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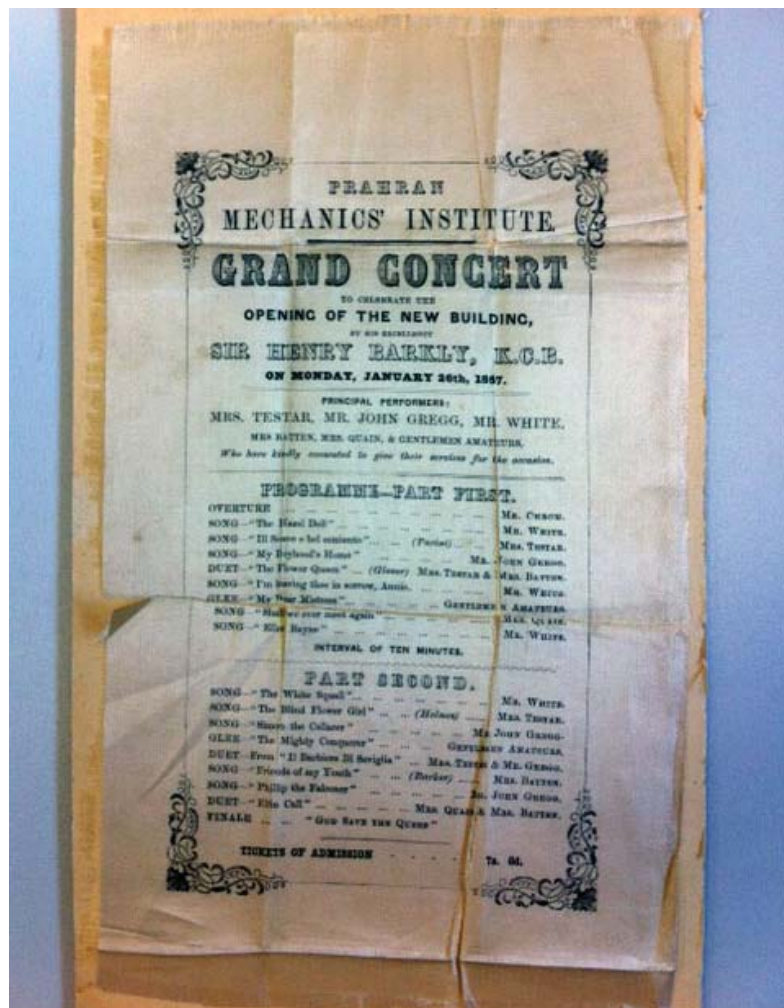
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A BIRTHDAY PRESENT!

160 years after the establishment of the PMI,
an amazing relic of its past was recently found
and returned after 157 years!



This is an original programme, printed on silk, from the Grand Concert to celebrate the opening of the first PMI building in Chapel Street, Prahran. The building was opened by the Governor of Victoria, Sir Henry Barkly on Monday, 26 January 1857.

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for the Recent Additions and
Books for Sale lists!

MEMBERS NEWS

New Members

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

<i>Marita Hargraves</i>	<i>Kristin Otto</i>
<i>Susan Hurley</i>	<i>Graham Patterson</i>
<i>April-Kaye Ikin</i>	<i>Mary-Louise Phillips</i>
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<i>Phyl McCarthy</i>	<i>The Centre Ivanhoe</i>
<i>Mechanics' Institutes of Victoria</i>	<i>Walhalla Heritage & Development League</i>
<i>Medical History Society of Victoria</i>	<i>Warrnambool Standard</i>
<i>John Merry</i>	<i>Roger B. Wilson</i>
<i>Notting Hill History Group</i>	<i>Yarram Golf Club</i>
<i>Dale O'Sullivan</i>	<i>Ursula Zamecnik</i>

Financial Donors

Thank you to the following people who made financial donations to the library Oct-Feb

<i>Denis Boundy</i>	<i>Janina Maciulis</i>
<i>Ron Cameron</i>	<i>Ian Matthews</i>
<i>Cinema & Theatre Historical Society</i>	<i>Jennifer Matthews</i>
<i>Philippe De Gail</i>	<i>John Matthews</i>
<i>Deirdre Farfor</i>	<i>Margaret McDonald</i>
<i>Jenny Florence</i>	<i>Ben Probin</i>
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<i>Margaret Hicks</i>	<i>Nobby Seymour</i>
<i>Margaret Katilius</i>	<i>Richard Snedden</i>
<i>Jadzia Lemieszek</i>	<i>Adrian Turley</i>
<i>Michael Macgeorge</i>	<i>Frank Van Straten</i>

