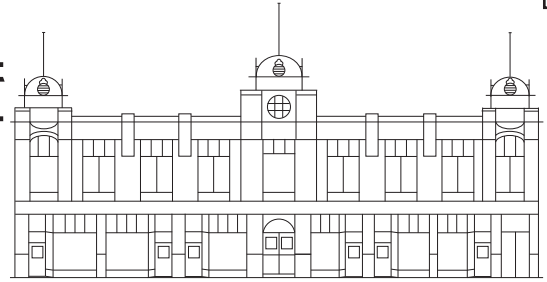


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Grants Good News for PMI!

The PMI is the fortunate recipient of two grants in the past month.

The City of Stonnington Community Grants Program helps local community organisations by providing financial and in-kind support to deliver services and activities that cannot be funded through other sources.

According to the council's website, 'an estimate of 200 community organisations have received grants under the program this year, and Council has helped by either providing direct funding or in-kind support'.

In particular, under this program, the City of Stonnington will continue to assist the PMI in covering some expenses for our volunteer and speaker programs and newsletter mailing. Additionally, money has been allocated in the grant towards the launch of the new PMI branding, which will coincide with the opening of our new library next year.

The PMI also recently received a building fund grant from the Sir Wilfred Brookes Charitable Foundation. The foundation was established in 2007 by philanthropist Roger Brookes who named it after his father.

Roger Brookes is a great-grandson of Alfred Deakin and charitable giving has been a part of his family's heritage through the generations.

This money was a welcome surprise and will be put to good use in preparing the new library at St Edmonds Road.

Good News for Prahran Campus!

You may have seen the recent announcement that Swinburne will sell the Prahran Campus to NMIT (Northern Metropolitan Institute of TAFE).

We are very pleased that NMIT, which traces its origins back to 1912 with the establishment of the Collingwood Technical School, will continue the long tradition of education on the campus. The Prahran campus was established by the PMI in 1915 as the Prahran Technical School.

A media release on the NMIT website reports that NMIT hopes to commence operations at Prahran by the start of the 2014 academic year, subject to contract negotiations, due diligence and the necessary authority and approvals being provided by the Government.

The intention is to progressively develop the site as an educational precinct, creating a vibrant hub with a focus on creative industries and related training'.

Don't forget to ...



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... and you'll be an
early bird for the Recent
Additions and Books for
Sale lists!

AROUND THE LIBRARY

MEMBERS NEWS

New Members

Welcome to the following new members who joined May-Aug:

Financial Donors

Thank you to the following members who made financial donations to the library May-Aug:

Clarice Ballenden
Roger Beeston
Itiel Bereson
Richard Broome
John Burch
Gabriel German
Pamela Herrington
Bonnie Joy

Wallace Kirsop
Joan Nelson
Don Raisbeck
Susan Samuel
Kym Sullivan
Peter Welham

Book Donors

Thank you to the following people and groups who donated books to the library May-Aug:

Jim Badger
Ron Cameron
Catholic Archdiocese of
Melbourne
Christ Church, Anglican
Parish of Drouin
Simon Davies
Department of Transport,
Planning and Local
Infrastructure Library
Dissenters Press
Helen Gobbi
David Gordon
Robin Grow and Chris
MacRae
Glenda Harriott
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Tony Tibballs
Jenny Wardrop
Whitehorse Manningham
Library
Yarra Plenty Regional
Library
Ursula Zamecnik

GENERAL NEWS

Committee & Staff

The staff has been busy preparing the library collection for the move next year, including fast-tracking the addition of material to the collection and dealing with surplus book stock.

Fortunately amidst all this we've been able to welcome Jennie Jones who is completing 12 days' student placement. Jennie is doing the Diploma of Library and Information Studies at Box Hill TAFE. Jennie has been answering phone and desk enquiries, processing loans, covering and repairing books, and sorting our bulging vertical files by consolidating material by municipality.

