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NFHM
National Family History Month

National Family History Month Double Header

Family History Lesson

Find out how you can get organised and save time and money when researching your family history. You will also be walked through various websites including *Ancestry*, the *State Archives* and *Trove* and how to search the *Victorian History Library* catalogue and get tips on how to make good use of the library's other resources.

For full details on this family history lesson, please visit the events page on our website.

Free, but bookings are essential.

When: Saturday 19 August 2017, 10:30am-2:30pm

Bookings: Online: www.trybooking.com/QRXW or T: 9510 3393.

Journey into Your Past with Alison Boundy

Alison Boundy is a retired teacher-librarian who has been researching her family history since 1995. Using the research of her Mother's family as an example, Alison will discuss how beginner family historians can explore their family history.

Free, but bookings are essential.

When: Saturday 19 August 2017, 3pm

Bookings: Online: www.trybooking.com/299895 or T: 9510 3393

2017 PMI Press Publication Book Launch



The PMI Press are excited to announce the publication of their latest title *Where Did All the Blacksmiths Go?* written by Shirley Xanthos.

The event will feature a talk, a brief reading from the book and an opportunity to purchase signed copies. Light refreshments will be served afterwards. See page 3 of this newsletter to find out more about this fascinating book,

Free, but bookings are essential.

When: Saturday 12 August 2017, 1:30pm

Bookings: Online: www.trybooking.com/RCBW or T: 9510 3393

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COMING UP CONTINUED

During October we will be celebrating the Victorian Seniors Festival with a jam packed program of events and presentations. We have been busy finalising our program which should be available on our website and displayed in the library by the end of August.

The types of events you can look forward to include how to presentations about Trove, Gmail, eBay and family histories, a talk on vintage hotelware, slide nights and a show and tell pop up among many others.

GENERAL NEWS

Library and Information Week Round Up

During Library and Information Week we ran an online trivia competition which consisted of Australian history related questions compiled by PMI Victorian History Library Staff.

The prize for the entry with the most amount of correct answers was a 5 year membership to the library.

The competition was tied in a draw with both Romany Manuell and Catherine Simmins. It was a fantastic effort as staff did not make the questions easy! We awarded both Romany and Catherine a 5 year membership. We look forward to seeing you both around the library.



PMI Victorian History Library 'Recent Addition' Romany, one of the LIW Online Trivia winners, proudly displaying her new 5 year membership

A Morning at the Astor Theatre with Anthony Zeccola

On Sunday 26 March 2017 members of the Cinema and Theatre Historical Society of Australia (CATHS) and the Prahran Mechanics Institute Victorian History Library were treated to a morning at Melbourne's iconic Astor Theatre in St. Kilda for a special Q&A Session with Palace Cinemas founder, Antonio Zeccola.



This event was a joint collaboration between CATHS and the Astor Theatre.

CATHS member, Brian Hunt conducted a wide-ranging question and answer session with Mr. Zeccola which ranged from his early days in Australia to the price of cinema admission.

Zac Hepburn, manager of the Astor Theatre, Zac Hepburn gave a tour of the Astor Theatre imparting his rich knowledge of the Theatre's heritage.

A demonstration of the three formats of film which the Astor is equipped to screen were demonstrated on the large screen: 35 mm film, 70 mm film and digital formats.

CATHS would like to thank Anthony Zeccola and Zac Hepburn for donating their time to what was a very enjoyable morning.



Last Call for PMI Short History Prize Entries

The PMI Short History Prize is an award for an historical essay, article or work about a place; or an aspect of a place in Victoria, Australia; or a person associated with a place in Victoria.

The essay, article or work must be written by a member or members of a Victorian historical society or similar organisation.



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The Prize is judged by a panel from the Professional Historians Association.

Entries for 2017 close on Friday 25 August 2017.

Please visit our website for more information about the [PMI Short History Prize](#) and to download a copy of the Guidelines and Entry Form.

Open House Melbourne Weekend 2017

Our participation in this year's **Open House Melbourne** was a resounding success!

This year we were open on the Saturday of the *Open House Melbourne Weekend* and held a joint exhibition with the *Mechanics' Institute of Victoria*, the *Cinema and Theatre Historical Society*, the *Australian Railway Historical Society* and the *Hawthorn Tramway Museum*.

We had lots of visitors which included many families with young children and teens. A lot of the visitors stayed in the library for extended periods of time including some staying for over an hour.

We gained a new member on the day with several other visitors expressing interest in joining at a later time and had a few visitors take photos of some of our displays to post on their social media accounts.

One visitor is also very keen to donate his local history and mining collection to us which is fantastic.



Staff from the PMI Library, CATHS and MIV during Open House Melbourne.

OTHER NEWS

Do you have a love of maps?

If you have a love of maps then this will be right up your alley. Is it seeing the origin of your geographic home that holds your attention? Or do you prefer the rich aesthetic of old maps? Sometimes it's not the map's location which draws our breath but its sketched lines mixed with colour that when turned upside down are akin more to contemporary art than an 1850 cadastral map of land boundaries.

The Public Record Office of Victoria hold one of the more comprehensive collections of old maps and plans in Victoria. They have now made over half of their collection (more than 5000 maps and plans) available to download (for free!) following a multi-year project dedicated to making the collection accessible.

Find out more about this amazing project here:

www.prov.vic.gov.au/about-us/our-blog/download-old-maps-and-plans

Ancestry.com Library Ed.

Each month we like to let you know about any new additions or updates to Ancestry Library Edition.

