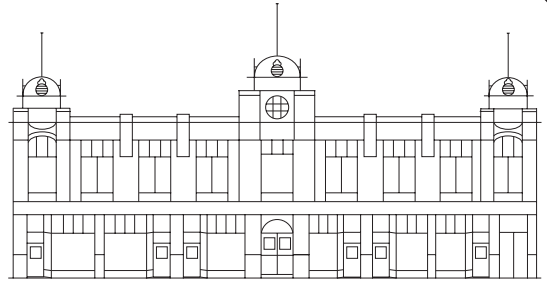


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PMI Minute Books Restored

The minute books of the PMI have undergone much needed restoration, thanks to a generous City of Stonnington Community Grant for \$1760.

Peter Lewis of Rutherford Fine Leather Binding carried out the professional restoration work, which consisted of rebinding in matching leather and suede coverings, and tissue repair on some damaged pages of the oldest minute book (which had long ago lost its front cover). Thanks to Rutherford for doing a wonderful job on these important treasures, which record the history of the PMI from 1861 to 1966. They have been preserved for posterity and will be proudly displayed in our rare books cabinet at the library.



Secretary on Leave



I will be away on long service leave until the 1 March 2008. Yes, it's been fifteen years since I started in the library and what wonderful years they have been! I plan to spend the time playing with my kids, visiting places of interest, resting and of course **READING!** Our resident writer/historian Judith Buckrich (right) will be Acting Secretary in my absence. Please make her feel welcome. I wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Cheers Cathy.



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AROUND THE LIBRARY



MEMBERS NEWS

Welcome to the following new members who joined during October and November:

<i>Jennifer Blair</i>	<i>Bruce Joy</i>
<i>James Doolan</i>	<i>Anastasia Malishev</i>
<i>Lynne Graham</i>	<i>Michael Whitehead</i>
<i>Michael Jones</i>	<i>Imelda Williamson</i>

Thank you to the following members who made financial donations to the library during October and November:

<i>Jennifer Chapman</i>	<i>Donald Linforth</i>
<i>Kaye Cole</i>	<i>June Mayne</i>
<i>Geoff Durham</i>	<i>Roland McCausland</i>
<i>Jennifer Elder</i>	<i>Richard Snedden</i>
<i>Bruce Joy</i>	<i>Judith Vun</i>
<i>Wallace Kirsop</i>	<i>Peter Wolfenden</i>
<i>Maya Lazarus</i>	

GENERAL NEWS

Sadly Missed

We regret the recent passing of Mr Hinton Lambert, a member of the PMI for over 15 years. Mr Lambert, an elderly gentleman, was a regular caller to the library, and always cheery though his health had not been the best for some time. We will also remember his generosity, as he made regular financial contributions to the library.

History Essay Competition

Thank you to all schools, teachers and students who contributed to the competition in 2007 and special thanks to Borders® for sponsorship of the competition. Congratulations to the following prize recipients:

First Prize = \$200 - **Robert Milner** (Elwood College)
 Second Prize = \$100 voucher from Borders® - **Morgan Mansell** (Presbyterian Ladies' College)

Honourable mention certificates were awarded to:

Kelly Pethick (Blackburn High School)
Sophie McDonald (Mount Waverley Secondary College)
Lovisa Brown (Elwood College)

All other entrants received a certificate of participation.

Thank you

The dates of Christmas closure of the library are given on the back page of this newsletter above your mailing label. Please note that the return book chute will be closed for the Christmas break, so please organise your holiday reading and book renewals beforehand.

The committee and staff of the library would like to thank all members for supporting the library during 2007. Special thanks to all those who donated books and funds to help the library expand the collection and improve services. Thanks also to those people who renewed their memberships in response to our lapsed member survey - every membership is important to us.

Merry Christmas  
Happy New Year

MIV NEWS

We had a wonderful two day tour of mechanics' institutes around Gippsland on 13-14 October and are planning another one around north east Victoria next year. Details will be published in a future edition of this newsletter.

