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NEWS AND EVENTS

Minister Officially Launches First PMI Press Book

The Minister for Local Government, Candy Broad, MLC attended the Prahran Mechanics' Institute on Thursday 12 May to officially launch *Buildings, Books and Beyond: Mechanics' Worldwide 2004*. On that day Minister Broad also officially announced the transfer of the Prahran Mechanics' Institute Act (1899) from the Minister for Education to her own portfolio.

The other official speakers were Mr Tony Lupton (Member for Prahran) and Dr Frank Hurley (President of the Mechanics' Institutes of Victoria). Cr Chris Gahan (Stonnington appointed member of PMI Committee) was the MC for the proceedings.

In her speech, Minister Broad recalled that she had officially launched the Mechanics' Worldwide conference in September last year, and the diversity of attendees and papers that were presented. She referred to the conference proceedings as a "solid publication" detailing everything presented to conference participants at the workshops and presentations.

"We can see by the quality of *Buildings, Books and Beyond*, that the grant has been well invested", the Minister said, (*cont. p. 5*)



Above: Minister Candy Broad addresses the book launch as Mr Tony Lupton and Cr Chris Gahan look on



Book Month 2005

is just around the corner, and the five book discussion meetings on the agenda for this year promise wide-ranging and interesting discourse. This activity is in its third year, the last two having been made possible by the enthusiasm of volunteers who have selected books, and given their time to lead one meeting each. The diversity of the books for discussion is a reflection of the diverse tastes and interests of the discussion leaders. Meetings will be held from 10am-12pm on Saturday mornings in July.

Participation is FREE. ALL WELCOME. Meeting details & dates p. 2

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Sadly Missed

PMI Staff and committee were sorry to hear that Bill Dane passed away on 15 June. Bill joined the PMI Committee when he became Mayor of Prahran in 1971, and continued his association with the Committee over the next 30 years. A staunch supporter of the PMI, he retired from the Committee in 2002, but continued his interest until illness prevented him from doing so. Our condolences go to Bill's family.

Annual General Meeting 2005

Thanks to all who showed support for the Institute on 27 April by coming to the Annual General Meeting on what was such a warm evening.

At the meeting the Committee reported that the legal opinion regarding the 140 High Street Lease had been received from our pro bono solicitor and after the meeting, attendees had the opportunity to read it.

The very important matter of the alterations to be made to the PMI Act of Parliament were discussed, and three Committee recommendations were supported by the members. These included the amendment of the section concerning the constitution of the governing committee to bring it in line with current circumstances, the increasing of the quorum at ordinary committee meetings from three to four, and the addition of a retrospective clause for the transition of the committee structure which was affected by the amalgamation of the municipal councils from 1996.

A copy of the minutes of the AGM is at the loans desk in the library for members to read, or copies can be posted to members upon request.

Book Month

Book month meetings will be held at the Library from 10am-12pm on Saturdays in July. Dates are as follows:

2/7 - Mao's Last Dancer / Li Cunxin

9/7 - The Sunday Philosophy Club /

Alexander McCall - Smith

16/7 - The Piano Tuner / Daniel Mason

23/7 - Reading Lolita in Tehran / Azar Nafisi

30/7 - The Turning / Tim Winton

If you have not yet registered - please do so now - library@pmi.net.au or 9510 3393

Your Questions ...

This is not really a question ... but one of our members commented in our recent survey that he/she didn't get to use the PMI library much as he/she lived in the country.

Living far away from the library is certainly an inhibitor for taking part in activities held at the library, but living remotely need not inhibit our members from borrowing books from the collection.

An **inter-library loan** can be arranged in three easy steps:

1 Search the PMI catalogue (there is a link from the home page at www.pmi.net.au), find a book you wish to borrow, and note down the title, author, publication details and call number from the screen.