New

- Web: Australia, University of Sydney Participants of World War I, 1914-1918 Military 2,633 New

Updates

- Australia and New Zealand, Find A Grave Index, 1800s-Current Birth, Marriage & Death 3,809,227
- Northern Territory, Australia, Probate Index, 1911-1994 Wills, Probates, Land, Tax & Criminal 82,011
- Victoria, Australia, Wills and Probate Records, 1841-2009 Wills, Probates, Land, Tax & Criminal 1,570,166
- New South Wales, Australia, Sheriff's Papers, 1829-1879 Wills, Probates, Land, Tax & Criminal 23,719
- Australia, Newspaper Vital Notices, 1841-2001 Birth, Marriage & Death 900,917

PMI Library members can access this edition of Ancestry.com on the public computers.



Where Did All the Blacksmiths Go? by Shirley Xanthos

In the latest PMI Press publication *Where Did All the Blacksmiths Go?* Shirley Xanthos tells us about the fascinating history of Blacksmiths.

Thousands of years ago man made fire, man heated rock, man discovered by heating rock he could improve his weapons for hunting for food. This same man became intelligent enough to improve on these procedures and began making more sophisticated implements and weapons. This man became known as a blacksmith. With these skilful men communities grew, villages became towns, towns became



cities and with growth came hunger and criminals. Britain sent its undesirables to the new colonies. Australia benefited from the abilities of these men but industrialisation raised factories and with them the loss of thousands of skilled tradesmen. So where did all the blacksmiths go?

***Where Did All the Blacksmiths Go?* is available for purchase (RRP\$34.95) at the PMI Victorian History Library.**

A Facebook Post that people were unable to RESISTor...

In the lead up to our Open House Melbourne event, we posted this image to Facebook on 24 July.

The image was incorporated in our #MysteryMonday posts where post an image with a couple of hints asking our followers if they can guess what or where the image is.

We provided the following information with this image.

"Today's #MysteryMonday object looks very interesting.

The only hints given is that it measures 24cm in length and 12cm in height and it is made of metal.

Oh... and it is not unique to Melbourne but elsewhere as well."

This item was one of many objects provided by the Melbourne Tram Museum to display during our Open House Melbourne event.

For those playing along at home, as suggested in the title of this story, the object forms part of the resistor grid of a W class tram. The resistors located underneath the floor at the No.1 end of the tram help control the flow of electricity from the overhead wires through to the controller and motors. Yes, most people when questioned thought it belonged to a toaster or an oven.

This post has been incredibly successful reaching an audience of 64,083 people with 10,706 people clicking on the post for more information. It also received 310 reactions, comments, and shares.

If you don't already, follow us on Facebook to see more interesting content like this. www.facebook.com/PMILibrary



Memorable Moe

Chris, our Marketing and Communications Officer came across some old family slides which contained some great historical images from Gippsland including the images below.

In the first image Ted Fowler Snr is standing next to a Paul's Removals truck. The truck is a Bedford J Series. The body has an extension over the cab for large items and it appears the roof may be of canvas. Note there are no automatic lifts to help with heavy items and the outstanding OH&S scenario over the front of the cab.



The next image is a cement mixer from Moe Mix Concrete. The cab looks quite unusual as it has a Leyland type radiator arrangement.



Did you know...

Suburban railway services were not restricted just to Melbourne but other cities across Victoria at one time or another toyed with the idea of operating 'suburban' trains with as one might expect varying degrees of success.

Ballarat – Buninyong was a 13 km branch which opened on 12 September 1889 and closed on 28 February 1947 although passenger services ceased on 24 November 1930. A range of tickets were offered including singles, day returns, monthlies, quarterlies, half-yearlies and

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yearlies. Services were provided usually by tank engines and a venerable selection of 4 wheel and bogie 'dogbox' carriages.

There was a suburban service in the Mildura area commencing with a Merbein to Mildura and Redcliffs from April 1921 run by several mixed trains. From 26 June 1922 a single ended railmotor commenced between the three locations to the point by late 1927 traffic had increased and required two railmotors. Sadly the service was discontinued on 7 November 1928.

Given Geelong is Victoria's second city one is surprised that plans were not made earlier for a suburban type operation. On 20 June 1955 a service commenced between South Geelong and Corio utilising existing trains and a set of 'PL' type carriages rostered specifically for the service. An advertisement was placed in The Argus advertising the service a few days prior however it was deemed a total failure and withdrawn on 22 June. It was believed that only one Workmen's Weekly had been issued for the service and this was returned for a refund on the last day.

Bendigo never technically had a suburban service although there were stations within suburbs of Eaglehawk (still used), Golden Square (closed) and Kangaroo Flat (open).

These days with high frequency interurban rail services to Geelong, Ballarat and Bendigo it can be argued that these cities are served by a 'suburban' service.

WHAT'S ON AROUND VICTORIA

Melbourne City Deco - East of Elizabeth Street

The 1930s saw Melbourne enlivened by stylish, colourful buildings. Many are located to the east of Elizabeth Street. Join ADMSA President Robin Grow for a walking tour and see (and hear about) many of Melbourne's Art Deco treasures.

When: Sunday, 27th August 2017 (9:45am for a 10 o'clock start - approx. 2 hours)

Where: Foyer, Manchester Unity, cnr Collins and Swanston Streets

Cost: \$30 (includes walk booklet)

For more information visit: www.artdeco.org.au/events/

Koorie Reference Service

The Koorie Reference Service has a new online enquiry form to request a search of the PROV and NAA collections for the purpose of Aboriginal Family History family history research. **Enquiry form:** <https://prov.altarama.com/reft100.aspx?pmi=OgfEC5HiNh>

Check out the Koorie Services Pages to learn more about significant Aboriginal records held by PROV: www.prov.vic.gov.au/koorie-services

National Family History Month

National Family History Month (NFHM) is held in Australia every August and is an initiative of AFFHO (Australasian Federation of Family History Organisations).

