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NEWS AND EVENTS

Library and Information Week 23 - 29 May 2005



Genealogy for Beginners

Free Family History Tutorials

Family history is a most absorbing and rewarding activity—and a very personal way to study history.

From Monday 23 to Thursday 26 we are offering free family history tutorials for members and others who are interested in researching the history of their families, but are not sure of where to begin.

The tutorials, conducted at our Victorian and Local History Library by friendly, professional staff, will last one hour and include a FREE STARTERS' KIT. The kit includes reference sources, a bibliography, starters tips, guides to effective organisation of information (including sample data sheets) and FREE ADMISSION to the lecture below.

If you would like to learn how to research your family history using basic Internet and CD Rom tools please contact us as BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL.

Information Organisation for Family Historians

Find how to organise your genealogical information and care for your vital family documents. Alison Boundy will join us to show some simple ways to make your family history research more effective and more enjoyable.

PMI Committee member Alison Boundy is a retired librarian, a member of the Monday maintenance team at the Genealogical Society of Victoria and a very experienced family historian.



2.00 pm, Friday 27 May

Cost: \$2.00

(2005 tutorial participants and PMI Members admitted FREE)

Inside...

MINISTER BROAD TO LAUNCH FIRST PMI PRESS BOOK!!

2005 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Book Month Registration Details

Recent Additions to the Library Collection

Special Article - The Architect and Builder of 140 High Street

Book Club Month - July

The schedule for our July book club meetings is as follows:

02 July - Mao's Last Dancer / Li Cunxin

09 July - The Sunday Philosophy Club /
Alexander McCall Smith

16 July - The Piano Tuner / Daniel Mason

23 July - Reading Lolita in Tehran /
Azar Nafisi

30 July - The Turning / Tim Winton

The meetings will begin at 10am on each of the Saturday mornings in July. If you haven't started reading yet, it's time to get CRACKING! All the above books are in the general collection and may be reserved free.



Participants are asked to register before the end of June - a reminder will be placed in the June newsletter.

2005 History Competiton

We have been fortunate to have attracted sponsorship for our annual History Competition from Borders again this year.



The competition is open to students in Years 9 and 10, and entrants are asked to write 1500 words about the history of an ancestor or grandparent.

As always, we hope that the competition can encourage students to take an interest in history through the rewarding and personal task of researching a member of the family.

First Prize — \$200

Second Prize — \$50 gift voucher

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The competition guide is available free from <http://www.pmi.net.au/PMICompGuide.pdf> or by phoning 9510 3393.

Your Questions . . .

In the days before the computer catalogue, PMI library borrowers relied on **subject bibliographies** - typed lists containing details of books held in the library about a particular subject.

Our recent survey and some other enquiries reveal that some borrowers would still benefit from the production of printed subject lists.

If you are interested in a particular subject and would like us to produce a printed subject list for you, please let library staff know and we will prepare one for you for only the printing cost of 20c per page.

Your comments and questions are important to the library, as they can help us to improve services for our members. Remember to use the feedback slip at the bottom of your subscription letter if you have any suggestions or ideas.

PMI Press Update

Naturally we hope to see you all at the launch on Thursday 12 May (see p.3)

Our Press committee are currently contemplating a recent submission, as well as considering the possibility of putting the Prahran Technical School history back on the agenda. Many years ago much oral history was gathered from former students who participated in the school's reunion.

In the meantime, did you know that there is a community foundation which offers grants to non-profit organisations in rural Victoria for historical publishing? The **Holsworth Local Heritage Trust** offers grants up to \$1,000 and applications close 1 August each year. For more information please contact Christine on 9510 3393 or press@pmi.net.au

If you would like more information about Prahran Mechanics' Institute Press and its services, visit our website at www.pmi.net.au/press or phone the number above and we will send you a brochure.

Annual General Meeting 2005

Along with this newsletter is a notice of the Prahran Mechanics' Institute's Annual General Meeting which is to be held at the Institute, at 6.00pm on Wednesday 27 April.

This is, as always, an excellent opportunity for our members to show their support for the Institute, to meet the Committee, and to see how the Institute and Library have been going over the previous calendar year.

Please RSVP to the Secretary by 4.30pm Tuesday 26 April.

Phone 9510 3393 or email library@pmi.net.au

REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

You're Invited:

Minister Broad to Launch First PMI Press Book

The official launch of *Buildings, Books and Beyond: Mechanics' Worldwide Conference 2004* will be held at the Prahran Mechanics' Institute in May.

