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Cato Street Archaeological Dig *Exhibition + free public lecture*



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Come along to a free public lecture from Dr Michelle Negus Cleary about her team's findings and learnings from the Cato Street archaeological dig on
Thursday 19 October 2017 at 7:00pm.

Artefacts will be on display at the PMI Victorian History Library from
Thursday 19 October until Friday 3 November 2017.

This free event is run as part of the Victorian History Week celebrations. Spaces are limited so bookings are essential.

For more information about History Week, please visit historyweek.org.au.

It's Your Time! PMI Victorian Seniors Festival Program



The Victorian Seniors Festival is now in its 35th year. Between 8-31 October, seniors can enjoy more than 1,500 free and low-cost events right across the state, including concerts, classes, workshops, games, tours, exhibitions and more.

Free public transport is available to Senior Card holders from 8-15 October. For more information about the Victorian Seniors Festival, visit: www.seniorsonline.vic.gov.au.

This year the PMI Victorian History Library is presenting a comprehensive program of events during October to celebrate the Victorian Seniors Festival.

All of our events are free of charge except for the Heritage Walking Tour. Spaces are limited so bookings are essential. You can book online or by phoning the PMI Victorian History Library. All of our events are listed on pages 2-4.

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AROUND THE LIBRARY

Trawling Through Trove

Are you researching your family history or wanting to know about an area where you or your parents grew up?



Did you know you can find oodles of information to help you discover the past (or even the future).

Let us help you put the pieces of your family history puzzle together with this introduction to exploring and interacting with Trove's resources including newspapers, photographs, books, websites and other ephemera.

When: Mondays and Thursdays at 11:00am (1 hr)

Online Bookings: www.trybooking.com/QKFA

Gmail for Beginners

Email is now an accepted tool of communication and getting your own email address should not be seen as an overwhelming process. It is a free way to keep in touch with friends, family and loved ones.



Google is now one of the world's most popular and secure platforms.

Come along and get your own gmail email address. Learn how to send and receive emails, attach files, organise and manage your mail.

BYO Laptop or limited PMI public PCs available.

When: Tuesdays at 11:00am

Online Bookings: www.trybooking.com/QKFH

Excelling at Ebay

Have you got too much paraphernalia? Want to downsize your yo-yo collection from the 1960s? Or are you looking to add to your much loved collection of classic 1950s



Matchbox cars? Ebay could be your answer?

Learn about how Ebay works and how easily you can set up an account and start selling or buying. We will also cover PayPal, auctioneering and shipping. There will be an opportunity for people to bring along an item to list with their new account.

When: Wednesdays and Fridays at 11:00am (1 hr)

Online Bookings: www.trybooking.com/QKFZ

Success with Family History

Family Histories are an invaluable historical source, but for libraries they can be quite difficult to acquire.



Find out how you can help ensure that your family history not only makes it into libraries, but is also as accessible as possible for researchers and fellow family historians.

Bring along any family histories you have written to see how they'd go in a library setting. We are also happy to accept any Family History donations.

When: Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at 10:00am (approx 45 mins)

Online Bookings: www.trybooking.com/QKFP

Slide Nights

Remember when slide nights were all the rage in suburban living rooms across Melbourne? Whether it be Auntie Gladys' flower and rose slides or Dad's recording of your trip to Phillip Island.

We are holding two slide nights during October.

Found Slides 'Australia's Transport Cavalcade'

Come along and relive the past with a night of found slides documenting or recording Australia's trams, trains and the odd bus from the 1960s to the late 1970s. Includes the last years of Ballarat and Bendigo trams.



Supper will be provided in keeping with the era.

When: Thursday 5 October at 6:30pm (approx 2 hours)

Online Bookings: www.trybooking.com/QKGD

Remember When

Take a journey back to Melbourne in the 60s and 70s drawing on slide collections from historical societies across Melbourne.

Supper will be provided in keeping with the era.



When: Thursday 12 October at 6:30pm (approx 2 hours)

Online Bookings: www.trybooking.com/QKIX

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Heritage Walk: Department Stores of Chapel Street's Past with Steve Stefanopoulos

Join local historian and Stonnington Councillor (and President of the PMI) Steve Stefanopoulos on a wander along Chapel Street between High Street and Commercial/Malvern Roads exploring former department stores big and small.



Cost: Library Members/Concession \$15, Non-Members \$20, includes Trybooking fees and a copy of a book on the history of Chapel Street. All proceeds will be donated by Cr Stefanopoulos to the PMI Victorian History Library to support the local history collection.

When: Saturday 7 October at 2:00pm (approx 1 hour)

Online Bookings: www.trybooking.com/QKGH

Vintage Hotelware of Victoria with Di Sandilands

Come along to a fascinating show and tell of vintage hotelware from throughout Victoria.



