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90th Anniversary of 140 High Street

Thanks to all those who attended the 90th Anniversary of the opening ceremony of High Street building on 8 October. It was a memorable and enjoyable occasion.

Thanks especially to our guest speakers: Pam Baragwanath of the Mechanics' Institutes of Victoria committee, City of Stonnington Mayor Cr Sarah Davies and Chris Gallagher, Chair of the Heritage Council of Victoria. PMI committee president Alf Lazer was in the chair. We were also pleased to be joined for the occasion by Ms Robin Jackson (Swinburne University Prahran Campus Director) and Member for Prahran Mr Tony Lupton, MP.

After the speeches, attendees adjourned to the footpath outside the library, where Chris Gallagher unveiled the Mechanics' Institutes of Victoria Plaques Series number 11. The small theatrical curtain used for the unveiling was donated by David Crossley on behalf of Swinburne University. David also arranged for the (*cont. p. 3*)



*Heritage Council Chair Chris Gallagher
unveiling MIV Plaque no. 11*

PMI & PHAS Combined Lecture

On Saturday 15 October Stella Barber conducted the annual lecture jointly presented by the Prahran Historical & Arts Society and the Prahran Mechanics' Institute to a full house at the PMI library. Stella worked for Coles Myer Ltd for many years as the company historian and archivist, and presented a fascinating lecture, accompanied by slides of documents and images, depicting the many facets of the life of Sidney Myer. Stella's book is in the PMI collection, or if you would like to purchase it for a special price we have order forms at the front counter. These days Stella works as a very busy freelance historian and we appreciate her taking the time to conduct this year's combined lecture. Thanks also to Jenni Casinader (Secretary, PHAS) for her time and organisation towards a most successful day.



*Stella Barber, pictured at the launch of
Sidney Myer: A Life, A Legacy
with her two sons*

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Library News

Thank you to Ingrid Kasapyan for filling in for Tim during his recent week off.



On 1 October Christine spoke at the AGM of the Brunswick Community History Group about the role of Mechanics' Institutes in Victoria, and about the PMI library. Thank you very much to Francesca Folk-Scolaro and the members of BCHG for their hospitality and interest.

On 7 October Christine ventured to Golden Days radio station where she was interviewed by Judith Buckrich about the library, its history and collection. The interview was part of a series of interviews relating to the history of Victoria called 'Lets Remember'. Thanks very much to George Rolfe and Golden Days for including the Prahran Mechanics' Institute as part of the series.

On 21 October Christine attended a Public Libraries Association seminar entitled Attract, Impress and Engage @ your library. Held at the William Angliss Institute of TAFE, the day-long seminar featured speakers from inside and outside the library industry about a whole range of library promotion topics.

On behalf of the PMI Tim and Christine recently donated a morning each to help the Royal Historical Society of Victoria's library stocktake. Stocktaking is an essential process in the effective management of any library, but it is a very big job - involving the removing, checking, sorting and replacing of every item on the shelves. Labelling, classifying and cataloguing errors can then be corrected and missing items listed. Fortunately the RHSV received a good response from volunteer members willing to help out over the two-week period of the stocktake.

MLV News

Cathy Milward-Bason was elected as President of the Mechanics' Institutes of Victoria Inc. (MIV) at their **Annual General Meeting** held on Saturday 12 November at Swinburne University next door to the library. The MIV is an umbrella group for mechanics' institutes, athenaeums and the like, formed in

1998 to help foster the preservation of these venerable institutions and their collections. The association is run by volunteers who have to their credit produced books, conferences, workshops, bus tours, a mechanics' institute database of historical records, a quarterly journal, and plaque series.

The MIV is currently working on a business plan, in part to ensure the continued support of the Minister for Local Government. Next years calendar of events includes a terrific bus tour of the gold fields mechanics' institutes scheduled for April. The proposed route covers Castlemaine, Newstead, Maldon, Clunes, Creswick, Ballarat, Kyneton, Newlyn, and Lancefield. PMI members are welcome. The next MIV meeting will be held in the Melbourne Athenaeum's new board room on Saturday 25 February.

