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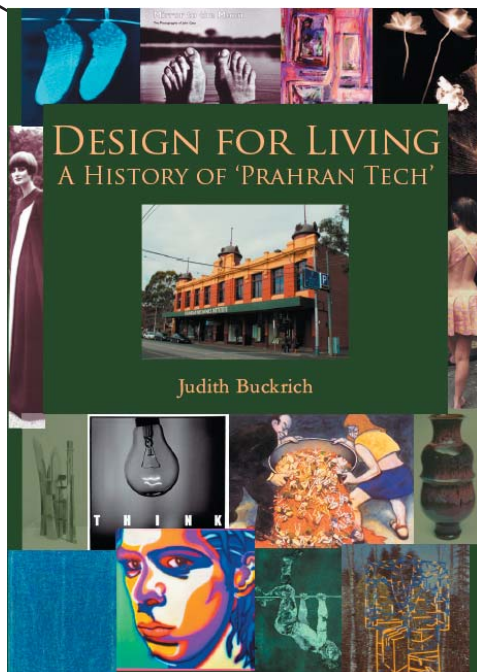
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# AROUND THE LIBRARY



## MEMBERS' NEWS

Welcome to the following new members who joined during April and May:

<i>Ada Ackerly</i>	<i>Shirley Muir</i>
<i>Vesna Curmi</i>	<i>Beryl O'Gorman</i>
<i>Graham Dudley</i>	<i>Anan Phalakornkitti</i>
<i>Jenni Ellis</i>	<i>Don Raisbeck</i>
<i>David Evans</i>	<i>Pauline Read</i>
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<i>David Fallick</i>	<i>David Webster</i>
<i>Pamela Herrington</i>	<i>Marsha Webster</i>
<i>Judi Jackson</i>	

Thank you to the following members who made financial donations to the library during April and May:

<i>Roger Beeston</i>	<i>Elaine Herbert</i>
<i>Dr Richard Broome</i>	<i>Lynne Hindhaugh</i>
<i>Joan Esam</i>	<i>Harriet Houghton</i>
<i>Deirdre Farfor</i>	<i>Kate Lilley</i>
<i>Caroline Floyd</i>	<i>Ralph Sutton</i>
<i>Gillian Gengoult-Smith</i>	

A very big thank you also to those lapsed members who renewed their subscriptions in response to our recent lapsed member survey. Every subscription is important to the further development of the library and collection. We are also grateful to all those who took the time to fill in the survey, and give us valuable feedback on many aspects of the library service.

## GENERAL NEWS

Works in the library:

**Signage** on the west window is complete, and the next thing will be cementing the most westerly former window display area to even up the floor before it is carpeted. Window tinting will follow soon.

Library shelving is very expensive, and normally when we have to purchase some, it puts strain on our budget. So we were grateful to **Stonnington Library & Information Service** for offering the PMI some used shelving which recently became available. The several bays of shelving is in storage and will be installed when we have the room to do so.

Annual General Meeting:

Thanks to all those members who attended the AGM on 1 May. There being no further nominations, Ben Quin was re-elected to the Committee for a further four years.

The 2006 reports of the Treasurer, Secretary Librarian and Promotions & Publications Librarian are available at the loans desk, or copies can be posted or emailed to you if you wish.

Group visits:

On 14 April the Melbourne Dead Persons Society visited the PMI and were given a talk and tour. The Society was formed in 1992 and its aims are to promote an interest in genealogy via the use of computers and the internet in a social environment and to foster cooperation, personal development and entertainment through genealogy. The Dead Persons Society website <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~dpsoc/> contains many useful links for genealogy, cemetery indexes compiled by the Society, and articles on holding a family reunion and how to clean headstones.