Di grew up amongst antiques and spent weekends and holidays poking around second hand shops and flea markets discovering lone cups, sugar bowls and other hotelware often wondering how they had become separated from their culinary homes.

Among Di's collection are items from Coles Cafeteria, Hotel Portsea, Prince of Wales Hotel, Young & Jackson's, Frankston Hotel, The Hotel Windsor and much more.

When: Saturday 14 October at 2:30pm (approx 1 hour)

Online Bookings: www.trybooking.com/QKJF

Second-Hand Book Sale



The Friends of the PMI Victorian History Library will be holding another second-hand book sale on **Saturday 14 October from 10:30am-3:00pm**. There will be lots of books available covering many different subject areas including History, Military, Australian Literature, Nature, Biographies, Cinemas and more.

Drive-In Saturday with David Kilderry

Presented by the Cinema and Theatre Historical Society (CATHS)

Join us for a presentation by David Kilderry on the history of Drive-in theatres, illustrated with images from David's large collection of drive-in images.



David is a pre-eminent drive in theatre historian, drive-in owner and CATHS member who has a long history in the cinema business. He is familiar with the operation of most of Melbourne's cinemas and is the owner of the web site Drive-ins Down Under. David is also a frequent guest speaker at CATHS meetings and at outside venues.

This event is also presented as part of the National History Week celebrations for 2017.

When: Saturday 21 October at 2:30pm (approx 1 hour)

Online Bookings: www.trybooking.com/QKJJ

You Collect What?!: Talking Timetables

Join our Secretary Librarian, Steven Haby for an informative and entertaining talk about his passion for collecting bus, train and tram timetables from around Australia and why they add to our understanding of our place in society.



When: Sunday 22 October at 2:30pm (approx 1 hour)

Online Bookings: www.trybooking.com/QKJM

Neon Signs of Melbourne with Jason Brack

A look back at the neon heritage of Melbourne.

Who is Little Audrey? What was nicknamed the 'skyline spectacular'?

Take a nostalgic look back in this presentation at some of the more famous neon signs that have graced the Melbourne skyline over the decades.



Jason Brack is the Diversity & Inclusion Librarian at Glen Waverley Library & Mulgrave Neighbourhood Library.

When: Thursday 26 October at 6:30pm (approx 1 hour)

Online Bookings: www.trybooking.com/QKWV

AROUND THE LIBRARY

Show and Tell Pop Up

Do you have something near and dear that you would like to show and tell? Join moderator historian and Stonnington Councillor Steve Stefanopolous for an entertaining and informative show and tell of memorabilia, antiques and family heirlooms.



For more information about this event, visit the online booking link below.

When: Saturday 28 October at 2:30pm (approx 2 hours)

Online Bookings: www.trybooking.com/QKJO

GENERAL NEWS

Introducing 'Instituting the Past'



Instituting The Past

The inner mechanics of the PMI Victorian History Library

We are very pleased to announce our new Blog **Instituting the Past: The inner mechanics of the PMI Victorian History Library**. This is a space where we will be sharing book reviews and stories including a regular segment called *Plotting History*.

Plotting History tells the story of how a PMI Library member uses the library and gives a fascinating insight into their research. Our debut story is written by our Vice President, Dr. Judith Buckrich who can be found hard at work in the library writing most days of the week. You can visit our Blog at institutingthepast.wordpress.com.

WE WANT YOU!

We really want our blog to be a collaboration between staff and members. We are looking for people who would like to contribute to Plotting History and submit a book reviews. If you are interested or have an idea about future content, please do not hesitate to contact us via phone, email or in person at the library.

Historical Novel Society of Australasia Conference 2017



We attended the *Historical Novel Society of Australasia Conference* in early September. It was an exhilarating weekend, meeting so many different people and discovering the many ways that authors are using historical resources to create complete historical worlds. It was something of a meeting of the minds and we're looking forward to hopefully welcoming historical fiction writers here at the PMI. We were also delighted to be able to add a diverse range of historical fiction to our Australian fiction collection.



Road Works



For the next 2 months, there will be some detours in place while roadworks are undertaken in the area.

If you plan on driving to the library, please be aware that although it looks as though the road is closed you can access St. Edmonds Road from High Street. The detour signs are advising that the road is closed at the Greville Street end. There is a vehicle stationed on St. Edmonds Road assisting with traffic flow, they have been made aware that we have on-site parking available for members.