Candy Broad MLC, the Minister for Local Government will launch the publication.

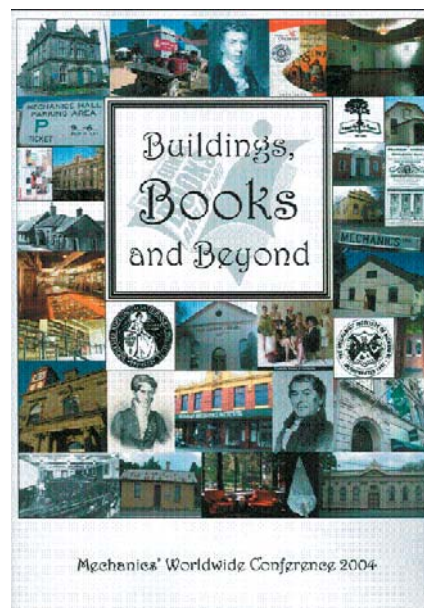
The Minister, through the Mechanics' Institutes Community Partnerships Program, has been a supporter of our remaining mechanics' institute libraries. The most recent of these grants, presented to Prahran Mechanics' Institute on 1 May 2004 (by Member for Prahran, Tony Lupton) was used to establish the Prahran Mechanics' Institute Press.

The support of the Department for Victorian Communities enabled the Buildings, Books and Beyond conference to go ahead in September 2004, and Minister Broad's conference opening address is reproduced in the preliminary pages. We are thrilled that Minister Broad can rejoin us to celebrate the first publication of PMI Press.

12.30pm Thursday 12 May 2005

FREE ENTRY, REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL: 9510 3393 or library@pmi.net.au



The Architect: E.H. Willis

Ernest Horatio Willis was born in South Yarra on 30 November 1867 to Samuel Willis and Cassandra Alice nee Wragge.

Samuel and Cassandra were both born in England. Samuel was born in Cambridge and migrated to Australia in 1852 on the ship South Sea at the age of 11 with his parents and ten brothers and sisters. The large family resided in an early, primitive house on the corner of Toorak Road and Chapel Street.

Samuel is noted in *Victoria and its Metropolis* as a road and bridge contractor with squatting interests living at "Shelford", Hornby Street, Windsor. He was a JP who served as Mayor of Prahran in 1879, the year that Prahran was proclaimed a city. He was very fond of horses and J.B. Cooper, in *History of Prahran*, gives an account of a horse race which was run from the Village Belle Hotel (Barkly Street, St.Kilda), along Chapel Street to the finish at Union Street Windsor. Sam rode the winning horse named "Beeswing". He and Cassandra had seven children, of whom Ernest Horatio was the second-oldest.

Ernest was educated at Wesley College from 1882-85. He completed his articles in 1887 in the employment of architectural firm William Salway, which was located at 45 Swanston Street, Melbourne.

2005 is the 90th Anniversary of the building at 140 High Street, Prahran. To mark the occasion each newsletter this year will feature a short article about various aspects of the building and the people and events surrounding it.

At Brighton Beach in 1900 Ernest married Isabella Moffat, who was born in 1870 in Richmond to William Turner Moffat and Isabella nee Hutchinson. Ernest and Isabella had three children.

From the time they married until around 1908 the family lived at 4 Auburn Grove, Armadale. They then moved into "Waingawa", 29 Denbigh Road, Armadale, a fine house of which Ernest himself was architect. The only reference I can find for "Waingawa" is to a river in New Zealand - perhaps Ernest and Isabella travelled there in the early years of their marriage. Ernest served on the Prahran City Council from 1908-20, serving as Mayor in 1913-14 and 1918-19. At the outbreak of war he organised a local patriotic fund, a Red Cross Society, a recruiting depot and construction of war widows homes at victory square, Armadale. In his annual report for 1918-19 he wrote:

One of the happiest days of my year of office occurred when the last of the 16 homes for War Widows was completed at Armadale. When I embarked on this costly undertaking I felt that the citizens would certainly rally round me for so patriotic a cause, and I was not mistaken. I knew a number of these brave women, who had sent their husbands to fight for us were having a hard struggle to keep themselves and families on the meagre pensions, many of them unable to pay the full rent of a house, and I determined to see if it was possible to provide homes for some of them.