Cathy attended a **MIV Libraries Group** meeting at the Melbourne Athenaeum on Friday 21 October. Memberships, marketing, collection development and other projects were discussed at the meeting which also included a tour of the new City Library in Flinders Street. News items included: a grant from the National Library of Australia for Brunswick MI; a grant for the Athenaeum to write its history; a need for funding to fix the roof of the Footscray MI; an upgrade for the library at Little River Mechanics' Institute which is currently being catalogued.



PMI Press Update

Our next PMI Press publication, an autobiography of Helene Jacoby, who's long career in Victorian theatre, radio and television spanned over 6 decades. The book has been sent to the printers and will be launched in the new year. The Reading Committee are considering proposals for 2007.

Christine recently attended a short course in editing which was offered by Swinburne University at the Hawthorn Campus. The course was attended by others working in publishing, and contained much informative discussion about the publishing process, the role of the editor, making editorial policy, house styles, components of publications, design concepts and skills for author liaison.

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(from p.1) installation of the plaque, and installed the curtain on the day of the anniversary before joining us for the celebrations.

Mr Gregory Vaisman, a producer for community television Channel 31 took a video of the proceedings and has provided a copy on DVD to the library free of charge. This DVD is available for members to view within the library.

Thanks also to Cr Chris Gahan of the PMI committee for organising for us to use the City of Prahran lectern for the occasion.

Pam Baragwanath spoke about the origins of the MIV plaques series, and the MIV's aim to one day see all the remaining mechanics' institute buildings in Victoria protected and recognised in a similar way. 'Contrary to public opinion,' she said, 'about half of the 1,000 mechanics' institute buildings in Victoria continue to exist and many of them are in the suburban area. Constantly under threat of development and demolition, many occupy valuable real estate.' Pam also stated that in such examples 'Sometimes the name has been altered over time and the local community is unaware of their hall's origins. But the Institutes are something of which we can be justly proud - ambitious undertakings achieved in the areas of education, self improvement, voluntarism, working *for* the local community *by* the local community.' Pam referred to the Prahran MI as 'a splendid example of a typical mechanics' institute,' but unique. '..The evolution of this adult education component illustrated here at this prime example site at 140 High Street, Prahran, exists as in no other Institute property that I have seen and because administration at Prahran remains as a traditional Mechanics' Institute, with ownership and fund raising vested in the subscribers and committee of management.'

Cr Sarah Davies said that in the wider community today mechanics' institutes are generally not very well understood, and that the close working relationship between the Prahran MI and the City of Stonnington has for many years and may continue to help the Prahran MI in that respect. As people tend these days to live in smaller spaces, Cr Davies stressed the importance of municipalities such as Stonnington to have a variety of places like parks and libraries where members of the public can 'just *be*' - spend quiet time and have access to information and recreation.

Finally, Chris Gallagher gave an overview of the main points which were important to the Heritage Council in making its decision to include the PMI on the Victorian (*cont. p. 5*)



*Tony Lupton MP talks to
Chris Gallagher after the unveiling*



*Left: Former
PMI committee
member
Leonie Foster
with Alf Lazer,
President
of the PMI
Committee.
Right: Cr John
Chandler
of the PMI
Committee
and Cr Sarah
Davies,
Mayor, City of
Stonnington*



History Essay Competition

The winners of our annual History Essay Competition were all from Elwood Secondary College. Alexandra Ryrie-Golding received a certificate of First Prize and a cheque for \$200 for an essay about her grandfather. Madeleine Austin received a certificate of Second Prize and a Borders Books voucher for \$50 for her essay about her grandmother. Anna Combet received a certificate of Honorable Mention for her entry about her grandfather.

Students in Years 9 and 10 were asked to write 1500 words about the life of an ancestor or grandparent. Though participation was down this year, the standard of entry was high, and we congratulate the winners.

Thanks to PMI Committee member Judy Buckrich for judging the final entries again this year. Copies of the winning entries are available at the front counter of the library, for interested members to read.

