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## ANNUAL HISTORY ESSAY COMPETITION

Felix Lofgren, a year 10 student from Elwood College, and Jassinta Chinniah, a year 9 student at MacRobertson Girls' High School, have taken the honours in PMI's 10th Annual History Essay Competition.

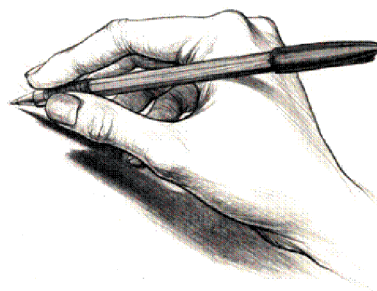
PMI has been running the competition for students in years 9 and 10 to encourage students to take an interest in history. For the last few years the topic has taken a biographical theme - entrants are asked to write around 1500 words about the life of an ancestor or grandparent.

This theme gives students the opportunity to study history in a personal and meaningful way, and we therefore receive a range of entries about varied subjects and their stories reflect broader themes such as war, poverty, migration, work and family.

**BORDERS**  
BOOKS MUSIC MOVIES CAFE

Since 2004 Borders bookstore has sponsored the competition by providing a voucher as the second prize. To celebrate the 10th anniversary of the competition Borders doubled the voucher value to \$100 this year. This sponsorship is important to the success of the competition, enabling us to offer \$200 cash for the First Prize as an incentive for students.

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## CHRISTMAS CLOSURE

We wish all our members a safe and enjoyable Christmas, and a very happy 2007. Thank you for your support and patronage of the library this year.

The library *and the return book chute* will close for the holidays at **4.30pm on Friday 22 December** and will reopen on **Monday 8 January**.

Please take a few moments before Christmas to choose your holiday reading and return or renew any outstanding items.

Why not give the gift of reading this Christmas?  
Not only is a



PMI GIFT SUBSCRIPTION VOUCHER

affordable at only \$12, it is the ideal gift for that hard-to-buy for genealogist or history buff.



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Welcome to the following new members who joined during October and November:

<i>Geoff Durham</i>	<i>Ben Probin</i>
<i>Jennifer Elder</i>	<i>Keith Rogers</i>
<i>Wallace Kirsop</i>	<i>Lyn Ross</i>
<i>Hinton Lambert</i>	<i>Oscar Slater</i>
<i>Maya Lazarus</i>	<i>Richard Snedden</i>
<i>Donald Linforth</i>	<i>Ellis Williams</i>
<i>Pat Palmer</i>	<i>Peter Wolfenden</i>

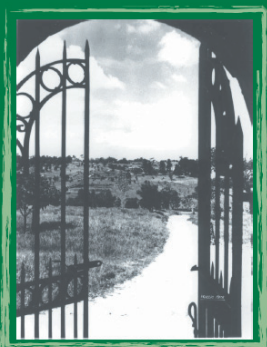
Still to come will be the carpeting and finishing of the window display areas, the repainting of window signage, mild window tinting, and the installation of a CATHS

On 15 October Christine was the guest speaker at the **West Bourke Family & Local History Fair**. The theme of this year's fair was short run publishing and Christine spoke about the establishment and activities of PMI Press. The fair was held at the Footscray YMCA and it was a showcase for the region's thriving historical societies containing many stalls, displays and publications. Thanks very much to Lenore Frost for inviting PMI to participate.

Due to the demand for technical education in the district, the Institute registered its classes as the (cont. p.5)



**ELIZA'S VISION**  
A HISTORY OF WATTLE PARK 1838-2006



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*Latest PMI Press publication available soon:*

**ELIZA'S VISION:**  
A HISTORY OF WATTLE PARK 1838-2006

Wattle Park is a jewel of Melbourne's eastern suburbs. Adorned by wattle it combines man made landscape and historic buildings with natural bushland containing much remnant indigenous flora and fauna.

Eliza's Vision puts on public record for the first time the complete story of this tramway park from the colourful early days of its settlement to the present day. The story also comprises the construction of the Wattle Park tramway, the development of the public facilities, the effects of economic depression and war and community groups closely linked with the park such as the Melbourne Tramways Band and the Field Naturalists' Club.

Ray Peace is a former journalist who has authored and co-authored several books on ski and cycle touring, this is his first historical work. Ray is the President of the Knox Historical Society. He says that a Wattle Park resident named Doris Backman inspired him to research the park and the more he looked the more he found. Researching the archaeology of the park was particularly rewarding for Ray and following the progress of past neighbourhood brawls was particularly amusing.

