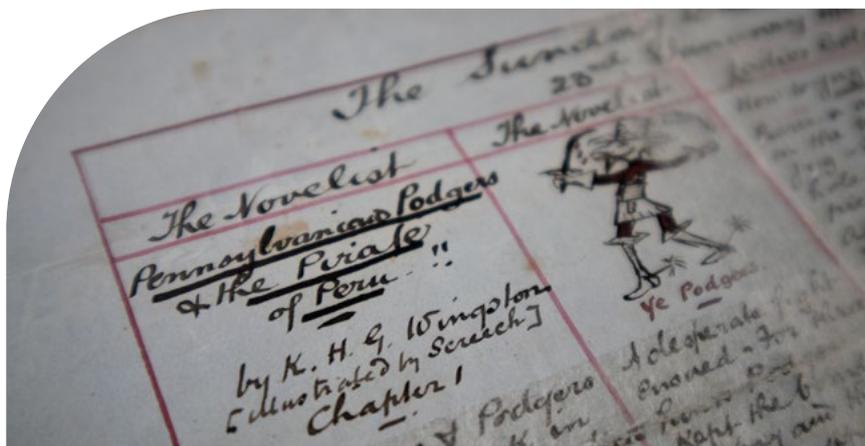
The committee produces the *Victorian Historical Journal*, which, together with its predecessor the *Victorian Historical Magazine*, has been published continuously for 110 years. It is the second-oldest historical journal in Australia and becoming stronger with each issue. Its two issues each year have been produced since 2017 by the current co-editors, Judith Smart and Richard Broome. Their work

is assisted by the review editor, Jonathan Craig, proof-readers from the Publications Committee, and our honorary designer John Gillespie. It is indexed by our honorary indexer, Terri Mackenzie. The journal is overseen by our Editorial Board chaired by Professor Graeme Davison.

The *VHJ*'s reputation for quality is evident in recent Victorian Community History Awards for the best refereed article on Victorian history. In 2020 Ruby Ekkel won for her work on the Woman's Christian Temperance Union (*VHJ*, June 2020), and in 2021 Barbara Minchinton was awarded the prize for her article 'The Rise and Fall

of Lady Gillott in Melbourne's Turn-of-the-Century Society' (*VHJ*, December 2020). Other articles in both years received honourable mentions. The John Adams prize is awarded biennially for the best article in the journal over the previous two years. It was first awarded in 2019. The winner of the 2021 award was Charles Fahey for his article 'Happy Valley Road and the Victoria Hill District: A Microhistory of a Victorian Gold-mining Community, 1854–1913' (*VHJ*, December 2019).

The *Victorian Historical Journal* has a mission to remain a society journal as well as publishing the work of academic and professional



#### **RHSV Collection marginalia:**

Caricature of the novelist, 'Ye Podgees' from the first edition of *The Sunday Clawhammer*, 23 January 1882; a light-hearted amateur publication from Ballarat. The *Clawhammer* was included in the *Savings Bank Sunday Chronicle*. The manuscript is a tantalising scrap of the newspaper as only the top third of the item has survived; just enough to give us a sense of the humour and satire.

RHSV Collection (MS 000121)

Signature of C. J. La Trobe. Circular relating the Publicans' Licences from the Superintendent's Office, Melbourne 20th July 1845 to the Bench of Magistrates, Alberton, Gipps Land. RHSV Collection (MS 000614)

historians. To this end it also includes the work of amateur historians and our members. It thus publishes a mix of full double-blind refereed articles, shorter historical notes assessed by the editors, reviews of key works, and a new segment of short essays on the historical significance of an image. It is published in both hardcopy and digital formats and is indexed by international agencies Scopus and the Web of Science and Australia-based Informat. The journal is supported by an energetic Editorial Board (see below), which meets twice yearly to offer advice, and also acts as a conduit for new articles.

The journal's future has been sustained since 2016 by profits from the first edition of *Remembering Melbourne* and a patrons' giving program. The number of patrons has grown each year, reaching 21 by December 2021. They are listed in each issue of the *VHJ*. The total of the *VHJ* Fund in December 2021 was close to \$80,000. Annual giving and interest from this fund,

together with higher member fees for hard copy, now pay the print and mailing costs for the journal each year. The fund also provides seeding money for RHSV publications. *Melbourne's Twenty Decades* (2019) was funded this way and has repaid the investment and made a profit.

The Publications Committee is also responsible for *History News*, edited by Sharon Betridge, which appears six times each year. Sharon, co-editor then editor since 2018, has taken *History News* to a new level with her energy and ideas. These include a refreshed layout and a new series during the past year on stained glass and history by committee member and stained-glass scholar Bronwyn Hughes. Sharon has also assisted the RHSV's push for greater awareness of Victoria's Indigenous history and cultural diversity with special issues on Indigenous history and on immigrant history. John Schauble, another member of the Publications Committee, is responsible for short reviews in the 'Books Received' segment

of *History News* and makes recommendations for books deserving longer reviews in the *VHJ*.

### **Publications Committee Membership**

Jill Barnard, Sharon Betridge, Marilyn Bowler, Richard Broome, Marie Clark, Jonathan Craig, Bronwyn Hughes, John Rickard, John Schauble, Judith Smart and Carole Woods.

### **Editorial Board Membership**

Emeritus Professor Graeme Davison (chair), Emeritus Professor Richard Broome, Associate Professor Kat Ellinghaus, Professor Katie Holmes, Professor Emerita Marian Quartly, Professor Andrew May, Emeritus Professor John Rickard, Adjunct Professor Judith Smart, Ms Carole Woods, Dr Bart Ziino.

**Emeritus Professor Richard Broome AM FAHA, FRHSV,**

**| Chair Publications Committee**

# Collections Committee Annual Report 2021

**This was another year of COVID-induced lockdown, with volunteers unable to attend the Drill Hall for many months. However, RHSV's staff used the opportunity to undertake valuable behind-the-scenes work on the society's collection.**

Richard Barnden FRHSV has retired from the Collections Committee and from his role as volunteer images curator. Richard devoted decades to the images collection and has been of invaluable assistance in mounting exhibitions and sourcing images for publications. His affability, rigour and extensive knowledge are badly missed.

Early in the year, RHSV Council agreed to the employment of a collections officer to work in the images collection three days a week on a year's trial basis. Helen Stitt was appointed in April. Helen was the curator of the RACV collection

for nine years, and she also tutors in the Faculty of Architecture at the University of Melbourne. She has well-developed curatorial and research skills and has been a wonderful addition to the staff.

The Collections Committee spent some time during the year revising the forms used by people wanting to donate material. The RHSV receives large numbers of donation offers but has limited space. We encourage potential donors to describe their material in an online form, thus enabling the Collections Committee to consider its interest, significance and appropriateness before acceptance and delivery to the Drill Hall. The form also deals with the issues of copyright and ownership of the material.

In preparation for a large donation of material later in 2022 we installed a substantial new compactus in our stacks. We have also added new museum-quality storage to our images room and upgraded our flatbed scanners and computers.

The society's increasing use of Zoom has enabled us to continue to run our cataloguing clinics, originally set up to provide an informal space for the collections manager, Jillian Hiscock, to talk about aspects of collection management with members of affiliated historical societies. During the year we discussed cataloguing books, audio visual material and clothing, as well as issues to consider in selecting content management systems.

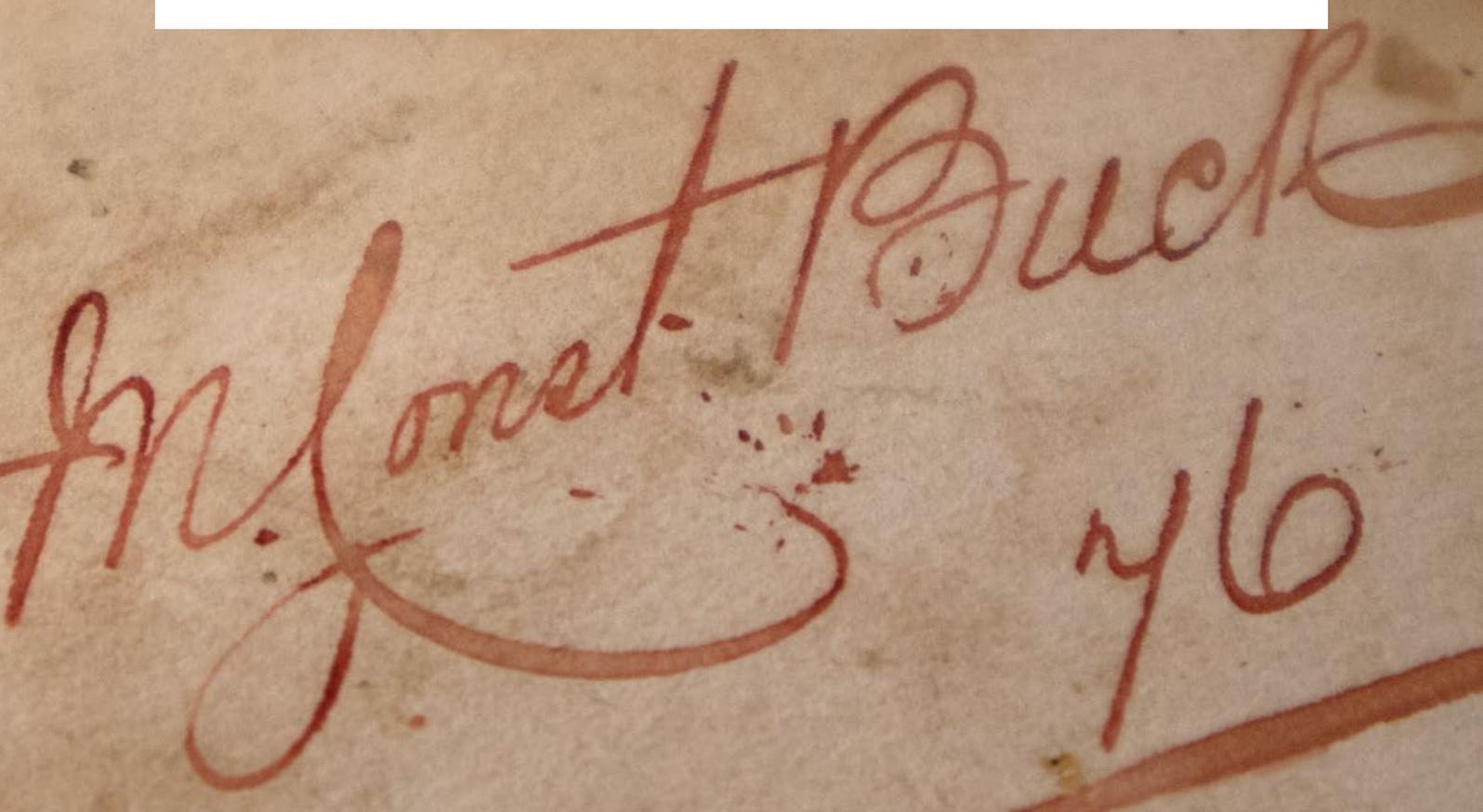
The RHSV's own archive is of on-going concern. The archive is extensive, given that the organisation has existed since

1909. While the collection itself is reasonably complete and well organised, only the early minutes of the RHSV Council have been digitised at this stage, and the archive needs more curatorial work. Helen Boak, a volunteer, has been sorting through the contents of the archive and has found many treasures.

Photographs and short biographies of all the past presidents of the organisation have been prepared and added to our website. They are an interesting and varied collection of 26 men and only two women. Of course, women

have always been important in the RHSV, and their contribution will be recognised in our 2022 exhibition, *Kaleidoscope*, curated by Dr Cheryl Griffin and highlighting the work of some 50 RHSV women. This exhibition grew out of the RHSV Biographical Dictionary of Women, available on our website, also compiled by Dr Griffin. The dictionary is an ongoing project.