Monthly Books for Sale

We've been receiving a great response to our monthly 'Books for Sale' lists.

The sales contain duplicate materials from the collection, as we only keep second copies of particular types of items. Additionally, many duplicate items from the Watson donation in 2007 are now being checked to the shelves so that old and worn copies can be replaced.

The remainders will continue to appear in the monthly book sales, as we wish to clear all surplus stock before we move next year.

We get so many responses to the list that often the popular books get snapped up early - but here are a few tips to help increase your chances of getting the items you want:

1. if you haven't already done so, register your email address with the PMI to receive the book sale list each month. If you receive the newsletter by email, you're already on the list to receive the books for sale list
2. 'Like' the PMI on Facebook, and you'll receive a link to the list even earlier than the email list
3. As soon as you receive the list, copy and paste the items you'd like into an email and send it to ursula@pmi.net.au as quick as you can (as only emailed orders are processed on the first day of the sale). After the first day of the sale, when all the initial orders have been processed, members are welcome to browse and select from the remaining items on the book sale shelves.
4. Be sure to pick up your items from the library within two weeks, otherwise they return to the 'for sale' shelf.

If you are browsing the books for sale shelf, you may also wish to check the several piles of surplus journals and magazines for sale at only 20c each.

Visiting Groups

David Zerman, Swinburne University lecturer brought his Public Relations students to the PMI again in May and they were given a talk about promoting a special library service.

In June the Professional Historians Association again held a meeting at the PMI. This has become an annual tradition and we are always pleased to continue our association with the PHA.

A small group of seniors from the Villa Maria Carinya Dementia Respite Service visited the PMI on 5 August. After a bus ride from Lysterfield the group enjoyed a brief talk about the PMI, a cup of tea, and the opportunity to flick through books about their local area and other places where they have lived and worked. Thank you very much to Kylie for organising the visit.

The Friends of the Bailleau Library (Melbourne University) will visit the library on the evening of 15 August for a talk about the history and current mission of the library.

COMMITTEE NEWS

The Committee has been extremely busy during the past few months mostly with deliberating about the interior design of our new library. We are all very passionate about getting it right. All of us are very aware of what a rare opportunity it is for the PMI to create a new environment for our books and members and 'expand our operations' to include more activities and ways for us to meet and to explore the collection.

We have got together with the architect several times and explored the new building to make sure we get the best possible outcome. In the next few weeks the plans will be finalised.

The Committee has also met with PMI staff to discuss planning for the next ten years, and many ideas have been put on the table with regard to what we would like to see happen with the collection, our activities, publishing, outreach to other organisations and the use of our new auditorium and other spaces in the new building.

It is a very exciting time and the committee is dedicated to achieving the best outcome for our members and the best use of our facilities. We are looking forward to the next few months as so many of our ideas become reality.

Dr Judith Buckrich

VOLUNTEERS NEWS

So far this year 19 volunteers have contributed 596.5 hours work in the library, delivered 200 PMI pamphlets and created six book indexes.

All the Whitehorse Manningham Libraries donations from last year have now been added to the catalogue and are awaiting covering by the book care volunteers. Much of this material will remain in stacks until we move.

Volunteers have been assisting library student Jennie with sorting through our vertical file material, consolidating place files into their municipalities and identifying booklets needing their own entries in the catalogue.

Volunteers with library experience continue to check back through our old accession register - checking items on the Libraries Australia (Trove libraries) database to ensure all our holdings are correctly listed and making notes on any anomalies they find. This is a huge job, but with the kind assistance of volunteers steady progress is being made. We're fortunate to have a number of diploma, bachelor, graduate diploma and masters students in our register for jobs like this.

This is yet another example of a 'backburner' project which, despite its importance, could not be done without volunteer assistance. These volunteers continue to find that there are very many items the PMI has, that are not listed for any other library.

