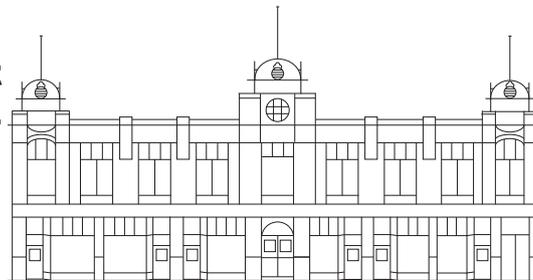


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A NEW HOME FOR THE PMI

After months of negotiations, the PMI committee has secured new premises for the library in Prahran. **Details p. 4**

NATIONAL FAMILY HISTORY WEEK SEMINAR:



Family History for Beginners

Alison Boundy: Organising and Caring for Family History Documents.

Alison Boundy is a retired teacher-librarian, and has had a long association with the Genealogical Society of Victoria library.

Irene Fullarton: A Beginner's Guide to Family History and Computers.

Irene Fullarton is the President of VicGUM (Genealogists Using Microcomputers), a special interest group of the GSV.

Alison and Irene's extensive experience can help you make the most of your family history research.

1.00pm-3.30pm Saturday 6 August

at the PMI Library - Free entry - Afternoon tea provided
Door prizes - Seats are limited and bookings are ESSENTIAL
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AROUND THE LIBRARY

story of these people, their buildings and their influences, and their sometimes surprising reflections which give a new dimension to the way the significance of a building is viewed.

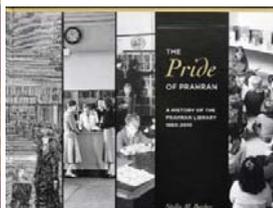
The first issue of the PHA journal *Circa* is now in the library and available for loan.

Laurie McCalman Lecture

Thanks to Stella Barber for delivering the annual McCalman Lecture on 25 May during National Library & Information Week. Stella gave a very informative illustrated lecture on her book *Pride of Prahran: A History of Prahran Library*.



Copies of *Pride of Prahran* are available from the PMI for \$25.



PMI Survey

We periodically survey lapsed members for information on how we can improve the library collection and services. But not since 2004 has a survey of the current PMI membership been carried out.

The survey will provide the committee and staff with vital statistics on the demographics of the membership, collection usage and interests.

The survey will also give you the opportunity to provide feedback on all aspects of the PMI and the library service. Importantly, in light of our big move in the foreseeable future, you will also have the opportunity to consider the kinds of things you might like to see in an expanded library service in the larger space.

The anonymous survey will be distributed with the November newsletter and we look forward to the participation of as many members as possible.

VOLUNTEERS NEWS

Volunteer Stats

To the end of June 2011, 24 volunteers contributed 555 hours work in the library for book care duties, collection security project, newsletter distribution, Libraries Australia database input and other duties.

Additionally, seven 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 42 bays of books, with much collection maintenance work carried out going along.

Aside from the usual preparation of new items for the selves, the book care team has been working on relabelling and recovering books from the glass cabinet and this part of the collection is already looking much smarter.

All of this work will prepare the library for the big move to the new premises, where security equipment will be in place to protect the increasingly rare local histories for the future.

We're fortunate to have in our volunteer register a number of library studies students who are able to carry out bibliographic searching, Libraries Australia data entry and other library specific tasks.

PMI PRESS UPDATE

Beginnings ... by Frank Hutchinson was launched on 28 May (report p. 7). The final report has been submitted to the administrators of the Victoria 175 History Grants.

Prahran Mechanics' Institute Press operates on a not-for-profit basis, and its aim is to assist individuals and historical groups to publish works about the history of Victoria, Australia.

Since 2004 PMI Press has published 13 works about the history of:

- Victoria generally as well as Victorian cities, townships, regions and localities
 - Victorian businesses, clubs, community organisations, schools, churches, etc
- Straight genealogies will generally not be accepted for publication, unless the family was prominent in an area within Victoria, or unless there is a significant proportion of history about an area in Victoria included.

The deadline for the next PMI Press submission round is 30 September for publishing in the first half of 2012, with a decision to be made by the reading committee by November.