If your society, club or group would like to visit the library, please contact PMI on 9510 3393 or [library@pmi.net.au](mailto:library@pmi.net.au)

## MIV NEWS

The Mechanics' Institutes of Victoria held a regional meeting at Malmsbury Mechanics' Institute on the 21 April which was a great success. The hall was packed and everyone spoke very passionately about his or her institute or their interest in institutes in general. An indirect outcome from this meeting was a grant for \$65,000 to restore the Malmsbury Mechanics' Institute building.

We also met with a company based in Malmsbury that conducts Museum Certificate II courses and is very interested in working with the MIV on cataloguing and promoting institute collections and establishing a mechanics' institute trail.

The Department of Sustainability and the Environment funded this meeting. We plan to hold the next one somewhere around Gippsland.

# PMI ACT AMENDED

An important set of amendments to the Prahran Mechanics' Institute Act (1899) recently passed through the Victorian Parliament and was given Royal Assent on 1 May.

This is the story of the amendments in a nutshell ...

In our recent discussions with Education Department reps regarding the lease of 140 High Street to the Minister for Education, a representative of the Victorian Government Solicitors Office (VGSO) expressed concern that the PMI may not actually have the power to own real property, because this power is not explicitly stated in the PMI Act. This is despite the fact that the PMI appears on the title to the land and buildings at High Street and Chapel Street.

In fact, according to the solicitors at Local Government Victoria, the PMI does have the right to purchase and sell real property, but it needs to arrange an Act of Parliament to do so. Such an Act would also make stipulations about what the property in question would be used for.

And this is exactly what the PMI did in 1912, when an Act passed in the Victorian Parliament, granting the PMI special permission to mortgage its Chapel Street property, purchase land, and erect "thereon a building in which to carry on such Mechanics' Institute and Circulating Library and to hold technical classes ...". This 1912 Act was repealed in 1958, long after the PMI had made the final payment on the property.

The only problem was that no amendments were made within the original 1899 Act to state that the purchase of the High Street property was carried out with the necessary permission. This, according to the VGSO, cast significant doubt over the PMI's ownership of the High Street property.

Though the PMI Committee was satisfied that there has never been any doubt as to the PMI's ownership of High Street, it took the advice of Local Government Victoria and a bill was drafted to alter the PMI act of 1899 to include mention of the legal mortgage, land purchase and erection of the buildings. The bill also removed any doubt as to the PMI's ability to enter into long term leases at both the Chapel Street and High Street properties.

We are grateful to Cathy Dineen and her colleagues at Local Government Victoria for sorting this issue out very quickly indeed, so that the Committee may now move on with further discussions about the lease. Thanks also to the Member for Prahran, Tony Lupton, and the new Minister for Local Government, Richard Wynne who both spoke so favourably of the amendments, of the PMI and the library service and PMI Press. We are also grateful that the Bill was allowed to proceed as a private members bill, meaning that the ordinary fee for such legislation was waived. Other members of both houses on all sides of the political fences spoke very favourably of the Bill, the PMI and the mechanics' institutes in their constituencies.

If you would like to look at the relevant Hansard, visit <http://tex.parliament.vic.gov.au>, click on 'Hansard', and type 'prahran mechanics institute' in the search field.

Our next major administrative step will be to have the new rules gazetted by the Victorian Executive Council. The rules upgrade was carried out in 2006 in consultation with library staff, committee, PMI members, Consumer Affairs Victoria and Local Government Victoria. If you would like to read the final version of the new rules, please ask library staff to print/post/email you a copy. Further information about the new rules will appear in a future newsletter.

## PMI PRESS UPDATE

The judges of the Federation of Australian Writers Melbourne University Publishing Award had this to say about *Frontier French Island* by Ruth Gooch:

*Highly commended: Ruth Gooch's history of French Island is a model local history. It is extremely well researched, the illustrations are excellent and it is written with great warmth.*

Congratulations Ruth.