Family history and genealogy is one of the most popular hobbies around the world. There are over 250,000 Australians who are members of family history related organisations and the month has broad appeal across Australia. Libraries, archives and other organisations also participate in National Family History Month.

During August events are conducted across Australia and online that focus on genealogy, family history, heraldry and related subjects.

For more information about National Family History Month, visit: <http://familyhistorymonth.org.au/>.

Check out the Events section to search for events

we're part of



held in your area.

Booroondara Library Service

BLS are hosting a number of free events throughout August including assistance on getting started with your family tree, writing family histories and resources available to assist your family history research.

For full details visit www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/libraries/whats-on-library, **alternative some brochures are available at the PMI Library**

Goldfields Library Service

Goldfield Libraries are running a series of events as part of their Family History Month celebrations.

You can find their [full program here](#) or visit www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au

Yarra Plenty Regional Library Service (YPRLS)

YPRLS will focus on their heritage photograph collections during National Family History Month. They are providing practical help on how to restore your photos both digitally and physically, as well as tips to help date, store and scrapbook them to share the stories. They also have experts on how to research in Ireland and British India as well as speakers focusing on the stories of local families in both Heidelberg and Eltham.

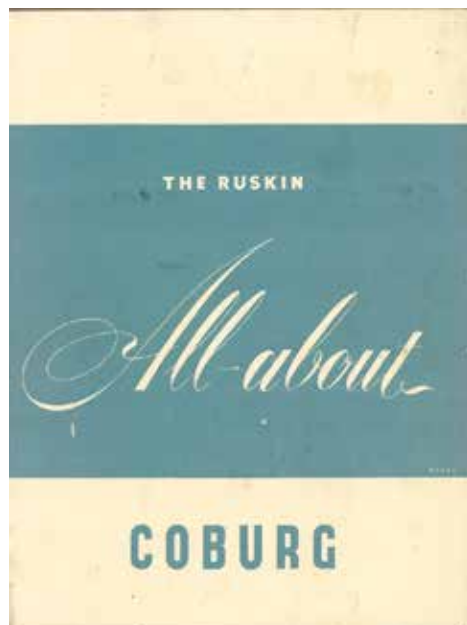
For full details visit: www.yprl.vic.gov.au/blogs/post/august-is-family-history-month/

HISTRIVIA

Melbourne Map Memories...

Part 1. Ruskin "all-about" guides: Coburg edition, 1953

By Steven Haby



Ruskin Publishing was a commercial and journal printer based in various places in Melbourne and inner suburbs. At the time the Coburg "all-about" guide was published in 1953 and their offices were at 37 Swanston Street in the city.

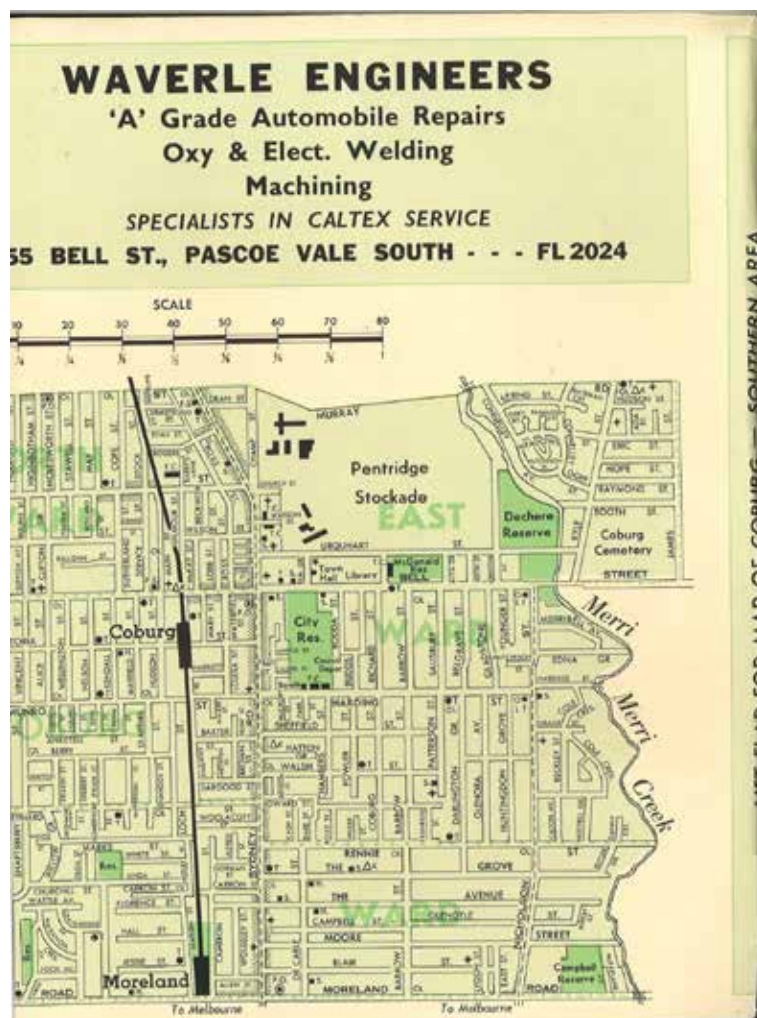
These guides were essentially a business and services directory

focussed on suburbs and regions of Melbourne and included a wealth of information and advertising. The front cover (above) was a very simple but eye catching design.

The directories were B5 in size and included a mix of monotone and full colour content.

At the bottom of the previous column is a full colour advertisement from the rear cover for C.O.R. Petroleum which later became B.P. Note the snappy uniform of the attendant.

An extract from the fold-out inside front cover which included the eastern part of the municipality of Coburg, with the western part included at the rear of the directory can be found below.