***ELIZA'S VISION will be launched at  
3.15pm on Sunday 17 December***

***by Mr Bob Stensholt, Member for Burwood  
at the BAND ROTUNDA, WATTLE PARK (just to  
the north of the Chalet)***

***No RSVP necessary.***

***Come at 2pm and enjoy a performance of the Melbourne Tramways Band.***

(from p.1) All entries must be accompanied by a bibliography and they are judged on four main criteria:

- ☐ presentation (including evidence of planning and proofreading)
- ☐ written expression (facts about the life of the subject presented clearly and logically)
- ☐ historical context (evidence of research and relation of the subject's life to events in history) and
- ☐ conclusions (reflections about the life and character of the subject)

and the final judging is carried out by historian Dr Judith Buckrich of the PMI committee. We are very grateful for the experience and expertise Judith brings to the competition, as choosing between entries of a high standard can be very difficult.

Copies of Felix's entry about his First-Fleeter and convict ancestor John Small (First Prize entry) and Jassinta's essay about her resourceful Sri Lankan grandmother Manonmani Mahendran (Second Prize entry) are available at the front counter of the library for members to read.

Felix wrote to the PMI after finding out about his success: 'Taking part meant that I found out a lot about my family history which was hugely interesting and that is why I put so much effort into my assignment. I am very interested in modern history so I have chosen to study *History: 20th Century* next year.'

Honourable mention certificates were awarded to Sofia Kailis (Melbourne Girls High School), Gabriella Bornstein (Methodist Ladies College) and Caleb Lim (Elwood College) as their entries were also of a very high standard.

All five students also received a copy of the PMI history *Pioneer and Hardy Survivor* and a free membership to the PMI Library for one year. All other entrants received a certificate of participation. As always we congratulate all participating students and hope that the exercise was rewarding and stimulating.

Thanks also to teachers and school staff for encouraging your students to participate. We look forward to another successful competition in 2007.

## MEET THE COMMITTEE No 7 ... PETER WOLFENDEN

Peter Wolfenden is the newest member of the PMI committee, he joined in 2005. He had used the library for some years as a member of the Cinema and Theatre Historical Society, of which he is now Vice-President. Peter has also served on the National Executive of the Wireless Institute of Australia where he held the position of Federal President for some years. He is a life member of the WIA.

Formerly an electrical engineer, Peter worked for the Melbourne City Council Electric Supply Department and later as project engineer with the City Engineer's Department. He has a great interest in the history and development of moving pictures. For three generations the Wolfenden family has been involved in moving pictures, so Peter had an introduction to hand cranked projectors and learned to respect nitrate-based films at a very young age. He has a particular interest in early Australian films, particularly newsreels and documentaries and the techniques used to bring movies to the public at large.

Since the early 1970s Peter has been involved with the National Film Archive and has donated a number of early films to the national collection. Since last year Peter has presented two Historic Picture Shows, given a lecture to the members about movies at mechanics' institutes and coordinated and carried out the recent works in the library to remove the old shelving, with some assistance from other CATHS volunteers.

### HISTORIC PICTURE SHOW 2006

Thanks to all members and visitors who attended our final event for the year. We are once again very grateful to Swinburne University for allowing us the use of a lecture theatre in which to hold the Picture Show, which once again proved popular.

The theme this year was 'transport and communication' and we travelled through time to the triumph of the telegraph, the Royal Flying Doctor and School of the Air in the 1960s and a journey through early commercial radio, as well as other silent and newsreel treats.

These nights are always a treat because Peter is able to source rare historic film portraying interesting and sometimes quirky aspects of times past. We look forward to our collaboration with Peter and CATHS to present this event again next year.

*We hope you have enjoyed reading the profiles of our volunteer committee in the newsletter this year.*

*Next year the special articles series will focus on the various aspects of the PMI library collection, with the aim of increasing its usefulness to our members.*

*So if you have any suggestions or questions about the collection that you would like to see covered in these articles, please inform library staff in person, by post or by email.*





(from p.2) Prahran Technical Art School in 1908. To expand the school, the Institute purchased land and in 1915 erected buildings at 140 High Street. Cr Ernest Horatio Willis, a local architect, designed the buildings. The Institute allowed the Education Department the use of the buildings for the administration of the Prahran Technical School, which operated on the site until 1971.