Further information about submission of manuscripts and a copy of the submission form can be found at www.pmi.net.au/press_submission.htm or call 9510 3393 and we will send you copies and answer any questions you may have.

NEWS FROM THE COMMITTEE

Thanks very much to all PMI members who attended the Annual General Meeting on 18 May. At the meeting Treasurer Ben Quin was returned to the committee for a further term, there being no further nominations. Ben was thanked for his long-standing and commendable service as Treasurer. The President gave a report on the status of the property negotiations and members were shown a series of images of the building at 39 St Edmonds Road, Prahran.

Subsequent to the AGM, a contract of sale for 39 St Edmonds Road was signed on 17 June, with final settlement of the property expected in about one month.

Before the PMI occupies the new building, some works will need to be carried out, including the installation of a lift. Under the sale agreement, the PMI still has about three years remaining at the High Street building – plenty of time to carry out necessary works and plan what will be a very big move for us.

The new building will offer the PMI more than double the floor space (from 230m² to over 550m²) for the library, a dedicated function room, homes for partner historical organisations and some on site parking. For some further details see the PMI media release (link on our homepage or contact library staff).

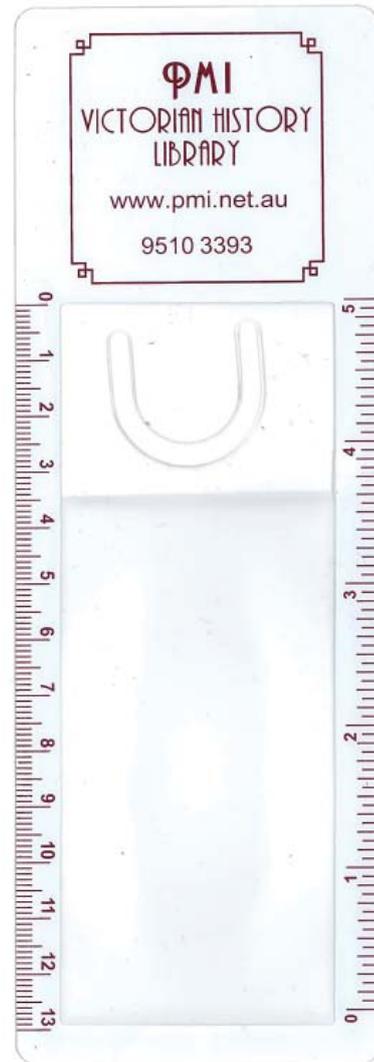


Above: 39 St Edmonds Road
Below: The signing of the contract of sale



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We feature family historians every year in the August issue of 'Writing History' and this year PMI member

Gillian Day

who has in recent years published two mammoth family histories:

In Search of our Days (2002)

Our Three Ms (2009)

gives us some insights into writing and publishing family history.

When you first started researching (in 1985), was it always your intention to publish?

Definitely, but I had no idea of commercially publishing initially, it was just for the immediate family and to continue my mother's stories that she had written in the years between 1978 and 1983.

My mother, Linda Isabella Amor (Clarke) Bethune (1902-1983), recorded information on her and her husband's families back in the early 1980s, and she stated it was written *For her grandchildren and maybe their grandchildren, so that they would know where their roots came from.* What better reason for writing a book is there?

Incidentally, mother's notes were written in longhand on foolscap notepaper and kept in four separate folders. After her death they were stored away in a file box until my younger brother decided we really should photocopy her work to ensure it was never lost. I gradually started to enter the information into a Brothers Keeper database. I realised that some of the grandchildren found reading the story difficult in that format and so it needed to be recorded in a format they could understand. After I retired in 1998, I continued with this project and was able to present a printed copy to my oldest brother for his 70th birthday in 2000, as well as about 12 copies to other family members. These copies were printed at the local photocopy shop. So while not commercially printed, this effort gave me some experience in layout etc.

My current project is to again update 'Linda's stories for Her Grandchildren'.

What made you decide that publication was your aim?