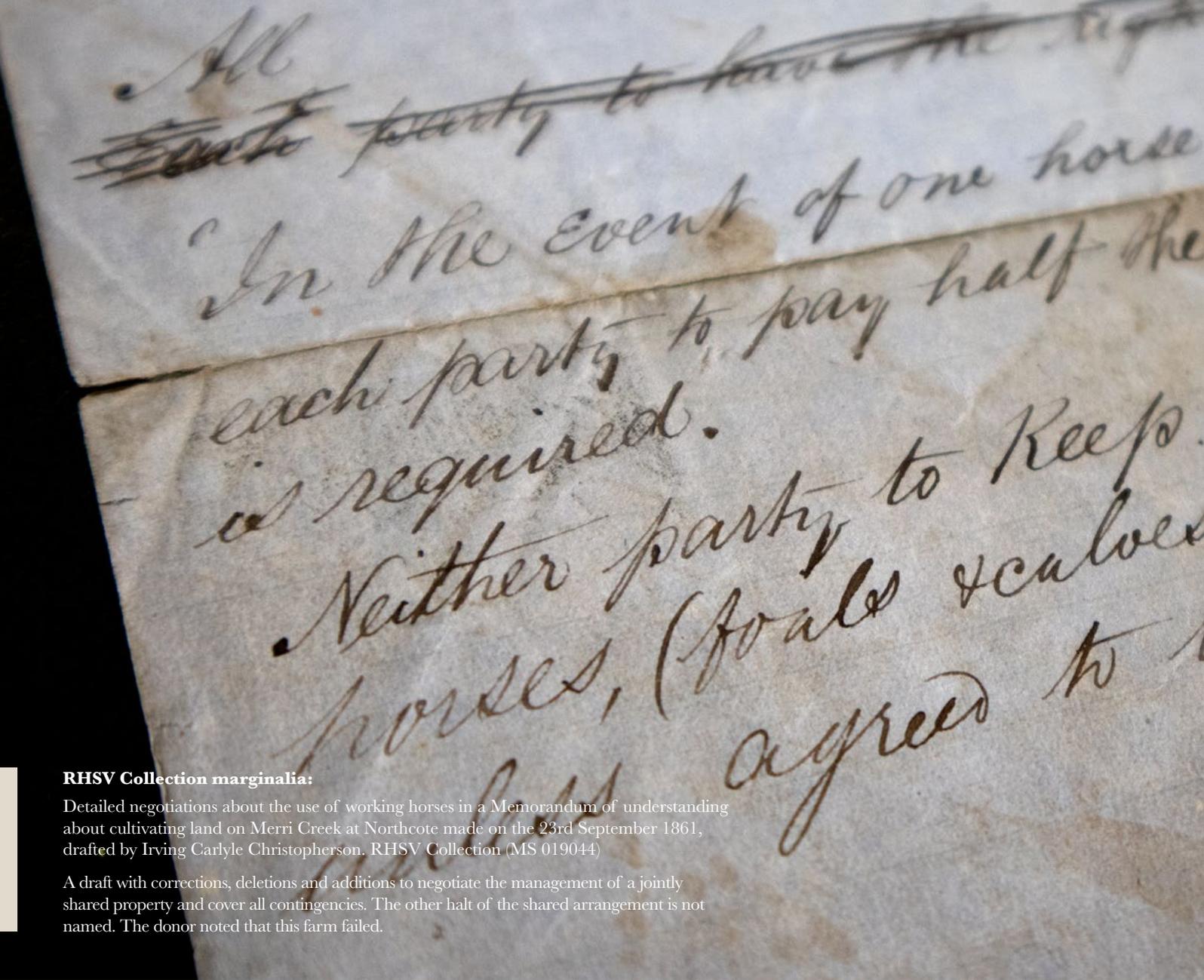
The 2021 exhibition, *Tales from the MacRobertson International Air Races*, highlighted some of the extraordinary stories connected with this race from Britain to Melbourne



**RHSV Collection marginalia:**

Signature of Senior Mounted Constable Buck 1876" end paper of 'General order no. 59 H. 3220 of 24th. November 1863: for the information and guidance of the members of the Victorian Police Force' RHSV Collection (LIB 005124)

In 1862 Senior Constable Buck was involved in the capture of "number of bushrangers reportedly a portion of Gardiner's Gang" which included Frank Gardiner and Ben Hall. This is his personal copy of the police manual.



**RHSV Collection marginalia:**

Detailed negotiations about the use of working horses in a Memorandum of understanding about cultivating land on Merri Creek at Northcote made on the 23rd September 1861, drafted by Irving Carlyle Christopherson. RHSV Collection (MS 019044)

A draft with corrections, deletions and additions to negotiate the management of a jointly shared property and cover all contingencies. The other half of the shared arrangement is not named. The donor noted that this farm failed.

in 1934. It was curated by David Thompson, with assistance from Noel Jackling and John McCulloch. Of the twenty planes that started in the race, only twelve completed it, and the stories include an emergency landing at Albury. The races (speed and handicap) were sponsored by Macpherson Robertson, so items from our large RHSV MacRobertson collection were included. Indeed, prior to the exhibition in 2021, Robertson's grandson generously donated more material specifically about the race. The Collections Committee and staff have also been involved in the

broader RHSV re-evaluation of the collection in light of more recent movements by collecting institutions to 'decolonise' their collections. The first step is to determine what the collection actually holds. To date we have added the 'Aboriginal Australians' catalogue subject heading to more than a thousand items, and we are aware that there is more material yet to be identified in other books, manuscripts and images. We are taking guidance from First Nations organisations and other institutions on the best way to record this information. An example of this is that we

have moved to using the AIATSIS Austlang thesaurus as an authority for our subject headings. We also plan to add alerts to our catalogue regarding cultural awareness advice and acknowledgement of outdated language.

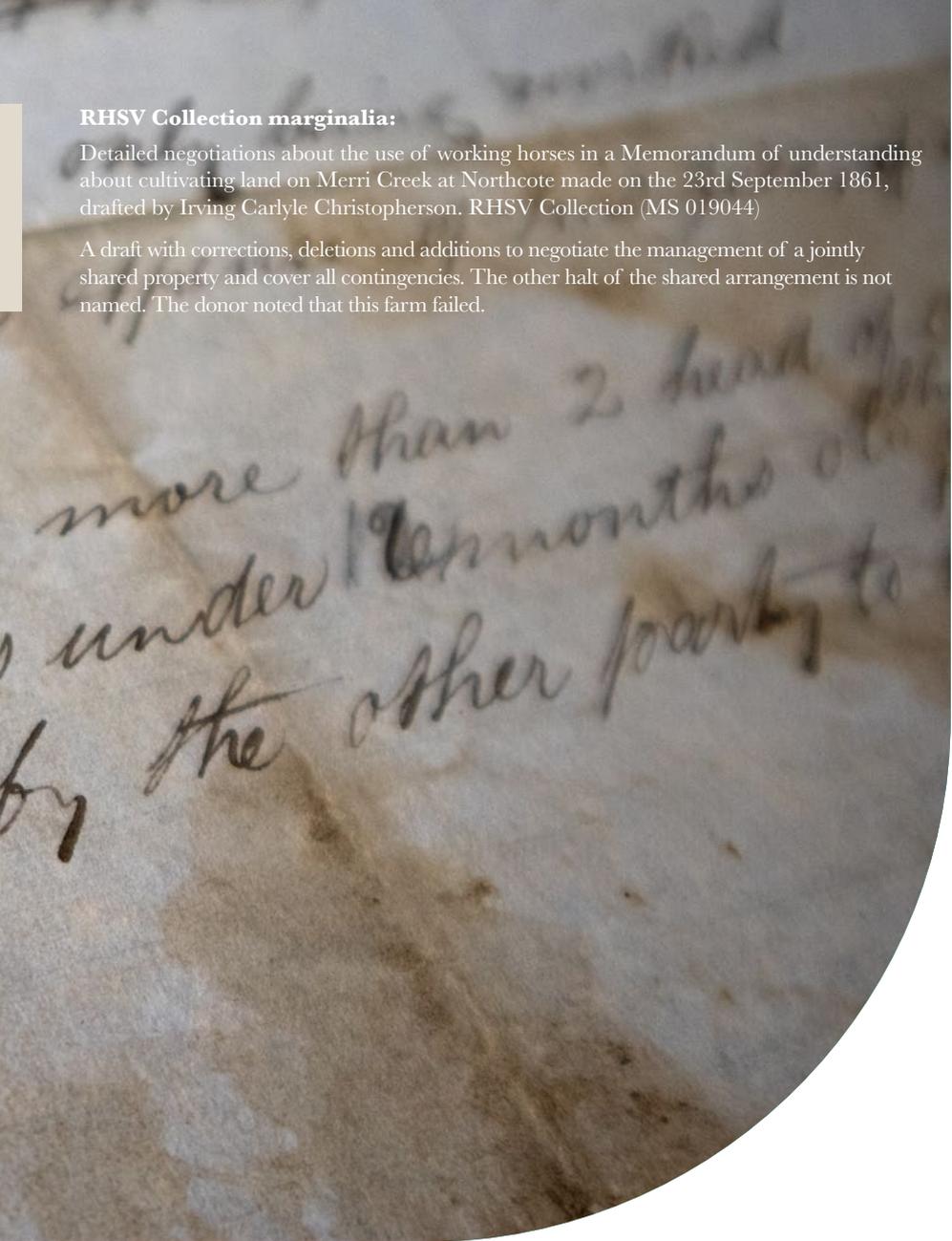
Collections staff continued to respond to information requests whilst the building was locked down. During the year, 195 site searches and 350 general information requests were processed.

Cataloguing of the collection into the eHive database has continued. Records are harvested

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by the National Library Trove catalogue, and this has greatly increased international access to our collection. During the year 1,139 records were added, and large numbers of items were re-catalogued to remove inconsistencies in classification and subject headings.

The long COVID lockdown has resulted in changes to our cohort of volunteers with several long-term volunteers choosing to retire. We were very sad to hear of the death of Valerie Rhode, who had volunteered for many years and most recently worked on cross-

referencing the Pioneers Register. We have had a number of tertiary student interns who have completed useful projects.

The Collections Committee met every two months using Zoom for most of the year. Thanks to all the members: Margaret Fleming, Cheryl Griffin, Lorenzo Iozzi, Elizabeth Willis, and also to Richard Broome, Jillian Hiscock, Helen Stitt and Rosemary Cameron who attend *ex officio*.

**Elisabeth Jackson FRHSV**  
**| Chair Collections Committee**

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# History Victoria Support Group Annual Report 2021

**With the return to ‘normal’ being swallowed up by yet another COVID variant, the opportunity for HVSG seminars and forums has continued to be limited during 2021.**

However, one good thing to come from COVID has been the necessity to increase online opportunities, and, as a result, nearly all the events run by RHSV have been available to members across the state (and interstate) without the need to travel to Melbourne or another destination. Yet, while this provides the benefits of learning and sharing around seminar topics, it does not, of course, provide the opportunity to network with members of other societies and expand interactions between groups and individuals across the state. We hope we will be able to hold face-to-face seminars in regional areas in the near future.

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how they are coping with the stresses caused by the pandemic and to help identify issues that continue to confront us all.