*Design for Living: A History of 'Prahran Tech'* is complete and will be launched at the Prahran Town Hall at 6.00pm. Further

details about the book are elsewhere in this newsletter. If you would like to attend the launch of the book please RSVP 9510 3393 or [library@pmi.net.au](mailto:library@pmi.net.au) by 31 May.

The next publication on our schedule is *Fine Tunes* by Mark Whitty. A jazz entertainer for 45 years, Whitty has written anecdotal and biographical accounts of thirteen Melbourne jazz musicians who were friends and mentors to him early in his career. You will be hearing more about this book as work progresses.

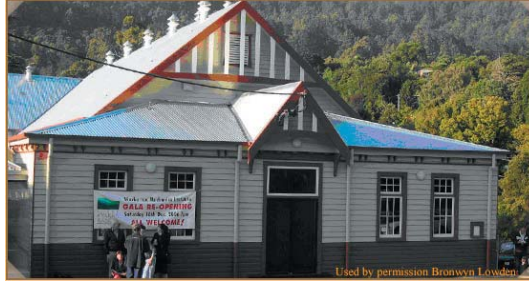
# Travelling Exhibition

at the PMI  
16 May - 15 June



## MECHANICS AND PROUD OF IT!

28 panels highlighting mechanics' institutes in Victoria - history, architecture and vital role in development of early Victorian rural and urban communities.



## ❁ Thank you ❁

to those members who supported our ❁ membership drive ❁

and congratulations to ❁ David Evans ❁

and ❁ Pamela Herrington ❁ both of Bentleigh

whose bookmark was drawn out of a hat by Cr John Chandler (Mayor of Stonnington and PMI Committee member) at the Annual General Meeting on 1 May.

David and Pam each receive a \$50 voucher from Borders® Books & Music.

## Winter Book Club



Sat 2 June - *The Secret River* / Kate Grenville (2005)

Sat 7 July - *The Kite Runner* / Kahled Hosseini (2003)

Sat 4 August - *The Book Thief* / Marcus Zusak (2005)

In 2007 our Book Club will meet at the library from 10am to 12pm on the first Saturdays of the Winter months.

Participation in the Winter Book Club is FREE, and it is a fun and relaxing Winter activity for our members who love to read and talk about fiction. Morning tea provided. ALL WELCOME.

If you would like to attend any or all of the above Book Club meetings please

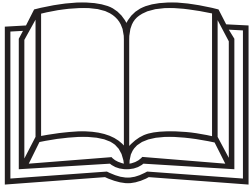
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## PMI Library Collection Guide