At an Open Day for Day's Mill and farm at Noorilim, the Victorian DSE requested some information on the Day family. This started my husband Eric and me on a concerted effort to obtain this information. After a couple of gatherings it was decided to hold a 150th Celebration Reunion to mark the November 1852 arrival in Victoria of Eric's great-grandparents, along with a brother

George. It seemed appropriate to have a book to share the family history with all the many descendents.

How long did the books take you to research and write?

Initially the collection of material for the Day book was over a long period (1985-2002). I also sent lots of print-outs to people in the various lines, and so received back information. Each holiday we travelled to an area we knew descendents had moved to, and this personal contact always helped us to gain further information.

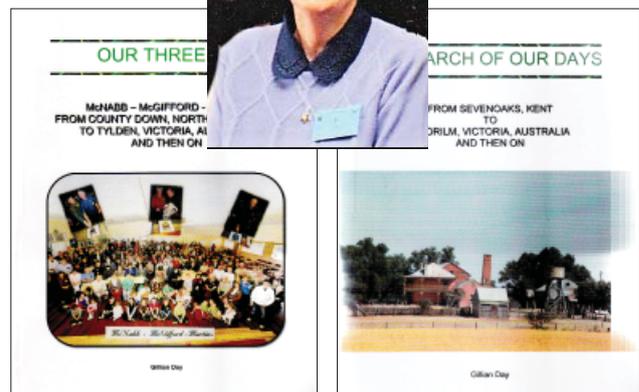
The actual writing up of the book was over about a twelve month period, starting at 10am and continuing to 10pm most days, with time out for the day to day happenings. Even though I had requested that all information should be sent in well before a certain date, I was still including information a week before the book went to the printers. My aim was always to reconnect families together, and when I had phone call from a family that we had been unable to locate earlier, naturally the information and photos had to be included.

I was fortunate for both of the books to receive much support from my husband Eric, and my computer literate children, and I always received the necessary suggestions or hands on help.

Again for the McNabb book I had collected information over a long period of time. It was only when a relative rang up talking about the book he thought I had already written and a possible reunion, that I decided I better stop collecting and write up the story. Again I found it was just not one line that needed to be included but several siblings as well.

The actual writing was over an eighteen month period, and this time I decided not to print until after the reunion. This worked well - I received quite a lot more family information and photos and, perhaps more importantly, I had no deadline to have the copy to the printers and so a lot less stress.

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Did having 'In Search of Our Days' under your belt make the process considerably easier for 'Our Three Ms'?

Naturally it is always easier a second or third time around to complete any task. I used a similar format as they in my mind are a pair of books, principally written for my husband and children, but in fact for all descendants of both families.

The first book was written with Windows XP and Word 2005, a new computer, but I had difficulty with many crashes etc. For the second book I again upgraded to a new computer, made sure I had the maximum of Ram and the newest version of Word which was 2007, and so had much less trouble. I was also able to change the second document very easily into the PDF version required by the printer with a minimum of effort, thank to the free add on available. I found it essential to use the Styles feature to be able to be consistent at all times.

What did you find most challenging and most interesting about your research?

I always consider that family history is a blank jigsaw puzzle, something I have always enjoyed completing - it is always a challenge to me to find the missing pieces. Unfortunately sometimes this is not possible, but much easier now with all the new information available through the associations, libraries and the Internet. It is always a thrill when after years of chasing you finally find the record which confirms a fact you have worked out by logical assumption.

One of the rewards about the whole process is the meeting/talking to of so many previously unknown 'cousins', and hearing their stories. Unfortunately over the years families seem to drift apart and become unknown to each other.

Your use of Legacy software must have been an enormous help in managing so much information – how useful was it in terms of setting out text in a publishable form?

Legacy is the fourth programme I have used over the years, and the one I like best. As I find information I enter lots into the notes section, as well as sources. I then ask for a suitable report to include all the notes and this gives me a good basis to start with, and also include later information as it arrives. I like to continue down each line, and not use a generation format, but believe it is worth the extra effort to achieve this.

I also always work with many small sections initially, and only after they are all completed and marked for indexing, I put the whole book together.

How much further work was needed in layout and insertion of the extra parts of the text?

It depends on the individual. I liked the idea of having small printed trees at the front of each section to assist readers to find the right section of their particular line. These trees were obtained

from an add-on programme to Legacy called Legacy Charting.

