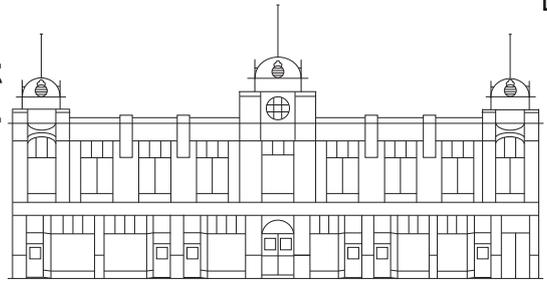


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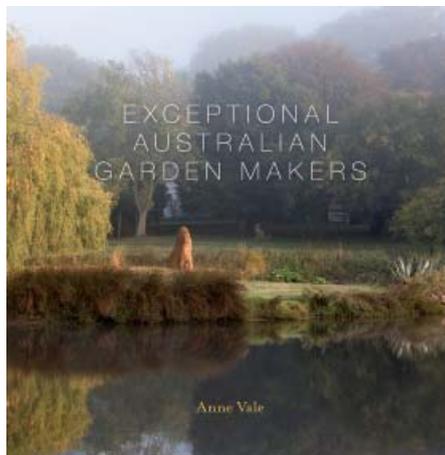
ANNUAL BRUCE TURNER LECTURE:

Anne Vale

author of *Exceptional Australian Garden Makers*

on

The Evolution of the Arts and Crafts Garden From Architects to Edna Walling



**3.00pm,
Saturday 24 May**

(after the PMI AGM
at 2.00pm)

at 140 High Street, Prahran

Bookings ESSENTIAL: 9510 3393 or library@pmi.net.au

The Arts and Crafts movement set a precedent for English architects to take control of designing both house and garden. In England, Horticulturalist William Robinson's approach to natural style planting within strong architectural lines was popularised through the work of Gertrude Jekyll and Edwin Lutyens.

As these influences extended to Australia, it created a foundation for the new breed of professional garden makers to emerge in the 1920s with many protagonists based in Victoria.

For Edna Walling, in particular, this was the perfect vehicle to explore and develop her personal credo for garden making, landscape conservation and lifestyle. Through this medium she became one of Australia's most sought after garden designers of the 20th Century.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

2pm, Sat 24 May

at 140 High Street, Prahran

AGENDA ENCLOSED WITH THIS NEWSLETTER

Further details in 'Around the Library', page 2.

!!!BOOK SALE!!!

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AROUND THE LIBRARY

MEMBERS NEWS

New Members

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

Financial Donors

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

*David Moloney
John Harris*

Philippa Strang

Book Donors

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

*Bass Coast Shire Council
Philippe Batters
Baw Baw Shire Council
Bayside Library Service
Berwick Mechanics
Institute
Helen & Rosalie Blakeley
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GENERAL NEWS

Annual General Meeting

Enclosed with this newsletter should be your notice of the PMI's Annual General Meeting to be held at **2.00pm on Saturday 24 May at 140 High Street, Prahran.**

There are two committee positions up for re-election. If you wish to nominate for the committee, nomination forms are available from the Secretary Librarian. Nominations must be received by 4.30 on Friday 16 May.

NMIT (Melbourne Polytechnic) has generously allowed us to use without charge the lecture

theatre 206 on the first floor of the building (above the library). We're very grateful to Craig Vanson of Melbourne Polytechnic for arranging this for us. If you've never been to 206 before, come to the library shortly before the AGM commences and we'll give you the directions or accompany you to the room.

This will be our last AGM at the High Street building, so we hope our members will be able to attend and find out more about the relocation progress.

Membership

Can you believe it has been ten whole years since subscription prices increased at the PMI?

Since 2004 our membership has increased by over 230 members and our collection has grown and grown too.

Our new membership prices will take effect from 1 June:

\$15 individual (there will no longer be a concession price)

\$50 individual - 5 years

\$100 paid life membership - available to members aged 60+

\$30 institutional - newsletter and one vote at the AGM. Existing institutional members will be advised of changes in writing shortly.

New PMI catalogue

PMI Library staff recently had a business analysis meeting with the provider of our new catalogue. This all-day meeting gave us the opportunity to discuss and design a catalogue specifically to suit the needs of our special collection and our members.

We now expect the new catalogue to be operational by August, so further information will be provided in the next newsletter.

