



THE RHSV CONFERENCE 2010

Facts & Fables – making local history

Saturday 28 & Sunday 29 August 2010

Regional Conference: Hotel Shamrock, Bendigo, Victoria

The conference theme and dates incorporate some historical anniversaries - the landing of European settlers on the site of Melbourne 175 years ago, the Burke and Wills expedition which camped near Bendigo 150 years ago, and powered flight by the Duigan brothers at Mia Mia a century plus six weeks ago. The keynote address by Professor Graeme Davison on why and how historical events may attain the level of fable will open an exploration of a range of ways in which the local and particular can illuminate broader events in history.

Accommodation

Arrangements have been made with the Hotel Shamrock, corner Pall Mall and Williamson Streets, Bendigo for a special discount rate for conference delegates choosing to stay at the hotel. Mention you are a delegate when booking. Bookings number (03)5443 0333 or email through www.hotelshamrock.com.au

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Nicholas Caire photograph of Bendigo cemetery with Burke & Wills monument c1873.



THE RHSV CONFERENCE 2010 REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete and return this form by Monday 23 August.

Forms can be returned to: office@historyvictoria.org.au or mail to
RHSV, 239 A'Beckett St. Melbourne 3000

Names of people attending:

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Email:.....

Phone:.....Mobile:.....

I/we are planning to attend

ACTIVITY	COST Per Head	No.of People attending	Total cost
Saturday Bus Tour:	\$50.00		\$
Saturday evening Conference Dinner	\$60.00		\$
Sunday Conference	\$50.00		\$
		TOTAL COST	\$

Please note accommodation is not included with registration fees.

Online registrations and payment can be made by going to:

<http://www.trybooking.com/FNC> *(Please note a 30C booking fee applies per on line ticket booking.)*

I enclose payment of \$

Payment Details:

- Cash**
- Cheque** (made payable to Royal Historical Society of Victoria)
- Credit card**

Name on card

Number _ _ _ _ _

Expiry _ _ _ _ Visa Mastercard

Direct Debit:

ANZ Bank: BSB: 013 165 A/C No: 3475 70336

Special dietary requirements

Vegetarian Gluten Free Other (please specify).....

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C O N F E R E N C E P R O G R A M M E S A T U R D A Y

Offered in three parts, with those opting for all three gaining precedence in limited numbers for Saturday events

PART ONE: *Bendigo by Bus*

Saturday 28th August 2010

10am – 5pm

Cost: \$50 per head

Full day guided tour of local historical sites including Burke and Wills camp sites at Mia Mia and Barsedown, cemetery memorials and sites within the heritage City of Bendigo. Expert commentary from local historians including Jim Evans (BHS) and Carol Holsworth.

Tour includes 2 course luncheon at The Redesdale including glass of wine, tea/coffee (12.30pm-2pm)

Departure Points: 10.10am: Information Centre, Pall Mall, Bendigo or 10.25am at Bendigo Railway Station

Numbers are limited to 55. Book early to secure a place!

PART TWO: *Conference Dinner*

Saturday 28th August 2010

Gpo restaurant, Pall Mall, Bendigo

Cost: \$60 per head

6.30 pm

Pre dinner in the Balcony Room, Gpo restaurant, Pall Mall, Bendigo.

7.00pm

Guest speaker: Sir John Monash Distinguished Professor, Graeme Davison, on Facts and Fables: making history.

Graeme Davison has taught at the University of Melbourne, Monash University and Harvard University where he was Visiting Professor of Australian Studies. He is a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences and the Academy of the Humanities. An author of numerous books including *The Rise and Fall of Marvellous Melbourne*, he has a deep interest in the history of cities across the western world.

Three course meal with drinks at bar prices

Numbers limited to 70. Book early to secure a place!

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

SUNDAY – CONFERENCE

PART THREE: *Facts and Fables – making local history*

Sunday 29th August 2010

Cost: \$50 per head

Venue: The Hotel Shamrock, Pall Mall, Bendigo

- 9.30am Conference welcome by Dr Andrew Lemon FRHSV, RHSV President
- 9.50am **Session 1: Dr June Senyard & Anne McClelland on *Birchip Histories 30 years apart***
June Senyard recently retired as Senior Lecturer in the History Department at the University of Melbourne. Her publications include *Birchip – Essays on a Shire* (1970) and *A Country Album: a photographic history of the Shire of Birchip* (1995).
Anne McClelland is a retired teacher who has lived and worked in the Mallee community of Birchip for many years. In 2009 she published *My Blood's Country*, an evocative history of the local Birchip community.
- 10.45am Morning tea
- 11.15am **Session 2: Chair, Dr Simon Smith, RHSV Councillor**
Jillian Durance on *History on an Honour Board*
Kenneth Oldis on *History as a Thriller*
Jillian Durance is a local historian. In 2007 she won the Victorian Community History Award for *Still Going Strong: The story of the Moyarra Honor Roll*.
Kenneth Oldis is a barrister practising in criminal law. In 2009 he won the Victorian Community History Award for *The Chinawoman*.
- 12.30pm Luncheon
- 1.15pm **Session 3: Chair, Carole Woods FRHSV, RHSV Councillor**
Dr Ralph Birrell - *German miners in Bendigo*
Carol Holsworth - *'Bendigo's Loss - Chinese Secret Society's gain'*
Dr Ralph Birrell has written extensively on mining engineering in Victoria. His most recent book, *A new Bendigo: the story of gold and silver mines of St. Arnaud* was published in 2008.
Carol Holsworth is an independent scholar based in Bendigo. She has published on aspects of the Burke and Wills saga and the Chinese community in Victoria, including *Chinese lepers in Victoria: a case of charity and cultural clashes* (2009)
- 2pm **Session 4: Chair Joan Hunt FRHSV, RHSV Councillor**
Professor Don Garden on *Nuts and bolts of local history*
Kate Prinsley on *Local History in the United States & England*
Associate Professor Don Garden is an environmental historian who taught for many years in the History Department and the History & Philosophy of Science Department at the University of Melbourne. His latest book is *Droughts, Floods & Cyclones: El Ninos that shaped our colonial past* (2009). He is current President of the Federation of Australian Historical Societies and a Councillor of the Royal Historical Society of Victoria.
Kate Prinsley is RHSV Executive Officer. In 2009 she was awarded a Churchill Fellowship to study community history societies in the United Kingdom and United States of America.
- 3pm Closing remarks: Dr Andrew Lemon FRHSV
- 3.15pm Conference closes