Representatives from several mechanics' institute libraries, including our own, will be meeting with officers from the National Library of Australia on 28 November to discuss how Libraries Australia can help catalogue and promote our collections. If you haven't already visited their site we suggest you try it <http://librariesaustralia.nla.gov.au>

The Mechanics' Institutes of Victoria held their AGM on 10 November at Prahran. Cathy stepped down as President but was re-elected as Vice President. Professor Wallace Kirsop, a great advocate for libraries and books in general and a member of PMI, was elected as President.

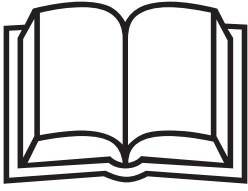
2008 BOOK CLUB

In 2008 the Book club will again be held on the first Saturdays of the winter months.



As usual, your suggestions for Book Club reading are sought so that we may purchase books as early as possible. This will give everyone an opportunity to read them.

Please inform library staff in person, by phone (9510 3393) or by email (library@pmi.net.au) with your suggested reading for the Winter Book Club.



PMI Library Collection Guide

No 6. Mechanics' Institute Resources Collection

Introduction

This part of the PMI Library collection is in its infancy, but promises to one day be the most comprehensive collection of items relating to the history of mechanics' institutes. The MIRC is a partnership project of the PMI and the Mechanics' Institutes of Victoria (MIV). The MIRC computer and vertical file are located at the middle window on the west side of the library.

Aims of the MIRC

The MIRC will be the authorised repository centre for research of mechanics' institutes in the State of Victoria (and beyond) past and present and will be a point of contact and information for those concerned with the preservation and management of existing institutes and buildings, including committees of management, heritage and tourism organisations and municipal councils.

In the Collection

The 'Big Mech' Database (now set up on the MIRC computer) contains records for almost every mechanics' institute in Victoria, and the information contained in the records will soon be able to be printed off in a report format.

The Vertical File contains articles, booklets, ephemera, images, reports and other materials about individual mechanics' institutes. Currently the file holds information about 247 individual institutes in Victoria and beyond.

'Pete's Pedia' is a growing series of CDs containing images of material professionally scanned by Peter Pereyra of the MIV Committee. The material includes minute books, building plans, ephemera and many other important documents concerned with mechanics' institutes. The MIV hopes to organise many loans of such material, currently owned by historical societies, municipal councils, private owners, etc, so that it can be scanned for future researchers and help to preserve the originals.

Books - the PMI library already has many Victorian MI histories in the library collection. Thanks to the generosity of MIV Committee member Wallace Kirsop there are funds available for us to purchase some interstate MI histories for the library also. These histories are marked with a bookplate showing they are a part of the MIRC.

Soon we hope to have a small display case in the MIRC area of the library to show some items of mechanics' institute memorabilia which has been collected by Pam Baragwanath. There will be reports in this newsletter throughout 2008 to keep you up to date with the MIRC.

You Can Help!

You can contribute to the MIRC in the following ways:

- Keep your eyes peeled for any printed information about the mechanics' institute in your local area, and keep a copy for the MIRC vertical file - if a book is published about it, let PMI library staff know so that we may order a copy for the library
- If you are interested in volunteering, contact Pam Baragwanath pgbarag@alphalink.com.au as there are many tasks to be done - everything from photocopying to database maintenance.



HISTORIC PICTURE SHOW

On 14 November Peter Wolfenden, Vice President of the Cinema & Theatre Historical Society (CATHS), gave PMI members and visitors a glimpse of another era in his presentation of the Historic Picture Show. The annual Picture Show is a joint presentation of the PMI and CATHS.

This year Peter showcased a selection of silent films from the 1920s which were typical of those available from photographic libraries such as those run by Kodak - the equivalent of the video/dvd shop of today. All in attendance thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

We are very grateful to Swinburne University for once again allowing us the use of a lecture theatre in which to hold the Picture Show, which was followed by refreshments at the PMI library.