On 19 October 1920 Ernest was appointed an OBE as a leader of patriotic movements in Victoria.

The Australian Dictionary of Biography notes that after leaving the William Salway firm before his marriage, Ernest went into business with Rupert Nicholson (later also a Prahran Councillor). Ernest was the architect of Fawkner Mansions (built in 1910 at 250 Punt Road, South Yarra), said to be the earliest



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surviving block of flats in Victoria. He was an honorary architect of the Prahran Creche building opened in 1915 in Princes Close. The Sands and MacDougall directories showed the firm under Ernest's name operating from 34 Queen Street, Melbourne, from 1916-21. There are several references to him in building journals of the time.

At the time the Prahran Mechanics' Institute was considering construction of the Prahran Technical School, Ernest was already serving on the Prahran Council, and the PMI archives show that he had been chosen to design the new building as early as 1911.

In 1922 he was made a Fellow of the Royal Victorian Institute of Architects.

Isabella passed away in 1929 at the age of 59 and is buried in the St. Kilda Cemetery. Ernest stayed on at Waingawa until 1934, spent a brief time living at 235 Kooyong Road, Toorak and in 1938 moved to 20 Chesterfield Avenue, Malvern, where he lived the rest of his days.

Along with his municipal and architectural duties he served as Secretary of the Prahran branch of the National Party, as Secretary of the National Union (a fundraiser for the National Party), on the Alfred Hospital Board (1925-41), on the Tramways Board and on the Melbourne Metropolitan Board of Works. Like his father, he had an enthusiastic interest in horse racing. He belonged to the Victorian Racing Club and the Victorian Amateur Turf Club.

Ernest passed away at Malvern on 10 March 1947 aged 79, survived by two of his children, and is buried at St. Kilda Cemetery.

The Builder: J.S.G. Wright

James Simpson Green Wright was born on 1 February 1866 in Aberdeen Scotland. His parents were William Wright and Isabella nee Green and he was the third of five children.

William and Isabella appear to have migrated on the ship Orizabar in 1889, but their children did not accompany them. James most likely arrived in Australia at the age of 25 aboard the Cuzco in 1891.

In 1900 James married Isabella Jane Wood (born 1868, Carlton to James Wood and Agnes Rae) and they had three children. From the time of their marriage the family lived at 2 Ruabon Road, Toorak until in 1905 they moved to 3 Avondale Road, Armadale.

On 9 February 1907 a large portrait of James appeared in the Weekly Times along with others who represented the Master Builders at a conference at the time about a building trade dispute. Unfortunately the picture is a little too shadowy to reproduce here, but he seems to have been a broad-shouldered man with a round face and bushy moustache (facial hair was well and truly the fashion of the time).

In December 1914 Harry Furneaux, Secretary of the Prahran Mechanics' Institute reported to the Committee that tenders for the building from contractors had ranged from £12,950 to £16,950 and that James Wright's tender of £12,950 had been accepted. Work commenced on the building in February 1915 and was completed by early October of the same year.

The Sands and MacDougall directories show James listed from 1915-39 as a contractor based at 4th floor, 60 Market Street, Melbourne and from 1940-46 as a builder based at 5th floor, 90 William Street, Melbourne.

He died in 1947 in Armadale at the age of 81 and was cremated at Springvale Necropolis. Isabella stayed on at the Avondale Road house until she passed away there in 1950, and was cremated at Springvale also.

If anyone can provide any further information about James Simpson Green Wright we would be very happy to receive it. We await information from the archives of the Master Builders Association of Victoria, and will print anything of further interest in the next newsletter.

Rare Australian Books Now on CD Rom

A new company, called 'Archive CD Books Australia' has begun scanning rare Australian books and selling them in a fully searchable format on CD-ROM. We have already purchased some of these that pertain to Victorian history.

They are as follows: *Men of the time in Australia 1882: Victorian series*; *The goldfields of Victoria in 1862*; *Victoria Police Gazette 1855*; *The Bendigo goldfield: resources of the 'central area'* / Victor J.R. Pabst; *The [Victorian] Education Department's record of war service 1914-1919*.

I believe more of these CD-ROMs could be very useful in the library as reference resources. I am interested in any feedback from our members. I have a brochure at the library that more fully explains about this project for anyone who is interested.

RECENT ACQUISITIONS

Thank you to all those individuals and organisations who have shown their support of the Institute by their financial donations and donations of items for the library collection.