Ancestry Library Edition: New and Updated



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

New

- Australia and New Zealand, Find A Grave Index, 1800s-Current Birth, Marriage & Death 4,087,909

Updated

- Australia and New Zealand, Obituary Index, 2004-2017 Birth, Marriage & Death 362,636
- Web: Victoria, Australia, Outward Passenger Index, 1852-1915 Immigration & Travel 1,754,004
- Sydney, Australia, Anglican Parish Registers, 1818-2011 Birth, Marriage & Death 1,801,446

History Quiz: From Easy to Evil

By Ellen Coates, Collections Librarian
courtesy of Historical Ragbag:
historicalragbag.com.

There are thirteen questions divided into three sections: easy, hard and evil (plus a bonus point). Keep track of how you do because there is a scoring system at the end. Answers are provided in the next column. Enjoy.



EASY

1. What is the name of the market in Melbourne which is built on a graveyard on the corner of Victoria and Elizabeth street?
2. What is the southern most point of mainland Australia which is named after Thomas who was a friend of Matthew Flinders?
3. When was Federation in Australia?
4. What year was the Eureka Stockade

HARD

5. Where did Australia's parliament sit from 1901-1927?
6. Where was the first shot fired by the British Empire in World War One ?
7. What island did Captain James Cook name after he 'discovered' it on June 7th 1770?
8. What is the name of the beach Harold Holt drowned at and what year did he drown?

EVIL

9. What is the name of the boat that sank off the shipwreck coast in Victoria on the 1st of June 1878?
10. What is the name of the man who named the

Grampian Mountains in Western Victoria and mapped much of the district?

11. What is the name of the small Victorian town named after the man who was Governor of Victoria from 1926-1931?
12. What is the name of the first lighthouse to be erected in South Australia?

Bonus Question

13. Name the Lighthouse pictured in the photo below



1. Queen Victoria Market. You get the point if you said Queen Vic, Vic or Victoria Market.
2. Wilson's Promontory
3. 1901
4. 1854
5. Parliament House Melbourne
6. Point Nepean in Victoria
7. Magnetic Island
8. Cheviot Beach 1967
9. The Loch Ard
10. Major Thomas Mitchell
11. Somers
12. Cape Willoughby Light House
13. Cape Schanck

So that's it. How did you do?

1-4: Well you've got some basics down pat. Good start.

5-8: Impressive. You know your stuff.

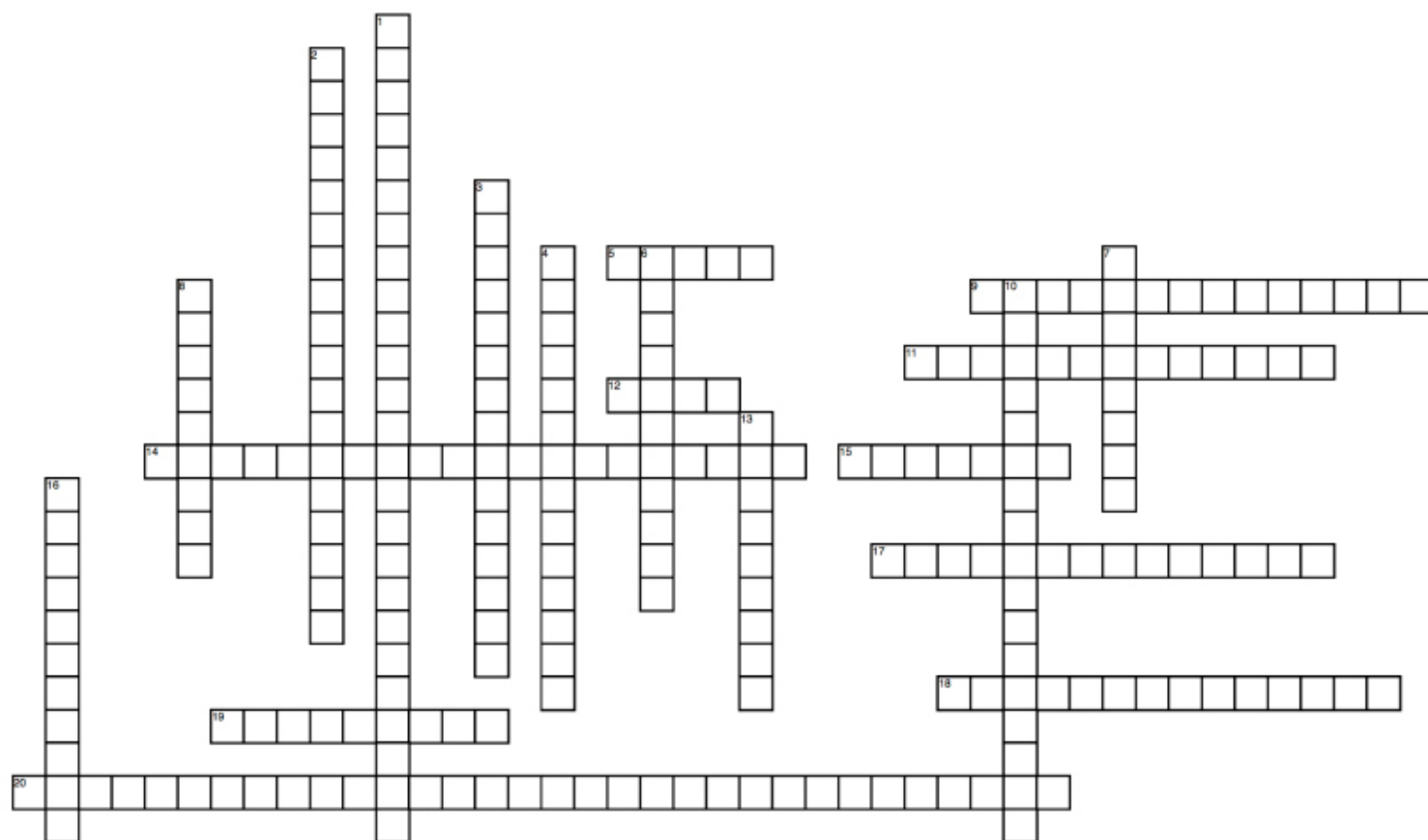
9-12: Incredible effort. You may know more than is sensible

