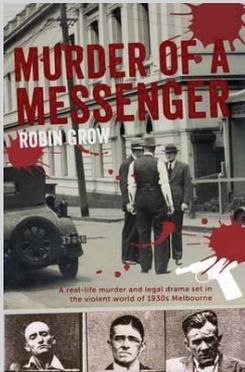




McCALMAN LECTURE



Prahran Mechanics' Institute & Prahran Historical & Arts Society present the Annual Laurie McCalman Lecture:

Robin Grow MURDER OF A MESSENGER

A real-life murder and legal drama set in the violent world of 1930s Melbourne.

2.00 pm, Saturday, 27 February 2016

in the Moss Room, PMI, 39 St Edmonds Road, Prahran

Free entry, all welcome, refreshments provided, bookings essential
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COMING UP

BOOK SALE! 5pm-7pm, Thursday 3 March

Mason Room, PMI
(Ground floor, 39 St Edmonds Road)



Hardbacks \$2
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PMI Members Only

SHORT HISTORY PRIZE

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Heather Mutimer of Daylesford Historical Society for taking out this year's PMI Short History Prize for her essay 'A Picture Can Tell a Thousand Words'

Heather and the Daylesford Historical Society each received \$500.

The Short History Prize was presented to Heather at the PMI during Victorian History Week by PMI committee member Peter Wolfenden.

The essay was published as 'The story behind the photograph of Edward R. McGuiness' in the Daylesford Historical Society's newsletter in February 2014 (which can be found in the library).

Details of this year's Short History Prize can be found on page 3 >>



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MEMBER NEWS

New Members

Welcome to the following new members who joined Sep-Jan:

Sandra Alexander
Gary Bester
Margaret Connell
Colin Davis
Ian Deans
David Duerden
Jacqueline Edge
Bob Flanagan
Andrew Gibson
Kerryn Gibson
Phillip Gray
Lawrence Johnston
Anthony Hooper
John Isherwood

Robert Leong
Ian MacDermott
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Alan Murphy
Mary O'Brien
Faye Patrick
Marianne Preissner
Rosemary Pullan
Rose Sciardis
Rosemary Shaw
Louise Thomason
Cheryl Threadgold
Marcia Whetstone
Deborah Wills-Ives
Janettie Woods
Jonathon Yeo
Dorothy Zenz

Financial Donors

Thank you to the following members who made financial donations to the library Sep-Jan:

Denis Boundy
Philippe de Gail
Gillian Gengoult Smith

Patricia Hogan
Margaret McDonald
William McNeen
Ray Palmer
Arthur Payne
Keith Rogers
Nobby Seymour
Richard Snedden
Adrian Turley

Book Donors

Thank you to the following people and groups who donated books to the library Sep-Jan:

Ararat Genealogical Society
Australian Natives Association
Pam Baragwanath & Ken James
Barbara Brown
Bayside Library Service
Berwick Mechanics' Institute
Bill Bodman & Sue Prior
Judith Buckrich
Dept of Veterans Affairs, ACT Office
Margaret Dunne
Sally Edwardes
Juliet Flesch
Pat Galvin
Robin Grow
Julia Hamer
Don & Jill Hauser
Jan Holyman
Peter & Dianne Johnson

Maureen Jones
Val Kirley
Wallace Kirsop
Mirek Kurcki
Sandra Lanteri
Charles Lewis
Monash Public Library Service
Betty Opie
Rod Parnall
Mary-Louise Phillips
Prahran Historical Society
Irene Robinson
Patricia Ryan
Sherbrooke Foothills Historical Society
St Kilda and Balaclava Kindergarten
Thornbury Primary School
Tony Tibballs
Traralgon Historical Society
Anne Vale
Scott Whitaker
Yarra Plenty Regional Library
Ursula Zamecnik

GENERAL NEWS

Vale

We were very sad to hear of the passing of two of our treasured members in 2015. Barrie Stevens (a member since 1998) and Doug Gunn (a member since 1991), both were true gentlemen and our sincerest condolences to their many loved ones.

Some Recent Changes

A reminder that we are trailing new opening hours (closing Saturdays, but open until 7.00pm on Thursdays). Some of our events will still occur on Saturdays in 2016 (including the forthcoming McCalmán Lecture) so keep an eye out for news of these.

From now on our newsletter will be shorter but more frequent and we hope this will make it easier for members to keep informed of the latest PMI news. If you currently receive the newsletter by post, but have an email address and would be happy to receive by email, please let us know - christine@pmi.net.au

The Recent Additions list will be distributed to members via email only. Hard copies will still be available at the library.

For library users requiring brain food there is now a basket in the kitchen containing small packets of biscuits for only 50c. Just leave your coin in the basket.