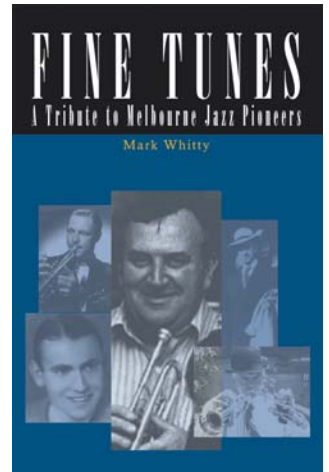
After the Picture Show Secretary Cathy Milward-Bason presented Peter with a certificate of appreciation (below right) for all his work making the picture show such a successful annual event.



PMI PRESS UPDATE

The latest offering from PMI Press, *Fine Tunes: a Tribute to Melbourne Jazz Pioneers* is complete and a copy has been added to the PMI library collection. The book's author, Mark Whitty is a jazz music veteran with a career spanning over 60 years. The book records many stories about some of the people he met in the jazz scene in Melbourne, and it is accompanied by a cd of musical tributes to each of the main characters. The book is a lot of fun and will transport you to another era of Melbourne. Order forms for purchase (\$30) can be found on our website.

The next book, a history of Sydenham, is almost complete. The Reading Committee have just finished making selections for the 2008 publishing schedule, and we thank all those authors who submitted proposals for this round.



RECENT ACQUISITIONS

GENERAL COLLECTION

Exit music (Detective Inspector Rebus) / Ian Rankin	The colour of blood (an Ed Loy novel) / Declan Hughes
Double cross / James Patterson	Book of the dead / Patricia Cornwell
Fatal remedies / Donna Leon ✕	Creation in death / J.D. Robb (Nora Roberts)
The anonymous Venetian / Donna Leon ✕	Kennedy's brain / Henning Mankell
The death of faith / Donna Leon ✕	The chameleon's shadow / Minette Walters
A Venetian reckoning / Donna Leon ✕	Not in the flesh / Ruth Rendell
Acqua alta / Donna Leon ✕	The tears of autumn / Charles McCarry
A sea of troubles / Donna Leon ✕	Clean cut / Lynda La Plante
Death at La Fenice / Donna Leon ✕	Playing for pizza / John Grisham
Death of an Englishman: a Marshal Guarnaccia mystery / Magdalen Nabb ✕	✕ = donated by Margaret Stevens
A wedding in December / Anita Shreve [donated by Judy Rayson]	
Turner's paintbox / Paul Morgan 2007 [donated by Clarice Ballenden]	
Rembrandt's whore: a novel / Sylvie Matton 2001 [donated by Clarice Ballenden]	
Sacred games / Vikram Chandra [donated by Ian Matthews]	

HISTORICAL COLLECTION

Australia

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- Australia through the windscreen / William Hatfield 1939 [donated by Alf Lazer] *
 Australian postal history / Richard Breckon 1993? *
 Country Australia: the land and the people / Reader's Digest 1989 *
 Early Australia in photographs / compiled by George J. Tennent and William O. Hay 1984 *
 Country life in old Australia / introduced by Geoffrey Dutton 1987 *
 City life in old Australia / Geoffrey Dutton 1984 *
 Aussie-osities / Vane Lindesay 1988 *
 Australian folklore illustrated rev.ed. 2001 *
 The illustrated A-Z of Australian towns & cities / Robert Wilson 1996 *
 The great treasury of Australian folklore: two centuries of tales, epics, ballads, myths & legends / compiled by A. K. Macdougall 2002 *
 Australian tins / Ken Arnold 1988 *
 Collecting Australian postcards: a guide to values / by Nick Lj Vukovic 1983 *
 Australian postcard catalogue / by Paul Kornan 1983 *
 Historic churches of Australia / by T.T. Reed 1978 *
 New worlds from old: 19th century Australian and American landscapes / Elizabeth Johns, Andrew Sayers, Elizabeth Mankin Kornhauser 1998 *
 Living in the city: a pictorial record of Australia's cities / Stuart Bremer 1983 *
 Register of Australian historic bridges / Colin O'Connor 1983 *
 The atlas of Australian history / Peter Taylor 1990 *
 The wine regions of Australia 2nd ed. / John Beeston 2002 [donated by Tim McKenna]
 The circus comes to town: nostalgia of Australian big tops / Geoff Greaves 1980 *
 What's in store?: a history of retailing in Australia / Kimberley Webber and Ian Hoskins 2003 *