Book Donors

Thank you to the following people and groups who donated books to the library Oct-Feb:

<i>Ararat Genealogical Society</i>	<i>Helen Blakeley</i>
<i>Clarice Ballenden</i>	<i>Camperdown Historical Society</i>
<i>Department of Transport, Planning and Local Infrastructure Library</i>	<i>John Daniels</i>
<i>Donald Barker</i>	<i>Margaret Dunne</i>
<i>Stephen Barnham</i>	<i>Echuca Historical Society</i>
<i>Bayside Library Service</i>	<i>Tessa Emmerson</i>
<i>Bendigo Baptist Church</i>	<i>Wilma Farrow</i>
<i>Berwick Mechanics' Institute</i>	<i>Juliet Flesch</i>
<i>Ivan Binns</i>	<i>Friends of the Auburn Tower</i>
	<i>Cheryl Grant</i>
	<i>Peter Gill</i>

GENERAL NEWS

Cr John Chandler

PMI President, Cr John Chandler, was named in the 2014 Australia Day Honours. Cr Chandler received a Medal of the Order of Australia for services to local government and to the City of Stonnington.

He first joined Prahran Council in 1982, and joined the PMI committee at the same time as a council representative for 1982-83. He then served as President of the PMI during his first time as Mayor of Prahran 1988-89.

Cr Chandler returned to the PMI committee as an elected member in 1995, became Vice President in 2007 and has served as President since 2010.

He has seen many changes in Prahran and at the PMI through the years. At the time he first joined the PMI committee, the Victorian history collection was in its infancy and today he presides over a committee charged with overseeing the beginning of a new era at the new building.

New PMI catalogue

For many years the PMI's online catalogue has been supplied by the Stonnington Library and Information Service and this service has been essential to the growth and popularity of the PMI library. With the forthcoming move to the new building, we thought it time to establish our own online catalogue. The new system should be online within weeks, and further information will be available in the next newsletter.

History Week Lecture

Thanks very much to Gerry Kennedy and Mike Trickett of the Cinema & Theatre Historical Society for their presentation entitled 'Cinemas & Theatres in the Regions', held during Victorian History Week. The lecture gave us an illustrated glimpse of past times in regional cinema-going and the difficulties of being a regional cinema operator.

Short History Prize

The winner of the 2013 PMI Short History Prize was John Merry for his entry *A Boyhood by the Bay*. An article about this work appears in the 'Writing History' section of this newsletter. John received a

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certificate, PMI voucher and \$500. His nominated historical society (Sandringham & District Historical Society) also received \$500. Dr Judith Buckrich, of the judging panel, presented the prize to John during Victorian History Week.

The following entrants were Commended:

Jeffrey Atkinson (Carlton Community History Group) for *The Stockade : Carlton's Forgotten Prison*.

Bob Lambell & Gillian Senior (editors) (plus 8 other members of the Camperdown & District Historical Society) for *A Small Selection of Camperdown's Notable Scots*.

Commended entrants received a certificate and a PMI voucher.

All of the above works may be found in the PMI Library collection.

Thank you very much to all who entered last year's Short History Prize and particularly those who donated their entries to the library.

Once again the Professional Historians Association provided the judging panel for the competition and we're very grateful to Judith Buckrich, Jill Barnard and Emma Russell for their kind consideration.

VOLUNTEERS NEWS

So far in 2014, 13 volunteers have contributed 249 hours work in the library, with 7 books currently being indexed.

Major tasks being undertaken by volunteers at present include:

- checking back through our old accession register books (register of items acquired by the library) to make sure the PMI is showing as holding the items on Libraries Australia (Trove database) to ensure all our holdings are correctly listed and making notes on any anomalies they find. We are finding that our holdings for some of these books acquired early on are not recorded on Trove so it's great that this can be rectified, as we receive more and more enquiries about the library via Trove.
- archives - digital image files: one volunteer is describing renaming, indexing and captioning many digital images and filing them in our digital archive.
- archives - paper archives: much archive material is being gathered, filed, described and indexed. This work is particularly helpful at this time in preparation

for our move. We have some very qualified volunteers assisting with this task.

- collection - rare books: one volunteer is checking items in our rare book cabinet to the catalogue and to an online out of print books database to establish their potential value and replaceability.