2 Give the details of the book to a staff member at your local public library and ask them to fax (9510 3393) or email (library@pmi.net.au) an inter-library loan request to PMI. PMI will then post the book directly to the public library, and you can pick it up from (and return it to) there. The loan period is six weeks from the time the book was posted and loans can be renewed for free.

3 The cost: Public libraries do charge a base fee for handling interlibrary loans, which can range from less than \$1 to over \$5, depending on the library. PMI does not charge a fee for the inter-library loan service - only to be reimbursed the cost of posting the items to the recipient library - and this cost will be added to the public library's base fee. We ask that the postage reimbursement be forwarded to us by libraries in the form of 50c stamps when books are returned

If your local library staff have any questions or problems carrying out your inter-library loan from the Prahran mechanics' Institute, please show them this newsletter, or direct them to the link on our home page at www.pmi.net.au. Alternatively they can call us on (03) 9510 3393.

Your questions, comments and suggestions regarding the library collection, services and activities are most welcome, as they help us to improve what we do. You may submit feedback anonymously if you wish.

NEWS & EVENTS

Travelling Exhibition: Travellers Aid Society

During August PMI will host 'A Warm and Home-like Welcome', the travelling exhibition showing the history of the Travellers Aid Society of Victoria.

The exhibition is comprised of six large and professionally produced panels of text, pictures, and copies of documents and newspaper cuttings.

Tuesday 9 August - Friday 26 August

PMI will also host an exhibition of JC Williamson theatre posters in Sep. Details next newsletter.

A Peaceful Weekend in Avoca by Christine Worthington

On Saturday June 19 I had the pleasure of visiting Avoca Historical Society to speak to the Society's members about PMI Library and the historical collection.

The Society is based at the former Avoca court house and it recently received a grant to have large sections of the floor replaced. During the repairs, much of the collection had to be packed away, but it is now gradually being brought out again. The Committee has been able to acquire furniture and computers for members to conduct research.

A small group of volunteers has been busily working away at cataloguing the Society's collection using Filemaker pro software. The Society was recently approved by the Public Record Office as a PRO record repository. This status should stand the Society in good stead for receiving further donated items from the local community and beyond concerned with the history of the local area.

Thank you so much to Tony and Elizabeth O'Shea for inviting me to address the members in the Helen Harris room, and to all who attended that day for making me feel very welcome. Thanks also to local Central Highlands librarian Lee Fields for attending to find out about PMI's inter-library loan service.



Upper Varra Valley Family History Group visits PMI

We were very pleased to be joined on Friday 15 April by the Upper Yarra Valley Family History Group. A dozen or so of the Group's members made the trek into Prahran to visit the Institute, and see the historical collection in person.

Christine gave the group a short talk about the history and activities of the Institute, and Tim gave an outline of various aspects of the historical collection. Afterwards the group had an opportunity to conduct research with assistance from PMI staff.

The Upper Varra Valley Family History Group is a very spirited and adventurous bunch who have a lot of fun on their regular outings. Many thanks to Trish Pooch, for organising this visit for her group.

The next society to visit the library will be from Lilydale in early July.

If your historical or family history group/society would like to arrange a visit call 9510 3393 or email library@pmi.net.au.



FEDERATION FREE CLASSICAL for dummies ...*by a dummy*

When Ernest Horatio Willis came up with his design for the 140 High Street building, architecture in Australian architecture was heading toward the end of the Federation period (c1890-c1915-20).^{*} At this time a dozen distinct architectural styles prevailed - some with a more domestic focus, and others which were used more for industrial buildings. According to Apperly, Irving and Reynolds, the Federation Free Classical style developed as an extension of the Free Classical Style of the earlier Victorian period (c1840-c1890), and though it was used in the design of large urban and domestic buildings, it was most commonly used in the design of commercial and institutional buildings.