COMMITTEE NEWS

Building work is in progress at 39 St Edmonds Road. The committee met with the architect on 24 April and is pleased to report that the work is progressing on schedule, and is expected to be completed by July. Further information will be available at the Annual General Meeting.

VOLUNTEERS NEWS

So far this year, 14 volunteers have contributed 339 hours work in the library, and two book indexes, with seven further books currently being indexed.

Major tasks being undertaken by volunteers at present are as follows:

- Our book care volunteers deserve a huge pat on the back as they have now finished processing the enormous Whitehorse-Manningham donation which was received in 2012. Many of the items in this donation required recovering, cleaning and considerable tidying up of old library stamps and labels. It's a great feeling to have this work done. The book care volunteers will soon be turning their

attention to the recently received DPTLI & Heritage Victoria donation (see p.5).

- Checking back through our old accession register books continues (register of items acquired by the library) to make sure the PMI is showing as holding the items on Libraries Australia (Trove) database. 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.

- Archives - paper archives: much archive material continues to be gathered, filed, described and indexed.

- Collection - rare books: one volunteer is checking items in our rare book cabinet to the catalogue and to an online resources to establish their potential value and how easily they could be replaced. 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 now have 65 book indexes completed by PMI volunteers.

12-18 May is the 25th annual National Volunteer Week.

From the Volunteering Australia website: "*Celebrate the power of volunteering*" will be adopted for NVW2014 by volunteering organisations nationally as they plan for celebration events to acknowledge and thank more than six million volunteers who together form a formidable workforce powering many essential community, environmental, sporting, welfare, emergency services, education and cultural services and supports.

At this time each year we acknowledge the hard work and commitment of our volunteers and we recognise the enormous difference the volunteer program (established in 2008) has made and continues to make to the library.

For National Volunteer Week our volunteers receive a NWV lapel pin, a small gift and a thank you card from the staff and committee.



25 YEARS OF NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK
12-18 MAY 2014

BOOK SALE



Saturday
7 June

9.30-1.00

at

PMI Library

140 High Street, Prahran

Non-Australian fiction
and mysteries

Non-Australian histories

All paperbacks - \$1

All hardbacks - \$2



MEMBERS ONLY

SOME ANNIVERSARIES OF THE PAST

In this 160th anniversary year of the PMI, it's a good time to reflect on the way in which the PMI celebrated past anniversaries. Here is how the *Prahran Telegraph* (9/7/1904) recorded the 50th anniversary of the PMI ...

JUBILEE OF THE PRAHRAN MECHANICS' INSTITUTE: A SUCCESSFUL AND AUSPICIOUS FUNCTION.

On Wednesday evening a large gathering assembled at the above institution, for the purpose of celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of the Prahran Mechanics' Institute.

The hall was seated as a concert room, and beautifully decorated with pot plants and greenery. Hanging in artistic clusters were large Japanese gandy paper umbrellas and lanterns gracefully grouped.

Representative people of the city were present, and the Mayor, (Cr Densham), and president of the institution, in opening the evening said the occasion they had met together to celebrate was a very interesting and unique one ; throughout the State their were very few if any institutes celebrating their jubilee. He took some objection to the term Mechanics' Institute, as it did not convey the full meaning of the scope of such places. The Prahran Mechanics' had gone through very many vicissitudes. The position at the present time was that they owed £2,000, per contra to this, it may be said that a few weeks ago £10,000 cash was refused for their land and buildings. Few similar institutes could show as splendid a position. There were four councillors on the committee, and four elected by the institute, with the mayor as their continuous chairman. He thought this was a mistake, as sometimes the mayor could not spare the time required. They had the Act of Parliament which fixed it that the chief magistrate should be the permanent head of the institution. It was therefore their duty to see they got a good mayor.

Cr Hon Thomas Luxton, MLC, said it would clearly be remembered that the burghers of Prahran in the early 'fifties, had banded together with the object of raising money to erect a mechanics' institute. It took several years till the government came forward with assistance, when a building shortly followed. Things went on well for some years after that, till a reaction in the deep interest of the members took place, and the institute fell into the hands of three or four people who had the use of the place for perhaps 20 years. As far as the ratepayers were concerned they had nothing to do with the institution in any shape or form during this time, and no balance sheet was

published of whatever was done. Some four years ago the citizens took action to recover the institution which belonged to them. Twelve months were spent in trying to regain possession of the property in which the late Sir Frederick Sargood; Mr Hinde, their former town clerk; and himself with others had taken a very active part. A great deal of work had to be done before their efforts were successful. The first year the institution came into the hands of the councillors and citizens, the revenue derived was £70 ; and there were only 7 members who thought it worth while to pay 10s per year for membership. They now had 340 members with a revenue of £560 per year. The Mayor had stated they owed £2 000; against that they had 60 feet frontage to Chapel-street worth at least £100 per foot, according to the recent sale of the property at the corner of Wattle-street. Their position was therefore a very good one indeed. He felt proud of having taken a prominent part in the restoration of the institute to the people. They had one of the most active secretaries possible, to whose control and energy much of their success was due.

