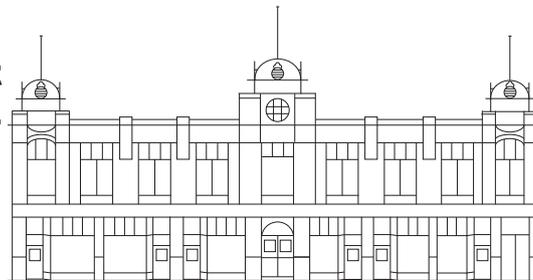


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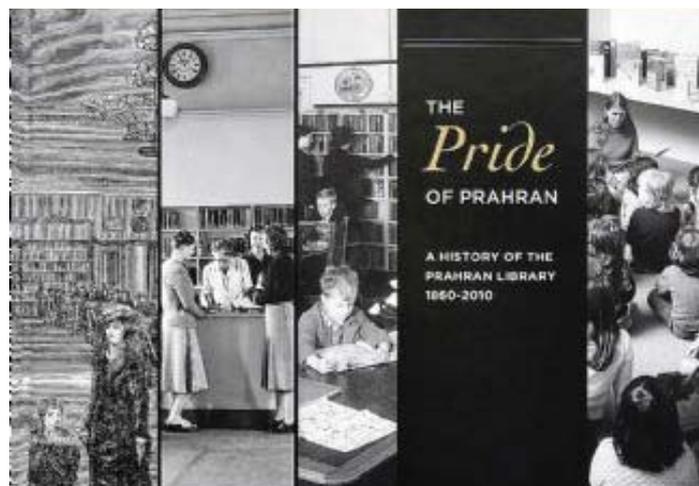
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on her latest book

THE *Pride* OF PRAHRAN

A HISTORY OF THE PRAHRAN LIBRARY 1860-2010



The Pride of Prahran is more than just the history of a great library. It is a colourful and absorbing insight into the growth and development of a community over 150 years.

7.00pm, Wednesday 25 May 2011

at the PMI Library, 140 High Street, Prahran (Melway 2L H12)

Seats are limited - **Bookings ESSENTIAL** - 9510 3393 or library@pmi.net.au

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AROUND THE LIBRARY



MEMBERS NEWS

New Members

Welcome to the following new members who joined Feb-Apr:

<i>Kevin Adams</i>	<i>Rod MacLeod</i>
<i>John Bannister</i>	<i>Paul Moore</i>
<i>John Bannister</i>	<i>John O'Connell</i>
<i>James Chang</i>	<i>John O'Connell</i>
<i>Michael Clarke</i>	<i>John O'Connell</i>
<i>Maureen Edmonds</i>	<i>John O'Connell</i>
<i>George Gajewski</i>	<i>John O'Connell</i>

Financial Donors

Thank you to the following members who made financial donations to the library Feb-Apr:

<i>Elizabeth Bath</i>	<i>Janina Maciulis</i>
<i>Peter Bergin</i>	<i>Ian Matthews</i>
<i>Deirdre Farfor</i>	<i>Roland McCausland</i>
<i>Jill Hauser</i>	<i>David Moloney</i>
<i>Patricia Hogan</i>	<i>Geoffrey Paterson</i>
<i>Alf Lazer</i>	<i>Peter Pereyra</i>

Book Donors

Thank you to the following people and organisations who donated books to the library Mar-Apr:

<i>Patrick Galvin</i>	<i>Parish of Saints Peter and Paul, South Melbourne</i>
<i>Reg Hassett</i>	<i>Dr Barry York</i>
<i>Rowena Henshaw</i>	<i>Ursula Zamecnik</i>
<i>Graham Jackson</i>	
<i>Anthony Knight</i>	

GENERAL NEWS

Library & Committee

The PMI will be closed on the *Queen's Birthday holiday, Monday 13 June.*

We have recently applied for several Stonnington Community Grants for a range of activities. The grants will be announced in July.