Victorian Free Classical was used extensively in relation to civic buildings and reflected the booming economy of the late Victorian period. The style was based on the very rigid Victorian Academic Classical style, but tended to break the rules, resulting in still lavish effects but with simpler and faster construction, and the incorporation of elements from other classical styles from various countries and time periods. In other words Free Classical style buildings, from any era, tended to be hotch-potches of bits and pieces put together to hopefully create something more interesting. But there are some elements of the Federation Free Classical style which do set it apart as being a distinct style. I will talk about some of these elements in relation to our building. The points are as given according to Apperley, et al.

2005 is the 90th Anniversary of the building at 140 High Street, Prahran. To mark the occasion each newsletter this year features a short article about various aspects of the building and the people and events surrounding it. In this issue witness Christine Worthington's courageous attempt to take apart Federation Free Classical architecture and put it back together again ...

1. Symmetry - A symmetrical facade is preferred in the style, (though examples of asymmetry can be found in the style). Our building has definite symmetry.
2. Contrasting materials and/or textures - We have a red brick facade contrasted by ornamental glazed ceramic tiles, rendering, and the three metallic domes. Another example of this kind of contrast is the Dimmey's building in Swan Street, Richmond (again you have brickwork, rendering, and a large shimmering globe on top of the tower).
3. Decorative elements on skyline - The three domes circular turrets (small towers) their flagpoles and decorated circular openings do create a skyline with some visual impact (though a little understated compared with some other examples).
4. Parapet concealing roof - Originally parapets (low walls on top of buildings and fortresses) were for military protection, and often contained small openings through which arrows, cannons, etc could be shot to keep the enemy at bay. Our parapets are very simple and solid and indeed conceal the roof from street level sight.
5. Pediment - Many buildings in this style contained triangular pediments over entrances and windows, but this characteristic has not been included in this case - the main entrance is a brick arch.

Apperley et al. describe the broad characteristics of Federation Free Classical Style as follows:

Stimulating variety and surprise, within the general language of classical architecture. The style was ebullient and self-confident and expressed society's growing prosperity. (p. 107)

Some members may recall that the facade of the building underwent refurbishment in the early 1990s, carried out by Swinburne University. Those members may also recall that the building very much needed it - it had for years been a dark brown colour from top to bottom and from a distance many of the architectural features were visually lost. The roof was restored with ironbark colorbond, and the building's facade

SPECIAL ARTICLE (cont.)

rendering was repainted using Taubman's Kirribilli (a yellow-gold). The window and door frames were painted redwood. The verandah was painted Emerald on top and Velvet Moss underneath with Cream lettering.

The new paintwork gave the building a lift, and helped to bring out some of the detail in the facade. To the right is an architect's diagram which the University used to plan the early 1990s refurbishments.



* Apperly, Richard, Robert Irving & Peter Reynolds. *A pictorial guide to identifying Australian Architecture: styles and terms from 1788 to the present*. Sydney, N.S.W. : Angus & Robertson, 1994.

(from p.1) "It is my understanding that as well as producing first class publications such as this, the Prahran Mechanics Institute Press aims to provide the services necessary to help people and organisations produce their own publications."



The transferral of the Prahran Mechanics' Institute Act No. 1617 (1899) from the portfolio of the Minister for Education to the Minister for Local Government is a landmark in the Institute's history. The Act came into being well before the allocation of portfolios and administration of particular acts by particular ministers. The PMI Act was previously allocated to the Minister of Education because of its establishment of, and long association with, Prahran Technical School. These days, the main activity of the Institute has been the development of the specialist library collection and the library

activities and services. Minister Broad administers the Libraries Act in Victoria.

The Minister acknowledged that Prahran MI is the only Institute to still have its own act, and that the members are proud of this surviving heritage. "I am very much looking forward to developing the new, closer relationship that will come with finalisation of the transfer" she added.

In conclusion Minister Broad congratulated "everyone involved in the Prahran Mechanics' Institute, including staff and management committee on your energy and vision - which will ensure that you continue to stay connected and relevant to your local community."

After the speeches Cr Gahan and Dr Hurley presented Mr Lupton and Minister Broad with commemorative, inscribed copies of the publication for the support they have shown to the Victorian mechanics' institutes in recent years.