This information determines whether an item should remain under lock and key, and whether a book should be available for loan or reference.

- indexing - we recently added two new indexing volunteers to our list, these are students who live remotely from the library and we're very grateful they have chosen to give some of their time this year. To see a list of all the indexes PMI volunteers have created since our volunteer program began in 2008, go to the PMI catalogue and do a subject search for 'pmi indexes'

International Volunteer Day

Our annual International Volunteer Day function was held on 7 December. In attendance were Cr John Chandler (PMI President), Chris Michalopoulos (PMI Vice-President) and Bruce Turner (retired PMI Secretary Librarian and Life Member).

In 2013, 19 volunteers contributed 943 hours of work in the library along with 9 book indexes. A summary of the volunteers' achievements was given, and Cr Chandler expressed the gratitude of the PMI for the hard work and commitment shown by the volunteers again in 2013. He then presented certificates denoting each individual's contribution for the year.

Catering for our International Volunteer Day function was made possible by the City of Stonnington Community Grants Program.



International Volunteer Day Function
Above: Pam and Bruce Turner with Cr John Chandler
Left: Some of our very dedicated volunteers with their certificates and Cr Chandler (far left) and Chris Michalopoulos (far right).

A BIRTHDAY PRESENT!

We were very surprised to receive an email recently from David Caldwell, of Wellman Associates, a mechanical engineering firm in New Zealand.

He had purchased in 2004 a building from an architectural firm along with all the fittings and furnishings, and a resident architect.

After the recent retirement of the architect, a big clean out of the office was carried out and the item shown on page 1 was found in a desk drawer.

It is a programme from the official opening of the Chapel Street building in 1857. Printed on silk 24cm x 14cm, it is frayed, in several pieces from having been folded for a long time and very delicate. Nonetheless the printing is very clear, and it gives a very good indication of the esteem of the occasion when the Governor of Victoria visited to open the new building.

We are very fortunate that Mr Caldwell Googled the PMI, made contact, and very kindly sent this treasure to us without delay.

It's uncertain how long the programme had been there or how it got there, but further information may come to light. Any number of attendees at the occasion may have ended up in New Zealand.

We don't know if there are any more of these programmes in existence - this is the first we have seen.

Following is a transcription of content of the programme, along with an article from the *Argus* about the opening.

We'll be celebrating the 160th birthday of the PMI when we open at the new building later this year, so keep an eye on the newsletter for details.

Some members may recall that another treasure - the ceremonial silver trowel used by Sir Alexander Peacock to lay the foundation stone of the High Street building in 1915 - was found and returned to us soon after the PMI's 150th celebrations.

We still hold out hope that another lost treasure - the PMI's first minute book (1854-1856) might one day be found.

Prahran
Mechanics' Institute
GRAND CONCERT
to celebrate the
OPENING OF THE NEW BUILDING
by his Excellency
SIR HENRY BARKLY, K.C.B.
on Monday, January 26th, 1857.

Principal performers:
MRS. TESTAR, MR. JOHN GREGG, MR. WHITE,
MRS BATTEN, MRS QUAIN & GENTLEMEN
AMATEURS,
Who have kindly consented to give their
services for the occasion.

PROGRAMME -- PART FIRST

OVERTURE MR CHROM
SONG — The Hazel Doll MR WHITE
SONG — III Soave e bel contento (Pacini) MRS TESTAR
SONG — My Boyhood's Home MR JOHN GREGG
DUET — The Flower Queen (Glover) MRS TESTAR & MRS BATTEN
SONG — I'm leaving thee in sorrow, Annie MR WHITE
GLEE — My Dear Mistress GENTLEMEN AMATEURS
SONG — Shall we ever meet again MRS QUAIN
SONG — Eller Bayne MR WHITE

INTERVAL OF TEN MINUTES

PART SECOND

SONG — The White Squall MR WHITE
SONG — The Blind Flower Girl (Holmes) MRS TESTAR
SONG — Simon the Cellarer MR JOHN GREGG
GLEE — The Mighty Conquerer GENTLEMEN AMATEURS
DUET — From Il Barbiere Di Seviglia MRS TESTAR AND MR GREGG
SONG — Friends of my Youth (Barker) MRS BATTEN
SONG — Phillip the Falconer MR JOHN GREGG
DUET — Elfin Call MRS QUAIN & MRS BATTEN
FINALE — God Save the Queen

TICKETS OF ADMISSION 7s. 6d.

