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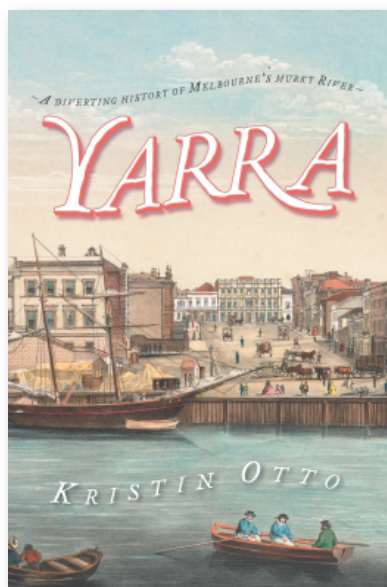
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ANNUAL LAURIE MCCALMAN LECTURE



Kristin Otto

YARRA:

a Diverting History of Melbourne's Murky River

'... it has been the Yarra's fate to be misunderstood: maligned for its muddiness, ill-used as a sewer and tip; scooped, sculpted, straightened and stressed, 'cleaned up' to the detriment of its natural inhabitants; built-over, -under and -beside; worked mercilessly and then bridged to almost maritime extinction.'

FREE ENTRY - BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

7.00pm Thursday 24 August

at PMI Library, 140 High Street, Prahran

Presented in conjunction with the Prahran Historical & Arts Society



MINISTER REWARDS M.I. LIBRARIES

On 30 June the Minister for Local Government, Candy Broad, announced that the Prahran Mechanics' Institute together with 5 other mechanics' institute libraries would receive \$10,000 each from the Department for Victorian Communities as part of the Mechanics' Institutes Community Partnerships Program Grant Scheme.

We plan to use the funds to create more space and extra workstations for our members, staff and the Cinema and Theatre Historical Society (CATHS) whose archives are held in our storeroom.

Work has already commenced with volunteers from CATHS pulling out the old narrow wooden shelves in order to fit the existing metal shelving against the walls thus creating more space for the library. Swinburne University have provided carpenters to create timber bases over the problematic concrete platforms (too expensive to remove) upon which (cont. page 6)



Joy Lenneaux-Gale (President, Maldon Athenaeum), Candy Broad MLC (Minister for Local Government) and Bob Cameron (Member for Bendigo West) at the Maldon Athenaeum for the grant announcement.

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AROUND THE LIBRARY



MEMBERS NEWS

Welcome to the following new members who joined during June and July:

Thank you to the following members who made financial donations to the library during June and July:

<i>Helen Doyle</i>	<i>Hinton Lambert</i>
<i>Patrick Galvin</i>	<i>Roland McCausland</i>
<i>Elaine Herbert</i>	<i>Travis Sellers</i>
<i>Wallace Kirsop</i>	

We also welcome the members of the Malvern Historical Society, who will visit the library on the evening of August 10.

PMI RULES REVIEW

With the recent alterations to the Prahran Mechanics' Institute Act in the Victorian Parliament, it is time for us to turn our attention to the PMI Rules.

Draft alterations to the Rules have been made to more closely comply with the provisions of the PMI Act, the Model Rules for Incorporated Associations and the recommendations of the solicitor at Local Government Victoria. Some rules have also been updated to better describe current practice.

A copy of the draft alterations is available at the front counter of the library for members to inspect, and recommendations, suggestions or questions should be directed to the committee in writing. This is your opportunity to have your say.

PMI PRESS UPDATE

Flood, Fire and Fever: a History of Elwood by Meyer Eidelson, will be launched at the St Kilda Library on 13 August (see the feature article on page 3).

Frontier French Island by Ruth Gooch

has been professionally indexed, and the finishing touches are being added to this book.

We are delighted to have been involved with these two histories. The hard work of both authors will be very evident to all those who read the finished products.

Hélène Swieca and Cecily Parris, author and editor of our previous publication, *No Shops in Acland Street*, were the guests at St Kilda Historical Society on Sunday 9 July. Cecily spoke about the book, and Hélène spoke about recollections of early St Kilda.