13: If you got them all... Sure you didn't write the quiz?

AROUND THE LIBRARY

HISTORY CROSSWORD

By Ellen Coates, Collections Librarian courtesy of Historical Ragbag: historicalragbag.com



ACROSS

- 5 James Stirling founded which town in Eastern Victoria in c.1875? (5)
- 9 What was blown up in Melbourne in 1883? (5-9)
- 11 Born in Portland Victoria who was one of four women who were the first women to run for parliament in the British empire? (4-9)
- 12 Where was home to the Leviny family for 118 years? (4)
- 14 Known to the indigenous population as Deen Maar or Dhinmar what is the European name for an island off the Ship Wreck Coast. (4-5-5-6)
- 15 The what heritage area in South Western Victoria is sacred to the Gunditjmara people and home to what could be one of Australia's largest aquaculture systems as well as some of the only surviving permanent dwellings built by indigenous Australians? (4-3)
- 17 Finished in 1888 what in Melbourne's CBD was used for making ammunition. (5-4-5)
- 18 Which explorer named the Grampians in Western Victoria in 1836? (6-8)
- 19 What area in Melbourne is the oldest surviving example of its type in the Western World? (5-4)
- 20 What was held in Melbourne in 1880? (9-13-10)

DOWN

- 1 Which educational institute was founded in 1854 in a Southern Melbourne suburb with Governor Hotham as its patron? (7-9-9)
- 2 What was finished in 1914 to supply water to Melbourne? (10-8)
- 3 What was tabled in Victorian Parliament in 1891 with nearly 30 000 signatures? (7-8)
- 4 What was built by returned soldiers and stretches for 243km? (5-5-4)
- 6 Which hill south east of Melbourne was named by Acting Lieutenant John Murray in 1802 due to his belief in its resemblance to another hill in Scotland? (7-4)
- 7 Named by Archibald Yuille what is the town in Victoria best known for its gold mining past? (8)
- 8 Which town in Western Victoria was known for a time as Belfast? (4-5)
- 10 Sculpted by Paul Montford, a statue of which poet and writer stands in the Gordon Reserve on Spring Street in Melbourne? (4-7-6)
- 13 What is now the name of the town where the first dinosaur bone discovered in Australia was found in 1903? (9)
- 16 Which former Australian Prime Minister erected a tin hut on the top of the North Wing of Melbourne's Parliament House to have somewhere to hide where the press couldn't find him? (5-6)

“AND THEY’RE OFF...”: Greyhound, Harness and Horse Racing Tracks in Greater Melbourne

By Steven Haby

When people think of racetracks the ones that probably comes to mind first are Flemington or Caulfield. In actual fact Melbourne was home to quite a few tracks used by the greyhound, harness and the horse racing fraternity.

Horse racing

Flemington was established as a permanent racing track in March 1840 following appeals to the Lieutenant-Governor by local gentleman of note.