Cr Gahan presents the Minister with a commemorative copy of *Buildings, Books and Beyond*

RECENT ACQUISITIONS (April-May)

A very big thank you to all our members and others who have contributed to the library collection through their donations of books and financial donations to the library. This ongoing support means a lot to a small library with limited resources such as ours. We would very much like to thank member Mr William Power for the very kind donation of a rare and valuable set of reference books: The cyclopedia of Victoria in three volumes (1903-5). These volumes contain much useful information and biographical details about prominent persons in Victoria at the beginning of the 20th century, including hundreds of portraits. The cyclopedia is an important source of information for researchers in local and family history and we are delighted to have it in the library's collection. Thanks also to Lorraine Huddle for her recent large donations of items relating to history and architectural heritage.

GENERAL COLLECTION

Love and devotion / Erica James
Small island / Andrea Levy
With no one as witness / Elizabeth George
Always and forever / Cathy Kelly
A time of war / Michael Peterson 1990
By a spider's thread / Laura Lippman 2004
In the company of cheerful ladies / Alexander McCall Smith 2004
Artemis / Julian Stockwin 2002 [donated by Malcolm Lincoln]
Foreign correspondence / Geraldine Brooks 1999 [donated by Diane Nicholas]
Boyhood: a memoir / J.M. Coetzee 1997 [autobiography] [donated by Diane Nicholas]
Annie's box: Charles Darwin, his daughter and human evolution / Randal Keynes 2001 [donated by D. Nicholas]
Scandal takes a holiday / Lindsey Davis 2004 [donated by Diane Nicholas]
My desert kingdom: finding a life in Saudi Arabia / Jill Koolmees 2004
Spin me a dit!: tales of the Royal Australian Navy / Iris Nesdale 1984

The English assassin / Daniel Silva 2002
The marching season / Daniel Silva 1999
A murder of quality / John Le Carre 2000 (1962)
March / Geraldine Brooks 2005
Blood from a stone / Donna Leon 2005
The almond picker / Simonetta Agnello Hornby 2005

HISTORY COLLECTION

Australian literature

All the rivers run / Nancy Cato 1978 (1958) [donated by Catherine Wherry]
Trap / Peter Mathers 1966 [donated by Catherine Wherry]
The Wort papers / Peter Mathers 1972 [donated by Catherine Wherry]
The good reading guide / 100 critics review contemporary Australian fiction / comp. by H. Daniel 1989 [donor: C. Wherry]
The survivor / Thomas Keneally 1969 [donated by Catherine Wherry]
Crimes for a summer Christmas / edited by Stephen Knight 1990 [donated by Catherine Wherry]
Three stories / Henry Lawson 1944 [donated by Catherine Wherry]
For Australia / Henry Lawson 1944 [donated by Catherine Wherry]
The fortunes of Richard Mahony / Henry Handel Richardson 1954 (1930) [donated by Catherine Wherry]
Love in the Antipodes / Tasma (Jessie Couvreur), translated from the French and introduced by Patricia Clancy 2004 (1880)
Mark Brown's wife: a tale of the goldfields / Charles De Boos 1992 (1871)
A Marcus Clarke reader: containing selections from his lesser known writings / edited by Bill Wannan 1963
Lady Arnold's diamonds: with illustrations by the author / Michael Jorgensen 1999
Murillo murder mystery: with illustrations by the author / Michael Jorgensen 1999
The broken book / Susan Johnson 2004 [based on the life of Charmian Cliff]