Victoria

- Museums of Victoria 3rd ed. / edited by Kirsten Freeman, Fiona McFarlane and Andrew Moritz 1993*
 The arts among the handicrafts: the arts and crafts movement in Victoria 1889-1929 / Caroline Miley 2001
 Kelly country sketchbook [donated by Stonnington Libraries]
 A people learning: colonial Victorians and their public museums 1860-1880 / Kathleen M. Fennessy 2007
 Grampians sketchbook [donated by Stonnington Libraries]
 The bloodbath: the 1945 VFL grand final / Ian W. Shaw
 Yesterday's Victoria volume 9 *
 Picturesque Port Phillip / E.J. Brady 1911? *
Bairnsdale Bairnsdale Cemetery: transcript of registers 1871-2000 [5 microfiche]
Beechworth Beechworth sketchbook [donated by Stonnington Libraries]
 H.M Prison Beechworth: the end of an era 1856-2004 / Dr Leigh Edmonds, edited by Kaylene Douglas [donated by Katherine Dann, Hume Prisons Region]
Beenak Yarns of Cowra Jack / Jack Hull
Bendigo Bendigo: a history in bottles and stoneware 1852-1930 / Ken Arnold *
 Out and about in Bendigo / Jean and Ken Arnold 2007
 Out and about around Bendigo volumes 1-3 / Jean and Ken Arnold 2007
 So now you see it ...: a year in the heritage of Bendigo / Mike Butcher and Wayne Gregson 1992 *
 Beautiful buildings of Bendigo / Golden Dragon Museum 1993? *
Brighton A history of Brighton Primary School no. 1542 1875-2000
 Brighton Primary School no. 1542: centenary souvenir 1875-1975 [donated by Brighton Primary School]
 Fair is our inheritance: a three act religious drama to celebrate the sesquicentenary of St Finbar's Parish, East Brighton 1848-1998 / Rosemary Gleeson [donated by St Finbar's School, East Brighton]
Bullumwaal Bullumwaal: some memories / Jean Hardwidge, Norma Websdale and Linda Barraclough *
Burrumbeet Muddy water: a history of Burrumbeet / Ken James
Canterbury The school on the hill: Strathcona 1924-1984 / J. Margaret Fendley [donated by Wilma Farrow]
Carlton Melbourne Trades Hall, Lygon Street, Carlton: the workingman's parliament / Carlotta Kellaway 1988 *
Chewton Back to Chewton March 24th-25th 1984: a brief account of Chewton's history / Back to Chewton Committee 1984 *
Copeland Index to 'The path of progress' Copeland: persons and places / compiled by John E.C. Eve 1977*
Cowarr Cowarr Primary School no. 1967: celebrating 125 years of memories / compiled by Pauline Vuillermin 2002
Dimboola St Andrew's Uniting Church souvenir of celebrations of May 1982 to mark the founding of Methodism in Dimboola district on March 1, 1882 *
Dunmunkle Don't dare say Dinkledoodledum: Shire of Dunmunkle Rupanyup / Alan Finch 1977 *
Eaglehawk Out and about: Eaglehawk to Bendigo CBD / Jean and Ken Arnold 2007