The Prahran Mechanics' Institute is a rare example of a fully operational mechanics' institute with a library service. It is governed by its own Act of Parliament.

The library moved to High Street with the technical school and has specialised in Victorian and local history since 1981. The Institute conducts educational and recreational activities in the mechanics' institutes tradition.



### STONNINGTON HISTORY COMMITTEE

The PMI hosted a meeting of the **Stonnington History Committee** on 21 November. The Committee is headed by Cr Steve Stefanopoulos and includes representatives from the Stonnington Library & Information Service, the Prahran and Malvern Archives, the Prahran and Malvern Historical Societies as well as the PMI.

These meetings provide PMI staff with the opportunity to keep up with the local history and library scene and hear some excellent guest speakers.



Above: The Stonnington History Committee at the Prahran Mechanics' Institute

## GENERAL COLLECTION

A loyal character dancer / Qiu Xiaolong  
 Postwar: a history of Europe since 1945 / Tony Judt  
 44 Scotland Street / Alexander McCall Smith  
 Espresso tales / Alexander McCall Smith  
 Bangkok tattoo / John Burdett  
 Churchill / Roy Jenkins *[donated by Tim McQueen]*  
 Slipstream: a memoir / Elizabeth Jane Howard *[donated by Judy Thomas]*  
 Rounding the mark: an Inspector Montalbano mystery / Andrea Camilleri  
 Under orders / Dick Francis  
 The night watch / Sarah Waters  
 The Bancroft strategy / Robert Ludlum  
 The red dahlia / Lynda La Plante  
 Lisey's story / Stephen King  
 Imperium / Robert Harris