The insertion of pictures also is time consuming. Again I used a Style to get continuity and for the second book, I also changed all photos to PNG format and black and white from coloured. I used the programme Corel Paint Shop mainly and was able to improve many of the older photos or pick out individuals ready for the printing process. I did not use the features of Word to produce the table of contents, but decided it was easy for me to do it manually.

What did you find most challenging and rewarding about the publication process?

The proof reading, in each case I had volunteers which assisted greatly, but the end book still needed to be checked and rechecked.

Also Word does not handle large files particularly well, the Day book was 99,730kbs, and the McNabb was 179,737kbs before they were changed over to PDF format. It was a battle to keep the pictures and the writing on the right page at times, but became easier with more practice.

The most rewarding about the whole book is the delight that so many of the descendants had in reading and learning about their family and ancestors. I am always being told, "We had the book (often called the family bible) out last week to check something" - so all the effort is well worthwhile.

What advice would you have for people who are writing their family history with the intent to publish?

Just start with any small section of your story and keep going. It doesn't make sense to have lots of information either in a computer program or in folders - it needs to be put into a form that people can read. And even though CDs and DVDs have become popular, they will never ever replace being able to pick up a book and feel it in your hands as you read about your family.

Computers are a great tool (even if most frustrating at times) because they allow you to change, amend, cut and paste, insert pictures and diagrams and so much more. You just have to make a start and if you are not totally computer proficient, there are always classes available. Or ask some of the younger generation for help - they have all grown up with computers and usually know how to produce any effect possible.

Again, today there are many different ways a book can be published depending on the number of copies required, and depending on whether you are happy to do all the work involved or whether you would like assistance with the layout and proof reading.

Gillian's two family histories are held at the PMI, along with many others that may give you ideas and inspiration for your own family history.

BEGINNINGS BOOK LAUNCH

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

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.

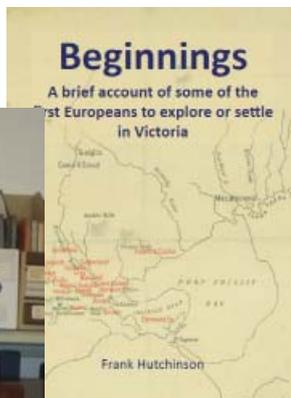
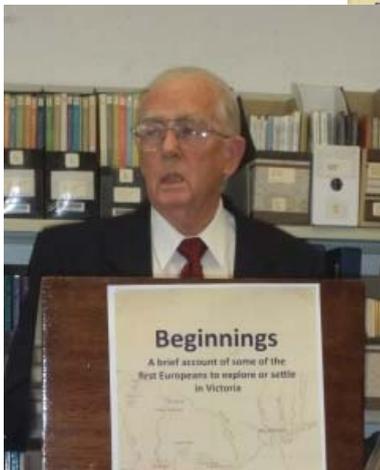
PMI President Cr John Chandler welcomed the 50+ people in attendance which included members of Mr Hutchinson's family, PMI members and representatives from nine historical organisations. The PMI would like to thank everyone who attended for your support.

This project was made possible by a state government Victoria 175 History Grant from the Public Record Office Victoria. Thanks also to the City of Stonnington for the use of a lectern for the occasion, and Clem Newton-Brown, Member for Prahran for making himself available to launch the book at a very busy time.

Beginnings is available at the PMI for \$15 (\$13.50 to PMI members). If you would like us to send a copy to you (historical groups and PMI members only) please add \$3 for postage within Victoria.



Above: Clem Newton-Brown MP, Cr John Chandler and Frank Hutchinson at the launch



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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).

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Closing date:

4pm Friday 26 August 2011

For further information and entry forms contact the PMI on 9510 3393 or email library@pmi.net.au or visit

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

FICTION

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AUSTRALIAN HISTORY

Li1835: the founding of Melbourne and the conquest of Australia / James Boyce

With the founding of Melbourne in 1835, a flood of settlers began spreading out across the Australian continent. In three years more land – and more people – were conquered than in the preceding fifty. James Boyce brings this pivotal moment to life. He traces the power plays in Hobart, Sydney and London, and describes the key personalities of Melbourne's early days. He conjures up the Australian frontier – its complexity, its rawness and the way its legacy is still with us today.