Note the name given to Pentridge at the time and the proliferation of telephone booths marked as "T" and a black dot. "OL" referred to post boxes. Interestingly tram routes were marked but not bus routes, of which there were quite a few in the area. Bus timetables were however included in the services section of the guide.

An extract from the services part of the Ruskin guide showing some of the bus route information including an advertisement for Reo buses distributed by P. T. Carr of Nicholson Street in Coburg can be found on the next page, together with an extract showing information on the City of Coburg from page 12 of the directory.

These directories like the Morgan's and Broadbent's maps of the time and latterly Melways provide an invaluable source of information regarding the history and development of Melbourne.



Further information about Ruskin and other printers of Melbourne can be obtained from *Printers of the streets and lanes of Melbourne* by Don Hauser (Nondescript Press, 2006) which PMI has a copy.

Morgan's street directories were a feature of Melbourne for many years and were published by Val Morgan and Sons, which was also well known for cinema advertising. The style of the maps was later adopted by Gregory's – another well known street directory publisher.

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LARGE SCALE EDITION.

MORGAN'S
Official STREET
DIRECTORY

 1951

**MELBOURNE
& SUBURBS**
110 *Quick Reference* MAPS

INCLUDING
RAIL, TRAM & BUS ROUTES

Used by
THE POLICE & FIRE BRIGADES
for Reliability & Speedy Reference

COPYRIGHT

The 1951 edition is unusual for the time as it clearly has the date on the front cover. Many street directories and guide books did not include a date of issue or publication however approximate dates could be ascertained by examining advertising or specific features of a map that may have been added or removed between editions.

**FOR
GOOD
MEAT
TODAY**

see

E. B. MAY

491 SYDNEY ROAD COBURG
PHONE: FL1211

Branches at

BRUNSWICK
(Sydney Rd.)

THORNHURST

COLLINGWOOD

Kew

RICHMOND

OAKLEIGH

CARENGIE

PEARSHAM

ST. KILDA

SANDRINGHAM

BOX HILL

Facts on the City Today

Constituted Penridge District Road Board, 1859; Coburg District Road Board, 1869; Date of Coburg, 1875; Borough of Coburg, 1905; Town of Coburg, 1912; City of Coburg, 1922.

BOUNDARIES—North: Direct line from Cobden St. to Boundary Rd.; Boundary Rd. to Pascoe St.; Pascoe St. to Northumberland Rd.

West: Northumberland Rd. from Pascoe St. to Gaffney St., along Gaffney St. to Moonee Ponds Creek, along Moonee Ponds Creek to Moreland Rd.

South: Moreland Rd. from Moonee Ponds Creek to Merri Creek.

East: Merri Creek from Moreland Rd. to Bell St., along Bell St. to James St., James St. then Cobden St. to Jemima St.

(See map inside covers for Boundaries of Works.)

AREA—4,600 acres.

DISTANCE FROM MELBOURNE—5 miles.

POPULATION—65,000.

DWELLINGS—15,292.

RATING—Unimproved Capital Value.

UNIMPROVED CAPITAL VALUE—£3,613,444.

GENERAL RATE FOR 1953—74d. in the £1.

Members of the Council

MAYOR—Cr. M. Keedy, J.P.

NORTH WARD

Cr. C. E. Hodder, J.P., 2 Oulu Avenue, Merlynston, N.14.	FL1546
Cr. J. A. Cole, J.P., 38 Greenwood St., Pascoe Vale South, W.7.	FL1623
Cr. M. Keedy, J.P., 2 Gildroy Ave., Merlynston, N.14.	FL1629

CENTRE WARD

Cr. K. H. Wheeler, J.P., 170 Gordon St., Coburg, N.13.	PL2046
Cr. J. P. Eylesman, 329 Bell St., Pascoe Vale South, W.7.	PL2520
Cr. C. Turnbull, 6 Murray St., Coburg, N.13.	FL1618

EAST WARD

Cr. W. F. Ryland, 29 Somers St., Coburg, N.13.	FA8585
Cr. T. J. Batten, 52 The Grove, Coburg, N.13.	FA1182
Cr. H. Tate, 54 The Grove, Coburg, N.13.	FA1139

SOUTH WARD

Cr. J. H. Morris, J.P., 34 Jessie St., Coburg, N.13.	FA3520
Cr. H. G. Rasmussen, 32 Smithson Ave., Coburg, N.13.	
Cr. B. F. Hutchison, J.P., 30 The Grove, Coburg, N.13.	FM1905

Principal Officers of the Council

TOWN CLERK: Felix Wierworth
Shore, F.I.M.A., J.P.

CITY ENGINEER: Claude Vincent
Vaughan, B.C.E., J.P.

ELECTRICAL ENGINEER: Thomas
Gill, B.Sc.Tech., A.M.E.E.