General Collection

The compact Oxford English Dictionary 2nd ed. Complete text reproduced micrographically [donated by Howard Rogers]

Above suspicion / Lynda La Plante

Shadow of the sphinx / Christian Jacq

State of fear / Michael Crichton

Conviction / Richard North Patterson

The Assassini / Thomas Gifford

No trace / Barry Maitland

The confessor / Daniel Silva

Saturday / Ian McEwan

Mary Bryant: her life and escape from Botany Bay / Jonathan King

Melbourne / Philip Ziegler (Lord Melbourne, biography 1976) [donated by Jim Badger]

Historical Collection

General, Local Histories

Men of the time in Australia 1882: Victorian series CD-ROM / Archive CD Books 2004

Souvenir of Melbourne: containing the latest aerial and street views of the principal thoroughfares, buildings, river scenes, etc. [cover title: Melbourne illustrated: present day views] [after 1924?] [donated by Brighton Historical Society]

Parkville [National Trust inner suburban series] / E. Graeme Robertson and Joan Robertson 1975 [donated by Lyn Ross]

Carlton [National Trust inner suburban series] / E. Graeme Robertson 1974 [donated by Lyn Ross]

The morning was shining [reminiscences of Sandringham] / John Hetherington 1971 [donated by Brighton Historical Society]

Rippon Lea: foreward by Rodney Davidson / National Trust of Australia (Victoria) 1974 (booklet) [donated by Lyn Ross]

They built a river: a short history of the Carrum Swamp, its people, and its reclamation / compiled by Frank McGuire (no date) [donated by Brighton Historical Society]

Cooper's Creek, Gippsland: the Trevisani / Diana Ruzzene Grollo 2004

The enduring rip: a history of Queenscliffe / Barry Hill 2004

A short history of the Nepean Peninsula, Sorrento and Portsea / Richard Cotter 2004

History of Ullswater / Mavis I. Ward 1996

Gippsland heritage journal no.28 2004

Centenary of the Shire of Ballan 1862-1962 [donated by Brighton Historical Society]

Background to Beechworth from 1852 / compiled by Roy C. Harvey 4th ed. 1970 [donated by Brighton Historical Society]

The history of the Winchelsea Shire: Winchelsea, Lorne and Birregurra / W.L. Koenig (1960s?) [donated by Brighton Historical Society]

RECENT ACQUISITIONS (cont.)

