

VOLUNTEERS NEWS

ATTENTION VOLUNTEER INDEXERS

You are invited to an

INDEXERS' MORNING TEA

to be held at the PMI at
10.30am on
Saturday 13 June.

This is your opportunity
to meet your fellow
indexers and to discuss
items of mutual interest.

Brain food provided!

Please RSVP by phone
9510 3393 or email
library@pmi.net.au.



2008 Volunteer Effort

The tireless work carried out by volunteers during 2008 has made a big difference to the PMI as you will gather from the following statistics:

- 287.5 hours of book care duties
- 39 hours of newsletter mail out duties
- 14 book indexes added to the library
- 500 PMI brochures delivered

Special thanks also to **Jim Badger**, who for several years has helped Tim by creating indexes for 7 books for uploading to the library catalogue. Also thanks to **Brian Hunt** who also helps out from time to time when there is some lifting and moving to be done.

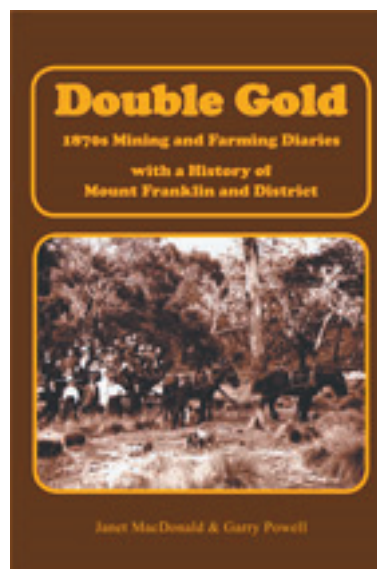
Additionally, volunteers for the Mechanics' Institutes Resources Centre (MIRC) at the PMI completed 142 hours of work in 2008.

Thank you to all who contributed their time and energy to the PMI in 2008.

PMI PRESS NEWS

The most recent PMI Press publication, *Double Gold: 1870s Mining and Farming Diaries with a History of Mount Franklin and District* was published soon after I took maternity leave in mid-2008 and launched in August.

Because of the timing of it I was not able to include any information about it in the PMI newsletter and I would like to take the opportunity now because we consider it a very worthwhile publication and we are



proud of PMI Press' association with it.

The authors, cousins **Garry Powell** and **Janet MacDonald** have put a huge amount of work into *Double Gold*. It took eleven years to write and many more to research. The centrepiece of the book is the diaries kept by their great-grandfather, Henry Pritchard Parry, who settled at Mount Franklin and farmed with his cousin, William Parry.

The diaries, covering 1874-1876, were handed down through the family over the years and have been translated from the original Welsh. They allow the reader to become immersed as the harsh realities and prosperous successes come to life along with many characters of the local community.

Janet and Garry have provided much supporting material about the lives of Parry and Roberts and their families, as well as the history, geology, geography and people of the district.

Janet and Garry must be congratulated on this fine result to their many years' work. There is a copy of *Double Gold* in the PMI collection. If you are interested in purchasing a copy there is an order form available from the PMI Press website http://www.pmi.net.au/press_pubs.htm or call 9510 3393 and we will post an order form to you.

Christine Worthington

The next submission round for PMI Press will be 30 September 2009 for items to be published in 2010. Details and submission forms are given on the website or call 9510 3393 for further information.