In mid-May Christine Worthington will commence an online course in Web 2.0 applications for libraries. The course is offered by the Australian Library and Information Association partnered with the Sydney Institute of TAFE.

On 18 April a class from Swinburne Library Studies visited the PMI for a short presentation on library procedures and book preservation. We are always pleased to give library students a glimpse of our special library and to talk about the joys and challenges of maintaining a special collection. Thanks to Diane Leslie and Georgie Sarpi for their support of the PMI.

A reminder that we offer second hand history books for sale to members only. The list of items is updated monthly and emailed to members, posted to our website at www.pmi.net.au/for_sale.htm and there is also a copy at the front desk. Have a look and grab a bargain.

Annual General Meeting

Enclosed with this newsletter is your notice and agenda for the PMI Annual General Meeting, to be held at 6pm, Wednesday 18 May.

All PMI members are very welcome to attend and find out about the recent progression of the PMI and library. Refreshments will be available in the library

If you would like to attend the AGM please RSVP by Monday 16 May (9510 3393 or library@pmi.net.au) so we can ensure sufficient seating will be available.

Turner Lecture

Thanks so much to author Jenny Davies who came to the PMI to deliver our first lecture of the year on her book *Beyond the Facade: Flinders Street, More Than Just a Railway Station*. If you were unable to attend this lecture, you may be interested to know that Jenny will be speaking at the Brighton and Port Melbourne Historical Societies in May. See our 'Historic Happenings' section on page 11 for further details.



NEWS FROM THE COMMITTEE

Your committee continues negotiations with the vendor of the St Edmonds Road property – a building which may become the new home for PMI. A setback occurred when the Vendor withdrew from the conditional contract of sale in March, however discussions have now recommenced. The planning and consideration of a new "home" is currently the matter of highest priority for the Institute and has taken up much committee time over the past six months.

Other current Committee activities include:

Authorisation of some minor electrical repair work to be carried out in our Chapel St property subsequent to earlier inspections.

Consideration of insurance matters relating to the library.

Issues surrounding the annual budget including

advertising and possible grants.

In addition to these, at each meeting, the Secretary Librarian's report and Promotions and Publications report are considered. These are important documents which contain details of much of the day to day activities of your library.

PMI PRESS UPDATE

The latest PMI Press publication *Beginnings: A Brief Account of the First Europeans to Explore or Settle in Victoria* by Frank Hutchinson is nearing completion and will be launched on 28 May at the PMI.

This project was made possible by a Victorian Government Victoria 175 History Grant from the Public Record Office Victoria.

We're very grateful to Mr Hutchinson for giving us the opportunity of bringing his manuscript to publication and for the many hours he has spent in meetings and careful proofreading since the project began.

An article on *Beginnings* and Mr Hutchinson can be found in the 'Writing History' section of this newsletter, where you will also find your invitation to attend the book launch on 28 May.

VOLUNTEERS NEWS

Volunteer Stats

So far in 2011, 21 volunteers have contributed 325 hours work in the library for book care duties, collection security project, newsletter distribution, Libraries Australia database input and other duties.

Additionally, three book indexes have been submitted with a further four in process.

Hundreds of items have been added to the Libraries Australia database (so they will appear on a search of the Trove website) and magnetic strips have now been inserted into (a whopping) 35 bays of books.

National Volunteer Week 9-15 May

The theme of NVW this year is 'Inspiring the Volunteer in You' and hopes to 'raise the profile of volunteering and highlight that volunteering, now, more than ever, is important to Australian society and the contribution of all volunteers must be recognised'.

Each year during National Volunteer Week our volunteers receive a NVW theme thank you card and small gift from the PMI.