PRAHRAN MECHANICS' INSTITUTION. (Reproduced from the *Argus*, 27 January 1857)

The recently erected Mechanics' Institution at Prahran was opened last evening by his Excellency Sir Henry Barkly, K.O.B., and more than ordinary interest appeared to be excited, from the circumstance of its being the first public institution which has been inaugurated by his Excellency since his assumption of the Government of the colony. Sometime before eight

o'clock the hour set down for the commencement of the proceedings, a considerable number of ladies and gentlemen had assembled, and at the hour of meeting, the hall was completely filled. His Excellency, attended by his Aide-de Camp, Lieut. Bancroft, arrived a few minutes before eight o'clock, and was received by the Chief Commissioner of Public Works, and Mr Sargood, MLA, the Chairman of the Municipality. The large room of the building affords accommodation for about 250 persons, and on the ground floor are arranged a Library Room, a Committee Room, and a Reading Room. Among the parties present were Captain Pasley, Mr Sargood, MLA, Messrs Westgarth, Wilson, Foxton, Rusden, Chapman, Dickson, the Rev Mr Moss, Dr Mackay, and the elite of the municipality.

Shortly after the arrival of his Excellency, Captain PASLEY rose and said they had met to celebrate the opening of the new building which was to contain for the future the library of the Mechanics' Institute of Prahlan. He thought it right, as the President of the institution to say one or two words with regard to it. It was not easy to overrate the usefulness of an institution of that kind, and if there was any place in the world in which a Mechanics' Institute was likely to be useful that place was Prahlan, as the inhabitants were mostly composed of mechanics, who had received a tolerably good education, and had a considerable amount of time to themselves, especially since the eight hours system came into operation. It was their bounded duty to the colony, and to the class of men of whom he had spoken, to provide them with the means of intellectual recreation during their hours of leisure, for he could hardly conceive a more painful case than that of a man of good education who left off at four o'clock pm, and had no means of recreation or enjoyment except such as was to be found at the public house. It was their duty, too, to supply a library and newspapers, for in this colony every man was entitled to a vote, or soon would be, and therefore it was desirable that all should know what was going on in Europe and other parts of the world. He did not wish that they should become village politicians, but that they might avoid the errors into which other countries had fallen, and follow their example wherever it was worth following. The hon. gentleman referred to the Society of Arts in London, which society, about four years ago, proposed an amalgamation of the whole of the literary, and scientific, and mechanics' institutions in Great Britain for mutual advancement and economy, and said that although he did not expect that such an union would be formed between kindred societies in the colony for some years to come, still he looked forward to the time when such a connection would exist, for from it he argued the most satisfactory and beneficial results. He would advise societies of this kind not to look to the Government for aid, but to one another. Mechanics' Institutes were not societies such as a Government could maintain, but which should be supported by the people themselves. The hon. member then called on the Rev Mr Moss to read an account of the history of the proceedings of the Institute.

The Rev Mr MOSS said the committee had requested him to submit to the meeting a brief outline of the history of the Institution. The rev. gentleman traced the Institution from its first establishment to the time

when efforts were first made for the erection of the present building and said the Fancy Bazaar which was held in 1854 realised a net amount of £118 17s. ; the land on which the Institution was erected had been presented by Mr Mason, and they had received the magnificent gift of £1300 from the Government. To those sources were mainly attributable the erection of the building in which they were then assembled. The whole cost of the building was £1434 of which £1300 having been granted by the Government £184 only had to be supplied among themselves. The Institution numbered at present 229 members and the Library contained 800 volumes for great many of which they were indebted to their president. He thought they had reason to be proud that their Institute had at last been established on a firm and permanent basis.

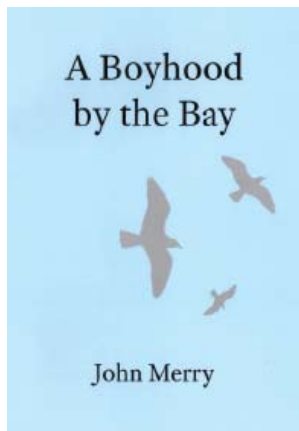
The musical portion of the evening's entertainment was now proceeded with, and a considerable number of songs were sung by Mrs Testar, Mrs Batten, Mr John Gregg, Mr White, and four gentlemen amateurs, accompanied on the piano by Mr Cherson.