ROTARY HISTORIES PROJECT

by Tim McKenna

The idea for the project began in March 2005 when I bought a history of Warrnambool Rotary for the library and Eric Williams of that club suggested I contact Anne Jacques, President of the Rotary Club of Melbourne about other histories. Through Anne I was put in contact with John Meehan, Rotary District 9800 Administration Officer (there are 73 clubs in district 9800 and there are five Rotary districts covering Victoria).

On 23 Aug 2005 I had a meeting with John Meehan and Rotary District Governor John Wigley here at the library. It was John Meehan's idea to make Prahran Mechanics' Institute Library a repository for Rotary histories as no such repository exists in Victoria. John wrote to all the clubs in his district and asked them if they had a published history and if so, to submit a copy either to him or direct to our library. Some histories have already been submitted (see 'Recent Acquisitions' section of this newsletter) and we expect more in the future. We have also had great assistance in this matter from John Kendall, Archivist at the Rotary Club of Melbourne who has delivered several Rotary Club histories to us.

This is an ongoing project and we are hoping it will develop into a valuable resource for the PMI Library. If we are successful with district 9800 we aim to expand the project to include the other districts covering Victoria.



FLOOD, FIRE AND FEVER:

A HISTORY OF ELWOOD

Flood, Fire and Fever is the latest instalment from Prahran Mechanics' Institute Press. It was written as a part of the St Kilda Historical Society Series by Meyer Eidelson, President of the St Kilda Historical Society and coordinator of the series.

Meyer has written other historical and natural history works about the St Kilda and Port Phillip regions, including *War Fever in Port Phillip : the 150th Anniversary of the Crimean War 1854-1856*, *The Melbourne Dreaming : a Guide to the Aboriginal Places of Melbourne*, *Stony Creek : the Journey of a Waterway and its People*, *Secrets of the Seaside Suburbs : a Guide to the Wildlife of Port Phillip*, *Walks in Port Phillip : a Guide to the Cultural Landscapes of a City and Nation Builders: Great Lives and Stories of St Kilda Cemetery*.

Q. What first inspired you to write about Elwood?

M.E.: *Elwood was my family home and my father, mother and their three sons have all owned homes or still own homes there. My parents were immigrants to this fantastic country which I am deeply passionate about. I think books like this are a 'giving back' to the community which has become our home. The book expresses my deep need for belonging and my belief that specific landscapes create communities with distinct characters and personalities. I was dying to write the History of Elwood before anyone beat me to it! As the President of the St Kilda Historical Society I was able to seize that opportunity.*

Q. What do you appreciate most about the suburb of Elwood?

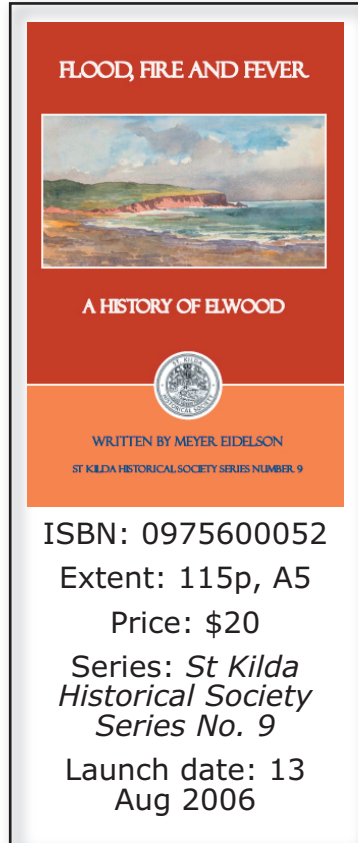


M.E.: *Elwood, with its flat landscape, open sky, beach, extensive parkland, urban wildlife and canal, have always inspired me as an environmentalist and member of Earthcare St Kilda. For a while I even ran a wildlife shelter from my Elwood backyard. Elwood also has a fantastic history of eccentrics and outsiders who battled to rescue it from its status as a wasteland and dumping ground for abattoirs, rifle ranges and manure dumps. As an historian I also conducted many walks for the public over the years which deepened my understanding of changes over time.*

