



ANNUAL REPORT

2013

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This photograph of the RHSV Councillors in 1959 came into our collection as a donation in 2013.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The RHSV had a good year in 2013 and our future is looking generally bright – especially if we can satisfactorily resolve our need for secure accommodation.

As always, government recognition and support is crucial for our work, although it must be pointed out that the RHSV in particular, and the community history movement in general, gives back far more to the community than the financial assistance we receive. In terms of what we do to collect, preserve, protect and communicate our history and heritage, we add great service and many millions of dollars of labour value. Besides that, there

is the little recognized role that we as volunteer organisations play in providing social and cultural benefits to our members and to the wider community.

Maintaining a large and essentially voluntary organisation such as the RHSV is always a challenge, and we were greatly relieved when in 2013 we received confirmation of operating assistance from Arts Victoria for another three years. We have been fortunate to have occupied the Medical Drill Hall for fourteen years as tenants of the Planning Department, for which we are grateful. However, continuing accommodation is not secure so we have been trying to

negotiate a long-term lease with the Department, while a groundswell of supporters has demonstrated how important the Drill Hall is to history and heritage in Victoria. Until security of accommodation is achieved, it is difficult to undertake long-term planning and we have had to put on hold our aspiration to create a Melbourne History House.

When I was elected President in May 2013 I followed the four years that Andrew Lemon had devoted to that role. I wish to pay sincere tribute to Andrew as he did much to raise the profile of the Society and to improve procedures and administration. He has not left RHSV entirely as he continues to

chair the Membership, Events & Outreach Committee (MEOC) and kindly continues to be Master of Ceremonies at our lectures.

The RHSV is a membership organisation although our programmes are open to all. We collect and make accessible the most significant collection of Victoria's history outside the statutory organisations. We provide programmes to inspire and engage Victorians with their history and support and advocate for the work of historical societies throughout the state. Our membership comprises individuals passionate about Victoria's history and affiliated historical societies.

The team at the Drill Hall provides an amazing range of services for its size. We have a staff of less than three full-time people (Executive Officer Kate Prinsley, Office Manager Ged Horgan and, until March 2014, Collection Coordinator Jason Odering). They are assisted by a large band of volunteers who undertake much of the work around the Society by looking after the collection, undertaking research, running the book sale, setting up exhibitions and providing numerous support services.

I have been delighted to work with an excellent Council which is as strong and talented as I have ever known, and is supported by a strengthened and active group of committees. We have welcomed some excellent new members. Elisabeth Jackson is chairing the Collections Committee and has joined Executive & Finance as Assistant Secretary. Prof Chips Sowerwine is editing and transforming *History News*. Lucy Bracey joined the Council on the recommendation of the Professional Historians Association and has injected youth and enthusiasm. George Fernando has kindly taken on the role of Convenor of the History Victoria Support Group (HVSG). Among ongoing councillors: Dr Robert Barnes has continued to cast a



RHSV Councillors in 2013. From left to right: George Fernando, Prof. Chips Sowerwine, Lucy Bracey, Kate Prinsley (EO), Lenore Frost, Assoc. Prof. Don Garden, Dr Robert Barnes, Adj. Prof. Judith Smart, Jane Carolan, Elizabeth Jackson, Carole Woods and Joan Hunt. Absent: Prof. Bill Russell and Prof. Richard Broome.

watchful eye over our finances as Treasurer and has become Chair of the RHSV Foundation; Carole Woods does immense work as Secretary and in various other responsibilities, including the Victorian Community History Awards (VCHA); Prof Richard Broome has the Publications Committee humming; Lenore Frost exhausts me with the mere thought of all she does around the RHSV; Prof Judy Smart does excellent work on the Publications Committee and as delegate to the Federation of Australian Historical Societies (FAHS); and Jane Carolan serves on the MEOC and is ever-ready to assist where she can.

Unfortunately, we will be farewelling two of our longest-serving councillors at the 2014 AGM. Prof Bill Russell is a former President and Chair of the RHSV Foundation, and until the AGM our Vice President. He has been the source of excellent advice on many issues and I thank him and wish him well. Joan Hunt has become an institution at the RHSV, having worked tirelessly in many roles including Convenor of the HVSG, Vice President and delegate to the FAHS. Time demands, including writing a PhD, have finally caught up even with Joan, so we are very sadly bidding her farewell.