Biography

The life story of Joseph Furphy / Edward E. Pescott 1938
Memory guide my hand: by members of the Melbourne Jewish community volume 3 / forward by J. Meadows 2004
Bolte from Bamganie / Barry Muir 1973 [donated by Catherine Wherry]
Sir Charles Lowe: a biographical memoir / Newman Rosenthal 1968 [donated by Catherine Wherry]
The colt from Kooyong: Andrew Peacock: a political biography / Russell Schneider 1981 [donated by C. Wherry]
100 famous Australian lives 1977 (1969) [donated by Catherine Wherry]
Bolte by Bolte / Tom Prior 1990 [donated by Catherine Wherry]
A message from the clouds: Robert Graham Carey, Australian pioneer aviator / D. Martin and B. Carey 2004
Nothing over half a crown: a personal history of the founder of the G.J. Coles stores / Judith McLaughlin 1991

Genealogy and family history

Family history for beginners and beyond / edited by Cora Num 12th ed. 2002

RECENT ACQUISITIONS (April-May) (cont.)

Gold, farming and family: a family history and family tree of Stephen Huddle and Eliza Uncle / prepared by Lorraine Huddle 1998 [donated by Lorraine Huddle]

Whilom wilderness / Muriel E. Clampett [Witton, Ramsdale families] [no date]

Miscellaneous

The other Dutch [donated by Diane Nicholas]

Limited life: lasting change: the story of the Stegley Foundation 1973-2001 / Carole Fabian 2002 (3 copies) [donated by Carole Fabian]

Straight to the source: a guide to sources for Victorian history / Monash Public History Group 1995

Espresso bar to EMC: a thirty-year history of the Ecumenical Migration Centre, Melbourne / Michele Langfield

Writing histories: imagination and narration / edited by Ann Curthoys and Ann McGrath 2000

Courses for horses: the story of Victorian and Riverina racecourses / Robert White 1985 [donated by C. Wherry]

Victoria: the garden state / Lyall Rowe [pictorial] 1984 [donated by Catherine Wherry]

Breakers ahead: wreck of the Earl of Charlemont / Brian Latter 2002

Preserving our heritage: a starter kit for community groups / National Library of Australia 2005 [donated by National Library of Australia]

Lighthouse on the boulevard: a history of the Royal Victorian Institute for the Blind 1866-2004 / Judith Raphael Buckrich 2004

Big Mech' database [computer database of Victorian Mechanics' Institutes]

The life and legend of Jack Doolan: the wild colonial boy / Granville Allen Mawer 2004

The Australians from 1788 to modern times / John Fisher 1968 [donated by Diane Nicholas]

Victoria: from discovery to federation / Hugh Anderson 1974 [donated by Diane Nicholas]

The land that waited / Max Harris and Alison Forbes 1967 [donated by Diane Nicholas]

Degenerates and perverts: the 1939 Herald Exhibition of French and British contemporary art / Eileen Chanin and Steven Miller with Judith Pugh 2005

The centenary exhibition 1880-1980: official souvenir program [donated by Lyn Ross]

Batman in the Bulletin: the Melbourne I remember / Keith Dunstan 2004 [donated by Keith Dunstan]

Historical sketch of Victoria / James Smith 1980 (1886) [donated by Lorraine Huddle]

Historic environment vol.16 no.1 2002 [journal] [donated by Lorraine Huddle]

The period home renovator [magazine] [10 copies, 1998-2001] [donated by Lorraine Huddle]

Crooks, cranks and chaos in early Melbourne / Jock Ryan 2001 [booklet]

A pictorial guide to identifying Australian architecture: styles and terms from 1788 to the present / Richard Apperly, Robert Irving and Peter Reynolds Rev.ed. 1994 (1989)

Growing up in the 30s / Brian Carroll 1982

Great Australian scandals / George Blaikie 1979

The Australian Christmas in days gone by 1982

Stuggle for the Snowy: the background of the Snowy Mountains Scheme / Lionel Wigmore 1968

Australia 1888 final issue bulletin no.14 September 1986

Woman's Day Australian memories / edited by Mary Buckle [1982]

Footsteps from the past: a centenary publication of the Melbourne Walking Club Inc. 1894-1994

Being there, nursing at 'The Melbourne', Victoria's first hospital / Susan Sherson 2005