Q. Did you find aspects of your research for Flood, Fire and Fever surprising?

M.E.: *Like any author once I started I realised I knew hardly anything about my own suburb, even that my street Docker street was named after the early pioneer Reverend Joseph Docker and that his original house was still nearby. I also discovered the original buildings that once housed the suburban icons such as the movie theatre, dance hall, Radio Elwood, and even Germaine Greer's home. The history of Elwood also resides in the mind of its older citizens and the project acquainted me with many of them to the extent that we were forced to start a separate project and book which included people's oral histories. I had also thought that Elwood history was largely the history of the poor but discovered there was also a history of grand mansions from the 1850s – 1870s and a history of failed speculative estates. Another surprise was it has a very rich art deco history of apartments.*

Flood, Fire and Fever: a History of Elwood will be launched at Elwood RSL, 2 Pine Street Elwood, on Sunday 13 August at 2.30. All welcome, No RSVP.



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Price: \$20

Series: *St Kilda Historical Society Series No. 9*

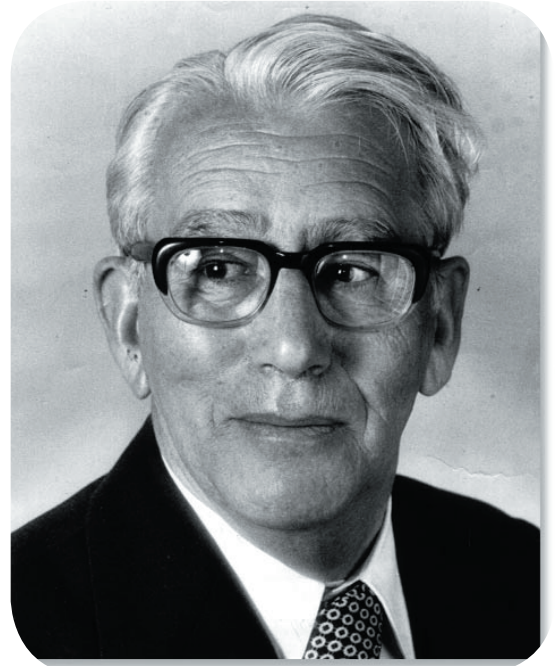
Launch date: 13 Aug 2006

TRIBUTE TO LAURIE MCCALMAN (1919 - 1994)

The annual combined lecture will be known as the 'Laurie McCalman Lecture' from this year.

The late Laurie McCalman was born in Geelong in 1919 and attended the Geelong Mechanics' Institute. At the Geelong institute he witnessed his first moving picture and his first live stage show. He and his wife Helene moved into Chatworth Road, Prahran in 1968. He joined the Prahran Mechanics' Institute as a library borrower in 1972, and was elected to the PMI Committee in 1980.

In the early years of the Prahran Historical & Arts Society, Laurie McCalman was a member who showed great enthusiasm. He edited the Society's newsletter for ten years. He and Betty Malone were awarded certificates of Merit by the Royal Historical Society of Victoria for their work as co-editors of the Prahran Historical Series. McCalman's history of the Prahran Mechanics' Institute, *Pioneer and Hardy Survivor*, was published in 1983 as part of that series.



LOCAL HISTORY COLLECTION

During McCalman's time on the PMI Committee, much research into the potential direction and future of the Library was conducted, and the decision was made to change the emphasis of the library collection to Victorian and local history.

In a report to the Committee and members dated 16-12-1980 McCalman wrote:

... Due to a combination of circumstances, the membership of the Institute's circulating library has declined so badly (from a peak of more than 800 in 1930 to about 70 today) that the Library Council of Victoria (which was under the impression that we had 150-200 members) suggested last year in a report to the City Council that the Mechanics' had outlived its usefulness. There was a strong hint in the report that the Institute should be wound up by agreement between the Committee of Management of the Institute and the City Council.