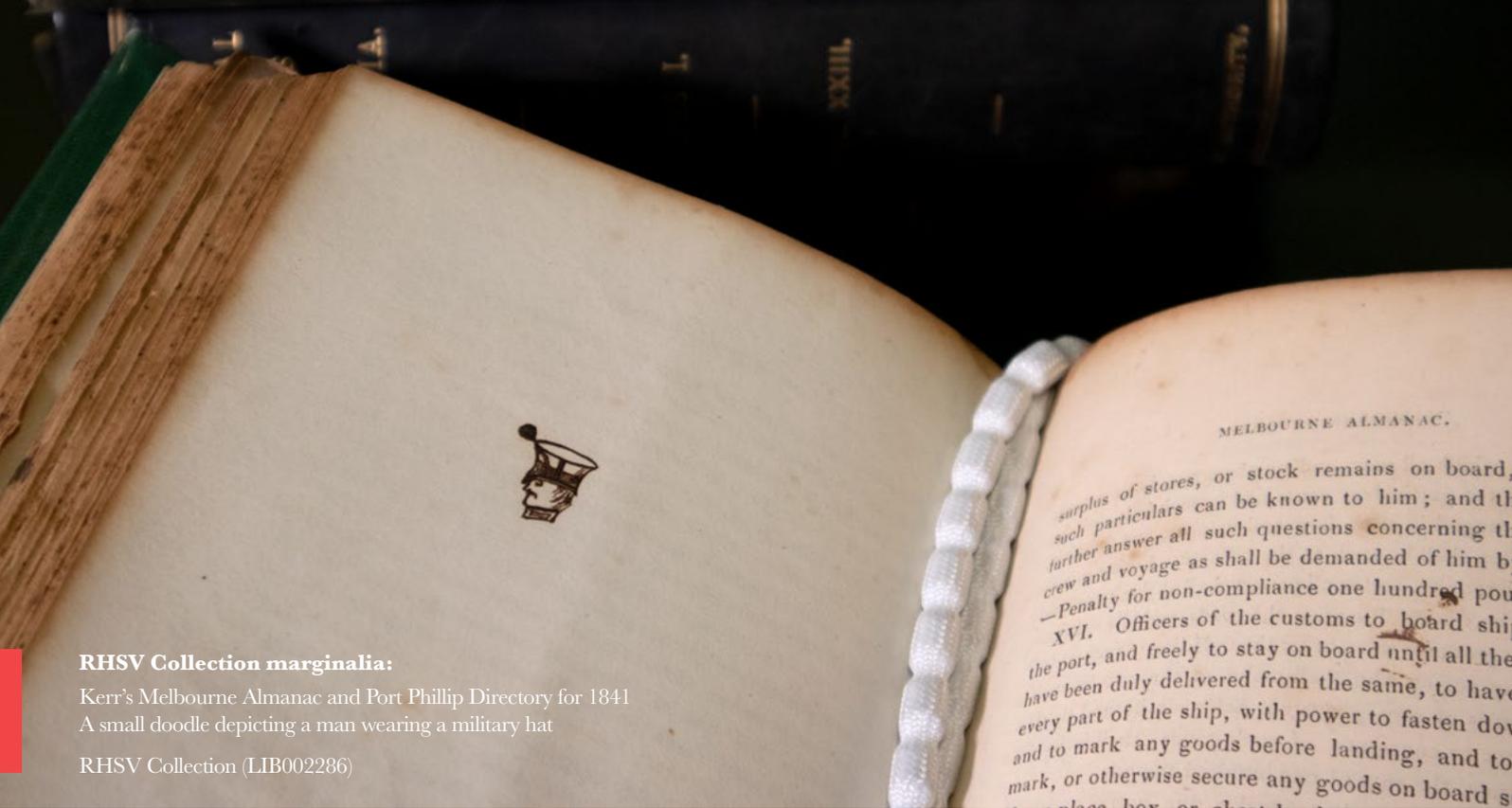
Although COVID has contributed to the pressure experienced by our volunteers, the real issues remain unchanged—the increasing age profile of volunteers, the lack of younger volunteers (who tend to have enhanced IT skills) with the capacity to help because of work and family commitments, and the perennial challenge of identifying the best-practice programs for cataloguing and file sharing.

Despite this, we have been in awe of the resilience of large numbers of the societies and their achievements during COVID. Many have managed to continue responding to research enquiries and to keep up with digitising and cataloguing. Importantly, they have also maintained contact with members through phone and email in order to retain a cohesive and enthusiastic group ready to return to the fold as restrictions lift.

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**RHSV Collection marginalia:**

Kerr's Melbourne Almanac and Port Phillip Directory for 1841  
 A small doodle depicting a man wearing a military hat

RHSV Collection (LIB002286)

Unfortunately, under the dictates of local government restrictions within which a large number of groups operate, many others have been unable to access any of their collection. While this reinforces the case for digitisation and sharing platforms, it is a huge task and not without expense.

This highlights another persistent issue—how to persuade local government to recognise and reward the worth of volunteers and, in this instance, the history volunteers who care for and share the history of the municipality or local area. In most instances, a local museum is an additional tourist attraction for the area, and the volunteers who run it in the local historical society also provide an important service in responding to the growing band of people tracing their family history and helping re-establish their links with a suburb, town or region.

HVSG has continued to showcase successful initiatives through a series of profiles in *History News* aiming to encourage and motivate others.

These stories are inspiring and demonstrate the valuable and varied contribution of local history and its volunteer band of supporters to enriching local culture.

HVSG welcomed two new members during 2021, both of whom bring valuable expertise and knowledge to the group. Coburg Historical Society secretary Helen Laffin has worked in the museum industry for 26 years. Helen is currently museum collection and archives officer at the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons, and museum attendant at Schwerkolt Cottage and Museum Complex with the City of Whitehorse. Dalis Law from St Leonards brings great business skills and a user perspective to the History Victoria Support Group. An RHSV member, Dalis has been helped by numerous historical societies in her own family history research in recent years and thus brings a consumer point of view to our discussions. She is a senior project business professional with hands-on experience in stakeholder

engagement, organisational change, gap analysis, risk management, business processes and project delivery over 35 years.

Our other members include long-serving contributors to HVSG—Bernard Bolch (Walhalla Heritage & Development League), George Fernando (Camberwell Historical Society), Don Garden (Sandringham and District Historical Society), Judy Richards (Stratford Historical Society)—and our newer and very enthusiastic member, Ric Pawsey (Box Hill Historical Society). We are also grateful for the excellent support we have received from both the RHSV president, Richard Broome, and the society's executive officer, Rosemary Cameron.

**Pauline Hitchins**  
 | **Convenor, History Victoria Support Group**

# Membership Development Committee Annual Report 2021

**The role of the Membership Development Committee (MDC) is to propose and help RHSV implement strategies to recruit and retain members, and to monitor membership trends.**

MDC members bring to their work a deep commitment to preserving and promoting Victoria's history and heritage as well as expertise borne of long-term professional and volunteer experiences in local and national history and heritage communities. MDC aims to develop the same commitment in the current and next generation of members.

MDC is delighted to report RHSV's achievement of a record number of 344 paid affiliated societies across Australia, with 869 paying members in other categories and 80 complimentary and promotional memberships—a total of 1,213 members and an overall increase of 172 on this time last year. This is exciting news after two years of pandemic. During this challenging time, MDC has tapped into the research of several corporate and

governance organisations that offer general advice and services for recruiting and retaining members. It is important to note, however, that RHSV's well-being has been sustained by virtue of already offering a strong set of online opportunities.

Throughout 2020–21, member benefits such as the regular *History News* and the *Victorian Historical Journal* continued uninterrupted, and, if anything, more effort was invested in them. Furthermore, owing to the creativity and commitment of RHSV staff, councillors, volunteers and many members, most events, including all of History Month in October, were modified for Zoom delivery and supported by RHSV Zoom clinics. Although face-to-face events have remained most members' preferred mode of interaction, the society has come to realise that many older members and others in remote locations have found benefit and convenience in engaging with RHSV 'online', as did significant

numbers of non-members, including participants from interstate. MDC thus remains open to offering future lectures, events and programs in a variety of formats, whether face-to-face, hybrid or fully online.

Realising the importance of engaging inexpensively with a younger as well as wider community, RHSV has also made a concerted social media push. This has resulted in as many as 7,000 followers on Facebook, 4000+ on other social media and 6,000 other contacts by email (most of them readers who are not financial members but individuals interested in one or more RHSV offerings). Other successful MDC strategies have stressed retention of in-person communication, including President Richard Broome's hand-written personal letters and cards, as well as individual emails to members. He and others have also re-engaged personally with university arts faculties and schools of history to attract more academic historian members. Another offer was

one year's free RHSV digital membership to history pre-service teachers in universities that offer a dedicated 'History Method' program. Some MDC members also visited affiliated societies in person before the second lockdown intervened, and some also engaged in phone conversations to learn how the societies had coped in challenging times, and to offer support. This exercise proved pleasant and mutually beneficial. The societies knew they had not been forgotten, were able to provide comment on what they needed, and could also have questions and problems dealt with immediately or in follow-up. For their part, MDC members emerged better informed about RHSV's affiliated societies and their needs.

MDC members and other RHSV historians were also involved in a major enterprise with Cambridge University Press and some of Victoria's leading VCE Australian History teachers to produce a four-part series of textbooks in support of Victoria's newly revised VCE Australian History subject. This is of particular importance since Victoria is the only Australian state or territory to offer a dedicated Australian History course. MDC and RHSV intend to promote the books not only to teachers but to a wider audience as a useful resource summarising the latest research on a wide array of subjects. The books will provide contextual and background information to member societies and individuals

planning their own publications and exhibitions, as well as to gallery, library, archive and museum (GLAM) educators working in Australian history. For more information, see *Analysing Australian History*: [https://www.historyvictoria.org.au/?s=Analysing+Australian+History&category\\_name=All&pricing=500&post\\_type=product](https://www.historyvictoria.org.au/?s=Analysing+Australian+History&category_name=All&pricing=500&post_type=product) It is hoped that the book promotions will help RHSV appeal to different and, ideally, new audiences. Finally, to attract new people to the RHSV, MDC commenced 2020 with an impressive list of intended member-only site visits and added to it progressively across 2021. COVID of course restricted these activities, but plans are now underway to offer some of them during 2022.

MDC's chair is Rosalie Triolo, and the committee members for the twelve months covered by this report have been Richard Broome, Don Garden, Carole Woods, Rosemary Cameron, Liz Bath and Jess Scott. Meetings have been largely bi-monthly but with many email communications between formal gatherings. All members have brought a deep commitment to the wellbeing of RHSV now and into the future. We are grateful to all RHSV staff for their help but especially to Rosemary Cameron who warmly, wisely and energetically brings MDC's many bright ideas to equally bright life.

**Dr Rosalie Triolo FRHSV**  
**| Chair, Membership**  
**Development Committee**

#### **RHSV Collection marginalia:**

Register of female candidates for 1857.  
*Normal Inspector Budd's Triennial report and Register, St James' Training School 1857-58.*  
RHSV Collection (MS 0046899)

Richard Hale Budd (1816-1909) was the Normal Inspector in the Department of Denominational Education in Victoria. This handwritten report concentrated on his efforts to improve the examination and classification of teachers.

# Heritage Committee Annual Report 2021

*With Mrs Ranken  
and best regards*

OLD SOUTH CREEK



**RHSV Collection marginalia:**

Signed book inside cover "Old South Creek" signed by ?  
9/8/1916 "With Mrs Ranken's thanks and best regards"

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**Three new members joined the committee during 2021: Jeff Atkins, a member of the Heritage Advisory Committee of the City of Yarra and president of the Carlton Community History Group; David Lansley, who has a background in economics and economic history; and Cael Leskovec, town planner, who has worked at Heritage Victoria. Jeff and David have taken responsibility for the committee’s pages on the RHSV web site.**

Other committee members are: Charles Sowerwine (chair), Ian Wight, Judith Smart, Peter Hiscock, Elisabeth Jackson, Felicity Watson (National Trust), Don Garden.

Having established the RHSV as a respected player in heritage issues, we have attracted more coverage and received more recognition on issues such as the Portable Buildings Taskforce, the Royal Exhibition Buildings World Heritage site, the former Sunshine Technical School, and the ongoing conflict over development of the Queen Victoria Market.

While, however, we have been successful on some important issues, perhaps most importantly the Melbourne Planning Scheme Amendment C387 (Hoddle Grid Heritage Permanent Controls), we have been defeated on all too many, including the Exhibition Buildings World Heritage site, where two major intrusions have received

approval. This has led us to look at supporting efforts to reform planning and heritage in Victoria.

To that end, we began participation in the Victorian Legislative Council Inquiry on Planning and Heritage, which we have continued into 2022. We are also looking at ways to better involve our member historical societies in our work. While we have taken up a number of cases at the request of member societies, we need to be seen more widely as the first port of call in cases of heritage under threat.

Here is a case-by-case list of our work during 2021.

### **1. Royal Exhibition Building/Carlton Gardens World Heritage Site and World Heritage Environs Area (WHEA)**

We took strong but ultimately unsuccessful action on two major threats to the integrity of the site. Looking to the longer term, we continued our action to improve the integrity of the WHEA. In regard to the two threats, we wrote several times to the Commonwealth minister for the environment and consulted solicitors about ways to force the minister to act (there are none under the current Act). We wrote to the director of UNESCO’s World Heritage Centre to request their intervention with the Australian government but were fobbed off.

#### **1.1 Proposed development at 1–9 Gertrude Street, Fitzroy**

On 20 December 2020, we lodged a very strong objection to the proposal to construct a five-storey building on Gertrude Street (Yarra Council permit number PLN20/0566, 1–9 Gertrude Street, Fitzroy). The site is within the ‘Area of Greater Sensitivity’ of the World Heritage Environs Area. This is supposed to mean no major development.