### No 3. Historical Collection: 'Subject Histories'

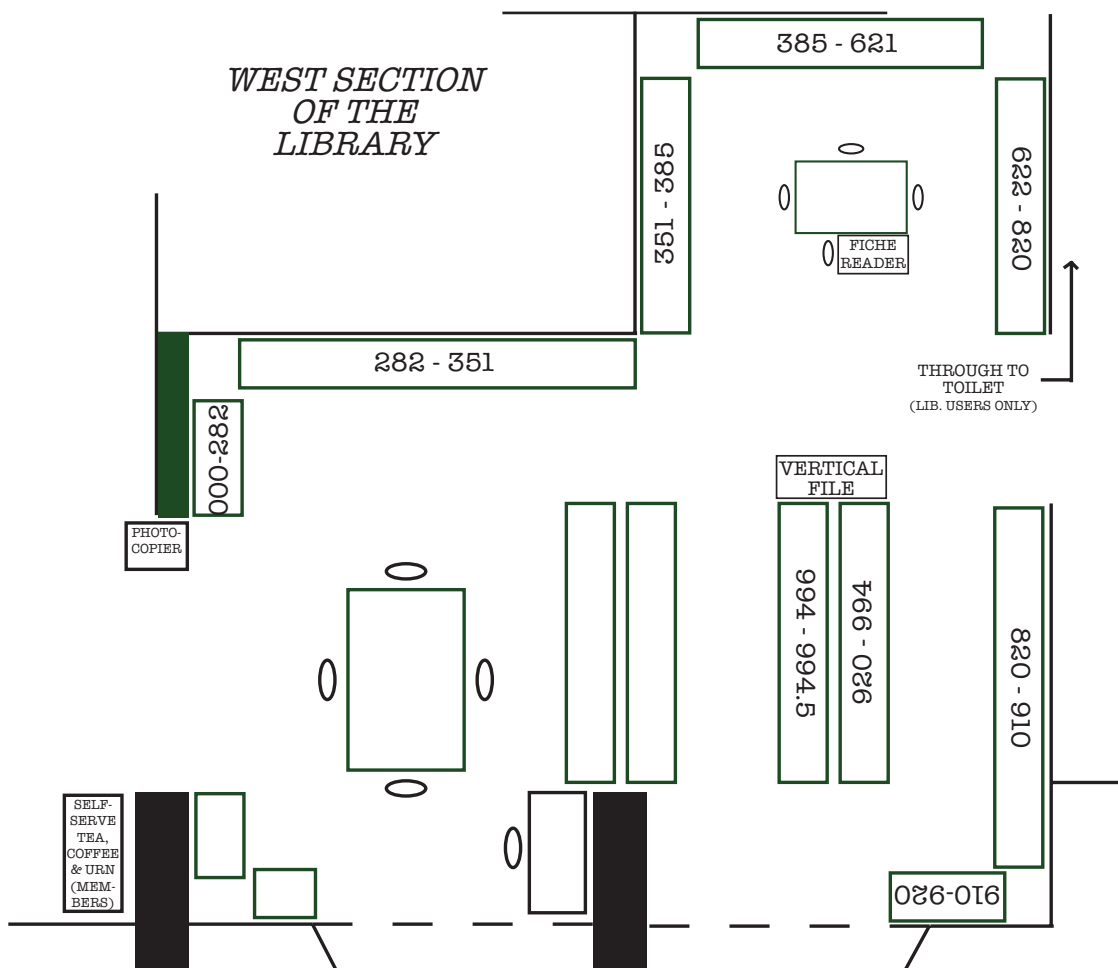
The previous collection guide talked about the 'local histories' in the collection - that is, books that have been written about a the history of a particular region or locality, or a particular aspect of the history of a region or locality. Those books are found at Dewey Decimal Classification (DDC) numbers 994.51-994.59.

BUT there are many, many books in the collection pertaining to the history of Victoria which are not limited to covering a particular region or locality. These items are arranged on the shelves according to SUBJECT and are found at DDC numbers 000-994.5. Further details about this large section of the historical collection are given in this guide.

For information about the origin of the historical collection and about how items are selected and acquired for the historical collection, see guide 2 in the previous (April) newsletter. Also refer to the previous guide for information about reference items.

#### Location

The subject histories are mainly located in the west section of the library and the map below shows the location of the calls numbers 000-994.5. Subject history items can also be found in the glass cabinet, vertical file and folio section (refer previous guide for descriptions of these). Additionally, we subscribe to quite a few journals which are not specific to a locality (such as the journals of the RHSV, the Art Deco Society and the Australian Garden History Society) and these can be found in the periodicals section by journal title.



## Browsing the subject histories

Alternatively, you can browse the subject histories by the DDC numbers. You will see when you browse this part of the collection that we try to keep the call numbers as short as possible - most consist of a three digit DDC number and a three letter code (usually the first three letters of the author's name). Sometimes we have to use additional numbers to further classify items (eg. 351 for politics, 351.1-351.9 for different categories under that subject).

The following is a guide to some of the material held under the broad categories of DDC numbers. Remember that any subject histories relating to a particular area will be filed with the area. A book about the VFL, VFA or AFL will be located at 796.336, but a book about the Preston Bullants football club will be filed at 994.51 PRES SPO and the North Ballarat Roosters at 994.57 BALL SPO.