I believe that all members of the Committee of Management would like to preserve the identity of the Prahran Mechanics' Institute and to increase its usefulness to the community. I therefore commend to the Committee the following motions which I propose to move at the Annual General Meeting on Friday 30 January 1981:

- 1. That a lump sum (to be determined by the Committee) and thereafter on a monthly basis a proportion of income in excess of operating expenses be allocated to the purchase of books on Victorian history with the emphasis on histories of cities, towns and country districts, for reference purposes and for borrowing by members of the Institute and members of the Prahran Historical and Arts Society whether members of the Mechanics' Institute or not.*
- 2. That the Library Council of Victoria be asked to make a study of the resources and organisation of the Prahran Mechanics' Institute and Circulating Library and to advise on the gradual development by the Institute of a reference and lending library specialising in Victorian local history.*

There is good reason to believe that once we have established a collection of local histories, we would be able to obtain a grant from the Ministry of the Arts. We could also expect to obtain donations of books from municipal councils and individuals if we go about it the right way. The value of this type of book is rising rapidly on the second-hand book market, so it would be a good idea to start a collection without delay.

It was thought that a research collection of this type would benefit the Library by restoring the collection's usefulness and educational value, and by

eliminating any competition with the other general libraries in the area.

At a meeting of the PMI Committee on 5 May 1987 it was resolved to award Laurie McCalman a Life Membership 'in view of his long and outstandingly valuable work for the Institute'.

THE "COMBINED LECTURES"

McCalman wrote in *Pioneer and Hardy Survivor* about the development of the historical collection at PMI and commented that '... A specially pleasing aspect is the close alliance that has been forged in the last two years between the Mechanics' Institute and the Prahran Historical & Arts Society'.

Cathy Milward-Bason of PMI and Jenni Casinader of PHAS, organised in 1999 the first of the annual 'Combined Lectures', held at PMI and presented jointly by both groups. Jim Badger kindly made himself available to conduct the first of these:

30/6/1999: Jim Badger – 'The Diggers Wedding'

9/8/2000: Philippe Batters – 'Historic Houses of South Yarra'

15/8/2001: Robyn Annear – 'Nothing but Gold'.

31/10/2001: Meyer Eidelson – 'Great Lives and Stories from St Kilda Cemetery'

28/8/2003: Michael Challenger – 'Historic Courthouses of Victoria'

17/11/2004: Mary Ellis – 'People and plants: A History of Gardening in Victoria'

15/10/2005: Stella Barber – 'Sidney Myer: A Life, A Legacy'

24/8/2006: Kristin Otto – 'Yarra: a Diverting History of Melbourne's Murky River'

MEET THE COMMITTEE NO 4 ... CR CHRIS GAHAN

Chris has served on the Prahran Council (now City of Stonnington) for 32 years. He first served as a member of the PMI Committee for some years from 1966, and rejoined the Committee in 2002 as the City of Stonnington appointee.

Chris' father George served on the Prahran Council for 18 years, and on the PMI Committee as a Council appointed member for many years. Watching him achieving things for the community developed Chris' interest in local issues.

In June 1985 Chris was awarded Medal of the Order of Australia for service to local government and the community. In June the following year he was awarded a PMI Life Membership 'in recognition of service to the Institute since 1967 as a committee member, President and supporter'. He is also a Justice of the Peace.

A lifetime resident of Prahran, Chris is married with four children and 2 grandchildren. He was employed as a municipal employee, school teacher, Animal Health/Disease Control Officer and Prosecutor for the Department of Agriculture. Though now retired Chris is as busy as ever with responsibilities on Council, the PMI Committee and the committees and councils of the following organisations: Grattan Gardens Community Centre, Gawith Villa, Stonnington Primary School, South Central Region Migrant Resource Centre and New Hope Foundation, Prahran Community House, South East Waste Management Group, 2nd Prahran Scout Group, Chapel Off Chapel Advisory Committee and the Stonnington St.Johns Ambulance.