## HISTORICAL COLLECTION

### Victoria-General

Agriculture in Victoria / edited by D.J. Connor and D.F. Smith 1987  
 Discover Victoria / Bob Moors 1979 *[donated by Ian Clarke]*  
 3MP presents the Victoria story / Andrew Rutherford 1979 *[donated by Ian Clarke]*  
 A century of Victorian methodism / edited by the Rev. C. Irving Benson 1935 *[donated by John Kendall]*  
 The Victorians: settling / Tony Dingle 1984 *[donated by John Kendall]*  
 Police Gazette Victoria CD-ROM 1870, 1871, 1872  
 Government Gazette Victoria CD-ROM 1863, 1864, 1865  
 The Victorian Historical Magazine no.67 *[donated by Leony Graham, Brighton Library]*  
Ararat Seed time and harvest: the history of the Catholic Parish of Ararat 1858-1988  
Arthurs Creek Arthurs Creek Mechanics' Institute 2007 calendar 'our heritage'  
Bairnsdale Come rain, hail or shine: the history of meals on wheels in the Bairnsdale district  
 Bairnsdale to Ensay: first car journey from Bairnsdale to Ensay 1 October 1905  
 Past pictures and poems of East Gippsland : a pictorial and poetic history to commemorate the Back-to-Bairnsdale Celebrations, 1993  
 Fifty years of Rotary in Bairnsdale 1938-1988  
 Rotary Club of Bairnsdale 60th anniversary  
 Bairnsdale High School 75th anniversary 1987  
 Celebrating St Mary's on the move: a brief history of our school / compiled by Merine Nelson  
 Bairnsdale fire brigade : 125 years  
 Noweyong : fifty years of achievement / Tim Gibson  
Ballarat Macarthur Street memories: an illustrated history of Macarthur Street Primary School, number 2022, Ballarat, 1878-2003 (rev.ed.) / John Daykin  
 The history of the Ballarat High School 1907-1947 / Helen Cotton *[donated by Ian Clarke]*  
 The lamp burns brightly: the first century of Clarendon College Ballarat 1868-1968 / Jan Clarke and Margaret Cochran *[donated by Ian Clarke]*  
 Your introduction to Sovereign Hill: guide to the goldmining township [booklet] 1987 *[donated by Ian Clarke]*  
 Golden heritage: history of college and Clarendon 1864-2004 / Phil Roberts  
 Life after gold: twentieth-century Ballarat / Weston Bate *[donated by Stonnington Libraries]*  
Balwyn Other days other ways: recollections of the Burke Road Balwyn Methodist Sunday School 1920-1955 / compiled and edited by Betty Hotchin 1986  
Barkers Creek Barkers Creek: birthplace of the Mount Alexander goldfields / Howard A. Carr *[donated by Norma Lupton]*  
Bealiba A history of Bealiba Primary School no.749 1997  
Beechworth Background to Beechworth from 1852 / compiled by Roy C. Harvey 9th ed. 1991 *[donated by Ian Clarke]*  
Bendigo The school on the hill: Bendigo High School 1907-1982 / Janette M. Bomford  
Berwick Heritage of the City of Berwick: indentifying and caring for important places / Context Pty Ltd 1993 *[donated by the City of Casey]*  
Big Hill Big Hill Primary School 'back to' November 1991 school no.1551 1871-1991  
Birregurra Birregurra Primary School: the first 125 years 1864-1989 / compiled and edited by Joy Rourke  
 Birregurra Primary School no. 723: staff and pupils 1863-1989 / Birregurra District Historical Centre  
 Christ Church Birregurra: one hundred years of Anglican faith [booklet]  
Black Rock Black Rock House: built for Charles Ebdin in 1856 [booklet]  
Blackburn Sevenoaks Park / Robin Da Costa 1980  
Box Hill More than just a school: a pictorial history - New College - Box Hill Grammar School - Kingswood College 1890-1990 / Frances Millar  
Bright Bright gold: the story of the people and gold of Bright and Wandiligong / Brian Lloyd and Kathy Nunn *[donated by Stonnington Libraries]*  
Bruthen The story of a church [Bruthen Congregational Church] / E.M. MacQueen 1966  
Bulumwaal Horrific hammer murders at Bulumwaal near Bairnsdale : the most callous crimes in Victoria's history : killer - Eric Gordon / compiled by John Clements  
Canberwell 'School set on a hill': a history of Camberwell South Primary School 1925-1985 / Nadine Myatt  
Campbells Creek Campbells Creek: some early history / Raymond A. Bradfield *[donated by Norma Lupton]*  
Canterbury Reminiscences of St John's Home for Boys / John Hutchinson *[donor: Lenore Frost, Essendon Historical Society]*  
Cape Otway Beacons of hope: an early history of Cape Otway and King Island lighthouses / Donald Walker *[donated by Andrew Turner]*  
Carnegie Carnegie Primary School no.2897: the first hundred years 1888-1988 / by Isabel Couper and Deirdre Lynch  
Casey City of Casey thematic environmental history (post European contact) / Context Pty Ltd 2004 *[donation City of Casey]*  
 Heritage of the City of Casey: historic sites in the former Cranbourne Shire / Graeme Butler and Assoc. 1996 *[donated by the City of Casey]*  
 City of Casey heritage study: Cranbourne, Knox *[donated by the City of Casey]*  
Castlemaine Castlemaine Apex Club 1937-1982: the first 45 years / Trevor Shill and Mike Tolland  
 Castlemaine and district tours / Raymond Bradfield 3rd ed. 1983 *[donated by Norma Lupton]*  
 Castlemaine Primary School no. 119: reunion 11th April 1992 *[donated by Norma Lupton]*



## RECENT ACQUISITIONS *(October-November)*

Castlemaine Primary School no. 119: celebrates 150 years August 1-7th 2005: 1855-2005: I remember when... *[donated by Norma Lupton]*

Castlemaine Primary School no. 119: celebrates 150 years August 1-7th 2005: 1855-2005: On a roll *[donated by Norma Lupton]*

Valleys of gold: Castlemaine and Mount Alexander Goldfields sketchbook / David Williams *[donated by Norma Lupton]*

Castlemaine: a golden harvest / Raymond Bradfield 1972 *[donated by Norma Lupton]*

Clifton Hill A school for one thousand scholars: a history of school number 1360, Clifton Hill Primary School, Clifton Hill 1874-2000 / Alison Vincent *[2 copies donated by Clifton Hill Primary School]*

Dandenong Trading places: Dandenong's diverse traders reflect on life, business and their hopes for the future / David Crofts *[2 copies donated by the City of Greater Dandenong]*

Colac Year of hope: 1857 in the Colac district / Dawn Peel

Campfires at the cross: an account of the Bunting Dale Aboriginal Mission at Birregurra, near Colac, Victoria 1839-1851: with a biography of Francis Tuckfield / Heather Le Griffon

Coomboona Coomboona Primary School no.3093 centenary 1891-1991

Cranbourne see Casey

Dunolly Dunolly gold: the most comprehensive list of gold nuggets found in the Dunolly district / John Tully