Next year will be the 10th Anniversary of the competition.

Alan Shinkfield Awards

The 21st annual Alan Shinkfield awards will soon be presented to Grade 6 students at the following schools:

*Armadale Primary School
Malvern Primary School
Stonnington Primary School
South Yarra Primary School
Toorak Primary School
Victorian College for the Deaf*

Grade 6 teachers at each of the schools annually nominate one student who has made a significant contribution to the life of the school, and their fellow classmates. Recipients of the award receive a certificate, \$100 towards the expenses of beginning secondary school, and a copy of the PMI history *Pioneer* and *Hardy Survivor*.

PMI Committee members present the awards at end of year graduations. Recipients will be listed in the next newsletter.

Thank You...

Readers of our Recent Acquisitions section in this newsletter will notice substantial donations from Heritage Victoria and Bayside Libraries.

Geoff Austin of Heritage Victoria donated several boxes of books which were

duplicates of those in the Heritage Victoria collection. Most of these were heritage studies, which are very useful for historical researchers and yet often very difficult to find.

Leony Graham from Bayside Libraries donated several boxes of books which had been weeded from the Bayside collection. These included items about genealogy and Australian theatre. Items donated by Bayside which were not added to our historical collection have been passed on to the Royal Historical Society of Victoria.

Thank you to all the generous people who donated items to the collection in 2005. Our annual book budget is small by comparison with many other libraries and your donations go a long way to improving the range and quality of our collection.

Website & Newsletter News

The PMI website is currently being reconstructed by the team at Working Edge, Chapel Street, Prahran. Working Edge run programs to teach unemployed people website design and construction skills, and provide services free to not-for-profit organisations.

The Prahran and Malvern Historical Societies recently had websites created for them by Working Edge, and both sites are very impressive (see <http://www.vicnet.net.au/~phas> and <http://www.vicnet.net.au/~malvern>).

We will keep members notified on the progress of our own site in future newsletters. Thank you to Jenni Casinader of the Prahran Historical & Arts Society for advising us about this wonderful service.

Thank you to everyone who offered feedback and compliments on the newsletter in 2005.

Next year's special article series will shift in focus from the past to the present, when members will have the opportunity to read short profiles on the PMI committee members.

The newsletters next year will feature a regular new members list. *Your Questions* will appear from time to time. As always we will include the names of book donors in the *Recent Acquisitions* list, and we would also like to include a list of the names of financial donors to the library (without citing dollar amounts).

If you have any suggestions or questions about the newsletter, please talk to the library staff.

SPECIAL ARTICLE (cont.)

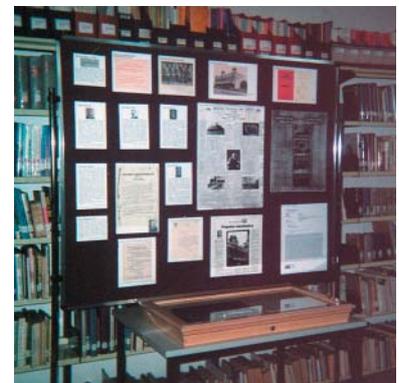
(from p. 3) Heritage Register. She said that the PMI is a rare surviving and example of a mechanics' institute in a suburban environment, an operating mechanics' institute running typical services such as the library and other educational activities in the ongoing tradition of mechanics' institutes. The PMI was also seen by the Council as having architectural significance as a purpose-built mechanics' institute with its facade considerably in tact. 'Not only has it been a great place of learning and community focus, it's actually an important building in its own right architecturally'.

Ms Gallagher also spoke a little about the work of the Heritage Council, and acknowledged the presence of three other Council members Andrew Jamieson, Gaye McKenzie and Leonie Foster (Leonie is a former PMI committee member). The Council is made up of people appointed by government, each with very specific areas of expertise. The Council advises the Minister on Heritage issues, promotes heritage places awareness in the community, adds significant places to the Register, and hears appeals relating to heritage issues.