Committee Deputy Chair Ian Wight represented the RHSV on this case. We lodged a Statement of Grounds with VCAT on 18 April. The hearings were then delayed because the applicant self-referred to the Commonwealth. We lodged a major submission with the Commonwealth and, at our request, so did Professor Graeme Davison. Ultimately, Minister Sussan Ley allowed the applicant to withdraw his self-referral and the matter returned to VCAT. Hearings began with a consultation on 25 June. We lodged a very extensive submission, and Ian Wight spoke at the hearing, which took place in August and lasted for a week. Local residents raised funds for a barrister and town planner. The National Trust, the Friends of the REB/CG and others made important submissions. The VCAT decision was a total win for the developer despite the deployment of great resources on our side.

#### **1.2 Proposed Development by St Vincent’s Hospital**

Subsequently we were alerted to an

even more serious threat, a proposal to construct a massive glass-panelled box for St Vincent's Hospital on the corner of Nicholson Street and Victoria Parade. The *Age* (6 January 2021) ran a story on this in which the RHSV's position was given good coverage and I was quoted on several points, and I was also interviewed on 3AW. We lodged a major submission opposing this proposal on 11 January 2021.

The minister called the proposal in and asked the Victorian government architect to conduct a review before referring the proposal to a planning panel. The VGA report expressed strong reservations about the proposed building's unarticulated bulk and reflective cladding. We lodged a Statement of Grounds on 7 July and then, on 10 August, a very thorough submission. I represented the RHSV at the panel hearings, 10–13 August. The decision was a total win for the hospital. Indeed, in accepting the eventual demolition of Brenan Hall, the panel went beyond the applicant's requests.

### **1.3 Review of the World Heritage Environs Area Strategy Plan**

This is a review of the planning controls for the area around the REB/CG World Heritage site, the so-called buffer zone promised to UNESCO but torpedoed by the Victorian government upon implementation in 2009. We were stakeholders from early 2020 and have made several submissions. Thanks to good leadership from Heritage Victoria, consultants prepared an excellent Strategy Plan Discussion Paper designed to plug many of the loopholes that have permitted egregious developments that threaten the WH values of the area.

A new Draft Strategy Plan (DSP) was prepared. We gave the DSP

the strongest support, with a very substantial submission (22 September) prepared by Ian Wight, with support from Judith Smart and me. The Heritage Council will proceed with a formal hearing later in 2022. Ian Wight and I are listed to represent the RHSV. The Council will then make recommendations to the minister. If we are successful, this will produce changes to the Design and Development Overlays (DDOs) governing the area surrounding the Carlton Gardens, reducing the likelihood of future threats.

### **2 Portable Buildings World Heritage Nomination Task Force**

I joined the Portable Buildings World Heritage Nomination Task Force representing the RHSV on 15 February 2021. This group seeks to obtain WH listing for the large number of portable (that is, pre-fabricated) 19th-century buildings extant in Australia. The RHSV's role was recognised at the launch on 15 April and generated very good publicity.

On 19 May, I attended a meeting with Heritage Victoria Executive Director Steven Avery, as a member of the task force organised by Professor Miles Lewis. I made clear the RHSV's support for the bid. Steven was hopeful of our success without minimising the difficulties.

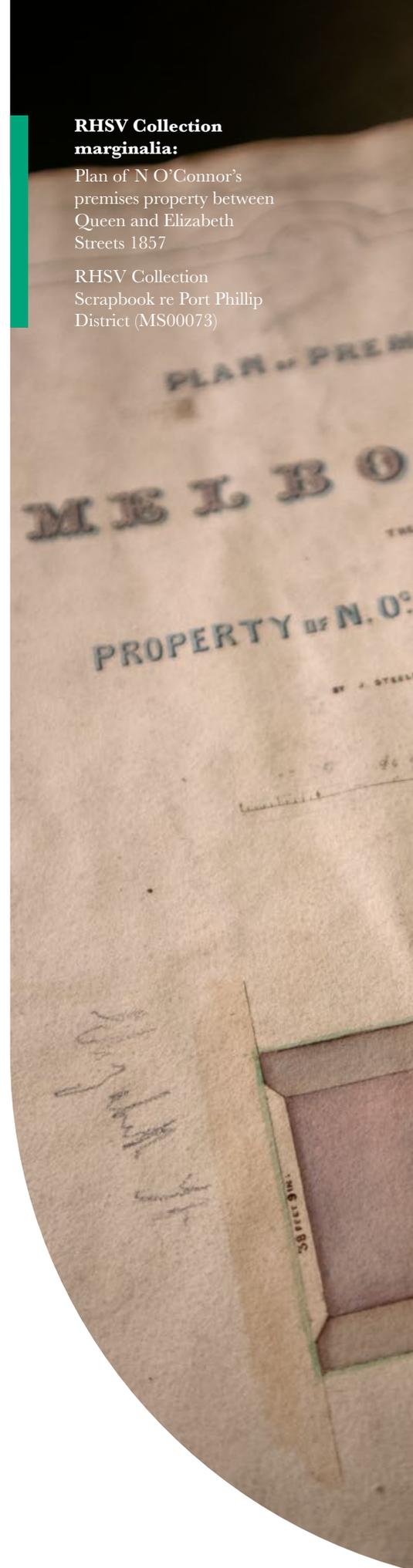
### **3 North Park Subdivision and Redevelopment**

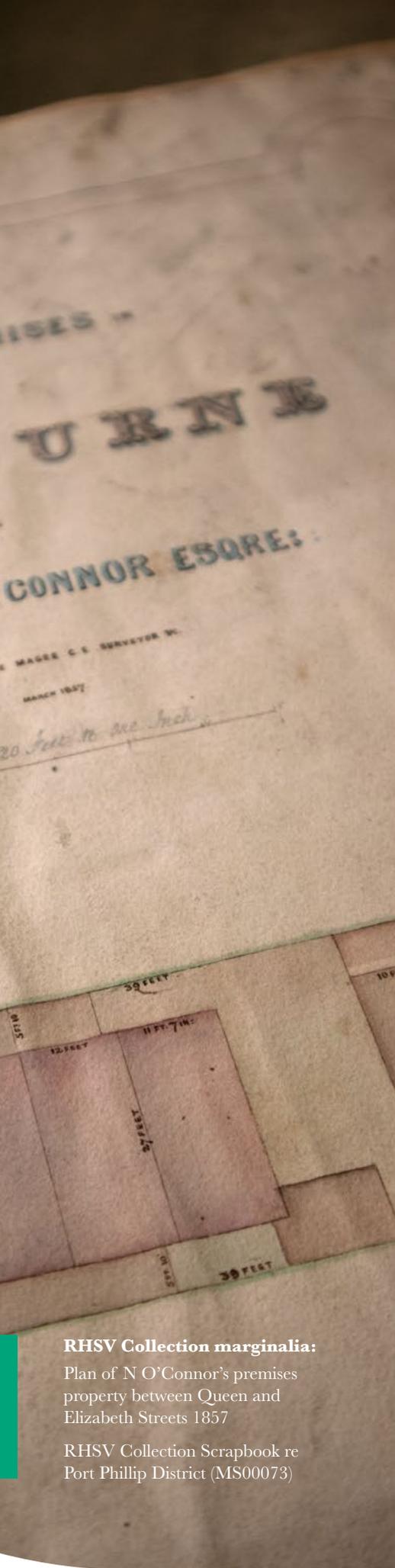
This splendid 1888 mansion in Essendon was threatened by plans to develop the grounds. On Tuesday, 19 January 2021, I participated in a public meeting with the 'Save North Park' community group. Fortunately, however, the applicant withdrew both appeals. We expect revised plans and new applications.

#### **RHSV Collection marginalia:**

Plan of N O'Connor's premises property between Queen and Elizabeth Streets 1857

RHSV Collection  
Scrapbook re Port Phillip District (MS00073)





#### 4 Tanner Street Industrial Heritage Complex and Yarra Planning Scheme Amendment C269

The committee is considering making an application for listing on the VHR for this important industrial heritage precinct in Richmond. Dr Chris McConville has kindly agreed to help out in preparing the historical case, and his article derived from this research will appear in the June 2022 edition of the *Victorian Historical Journal*.

It came to our attention that proposed amendment C269, a complete revision of heritage and planning in Yarra, included an almost invisible boundary change that would have meant that the Tanner Street heritage precinct would be included in a Major Activity Centre, thus encouraging intensive development. Deputy Chair Ian Wight appeared on Monday, 18 October, before the planning panel considering Yarra Planning Scheme Amendment C269yara: Rewrite of Local Policies. We were successful in having the boundary change refused, at least for now.

#### 5 GMH Site and Fishermans Bend Precinct C394

In 2020, Heritage Victoria recommended listing of the former GMH site. The minister called the recommendation in, pre-empting the Heritage Council's decision. He confirmed in December 2020 that at least some of the GMH site would be listed on the VHR, but only on 1 September 2021 did he make public the extent of registration. The listing will cover the iconic buildings but will not protect the bulk of the actual plant and will not protect the spaces that give vistas to these buildings.

The University of Melbourne had bought the site and, in secret consultation with the Department of Planning, made plans for intensive development. These plans went before the Future Melbourne Committee of the City of Melbourne a year ago. Council officers found that the plans involved very serious overdevelopment. We lodged a submission and spoke, as well as writing formal letters to the minister and the vice-chancellor of the University of Melbourne, but neither the CoM's recommendations to the minister nor ours were successful. Although key buildings are still protected, the site is not being treated as it merits.

We were successful on the broader planning amendment for the whole of the Fishermans Bend Precinct C394. With the GMH site in the minister's hands, the CoM proposed a planning amendment to protect the remainder of this significant part of Victoria's, indeed Australia's, industrial history. On 4 July, we lodged an initial submission supporting C394. We were invited to participate in the hearings of the independent panel reviewing the amendment. I represented the RHSV, and C394 was recommended and subsequently gazetted.

#### 6 Submission to the Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council: Taking Control of Our Heritage

On 27 November 2020, we lodged an extensive submission prepared by Judith Smart with the Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council regarding their *Taking Control of Our Heritage: Discussion Paper on Legislative Reform of the Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006*. Our paper supported the VAHC's proposed amendments to the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006*. On

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Plan of N O'Connor's premises property between Queen and Elizabeth Streets 1857

RHSV Collection Scrapbook re Port Phillip District (MS00073)



#### **RHSV Collection marginalia:**

Indenture for the apprenticeship of Edward Benyon and the South Australian Company trading out of the Port of London, 1836.

A number of wealthy merchants formed this company in 1835. They commissioned two ships to set sail carrying company officials and labourers to South Australia.

RHSV Collection Scrapbook re Port Phillip District (MS000732)

the basis of the discussion paper and responses, the VAHC finalised their proposed amendments to the Act and Judith Smart prepared another important supporting submission approved by RHSV President Richard Broome.

#### **7 Former Hoffman Brickworks, 72–106 Dawson Street, Brunswick (HO703)**

The developer has recently withdrawn a proposal for partial demolition to which we objected. Elisabeth Jackson has handled this issue. The brickworks site continues to be a saga of the developer getting around heritage protection.

#### **8 Queen Victoria Market**

Judith Smart prepared and lodged objections with Heritage Victoria to permits to allow (i) a large, standing semi-permanent display fridge that would block the views through the stall so characteristic of the market sheds, and (ii) a larger than currently permitted cold storage unit. HV has rejected the first application (for the refrigerated display unit), and we await the decision on the second matter.

On 19 May, Judith Smart and I attended a meeting with Steven Avery, organised by Mary-Lou Howie (Friends of QVM) concerning future issues with the QVM. We had a lengthy discussion of the issues raised by the fridges and the proposed uniform semi-permanent stall fixtures. Steven accepted that our argument

regarding the heritage value of the market's open structure and traditional mode of operation were legitimate points to raise about proposed developments.