Available for Sale at the PMI Library:

(prices listed include the members 10% discount)

Buildings, Books and Beyond \$54

No Shops in Acland Street \$27

Frontier French Island \$45

Eliza's Vision: a History of Wattle Park \$27

Design for Living: a History of
'Prahran Tech' \$31.50

Beginnings: a Brief Account of Some of the First
Europeans to Explore or Settle in Victoria \$13.50

The Pride of Prahran: a History of
Prahran Library \$25

Valuable Steps: a History of Physical Education in
Victoria \$31.50

Visionary Lives: Five Hundred Biographies from the
Brighton General Cemetery by Jane Mayo Carolan
\$31.50

PRAHRAN TECH: Still Alive

contributed by Bob Flanagan

When students from the 1940s and 1950s meet each year for their annual get together, many a story about the 'good old days' are reminiscent [sic]. In recent times up to 70 ex-students meet, which began in 2008 with just 6 couples having lunch together and the most asked question was 'I wonder what happened to ...?' This then grew by making contact with those few whose whereabouts were still known, but finding many of the female students was more difficult with changes of names.

Many stories were shared as a number of attendees had not seen each other since finishing school 60 years ago.

In those days, although the school catered for boys and girls, it was a far cry from being co-ed as we know it today. The girls were housed in the High Street building and the boys in the St John Street building, distinctly separated by the cobble

stone laneway, known as the 'dunny lane' where the boys assembled to go into class. The girls assembled on the tennis court on the corner of St John & Thomas Streets and marched to the High Street entrance to class. This area was used as the girls playground while the boys playground was a vacant block of land off Green Street behind the Eyelet factory.

Despite the antiquated conditions by today's standards, the school managed to produce some well known personalities, mostly in the sporting areas.

From the 1940s and 50s came the following:

Lindsay Gaze - Basketball player and coach ; three times Olympic player and Olympic coach ; coach of Melbourne Tigers for 35 years ; Member of the Australian Hall of Fame, Member of Sport Australia Hall of Fame ; 612 NBL games.

Mervyn Rose AM - Tennis ; Australian singles and doubles champion 1954 ; French singles, doubles and mixed doubles champion 1958 ; Wimbledon men's doubles and mixed doubles champion 195? ; US Championships men's doubles champion

A-LIST

Big show at reunion

Bob Flanagan

MORE than 70 Prahran Tech students from the 1940s attended a reunion luncheon at the Malvernvale hotel on Thursday, January 8.

Many stories were shared as a number of attendees had not seen each other since finishing high school some 60 years ago.

Some of the Old Boys' sporting achievers included Lindsay Gaze, at present coaching basketball in China; Mervyn Rose, the Davis Cup; the late Bill Seewitz, a boxing champion and Commonwealth Games athlete; Cedric Meers, a ballroom champion; and Maurie Quincey, a five-time Australian motorcycle champion.

All these attended in the 1940s, with Kevin Sheedy and Kevin Bartlett following in the 1950s.

A coincidental circumstance of the time were two students, Thomas Edward Stuart and Thomas Edward Albert Stewart, who were in the same class, who each lived in houses at number 38 (Spring and Victoria streets).

The next Prahran Tech reunion is set for the same place and time January 9 next year.



Jacqueline Llewellyn



Trevor Smith



Maurie Quincey



Tom Stuart and Maurie Quincey.

Pictures: MARK STEWART N28MP6003



Left: Peter Edwards.



Left: Jenny Edwards and Pam Clegg.



Right: Russ and Maureen Pratt.



Right: John McCall and Keith Donnelly.



Bill Hall



Cedric Meers



Bob and Audrey Flanagan

2009

PERSONALITIES - PRAHRAN TECH - 1940 - 50s

Above: A Stonnington Leader report on the PTS reunion of 2009

1952-53 ; Australian and international Tennis Hall of Fame Member.

Don Tregonning - Tennis ; mostly an Australian men's doubles player 1948-1953 Australian Open partnering Mervyn Rose, Phil Brophy and David Yates ; Member of the Tennis Coaches Australia - Victoria Hall of Fame 2005.