If you are interested in volunteering at the PMI do let us know

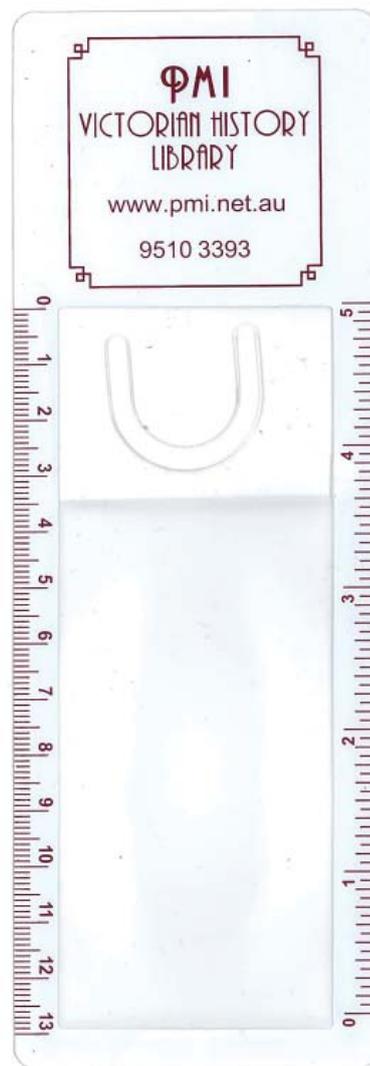
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*This issue of
'Writing History' features*
Frank Hutchinson
*the author of the latest
PMI Press publication*

**Beginnings:
A Brief Account of Some of the
First Europeans to Explore or
Settle in Victoria.**

I would like to say at the outset that when I commenced the research and writing of Beginnings, over ten years ago, it was not intended for publication. This was a project of personal interest. My working life involved me in a number of primary industries that required me to travel throughout Victoria. I was amazed at the productivity of such a small state. This fostered a keen interest in finding out for myself something of the European discovery and occupation of the state.

I had a particular interest in learning about the first European occupiers of the various districts of Victoria and something of the difficulties these pioneers had to overcome to successfully occupy these districts.

I started out by just recording the books I had read for further reference. My interest led me to start taking a few notes including some detail where I found something of particular interest and, as the saying goes, 'the rest is history'.

From the Preface to *Beginnings*

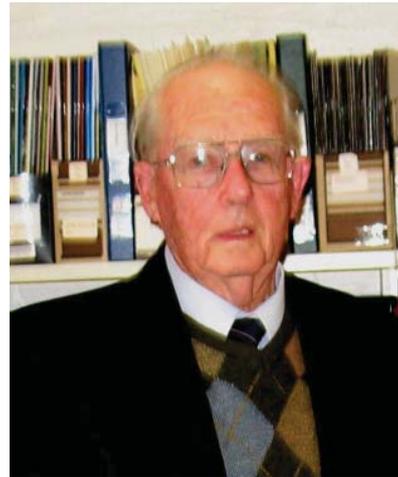
Frank Hutchinson's book will soon be launched at the PMI and will be the 13th publication by PMI Press. This is a project awarded a Victoria 175 grant from the Public Record Office Victoria.

Beginnings is comprised of:

- a chronological list of the earliest visits to Victoria and attempts to settle
- brief notes on the exploration and earliest settlement of the state, region by region
- a summary of the early Murray River paddle steamer industry

and will serve as a guide for anyone interested in the way the early exploration and settlement of Victoria unfolded. It will also be a useful guide to further reading.

The project began as a simple chronology of the discovery and exploration of Victoria. He then began a chronology of the earliest pastoral settlement, but found that in order to do this properly he would need to compile this information region by region.



Frank says that the most challenging part of his project was to keep the information as brief as possible without losing the substance of the information, as the references he used contain the full details. He found the information gathering process to be the most rewarding aspect of the project, along with the satisfaction of bringing such a lengthy project to its conclusion.

Frank carried out a significant portion of his research at the La Trobe Library (at the State Library of Victoria). After he had completed his manuscript he took it in to the La Trobe Library, to show the staff what he had been working on, and they said they would like a copy to add to the library.