#### **9 Melbourne Planning Scheme Amendment C387 (Hoddle Grid Heritage Permanent Controls)**

C387 is an extremely important planning amendment extending the Heritage Overlay to 137 individual places and five precincts exposed to development in the CBD. Most of these buildings did not obtain earlier protection because it was thought either that there were many other heritage buildings of similar quality (now clearly no longer the case) or that buildings that are post-1945 were too recent (again no longer the case). We therefore made a strongly supporting submission. City of Melbourne Future Melbourne (Planning) Committee, 18 May 2021, considered the submissions and management's recommendation that the amendment be referred to an independent panel.

On 27 August, Felicity Watson (NTAV) and I appeared before this panel. Every affected building owner engaged barristers, town planners and heritage consultants to challenge the study and prove that their building was unworthy of heritage protection. We lodged a major submission (27 August) and I spoke to it. The panel recommended adoption of the proposed amendment with only a

few alterations and deletions. We were very pleased with this result, which will greatly improve our chances of retaining extant heritage in the CBD.

#### **10 Heritage Places Inventory MPS Amendment C396**

We received a copy of a submission detailing errors and buildings needing heritage protection in the proposed planning amendment for Carlton. We have had discussions with City of Melbourne. They are in the process of a review and will consider the possible errors. The review should result in protection for the buildings. Jeff Atkinson dealt with this issue.

#### **11 Sunshine/Albion WH Nomination**

I received an invitation to participate in a plan to obtain UNESCO World Heritage Listing nomination for the Sunshine/Albion area as part of a collective of early 20th-century 'garden-city' land developments in Australia (& possibly NZ). The committee, however, did not see enough substance in the proposal for us to become involved, given so little of the fabric of the Sunshine Harvester estate remains. World Heritage requires the site to be 'the best of the best' of its class. There are better and more intact examples of planned industrial communities. Saltaire and New Lanark in the UK are on the UNESCO list, but other excellent examples such as Port

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Sunlight in England and Pullman and Lowell in the US are not. I will encourage the proponents to work for local heritage overlay and then for listing on the VHR.

### **12 Jack Dyer Stand VHR Nomination**

We have been working with the National Trust in asking City of Melbourne to apply for VHR listing. I have had correspondence with the CoM heritage unit regarding this issue, and we are hoping they will undertake to prepare a case.

Richmond Football Club has now applied to Heritage Victoria for a permit to demolish the stand as part of a total redevelopment of the ground. The Jack Dyer stand has local heritage overlay protection, which has just been reinstated to correct a technical anomaly. The whole of Yarra Park, except the Richmond Oval and Punt Road, are on the Heritage Register, so a permit is required. Judith Smart noticed that Heritage Victoria had queried the demolition. She prepared a submission on the basis of the excellent heritage report completed for CoM for the reinstatement of protection. We were unfortunately late for this submission but have requested it be considered.

### **13 VCAT Ref P1818/2020—CA3 67 Yendon No. 2 Road, Buninyong**

The proposal is for a tourist village of apartments in the shape of giant wine barrels on Mt Buninyong. We

supported the objection lodged by our affiliate, the Buninyong and District Historical Society, with an objection dated 10 May 2021. Zoom VCAT hearings took place 17–21 May and 5–6 July. I spoke on 5 July. At the hearings, it became clear that the proposal was even more egregious than we thought. It will, for example, depend on water trucked in.

### **14 Threats to the Former Sunshine Technical School**

Congratulations to Sunshine & District Historical Society and their president, Dr John Pardy. Together with Brimbank City Council, its heritage advisor Natica Schmeder and Heritage Advisory Council, including Neil Head, president Albion & Ardeer Community Club Inc., they stymied plans to demolish two important heritage buildings comprising the former Sunshine Technical School. I wrote a strong letter to the minister of education seeking to prevent demolition. The minister replied on 26 October, promising to await the findings of Heritage Victoria and affirming that there were no plans to demolish the buildings.

### **15 Apollo Bay Cable House Museum VHR Nomination**

Judith Smart has been supporting Apollo Bay & District HS in seeking heritage listing for their home, the former telegraph station. While this would almost certainly be successful, we are also pursuing

other ways to help the society allay fears that the building will be sold or compromised. Both Judith and I have spent some time with the president and secretary looking at options for pursuing new opportunities for their site.

### **16 Ringwood Blood Brothers Store**

The Ringwood and District Historical Society fought throughout 2021 to prevent the council demolishing a local landmark, the 1914 Blood Brothers Store, in order to build one of Alan Tudge’s carparks. The building is covered by a Heritage Overlay. It is, the society tells us, the last remaining heritage structure in the Ringwood activity centre. I wrote letters of support. Council decided without notice to issue a permit for demolition. A local resident saw the notice, and the historical society was able to lodge a protest, which we supported. But the future of the store is not looking good.

### **Conclusion**

The Heritage Committee has worked hard to support local historical societies and to defend major heritage sites. We have had some success, but in the current policy framework heritage remains in danger throughout Victoria.

**Emeritus Professor Charles Sowerwine FRHSV**  
| Chair, Heritage Committee

# Events And Outreach Committee Annual Report 2021

**Future historians will have no difficulty in tagging 2020–21 as the COVID years, and well into the new year of 2022 the local effects of the global pandemic remain a present concern and constraint on community activities.**

For large parts of the calendar year 2021 the RHSV was again limited in its capacity to present talks and events to live audiences. Like many local and special interest historical societies around Victoria, we found this an incentive to adapt meetings and events to evolving technologies to allow us to continue to share knowledge and inspiration about Victoria's history. As Executive Officer Rosemary Cameron said last year, 'for some events, Zoom was perfect and they flourished. And a big plus is that geography is no longer a barrier, and people can participate in events no matter how geographically challenged the lecturer or the audience is'.

One example was Jess Scott, our RHSV marketing officer, who

presented a series of workshops targeted at historical societies on 'Marketing is not a Dirty Word'. Similarly, Jillian Hiscock, collections manager and volunteers co-ordinator, presented a series of online cataloguing clinics. Dr Cheryl Griffin continued to organise the popular online History Writers Group by Zoom.

In the case of online lectures, we freely confess that at some crucial moments the technology let us down, but generally it allowed the show to go on. That's an appropriate analogy for what was our first online lecture of 2021 when Dr Cheryl Threadgold OAM delivered an entertaining account of the colourful history and tradition of amateur theatre in Australia. Cheryl's beautifully illustrated book, *In the Name of Theatre*, won the Collaborative Community Award in the Victorian Community History Awards 2020.

A highly successful in-person lecture in March for Women's History Month was delivered by

Carole Woods OAM. Carole lucidly introduced her new biography, *Vera Deakin and the Australian Red Cross*. We were delighted to welcome to this talk several descendants of Vera Deakin (Lady White), particularly Vera's daughter Judith Harley, who has been a strong supporter of the RHSV, and past volunteer, over many years. The lecture was a proud moment for many at the RHSV, as was the official launch of Carole's book two months later by Her Excellency the Honourable Linda Dessau AC, Governor of Victoria, at the Shrine of Remembrance. As noted elsewhere, the RHSV was publisher of this fine book.

One of the most exciting events of 2021 at the RHSV was the official launch of the major exhibition *Tales from the MacRobertson International Air Races*, featuring the 1934 race from England to Melbourne. RHSV President Richard Broome welcomed Richard Mendelsohn, honorary consul, Kingdom of the Netherlands, and guest speaker Richard Champion de Crespigny

AM, who gave a pilot's perspective on the perils and bravery of the pioneering air crews who flew their small planes across the world. Credit for the exhibition, with its extensive text and wonderful photographs—many from the RHSV collection—is due to the curators Dr David Thompson FRHSV, Noel Jackling OAM, and John McCulloch.

In April, a former RHSV vice president, Dr Simon Smith, adjunct professor of law at the Zelman Cowan Institute at Victoria University, delivered the 2021 A.G.L. Shaw Lecture, the annual collaboration between the RHSV and the C J La Trobe Society—the late Professor Shaw having been president and benefactor of both organisations. Simon Smith gave us a characteristically entertaining and expert account of colonial law and solicitors: 'Law, Lawyers and La Trobe'.

The Annual General Meeting in May again allowed us to meet in person at the RHSV but also to broadcast the illustrated talk via Zoom. We were treated to a witty and wise Weston Bate Oration by the eminent literary scholar and historian Jim Davidson. His topic was a timely consideration of the place of statues in commemorating history, including controversies surrounding many of the individuals they represent. Davidson's lecture, 'Statues: Putting Them Up, and Pulling 'Em Down', has since been published in the December 2020 issue of the *Victorian Historical Journal*.

In September Professor Bill Russell, a past president of the RHSV, eloquently introduced the well-known journalist and historian Gideon Haigh to explicate his recent research into one under-recognised aspect of H.V. 'Bert' Evatt. Gideon's book, *The Brilliant*

*Boy*, is not a biography of Evatt, as many have assumed, but rather a fully contextualised and insightful account of a crucial judgment made in Evatt's time as a judge on the High Court of Australia.

Throughout the year, co-operation with Engineering Heritage Victoria allowed the RHSV to co-host a series of expert discussions of a range of topics about our often-overlooked engineering history. Speakers in this series, mostly Zoom lectures, included (from London) Stephen Phillip on engineer A.G.M. Mitchell, Professor Rod Evans on 20th-century science, technology and engineering, Fiona Campbell on the Spencer Street Bridge, and the eminent Dr Max Lay on the history of roads from ancient times. Literally on the eve of Melbourne's August 2021 COVID lockdown, Professor Miles Lewis AM gave a fascinating illustrated talk on the history of portable buildings in Australia.

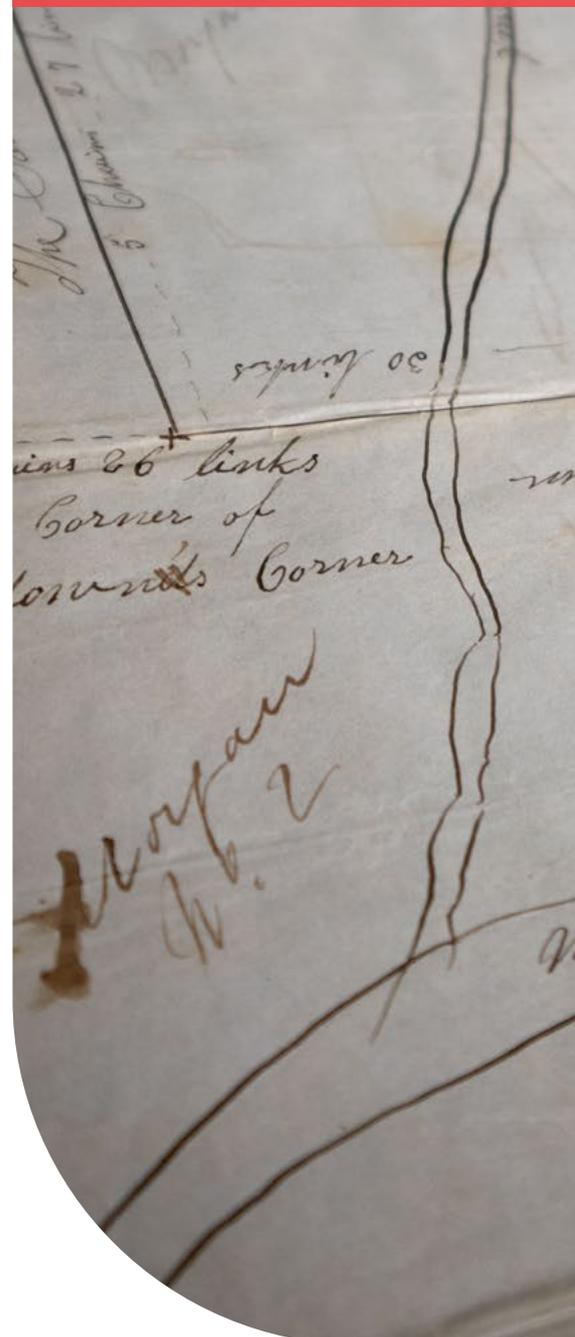
The RHSV also enjoyed fruitful partnerships with the Genealogical Society of Victoria and the National Archives of Victoria throughout the year which resulted in a variety of events including a seminar on how the development of public transport shaped Melbourne's demography; Jillian Hiscock explained our very significant Pioneers' Register; Dr Charles Fahey discussed the history of soldier settlement schemes in this state between 1919 and the 1960s; and Patrick Ferry, Victorian Manager of the National Archives of Australia, spoke on 'Bringing Your Diggers Home', 'The Melbourne Socialite and the Turkish Diplomat' and offered a full-day Zoom seminar on the NAA and Gippsland.