The Council was proud to have been associated with the recent addition of the Royal Exhibition Buildings to the World Heritage Register, the first built place to have been added to that Register. But, she added, 'We get a great deal of pleasure from contact and visits to places at the smaller end of the scale - it's where you can really feel how important heritage is to communities'.

The Council has recently been working with the state government to develop a new heritage strategy for Victoria. Council members have run workshops all around the state, gathered groups of people from all walks of life, and invited submissions. Ms Gallagher said that strong messages came through from the workshops. 'Heritage is at the heart of community identity,' she said. 'Our heritage is more than just about places. It's about objects, collections, stories, traditions and the special local characteristics that build community pride, create opportunities for cultural enrichment and attract tourists.' Another strong message was the important responsibility that local governments have not only in managing today's heritage places, but today's urban planning, because 'today's creations may be tomorrow's heritage'. The Council supports and advises local government in that responsibility.

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Left: Alf Laser presented Chris Gallagher and Sarah Davies with inscribed copies of Buildings, Books and Beyondon behalf of the PMI. Centre: Pam Baragwanath speaks to the members about the MIV plaques series. Right: The display depicting some history of the building and school.

SPECIAL ARTICLE (cont.)

VICTORIAN HERITAGE REGISTER - STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE FOR PRAHRAN MECHANICS' INSTITUTE, 140 HIGH STREET PRAHRAN

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MUNICIPALITY Stonnington City

EXTENT OF REGISTRATION All the area marked B1 on Diagram 400 held by the Executive Director

HERITAGE ACT CATEGORY Heritage Place

What is significant? The Prahran Mechanics Institute was established in 1854 when Prahran was a small hamlet surrounded by swampland. Mechanics Institutes were popular in their various communities as places where mainly working class men could go to improve themselves by listening to lectures related to practical work and enabling them access to books. These Institutes were the forerunners of adult education and the public library system in Victoria. A building was completed to accommodate the Institute and its library in Chapel Street, Prahran in 1856. The Institute began providing formal classes in French and stenography from the 1860s. In 1870, the Institute started a School of Art offering classes in art and design. The following year, the Prahran Institute of Art was registered with the Education Department. Beset by poor management and financial problems, the Institute went into decline in the late 1870s. Measures were taken by concerned citizens who persuaded the Government of Victoria to pass an act that provided for the Incorporation and Government of the Prahran Mechanics Institute. On October 27th 1899, the Victoria Government passed Act No. 1617 (The Prahran Mechanics Institute Act, 1899) which ensured the continuation of the Institute. By 1908, the Institute's new secretary, J.H. Furneaux had introduced cookery and industrial art classes and in 1909, the Institute registered its school with the Education Department as the Prahran Technical Art School. By 1910, the Institute could no longer accommodate the numbers of students enrolling for classes and the committee planned to sell the Chapel Street building in order to accommodate its expansion. An amendment to the Act allowed the Chapel Street building to be mortgaged and leased. Money raised from the sale enabled land to be purchased at High Street, Prahran where two buildings were constructed in 1915 to accommodate the Institute's expansion. The architect for the new Institute building was Ernest Horatio Willis. Willis was Member of Prahran Council. 1908 - 1920 and Mayor of Prahran Council. 1913-14 & 1918-19 and was architect for Fawkner Mansions in South Yarra, Waingawa Mansion in Armadale and houses in Victory Square, Armadale. Willis designed a red brick building in the Federation style with an eclectic combination of Classical and Romanesque architectural motifs. The roofline consisted of terminating vertical pilasters and three copper domed turrets that featured circular vents and flag poles. The front area of the building had a main arched entrance into the Institute and either side of the entrance were a series of shops, each with its own High Street entrance. The leasing of shops enabled financial income for the Institute. The building that extended to St Johns Street at the rear of the Prahran Mechanics Institute was known as Prahran Technical School and operated from 1915 to 1970 when it became part of Prahran College of Advanced Education (now Swinburne University of Technology). In 1915 the Institute leased the site of the Prahran Mechanics Institute to the Department of Education for a peppercorn rent of 1 shilling per year in return for funding and equipment. This agreement was valid for 33 years. In 1947, the Institute entered a new lease with the Minister of Education giving the Department use of the High Street buildings for 99 years, again at a 'shilling' per year payable on demand until the year 2046. The Prahran Mechanics Institute library has remained in the building, firstly at the rear and in 1974 relocated to the areas at the front of the building on High Street. The walls between the shops were removed to accommodate the Institute's library and some offices of the University. The High Street entrance to the library was the original main entrance to the building and led to the central hexagonal space with its symmetrical staircases. The hall leading into the hexagonal space was blocked off in the 1970s. Part of the Institute's building is occupied by Swinburne University of Technology.