Chris acted as MC for the launch of the first PMI Press publication in 2004, which was attended by the Minister for Local Government, Candy Broad MLC and the Member for Prahran, Tony Lupton MP. His considerable experience in local government has been an invaluable resource for the PMI in recent years.



MINISTER REWARDS LIBRARIES *(from page 1)*

the old shelves rested.

It has been a real community effort so far. We also plan to lightly tint the windows in order to protect our collection from the heat and glare of the sun. This will enable us to use part of the display windows to build a work station for staff and one for CATHS which they will use to catalogue their unique collection of photographs, articles, plans and ephemera.

This is the third Mechanics' Institutes Community Partnerships Grant we have received from the Department for which we are truly grateful. The other grants were used to establish the Prahran Mechanics' Institute Press and purchase a lockable bookcase for our historical collection. The other institutions to receive the MICPP Grant this year were the Ballarat, Berwick, and Footscray Mechanics' Institutes, and the Maldon and Melbourne Athenaeums.

The grants were announced at the Maldon Athenaeum, where the Minister Candy Broad spoke very favourably about our institute. Member for Prahran Mr Tony Lupton has also welcomed the grants saying that, "The Prahran Mechanics' Institute has a long history of community building and providing education to the local community... Libraries and services provided by mechanics' institutes help give local communities access to educational and life-long learning opportunities as well as modern technology."



Above: Cathy Milward-Bason and Jim Lowden (President & Secretary of the Mechanics' Institutes of Victoria) on the steps of the Maldon Athenaeum. Note the MIV heritage plaque on the left.

PREVIOUS LECTURE

On 14 June Dr Clare Wright spoke at the library about her book *Beyond the Ladies Lounge: Australia's Female Publicans*.

For the benefit of our members, Clare's illustrated lecture had a very Victorian flavour. We were given a fascinating insight into early colonial life of Victoria, from the ground up to the legislature, through the examination of the working lives of women in Victoria in the context of the prevailing economics, cultural factors and social attitudes.



Dr Clare Wright

BOOK MONTH

We had another successful book month in July. Some great discussions, interesting books, lovely refreshments and all for FREE. So why not join us next year. If you have a book or author you'd like to recommend please contact Cathy on 9510 3393. Special thanks as always to our discussion leaders - this year Pat Palmer and Emily Lindsay.

Incidentally, if you have been watching ABC TV's 'First Tuesday' monthly book discussions, our library has a copy of the first book discussed *The Ballad of Desmond Kale* by Roger McDonald.



PMI Book Clubbers 2006

GENERAL COLLECTION

At risk / Patricia Cornwell
 The bridge of sighs / Olen Steinhauer
 The ballad of Desmond Kale / Roger McDonald
 Looking good dead / Peter James
 The confession / Olen Steinhauer
 Off the deep end: travels in forgotten frontiers / Tony Perrottet *[donated by Bruce Turner]*
 V.I. Warshawski: Indemnity only; Deadlock; Killing orders / Sara Paretsky *[donated by Bruce Turner]*
 The outback vs the wild west: vol.2 of the wild west in Australia and America / Jack Drake

HISTORICAL COLLECTION

Victoria

Victoria's heritage: strengthening our communities / Dept. of Sustainability and Environment
 Victoria's heritage: lectures to celebrate the 150th anniversary of European settlement in Victoria /
 edited by A.G.L. Shaw *[donated by Leony Graham, Bayside Libraries]*
 Index to newspaper deaths in Victoria 1988 to 1992 [CD-ROM] / Lakes Entrance Family History Resource
 Centre

Victoria Government Gazette 1858, 1860, 1874 [CD-ROMs]

Victoria Police Gazette 1864, 1865, 1868, 1869 [CD-ROMs]

Ballarat The Ballarat tramways: an illustrated history / K.S. Kings 1971 *[donated by Mary-Louise
 Phillips]*

'Go for gold': a brief history of the City of Ballarat together with the story of Rotary in Australia /
 Rotary Club of Forest Hill *[donated by Melissa Gilmour, Richmond Branch, Yarra-Melbourne Regional
 Libraries]*