Mr Thomas Excell said it was his duty to extend his thanks to the manager of the institution who, in hunting up old records, was not unmindful to the old-time associates of the place. It was not always old friends were remembered so gratefully. He most heartily thanked them for giving him the opportunity of being present. He remembered that when he was secretary the late Sir Graham, then Mr Berry, and Mr Sargood, the father of the late Sir Frederick Sargood, who was then only a very young man, took a very keen interest in the affairs of the Prahran Mechanics'. He called to mind that the latter had taken a prominent part in a philharmonic society here, when he sang the tenor parts. He had no idea years ago that he would be present at the jubilee of this place. He would not inflict a long speech upon them, but sincerely congratulated them on the wonderful strides they had made.

A splendid programme of musical and other items was then gone through, contributed to by Madame Cavendish, Miss Maggie Fenelon, and Messrs Fred Golding, L. Wolper, H. Emanuel, and M. Callander, the latter reciting the same piece 'The Ruined Cottage' as he had recited in the institute 38 years ago. Herr Kahn was musical director, and Mr Constantino, accompanist.

At 9.30, light refreshment was served in the billiard room, which did credit to the evening, Half an hour afterwards dancing was indulged in, and kept up till a late hour. Cards and billiards also helped to wile away a happy time.

The company separated thoroughly content with their experience, and high encomiums to the committee and secretary for the splendid manner they had celebrated the 'clasp of the hands' of the years 1854-1904.

The next newsletter will contain some further information on some subsequent PMI Anniversary celebrations.

AN AMAZING DONATION!

The PMI Library is the very fortunate and grateful recipient of some 20 boxes of items for the library from the Department of Planning, Transport and Local Infrastructure (DPTLI) and Heritage Victoria.

These government collections and services are undergoing some consolidation to a new site at Werribee and we're pleased to accept these duplicate and surplus items for the PMI collection. While a lot of the material will be of general interest to our members, we're delighted to be of further service to people working in the heritage field, who may find it more convenient to access these items in Prahran, instead of travelling to Werribee.

Amongst these items are **heritage and conservation studies**, which will substantially add to the many such studies we already hold. We have found that these studies are very useful to researchers, as they contain a great deal of succinct general history about an area, as well as detailed history and significance assessments of particular buildings and landmarks.

Also included are **conservation analysis** documents and **management plans** relating to many particular buildings, landmarks and historical sites. These often include a great deal of detailed information. Some of these items already added to the catalogue relate to Bundoora Homestead, Strathfieldsaye Homestead (Stratford), Cranlana (Toorak), Calder Woodburn Memorial Avenue (Shepparton), Station Pier (Port Melbourne) and many others.

Garden history enthusiasts will perhaps be pleased to peruse many **landscape heritage** documents relating to public parks, and gardens of heritage properties. Some of these already added to the catalogue concern Toorak Park (Armadale), Flagstaff Gardens (Melbourne), St Vincents Gardens (Albert Park) and Footscray Park.

There are also some quite amazing **studies of particular types of structures and sites** throughout Victoria including motor garages/service stations, lighthouses, mining heritage places and German heritage places.

Other gems we've added to the catalogue include **photographic studies** of various sites including Calembeen Park (Creswick), Roy Grounds House (Toorak), Geelong Woolstores and David Jones (Melbourne).

No doubt we will find many further treasures as we continue to sort through the collection.

Nearly 150 individual items are already in process. Much of what has been added so far has been recorded and catalogued, but not processed. If you find an item in the catalogue you would like to look at, let us know and we may be able to arrange fast-track processing for you.

A full list of items added so far will be found in the April Recent Additions list, distributed at the end of the month.

PRAHRAN MECHANICS' INSTITUTE



SHORT HISTORY PRIZE

In line with the PMI objective to encourage and facilitate historical research, we invite you to participate in our Short History Prize 2014.