Mr THOMAS DICKSON then proposed a vote of thanks to his Excellency Sir Henry Barkly, for the distinguished honor which he had conferred on the Institution by his attendance. He would inform his excellency that not long since if he had tried to reach the spot on which they were then assembled there would have been every probability of his being "smashed" altogether, such was the wretched condition of the roads. He wished to inform the persons present that the committee intended shortly to commence a series of lectures when Professors Wilson and Hearn and Dr Macadam would appear before them. It was also intended to arrange for a series of concerts. He begged to move a vote of thanks to his Excellency (loud cheers), and had been requested to say that Major General Macarthur had expressed his regret that he had been prevented from attending owing to the darkness of the night. The speaker concluded by calling for three cheers for his Excellency and three cheers for Lady Barkly which was most warmly responded to.

His EXCELLENCY then rose and said he felt that he very little deserved the thanks which had been given him, as the duty had been altogether one of the most gratifying and agreeable character. He had accepted the invitation of his honourable friend the President of the Institute, with very great pleasure, inasmuch as the present was the first opportunity afforded him of evincing the interest which he felt in all institutions of a useful and practical character, especially when such institutions were connected with his own neighbourhood, and supported by those with whom he hoped to be best acquainted. At that late hour of the night he would only say that he was exceedingly obliged for the honour which had been done him and for the manner in which the vote of thanks to him had been received. He should always be glad, roads and weather permitting, to attend their meetings on all occasions when it would be possible for him to do so (Cheers).

The National Anthem was then sung and the meeting broke up shortly after 10 o'clock.

A BOYHOOD BY THE BAY



This delightful and beautifully illustrated autobiographical piece is an insightful and personal look at life in Sandringham during the 1940s, covering many aspects of life in the difficult war time period and immediately afterwards.

It is particularly focused on what a boy would notice at the time. Among the subjects covered are recycling, bikes, sunburn, the Baths, lollies, shopping,

school, cinema, the footy and keeping warm. It was the first choice of all three judges in this year's competition.

So said the judging panel about the winning entry in our 2013 Short History Prize. Following is a brief Q&A with the author

Q: Was this a project you had started before?

A: Yes - I had started, but put it aside. My partner had been encouraging me to continue writing, and eventually the incentive of the Short History Prize re-energised me, since I really wanted to record my memories.

Q: Who did you have in mind?

A: Above all, I wanted my sons to have a record of my early life, which I felt that they would enjoy. I know I would have been very interested if my father had done the same for me. I was pretty sure that other family members would find it interesting too, and for many of them, very nostalgic.

Q: Any words of encouragement for other writers?

A: Everyone has memories that in some ways are unique. One person's memories may throw a different light on the time and place being remembered. I felt quite relieved to get something down on paper while I still had the time and opportunity to do it.

Q: How did you remember everything?

A: Truly, it was almost all in my head, just waiting to burst out. Photos and memorabilia gave my memories a nudge...but that was all I needed.

Q: Was it a challenge?

A: The main challenge was actually sitting down and doing it. When I started I had no deadline, and there was no urgency - only my partner really knew or cared whether I did it or not. But as I got into it, I became more and more involved, and it has been a wonderfully satisfying achievement. Thanks are due to my partner Sally, who never let the idea go, and to the PMI Project for spurring me on. The resulting production has surprised me, first by winning the prestigious PMI Short History Prize, and then for the interest it has aroused in people, not only family members, who have enjoyed this particular trip into the fastfading 1940s.



SHORT
HISTORY
PRIZE

Do you or your historical organisation have a great story to tell about a place or aspect of a place in Victoria written by a member or members of a Victorian historical society or similar organisation?

The Prahran Mechanics' Institute invites you to enter its 2014 Short History Prize.

Entries of unpublished (or only published in your society's newsletter), non-fiction up to 15,000 words with or without images, completed within the last five years are welcome.

Prize \$1000

(\$500 for the author(s) and \$500 for the related historical group) + publication in the online version of the PMI newsletter

Closing date:

4pm Friday

26 August 2014

For guidelines 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

Elianne / Judy Nunn 2013
 Bitter wash road / Garry Disher 2013
 Holy bible / Vanessa Russell 2013
 Shame and the captives / Thomas Keneally 2013
 Barracuda / Christos Tsiolkas 2013
 Coal Creek / Alex Miller 2013
 Down in the city / Elizabeth Harrower 1957, 2013
 Eyrie / Tim Winton 2013
 Murder and Mendelssohn / Kerry Greenwood 2013
 The engagement / Chloe Hooper 2012
 A lifetime on clouds / Gerald Murnane 1976, 2013

In line with recent amendments to our collecting policy, you will find more and more interstate local histories being added to the collection. Keep an eye on the monthly 'Recent Additions' to find out more about coverage of interstate regions, or check our catalogue.

