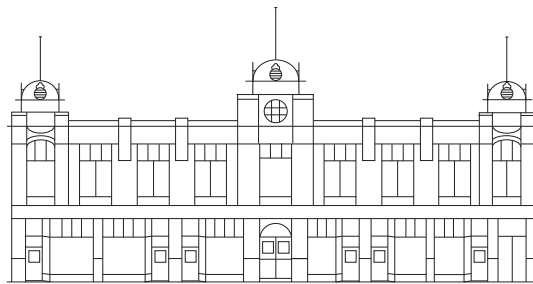


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Feedback / suggestions for this newsletter may be directed to acting compiler Judith Buckrich

Please note in your diary now

### **Family History Week Workshop: Saturday August 9 at 2pm.**

We have two great experts running this year's workshop.

Lenore Frost will help you understand and date family photographs and Alison Boundy will talk about how to track your ancestors. Both Lenore and Alison are very experienced and this workshop is essential for anyone embarking on family history research. Bookings are essential. Please note Lenore will not be able to date every photograph brought to the workshop.

### The Victorian Government recognises the valuable service mechanics' institutes offer to their communities

Mechanics' Institutes of Victoria have received a grant of \$60,000 from the Department of Planning and Community Development. The money will be distributed between the Prahran Mechanics' Institute and Ballarat, Berwick, and Footscray Mechanics' Institutes and Maldon and Melbourne Athenaeums.

We hope to purchase a microfilm reader/printer/scanner for the use of library members.

### Prahran Mechanics' Institute becomes an official Place of Deposit for holding records of significance.

Places of Deposit are located in 111 registered sites consisting mostly of community run historical societies, museums and genealogical societies. For more information on PODs look at

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# AROUND THE LIBRARY



## MEMBERS NEWS

Welcome to the following new members who joined during the previous two months:

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| <p>                 Elizabeth<br/>                 Joan<br/>                 John<br/>                 Kathleen<br/>                 Margaret<br/>                 Peter<br/>                 Rosemary<br/>                 Susan<br/>                 Terry<br/>                 Wendy             </p> | <p>                 Victoria<br/>                 Alan<br/>                 John<br/>                 Kathleen<br/>                 Margaret<br/>                 Peter<br/>                 Rosemary<br/>                 Susan<br/>                 Terry<br/>                 Wendy             </p> |
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Thank you to the following members who made financial donations to the library over the April and May

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| <p>                 Murray Smith<br/>                 Joan Esam<br/>                 Leonard Ashburner<br/>                 Don Raisbeck<br/>                 Carolyn Floyd<br/>                 Lynne Hindhaugh<br/>                 Itiel Bereson<br/>                 Geoff Durham             </p> | <p>                 Melbourne PEN Centre<br/>                 Jillian Gengoult Smith<br/>                 Roland McCausland<br/>                 Harriet Houghton<br/>                 Geoff Durham<br/>                 Wilma Farrow             </p> |
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This year members have the option of renewing for two years instead of one. Taking up this option saves us time, saves you time and is good for the environment. Thanks to those members who have already chosen to do this in 2008.

## GENERAL NEWS

### Staff news

While Christine is on maternity leave:-  
 Tim is in Tuesday to Friday  
 Cathy is in on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays  
 Judy is at the PMI on Mondays and Tuesdays  
 Ursula is at the PMI on Thursdays and Saturdays

### Volunteers

Sincere thanks to the PMI volunteer troops who, this year up to 31 May have notched up the following very impressive stats:

- ☺ 155 hours of book care duties
- ☺ 500 brochures delivered to

### households

- ☺ 7 publications indexed for the library, with a further 3 indexing projects underway

These contributions have made an enormous difference to the library and collection and address some of the fundamental objectives of the library including informing the public of the library service, effective communication with members, and the growth, condition and usefulness of the collection.

## New Committee Member Chris Michalopoulos

We welcome Chris to the PMI committee. He is a Prahran resident and forensic specialist, a member of the National Trust and the Royal Horticultural Society. Chris is a world authority on dahlias and a registered horticultural judge. His passions are biographies and food.

## 2008 BOOK CLUB



In 2008 the Book club is again being held 10am-12pm on the first Saturdays of the winter months.

All books for the sessions are now in the library collection, and these items may be reserved free. Time to start reading!