TOPIC:

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

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

PRIZE \$1000

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

Closing date:

4pm Friday 26 August 2014

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

Ancestry library edition

Recently Added & Updated Australian Databases

New South Wales, Australia, Butts of Marriage Licenses, 1813–1835, 1894 - This collection contains registers and butts for marriage licenses issued in New South Wales, Australia, 1813–1835, 1894. (A butt is the portion of a certificate that remains in a certificate or license book.) Information provided can include the following: number and date of the license; parties' names; and where, when, and by whom the marriage was solemnized. In many cases parents' names, name of a previous spouse (for women only), occupation, and place of residence are also recorded.

New South Wales, Australia, Convict Applications for the Publication of Banns, 1828-1830, 1838-1839 - During these early years of New South Wales history, convicts wishing to marry needed to seek official permission. This collection includes returns listing details from applications to publish banns from the Church of England for parts of New South Wales for the years 1829–1830 and 1838–1839.

New South Wales, Australia, Convict Registers of Conditional and Absolute Pardons, 1788-1870 (updated) - This database contains records of pardons granted to convicts in New South Wales, Australia. Pardons were generally given to convicts with life sentences and shortened the sentence by granting freedom. There were two types of pardons – conditional and absolute. Conditional pardons required that freed convicts remain in the colony. Absolute pardons allowed freed convicts to return to the U.K.

New South Wales, Census and Population Books, 1811-1825 - This collection contains population, land, and stock books giving details on the population of New South Wales for the years 1811–1825. All of these records predate the first official census, which was held in 1828.

Fremantle, Western Australia, Passenger Lists, 1897-1963 - For most European ships, Fremantle, Western Australia, was the first port of call in Australia. This is a collection of passenger records of arrivals at Fremantle, Perth Airport, and other Western Australia ports. The lists, which are arranged chronologically, recorded passengers arriving from other Australian states and overseas and can include names of passengers passing through those ports en route to other ports within, and nearby ports outside, Australia.

About Birth, Death & Marriage Records on Ancestry

The Ancestry database has superseded the old Digger CDs which were used to search for birth, marriage and death information. Advantages include the fact that the old CDs have some compatibility issues with updated operating systems, the CDs were restricted by time period, which often meant swapping CDs many times during a research session, and the fact that the Ancestry BDM databases cover the whole of Australia.

Here is a list and brief descriptions of the main BDM databases of particular relevance to Victoria:

Australia Birth Index: 1788-1922

NSW: 1788-1910 Tas: 1803-1910
NT: 1870-1910 VIC: 1836-1910
Qld: 1829-1910, 1915-1919 WA: 1841-1905
SA: 1842-1922

(Note that the Digger CDs do cover births up to 1920 so the CD might be handy when searching for a Victorian birth 1910-1920)

Australian Marriage Index: 1788-1950

NSW: 1788-1945 Tas: 1803-1919
NT: 1870-1913 Vic: 1836-1920
Qld: 1829-1935 WA: 1841-1950
SA: 1842-1937

Australia Death Index: 1788-1985

NSW: 1788-1945 Tas: 1803-1919
NT: 1870-1913 Vic: 1836-1985
Qld: 1929-1959 WA: 1841-1980
SA: 1842-1970

Australia Cemetery Index, 1808-2007

There are scant records for Victorian cemeteries in this database, but may be useful for researchers looking for graves in New South Wales and Tasmania.

Australia & New Zealand Obituary Collection

Contains 238,000 recent obituaries, including links to contents and transcripts. This could be a useful supplement to other recent death notice resources such as the Ryerson Index.

Australia and New Zealand, Rootsweb Death Index, 1813-2003

This is a third-party database from the Rootsweb site - information is added by family history researchers. Ancestry.com does not support or make corrections or changes to the original database, so results on this database should be used as a guide only, and verified using reliable sources.

If you have any questions about Ancestry, or need any assistance in your search for your ancestors let us know. PMI members may book a computer to use Ancestry at the library, or bring your laptop and we'll show you how to log into our network.

FICTION

Jacks and Jokers / Matthew Condon

Continuing on from the bestselling 'Three crooked kings', 'Jacks and jokers' opens in 1976. Terry Lewis, exiled in western Queensland, is soon to be controversially appointed Police Commissioner. As for the other two original Crooked Kings, Tony Murphy is set to ruthlessly take control of the workings of 'The Joke', while Glen Hallahan, retired from the force, begins to show a keen interest in the emerging illicit drug trade. Meanwhile, ex-cop and 'bagman' Jack Herbert collects the payments and efficiently takes police graft to a whole new level.