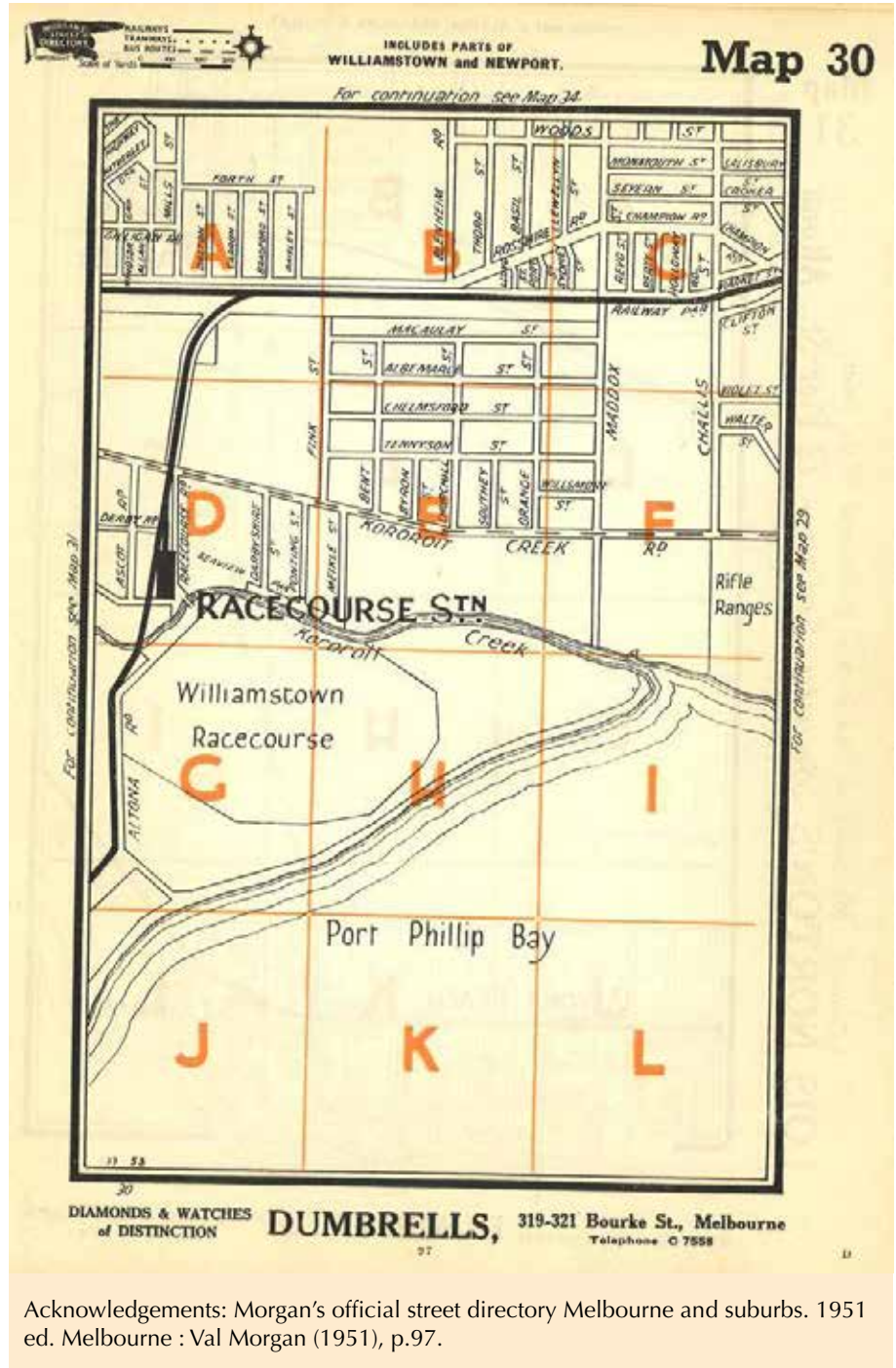
Prior to the formation of the Victorian Racing Club (VRC) there were a number of short lived clubs including the Port Phillip Turf Club (1842) and the Victorian Turf Club (1852). The latter amalgamated with the Victorian Jockey Club in 1864 forming the VRC.

The Williamstown Racing Club was formed in 1864 and established the Williamstown Cup which was the last of the four major races of the Spring season. The course was established just south of Kororoit Creek Road adjacent to the Altona railway line and a small branch line was established to provide electric trains direct to the racecourse. Racing ceased in 1940 and the area was given over to the U.S. Army during World War Two. A devastating fire which destroyed the grandstand put the nail in the coffin of any chance of racing recommencing. There are still some concrete remnants of the stanchions for the overhead alongside the existing railway line to Altona. The map from Morgan’s Official Street Directory (right) shows the location of the racecourse station and the racetrack.

On the eastern side, the Victorian Amateur Turf Club (founded in 1876) established the Caulfield racecourse when the Caulfield Cup was first run in 1879. For many years Caulfield was served by special trams running via route 3 that ran around a loop that ran off Dandenong Road to speed up shunting. Interestingly the other circular loop was in Acland Street and Carlisle Street, St Kilda.