Golden memories *[Dunolly]* / R.L. Carless 2001

Eaglehawk Eaglehawk welcome back / Aylene Kirkwood and Bev Hanson

St Liborius Primary School no.262 100 years 1904-2004 / compiled by Aylene Kirkwood

East Melbourne Tasma Terrace / National Trust of Australia (Victoria) *[donated by Ian Clarke]*

Edenhope A journey of memories: St Malachy's School Edenhope / Helen Mulraney-Roll

Eltham Montsalvat: a symphony of mud and stone 2001 *[vertical file]* *[donated by Ian Clarke]*

Emerald A facet of Emerald: history of Emerald schools P.S. no.2110 1879-1909 and P.S. no.3381 1901-1979 / Graeme C. Legge

Essendon The Essendon River League 1906-1966 / Marilyn Kenny 2006

Fishermans Bend Fisher folk of Fishermans Bend / Allan Meiers *[donated by Port Melbourne Historical Society]*

Fryerstown Reminiscences of Fryerstown / George O. Brown 1985 *[donated by Norma Lupton]*

Geelong Seek ye first: a history of Christian College, Geelong / Peter Woods

Swanston Street Primary School no.1094 *[Geelong]* centenary 1871-1971

Gippsland Country branch lines Victoria: the Gippsland region: a photographic profile 1950-1990 / edited by John Sargent

Maritime trade on the Gippsland Lakes : noted vessels & masters, c. 1854 - c. 1937. / J. A. Derbyshire

Colourful tales of old Gippsland / John Wells

Early motoring in East Gippsland / J.A. Derbyshire

The road builders / Fred Ward

Shipwrecks on the South Gippsland Coast / Don Love

Butler's Woods Point and Gippsland general directory 1866 *[facsimile]* *[donated by Harvey Hutchinson]*

Gippsland heritage journal no.10 June 1991 *[donated by Harvey Hutchinson]*

Knuckles & knowledge / edited and compiled by Elaine Bailey and Margaret Fox

Grahamvale Grahamvale re-union 1911-1986

Greensborough Centenary of education in Greensborough 1854-1954

Hamilton The best you can: Monivae College, Hamilton Victoria: the first fifty years, 1954-2004 / Father John Franzmann

Healesville Before we forget: Healesville State School no.849 1917-1920 / R.C. Sibbit

Heatherdale Heatherdale Primary School: a brief history 25th anniversary 1963-1988 / compiled by Rae M. Jamieson

Hedley Memories of 2773 Hedley School centenary / compiled by Joyce Avery and Beryl Atkin 1986

Hughesdale A history of Hughesdale Primary School no.4176 1924-2004 / H.G. Gobbi

Ivanoe A vision fulfilled: the Ivanhoe Grammar School: the first seventy years / G. Stuart Warmington

What matter I: the founding of a school *[Ivanhoe Grammar School]* / J.B. Harper 1964 *[donated by Ian Clarke]*

Karkaroor A history of early education in the southern Mallee Shire of Karkaroor / compiled by Terri Gitsam Allen 1977

Keilor City of Keilor centenary souvenir 1863 to 1963

Kennington The little flower at work: a history of St Therese's Parish Kennington / compiled by Keith House 1983

Kew History of the Parish of St Hilary's Kew 1889-1970 / Rev. William V. Lloyd

St Hilary's Anglican Church Kew 1888-1988 / C. Behan McCullagh and N. Gwen Rodda

And the spirit lingers...: Genazzano - one hundred years 1889-1989 / edited by Sr Maria Bell

Kilmore Verse (or worse) of Kilmore landmarks and oddities past and present: a collection of poems / Syd Cantlon *[donated by Jim Lowden]*

The quest for higher things: a history of the Marist Brothers' hundred years in Kilmore, with special attention to the foundation and development of Assumption College / Valerian Braniff 1992

Knox see also Casey

Knox: a history of Knox Grammar School 1924-1974 / Bruce Mansfield

Korumburra Coal Creek: Korumburra - Victoria: souvenir guide / Ken Wallace Dunlop, edited by Brian Blake *[booklet]* *[donated by Ian Clarke]*

Kyneton A history of the Kyneton State School 1856-1968 / G.A. Bremner

Landsborough A centenary of history in one hundred photographs: the story of Landsborough from 1901-2001