Beginnings will be distributed online via the BookPOD Bookstore at

<http://www.bookstore.bookpod.com.au/>

If you are digitally challenged you can obtain a copy over the counter at the PMI library or you can send BookPOD a cheque or postal order (but give BookPOD a call first on (03) 9803 4481 to find out how much to add for the postage cost to your area).

The Victoria 175 History Grants program is part of celebrations to mark 175 years since the founding of Melbourne and the first European settlement in what became Victoria.

The program aims to support community organisations who seek to preserve, publish and commemorate the origins of the founding stories of Victoria. The program is administered by Public Record Office Victoria on behalf of the Department of Premier and Cabinet.

A full listing of the grant recipients and their projects can be found at http://www.prov.vic.gov.au/CommunityCollections/Victoria175_recipients.asp Funding under this grants scheme has been awarded for many interesting and much needed projects including research, publications, newspaper digitisation and conservation of documents and artefacts.

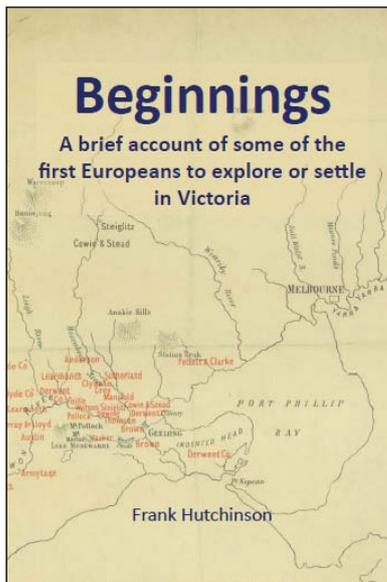
PMI PRESS and Frank Hutchinson
cordially invite

All PMI members

to celebrate the launch by
Mr Clem Newton-Brown MP
Member for Prahran
of

Beginnings

A brief account of some of the
first Europeans to explore or settle
in Victoria



to be held at

2.00pm, Saturday 28 May 2011
at the PMI Victorian History Library

Refreshments will be provided,
please RSVP for catering purposes by 25 May
9510 3393 or library@pmi.net.au

Copies of *Beginnings* will be available
at the launch at a

Special Launch Price - \$12 (inc. GST)

Subsequent to the launch,
Beginnings will retail at \$15 (inc. GST)

PRAHRAN MECHANICS' INSTITUTE



SHORT
HISTORY
PRIZE

In line with the PMI objective
to encourage and facilitate
historical research, we invite you
to participate in our
Short History Prize 2011.

TOPIC:

*A historical essay, article or work
of a place or aspect of a place in
Victoria or a person associated
with a place in Victoria,
written by a member or members
of a Victorian historical society
or similar organisation.*

Entries up to 15,000 words in length,
non-fiction, completed within the past 5
years and previously unpublished
(or published only in the
historical group's periodical).

PRIZE \$1000

Being \$500 for the author(s) and
\$500 for the associated historical group

Closing date:

4pm Friday 26 August 2011

For further information and entry
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or visit

www.pmi.net.au/events.htm#prize

FICTION

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AUSTRALIAN HISTORY

Botany Bay: the real story / Alan Frost

For the first time in two hundred years, here is a full and authentic account of the beginnings of modern Australia. We all know the controversial story. Established as a dumping ground for Britain's criminals, Australia owes its existence simply to over-crowded gaols and a daunting remoteness from everywhere else. In this book Alan Frost goes beyond these clichés to shed new light on the decision to settle New South Wales. He examines the hopes and fears of the politicians who took the decision, and the larger commercial and military needs that underwrote it.

In the years before the First Fleet sailed, Frost reveals, British authorities considered sending convicts to sites in North and South America, Africa and New Zealand. In deciding on Botany Bay, they hoped not only to rid Britain of its excess criminals, but also to gain a key strategic outpost and take control of valuable natural resources.

The culmination of thirty five years' study of previously neglected archives, *Botany Bay* is a groundbreaking work that offers new and surprising insights into how Australia came to be.