RECENT ACQUISITIONS (October-November)

Elphinstone A history of the Elphinstone Mechanics' Institute (1909-1979) / Ken James [donated by Ken James]

Essendon An illustrated history of Essendon Football Club / edited by Peter Di Sisto and John Murray 2007

Euroa And the show goes on: celebrating 50 years of Euroa Little Theatre Inc. 1956-2006

Fernihurst Reflections from the Kinypaniel: the early years of the Fernihurst district / Fernihurst District History Committee 1992 *

Fish Creek see Toora

Fitzroy 88 Nicholson Street: the Academy of Mary Immaculate (Fitzroy) 1857-2007 / Olga Abrahams

Geelong Geelong West Fire Brigade: brigade chronicles / Liz de Vries 1984 *

Gisborne The village that was: compiled from the Gisborne Shire oral history collection / Lesla Soulsby 2007

Hamilton The growing of flax in the Hamilton district: Strathkellar and Peshurst mills / E.F. Mogford 1986 *

Hartwell Red bricks, blue sky: a history of Hartwell Primary School no. 4055 1922-1997 / compiled by Deborah Shand

Hastings Hastings Hastings: people and places vol.2 / edited by Shirley Davies, Beryl Stockton and Pauline Esler 2006 [donated by Judith Dwyer]

Heatherton The Heatherton files: memories of Heatherton Primary School 1870-1999 *

Hopetoun The shows not over: celebrating 110 years of agricultural shows in the Mallee at Hopetoun / edited by Kerry Conway [donated by Kerry Conway]

Horsham Horsham Historical Society 150th anniversary calendar 1999 souvenir issue *

Inverloch Inverloch: a patchwork of historical stories 1980 *

Kinimakatka see Winiam

Kunat Back to Kunat March 10th, 1985 at the Holmes residence 'Oakvale' *

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Loddon Linger longer in Loddon: Loddon tourism region / Loddon Shire Council *

Maffra see Newry

Maryborough Out and about around Maryborough / Jean and Ken Arnold 2007

Maribyrnong Pioneer women's shelter built by St Albans Historical Society / Melbourne's Living Museum of the West 1996 *

Melbourne Perils of the studio: inside the artistic affairs of bohemian Melbourne / Alex Taylor

The James Flood book of early Melbourne / edited by H.H. Painting 1970? *

Peeps into the past / Mary Maxwell 1957 *

Melbourne: the city's history and development volume 2, bibliography / Miles Lewis 1994 *

Crescendo: Melbourne Symphony Orchestra: celebrating 100 years / Stella M. Barber

Melbourne, East East Melbourne walk / Robin Grow [donated by Robin Grow, Art Deco Society]

Cradle of Orthodoxy: St Nicholas Antiochian Orthodox Church 1932-2007 / Trevor Batrouney

Melbourne, South South Melbourne walk / Art Deco Society [donated by Robin Grow, Art Deco Society]

Melton Shire of Melton heritage study stage one: places of potential heritage significance / David Maloney 2002 [donated by Shire of Melton]

Shire of Melton heritage study stage two 5 volumes / David Maloney, David Rowe, Pamela Jellie 2006
Sera Jane Peters 2007 [donated by Shire of Melton]

Mildura Mildura and Wentworth sketchbook [donated by Stonnington Libraries]

Mount Alexander Discovering the Mount Alexander diggings 1999 *

Murtoa St Mary's Catholic Church Murtoa 1881-1981 'deo gratias' *

An early history of Murtoa 1871 to 1893 / Victor Rabl *

Newlands Newlands Primary School encouraging excellence: 1950-2000 50th anniversary celebration [donated by Newlands Primary School]

Newry Newry and Upper Maffra 1842-1975 / compiled by Max Rowley 1975 [donated by Linda Barraclough]

Newstead Shire of Newstead heritage study stage 1: environmental history / Phil Taylor and Wendy Jacobs 1998 *