Arthur Phillip : sailor, mercenary, governor, spy / Michael Pembroke

As a captain in the Georgian navy Arthur Phillip's integrity, intelligence and persistence made him perfectly suited to the role that history and circumstance presented to him in 1788, but landing the First Fleet at Botany Bay was only one of many achievements in a captivating life. Arthur Phillip was a career soldier, a mercenary and a spy for the British Empire long before he captained the First Fleet and founded Sydney. Through meticulous research, Michael Pembroke has discovered the amazing story behind Australia's first Governor, Arthur Phillip. The story of Phillip's life takes us through wars with Spain and France, battles, court martials, and the taking of Havana from the Spanish. In his 20s he married a wealthy widow (with a pre-nup agreement) and briefly became a gentleman farmer. The marriage ended in divorce, before such a thing existed in England, but Phillip then became a successful merchant in France and likely spy for England. In 1774 he became a paid mercenary for the Portuguese navy at the behest of the Admiralty and his enemy again was Spain but now in South America. Upon his return to London some years later, the revolution in the American colonies triggered another war with France and then Spain as well. England faced the possibility of its first invasion since 1588 and Phillip became the commander of a 74 gun ship with a crew of 600 men defending the channel. Phillip is revealed to have undertaken secret missions for the Admiralty throughout his career and perhaps was among the first to be a part of the Secret Service. And finally it is revealed that the establishment of the colonies in New South Wales were an extension of Phillips work for England. A trusted and strategic thinker who would make sure that England ruled the waves.

Sea baths of Victoria / Bruce Bennett

This is the story of sea baths in Victoria from earliest settlement in 1837. Their development and growth followed the prosperity of Victorian society for nearly a hundred years. The first baths were crude structures to serve a basic need for cleanliness. Innovations included the use of old hulks as bathing ships. From the 1850s commercial interests formed Sea Bathing Companies and built larger and more elaborate structures. These were placed out from the shore in the sea and were often architect designed, picturesque and even magnificent structures.

Society had more leisure time and sea baths were at their peak in the boom years of the 1880s and 1890s, with local councils often taking on their construction. After 1900 social changes led to an increasing preference for open sea bathing and the baths began to decline.

Queen's College, the University of Melbourne : a pictorial history, 1887 - 2012 / Jennifer Bars, Sophia Pavlovski-Ross, David T Runia

Founded in the jubilee year of 1887, Queen's College is a commanding presence on College Crescent just north of the University of Melbourne. During the past century and a quarter it has seen enormous changes in university education, student life and society in general. Established by Methodists with a passion for learning, it has grown from fewer than 20 students to a thriving home for 300 undergraduates, graduates, academics and visiting scholars.

Encountering Terra Australis : the Australian voyages of Nicolas Baudin and Matthew Flinders / Jean Fornasiero, Peter Monteath and John West-Sooby

Encountering Terra Australis traces the parallel lives and voyages of the explorers Flinders and Baudin, as they travelled to Australia and explored the coastline of mainland Australia and Tasmania. Unusually, the book takes its lead from the voyages of Baudin, rather than Flinders. Furthermore the authors have sourced original accounts including material which has never before been available in English.

Ochre and rust : artefacts and encounters on Australian frontiers / Philip Jones

In the Flinders Ranges, a Kuyanic man presents a cake of ochre to a European doctor, in earnest proof that the threatened ochre mine is 'as important as the Bible is to Christians'. As netted bags are exchanged for cloth south of Port Darwin, a surveyor's linguistic hobby draws him close to Djerimanga people, near enough to become the unwitting victim of a blood debt. This takes Aboriginal artefacts from their museum shelves, and traces their biographies, revealing charged and nuanced moments of encounter in Australia's frontier history. The book received the inaugural, 2008 Prime Minister's Literary Award for Non-fiction, and was joint Winner of the FAW Melbourne University Publishing Award 2008.

Kings Cross : a biography / Louis Nowra

Louis Nowra burrows beneath the sensationalist Underbelly 'sex and sin' narrative, revealing stories and a cast of characters - some household names others little-known - that not even a writer could conjure up. Kings Cross is a no-holds barred place, where backpackers, prostitutes, strippers, chefs, mad men, poets, beggars, booksellers, doctors, gangsters, sailors, musicians, drug traffickers, eccentrics, judges and artists live side by side. Part flaneur, part historian and part eyewitness, Louis Nowra is the best possible guide to a place both real, and a state of mind.