Russell Pratt - Tennis ; Life Member of Tennis Seniors Victoria ; Junior state representative ; long time tennis coach.

Bob McKenzie - Football ; VFL champion Melbourne Football Club 1948-1955 ; 125 games, 254 goals, premiership player 1948 and 1955 ; Victorian representative nine times.

Frank 'Bluey' Adams - Football ; Melbourne Football Club

Kevin Sheedy & Kevin Bartlett - Football ; Both of these Richmond players followed in the 1960s

Dean Chapman - Football ; St Kilda Football Club 1948-51 ; Captain Prahran Tech team 1946.

Bill Seewitz - Boxing ; Australian Lightweight Amateur Champion ; Representative Commonwealth Games Auckland 1950.

Bob Todd - Judo ; Australian Open Champion 1960 ; President of the Judo Federation of Australia 1985 ; Life Member Judo Victoria ; 7th Dan?? International Judo Federation.

Kevin Todd - Judo ; topgrade competitor with brother Bob ; Represented Victoria.

Maurie Quincey - Motorbike Racing ; eight times Australian Motorcycle Champion ; Captain of Australian team competing on the Isle of Man T.T. (??) event 1955 ; Drove racing cars at Sandown and Phillip Island 1970.

Cedric Meers - Ballroom Dancing ; Australian Modern Professional Champion 1966 ; Latin Champion 1964 ; Adjudicator 2011 Australian Dancesport Championships.

Bob Flanagan - Football umpire ; Senior VFL list 11 years ; VFA 15 years.

Harry Marks - Football umpire ; Victorian

Amateur Football Association.

Len King - Cricket umpire ; Australian Test Cricket 1989-1993.

Kevin Parker - Squash ; Good tennis player at school, switched to squash and represented Victoria in championships ; Migrated to Canada in 1960s and represented that country, winning four British Open championships in the late 1970s.

Barry Gaze - Football ; Member of combined VFL/VFA side to play a demonstration match at the MCG 1956 Olympic Games.

Laurie Allen - Musician ; Starting as a student at the Victorian Banjo Club, moved on to guitar playing before he left school ; Later formed the duo pop act 'Bobby & Laurie'.

Joan Carden AO OBE - Singer ; famous Australian opera singer ; sometimes referred to as 'the other Joan' (a reference to Dame Joan Sutherland and Dame Joan Hammond) ; Principal Soprano with Opera Australia for 32 years.

Ruth Marriott - Surfer ; State Champion 1958 ; Victorian representative at World Championships at Manley(??).

Nick Sofarnes - Architect ; Architect to the Sultan of Bruni.

Tony Moore - Surgeon.

Apologies again for the imbalance of gender due to marriage name changes.

A coincidental circumstance of the time were two students, both at the same school, in the same year and in the same class. Due to the alphabetical seating they sat in the same desk. Thomas Edward Stuart and Thomas Edward Albert Stewart (different spelling) both lived at house number 38 (Victoria & Spring Streets, Prahran).

The next Prahran Tech 1940s and 50s Reunion will be held from 12 noon Thursday 2 January 2014 at the Malvern Vale Hotel, Malvern Road, Malvern.

Contact Bob Flanagan - 9822 2064.

Ancestry library edition Updates

On Sunday 9 June, Christine and Ursula attended a meeting of VicGUM (the computers special interest group of the Genealogical Society of Victoria) held at the Mount Waverley Community Centre. The speaker was Brad Argent (Australian & New Zealand Content Director for Ancestry.com) and he presented information on some of **Ancestry Library Edition** updates over the previous year and plans for the year ahead.

Ancestry.com was launched in 2006 and now contains around 11 billion records in around 30,000 databases. In Australia there are five Ancestry staff members.