Remaining books and meeting dates are as follows:

- 5 Jul: **Carpentaria** / Alexis Wright (Winner of the 2007 Miles Franklin Literary Award)
- 2 Aug: **Luncheon of the Boating Party** / Susan Vreelands

Participation in the Winter Book Club is free to PMI members and you can register now.

**Why not join us for a friendly interesting discussion over coffee?**

RECENT ACQUISITIONS

FICTION

Carpentaria / Alexis Wright  
 Compulsion / Jonathan Kellerman  
 The finer points of sausage dogs / Alexander McCall Smith [donated by Diane Nicholas]  
 The glass canoe / David Ireland [donated by Mary-Louise Phillips]  
 Winter journey / Diane Armstrong [donated by Mary-Louise Phillips]  
 Beyond redemption / Jennifer Dabbs [donated by Mary-Louise Phillips]  
 Breath / Tim Winton  
 Brigid / Jill Blee  
 Change of heart / Jodi Picault  
 City of the sun / David Levien  
 Clara Morison / Catherine Helen Spence (novel) [donated by April-Kaye Ikinci]  
 Cliffs of fall : and other stories / by Shirley Hazzard [donated by Mary-Louise Phillips]  
 Cold in hand (Detective Inspector Charlie Resnick series) / John Harvey  
 Family baggage / Monica McInerney  
 Julie returns to the goldfields / by David Henderson  
 Natalie and Kim in Ballarat ; The mystery of the Golden Eye mine / David Henderson  
 Natalie visits her country cousin / David Henderson  
 Nothing to lose / Lee Child  
 Portuguese irregular verbs / Alexander McCall Smith [donated by Diane Nicholas]  
 Remember me : a novel / Derek Hansen  
 Riders in the chariot / Patrick White [donated by April-Kaye Ikinci]  
 Spin the bottle / Monica McInerney  
 The enchantress of Florence / Salman Rushdie  
 The gathering / Anne Enright  
 The girl of his dreams / Donna Leon  
 The spare room / Helen Garner  
 The switch / Sandra Brown [donated by Mary-Louise Phillips]  
 The violins of Saint Jacques / Patrick Leigh Fermor [donated by Diane Nicholas]

HISTORICAL COLLECTION

**Altona** Altona, Laverton and Newport districts heritage study stage 2 volume 1 2000 [donated by Lorraine Huddle]  
**Antwerp** The hall on the hill: a record of 100 years of service to the people of Antwerp and district / Ann Jenz  
**Arnold** Arnold's bridge : a crossing place / Edna Arnold  
**Avoca Shire** see Pyrenees Shire  
**Bacchus Marsh** From Millbank to the Lerdy : Bacchus Marsh Golf Club's 100-year journey, 1907-2007 / Zoe Hill  
**Bairnsdale** A country engineer - Winson and his Phoenix Engines : a short history of the life and times of an emigrant engineer, Walter Scott Winson, and his Phoenix Foundry in Bairnsdale, Victoria between 1889 and 1918 / by Walter John Winson  
**Ballarat** Ballarat: a brief history / A.W. Strange 1971 [donated by Diane Nicholas]  
 Ballarat Necrology : bishops and priests of Ballarat Diocese / T.J. Linane 1976 [donated by Helen Gobbi]  
**Bendigo** Willing hands and hopeful hearts : Kennington Catholic Parish : the first fifty years / by Breda Phillips  
**Brighton** The West Brighton Club: the first 100 years 1881-1981 / N.V. Nixon [donated by Mary-Louise Phillips]  
 Brighton General Cemetery personal notices, obituaries, inquest, death and funeral notices found in the Brighton Southern Cross newspaper / compiled by Brighton Cemeterians  
**Creswick** A complete history of Creswick Grammar School including J.A. Graham's 'Creswick Grammar School history' 1940 and 'Creswick Advertiser' extracts 1869-1966 / compiled by Mrs Wendy Ohlsen  
 Creswick and district sport and sporting heroes / compiled by Mrs Wendy Ohlsen  
 Creswick Cemetery old pioneer graves November 2006  
 Creswick Cemetery walk  
 Life on the goldfields : fifteen letters, 1853-1861 (correspondence of James William Robinson)  
 The buried rivers of gold heritage trail Creswick (booklet in vertical file)  
 The living land : living land trails  
**Geelong** City of Greater Geelong heritage registrations D listed buildings 1999 [donated by Lorraine Huddle]  
**Koondrook** Nurse Rosen 'Koondrook's own' / compiled by Barham-Koondrook Historical Society Inc.  
**Korumburra** Five fighting shires: Korumburra 1891 -- 1994 : a political social and economic history of Korumburra through

the story of the shire council / Raymond A. Walls

**Laverton** see Altona

**Melbourne** Access to the west: a guide to documentation on the Western Region of Melbourne vol.5 and 6 [donated by Tim McKenna]