AUSTRALIAN LITERATURE

Runner / Robert Newton 2005

Eleven seasons / Paul D. Carter 2013

Silent kill / Peter Corris 2014

Best Australian stories 2013

The winter sea / Di Morrissey 2013

Kangaroo / D.H. Lawrence 2009 (1923)

Storm of time / Eleanor Dark 2013

Fifty bales of hay / Rachael Treasure 2012

The great unknown (short stories) / edited by Angela Meyer 2013

Frantic / Katherine Howell 2011

Silent fear / Katherine Howell 2013

Deserving death / Katherine Howell 2014

Cold justice / Katherine Howell 2010

Violent exposure / Katherine Howell 2010

Web of deceit / Katherine Howell 2014

The long green shore / by John Hepworth ; introduced by Lloyd Jones 2014

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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.*

Brighton Cemeterians

2pm, Sun 18 May - Tour - Law Week: The Rulers - governing the country in deeds not years. Brighton General Cemetery, 261 North Road, Caulfield South. Cost: \$10, members \$8. *Further information and bookings: Lois 9558 4248 or info@brightoncemeterians.org.*

Friends of St Kilda 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.

2pm, Sun 15 Jun - Tour - Barons, Knights and Dames. St Kilda Cemetery is the resting place for many recipients of Imperial and foreign honours. At a time when Australia is re-introducing titles, this tour will visit the graves of two nineteenth century Baronets, a Dame of the British Empire and just a few of the more than twenty-five distinguished Knights buried within the Cemetery. The tour will visit the graves of Sir Norman and Dame Mabel Brookes. It will stop at the temporary resting place of military engineer and Crimean War veteran, Sir Peter Scratchley. It will also visit the grave of a most remarkable man who was a recipient of many foreign titles, including a Knighthood from the King of the Hawaiian Islands in 1882. Cost: \$10, Members - \$5. Meet at the main gate on Dandenong Road. *Further information and bookings 9531 6832 or www.trybooking.com/CVQ*

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

11am-12pm, Fri 16 May - Tour - Journeys through the Archive - National Trust Heritage Festival. Join us for a guided tour through the archives and journey into Victoria's past. While on tour you'll get the opportunity to view records rarely on display, from immigration and shipping list to records relating to some of our most notorious characters. You'll learn about the work we do to preserve and protect Victoria's history by conserving and digitising historic documents for future generations to enjoy. You may pick up tips on how to trace your history and protect your precious family documents and you're sure to leave with story or two!

10am-4pm, Sat 17 May - Open day - 'Dig the Archives'. Public Record Office Victoria and the National Archives of Australia are proud to announce that on Saturday 17 May we are opening our doors and inviting you to Dig the Archives at the Victorian Archives Centre open day. There will be a series of informative talks on offer all day from property research with Adam Ford of the ABC's *Who's Been Sleeping In My House?* to true crime with author and journalist Russell Robinson and caring for your collection with a professional conservator. You will also have the opportunity to get a behind the scenes tour where you will discover the Treasures of the Archives. See more at: <http://prov.vic.gov.au/dig-the-archives#sthash.7NSNHd2U.dpuf>

1pm-2pm, Thu 15 May - Free information session - 'Researching Education Records'. Let us take you through our vast array of education records that we have in our collection from photographs to plans and school files.

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

St Kilda Historical Society

6.30pm, Thu 8 May - lecture - 'History of the Port Phillip EcoCentre'. Neil Blake OAM long standing director of the EcoCentre and Port Phillip Baykeeper will speak about his involvement in local, open spaces and habitat management since 1985. He has developed an extensive knowledge of the regional environment and he will speak of local and natural heritage, ecology and environmental management and design and community action. EcoCentre, corner of Blessington and Herbert Streets St Kilda. \$5 (members free). *Further information and bookings [@stkildahistory.org.au](mailto:stkildahistory.org.au).*

Stonnington History Centre

10am-11am, Wed 25 Jun - History Matters workshop - Making history in Stonnington, 1994 – 2014. Stonnington CEO Warren Roberts reflects on the City of Stonnington's major achievements and challenges as we mark our twentieth anniversary. Bookings open at 10am on 1 May. Northbrook House, behind Malvern Library, 1257 High Street, Malvern. *Further information and bookings: 8290 1360.*

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