Databases added recently include the following:

- UK Engineers - Civil Engineer Records (1820-1930) and Mechanical Engineer Records (1847-1930)
- Parish records for Surry, Wiltshire, Dorset, Lancashire
- NSW Industrial Schools 1867-1925 - includes the names of children, where they were found, their birth dates and information about their parents.
- UK Outward Passengers 1890-1960 - including the first round of Ten Pound Poms. The leaving records of around 240,000 Australian immigrants.
- Rockingham School (WA) Index
- Commonwealth War Graves - WWI and WWII - giving a soldier's name, registration number, age, parents, spouse, grave location.
- NSW Police Gazettes 1854-1930 - including name, birth year, event, location.

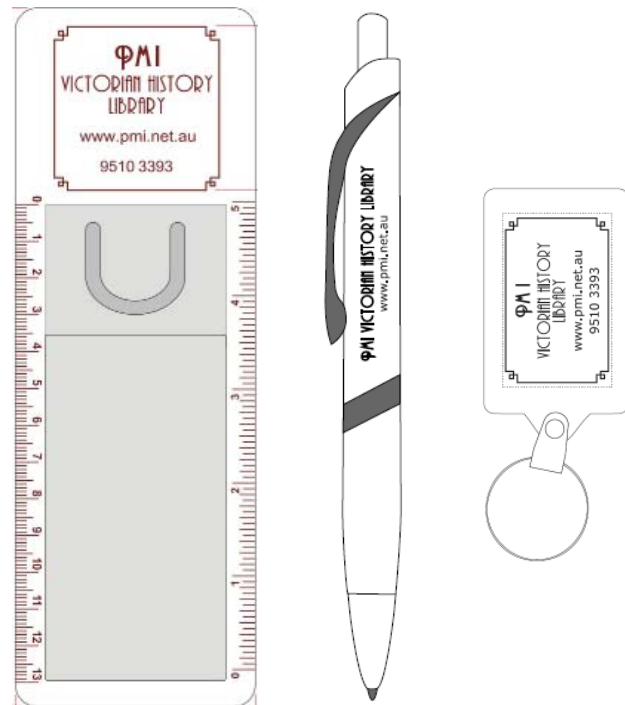
In the near future the following content for Australia is planned to be added:

- Birth, death and marriage notices up to 2010 from *The Age* and *Sydney Morning Herald*
- Fremantle Passenger Lists to 1963 (4 million records)
- Electoral rolls up to 1980
- Rate books for Perth

Demonstrations of basic and advanced searching techniques for Ancestry are now available on *YouTube*.

Come in soon and find out how easy it is to access Ancestry on a computer in the library or on your own laptop.

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FICTION

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AUSTRALIAN HISTORY

The stalking of Julia Gillard / Kerry-Anne Walsh

This is the story about one of the most extraordinary episodes in recent Australian political history. It focuses on Team Rudd and the media's treatment of their slow-death campaign of destabilisation, with its disastrous effect on Gillard and the government's functioning. This account is about a politician who was never given a fair go; not in the media, not by Rudd, not by some in caucus. Never has a politician been so assiduously stalked. Cast as a political liar and policy charlatan, she was also mercilessly and relentlessly lampooned for her hair, clothes, accent, her arse, even the way she walks and talks. Rudd, on the other hand, could barely do any wrong. His antics were afforded benign, unquestioning prime-time media coverage.

MILITARY HISTORY

Lancaster men: the Aussie heroes of Bomber Command / Peter Rees

Over 10,000 Australians served with Bomber Command, a highly trained band of elite flyers who undertook some of the most dangerous operations of World War II. They flew mission after mission over France and Germany knowing that the odds were against them. Stretched to breaking point, nearly 3500 died in the air. Their bravery in extreme circumstances has barely been recognised. Peter Rees traces the extraordinary achievements of these young aviators. He tells their hair-raising stories of battle action and life on the ground. And he recounts how, when they returned to Australia, they were greeted as Jap dodgers and accused of 'hiding in England while we were doing it tough'.