Chinatown walk / Diane Nicholas 2008 [donated by Diane Nicholas]

The making of Melbourne in maps / Jeff Leeuwenburg 1987 [donated by Ursula Zamecnik]

Melbourne Metropolitan Postal District System street directory 1936 [donated by Arriness E. Watson]

**Murtoa** Marma Gully : A Quasi Historical Approach in Black and White / Leo Rabl

Murtoa and District Historical Society and Community Museum

**Newport** see Altona

**Ocean Grove** Bellarine Peninsula: The Ocean Grove history murals / Susie Zada 1999 [donated by Lorraine Huddle]

**Pyrenees Shire** The Pyrenees Shire : Avoca Shire heritage study 1864-1994 / consultants W. Jacobs, K. Twigg 1995 [donated by Lorraine Huddle]

**Ripon Shire** Images of the Ripon Shire, 1988 / compiled & edited by Patricia Gabb [donated by Lorraine Huddle]

**Rubicon, Rubicon Junction** see Thornton

**Seymour** The schools of Seymour and district 1846-1999 / John G. and Virginia Jennings [donated by Lorraine Huddle]

**Skipton** Skipton sketchbook [donated by Ursula Zamecnik]

**Smeaton** Anderson's Mill and Smeaton Bridge: as recorded by Mr Jack Sewell, A.M. at Anderson's Mill tour 1999

**Tarnagulla** Tarnagulla Urban Fire Brigade: 125 years of service to the community [donated by George Swinburne]

Tarnagulla: a history / Tarnagulla Hall Committee [donated by George Swinburne]

**Thornton** Thornton, Rubicon Junction, Rubicon: a history of three schools / Leonie Taylor [donated by Leonie Taylor]

**Williamstown** City of Williamstown conservation study / prepared by Kinhill Stearns 1993 [donated by Lorraine Huddle]

#### OTHER STATES

**New South Wales** Sydney builds an opera house / edited by Oswald L. Zeigler 1973 [donated by Lorraine Huddle]

**Northern Territory** A three part report on the conservation of the Yuwengayay Rock Art Gallery, Kakadu, Northern Territory, Australia / Caroline Kyi 1995 [donated by Lorraine Huddle]

Winds of fury : the full true story of the great Darwin disaster / Keith Cole 1977 [donated by Tim McKenna]

**Queensland** Report with minutes of evidence taken before the Royal Commission appointed to inquire into and report upon the conditions under which work is done in the shops, factories and workshops in the colony [Queensland] 1891 [donated by Murray Houghton]

A directory of Queensland architects to 1940 / Donald Watson, Judith McKay [donated by Lorraine Huddle]

Development of the Heifer Creek Road: based on the reminiscences of Walter Baker Jnr, resident of West Haldon [Qld] 1891-1906 and 1922-1950 / K.C. Baker 1984 [donated by Joanne Cork, Fordsdale School of Arts]

Reflections of Fordsdale : Fordsdale School of Arts 1932-2007 / Fordsdale School of Arts

Various issues of the journal of the Historical Society of Queensland [donated by Arriness E. Watson]

**South Australia** Burra 1845-1851 : a directory of early folk / by Jennifer M.T. Carter [donated by Mary-Louise Phillips]

Art Gallery of South Australia, 1881-1981 / edited by Mervyn Horton and David Thomas 1981 [donated by Tim McKenna]

**Tasmania** Port Arthur, the British penal settlement in Tasmania : glimpses of its stirring history / compiled from authentic sources by J.W. Beattie 193? [donated by Jim Ellwood]

**Family history** A journey from the Isle of Man: the Bridsons of Ballarat: a personal family history / Jim Bridson [donated by Jim Bridson]