R. J. KELLY
FL 2317

KIT BAGS
SCHOOL BAGS
TRAVEL GOODS

13 Victoria St., Coburg
Right at the Bus Stop

COBURG EDITION, 1953

12 THE RUBBISH ALL-ABOUT

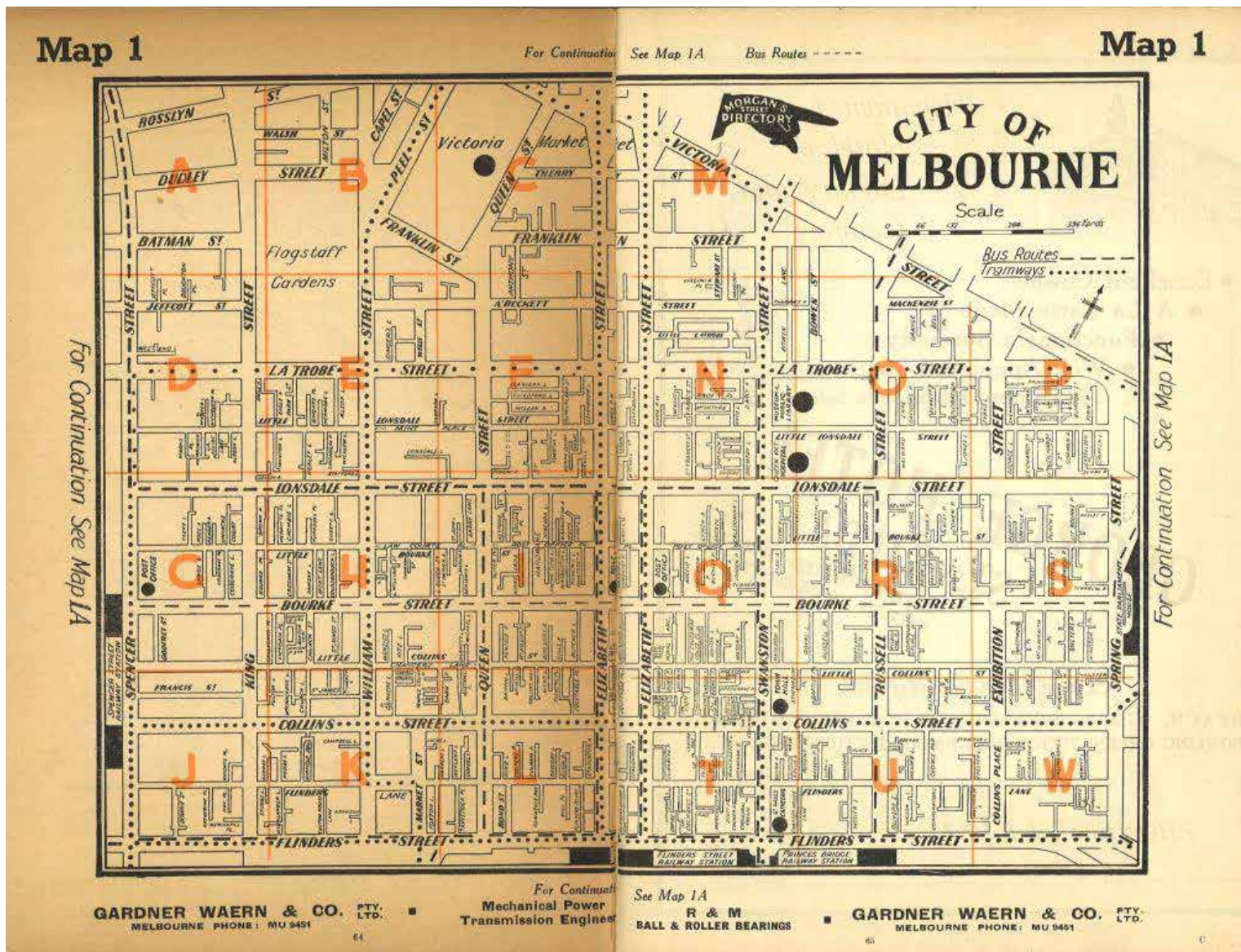
THE "ALL-ABOUT" PUBLISHERS INVITE YOUR COMMENTS.

STREETS AHEAD
since 1879
for
all men's wear
Wardrop
"MY TAILOR"

52 & 197 ELIZABETH ST., and BOURKE ST. (Cr. Royal Arcade)

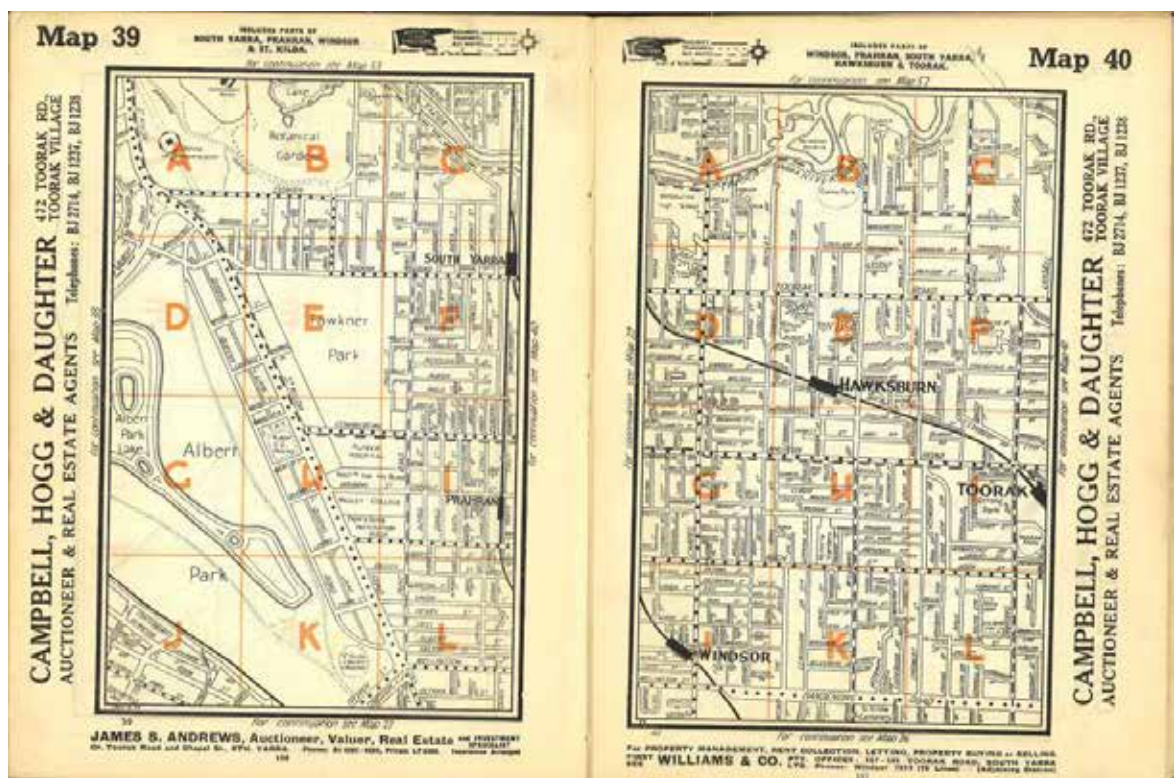
Also at Collingwood, Geelong, Ballarat, Warrnambool, Portland,
Morwell and Traralgon

Above is a typical advertisement for a tailor that appeared in the directory with a clever use of the word 'street' to promote their wares.