002 - book history	388.341 - horse-drawn vehicles
027 - archives & libraries	391 - clothing
070 - publishing & booksellers	423 - Australian language
100	551.483 - waterways
200-299 churches & religion	590-599 - fauna, 598 - birds
301 - Australian culture	610 - medicine & dentistry
305.4 - women	622.342 - gold discovery & mining
305.8-305.89 - immigration	640 - chemistry & pharmacy
305.856 - Lebanese immigration	641.3-641.5 - cookery
332.1 - banks & banking	700 - art & artists
333.3 - land settlement & squatting	720 - architecture, architects & buildings
333.873 - parks	712 - gardening
338.1 - agriculture & agricultural machinery	741.5 - cartooning & cartoonists
338.341 - bullocks & bullockies	745-747 - antiques, collectibles & collecting
338.4 - commerce and industry	780 - music & musicians
351.1 - 351.9 - politics *& politicians	791.3 - circuses
355 - armed forces	792 - actors, cinemas, theatres
361-362 - social welfare & charities	796.358 - cricket
363.2 - police	796.51 - bushwalking
363.37 - bushfires	796.6 - bicycles & cycling
363.69 - historic buildings conservation	798 - horseracing
363.75 - historic cemeteries	820 - Australian literature
364 - crime & criminals	820 LIT - Australian literary guides & criticism
364.155 - bushranging & bushrangers	910 - explorers
370 - education	912 - maps & atlases
374 - mechanics' institutes	920 - biography
384.54 - radio & television	929.1 - genealogical research
385 - railways	929.2 - published family histories
386.3 - paddle steamers	930.1 - archeology
387.2 - shipping	940.3 - World War I
387.7 - aircraft, airlines & aviators	940.53 - World War II
388.3 - cars & motoring	994 - history of Australia
388.322 - buses	994.5 - history of Victoria

## Searching the catalogue

The most efficient way to search the collection is by searching the catalogue - or asking library staff to search the catalogue for you. This is the only way you can ensure that you have found everything in the collection related to the subject area you are interested in. Find out secrets to searching the online catalogue in a future guide in this newsletter

## Any questions?

If you have any specific questions about the local history collection that have not been answered by this guide, please inform library staff, and we will include this information in the next newsletter.

GENERAL COLLECTION

Infidel / Ayaan Hirsi Ali  
 The abduction / Mark Gimenez  
 A short history of tractors in Ukrainian / Marina Lewycka  
 The death of Dalziel / Reginald Hill  
 Innocent in death / J.D. Robb  
 The memory keeper's daughter / Kim Edwards  
 Age of progress / S.C. Burchell (Great Ages of Man series)  
 The good husband of Zebra Drive (Lady detective series) / Alexander McCall Smith  
 Blue shoes and happiness (Lady detective series) / Alexander McCall Smith  
 Shearwater / Andrea Mayes  
 The road / Cormac McCarthy  
 Pure pleasure: a guide to the 20th century's most enjoyable books / John Carey  
 Zone defence (Inspector Haritos) / Petros Markaris  
 The successor / Ismail Kadare [donated by Diane Nicholas]  
 Wash this blood clean from my hand (Commissaire Adamsberg investigates) / Fred Vargas  
 The 6th target (Women's Murder Club series) / James Patterson and Maxine Paetro  
 Bad luck and trouble (Jack Reacher) / Lee Child  
 Nineteen minutes / Jodi Picoult  
 On Chesil Beach / Ian McEwan  
 Suffer the little children (a Commissario Guido Brunetti mystery) / Donna Leon [donated by Judy Buckrich]