Nhill The bottles of Nhill and the history / Mike Kingwill 2001 *

Olinda A brief history of Orchard House and surrounds (Olinda) 2nd ed. / John M.J. Fitzpatrick 2003 [donated by John Fitzpatrick]

Point Leo Point Leo Surf Life Saving Club Inc. 1955 -2005: fifty years of service and achievement

Portarlington Discovering Portarlington's history: a driving trail / Lorraine Stokes

Ringwood Ringwood recalls: the first fifty years of Ringwood High School - Ringwood Secondary College 1954-2004 [donated by Ringwood Secondary College]

Rupanyup see Dunmunkle

Rutherglen Rutherglen: wine centre of north-east Victoria / Brian Lloyd and John Kennedy

Sale Sale High School centenary memories / Ann and Peter Synan [donated by Janice Piasente / Sale High School Centenary Committee]

Scottsdale Scott's new country: reflections of Scottsdale / compiled and edited by Eileen Hookway, Jeff

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- Jennings, Phil Page 1980 *
- Shelford A history of the Old Iron Bridge at Shelford / Peter F.B. Alsop *
- Tarraville Down the old Tarra track / Mary McEvoy 1991 *
- Toora Mountain, scrub and plain: the history of St Joseph's Parish Foster, Toora and Fish Creek / Maureen Jones 2000 *
- Tresco Tresco Estate: a closer settlement of Australia's open space: some early history of Tresco, Victoria, Australia / John Jobson
- Warracknabeal More than bricks and mortar: St Mary's Primary School Warracknabeal 1901-2001 / edited by Michael Downs [donated by St Mary's Primary School]
- Warrandyte The Warrandyte Football Club 1906-2006: a one hundred year history / Noel Taplin and Lee Tindale
- Warrnambool Warrnambool Primary School no.1743: centenary souvenir 1876-1976 *
- Wentworth see Mildura
- Werribee From there to here: excerpts from the first person accounts of family migration Werribee 1840s-2000s / Margaret Campbell
- Williamstown Williamstown High School anecdotes / edited by Alex Jurga 2007 [donated by Williamstown High School Ex-Students and Staff Association Inc.]
- Winiam South of the line: the history of Winiam, Kinimakatka and Winiam East / John Deckert 1996
- Woomelang The Barbarys at Woomelang: a story of pioneering and early farming in the Mallee / Eric Neville 1978 *
- Australian Capital Territory Canberra and the new Parliament House / Alan Fitzgerald 1983 *
Canberra sketchbook [donated by Stonnington Libraries]
- New South Wales Sydney Harbour sketchbook [donated by Stonnington Libraries]
- Northern Territory Alice Springs sketchbook [donated by Stonnington Libraries]
- Queensland Illustrated history of Queensland / Hector Holthouse 1978 *
From the frontier: a pictorial history of Queensland to 1920 / Duncan Waterson and Maurice French 1987*
- South Australia Coorong / Colin Thiele 1972 [donated by Beryl O'Gorman]
A history of South Australia / R.M. Gibbs 1969 *
Adelaide sketchbook [donated by Stonnington Libraries]
North Adelaide sketchbook [donated by Stonnington Libraries]
- Tasmania A history of the lower midlands (Tasmania) / J.S. Weeding 3rd ed. 1980 *
The West Coast story: a history of Western Tasmania and its mining fields / Kerry Pink Rev.ed. 1984 *
Waratah -- pioneer of the West (Tasmania) / Margery Godfrey 1984 *
A window on Rosebery: a pictorial review of the 100 years in and around the environs of Rosebery on Tasmania's rugged West Coast, 1893-1993 / Lou Rae *
Beaconsfield gold (Tasmania) / by Janet Kerrison 3rd ed. 1976 *
Tasmania remembered: early photographs of H.J. King / edited and annotated by G.W. Cox and E.V.R. Ratcliff 1974 *
Robbins Island saga (Tasmania) / by Pauline Buckby 1988 *
Hearts of oak: the story of the Southern forests (Tasmania) / Bill Leitch 1990 *
Victorian and Edwardian Hobart from old photographs / compiled by Dan Sprod 1977 *
Full and plenty: an oral history of apple growing in the Huon Valley (Tasmania) / by Catherine Watson 1987*
Hobart sketchbook [donated by Stonnington Libraries]
- Western Australia Geraldton sketchbook [donated by Stonnington Libraries]
Fremantle sketchbook [donated by Stonnington Libraries]
Bunbury and Busselton sketchbook [donated by Stonnington Libraries]
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- Biography and autobiography
The history of the Meyer family in Australia / compiled by Bruce Meyer and Dawn Meyer *
Cutting green hay: friendships, movements and cultural conflicts in Australia's great decades / Vincent Buckley 1983 [donated by Beryl O'Gorman]
Achieving a vision: the life story of P.W. Tewksbury 3rd rev.ed. / Vince Kelly 1950? [donated by Alf Lazer]
As it happened 1803-2003 / Colin Watson [donated by Beryl O'Gorman]
Traeger: the pedal radio man: he gave a voice to the bush and to flying doctors / Fred McKay 1995 *
Sir Paul E. Strzelecki, a Polish count's explorations in 19th century Australia / Marian Kaluski 1985 *
American notebook: a personal and political journey / Michael Gawenda
Jonestown: the power and the myth of Alan Jones / Chris Masters
Not a bad drop: Brown Brothers / Keith Dunstan 1999 [donated by John Merry]
Plaster and paint: John Colquhoun, orthopaedic surgeon and his patient Joyce McGrath, portrait painter / Jan Harper 2007
Fine tunes: a tribute to Melbourne jazz pioneers / Mark Whitty 2007
The road to Australia: memoirs / Vladimir Kabo 1998 [donated by Clarice Ballenden]