FICTION-FICTION

The Cambridge history of Australia / edited by Alison Bashford and Stuart Macintyre (not for loan)

The Cambridge History of Australia offers a comprehensive view of Australian history from its pre-European origins to the present day. Over two volumes, this major work of reference tells the nation's social, political and cultural story.

Each volume is divided into two parts. The first part offers a chronological treatment of the period, while the second examines the period in light of key themes, such as law, religion, the economy and the environment. Both volumes feature detailed maps, chronologies and lists of further reading. The first general history of Australia for several decades. Features contributions from over 60 historians who are leaders in their field. Includes systematic lists of further reading and a comprehensive chronology. This is a lively and systematic account of Australia's history, incorporating the work of more than sixty leading historians. It is the ideal work of reference for students, scholars and general readers.

First victory : 1914 : HMAS Sydney's hunt for the German raider Emden / Mike Carlton

In the opening months of the First World War, Emden's trail of destruction was tremendous. This one small ship and her skilled and gallant captain wrought havoc on the maritime trade of the British Empire, capturing and sinking ships at will. Australia, sending wool, wheat and gold across the Indian Ocean to sustain the Mother Country and despatching tens of thousands of young men to join the fight, had a vital interest in bringing Emden to her end. The battle, when it came, was short and bloody, an emphatic first victory at sea for the newborn Royal Australian Navy. It remains to this day a celebrated epic of naval warfare. In the century since, many writers have been there before Mike Carlton. Most were German, some of them survivors of the battle, others later historians, and they have generally told the story well. British accounts vary in quality, from good to nonsense, and there have been some patchwork American attempts as well. Curiously, there has been very little written from an Australian point of view. This book is - in part - an attempt to remedy that, with new facts and perspectives brought into the light of day.

In Bligh's hand : surviving the mutiny on the Bounty / Jennifer Gall

After the mutiny on the Bounty on 28 April 1789, led by Fletcher Christian, Captain William Bligh and 18 others were forced onto a 7-metre-long open boat and cast adrift. It was the beginning of a 47-day, 6700-kilometre journey from Tofua (a volcanic island in the Tonga group) to Timor. On this amazing voyage of survival, Bligh wrote daily entries in a small water-stained notebook and a selection of facsimile pages from this notebook is the foundation of In Bligh's Hand: Surviving the Mutiny on the Bounty. All but one of the men survived to reach Timor. In Bligh's Hand gives readers an insight into the character of William Bligh, the man who saved his men's lives through his iron will and stubborn adherence to a relentless regime of rationing and navigational calculations that kept the launch on course.

Remarkable times : Australian politics 2010-13 : what really happened / Laurie Oakes

A collection of the best of Laurie Oakes' weekly articles on national politics since the fall of Kevin Rudd, together with exclusive new pieces on the 2013 election campaign, the result, and the make-up and prospects of the new government. From the very first days of the Gillard government to the carbon tax issue; and from the return of Kevin Rudd to the vitriol and turbulence of everyday public debate.

On Warne / Gideon Haigh

More than a plain life story, in On Warne Haigh offers a brilliant portrait of 'Warnie's' craft, an analysis of his career through the lens of his key relationships and biggest misdemeanours, and a personalised portrait of the man as he evolved from the pizza-scoffing prodigy.

Life is worth swimming / Murray Rose

An intimate glimpse into the personal journey of Australian swimming icon Murray Rose, his life, his stories and his innermost thoughts. Throughout the book, enchanting images, some nostalgic, some recent and many from his private collection, document his life, highlight his words and bring the events described into sharp focus.

A funny course for a woman / Rosemary Balmford

Rosemary Balmford, the first female judge on the Supreme Court of Victoria, has been a solicitor, wife and mother, and a tribunal member, law teacher and administrator. She is an amateur ornithologist and has been an active member of bird organisations and of organisations working for the encouragement of breast-feeding and better parenting. In January 2012, she was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia for service to the judiciary, the practice of law in Victoria, and the study of ornithology.