Batesford and its early families / Bettina M. Blackall

Bendigo Golden jubilee 1925-1975: history of the Rotary Club of Bendigo / Charles Alexander and Cyril
 J. Michelsen *[donated by Rotary Club of Melbourne]*

Berriwillock Schools of the Berriwillock district / compiled by Alan Mills

Berwick The money miracle that paid for a 'new town' and created Australia's best new city [Berwick] /
 Syd Pargeter

Blackburn Reflections: Blackburn Primary School no.2923: a centenary celebration 1889-1989 / Lynne
 Dickson

Bogong Kiewa kids: school days at Bogong and Mount Beauty / Graham Gardner

Boroondara Camcare: 30 years on: a history 1976 to 2006 / Kay Bodna and Patsy Littlejohn *[2 copies
 donated by Patsy Littlejohn, Camcare]*

Brighton A short history of the Rotary Club of Brighton 1973 to 2003: 30 years of service / Merv
 Deutsher and David Smyth *[donated by Rotary Club of Melbourne]*

Camberwell Voices of Camberwell: Alamein to North Balwyn / Geraldine McFarlane *[donated by Melissa
 Gilmour, Richmond Branch, Yarra-Melbourne Regional Libraries]*

Coburg The Rotary story of Coburg: the first thirty years / Geoff Browne *[donated by Rotary Club of
 Melbourne]*

Chadstone The Rotary Club of Chadstone: the first ten years *[donated by Rotary Club of Melbourne]*

Cranbourne Cranbourne Cemetery: register, inscriptions and photos to December 2005 CD-ROM /
 Jeanine Greig *[donated by Jeanine Greig]*

Devon Meadows The history of Devon Meadows Primary School and the community which supports it /
 Joy Rawson *[donated by Devon Meadows Primary School]*

Dromana A dreamtime of Dromana: a history of Dromana through the eyes of a pioneering family /
 Colin McLearn

Essendon Penleigh Essendon Grammar School: a history / Victoria Peel *[donated by Penleigh Essendon
 Grammar School]*

Eumemmering Eumemmering and beyond: the descendents of Isaac Edey (1807-1886) 2nd ed. /
 Terence N. Edey and Audrey E. Farmer

Ferntree Gully Ferntree Gully Primary School no. 1307 'learning via a rich past' / Edward Plenty
[donated by Wattle View Primary School, Ferntree Gully]

Fitzroy A place of their own: the Old Colonists' Homes in Victoria / Frances O'Neill

Footscray Footscray's royal year: how Footscray won the 1954 VFL premiership / Marc Fiddian *[donated
 by Tod Mackay]*

Geelong Wild and wondrous women of Geelong vol.2 1860-1869 / Pam Jennings

Rotary Club of Geelong 1925-1975 *[donated by Rotary Club of Melbourne]*

Glen Waverley One hundred years of tennis: a history of the Glen Waverley Tennis Club / Maurie
 Branton

Grampians Victoria's wonderland: a Grampians history / compiled by Halls Gap and Grampians Historical Society

Healesville The Healesville Hospital story / J.F. Hill

Healesville: history in the hills / Sally Symonds *[donated by Berwick Mechanics' Institute]*

Keilor Beneath the long brown grass: a history of the Keilor Cemetery 1854-1925 / Christine Laskowski

Kilmore Kilmore and districts: a regional biography volume one A-B / compiled by Jim Lowden *[donated by Jim Lowden]*

Kyabram The Kyabram reform movement of 1902 / Don Anderson [booklet] *[donated by Don Anderson]*

Kyabram 1892-1992: 100 years of gleanings: extracts selected from the Kyabram Free Press files *[donated by Ian Purdey]*

Kyneton 'Our school' Kyneton Primary School 1856-2006: 150 years of state education in Kyneton / Ronda B. Walker

Lalor Building a suburb: the Peter Lalor Home Building Co-operative Society / Gary Johns

Lang Lang When I was young / Lang Lang Community Centre

Leongatha The first century: the Leongatha Butter and Cheese Factory Coy. Ltd. 1894-2005 / John Murphy