Alan Frost is emeritus Professor of History at La Trobe University in Melbourne.

The Australian pub / Diane Kirkby, Tanja Luckins and Chris McConville

This book takes us on a journey through the colourful history of this Australian icon: from its colonial origins along the waterfronts and roadways used by travellers, through to the mid-twentieth century six o'clock swill, and on to the boutique bars of contemporary cosmopolitanism.

The authors trace the essential role of the pub as an enduring provider of drink, food, entertainment, accommodation and illegal betting, as well as its relationship to sport, and battles over licensing laws. The hubbub of the public bar, patrons' loyalty to the local, the friendship of the lounge, the work of kitchen staff and barmaids, the local standing of publicans, and classic pub architecture and heritage – all explored in this comprehensive history. This beautiful book shows the pub is, and always has been, more than just a place to drink.

Batavia / Peter FitzSimons

Described by author Peter FitzSimons as a true, adults-only version of *Lord of the flies* meets *A nightmare on Elm Street*, the story of the *Batavia* takes place in 1629.

The magnificent ship – the pride of the Dutch East India Company – is on her maiden voyage from Amsterdam to the Dutch East Indies, laden down with the greatest treasure to ever leave the Dutch Republic. She is already boiling over with a mutinous plot that is just about to be put into action when, just off the coast of Western Australia, she strikes an unseen reef in the middle of the night.

While Commandeur Franciso Palsaert decides to take the longboat across 2000 miles of open sea for help, his second in command, Jeronimus Cornelisz, takes over, quickly deciding that 220 people on a small island is too many for the scant amount of supplies they have. Quietly, he puts forward a plan to 40-odd mutineers to save themselves by killing most of the rest, sparing only a half-dozen or so women, including his personal fancy, Lucretia Jans – one of the noted beauties of the Dutch Republic – to service their sexual needs.

A reign of terror begins, countered only by a previously anonymous soldier, Wiebbe Hayes, who begins to gather to him those prepared to do what it takes to survive ... hoping against hope that the Commandeur will soon return with the rescue yacht.

Extraordinary and terrible as it seems, it all happened, long ago, and it is with very good reason that Peter FitzSimons has long maintained that this is one of the greatest stories in Australia's history.

MILITARY HISTORY

Forgotten men: the Australian Army Veterinary Corps 1909-1946 / Michael Tyquin

This book is the long overdue account of the significant contribution to the Australian Army of the Australian Army Veterinary Corps in two world wars. One of the army's smallest and least recognised corps, its humble beginnings and quiet work in the background belie the crucial role of the Corps in supporting wartime operations and dealing with logistical issues never envisaged before 1915.

While their place in military history is often overlooked, the men of the Australian Veterinary Corps deserve recognition. Stoic and hardworking, they unselfishly worked among the horrors of war, to provide the support needed for army units and their animals.

While the Veterinary Corps reached its peak during the Great War, its role did not end when the guns fell silent in 1918. Instead, the Corps continued to support military activities across Australia until horsepower finally gave way to mechanisation in World War II. The Corps' success in enabling the 1st Australian Imperial Force to fight in two theatres, each with its own peculiar veterinary problems, is an achievement worth recording.

In *Forgotten men*, Michael Tyquin provides a full account of the Corps' operation from inception to dissolution and shows the magnitude of their contribution to the combat effectiveness of the Australian Army from 1909 to 1946. Importantly, this book finally brings the achievements of the officers and men of the Australian Veterinary Corps out of the shadows.

More than bombs and bandages: Australian Army nurses at work in World War I / Kirsty Harris

This book offers an intriguing, and at times gut-wrenching insight into the work of the Australian Army Nursing Service (AANS) during World War I. Exposing the false assumption that military nurses only nursed, Kirsty Harris has written a book that is far removed from the 'devotion to duty' stereotyping of military nursing.