Warrock Inventory of objects and fixtures Warrock Homestead 1992/3: volumes 1 to 42 / Lorraine Huddle for the Historic Buildings Council of Victoria 1993 [donated by Lorraine Huddle]

Warrock Homestead: conservation study final draft vols.2,4,5 1992 / Lorraine Huddle and David Rowe [donated by L. Huddle]

Natural history

Field guide to Victoria's native grasslands: native plants of Victorian lowland plains / edited by N.H. Scarlett 1992

Victoria's box-ironbark country: a field guide / Malcolm Calder, Jane Calder and Ian McCann 2nd ed. 2002

The distribution of Victorian plants / D.M. Churchill and A. de Corona 1972

A bird atlas of the Melbourne region / Helen I. Aston and Rosemary A. Balmford 1978

Wildlife of the box-ironbark country / Chris Tzaros 2005

Ferns of Victoria and Tasmania / N.A. Wakefield 1975

Forests of ash: an environmental history / Tom Griffiths 2001

Birds of Victoria / Kenneth and Esther Stepnell 1975

RECENT ACQUISITIONS (April-May) (cont.)

- Sub-alpine flora of the Baw Baw Plateau, Victoria / Kathie and Peter Strickland 1997
- Spiders and scorpions commonly found in Victoria / Ken L. Walker, Alan L. Yen and Graham A. Milledge 2003
- A field guide to the Grampians flora / Rodger Elliot Rev.ed. 1984
- Discovering Grampians-Gariwerd: a visitor's guide to Grampians National Park / Alistair Paton and Bruce Paton
- Wild places of greater Melbourne / Robin Taylor 1999
- Birds of Mallacoota 1979 / produced at the Mallacoota School
- The birds of Phillip Island / W. Roy Wheeler 1981
- Wilson's Promontory National Park and its avifauna / Roy P. Cooper 1975
- Identification of the forest habitats of possums and gliders in central Victoria / D. Lindenmayer, et al 1992
- Wyperfeld: Australia's first Mallee national park / Geoff Durham 2001
- Trees of Victoria and adjoining areas / Leon Costermans 5th ed. 1998
- The nature of Warrnambool: a compilation of information on the natural history of Warrnambool, Australia / edited by J.G. Douglas 2003
- Flora of Melbourne: a guide to the indigenous plants of the greater Melbourne area / edited by Marilyn Gray and John Knight 3rd enlarged ed. 2001
- Ballarat Vermilion and gold: vignettes of Chinese life in Ballarat / Lionel Welsh 2000 [donated by Diane Nicholas]
- The Spielvogel papers vols. 1-3 / Ballarat Historical Society 2004
- Bendigo Bendigo: nothing but gold 150 years of goldmining conference October 2001 [donated by D. Nicholas]
- Birregurra Restoration of Birregurra Railway Station / Jane Holt and Andrew Stewart 1996 [donated by L. Huddle]
- Brighton A history of Anzac Hostel (formerly 'Kamesburgh') North Road, Brighton / N. de Hugard 1963
- Brookville Lucy Strobbridge: maid of the mountains / Bob Bates 2002
- Brunswick Brunswick green: historic parks in Moreland: prepared for the Brunswick Heritage Festival 2005 / Brunswick Community History Group, Moreland City Council, Open Space Branch [donated by F. Folk-Scolaro]