Loddon Vale The Loddon Vale Rural Fire Brigade: fifty years of service 1931-1982 / N.W. Harrison

Malvern Private and public memory: a history of the City of Malvern / Lynne Strahan *[donated by the City of Stonnington]*

The history of Malvern: a supplement 1988-1994 / Alleyn Best *[donated by the City of Stonnington]*

The history of Malvern from its first settlement to a city / John Butler Cooper (photocopy) *[donated by Stonnington Libraries]*

Maryborough Against the odds: Maryborough 1905-1961 / Betty Osborn *[donated by Stonnington Libraries]*

Melbourne Flagstaff Gardens master plan: issues paper / City of Melbourne 1999 *[donated by Liz Pidgeon, Yarra Plenty Regional Library]*

Melbourne on the Yarra / Marjorie Tipping 1977 *[donated by Ian Clarke]*

Garryowen's Melbourne: a selection from 'The chronicles of early Melbourne 1835-1852' by Garryowen / edited by Margaret Weidenhofer *[donated by Harvey Hutchinson]*

Images of Melbourne: a sketchbook / Geoffrey Dutton 1989 *[donated by Ian Clarke]*

1842 the public executions at Melbourne / compiled by Ian MacFarlane 1984 *[donated by Ian Clarke]*

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Cedric Emanuel's Melbourne sketchbook / Andrew McKay 1976 *[donated by Ian Clarke]*  
 Grimwade House: Melbourne Church of England Grammar School: years 1918-1938  
 Melbourne High School old boys' directory 1998  
 An archaeological survey of the Melbourne Metropolitan Area / Gary Presland 1983  
 A short history of St Francis' Church 1839-1979 / Fr James Tough *[donated by John Kendall]*  
 Melbourne 1834-1934 / compiled by J. Coleman *[donated by Stonnington Libraries]*  
 Descriptive guide to the Botanic Gardens Melbourne with plans, views etc. 1951 *[donated by John Kendall]*  
 A pictorial history of Presbyterian Ladies' College Melbourne 1875-2005 *[donated by Judy Buckrich]*  
Mentone Against all odds: a history of Mentone Grammar School 1920-1988 / James Rundle  
 A view from the tower: Kilbreda 1904-2004 / Margaret Underwood  
Montrose History of primary school 2259 Montrose centenary June 1980 / compiled by Margaret Atkins  
Moorabbin Moorabbin: a centenary history 1862-1962 *[donated by Ian Clarke]*  
Murroon Murroon: a history of the parish and its people 1839-1900 / compiled by Pam Jennings 2003  
Murtoa A history of Murtoa Lutheran School 1980-2003 *[donated by Marcia Schultz]*  
Newstead Childhood at Newstead to 1920: recollections of the Thompson family *[donated by Norma Lupton]*  
 Newstead Mechanics' Institute: its role in the life of a central Victorian community / Adrian R. Haas 2006  
Nhill Nhill's fabulous century: a pictorial record of Nhill's first one hundred years / Frank Bound *[donated by Andrew Turner]*  
Nicholson History of Nicholson 1876-1976 / compiled by Walter Spurrell  
Omeo The life and times of Thomas Easton 1834-1909 of Omeo  
 Taming a town : law & order at Omeo / Vic Webber  
 The Chinese ingredient: a history of the Chinese at Omeo 1859- / Alby Adams *[donated by Trish Poock]*  
Pakenham A history of the Toomuc Valley Orchards / R.J. Waterhouse  
 The orchard school: the history of Toomuc Valley State School no. 3034 / John Waterhouse  
Parkville Melbourne Teachers College war memorial 1914-1918 / Charles Lewis *[donated by Charles Lewis]*  
 Mount Royal: a social history / Jean Uhl 1981 *[donated by John Kendall]*  
Phillip Island Our school by the sea: Newhaven College 1976-1989 / Kenneth Morris  
Port Fairy St Patrick's School Port Fairy 1849-1983 souvenir of Back-To celebrations held October 14,15,16, 1983  
Port Melbourne Graham Street Primary 1889-1989 / Sue Hodges  
Pyramid Hill From slates to cyberspace: Pyramid Hill and district schools 1875-2004 / compiled by Helen Stevens  
Research Return to Research: a centenary history of Research Primary School / edited by Andrew Lemon 1989  
Reservoir Fifty years of secondary education at Plenty Road, Reservoir 1954-2004  