How is it significant? Prahran Mechanics Institute is of historical and architectural significance to the State of Victoria.

Why is it significant? Prahran Mechanics Institute is of historical significance as a rare surviving example of a Mechanics Institute built in a suburban environment. Other comparative Institutes are the Footscray Mechanics Institute c.1913 and Oakleigh Mechanics Institute c.1906. Prahran Mechanics Institute is also historically significant as one of a small group of Mechanics Institutes still operating. As well as running a library service, it also conducts educational and recreational activities in the Mechanics Institute tradition.

Prahran Mechanics Institute is historically significant for its long associations with technical education in Victoria and with the Mechanics Institute movement. Prahran Mechanics Institute is of architectural significance as a purpose built Mechanics Institute designed in the Federation Free style. The High Street façade is considerably intact and important elements include the main entrance and brick arched feature, window front details intact with copper frames and decorative geometric floor tiled entrances. A portion of the red brick façade is bordered by glazed ceramic tiles that form an ornamental effect.



RECENT ACQUISITIONS (October-November)

General Collection

Alibi / Joseph Kanon
Friends, lovers, chocolate / Alexander McCall Smith
The lighthouse: an Adam Dalgliesh mystery / P.D. James
The man who smiled / Henning Mankell
Unexplained mysteries of World War II / William B. Breuer
The master / Colm Toibin [novelised autobiography of Henry James]

Love in the Antipodes / Tasma (Jessie Couvreur)
Predator / Patricia Cornwell
End in tears: a Chief Inspector Wexford mystery / Ruth Rendell
The Omega Scroll / Adrian d'Hage
Lifeguard / James Patterson
Faithless / Karin Slaughter