Lysterfield see Rowville

Maldon Grandfather was a Maldon pioneer / E.D. Daniel 1983 [donated by Mary-Louise Phillips]

Maryborough Brigidines in Maryborough 1902-2002: dare to dream / Brigida Nailon

Melbourne Go! Melbourne: Melbourne in the sixties / edited by Seamus O'Hanlon and Tanja Luckins

Australia's first rotary club: a history of the Rotary Club of Melbourne / Owen Parnaby *[donated by Rotary Club of Melbourne]*

A history of service 1921-86: 'He profits most who serves best' the story of the Rotary Club of Melbourne Victoria / John Thompson and Allison Crawford *[donated by Rotary Club of Melbourne]*

Early Melbourne sketchbook / Brian Carroll *[donated by Leony Graham, Bayside Libraries]*

The Melbourne Athenaeum: 165th birthday book project: a special library collection project undertaken to celebrate the 165th birthday of the Melbourne Athenaeum Inc. *[donated by the Melbourne Athenaeum]*

Morwell Morwell Park Primary School: our past together 1939-2000 / Brett Godden

Mount Beauty see Bogong

Murchison Service and sacrifice: a history of the Murchison sub branch of the RSL / Geoff Adams

Nullawil Roxburgh Nullawil / Ron Cooper *[donated by Ron Cooper]*

Robinvale 50 years of progress: Robinvale 1924-1974 / James W. Hickey

Rowville Rowville and Lysterfield stories vol. 1 / edited by Bryan Power

Rowville and Lysterfield stories vol. 2 / edited by Bryan Power

Rowville and Lysterfield stories vol. 3 / edited by Bryan Power

Rye Rye Primary School no. 1667: a history of the Limeburners' School, village and pioneering families: celebrating 125 years 1875-2000 / Patricia Appleford

South Melbourne Service above self 40 years of service: Rotary Club of Melbourne South Incorporated 1952-1992 *[donated by Rotary Club of Melbourne]*

Sutton Grange History of Sutton Grange (central Victoria) / Ken James and Noel Davis

Swan Hill Yesterday and today: the changing face of the Swan Hill region / Graham Gardner

The Swan Hill Methodist Church: a historical record from 1885 to 1968

Tatura Tatura streets / compiled by Arthur Knee

Rungs in the ladder: Tatura Fire Brigade 1894-1994 / Ron Michael

One hundred years of love and learning: the centenary of the Sisters of Mercy and catholic education at Sacred Heart School and St Mary's College Tatura 1900-2000 / edited by Brian Howley

Our heroes: Tatura's World War 1 roll of honour / Tony Ford

A history of the Sacred Heart Parish of Tatura 1889-1989 / Geoff Sullivan

From paddock to park: the history of the Tatura Cricket Club

Achieving together: a history of the Tatura Primary School 1874 to 1995

Toolamba 'From chock and log to roll top': the history of Toolamba South State School, 2728 (now Toolamba West Primary School) 1885-1985

Trentham Early history of Trentham and district / G.W. Trehwella 2005 ed. Annotated

Celebrating Trentham's sporting history / edited by Ina Bertrand

Wangaratta The Chisholm Street School no.643 1850-2000: a history of the last 150 years / Dawn Floyd *[donated by Colleen O'Brien, Wangaratta Primary School, Chisholm Street]*

Wangaratta High School: 90 years on 1909-1999 / Graham Jones

Warrandyte Discover Warrandyte / Friends of Warrandyte State Park *[donated by Berwick Mechanics' Institute]*

Warrnambool Warrnambool Primary School 1743 100 + 25 years

RECENT ACQUISITIONS *(June - July)*

Westernport Victoria's playground: the Westernport region 1971 *[donated by Mary-Louise Phillips]*

Whittlesea Nature's plenty: a history of the City of Whittlesea / Michael Jones *[donated by Melissa Gilmour, Richmond Branch, Yarra-Melbourne Regional Libraries]*