Above is a map showing the CBD as it was in 1951. Note that Bourke Street still had tramway buses running along its length (trams would be reintroduced by 1956 along Bourke Street) and that Exhibition Street started at Collins Street with the section to Flinders Street known as Collins Place.

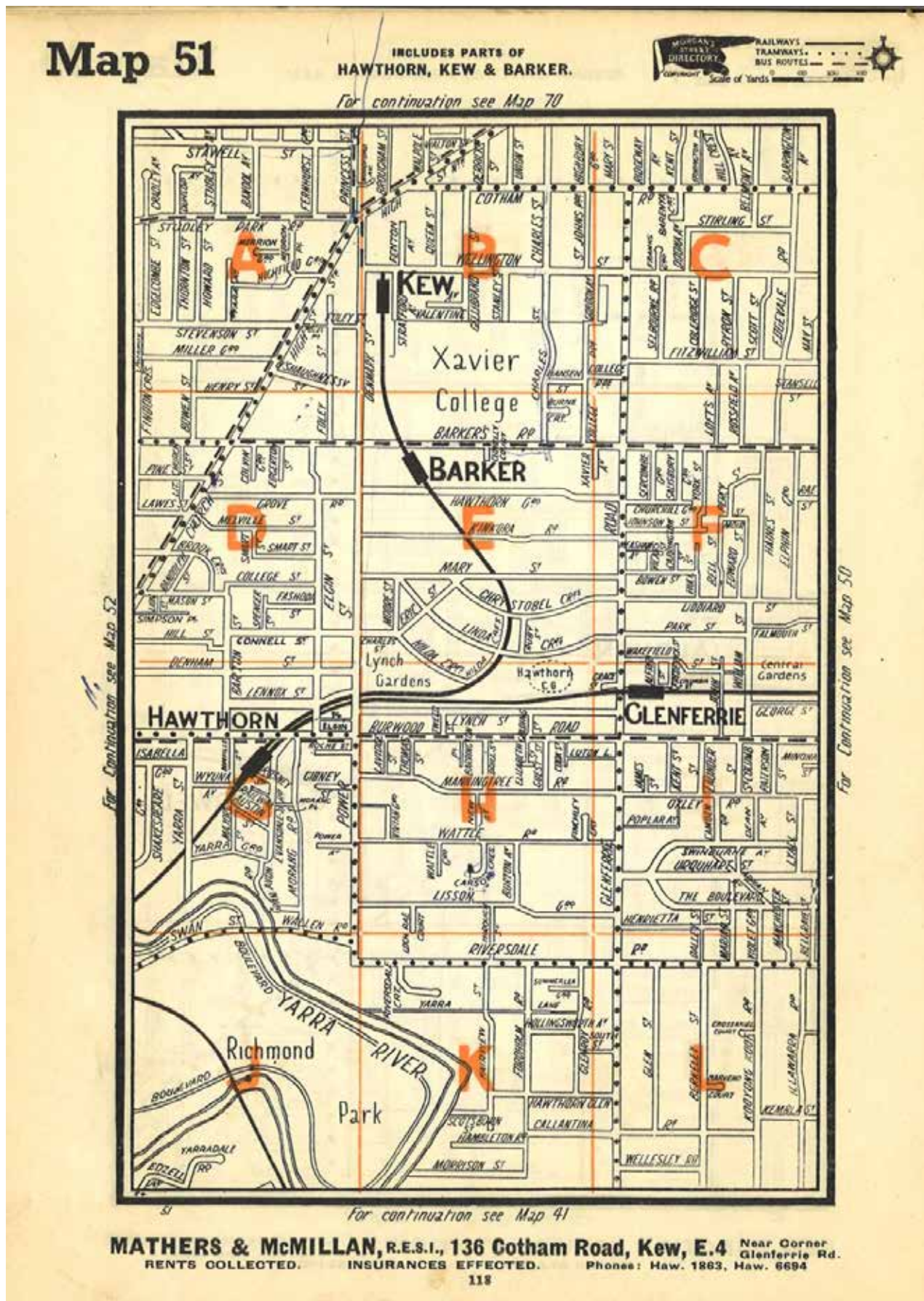
South Yarra, Windsor, Prahran and Toorak are shown in Maps 39 and 40 (right). Note the absence of St Kilda Junction and Dandenong Road started at Chapel Street. Of course there is no freeway either.



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A map of Hawthorn showing the Kew branch line that still had a few years of life left is shown below. At this point bus routes were shown thus '- - -' in the maps however for those students of bus route history in Melbourne would be drawn to the absence of the legendary route 129A Canterbury – Richmond which ran along Liddiard Street, Chrystobel Crescent, Mary, Power and Denham Streets in this map.

The PMI have an excellent collection of street directories, both in print and electronic versions, from a variety of publishers including Broadbents, Melway and Morgan.



New Books

Ache / Eliza Henry Jones



The much anticipated new novel - about how a family, and a rural community, recover from a terrible bushfire - from a stunning young Australian writer, Eliza Henry Jones.