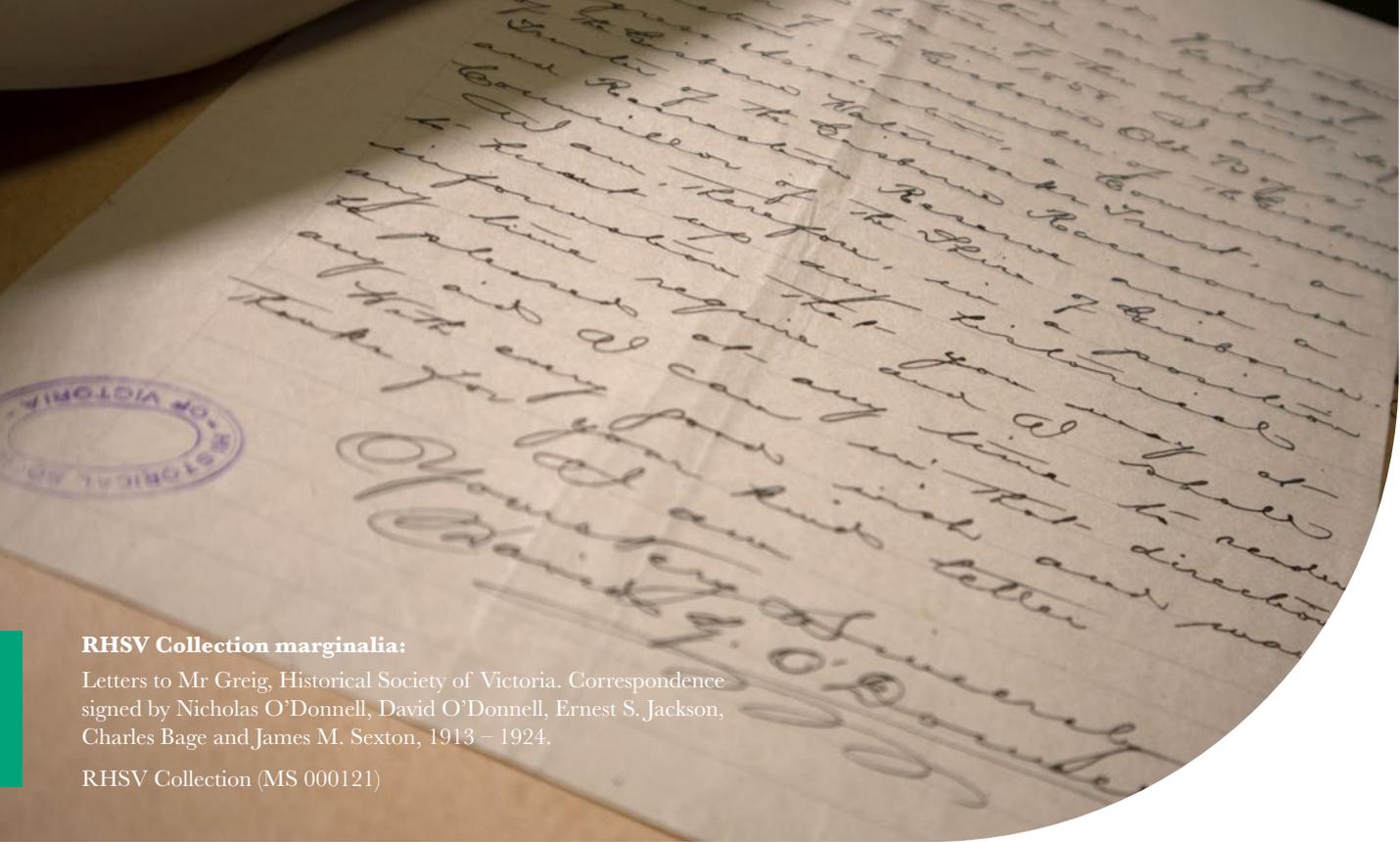
We were delighted to host talks by some of our members during the year including Mark Latchford

#### RHSV Collection marginalia:

Hand drawn map of subdivided land on Merri Creek, Northcote.

RHSV Collection Scrapbook re Port Phillip District (MS00073)





**RHSV Collection marginalia:**

Letters to Mr Greig, Historical Society of Victoria. Correspondence signed by Nicholas O'Donnell, David O'Donnell, Ernest S. Jackson, Charles Bage and James M. Sexton, 1913 – 1924.

RHSV Collection (MS 000121)

who threw new light on Australian missions in WWI including the Dunsterville Campaign, in his talk 'Letters to Lily Vale'; Jim Poulter, always controversial, gave us his theories of early germ warfare in Botany Bay and Darren Arnott lifted the lid on a WWII crime in the Italian POW camps in Rowville.

Lockdown continued throughout October—History Month. Even online it was an exceptionally busy month for the RHSV and member societies. This year the winners of the Victorian Community History Awards were also announced online, with the opportunity to showcase an impressive array of contributions to Victoria's history.

On Tuesday 12 October, in conjunction with Bec Carland, president of the Professional Historians Association (Victoria and Tasmania), I hosted the annual 'Emerging Historians' event. Some years ago Bec herself had been one of the presenters at 'Emerging Historians'. Four talented young scholars gave excellent presentations: Joseph Parro, Kali Myers, Dr Dilhani Dissanayake, and Dr

Rachel Goldlust. Joseph spoke on his historical study of the far right in Australia, and in particular on his work on publisher and publicist P.R. 'Inky' Stephensen. Kali's topic was the representations in 19th-century print of health, exercise and 'the woman body'. Dilhani, interested in colonial and imperial culture, commodities and food culture, spoke on cinnamon and the cinnamon peelers of Sri Lanka. Rachel spoke about the history of 'living off the grid' in Australia, a project involving a wide range of interviews. Although this was an eclectic set of topics, the four speakers were each able to reflect on the common challenges of approaching history and engaging an audience.

On 19 October Barbara Minchinton attracted a large Zoom audience for her enlightening talk on 'The Women of Little Lon', based on her new book of the same name. Barbara worked closely with Heritage Victoria archaeologists in their recent excavations in the Little Lonsdale Street precinct, and her book, *The Women of Little Lon*, separates myth from fact in discussing sex workers in 19th-century Melbourne.

Then, on 23 October, Ian Berg presented a Zoom lecture on his book, *Jas. A Munro & Co.: The Largest Garage in Melbourne*, commended in the 2021 Victorian Community History Awards.

Our final event for this very different year at the RHSV took place in November with the charming historian, Robyn Annear, guiding a group of enthusiasts on an historical walking tour of our corner of the Hoddle Grid.

As historians, we make no predictions about how our public events will be managed and delivered for the coming year—only this, that they will happen and will engage an ever-broadening audience. The RHSV's members and societies are collectively a great repository of knowledge, wisdom and information. Every RHSV talk and presentation demands time and preparation, all done in a spirit of generosity, and we thank all our speakers and presenters in 2021.

**Dr Andrew Lemon AM FRHSV**  
| Chair, Events and Outreach Committee

# Investment Committee Annual Report 2021

This RHSV Investment Committee reflects the following four principles:

## **Financial stewardship**

The duty of the RHSV Council is to have oversight of the RHSV's affairs, including its financial performance. A decade ago, we had little money to manage until the creation of the Foundation in 2008 with a gift of \$100,000 from Dame Elisabeth Murdoch. Our Foundation money has grown sevenfold since then, creating an obligation to our donors, large and small, to manage funds in accordance with professional standards.

## **Financial prudence**

In 2017 the RHSV Council decided to move a proportion of our growing bank balances from cash to equities, investing \$638,000 with UEthical, half in equities, half in cash. This proved to be a prudent move, as equities, even when conservatively invested, have far outpaced cash from 2017 to 2021, even during and in spite of the COVID emergency.

## **Financial literacy**

As the financial literacy of board members is varied, Council sought advice. Marisa Broome of WealthAdvice in Sydney, chair of the Financial Planners Association

of Australia, offered *pro bono* advice. Marisa Broome supplied an Investment Philosophy and Policy document she had prepared for other not-for-profits. A version of this document was provided for consideration by RHSV Council.

## **Financial Responsibility**

The RHSV has recently attracted more investment funds in 2021: Gordon Moffatt who has long been the RHSV's strongest supporter gave a further \$125,000 with a further \$100,000 from a donor linked to a large donation of manuscripts. Council must manage these funds responsibly, advised by an investment committee and financial planner. This structure and approach will allow us to attract further donations to consolidate our future.

An Investment Philosophy and Policy document based on the draft supplied by Ms Broome was adopted by the RHSV Council in July 2021. The policy established both a Working Capital Fund (WCF) and Long-Term Investment Fund (LTIF). The RHSV Council also created an Investment Committee. Its terms of reference provide that the committee:

- will advise Council on the appointment of a financial planner;

- will review the actions of the financial planner; and
- advise Council on the financial planner's performance and the performance of the LTIF twice yearly.

Council invited Daryl Hawkey, a former councillor and investment banker; and Keith Kendall, a member of the Foundation Committee and chair of the Accountancy Standards Board to be the external members of the committee. Both accepted. The committee as established also includes the RHSV president, treasurer and executive officer.

The Investment Committee interviewed three financial planners and, at its first meeting on 8 November, recommended to Council the appointment of Angela Martyn and her team at Personal Financial Services, Queen Street, Melbourne, as the RHSV's financial adviser. The Council accepted this recommendation at its December meeting.

**Emeritus Professor Richard Broome AM FAHA, FRHSV,**  
| **Chair Investment Committee**



# RHSV Financial Statements 2021

## **RHSV Collection marginalia:**

Physical description of William Williams, *Convict indent, 1833-1844*. RHSV Collection (MS 000130)

We are told his trade, compositor, but he comes alive as a person in this description of his complexion, height, hair colour, nose, whiskers, etc. Chronological account of Williams' life as a convict. Besides the physical description, it includes an outline of the original charges, sentences and assignments.

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Arrived at N. D.  
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# Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc.

ABN 36 520 675 471

## Committee's Report

The committee members present the financial report of Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc. ("the association") for the financial year ended 31 December 2021.

### Committee Members

The names of the committee members at any time during or since the end of the year are:

- Emeritus Professor Richard Broome AM FAHA FRHSV (President)
- Elisabeth Jackson FRHSV (Vice President)
- Daniel Clements (Treasurer)
- Carole Woods OAM FRHSV (Secretary)
- Margaret Anderson FFAHS
- Dr Robert Barnes FRHSV (until AGM May 2021)
- Cathy Butcher
- Associate Professor Don Garden OAM FFAHS FRHSV
- Pauline Hitchins
- Dr Judith Smart AM FRHSV
- Emeritus Professor Charles Sowerwine FAHA FRHSV
- Elisabeth Triarico (until July 2021)
- Dr Rosalie Triolo FRHSV
- Dr Nikita Vanderbyl
- Dr Peter Yule FRHSV (from July 2021)

### Principal Activities

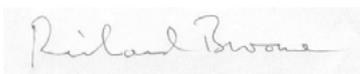
The principal activities of the association during the financial year were to develop and conserve our collection of Victorian history, to promote all aspects of Victorian history through exhibitions, publications and events for its members and the general public, to recognise outstanding achievement in Victorian history, to support affiliated historical societies and to act as an advocate in the conservation and promotion of Victoria's cultural and built heritage.

No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

### Operating Result

The operating surplus of the association for the financial year amounted to \$100,868.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the members of the committee:



Professor Richard Broome  
President



Daniel Clements  
Treasurer

Dated: 9 December 2022

# Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc.

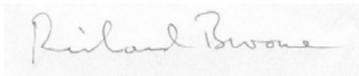
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## Statement by Members of the Committee

In accordance with a resolution of the committee of Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc., the committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements.

The committee of the association declares that:

1. The financial statements and notes, as set out on pages 3 to 11, are in accordance with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and:
  - a. give a true and fair view of the association's financial position as at 31 December 2021 and of its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements; and
  - b. comply with the applicable Australian Accounting Standards and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the association will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.



Professor Richard Broome  
President



Daniel Clements  
Treasurer

Dated: 9 December 2022

# Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc.