Williamstown Buried by the sea: a history of Williamstown Cemetery / Andrew Lemon, Marjorie Morgan and Helen Doyle

Yallourn Back to Yallourn: a pictorial history / Julie George, John and June Jardine

Biography and autobiography

Ian Potter: a biography / Peter Yule

F.F. Bailliere: publisher in ordinary publisher extraordinary / Laurel Clark

Arthur Edgar Castles 1871-1933: Deakin Shire Engineer 1896-1933 / compiled by Don Anderson *[donated by Don Anderson]*

Angus Mitchell: Rotarian and peace maker / Owen Parnaby *[donated by Rotary Club of Melbourne]*

An orphan's escape: memories of a lost childhood / Frank Golding

Bishop of magnetic power: James Moorhouse in Melbourne 1876-1886 / Morna Sturrock

Pioneer profiles volume four: some brief stories outlining a selection of our early settlers / Port Phillip Pioneers Group

Mariposa: a story of the Learmonths of Western Victoria and Mexico, 1834-1930 / Anita Macdonald *[donated by Leony Graham, Bayside Libraries]*

Australian citizen: Herbert Brookes 1867-1963 / Rohan Rivett

Sweet Nell of old Sydney [Nellie Stewart] / Marjorie Skill

Memoir of a mechanic: being a sketch of the life of Timothy Claxton, written by himself *[donated by Jim Lowden]*

Business & industry Fruits of our labour: an anecdotal history of the Goulburn Valley fruit industry

State insurance in Victoria: the history of the SIO 1914-1996 / G.F. James and Robert Murray *[donated by Leony Graham, Bayside Libraries]*

With respect: the story of Geelong lawyers Harwood and Pincott 1840-1992 / Richard Annois

Selbys the science people: a history of H.B. Selby Australia Limited / Samuel Furphy

Wrapping up the century: a history of Charles R. Gabb and Company / Barbara Clark *[2 copies donated by Charles Gabb Flexible Packaging Company]*

Printers of the streets and lanes of Melbourne (1837-1975) / Don Hauser
(see also entry for Leongatha)

Transport Focus on Victoria's narrow gauge Gembrook Line part two / John E. Thompson

The Portland Railway / Keith W. Turton

(see also entry for Ballarat)

Rotary Seventy five years of service: Rotary in Australia, Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands 1921-1996 / Paul Henningham *[donated by Rotary Club of Melbourne]*

Rotary International: leaders in service down under / Owen Parnaby, Grattan O'Connell, Clem Renouf, Paul Henningham, Basil and Beth Shaw *[donated by Rotary Club of Melbourne]*

(see also entries for Brighton, Melbourne, South Melbourne, Coburg, Chadstone, Geelong, Bendigo)

Miscellaneous

Fleapit!: an exploration of forgotten Australian cinemas / Roger Seccombe

The Thomas Baker, Alice Baker and Eleanor Shaw Medical Research Institute: the first fifty years / Thomas E. Lowe

The Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research 1971-72

Walter and Eliza Hall Institute 1915-1965 / Macfarlane Burnet

The emigrant's friend, or authentic guide to South Australia including Sydney, Port Philip ...*[donated by Judy Buckrich]*

Forty years on: a history of the Theatre Organ Society of Australia (Victorian Division) Inc. 1960-2000 / Alan Glover *[donated by Win Vears]*

Visions and voices: the Australian Garden History Society 1980-2005

The Oxford book of Australian schooldays / edited by Brenda Niall and Ian Britain *[donated by Alison Boundy]*

1,001 life story questions / Bob Mitchell

The family history book: a guide to tracing your ancestors / Stella Colwell *[donated by Leony Graham, Bayside Libraries]*

Australia's contemporary composers / James Murdoch

'Stand fast together': a history of the Protestant Alliance Friendly Society of Victoria / Brian Stevenson *[donated by Over 50s Mutual Friendly Society Ltd]*

5 books for sale *[donated by Trish Poock]*

10 books for sale *[donated by Leony Graham, Bayside Libraries]*



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