RECENT ACQUISITIONS (October-November)

Australian Art & Literature

Lauren Berkowitz / Charles Merewether 2001 [donated by Tim McKenna]
The exiles (novel) / Vivian Stuart 1980 [donated by Tim McKenna]
Prue flies north / Alex Buzo [donated by Tim McKenna]
The Rudd family / Steel Rudd [donated by Tim McKenna]
The lost dog / Michelle de Kretser
The Trout Opera / Matthew Condon
Landscape of farewell / Alex Miller
Jamaica: a novel / Malcolm Knox
Listen (novel) / Kate Veitch [donated by Judy Rayson]
Silver wattle / Belinda Alexandra
The complete stories / David Malouf
Every move you make / David Malouf (short stories)
The memory room / Christopher Koch
A funny place for a village / Lawrence Money 1985 *
How M'Dougall topped the score / Thos E. Spencer [donated by Tim McKenna]
Those Faraday girls / Monica McInerney
Glass after glass: autobiographical reflections / Barbara Blackman 1997 [donated by Tim McKenna]
Barcroft Boake: collected works, edited, with a life / W.F. Refshauge 2007
Ride on stranger / Kylie Tennant [donated by Tim McKenna]
Wild cat falling / Mudrooroo [donated by April-Kaye Ikinci]

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Family History & Genealogy

Registration districts: an alphabetical list of over 650 districts with details of counties, sub-districts and adjacent districts / Ray Wiggins 3rd ed. 2001 [donated by Boundy family]
Genealogical research directories 1994-2007 CD-ROM
Beginning your family history / George Pelling 6th ed. [donated by Alison Boundy]