Preserving the past and the present for the future : papers from the sixth Victorian Family History State Conference / compiled by Di Christensen

Who do you think you are? : the essential guide to tracing your family history / Angelo Loukakis

**Biography** A radical tory : Garfield Barwick's reflections and recollections 1995 [donated by Tim McKenna] I am Melba : a biography / by Ann Blainey

Keith Murdoch, journalist / Herald and Weekly Times 1952 [donated by Ursula Zamecnik]

Mining my past : a life in gold mining / by Verne Hooper [donated by Diane Nicholas]

Unpolished gem / Alice Pung (autobiography) [donated by Diane Nicholas]

Unstill life : art, politics and living with Clifton Pugh / Judith Pugh

Who's who in Victoria inaugural edition (reference)

William Tibbits, 1837-1906 : cottage, house and garden artist / George Tibbits

RECENT ACQUISITIONS (February-March)

- Miscellaneous** A thirst for burning : the story of Australia's oil industry / Rick Wilkinson 1983 [donated by Tim McKenna]  
Arthur Robinson & Hedderwicks (law firm) [donated by George Swinburne]  
Australia : political stability and the Pacific rim / Jack Lowenstein 1989 [donated by Mary-Louise Phillips]  
Australian pub crawl / Douglass Baglin and Yvonne Austin 1977 [donated by Ursula Zamecnik]  
Australia's convict past / Robert Coupe  
Australia's new Parliament House / Parliament House Construction Authority 1986 [donated by Lorraine Huddle]  
Australia's Parliament House : the meeting place of our nation 1988 [donated by Lorraine Huddle]  
Back from the brink : how Australia's landscape can be saved / Peter Andrews [donated by Daniel Catrice]  
Big white lie : Chinese Australians in white Australia / John Fitzgerald 2007 [donated by Diane Nicholas]  
Chinese-Australian journeys : records on travel, migration and settlement, 1860-1975 / Paul Jones [donated by Diane Nicholas]  
Collections in Melbourne : a guide to Commonwealth Government records / Celia Blake [donated by Diane Nicholas]  
Deeper leads: new approaches to Victorian goldfields history / edited by Keir Reeves and David Nichols  
Displaying Australia : a pictorial survey of the progress of a young nation / Australia Story Trust 1945 [donated by Marita Hargraves]  
Entertaining Australia : an illustrated history / edited by Katherine Brisbane [donated by Mary-Louise Phillips]  
Flynn of the inland / by Ion L. Idriess [donated by Mary-Louise Phillips]  
George Rose: Australia's master stereographer / Ron Blum  
Great southern land : a new history of Australia / Frank Welsh 2004 [donated by Tim McKenna]  
Heritage Tomorrow : making a future from the past : conference papers, Capital Theatre, View Street, Bendigo, 27 July 1993 [donated by Lorraine Huddle]  
History of the Royal Australian Army Pay Corps in Victoria / Brian Condon  
Howard Smith shipping : enterprise and diversity 1854-2001 / by Ian Farquhar  
Masterpieces of Australian painting / Martin Terry 1984 [donated by Lorraine Huddle]  
More than just gumtrees: a personal, social and artistic history of the Melbourne Society of Women Painters and Sculptors / Juliet Peters [donated by Mary-Louise Phillips]  
On borrowed time : Australia's environmental crisis and what we must do about it / David Lindenmayer [donated by Daniel Catrice]  
Philosopher's scrap book : an anthology of prose and verse / compiled by Monty Blandford 1950 [donated by Marita Hargraves]  
Poor little rich country: the path to the eighties / Maximilian Walsh [donated by April-Kaye Ikinici]  
Thames: sacred river / Peter Ackroyd  
The racing game / by Brian Hansen and Bob Cain 1982 [donated by Mary-Louise Phillips]  
The railways of Victoria 1854-2004 / Robert Lee  
The Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia : its origin, growth and development / written by John Bilton 1961 [donated by Tim McKenna]  
Various issues of Victorian Historical Magazine / Journal [donated by Arriness E. Watson]  
Freedom bound 1: documents on women in colonial Australia / edited by Marian Quartly, Susan Janson, and Patricia Grimshaw 1995 [donated by Mary-Louise Phillips]  
Swamp : who murdered Margaret Clement? / Richard Shears

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