The RHSV has been very fortunate to have been offered the services of a new honorary lawyer, Rob Heath, who has been particularly helpful on a number of matters.

The RHSV maintains its range of public activities including the lecture series, publications (*Victorian History Journal* and *History News*), conferences, the VCHA, History Week, HVSG seminars and combined activities with other organisations such as the Public Record Office of Victoria, the La Trobe Society, the Royal Society of Victoria, the National Trust (Victoria) and the Genealogical Society of Victoria.

A new role we are looking to expand is as Melbourne's Historical Society. There is a rapidly growing population of residents living in the Melbourne CBD, for whom the RHSV is their local society. We have held a reception in conjunction with two of their groups, the East Enders and Residents 3000, and will continue to foster this outreach.

There is still much to be done. Our income stream needs to be increased and we have to deal with the limitations imposed by our outdated computer equipment. In an attempt to overcome such matters we have employed a grant writer to prepare and submit a number of grant applications. If some of these are successful, the RHSV will be in a position to increase its rate of our modernization and to expand our services even further.

Don Garden
President



The new premises of the Kyneton Historical Society, maintaining the streetscape in Piper Street.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

To some degree 2013 was framed by the World War 2 phrase “*Keep Calm and Carry On*” – two uncertainties hung over the RHSV – the future of our funding and the future of our accommodation at the Drill Hall.

The year began with the competitive process of applying for funding under the newly designed Organisations Investment Fund – managed by Arts Victoria. A refreshed application for funding brought benefits in revitalizing our role as Victoria’s peak body in local history, as the historical society for the City of Melbourne – and the development of a new Business Plan for 2014 – 2016. We are acutely aware that we would like to be more innovative – particularly in online access to collections – but this requires substantial funding.

As mentioned by Don Garden in his President’s report, throughout the year we advocated for certainty for our tenancy and ultimately

a History House at the Drill Hall. Meetings and support was garnered from the Lord Mayor, Councillor Robert Doyle, Jennifer Kanis, State Member for Melbourne, Brian Tee, Shadow Minister for Planning, who subsequently asked a question in the State Parliament, Arts Victoria and finally in October we had a meeting with Minister for Planning Matthew Guy. We were heartened and thank those who wrote letters of support including Adam Bandt, Federal Member for Melbourne, university history faculties, the History Teachers Association of Victoria, and the many committees and volunteers from historical societies and individuals.

Against this backdrop our annual programme built partnerships and we were active in bringing together the many forces and interests in local history. Our major exhibitions, detailed in the Collections Report, built relationships with such diverse groups as the Military History

and Heritage Society, The Royal Childrens’ Hospital and Vic Roads which celebrated its centenary in 2013. All these exhibitions attracted different audiences – from naval historians to engineers to bitumen spraying road gangs from the 1960s.

A total of 10 lectures and 2 floor talks were delivered as part of our monthly Tuesday lecture and public programmes, developed by the Membership Events & Outreach Committee. The RHSV provides one of the few platforms for professional and non professional historians to showcase their work. Podcasts of lectures made them accessible on the internet. Topics ranged from the history of “The Dolly Varden Cake” presented as part of our New Historians Evening along with the Professional Historians Association of Victoria - to the highly topical and passionate discussions on interpreting and preserving Avenues of Honour. Interestingly, our shared evening with the CJ La

Trobe Society was presented by Dr Margaret Bowman, aged 94, and attended by a member aged 92 – their combined ages being 186 – which subtracted from the year date 2013 brings us to 1827 – 12 years before the arrival of Governor La Trobe.

We continued to contribute to partnerships with Melbourne Rare Book Week, Open House, National Trust (Victoria) Heritage Festival and Australian Heritage Week and with the Royal Botanic Gardens as it celebrated the 150th anniversary of the Observatory. The RHSV continued to be a sponsor of the Hamer Awards presented by Public Record Office of Victoria which provides recognition for outstanding archiving practice. The RHSV was pleased to play an active part in promoting the many and diverse opportunities for people to engage with history.