Richmond Hard yakka: 100 years of Richmond industry *[donated by Ian Clarke]*  
Rosebud A history of Rosebud Primary School (1884-1984) / Peter Wilson  
Rutherglen Rutherglen Research Station: field day 1965  
 An account of the backgrounds, foundation and life of the Parish of St Stephen Rutherglen 1863-1963  
Scarsdale Come back to Scarsdale: Scarsdale Old Boys reunion centenary history 1906-2006 / Joan E. Hunt  
Selkirk A century of country clay: Selkirk: the first 100 years 1883-1983 / Norman Houghton  
South Yarra Toorak and South Yarra sketchbook / Brian Carroll and Arno Roger-Genersh (photocopy) *[donated by Stonnington Libraries]*  
St Kilda Look back with pride: the St Kilda Hebrew congregation's first century / Newman Rosenthal 1971  
Stonnington Walk into history 3: six more great walks in Stonnington / Steve Stefanopoulos *[donated by Di Foster, Malvern Archives]*  
Sutherland's Creek A centenary history of Sutherland's Creek School no. 1997 / compiled by H.R. Scarce and E.S. Stephens  
Tambo Tambo Upper Primary School no. 2216 125 years 1879-2005  
Teesdale Teesdale Primary School memories 'excellence in education'  
Toorak see South Yarra  
Walhalla Walhalla historic area management plan July 1988 *[donated by Harvey Hutchinson]*  
 Walhalla heyday / G.F. James and C.G. Lee *[donated by Andrew Turner]*  
 Old Walhalla: portrait of a gold town / Raymond Paull *[donated by Andrew Turner]*  
Warragul Warragul Primary School: celebrating 125 years / James Silver *[donation Lee Pattinson, Warragul Primary School]*  
Warrandyte Warrandyte Historical Society newsletters 1987 onwards *[donated by Murray Houghton]*  
 Celebrating the one hundredth anniversary of the first Warrandyte Mechanics' Institute hall / by Bruce Bence *[donated by Jim Lowden]*  
Warrnambool Women of the West (People who passed this way series) / Warrnambool and District Historical Society  
 The best ales, wines and spirits: Warrnambool hotels booklet two / Les and Elizabeth O'Callaghan  
 Flagstaff Hill Maritime Museum Warrnambool 1990 *[donated by Ian Clarke]*  
Whipstick Tales of the Whipstick / William Perry *[donated by Andrew Turner]*  
Whittlesea Education at Whittlesea 1848-1978 / J.W. Payne *[donated by Jim Lowden]*  
Wollert Centenary history of the Wollert State School no. 1861 1877-1977 / J.W. Payne *[donated by Jim Lowden]*  
Woodglen Woodglen school : centenary and area history  
 Our best yet : the history of the 'Glen' Schools  
Wonnangatta Wonnangatta Station : the next twenty years / by Wallace Malcolm Mortimer  
Wy Yung Wy Yung Football Club : 100 years / Ian Forbes and Jim Baylis  
Yarra Glen The McPhersons of Yarra Glen / Muriel Watson *[donated by Yarra Glen and District Historical Society]*  
Yarragon Yarragon Primary School celebrates 125 years 1879-2004  
**Biography and Autobiography**  
 A thinking reed / Barry Jones *[autobiography]*  
 John Lang: Australia's larrikin writer: barrister, novelist, journalist and gentleman / Victor Crittenden  
 Daniel Gunson : Gippsland's pioneer Congregational minister, 1847-1915 / Niel Gunson  
 Backward through time *[autobiography, plus assoc. papers]* / Elaine Markby *[donated by Elaine Markby]*  
 My life and Harry: an autobiography / Dame Zara Holt *[donated by Wilma Farrow]*  
 Eighty eventful years / Sir James Barrett  
 A woman of importance: Emily Childers in Melbourne 1850-1856 / Jean Uhl 1992 *[donated by Ian Clarke]*  
 The days of Mick Moon along the Snowy River / Mick and Vere Moon



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Matthew Flinders: explorer and scientist / George Finkel 1973 *[donated by John Kendall]*

The voyages of Matthew Flinders / Max Colwell 1970 *[donated by John Kendall]*

Melba: the voice of Australia / Therese Radic *[donated by Andrew Turner]*

### Australian Literature

The wing of the night / Brenda Walker

The garden book / Brian Castro

The valley / Di Morrissey

### Gold

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