- Buckland Valley The Buckland Valley goldfield / Diann Talbot with additional chapters on mining by A. Swift 2004
- Buckland residents, their families and other useful information for researchers / Diann Talbot 2004
- Bunyip From humble beginnings to the electronic age: history of the Bunyip Primary School no. 2229 1880-2005 / Denise M. Nest 2005
- Camberwell The City of Camberwell, Melbourne, Victoria / City of Camberwell 1953 [donated by D. Nicholas]
- Camperdown Camperdown: a heritage study / Allan Willingham 1995 [donated by Lorraine Huddle]
- Canterbury Visions of a village: Canterbury shops and shopping 1880s-1990s / Don Gibb and Stuart Warmington 1995 [donated by Diane Nicholas]
- Carlton The Pram Factory: the Australian Performing Group recollected / Tim Robertson 2001
- The Royal Exhibition Building, Melbourne: a guide / Elizabeth Willis 2004
- Cheltenham Cheltenham Primary School no. 84: 150 years 1855-2005
- City of Hobsons Bay Altona, Laverton and Newport districts heritage study stage two: environmental history: a history of the physical development of the City of Hobsons Bay / Hobsons Bay City Council [donated by L. Huddle]
- Colac 'Ready for the plough': history of the Colac Shire Council 1864-1994 / R.J. McCormick 1998
- Craigieburn Craigieburn township area: a survey for aboriginal archaeological sites / Hilary du Cros 1991 [donated by Lorraine Huddle]
- Dandenong The history of the Hill [Heritage Hill, Dandenong] / Eric Steele, Lena Condos and Sarah Portanier 2005
- East Gippsland Flames across the mountains: personal accounts of the Bogong, Razorback and Pinnibar fires, East Gippsland, January 2003 / compiled by Leanne Appleby 2004
- Eildon Lake Eildon: a record low / compiled by Ivor Bumbers 2001 [donated by Diane Nicholas]
- French Island French Island: preserving the future / Joan and Lyl Bognuda 1983
- Fyansford A journey to destiny: 100 years of cement manufacturing at Fyansford by Australian Cement Ltd / J. McNeill 1990?
- Geelong Geelong Planning Scheme 1959 [donated by Lorraine Huddle]
- Geelong and the surfcoast: winter 1992 [donated by Lorraine Huddle] [vertical file]
- One hundred years: St. George's Presbyterian Church [Geelong] from 1860 to 1960 [donated by Lorraine Huddle]
- Geelong Waterworks sewerage maps [vertical file] [donated by Lorraine Huddle]
- Gippsland The Peck Plaques: an insight into the lives of Gippsland's first settlers through the medical practices of early Gippsland doctors and nurses / Flora Johns 1992
- Hastings/Western Port The Ham and Beef Battery: a history of the defence of Western Port, ... / Bruce Bennett 2004
- Snapshots of the faithful: 120 years of worship at Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Hastings 1884-2004 / edited by Beryl Stockton and Pauline Brunning 2004
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RECENT ACQUISITIONS (April-May) (cont.)