Numerous private clubs were established by entrepreneurs including:

- Croxton Park, in Northcote which opened in 1869 and closed four years later.
- W.S. Cox established tracks at Kensington, Brighton Park and Elsternwick followed by Moonee Valley in 1883.
- Tracks were established at Oakleigh in 1888 which became known later as Sandown Park, Mordialloc, Mentone, Epsom, Aspendale and pony tracks at Oakleigh, Thornbury (known as Fitzroy) and Ascot.



Acknowledgements: Morgan’s official street directory Melbourne and suburbs. 1951 ed. Melbourne : Val Morgan (1951), p.97.



Acknowledgements: Melway street directory of reater Melbourne. 10th edition. Melbourne : Melway Publishing, map 87.

From the early 1930s the government were keen to regulate the industry closed tracks at Sandown Park, Thornbury, Aspendale and Richmond in 1931.

Later others (such as Epsom at Mordialloc) were converted to training tracks as show in the extract of the 10th edition of the Melway's map in 1977 (above).

Other tracks in the outer suburbs of Melbourne included Werribee and Pakenham, which recently closed and was relocated to a site between Nar Nar Goon and Tynong. Werribee was served by trains stopping at the racecourse platform which was closed in the early 1990s when the standard gauge line was built. Plans to electrify the section between Werribee and Werribee Racecourse were put on hiatus although the stanchions are still in place.

Greyhound racing

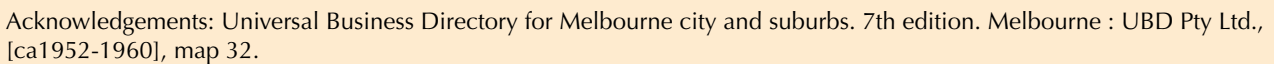
Greyhound racing was established in the 1870s and consolidated at Sandown Park and from the 1960s Olympic Park hosted meets but was closed to make way for CityLink. A new facility was opened at

Broadmeadows in 1998. Another famous track was at White City in Tottenham which operated until the late 1950s. Special race trains were run from Flinders Street. The PMI has recently acquired a book on the history of White City and the race trains written by local Sunshine Historian Tom Rigg. Map 32 from the 1950s 7th edition of the Universal Business Directory (next page) pinpoints the location of White City station and the track across from Sunshine Road when the track was closed. Olex Cables took over the site and established their factory.

Harness racing

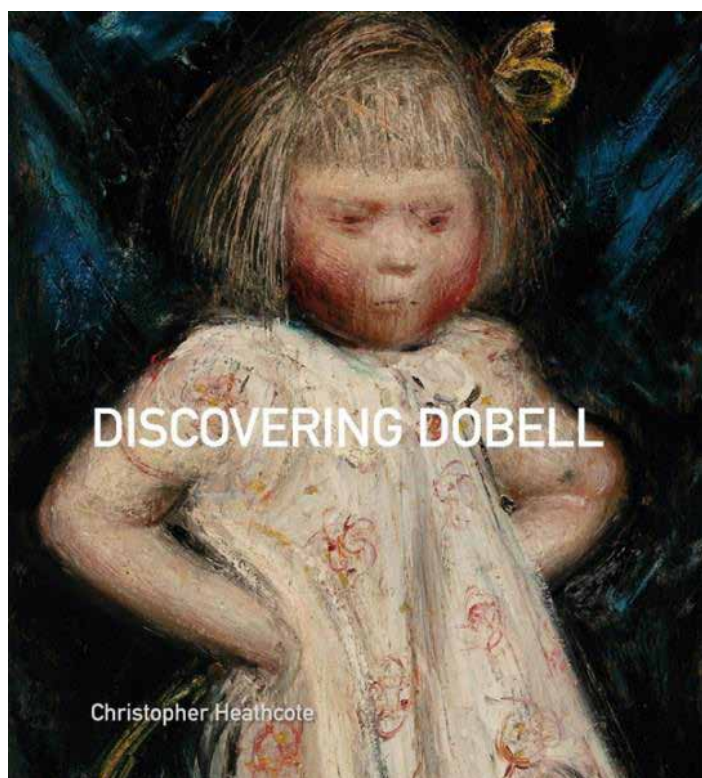
Harness racing facilities were provided at Flemington and special tracks at Elsternwick (which was not successful) and Richmond (operated by John Wren). Harness racing moved to Moonee Valley in 1976 and in recent years a dedicated track has been built at Melton.

The PMI has an extensive collection of books on horse racing clubs, tracks, horses and racing identities in our collection.