- Arthur's Seat: the original McCrae homestead (booklet, no date) [donated by Lyn Ross]
Beechworth and the powder magazine / National Trust of Australia (Victoria) 3rd ed. 1976 (booklet) [donated by Lyn Ross]
Henry Handel Richardson Memorial / National Trust of Australia (Victoria) (booklet, no date) [donated by Lyn Ross]
Bendigo and the Chinese Joss House / National Trust of Australia (Victoria) (booklet, no date) [donated by Lyn Ross]
City of Bendigo (booklet, no date) [donated by Lyn Ross]
Kelly culture: reconstructing Ned Kelly [exhibition booklet] / State Library of Victoria 2003 [donated by Lyn Ross]
The story of Gippsland / Charles Daley 1960 [donated by Brighton Historical Society]
The Shire of Hampden 1863-1963 / R.A. McAlpine 1963 [donated by Brighton Historical Society]
Tourist guide golden North Central Vic. (booklet, no date) [donated by Brighton Historical Society]
Lakes Entrance: a short history and tourist guide 3rd ed. / Lakes Entrance Primary School Mothers' Club (booklet, no date) [donated by Brighton Historical Society]
Day and half day trips / Sale and District Tourist Authority (booklet, no date) [donated by Brighton Historical Society]
The early history of the Mornington Peninsula / Hunter Rogers 6th ed. 1974 [donated by Brighton Historical Society]
Captain Mills Cottage, Port Fairy, Victoria / P.J.F. Coutts 1984 [Records of Victorian Archaeological Survey no.17] [donated by Brighton Historical Society]
A visitor's guide to French Island / Christine Dineen 1993 [donated by Diane Nicholas]
Wangaratta: being the history of the township that sprang up at Ovens Crossing and grew into a modern city 1824-1838-1963 / D.M. Whittaker 1963 [donated by Brighton Historical Society]
Coburg: between two creeks / Richard Broome 1987 [donated by Brighton Historical Society]
Christmas Hills centenary 1865-1965 [donated by Brighton Historical Society]
Birchip: essays on a shire / June E. Senyard 1970 [donated by Brighton Historical Society]
Portland 1800 to 1920 (a synopsis) / E.W. (Ned) Harvey and Noel F. Learmonth 1966 [donated by Brighton Historical Society]
The Dandenong volcano and settlement in its great forest / John Lundy-Clarke (no date) [donated by Brighton Historical Society]
Peterborough, Port Campbell, Princetown: tourist, historical and fishing guide / J.K. Loney [donated by Brighton Historical Society]
Shire of Mount Rouse 1864: in the centre of the fertile Western District of Victoria: centenary celebrated 1966 [donated by Brighton Historical Society]
The gap: a school magazine produced by the teachers of the Bairnsdale Inspectorate in the interests of education 1968 [donated by Brighton Historical Society]
Borough of Queenscliffe 1863-1963 / N.A. Dunn [donated by Brighton Historical Society]
The Ovens Valley: Wangaratta, Benalla, Bright, Beechworth and district / J. Colin Angus and Harley W. Forster 1970 [donated by Brighton Historical Society]
Preston: lands and people 1838-1967 / Harley W. Forster 1968 [donated by Brighton Historical Society]
Mornington in the wake of Flinders / Leslie M. Moorhead 1971 [donated by Brighton Historical Society]
Snapshots of Aboriginal Fitzroy 2002 (2 copies) [donated by Lina Favrin, Fitzroy Library]
Historic Narracan CD-ROM / compiled by Walter Savige 2004
From the cradle to the grave: a heritage walk from St Andrews to Smiths Gully, Victoria / Friends & Relations of Queenstown Cemetery, Queenstown Cemetery Trust and St Andrews Queenstown Historical Society 2004 [booklet]
From Frazer's to Freezeout: colourful characters of the Dargo High Plains / Ian Stapleton 2004
Malvern crown land sales 1840-1879 / Ian F. McLaren 1987 [donated by Di Foster, Malvern Archives]
Tooborac 1836-1986: a history of the township and district / Back to Tooborac Committee 1986
Glenburn: a private mansion to a theological college / Nicole Tabbernee [no date] [donated by Di Foster, Malvern Archives]
Ararat Cemetery walk Saturday 16th October 2004 [donated by the Ararat Genealogical Society]
Ararat Cemetery walk Saturday 13th November 2004 [donated by the Ararat Genealogical Society]

Biographical & Autobiographical Works

- The puzzles of childhood / Manning Clark (1989) [his early life] [donated by Jim Badger]
Ola Cohn's Fairies' Tree / Sonja Delander and Rick Buckingham (1972) [donated by Jim Badger]
George Selth Coppin 'Father of Sorrento': a brief history New ill. ed. / S. Janet South 2004 (1994)
Richard Hale Budd: a nineteenth century educationist / L.J. Blake (reprinted from the Victorian Historical Magazine August, 1968) [donated by Lyn Ross]
Oscar and Johanna Weigel: proprietors of 'Weigel's journal of fashions' and creators of Madame Weigel's paper dress patterns / Shirley M. Joy 2004 [donated by Shirley M. Joy]
Short biographies [1 and 4 pages] of Thomas Moorhouse (1849-1928) and Angus McMillan (1810-1865) [donated by Bradstreets Books]
Friend and foe: Caroline Chisholm and the women of Kyneton 1840-2004 / Brenda Stevens-Chambers
Edwin Flack: the lion of Athens / Peter Sweeney 2004?

RECENT ACQUISITIONS (cont.)

Genealogy, Records & Indexes

Family history research in the Central Goldfields of Victoria / Dorothy Wickham 2004
Alberton Cemetery 1842-2003: headstone transcriptions and photos of all headstones in the Alberton Cemetery. Plus full burial index. War memorial, honour rolls and school rolls of two schools that are now closed CD-ROM / Sandra McClure 2003
Foster Cemetery 1871-2003: headstone transcriptions and photos of all headstones in the Foster Cemetery. Plus obituaries, war memorial and honour rolls CD-ROM / Sandra McClure 2003
East Gippsland Cemeteries 1 1879-2004: headstone transcriptions and photos of all headstones in the Cann River and Marlo cemeteries CD-ROM / Sandra McClure 2004
Lilydale Cemetery headstones 1864-1993 [microfiche] *[donated by Darren Watson, Australian Archives]*
Ballarat Base Hospital admission register 1856-1913 [microfiche] *[donated by Darren Watson, Australian Archives]*
Ballarat New Cemetery register [microfiche] *[donated by Darren Watson, Australian Archives]*
Ballarat New Cemetery headstones [microfiche] *[donated by Darren Watson, Australian Archives]*
Dunolly Hospital admission register 1860-1900 [microfiche] *[donated by Darren Watson, Australian Archives]*
Index: NSW convicts 1788-1842 [microfiche] *[donated by Darren Watson, Australian Archives]*
Footscray Cemetery headstone transcriptions [microfiche] *[donated by Darren Watson, Australian Archives]*
Victorian electoral roll 1949 [microfiche] *[donated by Darren Watson, Australian Archives]*
Welshpool Cemetery 1899-2004: CD-ROM headstone transcriptions and photos of all headstones in the Welshpool Cemetery, plus obituaries, war memorial and honour rolls, complete burial register

