

LAUNCH OF 'DESIGN FOR LIVING'

The seventh PMI Press publication *Design for Living: a History of 'Pahran Tech'* by Judith Buckrich was successfully launched by Mr Terence Lane at the Prahran Town Hall on 5 June.

Mr Lane is the Senior Curator of Australian Art at the National Gallery of Victoria, and was the author's first choice to launch the book. Dr Buckrich felt it important to emphasise probably the most enduring of the school's legacies - the top-notch art and design college that evolved out of the Prahran Technical Art School, and the successful artists that it produced.

Tony Lupton MP was also in attendance to speak at this special occasion. This was fitting as it was Mr Lupton who announced the Mechanics' Institutes Community Partnership Program grant that was used to establish PMI Press in 2004. The launch fell right in the middle of a busy schedule in the Victorian Parliament, so we are especially grateful that Mr Lupton found the time to attend.

The evening was hosted by Cr John Chandler, Mayor of Stonnington and PMI Committee member.

The Prahran Town Hall was the ideal venue for the launch, and we are very grateful to the City of Stonnington for making the hall available to us.

Sixteen panels depicting pages from the book were on display for the launch, and PMI Committee member Peter Wolfenden was on hand with his data projector which displayed a series of images from the book throughout the proceedings. Peter was also a big help to PMI staff over the evening, helping to ensure that everything ran smoothly. PMI member David Hellewell took photographs for us.

We are indebted to local businesses Paterson's Cakes and Windsor IGA for their valuable sponsorship of the launch. Paterson's generously donated \$500 worth of sandwiches, and Windsor IGA supplied beverages at cost price.

Copies of *Design for Living* are available from the PMI Library for \$35. All proceeds go to PMI Press non-profit publishing service.



Above: Cr John Chandler, Dr Judith Buckrich, Mr Terence Lane, Mr Tony Lupton MP

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