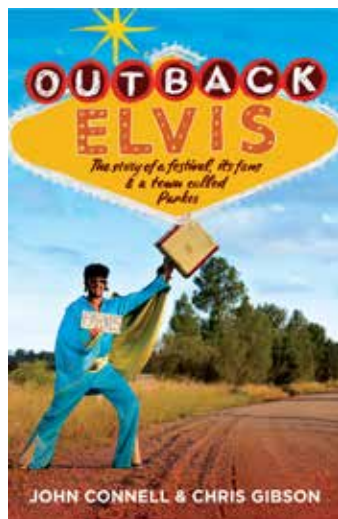
New Books

Discovering Dobell / Christopher Heathcote



Discovering Dobell offers an intimate glimpse of William Dobell, the artist whose heart remained anchored in the daily life of everyday people, from the streets of Depression-raked London to Sydney's Kings Cross. Christopher Heathcote demonstrates how Dobell developed ideas from sketches to paintings. In some instances the book identifies previously unknown relationships between drawings, gouaches and important oils.

Outback Elvis: The story of a festival, it's fans and a town called Parkes / Chris Gibson and John Connell



town that made this big hunk o' Elvis love possible

Where do thousands of people in wigs, jumpsuits and fake Priscilla eyelashes go each January to swelter in 42-degree heat as they celebrate The King? Parkes, of course - 365 kilometres west of Sydney - for the annual Parkes Elvis Festival. But how, and why, did this sleepy town get all shook up by Elvis? Written by two long-time fans of the festival, Outback Elvis introduces the local characters, the lookalikes, the impersonators and the tribute artists - and the

Depends What You Mean By Extremist / John Safran

No one turns up where they're not wanted quite like John Safran. In this hilarious and disorienting adventure he gets among our diverse community of white nationalists, ISIS supporters, anarchists and more, digging away at the contradictions that many would prefer be left unexamined. Who is this black puppet-master among the white nationalists? And this Muslim fundamentalist who geeks out on Monty Python? Is there a secret radicalisation network operating in John's own Jewish suburb? And ultimately - is hanging with all these radicals washing off on John himself? Populated by an extraordinary cast of 'ordinary' Australians, Depends What You Mean by Extremist is a startling, confronting portrait of contemporary Australia. We all think we know what's going on in our own country, but this larger-than-life, timely, and alarmingly insightful true story will make you think again ...Drinking shots with nationalists and gobbling falafel with radicals, John Safran was there the year the extreme became the mainstream.



Terra Nullius / Clarie G. Coleman (fiction)

In the near future Australia is about to experience colonisation once more.



What have we learned from our past? A daring debut novel from the winner of the 2016 black&write! writing fellowship.

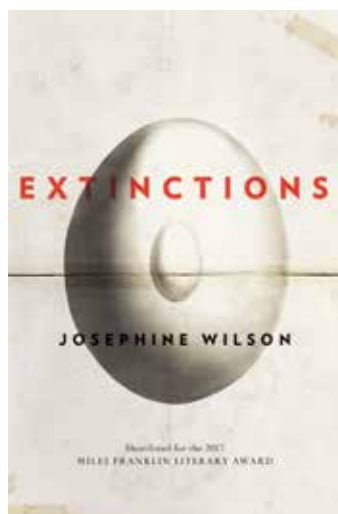
'Jacky was running. There was no thought in his head, only an intense drive to run. There was no sense he was getting anywhere, no plan, no destination, no future. All he had was a sense of what was behind, what he was running from. Jacky was running.'

The Natives of the Colony are restless. The Settlers are eager to have a nation of peace, and to bring the savages into line. Families are torn apart, reeducation is enforced. This rich land will provide for all.

This is not Australia as we know it. This is not the Australia of our history. This TERRA NULLIUS is something new, but all too familiar.

Extinctions / Josephine Wilson (Fiction)

Miles Franklin Winner 2017



"He hated the word 'retirement', but not as much as he hated the word 'village', as if ageing made you a peasant or a fool. Herein lives the village idiot.

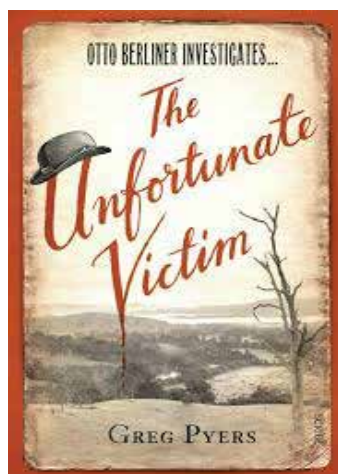
Professor Frederick Lothian, retired engineer, world expert on concrete and connoisseur of modernist design, has quarantined himself from life by moving to a retirement village. His wife, Martha, is dead and his two adult children are lost to him in their

own ways. Surrounded and obstructed by the debris of his life - objects he has collected over many years and tells himself he is keeping for his daughter - he is determined to be miserable, but is tired of his existence and of the life he has chosen.