We really appreciate everyone's patience as our new automatic notifications has come online. Members now receive an automatic email when a reserved book becomes available to collect, and also three days before an item on loan is due to be returned. First and second overdue notices (by email or by post) will be sent 14 and 28 days respectively after the due date of an item on loan. ■

Friends of the PMI

All members and volunteers are cordially invited to attend an afternoon tea at 3pm, Thursday 11 February in the Moss Room, next to the library for the purpose of establishing a Friends Group to handle our secondhand book sales (and other activities in the future, ideas are welcome). If you are able to attend please contact Christine (christine@pmi.net.au or 9510 3393). If you can't attend, but would like to register your interest, please do let us know. ■

History Week Lecture

Thanks so much to Brian Hunt of the Cinema & Theatre Historical Society (CATHS) for his terrific and informative History Week lecture on cinemas and theatres in Prahran and surrounds. Near the lecture's conclusion Brian invited Mr Bob Flanagan (a Prahran Tech alumnus whose father worked for Hoyts in the area) to share his interesting



Above: Gerry Kennedy (President, CATHS), Bob Flanagan and Brian Hunt (CATHS) after Brian's History Week Lecture

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recollections of attending cinemas and theatres in the local area as a youngster.

The lecture was well attended and we very much appreciate our long and ongoing partnership with CATHS. ■

End of Year Function

Thanks to all who attended our end of year member and volunteer function in the Moss Room on 5 December. ■

For Sale

PMI mouse mats and magnifying ruler bookmarks are available from the loans desk. Each item \$4. ■

Coming Up

The Melbourne Centre of International PEN will celebrate International Women's Day at 6.30pm on Monday, March 7 at the Wheeler Centre with a talk from Judy Maddigan (first woman speaker of Victorian Parliament). She will speak about the new Victorian Women's HERitage Centre. This will be a great opportunity to ask her about the new venture and about women's struggle for equality in Australia. ■

MEMBER TIPS & TRICKS

Have you tried logging into our new catalogue yet? Why not have a go?

1. Go to the catalogue <http://library.pmi.net.au/welcome.jsp> (or go to the homepage and click the **Catalogue** main menu item on the right)
2. Above the main menu type in your email address (if you have more than one email address, make sure you enter the one you have registered with us).
3. Your initial password is your surname in lower case
4. After you have successfully logged in a welcome note appears e.g. 'Welcome Mr John Citizen!'
5. Hover your mouse over **Catalogue** to see a list of sub menu items including **Change Password**, **My Details** (which you can update if necessary) and **Loans & Reservations**.
6. To renew your loans choose **Loans & Reservations** then click the word **Renew** (in red font) next to the loans. If you have any difficulties logging in and renewing your loans, let us know and we will assist by email, over the phone, or in person next time you visit.

PMI PRESS UPDATE

The next submission deadline for PMI Press is

29 Feb 2016



PMI Press is resuming after a two year break for the relocation of the library. There will be **only one** PMI Press publication this year, so this could be an excellent opportunity to have your work professionally published for minimal cost.

The author of the selected work will receive a **50% discount** on publishing and printing costs from our publishing partner BookPOD, plus an additional **\$500** towards publication costs from PMI Press.

Download a copy of the submission guidelines and form from our website at www.pmi.net.au/press and contact christine@pmi.net.au if you have any questions about PMI Press. ■

ancestry library edition

Recently added to Australian Library Edition:

Australia, Commonwealth Public Service Lists, 1904, 1920
Queensland and Victoria, Australian Directories, 1859-1947
Australia, Pastoral Directories, 1913-1954
New South Wales, Bailliere's Gazetteer & Road Guide, 1870
Port Stephens, NSW, Area Cemeteries, 1845-2010
Queensland, Naturalisation Index, 1851-1904
Queensland, Police Gazette Index, 1881-1945
Queensland, Immigration Indexes, 1848-1972
Queensland, Hospital Indexes, 1872-1908
Australia, Fox's History of Queensland
Queensland, Bailliere's Gazetteer and Road Guide, 1876
South Australia, Police Gazettes, 1927-1947
South Australia, Bailliere's Gazetteer and Road Guide, 1866
Tasmania, Bailliere's Gazetteer and Road Guide, 1877
Tasmania, Reports of Crime, 1861-1883
Victoria, Police Gazettes, 1914-1924
Victoria, Outward Passenger Index, 1852-1915
Victoria, Bailliere's Gazetteer and Road Guide, 1879
Wonthaggi, Victoria, Australia Employee Records, 1909-1969
Western Australia, Australia, Convict Records, 1846-1930
Western Australia, Railway Records, 1872-1949

You can access Ancestry Library Edition on any of the new public computers at the library, or bring your own laptop and we'll show you how to log in to the network. ■

SHORT HISTORY PRIZE 2016

The PMI invites you to participate in the

2016 Short History Prize

Prize: \$1,000 – \$500 for the author(s) and \$500 for the associated historical group.

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

Closing Date: Friday 26 August 2016

A panel from the Professional Historians Association judges the prize.