Both evidence-rich and personal, Harris draws on personal diaries, interviews, service records, hospital diaries and autobiographies to create an absorbing and meticulously constructed book showcasing the breadth and significance of the contributions Army nurses made during World War I. In becoming part of the AIF, these women fashioned the role of the Australian military nurse.

Providing interesting and fresh perspectives on topics including the key differences between civilian and military nursing, working with other allied nursing services, and the impact of war wounds and war-based diseases on nursing work, the book is a rich source for all those interested in nursing history, women in the Australian military and World War I.

The road to Singapore: the myth of British betrayal / Augustine Meaher IV

Generations of Australians have been reared on the belief the fall of Singapore in February 1942 was a British betrayal that exposed Australia to Japanese invasion. In *The road to Singapore* a young American historian, using archival records from across the globe, exposes the notion of a British betrayal as nothing more than a myth. British authorities never gave Australia an iron-clad guarantee against enemy attack and invasion and always stressed the need for Australians to take responsibility for home defence. The cause and consequences of the refusal to heed this advice are explained in this scholarly, readable and salutary study.

Surviving captivity: the campaign and POW diary of Bob Christie 2/29th Battalion AIF 1942-1945 / R.W. Christie, edited by John Lack

The survival of Australian prisoners of war of the Japanese has been attributed, variously, to Providence, mateship and just plain luck. POW diaries – those remarkable expressions of the will to live – expose another side of survival. *Surviving captivity* reveals Bob Christie's intensely personal and private battle, waged with the weapons of faith, hope and love of family.

BIOGRAPHY

The three-cornered life: the historian W.K. Hancock / Jim Davidson

For a long time, William Keith Hancock (1898-1988) was described as Australia's most distinguished historian. He shot to prominence in 1930 with the bestselling *Australia*, one of the most influential accounts of Australia ever written. A two-volume assessment of the problems of the British Commonwealth came next, while during World War 2 Hancock supervised a vast historical project in Whitehall: the writing of the histories of Britain's mobilisation on the home front. In 1954 Hancock himself made history by going on a delicate mission for the British government, mediating the future of Buganda after its ruler had been exiled. He also wrote extensively on South Africa, notably a two-volume biography of Jan Christiaan Smuts. Then in 1972, in Canberra, he completed his pioneering environmental history *Discovering Monaro*. In addition to his prolific writing life (over twenty books), Hancock was a founder of the Australian National University.

Not dark yet: a personal history / David Walker

In *Not dark yet*, written after the collapse of his eyesight due to macular degeneration, the distinguished cultural historian David Walker reflects on his own relation to the past, and that of his family over five generations, from the settlement of his great-great-grandparents in South Australia in the 1850s.

BOOKS ETCETERA

Drawing upon photographs, family stories and historical documents, Walker recreates his forebears, resolute middle class people whose unassuming lives express the big themes of Australian culture: enterprise, self-sufficiency, tolerance, curiosity and civic duty.

There are darker forces at work, especially in the chapters devoted to war, but they are balanced by Walker's humour, which delights in the eccentricities of character, and the power of ordinary things, like a large onion, the family Vanguard or a game of water polo, to define a period or the country itself.

Still smiling / June Dally-Watkins

Still smiling is the moving account of an illegitimate girl's amazing journey from country New South Wales to a romance with Gregory Peck off the set of *Roman holiday*, to being one of Australia's most celebrated business-women.

In 1949 June Dally-Watkins emerged as Australia's 'Model of the Year' and was declared 'the most photographed model' in the country. Following this success Miss Dally set about establishing the first personal development school in the southern hemisphere. Her combined knowledge of the modelling and fashion industries and her natural talent for teaching, made Miss Dally a pioneer in her industry.

Now celebrating 60 years in business in 2010, some 300,000 students have passed through Miss Dally's schools in Sydney, Brisbane, Perth and Hong Kong.

This special Diamond Anniversary edition autobiography is a story of glamour, grace and celebrities. Through this story of self-discovery, formidable energy, sheer grit, passion and flair, we discover the secrets and heartaches that lay hidden behind the charm and the famous Dally smile.