Historical Collection

General, Local Histories

Apsley Apsley at the crossroads / Judy Murdoch
Ararat Ararat heritage study 2 volumes [donated by Geoff Austin, Heritage Victoria]
Ballarat Ballarat: a guide to buildings and areas 1851-1940 / Wendy Jacobs, Nigel Lewis, Elizabeth Vines and Richard Aitken [2 copies] [donated by Geoff Austin, Heritage Victoria]
Bass A guide to the history and beauty of the Bass district [booklet] / Bass Valley Historical Society
Beechworth How old is your grandma: the history of the Beechworth Lodge of St. John no. 14 and her involvement in the progress of Freemasonry in North East Victoria / S.K. (Stan) Clarke [donated by Judith Dwyer, Berwick Mechanics' Institute]
Bellarine Shire Bellarine heritage study 3 volumes 1996 [donated by Geoff Austin, Heritage Victoria]
Brighton City of Brighton urban character and conservation study [donated by Geoff Austin, Heritage Victoria]
Bringalbert South Bringalbert South: a community continues / compiled by Judy Murdoch
Brunswick Christ Church Parish Brunswick / Charles Peter Macan Bardin, introduction and annotations by Paul Nicholls
Brunswick conservation study: final report 1982 [donated by Geoff Austin, Heritage Victoria]
Sydney Road: past, present and future [DVD] [donated by Francesca Folk-Scolaro, Brunswick Community History Group]
Camberwell Camberwell conservation study: study area 1 1986 [donated by Geoff Austin, Heritage Victoria]
Carlton Carlton, North Carlton and Princes Hill conservation study 1984 [donated by Geoff Austin, Heritage Victoria]
Lygon Street action plan development guidelines 1984 [donated by Geoff Austin, Heritage Victoria]
Report on Royal Parade Boulevard conservation area 1980 [2 copies] [donated by Geoff Austin, Heritage Victoria]
Caulfield Holy Cross Parish Caulfield South / Carole McNally
Coburg Through a prism of mercy: one hundred years of the Coburg Convent of Mercy 1903-2003 / Mary Stainsby
City of Coburg heritage conservation and streetscape study 3 volumes [donated by Geoff Austin, Heritage Victoria]
Corryong Corryong Cemetery register 1889-1992 [donated by Leony Graham, Bayside Libraries]
Creswick Creswick Shire heritage study 1990 [donated by Geoff Austin, Heritage Victoria]
Heritage study: Shire of Creswick Appendix A: building citations 2 volumes [donated by Geoff Austin, Heritage Victoria]
Daylesford Daylesford and Glenlyon conservation study 3 volumes [donated by Geoff Austin, Heritage Victoria]
Diggora Significant sites at old Diggora / Diggora Commemorative Committee [2 copies, donated by Heather Rendle]
Dundas Shire Dundas Shire centenary 1863-1963 [donated by Judith Dwyer, Berwick Mechanics' Institute]
Fitzroy Fitzroy historic precinct: a feasibility study: Royal Exhibition Building and vintage tram route: a framework for a new type of tourism [donated by Geoff Austin, Heritage Victoria]
Royal Park to Fitzroy railway land: a report on a strategic development land use plan for the former Royal Park to Clifton Hill Railway Line, the Fitzroy Branch Line and the Fitzroy Rail Yards [donated by Geoff Austin, Heritage Victoria]
The doers: the history of surgery at St. Vincent's Hospital, Melbourne 1890s-1950s / Ivo Vellar [donated by Barbara Cytowicz, St. Vincent's Archives]
A profession's pathway: nursing at St. Vincent's since 1893 / Mary Sheehan with Sonia Jennings
Flinders Shire Shire of Flinders heritage study 2 volumes 1992 [donated by Geoff Austin, Heritage Victoria]
Geelong Geelong city urban conservation study volumes 2-5 [donated by Geoff Austin, Heritage Victoria]
Gippsland The Dahlsen story: a pioneer family in Gippsland since 1862 / Peter Synan [donated by Peter and Ann Synan]
Girgarre Girgarre Primary School P.S. 3971 75th anniversary 1918-1993 / compiled by Jenny Wadelton
Hawthorn City of Hawthorn centenary 1860-1960 [donated by Diane Nicholas]
Katamatite Centenary of St. George's Anglican Church, Katamatite 1905-2005 / Ada J. Rudd
Kensington Lynch's Bridge project: heritage resource survey / Rod Elphinstone [donated by Geoff Austin, Heritage Victoria]
Kew Kew: City of Kew urban conservation study 3 volumes [donated by Geoff Austin, Heritage Victoria]
Kilmore Kilmore heritage study [donated by Geoff Austin, Heritage Victoria]
Kyabram A century of Catholic education at St. Augustine's Kyabram 1904-2004 / Eileen Sullivan
Kyabram Bowling Club 1913-1992 / prepared by B. Bates for the 75th anniversary [booklet]
Lancaster Lancaster fruitgrowing industry 1891-1982 [booklet]
S.S. 1814 Lancaster Primary School 125th anniversary 1876-2001
Latrobe Valley Latrobe Valley heritage study / Chris Johnston [donated by Geoff Austin, Heritage Victoria]

RECENT ACQUISITIONS (October-November) (cont.)