Kitty's war: the remarkable wartime experiences of Kit McNaughton / Janet Butler

Kitty's War is based upon the previously unpublished diaries of Great War army nurse Sister Kit McNaughton who grew up in Little River, Victoria. Kit and historian Janet Butler grew up in the same part of regional Victoria, except many decades apart. The idea of this young nurse setting out in July 1915 on a journey that would take her across the world and into the First World War took hold of Janet Butler and inspired her to research and share Kit's story. This decisive and dryly humorous woman embarked upon the troopship Orsova in 1915. Kit's absorbing diary follows her journey through war from Egypt, where she cared for the Gallipoli wounded, to Lemnos Island off the coast of the Dardanelles and then on to France and the Somme. Kit finished active service as Australia's first plastic surgery nurse, assisting medical pioneers in this field as they repaired the shattered faces of Australian soldiers. Through Kit's diary and Janet Butler's thoughtful narration, we see the war through the eyes of a young Australian nurse as she is transformed by what she witnesses. This is an intimate and rare story of one woman's remarkable experience of war.

BIOGRAPHY

Leigh Matthews : my life - accept the challenge / Leigh Matthews

A true football legend, this is a hugely long awaited autobiography told with Leigh's customary steel, wry humour and no-holds barred honesty. Life and lessons from the world of Australian Rules Football as told by an icon of the sport, Leigh Matthews.

BOOKS ETCETERA

General non-fiction

The Enlightenment and why it still matters / Anthony Pagden

This book tells nothing less than the story of how the modern, Western view of the world was born. Cultural and intellectual historian Anthony Pagden explains how, and why, the ideal of a universal, global, and cosmopolitan society became such a central part of the Western imagination in the ferment of the Enlightenment - and how these ideas have done battle with an inward-looking, tradition-oriented view of the world ever since. Cosmopolitanism is an ancient creed; but in its modern form it was a creature of the Enlightenment attempt to create a new 'science of man', based upon a vision of humanity made up of autonomous individuals, free from all the constraints imposed by custom, prejudice, and religion.

FICTION

Australian fiction

(Books marked with * are on the Miles Franklin Award long list)

Mateship with birds / Carrie Tiffany*

The beloved / Annah Faulkner*

Dark horse / Honey Brown

Red dirt talking / Jacqueline Wright*

Lola Bensky / Lily Brett*

Questions of travel / Michelle de Kretser* (winner)

Lightning / Felicity Volk

The railway man's wife / Ashley Hay

Street to street / Brian Castro*

General mysteries

A man without breath / Philip Kerr

The golden egg / Donna Leon

Dogstar rising: a Makana mystery / Parker Bilal

A delicate truth / John Le Carre

The lost girls of Rome / Donato Carrisi

No man's nightingale / Ruth Rendell

Miles off course / Sulari Gentill

General fiction

And the mountains echoed / Khaled Hosseini

A treacherous paradise / Henning Mankell

Burial rites / Hannah Kent

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HISTORIC HAPPENINGS

Cinema & Theatre Historical Society

Open most Thursdays 10am-12 noon & 1pm-3pm. Right next door to the PMI Library, 140 High Street, Prahran. *Please phone Royce 9589 3448 or Gerry 0432 434 169 to confirm opening times before you visit.*

Friends of Boroondara (Kew) Cemetery

2pm, Sun 22 Sep - Tour - Sporting Legends

2pm, Sun 10 Nov - Tour - Ned Kelly

Cost: \$15, Members - \$8, Seniors - \$10. Refreshments included. *Further information and bookings 9836 9117 or email info@fobk.org.*

Friends of St Kilda Cemetery

2pm, Sun 25 Aug - Tour - Booksellers, Authors and Literati. Do you love curling up with a good book? Are you interested in Australia's literary history? Come and hear about anarchy and rage, court cases, libel, snobbery and scandal in nineteenth century Victoria. Graves visited include some of Melbourne's most famous and eccentric booksellers, early writers about Port Phillip District, pioneer authors and historians. Cost: \$10, Members - \$5. Meet at the main gate on Dandenong Road. *Further information and bookings 9531 6832 or www.trybooking.com/CVQ*