When a series of unfortunate incidents forces him and his neighbour, Jan, together, he begins to realise the damage done by the accumulation of a lifetime's secrets and lies, and to comprehend his own shortcomings.

Finally, Frederick Lothian has the opportunity to build something meaningful for the ones he loves. Humorous, poignant and galvanising by turns, *Extinctions* is a novel about all kinds of extinction - natural, racial, national and personal - and what we can do to prevent them."

The Unfortunate Victim / Greg Pyers (Fiction)



"This story is based on a murder committed in the gold-mining town of Daylesford, Australia, in 1864. The names of some characters have been changed, but all characters herein are based on real people."--Author's note.

Based on a true story. At midnight on 28 December 1864, in the Australian gold-mining town of Daylesford, young newly-wed Maggie Stuart lies dead in her own

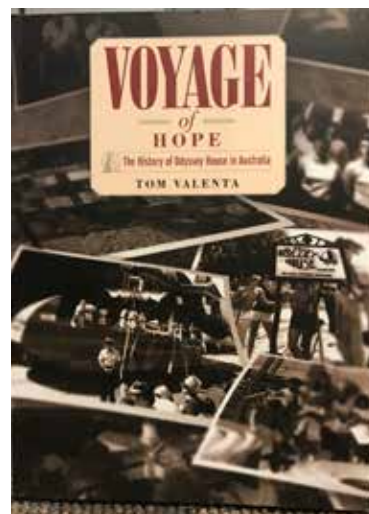
blood. Rumour and xenophobia drive speculation over the identity of her killer, and when a suspect is apprehended, police incompetence and defence counsel negligence bring yet more distortion to the wheels of justice.

In this climate of prejudice and ineptitude, it seems only Detective Otto Berliner is able to keep an objective mind and recognise that something is terribly wrong. He intends to put matters right, though all the odds are against him.

Coming Soon

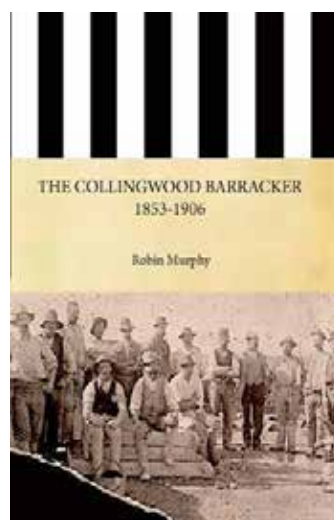
Voyage of Hope: This history of Odyssey House in Australia / Tom Valenta

Countless people have been part of the Odyssey House story since 1977. They have made contributions as board members, sponsors, mentors or staff. There are also the residents and clients who have mostly benefited from the programs that Odyssey offers.....A number of cameos of former residents and clients form part of this history.



Some have become senior staff members and are giving back to the organisation that saved them. Some have overcome their addictions and have dealt with the underlying problems that took them along this path. They have made positive decisions about their lives and are happy to be part of mainstream society. Others have tragic stories and have succumbed to the underlying problems that first brought them to Odyssey House. Their families live on to tell their stories.

The Collingwood Barracker: 1853-1906 / Robin Murphy



A study of the role played by football and the physical and social living conditions existing in Collingwood in forging the unique Collingwood barracker. A supporter with an inner strength and a 'side by side' attitude to overcome the appalling living conditions, to give birth to the biggest sporting club in Australia.

A social history of the Melbourne inner working class suburb of Collingwood,

examining how the suburb developed in the period 1853-1906.

The book utilises original newspaper reports, stories, poems and songs from largely unseen sources to gain an understanding of working class life in Collingwood, during this period. An examination of how these forces culminated in the quest for social recompense via the Collingwood Football Club.



Governance

The PMI is incorporated under the [Prahran Mechanics' Institute Act No 1617 \(1899\)](#) and operates under the [Rules of the Prahran Mechanics' Institute and Circulating Library](#), gazetted in the Victorian Parliament on 24 July 2007.

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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Parking

Parking is available at the institute on a first-come-first-serve basis.

There are 3 spaces at the front of the building and a further 7 spaces in the garage (accessed from the front of the building on St Edmonds Rd) – please park in the numbered spaces to avoid blocking cars in. If all spaces are taken, there is 1 hour parking in St Edmonds Road and Greville Street, and there is also parking (ticketed) at the Izett Street carpark (on the other side of Greville Street).



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.