- Lilydale Lilydale icon: a history of Lilydale's Athenaeum Building / A.J. McAleer 3 volumes
- Mallee Mallee area review: study of historic sites [donated by Geoff Austin, Heritage Victoria]
- Maldon Maldon Historic Reserve Management Plan April 1989 [donated by Geoff Austin, Heritage Victoria]
- Maldon conservation study 1977 [donated by Geoff Austin, Heritage Victoria]
- Malvern Greetings from Malvern / Jane Nigro and Di Foster [donated by Malvern Historical Society, 2 copies]
- Melbourne The Encyclopedia of Melbourne / Edited by Andrew Brown-May and Shurlee Swain
- Collins: the story of Australia's premier street / Judith Raphael Buckrich with Keith Dunstan, Rohan Storey and Marc Strizic
- Souvenir booklet: history community identity: showcasing Melbourne's diversity: an exhibition curated for the Royal Historical Society of Victoria / Judith Buckrich [donated by Judith Buckrich]
- Walking Melbourne: the National Trust guide to the historic and architectural landmarks of central Melbourne
- Schmattes: stories of fabulous frocks, funky fashion and Flinders Lane / Lesley Sharon Rosenthal
- Rialto precinct investigation area study 1979 [donated by Geoff Austin, Heritage Victoria]
- South Bank architectural and historical study 1983 2 volumes [donated by Geoff Austin, Heritage Victoria]
- The Docklands heritage 1991 [donated by Geoff Austin, Heritage Victoria]
- Report on C.B.D. block no.6 2 volumes 1977 [donated by Geoff Austin, Heritage Victoria]
- C.B.D. study area 7 [donated by Geoff Austin, Heritage Victoria]
- Historic and architectural survey of the central City of Melbourne: Bourke Street East: area 8 of the survey commissioned by the Historic Buildings Preservation Council 1976 / Nigel Lewis [donated by Geoff Austin, Heritage Victoria]
- Melbourne 1840-1900 'The phenomenal city': a joint exhibition from the collections of the State Library of Victoria and The Melbourne City Council, Irving Benson Hall, State Library of Victoria 18 July - 7 October 1984 [donated by Leony Graham, Bayside Libraries]
- The Old Melbourne Cemetery 1837-1922 / Marjorie Morgan [donated by Leony Graham, Bayside Libraries]
- Metcalfe Shire Shire of Metcalfe heritage study 4 volumes [donated by Geoff Austin, Heritage Victoria]
- Mornington Shire Shire of Mornington heritage study 1994 [donated by Geoff Austin, Heritage Victoria]
- Myrtle Creek History of Myrtle Creek (Central Victoria) / Ken James
- Narre Warren The first one hundred years of the Narre Warren Mechanics' Institute / Judith Allen, compiled by the Narre Neighbours Adult Literacy Group [photocopy]
- Nillumbik Shire Nillumbik now and then: Eltham and beyond / Marguerite Marshall
- Northcote Northcote: City of Northcote urban conservation study / Graeme Butler 3 vols 1983 [donated by Geoff Austin, Heritage Victoria]
- Port Melbourne History of a street precinct: eighty years of the area bounded by Evans St, Farrell St, Williamstown Rd and Bridge St, Port Melbourne [donated by Port Melbourne Historical and Preservation Society]
- Powong North Remember when...?: a community history of Powong North (1885-1994): Powong North schools 2660 and 4102 / Laurie Gregg
- Redesdale Schools of the Redesdale district / Ken James
- Richmond Richmond: 150 years on: a John Morrison film [DVD]
- Richmond conservation study 2 volumes [donated by Geoff Austin, Heritage Victoria]
- Jolimont site heritage report 1985 [donated by Geoff Austin, Heritage Victoria]
- St. Arnaud The town of St. Arnaud, Victoria: a townscape study of Napier Street, the main street of St. Arnaud / Peter S. Staughton [donated by Geoff Austin, Heritage Victoria]
- Shepparton Record for the future: an anecdotal history of the Goulburn Valley Regional Library
- South Melbourne South Melbourne conservation study [donated by Geoff Austin, Heritage Victoria]
- City of South Melbourne urban conservation study 4 volumes 1987 [donated by Geoff Austin, Heritage Victoria]
- South Yarra Walking tour of South Yarra Central 2nd ed. / Betty Malone and L. Oscar Slater
- Stanley Stanley history and cemetery CD-ROM / Dianne Carroll
- Stonnington Walk into history 2: six more great walks in Stonnington / Di Foster and Steve Stefanopoulos [donated by Malvern Historical Society, 2 copies]
- Tungamah Tungamah central area conservation study [donated by Geoff Austin, Heritage Victoria]
- Warragul Warragul townscape study 1985 [donated by Geoff Austin, Heritage Victoria]
- Warrnambool Warrnambool urban conservation study 1983 [donated by Geoff Austin, Heritage Victoria]
- Warrnambool in 1855: as reported in an article in the 'Warrnambool Standard' ... / edited by Marie Boyce
- Cold blooded murder of James Sweeney / compiled by Marie Boyce
- Death of a policeman Daniel O'Boyle and rededication of his grave / compiled by Marie Boyce
- The dawn of Woodford / compiled by Marie Boyce
- Yarrawonga Murray country heroes: Yarrawonga-Mulwala: incorporating the history of the Yarrawonga-Mulwala R.&S.L. Sub-Branch of the Victorian Branch of the Returned & Services League / Stan Clarke and Ken Duncan [donated by Ian Summers, Secretary, Yarrawonga-Mulwala Sub-Branch, RSL]