Melbourne Day

26-30 Aug - Exhibition - 'Development of the Yan Yean 1853'. Built between 1853 and 1857, the Yan Yean water supply scheme was the first engineered water supply system to be constructed in colonial Victoria and one of the first in Australia. Both visionary and controversial, it transformed Melbourne from a fledgling frontier town to a modern metropolis. Venue: Ground Floor, 990 Latrobe Street, Docklands. *For more information on Melbourne Day activities visit melbourneday.com.au*

Museum Victoria

10am-12pm, daily - walk - 'Melbourne's Golden Mile'. Walk 'marvellous Melbourne and experience how the discovery of gold shaped the city. Discover the surprising characters behind Melbourne's growth from Prima Donnas and prime ministers to bushrangers and architects. Mon-Fri: Immigration Museum to Town Hall ; Sat-Sun Town Hall to Melbourne Museum. All tours depart from Federation Square. \$20 (\$15 concession and Museum Victoria members) includes guide book. *Bookings 9928 0096 or 1300 780 045 or at [Best of Souvenirs, Federation Square](http://BestofSouvenirs.com).*

National Family History Month

National Family History Week has become a month-long festival of activities for beginner and advance family historians. Visit <http://www.familyhistoryweek.org.au/> for all the details

Port Melbourne Historical & Preservation Society

7.30pm - Mon 26 Aug - Annual General Meeting - It's our 20th birthday! We'll have cake and Melbourne University's Prof Miles Lewis will be our very special guest speaking on 'Traditional Building and National Identity'. Port Melbourne Town Hall, Council Chamber, 333 Bay Street, Port Melbourne. *Further information and bookings phone 9646 9360 or email pmhps@hotmail.com*

Public Record Office

1pm-2pm, Tue 17 Sep - Free information session - 'Heritage Research (Land & Buildings)'. Some tips and tricks on researching land and building records from the Public Record Office Victoria collection. There are many different entry points into researching land and buildings at Public Record Office Victoria. How and where you start, depends largely on where the land and buildings are located and what we have in our collection relating to your area. Today we aim to get you started. Basic level of computer understanding required. A tour of the archives proceeds this information session.

11am-2.30pm, Mon 14 Oct - Free information session - 'Digging Deeper into PROV's Collection'. This Digging Deeper session explores in more detail research methods which will be sure to enhance your research results and a great session for once you have nailed the basics of researching at PROV and are now ready to take that next step. Prior to this information session, we are providing a 1 hour tour of the archives. Please note that this session is an Advanced Information Session. Previous experience using the PROV Online Catalogue is a must.

Victorian Archives Centre, 99 Sheil St, North Melbourne. Further information and bookings, visit <http://prov.vic.gov.au/whats-on/events-calendar>.

St Kilda Historical Society

2.30pm, Sun 8 Sep - Annual General Meeting - including a brief talk about Fitzroy Street in 1887 given by Peter Johnson, architect. To be held at St Kilda Library Community Room, 150 Carlisle Street. Members free, non-members \$5.00. *Further information and bookings: info@skhs.org.au or phone/text 0405 510 799.*

Stonnington History Centre

10am-11am, Wed 2 Oct - History Matters workshop - 'Trove: full text newspapers available online'. Learn how to use the National Library of Australia's database of scanned newspapers for your historical research. *Further information and bookings contact Stonnington History Centre 9290 1360 or history@stonnington.vic.gov.au*

GOOD NEWS:
*on grants for the PMI
 and on the future of Prahran Campus*

WRITING HISTORY:
*Featuring Prahran Tech Reunion and
 updates from Ancestry Library Edition*

PMI SIDELIFE

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