HISTORICAL COLLECTION

Victoria-General

The constitution of Victoria / Greg Taylor  
 The Victorian premiers 1856-2006 / edited by Paul Strangio and Brian Costar  
 Wooden wonders: Victoria's timber bridges / Don Chambers [donated by National Trust of Australia (Victoria)]  
 Beginnings: a chronological account of first Europeans to visit or explore the State of Victoria and an account of first European pastoral settlement of the various districts of the State / Frank Hutchinson [donated by Frank Hutchinson]  
 Arachne's children : a history of the Handweaver's and Spinner's Guild of Victoria 1954-2004 / Elizabeth Paramanathan  
 A good spot for a hotel : a history of hotels in Victoria / AHA VIC [donated by Paddy O'Sullivan, Australian Hotels Association Victoria]  
 The aborigines of Port Phillip 1835-1839 / edited by Ian McFarlane [donated by Stonnington Libraries]  
 Beginnings of permanent government [in Victoria] / edited by Pauline Jones [donated by Stonnington Libraries]  
 Biographical index of Congregational ministers in Victoria, 1838-1977 / by Peter M. Munster

Abbotsford St Joseph's Technical School, 1893-1990

Badger Creek From the ashes : the history of the early settlement of Badger Creek and the growth of the Badger Creek Fire Brigade / Peter Broman

Ballarat 50 special years : the history of the special school in Ballarat : 1955-2005 / Marion Blythman

Goldrush doctors at Ballarat / by Keith Macrae Bowden

Formula for survival : the saga of the Ballarat Hebrew Congregation / Newman Rosenthal

Bentleigh Serving then, serving still : the story of the Bentleigh RSL Inc. & a record of service of this district in three wars / compiled by Carl Johnson

Brandy Creek A History of the Brandy Creek, Drouin West, Robin Hood, Tarago and Glen Crombie districts.. / editor Brian W. Hansen

Casterton Casterton Primary School No. 2058 centenary 1878-1978

Unto one another, 1867-1977 : memoirs of Casterton Methodist Church / compiled by Doris Milward

History register : Casterton old cemetery and bushland graves / compiled by Jack Gorman

Castlemaine Thru' the windscreen : a look at Castlemaine and district transport, garages and motor vehicles over the last 100 years / Keith & Joy White

Cheshunt The history of Cheshunt and the Cheshunt-Degamero Primary School No.2553 : school centenary 1883-1983

Chewton History of the Chewton State School S.S. 1054 : centenary celebrations Saturday, October 20, 1962 / compiled by J. Coutts ... et al.

Cobden Story of the Cobden Bush Nursing Hospital 1944 - 1982 / by Bret Scouller

Coburg The history of the Coburg Cricket Club 1855/6-2005/6 / compiled by Don Hudson [donated]

by Don Hudson]

Collingwood Collingwood at Victoria Park / Glenn McFarlane and Michael Roberts

Creswick When I was fourteen : reflections of some Creswick senior citizens / Arlene Geoffrey  
The Creswick Grammar School history : with lists of teachers and scholars and reminiscences by former scholars / Written and compiled by John A. Graham

Darlington Taylor's River - Elephant Bridge - Darlington : school centenary - April 24th, 1865 to 1965, the celebrations ... held October 8th-10th, 1965 : official programme

Drouin West A History of the Brandy Creek, Drouin West, Robin Hood, Tarago and Glen Crombie districts.. / editor Brian W. Hansen

Echuca St Mary's School, Echuca: recollections of history : celebrating 100 years of registration 1906-2006, registered no. 584 [donated by St Mary's School, Echuca]

Ecklin Souvenir of - Back to Ecklin and District : March 6-7-8, 1976

Elephant Bridge Taylor's River - Elephant Bridge - Darlington : school centenary - April 24th, 1865 to 1965, the celebrations ... held October 8th-10th, 1965 : official programme

Elsternwick Elsternwick Hockey Club 1905-2005 : a centenary history / by Ailsa McLeary

Eltham Montsalvat: a guide to the place and its founder / Michael Jorgensen

Fairfield Fairfield Primary School No. 2711, 1885-1985 / compiled by Vincent Williams