To download a copy of the guidelines and entry form, visit:



Short History Prize 2016

<http://www.pmi.net.au/events/#shp>

BOOKS ETCETERA (Notes from publishers' blurbs)

AUSTRALIAN FICTION

Detective work / John Dale (2015)
Promise and Dead girl sing (The Darian Richards crime files) / Tony Cavanaugh (2014)
Watson's pier / Joshua Funder (2015)
What came before / Anna George (2015)
Kingdom of the strong / Tony Cavanaugh (2015)
Double madness / Caroline De Costa (2015)
The secret chord / Geraldine Brooks (2015)
Salt creek / Lucy Treloar (2015)

NON-FICTION

Modern love : the lives of John & Sunday Reed / Lesley Harding & Kendrah Morgan

Much has been written about the lives and art of Heide, but finally the remaining members of the inner circle have entrusted the truth to be told through this intimate biography of John and Sunday Reed. Equal parts romance and tragedy, Modern Love explores the lives of these champions of successive generations of Australian artists and writers, whose works and personalities John and Sunday carefully curated to suit their artistic tastes and sexual passions. It is a story of rebellion against their privileged backgrounds and a bohemian existence marked by extraordinary achievements, intense heartbreak and enduring love, a remarkable partnership that changed all those who crossed the threshold into Heide and altered the course of art in Australia....

Born to rule : the unauthorised biography of Malcolm Turnbull / Paddy Manning

The highs and lows of Malcolm Turnbull's remarkable career are documented here in technicolour detail by journalist Paddy Manning. Based on countless interviews and painstaking research, it is a forensic investigation into one of Australia's most celebrated overachievers. Turnbull's relentless energy and quest for achievement have taken him from exclusive Point Piper to Oxford University; from beating the Thatcher government in the Spycatcher trial to losing the referendum on the republic; from defending the late

NON-FICTION

Kerry Packer codenamed Goanna in the Costigan Royal Commission to defending his own role in the failure of HIH, Australia's biggest corporate collapse. He was involved in the unravelling of the Tourang bid for Fairfax, struck it rich as co-founder of OzEmail, and fought his own hotly contested battle for Wentworth. As opposition leader he was duped by Godwin Grech's Utegate fiasco; as the most tech-savvy communications minister he oversaw a nobbled NBN scheme. And now he has assumed the leadership of the Liberal Party for the second time after wresting the prime ministership from first-term PM Tony Abbott. Will Turnbull crash and burn as he has before or has his entire tumultuous life been a rehearsal for this moment?

The long haul : lessons from public life / John Brumby

The Long Haul distils a series of practical lessons on leadership and public life from John Brumby's thirty years in politics. It offers insights into the challenges and opportunities Australia currently faces and argues for real political reform, a different future for our federation and strong leadership in a world in transition....

Railway hotels of Australia: volume one - Victoria / Scott Whitaker

The coming of the railway was a major event in the history of many towns and cities across Victoria. This is the story behind every railway hotel; and the social, economic and political themes that have shaped society over the last 150 years.

The eighties : the decade that transformed Australia / Frank Bongiorno

It was the era of Hawke and Keating, Kylie and INXS, the America's Cup and the Bicentenary. It was perhaps the most controversial decade in Australian history, with high-flying entrepreneurs booming and busting, torrid debates over land rights and immigration, the advent of AIDS, a harsh recession and the rise of the New Right. It was a time when Australians fought for social change - on union picket lines, at rallies for women's

rights and against nuclear weapons, and as part of a new environmental movement. And then there were the episodes that left many scratching their heads: Joh for Canberra... the Australia Card... Cliff Young. In The Eighties, Frank Bongiorno brings all this and more to life. He uncovers forgotten stories - of factory workers proud of their skills who found themselves surplus to requirements; of Vietnamese families battling to make new lives for themselves in the suburbs. He sheds new light on 'both the ordinary and extraordinary things that happened to Australia and Australians during this liveliest of decades'. The Eighties is contemporary history at its best.

Ned Kelly under the microscope : solving the forensic mystery of Ned Kelly's remains / edited by Craig Cormick

Do we really need another Ned Kelly book? After all, his story is a part of Australian folklore and his legend has been captured in movies, books and paintings. The answer is yes, as this book is unique. It is a rigorous look at the forensic science behind investigations into Ned Kelly. In 2009 the remains of Ned Kelly were dug up at Pentridge Prison and identified after an exhaustive forensic analysis by the Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine. Analysing a skeleton more than 130 years old involved processes such as DNA extraction, 3D facial reconstruction, and identifying the skeleton by its injuries. However in 2011 the Victorian government announced that while it had identified the remains of Ned Kelly, the skull long thought to be his, was not, and so another twist in the scientific tale began. Along with an exploration of the forensic analysis, this book unpicks some of the Kelly myths: Was Ned Kelly illiterate? Did Ned Kelly have a daughter? It sheds light on more recent urban myths does such as having a Ned Kelly tattoo puts you at risk of dying violently? The identification of the remains of Ned Kelly is a remarkable story and definitely one worth telling. ■

See many more new items in our next 'Recent Additions' list!