When Rosemary was admitted to practice as a barrister and solicitor of the Supreme Court of Victoria in 1956, it was unthinkable that there would ever be a female judge of that Court. Forty years later the Premier, Jeff Kennett, announced her appointment to the bench.

Rosemary's memoirs tell the story of her life in Melbourne, and how changes over that time made it possible for a woman to advance in the legal profession. Technology freed time, education created opportunities, and slowly attitudes changed. There are now eleven female judges on the Supreme Court of Victoria.

Early merchant families of Sydney: speculation and risk management on the fringes of empire / Janette Holcomb

Merchant enterprise in the remote, undeveloped convict colony of New South Wales was not for the faint-hearted. This book examines the lives, challenges and strategies of those who contributed to the development of private enterprise in Australia.

Queanbeyan : city of champions / by Nichole Overall

Queanbeyan is a city of champions in every sense – from community service to regional leaders, sport to industry, artistic endeavours to cultural pursuits. Produced to mark the occasion of the 175th anniversary of Queanbeyan's official proclamation as a Township, this book is intended as a pictorial celebration, an illustrative social history reflecting Queanbeyan's journey and revealing something of the spirit that forged the town, the bravery and tenacity that shaped it and the initiative that continues to develop it.

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HISTORIC HAPPENINGS

A&NZ Society of Indexers (Victorian Branch)

2.30pm-4.30pm, Sat 29 Mar - Lecture - Lynette Silver, OAM on 'Sleuthing Military History'. Seminar Room 1, State Library of Victoria Conference Centre, access via entry 3, La Trobe Street. Cost: \$10, members free. *Further information and bookings 0414 758 712 or or www.anzsi.org*

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 St Kilda Cemetery

2pm, Sun 13 Apr - Tour - Notable Interments at St Kilda Cemetery: St Kilda Cemetery is Melbourne's second oldest cemetery and the last resting place for many notable people involved in both Victoria and Australia's history of the late 19th and early 20th century. This tour visits the graves of Alfred Deakin, an early Prime Minister, Sir George Turner, the first Federal Treasurer, Alfred Felton of the Felton Bequest fame, Albert Jacka, winner of a Victoria Cross and Mayor of St Kilda and many other interesting and influential people. It is especially suited to people who have little familiarity with the cemetery.

2pm, Sun 18 May - Tour - WHAT A WAY TO GO!: As part of Law Week, one of our experienced guides will lead a tour of unusual deaths and a history of the Melbourne Morgue. There is much to discover on this fascinating tour which is being repeated due to popular demand.

Cost: \$10, Members - \$5. Meet at the main gate on Dandenong Road. *Further information and bookings 9531 6832 or www.trybooking.com/CVQ*

Glen Eira U3A & Glen Eira Historical Society

11am-4pm, Sun 9 Mar - Display - 'A Celebration of Women of Glen Eira and Beyond'. A display of the achievements of women, past and present from Glen Eira and across Australia will be presented - be amazed at the range of activities our women have undertaken. Opening ceremony 11am-11.30am then display open until 4pm. Glen Eira U3A, 1151 Glen Huntly Road, Glen Huntly. Cost: \$10, members free. *Further information and bookings cstals@internode.on.net.*

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.*

Public Record Office

1pm-2.30pm, Thu 6 Mar - Free information session - 'Women in the Archives'. Presented by Australian Women's Archive Project/Public Record Office Victoria.

11am, Wed 2 Apr - Free information session - 'Introduction to the PROV online catalogue'. This session is an introductory session to get you started on researching our collection, taking a look at simple and advanced searching methods, searching within a series, searching our online indexes, the basics of ordering records and what you can view online. We will also take you through who we are and what we do at Public Record Office Victoria with an overall focus on how you can access our ever-evolving collection of records through our online catalogue. Basic computer skills are required.

Victorian Archives Centre, 99 Sheil St, North Melbourne. Further information and bookings, visit <http://prov.vic.gov.au/whats-on/events-calendar>. Sessions are preceded by a tour of the archives which may be booked separately.

Royal Historical Society of Victoria

9.45-3.30, Sat 29 Mar - History Victoria Support Group seminar - 'How to build and maintain your membership' and 'Current and future opportunities in information technology for historical societies' at RHSV 239 A'Beckett Street, Melbourne. Cost: \$15.00 per head includes a light lunch and morning tea. *Further information and bookings at office@historyvictoria.org.au or phone 9326 9288, or use our online Trybooking via www.historyvictoria.org.au*

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