RECENT ACQUISITIONS (October-November) (cont.)

Biographical & Autobiographical Works

- Lady of the Lake: Aunt Iris's story / Aunt Iris Lovett-Gardiner [donated by Diane Nicholas]
John Ramsay 1811-1867 / R.R. McNicoll [donated by Leony Graham, Bayside Libraries]
Life with Google / John McCallum [donated by Tim McKenna]
In your face: the life and times of Billy 'The Texan' Longley / Rochelle Jackson
Mother Mary Berchmans Daly: foundress of St. Vincent's Hospital Melbourne / Edna M. Skewes [donated by Barbara Cytowicz, St. Vincent's Archives]
Quick go the shears: the life and times of Henry Salter MBE / Ian Day
Pioneer profiles: the stories, in brief, of some of Victoria's early settlers volume one & two / Port Phillip Pioneers' Group [donated by Leony Graham, Bayside Libraries]
Of J.K.M.: a autobiography / Ken Mitchell [donated by John Kenneth Mitchell]
Goodbye Melbourne town / Graham McInnes [donated by Leony Graham, Bayside Libraries]

Genealogy, Records & Indexes

- More Irish families / Edward MacLysaght [donated by Leony Graham, Bayside Libraries]
Relations in records: a guide to family history sources in the Australian Archives [donated by Leony Graham, Bayside Libraries]
The A to Z of genealogy: a handbook / Janet Reakes [donated by Leony Graham, Bayside Libraries]
Worldwide family history / Noel Currer-Briggs [donated by Leony Graham, Bayside Libraries]
A selection of papers: First International Congress on Family History and Fifth Australasian Congress on Genealogy and Heraldry, Sydney October 1988 [donated by Leony Graham, Bayside Libraries]
Compiling your family history / Nancy Gray [donated by Leony Graham, Bayside Libraries]
Genealogical research directory: national and international 1986 and guide to genealogical societies / Keith A. Johnson and Malcolm R. Sainty [donated by Leony Graham, Bayside Libraries]
Sailing ships, shipwrecks and crime in the 19th century / Jean Uhl [donated by Leony Graham, Bayside Libraries]
A genealogical history of pioneer families of Australia / founded and edited in 1939 by P.C. Mowle, fifth edition by L.M. Mowle [donated by Leony Graham, Bayside Libraries]

Australian Art & Literature

- Victorian artists: Margaret Baskerville (1861-1930) and C. Douglas Richardson (1853-1932) / Margaret A. Rose [donated by Leony Graham, Bayside Libraries]
The imagined city: Melbourne in the mind of its writers / edited by John Arnold [donated by Leony Graham, Bayside Libraries]
Margaret Olley: far from still life / Meg Stewart
Heidelberg sketches / Ron Amor
Three dog night / Peter Goldsworthy

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