Geelong A grand vision: the first 150 years of the Geelong Agricultural and Pastoral Society Inc.: a social history of the Geelong district and its show 1855-2005 / Edward (Ted) Stephens  
Churches of Geelong and district vol.2: pre-1900 outer Geelong region / Margaret Frewin and Lorraine Phelan

Guide to the Australian House Museum / by Frank Campbell

Gisborne The Anglican Parish of Gisborne : the first 150 years 1855 - 2005 : sesquicentennial celebrations Sunday 13th to Saturday 19th November 2005 / compiled by Elaine & Graeme Millar with Phyllis & Ian Boyd [donated by Lorraine Moore, Parish of Gisborne]

Glen Crombie A History of the Brandy Creek, Drouin West, Robin Hood, Tarago and Glen Crombie districts.. / editor Brian W. Hansen

Keilor Keilor Hotel : history of Keilor Hotel / by Susan Jennison

Kew Xavier behaviour / Paul Henderson

School matters : the Preshil alternative in education / Naomi Rosh White

Lismore Jubilee historical sketch, 1864-1914 / Presbyterian Church of Victoria, Lismore Parish

Little River The Travellers Rest Inn [Little River] / compiled by John H McNaughton [donated by John McNaughton]

Malvern Malvern Special Needs Playgroup: a short history of the first 30 years 1975-2005 / Lesley Kerr

Mansfield The backbone of the country : Country Women's Association Mansfield : 75 years of history 1931 to 2006 / Pauline Read

The Mansfield Valley: 150 years of history [donated by John Merry]

Maude Maude Primary School no. 1426 : centenary 1874-1974

Melbourne A second chance : the story of George Taylor & Staff and Taylors College, Melbourne / researched and compiled by Craige Proctor [donated by Craige Proctor]

The early development of Melbourne 1836-1839 / edited by Ian McFarlane / [donated by Stonnington Libraries]

Merbein Merbein Monumental and Lawn Cemetery register and monumental inscriptions 1914-2005 / Mildura and District Genealogical Society

Milawa Scholars around the square: Milawa Primary School 100th year celebration / Wendy Ferguson and Judy White

Milawa Primary School 737: World War 1 honour board 'lest we forget'

Milawa historic pioneer walk or drive guide

Moe Moe and district at war : a tribute to those who served / edited by Graham Goulding

Mooroolbark Twenty Five / Billanook College [donated by Billanook College, Mooroolbark]

Mt Blowhard Mortillo : a short history of Mt. Blowhard : to commemorate the centenary of primary school no. 2037

Mt Waverley Reflections of Huntingtower 1927-1977 / by Suzanne Peterson

Neerim South A century of faith, a community of hope: centenary of St Ignatius Catholic Church, Neerim South 1905-2005 / Joan Gleeson

Ouyen Who were they? : naming of Ouyen's streets and parks / compiled by Merle Pole

Phillip Island Phillip Island : a history of motor sport since 1928 / researched and written by Jim Scaysbrook

Point Nepean A point to remember: Point Nepean / by Colleen Finn [donated by John Merry]

Port Albert Port Albert conservation study 1982 / Graeme Butler

Rushworth St. Paul's Church of England Rushworth, 1870-1970

Rushworth and district 1853-2006 (pictorial) / Rushworth and District Historical and Preservation Society

Rutherglen Memories of Rutherglen: a teacher's experiences of bush life in the seventies / David

RECENT ACQUISITIONS (April-May)

Crawford [donated by Bruce Turner]

Robin Hood A History of the Brandy Creek, Drouin West, Robin Hood, Tarago and Glen Crombie districts.. / editor Brian W. Hansen

Tarago A History of the Brandy Creek, Drouin West, Robin Hood, Tarago and Glen Crombie districts.. / editor Brian W. Hansen

Tatura Names that must not wither : Tatura's World War 2 roll of honour / Tony Ford