A year ago, a devastating bushfire ripped Annie's world apart - killing her grandmother, traumatising her young daughter and leaving her mother's home in the mountains half destroyed. Annie fled back to the city, but the mountain

continues to haunt her. Now, drawn by a call for help from her uncle, she's going back to the place she loves most in the world, to try to heal herself, her marriage, her daughter and her mother. A heart-wrenching, tender and lovely novel about loss, grief and regeneration, Ache is not only a story of how we can be broken, but how we can put ourselves back together.

'You will weep, and marvel, and pass this book on, and on, to your friends' Nikki Gemmell

Their Brilliant Careers / Ryan O'Neill

(Miles Franklin Longlist 2017)

Absurd, original and highly addictive . . .

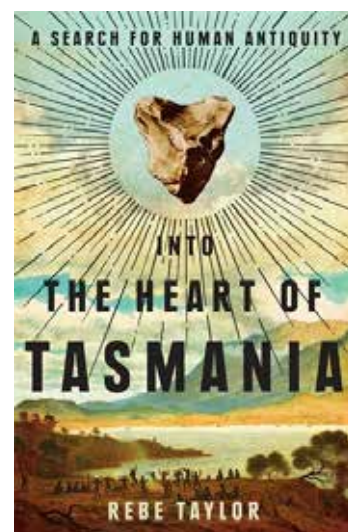
In Their Brilliant Careers, Ryan O'Neill has written a hilarious novel in the guise of sixteen biographies of (invented) Australian writers. Meet Rachel Deverall, who discovered the secret source of the great literature of our time - and paid a terrible price for her discovery. Meet Rand Washington, hugely popular sci-fi author (of Whiteman of Cor) and inveterate racist. Meet Addison Tiller, master of the bush yarn, "The Chekhov of Coolabah", who never travelled outside Sydney.

Their Brilliant Careers is a playful set of stories, linked in many ways, which together form a memorable whole. A wonderful comic tapestry of the writing life, this unpredictable and intriguing work takes Australian writing in a whole new direction . . .



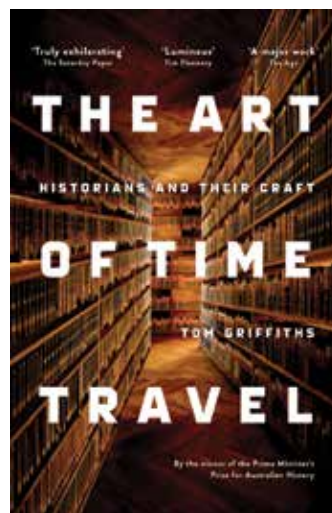
Into the Heart of Tasmania: A Search For Human Antiquity / Rebe Taylor

In 1908 English gentleman, Ernest Westlake, packed a tent, a bicycle and forty tins of food and sailed to Tasmania. On mountains, beaches and in sheep paddocks he collected over 13,000 Aboriginal stone tools. Westlake believed he had found the remnants of an extinct race whose culture was akin to the most ancient Stone Age Europeans. But in the remotest corners of the island Westlake encountered living Indigenous communities.



Into the Heart of Tasmania tells a story of discovery and realisation. One man's ambition to rewrite the history of human culture inspires an exploration of the controversy stirred by Tasmanian Aboriginal history. It brings to life how Australian and British national identities have been fashioned by shame and triumph over the supposed destruction of an entire race. To reveal the beating heart of Aboriginal Tasmania is to be confronted with a history that has never ended.

The Art of Time Travel: Historians and their craft / Tom Griffiths



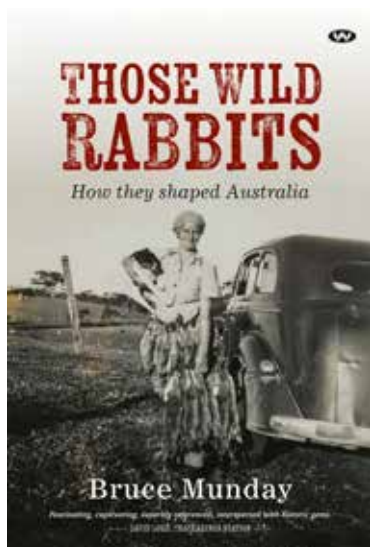
No matter how practised we are at history, it always humbles us. No matter how often we visit the past, it always surprises us. The art of time travel is to maintain critical poise and grace in this dizzy space.

In this landmark book, eminent historian and award-winning author Tom Griffiths explores the craft of discipline and imagination that is history.

Through portraits of fourteen historians, including Inga Clendinnen, Judith Wright, Geoffrey Blainey and Henry Reynolds, he traces how a body of work is formed out of a life-long dialogue between past evidence and present experience. With meticulous research and glowing prose, he shows how our understanding of the past has evolved, and what this changing history reveals about us.

Passionate and elegant, The Art of Time Travel conjures fresh insights into the history of Australia and renews our sense of the historian's craft.

Those Wild Rabbits / Bruce Munday



A century ago Australia was home to 10 billion rabbits, thriving in their adopted home. Storyteller Bruce Munday finds the rabbit saga irresistible - the naive hopes of the early settlers, the frustration, environmental damage, cost to agriculture, dreams shattered, and the lessons learned and ignored.