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## Auditor's Independence Declaration Under Section 60-40 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012

To the Committee of Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc.

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 31 December 2021 there have been no contraventions of:

- i. the auditor independence requirements as set out in the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 in relation to the review; and
- ii. any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the review.

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**DFK BKM Audit Services**  
Camberwell, Victoria

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'K Adams'.

Director: Kevin P. Adams 9 December 2022



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# Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc.

ABN 36 520 675 471

## Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income For the Year Ended 31 December 2021

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
<b>Revenue</b>		
Research fees	32,760	17,985
Project Fees	15,000	-
Sales publications	67,943	54,415
Donations	219,776	69,850
State government grants – Creative Victoria	84,315	108,457
State government grants – Public Record Office Victoria	-	15,000
Federal government grants – National Library of Australia	-	13,540
Government grants stimulus packages – Treasury	5,521	104,647
Government grants stimulus packages – Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions	-	20,000
Government grants stimulus packages – City of Melbourne	-	1,817
Annual subscriptions	84,643	78,633
Insurance – member societies	130,784	125,078
U Ethical investment income	89,541	32,228
Interest income	111	334
Other income	45,851	23,984
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>776,245</b>	<b>665,968</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Advertising and marketing	11,115	2,909
Accounting and audit fees	30,267	5,756
Bank charges	3,779	3,660
Books	44,787	37,189
Computer and internet	18,616	20,084
Consultancy costs	-	930
Depreciation	8,228	5,438
Grants – Holsworth Fund	2,000	11,874
Insurance	102,425	48,020
Insurance assets historic societies	15,112	55,819
Member support services	9,721	6,404
Occupancy costs	38,099	41,117
Postage	15,798	17,264
Printing and stationeries	13,793	8,623
Publications	18,528	13,092
Staff costs	311,714	300,456
Telephone	3,093	2,699
Other expenses	28,302	6,227
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>675,377</b>	<b>587,561</b>
<b>Surplus for the Year</b>	<b>100,868</b>	<b>78,407</b>
<b>Total Comprehensive Income for the Year</b>	<b>100,868</b>	<b>78,407</b>

The accompanying notes form part of the financial statements.

# Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc.

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## Statement of Financial Position As at 31 December 2021

	Note	2021 \$	2020 \$
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	2	426,568	288,162
Trade and other receivables	3	18,326	29,600
Other assets	4	43,226	41,025
Total Current Assets		<u>488,120</u>	<u>358,787</u>
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>			
Other financial assets	5	948,686	835,308
Collections, plant and equipment	6	1,873,881	1,863,694
Total Non-Current Assets		<u>2,822,567</u>	<u>2,699,002</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b><u>3,310,687</u></b>	<b><u>3,057,789</u></b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Trade and other payables	7	219,637	52,206
Income received in advance	8	134,308	157,772
Provisions	9	19,732	21,150
Total Current Liabilities		<u>373,677</u>	<u>231,128</u>
<b>Non-Current Liabilities</b>			
Provisions		<u>9,481</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Non-Current Liabilities		<u>9,481</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b><u>383,158</u></b>	<b><u>231,128</u></b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<b><u>2,927,529</u></b>	<b><u>2,826,661</u></b>
<b>Equity</b>			
Reserves	10	2,674,883	2,577,944
Retained surplus		<u>252,646</u>	<u>248,717</u>
<b>Total Equity</b>		<b><u>2,927,529</u></b>	<b><u>2,826,661</u></b>

The accompanying notes form part of the financial statements.

# Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc.

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## Statement of Changes in Equity For the Year Ended 31 December 2021

	Reserves \$	Retained Surplus \$	Total \$
Balance at 1 January 2020	2,571,826	176,428	2,748,254
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	78,407	78,407
Transfer from retained surplus to reserves	6,118	(6,118)	-
<b>Balance at 31 December 2020</b>	<b>2,577,944</b>	<b>248,717</b>	<b>2,826,661</b>
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	100,868	100,868
Transfer from retained surplus to reserves	96,939	(96,939)	-
<b>Balance at 31 December 2021</b>	<b>2,674,883</b>	<b>252,646</b>	<b>2,927,529</b>

The accompanying notes form part of the financial statements.

# Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc.

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## Statement of Cash Flows For the Year Ended 31 December 2021

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>Note</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>		
Receipts from customers	569,272	387,243
Government grants received	106,406	237,636
Payments to suppliers and employees	(493,856)	(551,945)
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Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	11 181,822	72,934
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<b>Cash Flows from Investing Activities</b>		
Purchase of collections, plant and equipment	(18,415)	(23,250)
Purchase of financial assets	(25,001)	-
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Net cash used in investing activities	(43,416)	(23,250)
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<b>Net increase (decrease) in cash held</b>	<b>138,406</b>	<b>49,684</b>
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Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year	288,162	238,478
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<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year</b>	<b>2 426,568</b>	<b>288,162</b>
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The accompanying notes form part of the financial statements.

# Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc.

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## Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 31 December 2021

### NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### Basis of Preparation

The committee has prepared the financial statements on the basis that the association is a non-reporting entity because there are no users dependent on general purpose financial statements. The financial statements are therefore special purpose financial statements that have been prepared in order to meet the requirements of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012. The association is a not-for-profit entity for financial reporting purposes under Australian Accounting Standards.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the mandatory Australian Accounting Standards applicable to entities reporting under the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and the significant accounting policies disclosed below, which the committee has determined are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. Such accounting policies are consistent with the previous period unless stated otherwise.

The financial statements, except for the cash flow information, have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs unless otherwise stated in the notes. The amounts presented in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest dollar.

#### Accounting Policies

##### (a) Income Tax

No provision for income tax has been raised as the association is exempt from income tax under Div 50 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

##### (b) Revenue

Revenue is recognised at an amount that reflects the consideration to which the association is expected to be entitled in exchange for transferring goods or services to a customer.

Grant revenue is recognised in profit or loss when the association satisfies the performance obligations stated within the funding agreements. If conditions are attached to the grant which must be satisfied before the association is eligible to retain the contribution, the grant will be recognised in the statement of financial position as a liability until those conditions are satisfied.

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

Donations are recognised as revenue when received.

Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised at the point of delivery as this corresponds to the transfer of significant risks and rewards of ownership of the goods and the cessation of all involvement by the association in those goods.

Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest method, which for floating rate financial assets is the rate inherent in the instrument.

Other revenue is recognised when it is received or when the right to receive payment is established.

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

# Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc.

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## Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 31 December 2021

### NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

#### (c) Collections, Plant and Equipment

Collections are measured on the valuation basis less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Plant and equipment are measured on the cost basis less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. In the event the carrying amount of property, plant and equipment is greater than the estimated recoverable amount, the carrying amount is written down immediately to the estimated recoverable amount and impairment losses are recognised in profit or loss. A formal assessment of recoverable amount is made when impairment indicators are present.

#### Depreciation

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets is depreciated on a straight-line basis or a diminishing value basis over the asset's useful life to the association commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at the end of each reporting period.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with the carrying amount. These gains or losses are recognised in profit or loss when the item is derecognised.

#### (d) Financial Instruments

Financial instruments are recognised initially on the date the association becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. On initial recognition, all financial instruments are initially measured at fair value plus transaction costs. Where available, quoted prices in an active market are used to determine fair value.

#### Financial assets

##### *Classification*

Financial assets are subsequently measured at:

- amortised cost; or
- fair value through profit or loss.

##### *Amortised cost*

The association's financial assets measured at amortised cost comprise cash and cash equivalents and trade and other receivables in the statement of financial position. Subsequent to initial recognition, these assets are carried at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method less any provision for impairment. Interest income and impairment are recognised in profit or loss. Gain or loss on derecognition is recognised in profit or loss.

##### *Fair value through profit or loss*

The association has a number of strategic investments in managed funds over which they do not have significant influence nor control. The association has made an irrevocable election to classify these investments as fair value through profit or loss. These investments are carried at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in profit or loss. Distributions and other net gains and losses are recognised as income in profit or loss.

#### Financial liabilities

The association measures all financial liabilities initially at fair value less transaction costs, subsequently financial liabilities are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

# Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc.

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## Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 31 December 2021

### NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

#### (e) Impairment of Assets

At the end of each reporting period, the entity assesses whether there is any indication that an asset may be impaired. If such an indication exists, an impairment test is carried out on the asset by comparing the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use, to the asset's carrying amount. Any excess of the asset's carrying amount over its recoverable amount is recognised immediately in profit or loss.

When it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, the entity estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

#### (f) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

#### (g) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included with other receivables or payables in the statement of financial position.

#### (h) Comparative Figures

Where required by Accounting Standards, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform to changes in presentation for the current financial year.

#### (i) Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgments

The committee evaluates estimates and judgments incorporated into the financial statements based on historical knowledge and best available current information. Estimates assume a reasonable expectation of future events and are based on current trends and economic data, obtained both externally and within the association.

#### (j) Consolidation of RHSV Inc and RHSV Foundation

It was determined in 2019 by the Board to consolidate the RHSV Foundation into the accounts of RHSV Inc for completeness and simplicity of reporting. The Foundation held a share of managed funds in the name of RHSV Inc and was previously reported separately. The effect of the consolidation is an increase in the value of investments held and an increase in Reserves within Equity.

# Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc.

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## Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 31 December 2021

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
<b>NOTE 2: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>		
Cash on hand	278	1,308
Cash at bank	426,290	286,854
	<u>426,568</u>	<u>288,162</u>
<b>NOTE 3: TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Trade receivables	9,990	22,428
Accrued income	8,336	7,172
	<u>18,326</u>	<u>29,600</u>
<b>NOTE 4: OTHER ASSETS</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Prepayments	32,975	30,093
Inventories – at cost	10,251	10,932
	<u>43,226</u>	<u>41,025</u>
<b>NOTE 5: OTHER FINANCIAL ASSETS</b>		
<b>Non-Current</b>		
U Ethical Growth Portfolio – at fair value	549,235	464,886
U Ethical Enhanced Cash Trust Wholesale – at fair value	399,451	370,422
	<u>948,686</u>	<u>835,308</u>
<b>NOTE 6: COLLECTIONS, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT</b>		
Collections – at valuation	1,841,804	1,841,804
Furniture & Fixtures – at cost	16,847	-
	<u>(3,662)</u>	<u>-</u>
	13,185	-
Plant and equipment – at cost	60,292	58,724
Accumulated depreciation	(41,400)	(36,834)
	<u>18,892</u>	<u>21,890</u>
	<u>1,873,881</u>	<u>1,863,694</u>

# Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc.

ABN 36 520 675 471

## Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 31 December 2021

	2021 \$	2020 \$
<b>NOTE 7: TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Trade creditors	7,723	25,190
GST payables	4,148	5,038
Other payables	14,004	21,978
Funds in advance	<u>193,687</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>219,562</u>	<u>52,206</u>
<b>NOTE 8: INCOME RECEIVED IN ADVANCE</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Subscriptions in advance	51,626	52,710
Insurance in advance	32,909	38,289
Grants in advance	<u>49,773</u>	<u>66,773</u>
	<u>134,308</u>	<u>157,772</u>
<b>NOTE 9: PROVISIONS</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Provision for annual leave	<u>19,732</u>	<u>21,150</u>
<b>NOTE 10: RESERVES</b>		
Foundation	704,646	625,202
Weston Bate Reserve	19,384	17,616
Don Gibb Reserve	11,131	10,384
Estate of John Adams Reserve	12,200	11,058
Vic Historical Journal Reserve	85,718	71,880
Asset Revaluation Reserve	<u>1,841,804</u>	<u>1,841,804</u>
	<u>2,674,883</u>	<u>2,577,944</u>
<b>NOTE 11: CASH FLOW INFORMATION</b>		
<b>Reconciliation of Cash Flow from Operations with Surplus for the Year</b>		
Surplus for the year	100,868	78,407
Non-cash flows in surplus:		
- depreciation	8,228	5,438
- U Ethical investment income reinvested	(89,541)	(32,228)
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
- decrease in trade and other receivables	12,438	29,443
- increase in other assets	(2,201)	(24)
- increase (decrease) in trade and other payables	167,431	9,052
- increase (decrease) in income received in advance	(23,464)	(38,304)
- increase in provisions	<u>8,063</u>	<u>21,150</u>
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	<u>181,822</u>	<u>72,934</u>



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

We have reviewed the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report of Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc. (the association), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2021, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year ended on that date, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the statement by members of the committee.