Australian Literature

The wild oats of Han / Katharine Susannah Prichard
Drylands / Thea Astley
Life at Deadman's: stories of colonial Victoria / Mary Gaunt, collected and edited by Bronwen Hickman 2001 (short stories)
Cocaine blues: the first Phryne Fisher mystery / Kerry Greenwood (1992) *[donated by Tim McKenna]*
'Joe' from Jumbuk: an eponymous Gippsland character / Des Bennett 2005 (poetry) *[donated by Douglas Gunn]*

Churches, Schools, Parks

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Gisborne: sesquicentenary 1854-2004 / W.L. Wilson [donated by G. Bell] (vertical file)
National Trust of Australia (Victoria): St. Patrick's Cathedral maintenance and restoration fund (booklet, no date) *[donated by Lyn Ross]*
Memorials: Auburn Methodist Church, Oxley Road, Hawthorn / Rev. G.E.H. Vertigan 1974 (booklet, 2 copies, vertical file) *[donated by Alan K. Chuck, Church Council, Auburn Uniting Church]*
This temple of grace: the centenary history of Auburn Uniting Church / Geoffrey E.H. Vertigan 1989 *[donated by Alan K. Chuck, Church Council, Auburn Uniting Church]*
'Out of the swamp': a history of Chelsea Heights Primary School: prepared for the centenary of school 3341, 1900-2000 / Kath Ensor and Dimity Pollard *[donated by Chelsea Heights Primary School]*
Katamatite School 2069 125th anniversary 2003 / Ada J. Rudd
Orbost High School 1912-1987: 75 years *[donated by Liz Gladstone, Orbost Secondary College]*
Woodford State School no. 648: grow and learn: celebrating 150 years of education in the township of Woodford April 1854-April 2004 / Marjorie Anderson
Slab hut to red brick: Ivanhoe Primary School (1853-2003) supplementary material
Climbing the mountain of knowledge: Noorat Primary School no. 1178 celebrating 130 years of service to the Noorat community 1873-2003 / edited by Kenneth Plummer 2003
Central Park Malvern: a study for the City of Malvern / Paul Laycock, Landscape Architect (1988) *[donated by Di Foster, Malvern Archives]*
Carlton Gardens Master Plan: draft master plan / City of Melbourne 2004 (2 copies) *[donated by Lina Favrin, Fitzroy Library]*

Community Services, Clubs, Businesses

Holding on to hope: a history of the founding agencies of MacKillop Family Services 1854-1997 / Jill Barnard and Karen Twigg
Limited life: lasting change: the story of the Stegley Foundation 1973-2001 / Carole Fabian 2002 (3 copies) [donated by Carole Fabian]
People of mercy: a history of Mercy Hospital for Women 1971-2004 / Lesley Alves
Nurses, the essence of quality care: a history of nursing at Box Hill Hospital 1956-1991 / The Nursing History Committee 2003
Speaking volumes: the Victorian Parliamentary Library 1851-2001 / Patrick Gregory *[donated by Patrick Gregory]*
Gold and blue: Freemasonry and community in Bendigo 1854-2004 / edited by David Beagley 2004
A history of the Rotary Club of Drouin: the first 50 years 2004 *[donated by W. Zeldenryk, Secretary, Rotary Club of Drouin]*
Warrnambool Rotary Club: celebrating the centenary of Rotary 1905-2005: history of the Rotary Club of Warrnambool chartered 75 years 1930-2005
Hashomer Hatzair: fifty years of Movement Life Melbourne 1953-2003 / Becky Aizen

RECENT ACQUISITIONS (cont.)