Miss Dally has been awarded the Order of Australia for her commitment to business, and in 1998 was selected Australia's Most Inspirational Business Woman by the Australian Business Women's Network.

Facing the music / Glenn Wheatley

For more than four decades Glenn Wheatley has been known on the Australian music scene as both the bass player of the 1960s pop group The Master's Apprentices, and as the successful music manager of John Farnham, Little River Band and Delta Goodrem. He was also one of the forefathers of FM radio in Australia, founding EON FM in 1980 and later establishing the Triple M network.

But in 2005, he hit the front pages for more infamous exploits – as a key suspect in the Australian Tax Office's Operation Wickenby. After raids on his family home and a gruelling court case, in which the DPP reneged on a recommendation for a non-custodial sentence in return for his cooperation, Glenn Wheatley found himself sentenced to 15 months' jail for tax fraud.

FICTION

Mysteries

The nearest exit / Olen Steinhauer
10th anniversary / James Patterson and Maxine Paetro
Drawing conclusions / Donna Leon
The troubled man / Henning Mankell
The terror of living / Urban Waite

General fiction

Only time will tell / Jeffrey Archer

Australian fiction

The Sparrows of Edward Street / Elizabeth Stead

General non-fiction

The hare with amber eyes: a hidden inheritance / Edmund De Waal
The rise and fall of ancient Egypt: the history of a civilisation from 3000BC to Cleopatra / Toby Wilkinson

For the full list of new items, see the monthly 'Recent Additions' supplement.

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HISTORIC HAPPENINGS

Brighton Cemeterians

2pm, Sun 22 May - Tour - Law Week. Non-members \$10, members \$8. *Further information and bookings 9558 4248.*

Brighton Historical Society

2pm, Sat 21 May - Guest speaker - Jenny Davies on Flinders Street Station. Cost \$10, includes afternoon tea. Bayside Arts & Cultural Centre, (Old Brighton Town Hall), Cnr Wilson and Carpenter Streets, Brighton. *Further information and bookings 9553 8650.*

Friends of St Kilda Cemetery

2pm, Sun 1 May 2011 - Tour - Military tour highlighting military personnel from various wars who are buried in the cemetery.

2pm, Sun 22 May 2011 - Tour - Coroners, Constabulary and Crime: Law Week Tour highlight people associated with the law.

Non-members \$10.00, members \$5.00 (plus \$0.30 booking fee), including refreshments. Bookings essential. *Further information and bookings 9531 6832.*

Lilydale & District Historical Society

Memories of Melba 1861-2011 - A program of events throughout May celebrating the life of Dame Nellie Melba to commemorate her 150th birthday. Events include coach tours, cemetery tours, walking tours and talks. *Further details and bookings information at http://www.lilydalehistorical.com.au/150th_events.htm.*

Nepean Historical Society

8pm, Fri 6 May 2011 - General meeting & guest speaker - Professional tour guide Peter Munro, will tell the tragic story of the troop ship Drayton Grange in the Boer War and its connection with Sorrento.

Free entry, all welcome. Sorrento Museum, Mechanics' Institute, 827 Melbourne Road. *Further information and bookings: 5984 0255 or nepeanhs@satlink.com.au.*

Port Melbourne Historical & Preservation Society

7.30, Mon 23 May 2011 - Guest speaker - Jenny Davies on Flinders Street Station.

Council Chamber, Port Melb Town Hall. *Further information and bookings: pmhps@hotmail.com or 9646 9360.*

St Kilda Historical Society

6.30pm, Thu 19 May 2011 – Guest presenter – Dr Seamus O’Hanlon on ‘Melbourne Remade: The Inner City Since the 70s’, St Kilda Library. Non-members \$5, members free. *Further information and bookings: info@skhs.org.au or ph 9209 6863.*

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All PMI members invited! See p. 5

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