### *Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Report*

The committee of the association is responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and has determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 to the financial report is appropriate to meet the requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* (ACNC Act) and the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 (Vic)* and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The committee's responsibility also includes such internal control that the committee determines is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### *Auditor's Responsibilities*

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the financial report based on our review. We conducted our review in accordance with Auditing Standard on Review Engagements ASRE 2415 *Review of a Financial Report: Company Limited by Guarantee or an Entity Reporting under the ACNC Act or Other Applicable Legislation or Regulation*, in order to state whether, on the basis of the procedures described, anything has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the financial report does not satisfy the requirements of Division 60 of the ACNC Act including: giving a true and fair view of the association's financial position as at 31 December 2021 and its performance for the year ended on that date; and complying with the Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1 and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013* (ACNC Regulation). ASRE 2415 requires that we comply with the ethical requirements relevant to the review of the financial report.

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

# Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc.

ABN 36 520 675 471

## *Conclusion*

Based on our review, which is not an audit, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the financial report of Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc. does not satisfy the requirements of Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* and the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 (Vic)* including:

- (a) giving a true and fair view of the association's financial position as at 31 December 2021 and of its financial performance and cash flows for the year ended on that date; and
- (b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1, and Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013*.

## *Basis of Accounting*

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

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**Camberwell, Victoria**



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**Director: Kevin P. Adams**

**9 December 2022**



# Support the RHSV Foundation

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

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

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

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

### **CHEQUE**

Cheque made out to RHSV Foundation, 239 A'Beckett St, Melbourne VIC 3000

### **CREDIT CARD**

Or

### **DIRECT DEBIT**

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Royal Historical Society of Victoria,

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

# Become a Member of the RHSV

We value our members - they are our lifeblood. Members enjoy not only a wide range of benefits but they have a multitude of opportunities to engage with history and the RHSV. Many of our members become volunteers and step up their involvement with the RHSV through its many committees or by working on the collection or in administration and marketing.

**To become a member download information from our website:** <https://www.historyvictoria.org.au/membership/become-a-member/>

**Or phone the office on** +613 9326 9288.

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

# RHSV Councillors and Staff

## **PATRON**

Her Excellency the Honourable Linda Dessau AC Governor of Victoria

## **CIVIC PATRON**

The Right Honourable The Lord Mayor of Melbourne, Sally Capp

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*Ex-officio*

Rosemary Cameron

## **HISTORY VICTORIA SUPPORT GROUP**

Pauline Hitchins Convenor

(Maffra & District Historical Society)

Bernard Bolch

(Walhalla Heritage & Development League)

George Fernando

(Camberwell Historical Society)

Don Garden

(Sandringham & District Historical Society)

Helen Laffin (from May 2021)

(Coburg Historical Society)

Dalis Law (from May 2021)

Jane Nigro (until May 2021)

(Malvern Historical Society)

Ric Pawsey

(Box Hill Historical Society)

Judy Richards

(Stratford Historical Society)

Larina Strauch (until May 2021)

(Kyneton Historical Society)

*Ex-officio*

Richard Broome

Rosemary Cameron

## **COMMITTEE STRUCTURE**

### **Executive & Finance Committee**

Richard Broome (chair), Cathy Butcher, Daniel Clements, Elisabeth Jackson, Carole Woods. *Ex-officio*: Rosemary Cameron.

*Responsible for governance, financial management, strategic planning*

### **Publications Committee**

Richard Broome (chair), Jill Barnard, Sharon Bettridge, Marilyn Bowler, Marie Clark, Jonathan Craig, Bronwyn Hughes, John Rickard, John Schauble, Judith Smart, Lee Sulkowska (until Apr 2021), Carole Woods. Honorary indexer: Terri Mackenzie.

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

### **Events and Outreach Committee**

Andrew Lemon (chair), Rosemary Cameron.

*Responsible for specific events such as conferences, the lecture program, the book fair.*

### **Membership Development Committee**

Rosalie Triolo (chair), Robert Barnes (until May 2021), Liz Bath, Don Garden, Carole Woods. *Ex-officio*: Richard Broome, Rosemary Cameron.

*Responsible for strategic planning to increase and retain membership.*

### **Collections Committee**

Elisabeth Jackson (chair), Margaret Fleming, Cheryl Griffin, Lorenzo Iozzi, Elizabeth Willis, *Ex-officio*: Richard Broome, Rosemary Cameron, Jillian

Hiscock and Helen Sitt (from Apr 2021). *Responsible for library, images, manuscripts, IT and research projects.*

### **History Victoria Support Group**

Pauline Hitchins (convenor).

Delegates as listed above.

*Responsible for historical societies, networking, professional development.*

### **RHSV Foundation**

Will be replaced by a new Fund-raising Committee in 2022

### **Fellows Committee**

Carole Woods (chair), Robert Barnes (until May 2021), Richard Broome, Don Garden, Elisabeth Jackson, Judith Smart, Charles Sowerwine (from May 2021), Rosalie Triolo, Peter Yule.

*To meet as required under the RHSV Constitution.*

### **Heritage Committee**

Charles Sowerwine (chair), Jeff Atkins, Don Garden, Peter Hiscock, Elisabeth Jackson, David Lansley, Cael Leskovec, Judith Smart, Felicity Watson (National Trust), Ian Wight. *Ex-officio*: Richard Broome.

*Works to protect built heritage in Melbourne and, with local historical societies, across Victoria.*

### **Victorian Community History Awards Organising Committee**

Adrian Jones (chair), Rosemary Cameron (*ex-officio*).

*Responsible for management of the RHSV part of the Victorian Community History Awards.*

### **THE RHSV is represented on the following committees**

150th Anniversary External Stakeholders Committee, Dept of Education & Training

Australian Heritage Council

Federation of Historical Societies

History Council of Victoria

Holsworth Heritage Trust

Joint Consultative Forum - Victorian Archives NAA

State Library User Organisations Council

Office of Geographic Place Names.

## RHSV STAFF

### Executive Officer

Rosemary Cameron  
Full-time.

### Administration Officer

Rebecca Toohey (until Nov 2021)  
Emily Maiolo (from Nov 2021)  
Full-time.

### Collections Manager & Volunteer Co-ordinator

Jillian Hiscock  
0.7 FTE

### Collections Officer (Images)

Helen Stitt (from Apr 2021)  
0.6 FTE

### Marketing Co-ordinator

Jessica Scott  
0.4 FTE

### Book-keeper

Liridon Shaqiri (until Aug 2021)  
Noha Ghobrial (from Aug 2021)  
0.24 FTE

### Project Officers

Emily Maiolo

### Auditor

Keith P. Adams  
DFK BKM Audit Services  
L3, 689 Burke Road,  
Camberwell VIC 3124

### Hon. Legal Officer

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

### Roll of Fellows

The names of the Fellows of the RHSV living in December 2020 and the year in which they were awarded Fellowships are listed below.

1967	Emeritus Prof. Geoffrey Blainey
1995	Assoc. Prof. John F. Lack Dr Andrew G. Lemon
1997	Prof. John Rickard
1999	Assoc. Prof. Don Garden
2001	Susan Priestley
2004	Judith Bilszta Valda Cole
2006	Dr Mimi Colligan
2008	Dr Gary Presland Carole Woods
2010	Peter Yule

2011	Richard Barnden Allan Willingham
2012	Adjunct Prof. Judith Smart
2013	Prof. Bill Russell
2014	Dr Robert Barnes Lenore Frost
2016	Emeritus Prof. Richard Broome
2017	Dr Dianne Reilly
2019	Dr Simon Smith Dr David Thompson
2020	Elisabeth Jackson Dr Rosalie Triolo
2021	Emeritus Prof. Charles Sowerwine

### Distinguished Service Awards 2021

George Fernando

### Awards of Merit 2021

Peter Pidgeon, Eltham District Historical Society  
Valerie Polley OAM, Warrandyte Historical Society  
Catherine Reichert, Footscray Historical Society

### Barbara Nixon Volunteer Award 2021

Cathy Butcher  
Amy Minter

### Benefactors

Professor Weston Bate OAM FRHSV  
The Estate of Doug Gunn  
Gordon Moffatt AM  
Dame Elisabeth Murdoch AC, DBE  
Prof. A.G.L. Shaw AO FAHA FASSA FRAHS FRHSV  
Allan Willingham FRHSV

### Don Gibb RHSV Prize in Australian History 2021

Gabrielle Rutter, La Trobe University

## GRANTS AND DONATIONS

### The RHSV wishes to thank the following organisations for support in 2021:

Creative Victoria - Organisations Investment Program  
Holsworth Local Heritage Trust  
Kate and Stephen Shelmerdine Foundation  
The Myer Foundation  
Public Record Office Victoria  
Vera Moore Foundation

### And expresses its gratitude to the following individuals:

Richard Broome  
Robert Arnold Buntine

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Rosemary Nixon  
Patricia Peck  
John Rickard  
Ian Thiele  
Michael Tonta  
Allan Willingham  
Carole Woods

## VOLUNTEERS

Bath, Liz  
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Betridge, Sharon  
Bevan, Julie  
Boak, Helen  
Buchanan, Greg  
Cameron, Alison  
Coates, Jenny  
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Douglas, Lynne  
Elliston, Simon  
Fleming, Margaret  
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Graham, Fiona  
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Jackson, Julia  
Manchee, Chris  
Minter, Amy  
Muirden, Sallie  
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Rohde, Valerie  
Rose, John  
Sherwood, Lyn  
Smith, Ashley  
Thompson, David  
Torpey, John  
Torpey, Sandra  
Wilson, Guy

## The Jessie Webb Society

**In 2021 we launched the Jessie Webb Society which both honours those who have already made bequests to the RHSV and encourages others to do so.**

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

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

*“My bequest to the Jessie Webb Society is made in acknowledgement of the enduring value and worth there is in the study of history. I am pleased to provide support for a discipline that gave me not only many years of enjoyable employment, but also enduring friendships, and opportunities to contribute to an understanding of our past. I am proud to think that, through the Jessie Webb Society, my achievements can be of benefit in the future. That, surely, is what ‘history’ is about.”*

### Dr Gary Presland FRHSV

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

If you have any questions about leaving a gift in your Will to the Royal Historical Society of Victoria, please contact your solicitor or our Executive Officer on +613 9326 9288 / [executive.officer@historyvictoria.org.au](mailto:executive.officer@historyvictoria.org.au).

[www.historyvictoria.org.au/support/bequests/](http://www.historyvictoria.org.au/support/bequests/)

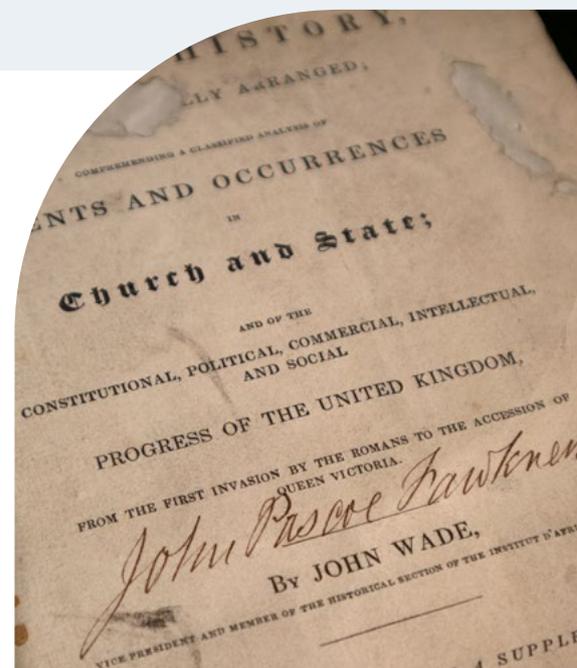
## Donations

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

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

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

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



### RHSV Collection marginalia:

Signature of John Pascoe Fawcner, “*British history chronologically arranged: comprehending a classified analysis of events and occurrences in church and state ...*”, London, Henry G. Bohn, 1844.

Fawcner established a lending library in 1850. This is a prime example of his practice of signing his books on the title page, on the head-title and the last page of text.

*[Faint, mostly illegible handwritten text on aged, stained paper]*

*A. Minnick*

*Registrar*

MR. J. MARKE

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