The first fleet: the real story / Alan Frost

In 1787 a convoy of eleven ships, carrying about 1400 people, set out from England for Botany Bay, on the east coast of New South Wales. According to a conventional account, it was a shambolic affair: under-prepared, poorly equipped and ill-disciplined. Robert Hughes condemned the organisers for their 'muddle and lack of foresight', while Manning Clark described scenes of 'indescribable misery and confusion'.

In this book Alan Frost draws on hundreds of previously neglected records to debunk these persistent myths. He shows that the voyage was in fact meticulously planned – reflecting its importance to Britain's imperial and commercial ambitions. He examines the ships and supplies, passengers and behind-the-scenes discussions. In the process, he reveals the hopes and schemes of those who planned the voyage, and the experiences of those who made it.

A little history of the Australian Labor Party / Nick Dyrenfurth and Frank Bongiorno

The Australian Labor Party is one of the oldest labour parties and was the first in the world to form a government. 2011 marks its 120th birthday. This short and lively book tells the story of the ALP's numerous successes in winning government at all levels and making policy that has transformed lives. It also shows how the ALP has attracted an extraordinary range of members, parliamentary representatives, leaders, unionists, activists and, indeed, opponents. There is no denying that Labor's achievements are immense. Australian Labor has endured for over a century, survived three splits, two world wars and many crises. It is by far the most resilient party in Australian politics and one of the hardest in the world. Its history – its triumphs, failures and set-backs – should be known. This pithy book makes that possible.

Notorious Australian women / Kay Saunders

This book celebrates the lives of some of Australia's most fearless, brash and scandalous women. There's Tilly Devine, who went from streetwalker in London to wealthy Sydney madam and standover merchant; Mary Bryant, the highway robber and First Fleeter who escaped by rowing from Port Jackson to Timor with her two children; Lola Montez, the Irish-born *grande horizontale*, who destroyed King Ludwig I of Bavaria; Ellen Tremayne and Marion Edwards, women who challenged the gender order and became men; and Helena Rubinstein, who rewrote her humble Polish background and became one of the most successful and astute businesswomen in the world. From bushrangers, courtesans and cross-dressers, to writers, designers and a radical or two, what these splendid rebels have in common is a determination to take their destinies into their own hands.

MILITARY HISTORY

Anzac and Empire: George Foster Pearce and the foundations of Australian defence / John Connor

Anzac and Empire is the remarkable story of George Foster Pearce – a carpenter who became one of Australia's most influential politicians, and the man central to how Australia planned for, and fought in, the First World War. The nation's longest-serving defence minister – holding the portfolio before, during and after the Great War – Pearce saw no contradiction in being both a fierce Australian nationalist, and also a loyal subject of the British Empire. Pearce was almost single-handedly responsible for creating the key institutions of Australia's modern defence organisation: the Royal Australian Navy, the Royal Military College, Duntroon and the

Royal Australian Air Force. Controversially, when he saw the rising military threat from Japan in the early 1930s, it was his belief in a White Australia and conscription that led to rearmament, preparing Australia to defend itself in its darkest hour.

Witnesses to war: the history of Australian conflict reporting / Fay Anderson and Richard Trembath

A landmark history of Australian war journalism covering the regional conflicts of the nineteenth century to the major conflicts of the twentieth: World War I, World War II, Vietnam and Bosnia through to recent and ongoing wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Fay Anderson and Richard Trembath look at how journalists reported the horrors and politics of war, the rise of the celebrity journalist, issues of censorship and the ethics of 'embedding'. Interviews with over 40 leading journalists and photographers reveal the challenges of covering wars and the impact of the violence they witness, the fear and exhilaration, the regrets and successes, the private costs and personal dangers.