- Heyfield Back to Heyfield, 1971: souvenir booklet: celebrating the centenary of the state school and 50th anniversary of St. James Church of England
- Inglewood Back to Inglewood 2004 / edited by Howard Rochester 2004
- Katamatite Katamatite: the first 100 years 1879-1976 enlarged to include supplement 1976-1984 / Ada Rudd
- Kevington Garrett's Beer House: families descended from the Poplar Hotel at Kevington / Roy Lloyd 2004
- Kingston 1862-2004: 142 years of education at the Kingston Primary School / Annie May 2004
- Koondrook The Barham-Koondrook Bridge 1904-2004: a centenary history / Barham-Koondrook Historical Society
- Landsborough The school on the hill: Landsborough State School no. 1862 centenary 1877-1977 / Norman Fittock, research by Nancy Friend [2 pages, vertical file]
- Leongatha The meeting place: Leongatha Memorial Hall 1924-2004 / John Murphy 2004
- Lilydale A diva's day out: Nellie Melba's return to Lilydale, November 8, 1902 / Sue Thompson 2002
- Macarthur Boring? Not likely! Great characters of Macarthur / Simone P. Dalton
- Mansfield Beolite's Country: Devil's River / R.M. Darcy 1998 [Mansfield district] [donated by Diane Nicholas]
- Maryborough Maryborough: 150 golden years 1854-2004
- Maryknoll Maryknoll: history of a Catholic rural settlement / Gael White rev.ed. 2002 (1982)
- Melbourne Melbourne in colour and black-and-white / Alan Stirling 1967
- Millgrove Millgrove: a pictorial history / compiled by Val Smith 2005 [donated by Douglas Gunn]
- Mordialloc Unforgettable memories: a short history of Meals on Wheels from the eyes of Vera, who worked tirelessly for the local community in the region of Mordialloc for a period of thirty years / Veronica Rankin 2005
- Mount Buffalo Three of us and Mount Buffalo / by Lilian Louisa Pitts, Irene Palamountain and Olive Constance or Winifred Annie Pitts, with historical introduction by Dr Brian Lloyd AM 2004 (1911)
- Moyston Moyston Cemetery 1863-2004 CD-ROM: headstone transcriptions, photos and burial register 2004
- Musk Back to Musk centenary October 1st 1872-1972 [vertical file]
Centenary souvenir Musk Vale Primary School no. 2080 centenary celebration 1878-1978 [vertical file]
- Myrtlebank Myrtlebank memories: a history of Myrtlebank School and recollections of early life in the surrounding district 1880-1985 / Deirdre Crawley 1985
- Nagambie Local places of historical interest / compiled by F.S. Parris, Nagambie and District Historical Society 1972
- Northcote Surname index to 'The history of Northcote by William George Swift' / Ian A. Hughes 1980
- North-east Victoria On this day in the north east / Graham Jones 1989 [donated by Diane Nicholas]
- Nunawading A brief history of Nunawading / Schwerkolt Cottage Committee of Management [vertical file] [donated by Bradstreets Books]
- Port Fairy A vernacular cottage collection: a documentation and reminiscences of Market/Wishart Street, Port Fairy 1849-2004 / Marten Syme and contributors
- Port Melbourne Kicking in the wind: a history of the formative years of the Port Melbourne Football Club / T. Keenan
The story of Excelsior Hall and how it served Port Melbourne / Pat Grainger 2005 [donated by Pat Grainger]
- Portland Official souvenir program: Portland's 150th anniversary November 1984 [donated by Lyn Ross]
- Rheola History of Rheola 1870-1985 / compiled by Ronald Leslie Carless 1985
- Romsey Romsey: a veritable garden of Eden / Peter Mitchell 2004
- Rye Rye: a book of memories / compiled and edited by Nell Arnold 1985?
- St. Andrews 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
- St. Kilda A place of sensuous resort: buildings of St. Kilda and their people / Richard Peterson 2005
- Shepparton Shepparton district: small cemeteries headstone transcriptions [Wunghnu, Gowangardie, Dookie, Kialla West, Pine Lodge Lawn (old section), Cashel, Toolamba, Katamatite] / transcribed by Anna Doncon 2004
- Silver Creek A long way from Silver Creek: a family memoir / Margaret Gee 2000 [donated by Mary-Louise Phillips]
- South Melbourne Social services survey of the Municipality of South Melbourne / compiled by the Department of Social Studies, University of Melbourne under the direction of Ruth Hoban 1943
- South Yarra Strong like its pillars: Melbourne High School 1905-2005 / Alan Gregory 2005
- Steels Creek Recollections and records of mining at Steels Creek, Victoria / Eric Tetlow 2005
- Tarnagulla Souvenir programme and historical booklet: back to Tarnagulla Easter 1931 April 3-9
- Traralgon City of Traralgon: an outline / Traralgon and District Historical Society [booklet, no date]
- Whittlesea Moon cake and meat pies: the history, art and culture of Chinese settlement in the City of Whittlesea / Arthur B.W. Yong
- Williamstown Williamstown: our heritage [DVD] / Williamstown Historical Society 2004?



Book Covering

Would you like to protect your books from wear and tear by having them professionally covered? Would you like to have a book covered which you intend to give to someone as a gift? This service is strictly for members only.

Paperbacks - \$1.50 ; hardbacks with dust covers - \$2.50

Maximum of five books at a time please.

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