Rotary Club History

Rotary district 9800 directory 2006-2007 [donated by John Meehan]
Rotary International district 9800 2007-2008 information directory [donated by John Meehan]
The first twenty years of service: a history of the Rotary Club of Central Melbourne - Sunshine Inc. 1987-2007 district 9800 Victoria, Australia / compiled by John J. Meehan [donated by John Meehan]
A history of the Rotary Club of Hawthorn: the first 40 years: 1953-1993 / Bill Johnstone, Stuart Hickman, Bern Hames, Bruce Smith and Geoff Stevens [donated by the Rotary Club of Hawthorn]
History of the Rotary Club of North Balwyn 1979-80 2000-01 [donated by the Rotary Club of North Balwyn]

Photography

The story of the camera in Australia / Jack Cato 1955 *
An Australian camera 1851-1914 / Michael Cannon 1973 *
The mechanical eye: a historical guide to Australian photography and photographers / Con Tanre, Alan Davies and Peter Stanbury 1977 *
Australian women photographers 1840-1960 / Barbara Hall and Jenni Mather 1986 *
The pictures that moved: a picture history of the Australian cinema 1896-1929 / Joan Long and Martin Long 1982 *
Richard Daintree: a photographic memoir / G.C. Bolton 1965 *
Collecting and preserving old photographs / Elizabeth Martin 1988 *
J.W. Lindt: master photographer / Shar Jones 1985 *
The Victorian era 1850-1900 (Australia since the camera) / Cyril Pearl 1971 *
From Federation to war 1901-1914 (Australia since the camera) / Geoffrey Dutton 1971 *
The twenties 1919-1929 (Australia since the camera) / David Potts 1971 *
The depression years 1929-1939 (Australia since the camera) / Judah Waten 1971 *
I can take it: the autobiography of a photographer 2nd ed. / Jack Cato 1949
Private lives - public heritage: family snapshots as history / Weston Bate, Euan McGillivray & Matthew Nickson 1986 *

Mining and industry

Coal mining (Australian industries series) / Hugh Anderson 1971 *
Victoria's brown coal: a huge fortune in chancery: the Sir Willis Connolly memorial volume / edited by J.T. Woodcock 1984 *
The scab train and other essays on the Victorian Coal Miners Association / P.D. Gardner 1992 *
Gold diggers and diggings: a photographic study of gold in Australia 1854-1920 / edited by Derrick I. Stone *
Exploring Australia's mining heritage: a visitor's guide / W.G. Shackleton and M.N. Binnie 1993 *
Chaff-mills in Melbourne's west: an industrial sites study / researched and compiled by Garry Vines 1987 *

RECENT ACQUISITIONS (October-November)

Dicker's mining record and guide to the gold mines of Australia vols 6-11
Eureka rediscovered: in search of the site of the historic stockade / Jack Harvey 1994 *
A history of the Miners' Federation of Australia / Edgar Ross 1970 *
Red gold: the tree that built a nation / John Vader 2002 *
The squatters: an illustrated history of Australia's pastoral pioneers / Geoffrey Dutton 1985 *
Cobb & Co. / written by J.E.L. Rutherford ; edited by J. Rutherford 1996 *
Northern suburbs factory study part one: history and analysis / Gary Vines and Matthew Churchward 1992 *
The builders: great Australian construction projects / Brian Carroll 1981 *
Horse power / K.M. Dallas 1968 *
Bullock teams: the building of a nation / Olaf Ruhen 1980 *
Heritage merino / Malcolm McCosker 1988 *

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Natural History & Waterways

Heritage rivers and natural catchment areas: draft management plans: volume 1 - Western Victoria / Department of Natural Resources and Environment 1997 [donated by Beryl O'Gorman]
The River Murray: history at a glance: Murray-Darling Basin heritage / David Eastburn 1990 *
Harnessed waters: a river dammed / edited by A. Noel Loughnan 1989 *
Upper Yarra Dam: a 1950s construction town / Shirley Tunaley 2007 [donated by Shirley Tunaley]
Heritage Victoria: water (kit) 1991 *

Explorers

Journey of discovery to Port Phillip, New South Wales by Messrs W.H. Hovell and Hamilton Hume in 1824 and 1825 facsimile ed. 1965
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