BIOGRAPHY

Digging up the past / John Mulvaney

Known as an historian, archaeologist, conservationist, leading public intellectual and, most famously, the 'Father of Australian archaeology', John Mulvaney is renowned for uncovering the depth of Australian human prehistory, dating the antiquity of Aboriginal occupation to previously unthought-of tens of thousands of years. As a dedicated conservationist, the discovery fuelled his later work with numerous commissions and public organisations, including inaugural membership of the Australian Heritage Commission. This insightful and illuminating memoir traces Mulvaney's life from childhood in rural Victoria and his academic training, to his revelatory excavations in central and northern Queensland and his securing of Australia's first World Heritage listings, all the while providing personal details of his struggles to have his work recognised and stories of the inspirational people he met.

Gut reaction: a journalist discovers his passion for news, great writing and fine food / Stephen Downes

Stephen Downes is well-known as an uncompromising food critic, whose frank restaurant reviews were among the first to say what no-one had dared before. In this funny and revealing memoir of travel, food, music and love, Stephen rails against his starved Methodist upbringing to indulge in the romance of newspaper journalism. From London's famous Fleet Street, he falls in love with the adrenalin of chasing a story, the sound of typewriters and the smell of ink on newsprint. Moving to Europe in his early twenties, Stephen finds love of another kind when he meets his Parisian wife-to-be and discovers authentic cuisine at France's gastronomic hub. *Gut reaction* captures the fast-paced life of an international reporter and his passion for fine food.

Whitlam / Brian Carroll

Governor-General Sir John Kerr's dismissal of the elected Whitlam Government in 1975, more or less at the behest of the Liberal-Country Party Coalition led by Malcolm Fraser, was among the most momentous events in Australian political history. Whitlam himself was certainly one of the most contentious figures in that history. Born into a privileged life that should have seen him on the side of the born-to-rule gang, he took the other fork, joined the Australian Labor Party, rose to be its parliamentary leader, took it into power after 23 years in the wilderness, then led it right back there. As Malcolm Fraser might have said, all that wasn't meant to be easy, and Whitlam never found it so. Branded as a silvertail by the rough and ready men of Labor, he had to fight them all the way to convince them that Labor was something more than just the political arm of the union movement, and that principle without power was an exercise in futility.

He overcame all their resistance and in 1972 led them triumphantly into the government benches. Perhaps a little too triumphantly. The pace of change scared too many people. And sudden changes in the world economic environment threw down challenges he just could not overcome. Nor could he overcome the local political challenges thrown down by the conservative forces, once they had recovered from the shock of the 1972 election result. He held them at bay when they forced him to the electors 18 months ahead of time in mid-1974. But he and

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his colleagues seemed determined to keep providing them with the ammunition they needed to shoot him down, and on 11th November 1975, they did. This book tells it all in highly readable style. It recaptures some of the excitement of the times.

FICTION

Mysteries

The Saturday big tent wedding party (no.1 Ladies' Detective Agency) / Alexander McCall Smith
A most peculiar Malaysian murder (Inspector Singh investigates) / Shamini Flint
The hypnotist / Lars Kepler
The fifth witness / Michael Connelly
The gallows bird / Camilla Lackberg
Killed at the whim of a hat / Colin Cotterill
Private London / James Patterson & Mark Pearson

General fiction

King of the badgers / Philip Hensher
Untold story / Monica Ali
The tiger's wife / Tea Obreht
Water for elephants / Sara Gruen

Australian fiction

The Ottoman Motel / Christopher Currie
The best Australian stories: a ten year collection
Past the shallows / Favel Parrett
The roving party / Rohan Wilson
Caleb's crossing / Geraldine Brooks
That deadman dance / Kim Scott
Love in the years of lunacy / Mandy Sayer
Berlin syndrome / Melanie Joosten
The best Australian essays: a ten year collection
A few right thinking men / Sulari Gentill
Last summer / Kylie Ladd
Two Greeks / John Charalambous

General non-fiction

A widow's story: a memoir / Joyce Carol Oates
The Arabs: a history / Eugene Rogan
Liberty's exiles: the loss of America and the remaking of the British Empire / Maya Jasanoff
Children of the dust / Ali Eteraz
The Popes: a history / John Julius Norwich 2011
Jerusalem : the biography / Simon Sebag Montefiore

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RECENT ADDITIONS TO THE PMI LIBRARY:

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HISTORIC HAPPENINGS

Altona Laverton Historical Society

SUPPORT LOCAL HISTORY - BUY A BOOK - Australia Day 2012. The Altona Homestead Museum will again offer visitors the opportunity of purchasing a variety of specialised historical publications. We are inviting local history groups and authors who write or self-publish historical publications to join us in our courtyard selling their books, and perhaps volunteer to participate in a panel discussion to help others with tips on how to succeed in the field. Further information available through Owen Hyde at ohyde@liv.asn.au

Cheltenham - Friends of Cheltenham Regional Cemeteries

3pm, Sun 6 Aug - Speaker - PhD student Heather Sheard on the life and legacy of Dr Vera Scantlebury Brown (for whom the Friends will soon launch an historic marker). Bookings essential for catering and insurance purposes. *Further information and bookings www.focrc.org/eventbooking or ring Vivienne on 03 5420 7671.*

City of Port Phillip

10am-12pm, Sun 14 Aug 2011 - Walk - Piers of Port Melbourne. Port Melbourne's past and present piers have been entry points for millions of people not only to Sandridge but the colony of Victoria. Piers such as Station, Princes, Lagoon and Town Pier tell important stories of migration, war, railways, trade, fishing, coal, waterside workers and modern leisure. Walk leader: Janet Bolitho. Meet at Port Melbourne Yacht Club, Beach Street (cnr Bay Street), Port Melbourne.

10am-12pm, Sun 4 Sep 2011 - Walk - Montague: The Lost Community. The former working class village of Montague has all but disappeared to be replaced with an industrial landscape of lanes and back streets. Walk the streets and resurrect a lost community of houses, schools, shops and personalities. Walk leader: Kay Rowan. Meet at Montague Light Rail Station (cnr Montague Street and Gladstone Lane), Port Melbourne.

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL. Email walking@portphillip.vic.gov.au OR ring (03) 9209 6522.

History Victoria Support Group

10am-3.15pm, Sat 21 May - Seminar - Chinese in the Goldfields, guest speakers include Carol Holsworth and Susan Walters. R L Campbell Theatre, Bendigo Library, 259 Hargreaves St, Bendigo. \$15. *Further information and bookings office@historyvictoria.org.au or phone 9326 9288.*

Prahran Historical & Arts Society

1.30pm, Sat 10 Sep 2011 - Guest speaker - Chris Gahan OAM (Retired Prahran and Stonnington Councillor) on 'Prahran and the Council 1960-1994', at PMI Victorian History Library, 140 High Street, Prahran. Free entry. *Further information and bookings: Gabriel, ph 9529 7442.*

Public Record Office

FREE workshops coming up:

10.30am-12pm, Wed 3 Aug: Getting started with Family History Research (Ballarat Archives Centre)

11am-12.30pm, Wed 19 Oct: Caring for your Photos and Documents (Ballarat Archives Centre)

11am-2.30pm, Wed 11 Aug: Caring for your Photos and Documents (Vic Archives Centre, Nth Melb)

10.30am-12pm, Wed 9 Nov: Introduction to Ballarat Archives Centre with tour of the repository

Further information and bookings, visit <http://prov.vic.gov.au/whats-on/events-calendar>.

Solomon Family Reunion

10-12 Mar 2012 - Samuel Moss and his second wife Esther migrated to Australia following their sons Emanuel and Vaiben who were transported to Australia. Their children include: Moss, Vaiben, Susan, Emanuel, Hannah, Sarah, Esther, Phillip, Elizabeth and Isaac. Speakers include: Todd Knowles (British Reference Section, Family History Library, Utah), Rabbi John S Levi (author of *These Are the Names: Jewish Lives in Australia*) and Madeleine Say (Picture Librarian at the State Library of Victoria). *If you or your family are related to this family and are interested in attending the reunion, please contact Jenny and Katrina on katrina.jenny@bigpond.com*

State Library of Victoria - Family History Feast

10am-4pm, Mon 1 Aug 2011 - Six guest speakers including Dr Andrew Lemon delivering the Don Grant Lecture on 'Storming the barricades - the family history revolution'. Village Roadshow Theatre free entry, bookings essential. *Enquiries 03 9348 5600 and ask.prov@prov.vic.gov.au*

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