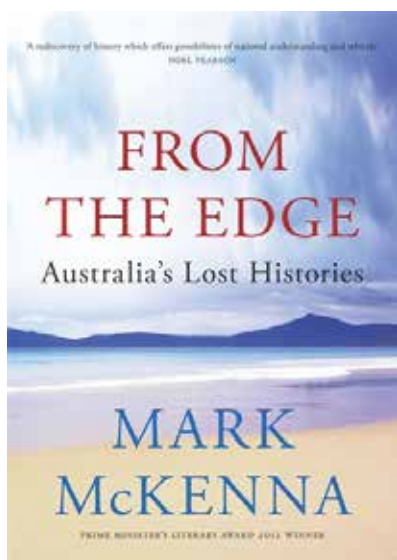
Those Wild Rabbits highlights not only the damage done but also Australia's missed

opportunities for real rabbit control. It recognises the bush's paradoxical love affair with an animal that was at one time a significant rural industry and is still recalled with nostalgia. More importantly, it offers hope for a brighter future, making the case for continued research to drive the next rabbit-control miracle, because rabbit plagues of the past will become the future unless we capture the history and embrace the lessons.

From the Edge: Australia's lost histories / Mark McKenna

March 1797. Ninety Mile Beach, Victoria. Five British sailors and twelve Bengali seamen swim ashore after their longboat is ripped apart in a storm. The British penal colony at Port Jackson is 700 kilometres to the north, their fellow-survivors from the wreck of the Sydney Cove stranded far to the south on a tiny island in Bass Strait. To rescue them and save their own lives, they have no alternative. They set out to walk to Sydney. What follows is one of Australia's greatest survival stories and cross-cultural encounters.

In *From the Edge*, award-winning historian Mark McKenna uncovers the places and histories that Australians so often fail to see. Like the largely forgotten story of the sailors' walk in 1797, these remarkable histories—the founding of a 'new Singapore' in West Arnhem Land in the 1840s, the site of Australia's largest industrial development project in the Pilbara and its extraordinary...



Coming Soon

The Death of Holden / Royce Kurlmelovs

Holden is one of the few brands that has an emotional grip on Australia. The impending closure of the Holden factory in Adelaide is not just the end of a business - it's the end of an era, of a story, and of a great Australian dream..

When Holden signalled that it would close its Adelaide factory, it struck at the very heart of Australian identity. Holden is our car made on our shores. It's the choice of patriotic rev heads and suburban drivers alike. How could a car that was so beloved - and so popular - be so unprofitable to make?

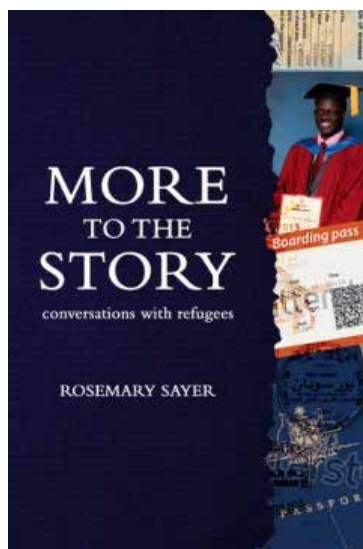
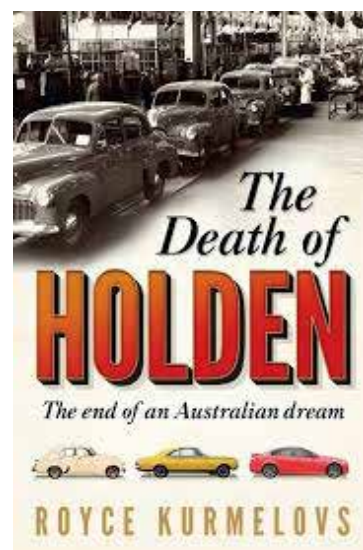
The story of the collapse of Holden is about the people who make and drive the cars; it's about sustaining industry in Australia; it's about communities of workers and what happens when the work dries up. And if it's not quite about the death of an icon - because Holdens will remain on Australian roads for a long time to come - then it's about what happens when an icon falls to its knees in front of a whole nation.

More to the Story: Conversations with refugees / Rosemary Sayer

More to the Story looks beyond negative media reports, political speeches and fear-mongering statistics to tell human stories of refugees and asylum seekers in Australia.

Rosemary Sayer writes with empathy and humility of her interviews with refugees from Burma, Afghanistan and South Sudan. Together, they tell stories of persecution, violence and starvation; families separated for a time, or forever; the desperation of thousands in refugee camps, awaiting relocation under humanitarian programs; the perilous journeys by boat of those for whom waiting would have meant death; life in mandatory detention; and the challenges of starting over in Australia. None of these people chose to be refugees; all of them chose survival.

A powerful, moving and inspiring account of human resilience that every Australian should read.





Governance

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Members are provided with copies of the PMI legislation and Library Policy on request, and can [join our mailing list](#) to receive committee meeting minutes.

Committee

The PMI is administered by a committee of seven people. Six Committee members are elected by the members of the PMI at the annual general meeting for a four year term of office and one person appointed by the City of Stonnington. The current PMI Committee Members are:

- ▶ Cr Steve Stefanopoulos (President)
- ▶ Dr Judith Buckrich (Vice President)
- ▶ Mr Ben Quin, CPA (Treasurer)
- ▶ Cr John Chandler OAM
- ▶ Mr Chris Michalopoulos
- ▶ Mr Peter Wolfenden
- ▶ Cr Melina Sehr (City of Stonnington representative)

The PMI Library Staff

- ▶ Steven Haby, (BASocSci Librarianship) (Secretary Librarian)
- ▶ Ellen Coates (BA (Hons); MA (Info. Stud.)) (Collections Librarian)
- ▶ Christine Moysey-Barker (AssocDegInfoStud) (Marketing and Communications Officer)
- ▶ Ursula Zamecnik (DipLib&InfSt) (Library Technician)

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Trains

The Institute is one block from Prahran Station (Sandringham Line), turn right into Greville Street and then right again into St Edmonds Rd.



Trams

There is the #6 tram running along High Street, the #72 tram along Commercial Road and the #78 tram along Chapel Street.



Buses

Buses #216, #219 and #220 run along Commercial Road. You can alight at the Prahran Market stop.