Taylor's River Taylor's River - Elephant Bridge - Darlington : school centenary - April 24th, 1865 to 1965, the celebrations ... held October 8th-10th, 1965 : official programme

Terang Back to Terang and district, Easter 1950

Torquay History of Torquay Surf Life Saving Club : the first fifty years, 1945-1995 / Ken Pollard [donated by Ken Pollard]

Warrigal Twenty years on: one and a quarter centuries of service: Warragul Church of Christ 1881-2006 / Judy Farmer [donated by Warragul Church of Christ]

Warrnambool The past of our future : a history of the Warrnambool Uniting Church, 1847-1997 / Barry T. Brown and others

Waverley Returned & Services League : Waverley : lest we forget / B.C. Askew with K. Fennessy

Williamstown Williamstown High School Ex-Students' Association 1922-2002 / compiled by Moya McCrackett Palmer [donated by Moya Palmer, Williamstown High School Ex-Students Association ]

Williamstown High School pictorial: a walk through some of Williamstown High School's collection of photos for ex-students and students [donated by Moya Palmer, Williamstown High School Ex-Students and Staff Association Inc.]

Woodend Clyde School, 1910-1975 : an uncommon history / Melanie Guile

Biography, Autobiography & Family Histories

Alfred Deakin : a sketch / by Walter Murdoch, with an introduction by Frank Moorhouse

David Syme : the father of protection in Australia / by Ambrose Pratt ; with introduction by the Hon. Alfred Deakin

The three lives of Gavan Duffy / Cyril Pearl

Cutting green hay : friendships, movements and cultural conflicts in Australia's great decades / Vincent Buckley

From the Blackwater Valley to the Old Mallee : an Irish/Australian family and community history / Elizabeth Murphy [donated by Elizabeth Murphy]

The Ryrie family : Australian pioneers / John H. Edwards

A ballad by Johannes Brahms: a journey to understand a childhood in Vienna shattered by Nazism / Susanne Wright [donated by Diane Nicholas]

Wilson Hall on the Glenelg: the tales and the history / Beryl O'Gorman [donated by Beryl O'Gorman]

On and on the river runs: 150 years of our Holmes family in Australia / Beryl O'Gorman [donated by Beryl O'Gorman]

150th anniversary of the arrival in Melbourne of Capt. Cuthbert Napoleon French 3 September 1853 [donated by Peter Norman]

Australian Literature

The letters of Rachel Henning with forty pen drawings by Norman Lindsay (1952) [donated by Jim Badger]

Death by water (Phryne Fisher mystery) / Kerry Greenwood [donated by Diane Nicholas]

Inspector Anders and the blood vendetta / Marshall Browne

Mechanics' Institutes

Mechanics' institutes, schools of arts, athenaeums, etc.: an Australian checklist 2nd ed. / compiled by Bronwyn Lowden [donated by Bronwyn Lowden]

Miscellaneous

The sound of Melbourne : 75 years of 3LO

Australian impressionism / Terence Lane

SGAP : the story of Arthur Swaby and the Society for Growing Australian Plants / John Walter [donated by John Walter]

The people's party : Victorian Labor and the radical tradition, 1875-1914 / Frank Bongiorno

Swank or 'wheels': how Australians regarded private horse-drawn vehicles 1788-1940 / Ian James Badger [donated by Jim Badger]

Fool's gold : myths and legends of gold seeking in Australia / Barry McGowan

To hell and back: the banned account of Gallipoli / Sydney Loch

WIA book. Volume 1 / Wireless Institute of Australia [donated by Peter Wolfenden]

Puffing Billy: spirit of the Dandenongs / Nick Anchen

Sunshine Harvester Works H.V. McKay: an agricultural icon / Ken Arnold

The story of the bar of Victoria : from its foundation to the amalgamation of the two branches of the legal profession, 1839-1891 : Historical. Personal. Humorous. / John Leonard Forde



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