150 not out: 150 years of cricket at Warrandyte / Warrandyte Cricket Club 2004
Kyneton Golf Club 1900-2000: a centenary history / Ronda B. Walker 2000
Kyneton Bowling Club: celebrating 125 proud years 1876-2001 spanning three centuries 'For whom the bowl tells!' / Ross Oliver
From a paddock at the Friendlies': a history of Benalla Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club / comp. Peter Jewell 2003?

True Crime

The Frankston murders: the true story of serial killer Paul Denyer / Vikki Petraitis 2001
The Phillip Island murder: the true account of a brutal killing / Vikki Petraitis and Paul Daley 2004 (1994)
Ned Kelly / Charles Osborne
Ned Kelly: a short life / Ian Jones
The bushranger Harry Power / Kevin Passey and Garry Dean
Ned Kelly / George Farwell
Whose baby? / Colin Duck and Martin Thomas
The Tait case / Creighton Burns
The great ring-in / Philip Opas
Nothing but the truth: the life and times of Jack 'Ace' Ayling / Tony Barnao and Norma Lipson
Squizzy Taylor / Richard Shears
The awful Truth: the inside story of crime and sport / Brian Hansen 2004
Victoria Police Gazette 1855 CD-ROM / Archive CD Books 2004

Maritime & Transport

Shipwrecks along the Great Ocean Road / J.K. Loney (no date) [donated by Brighton Historical Society]
Wrecks around Cape Otway / J.K. Loney (no date) [donated by Brighton Historical Society]
Adventures with shipwrecks: an account of wrecks in the Apollo Bay area / J.K. Loney [donated by Brighton Historical Society]
The Port of Portland...souvenir of harbor opening November, 1960 (booklet) [donated by Lyn Ross]
Warrnambool: the graveyard of ships / J.K. Loney (no date) [donated by Brighton Historical Society]
What a journey: life in the Victorian Railways 1948-1987 / Thomas E. Yates 2004
Paddle steamers of the Murray River / Kit Bennett
Mornington Peninsula Railways and their communities Rev.ed. / edited by Joan Patrick 2004
There was a time: chronicles of a railway family / Shirley Jones 2004

Military

War fever in Port Phillip: the 150th anniversary of the Crimean War 1854-1856 / Meyer Eidelson
Victoria Barracks: an informal history (no date) (2 copies) [donated by Bruce Turner]
The Education Department's record of war service 1914-1919 CD-ROM / Archive CD Books 2004

Gold

The Eureka encyclopedia / Justin Corfield, Dorothy Wickham, Clare Gervasoni 2004
The Bendigo goldfield: resources of the 'central area' CD-ROM / Victor J.R. Pabst / Archive CD Books 2004
The goldfields of Victoria in 1862 CD-ROM / Archive CD Books 2004

Miscellaneous

The perfect teapot alias the Robur teapot / Margaret Magetti and Patricia Nottle 1999
The potteries of Brunswick / Gregory Hill 2000
Gumnuts and glazes: the story of Premier Pottery, Preston 1929-1956 / Catherine Webb, Gregory Hill and Noris Ioannou 2005
A walk through Black Hill Reserve: flora and fauna of central Victoria / edited by Lois Prictor 1987
Warrandyte wattles: despoiling of a natural treasure / Murray Houghton 2004 [booklet]
Wine from the hills: Australia's Pyrenees Region / David Dunstan 2001
Imagining the Pacific: in the wake of the Cook voyages / Bernard Smith (1992) [donated by Jim Badger]
Pots, punks and punters: a history of the hotels of St. Kilda and South Melbourne / Becky Aizen 2004
The screening of St. Kilda: a history of St. Kilda's cinemas / Peter A. D. Fogarty [2004]
Camberwell at the movies / Roger Seccombe 2002
Warburton Mechanics' Institute: conservation management plan / Context Pty Ltd 2003 [donated by Context Pty Ltd]
Buildings, books and beyond: Mechanics' Worldwide Conference 2004 2nd ed. [donated by Prahran Mechanics' Institute Press]
Buildings, books and beyond: Mechanics' Worldwide Conference 2004 2nd ed. CD-ROM version [donated by Prahran Mechanics' Institute Press]
Narracan Mechanics' Institute (Narracan East Public Hall): miscellaneous references / Walter Savige 2005 [donated by Walter Savige as an email attachment]



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