Throughout the year Jason Odering did a wonderful job managing our website and social media. The website, facebook and twitter generated increased attendance and interest in the Society.

This year we built stronger ties with the Melbourne Day Celebrations, promoted by the City of Melbourne to commemorate what they consider to be Melbourne's Foundation Day by Europeans, August 30th, 1835. The RHSV was represented at the flag raising ceremony; Crescy Cannon's beautiful book *The Iron House: Jane Cannan and the rush to Melbourne* showcasing some RHSV treasures was launched by Professor Miles Lewis, and Robyn Annear, author of *Bearbrass* presented a lively Melbourne Day Lecture.

Our two flagship programmes the Victorian Community History Awards and History Week have become thoroughly embedded in the annual calendar of Victoria's local history. The Victorian Community History Awards presented in partnership with Public Record Office of Victoria

attracted 110 entries, slightly down on the year before, but nevertheless indicative of the variety and styles of local/community history publishing. It was reassuring for both PROV and the RHSV to see that grant programmes which we both manage – The Local History Grants and the Holsworth Grant respectively – are generating publications for the awards. The Judges' report remarked on the increasingly high standard of local history in the state.

History Week, celebrated during the last week of October, generated slightly over 300 events with historical societies as dispersed as Mallacoota to Wondonga to Warrnambool taking part. The week creates marvelous overlay of locally based events which reflect the energy of local communities to present their history. The week could not go ahead without the support of the Vera Moore Foundation and the RHSV is truly grateful for their support. This year again we repeated our banner grants supporting applications from 50 historical societies.

This year the RHSV history prize was awarded to Zoe Kirby from La Trobe University. We took a year off from offering Year 10 work experience but hosted visits from graduate students in archives from the US, and offered placements for library students. We continued to host secondary students from Sunshine College during their Year 9 Melbourne experience.

The RHSV encourages peer recognition and the raising of standards in historical societies through its Fellowships and Merit Awards. This year Professor Bill Russell was awarded a Fellowship and Merit Awards were presented to Jane Nigro from Malvern Historical Society, Sandy Ross from Lilydale & District Historical Society and Glenise Alida Heywood Ouch from Seymour & District Historical Society.

During 2013 we benefitted from training from Arts Victoria as part of its Arts Disability Action Plan: we were contributors to the planning for the states Centenary of Anzac; and participated in the Office of Geographic Place Names Commemorative Naming Project.

During the year we hosted four book launches and we were pleased to support authors in this way. It was exciting to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the history department of Ballarat University encouraging PhD students to make use of our collections. This relationship has further developed as the RHSV has become a partner in the emerging Centre for Australian History at Federation University.

One of the most fun events of the year was our entry into "show biz". The RHSV was transformed into Ballarat Historical Society 1959, for an episode of the TV series "The Dr. Blake Mysteries". We all marveled at the skills of the set dressers as they recreated a rather musty historical society of the period.

This year at a morning tea we were able to thank and farewell four of our longest serving volunteers Alida Sijmonds, Dorothy Minkoff, Diana Phoenix and Charles Lewis. Between them they have volunteered for 80 years. However it has been wonderful to welcome many new, younger volunteers to the RHSV – bringing fresh energy and interest to our work.

The year ended with good news from Arts Victoria – we were successful in gaining three years of funding which gives us opportunities to plan although the future of our accommodation remains uncertain.

Kate Prinsley
Executive Officer



The historic flour mill at Euroa where we held a HVSG seminar in March 2013.

HISTORY VICTORIA SUPPORT GROUP'S REPORT

The RHSV continues to support its 340 affiliated and specialist societies through the History Victoria Support Group. The HVSG is made up of local history practitioners from regional and metropolitan areas. In 2013 the members of the group appointed after the May 2013 AGM were Larina Strauch (Kyneton); Jeff Starkey (Euroa); Jane Nigro (Malvern); David Langdon (Richmond & Burnley); Bernard Bolch (Walhalla); Alleyne Hockley (Castlemaine); Judith Richards (Stratford) George Fernando (Camberwell); and Lenore Frost (RHSV Council nominee). The Executive Officer, Kate Prinsley, and the Local History Librarian, Jason Odering, were *ex officio* members. The annual HVSG meeting was held in November

to discuss topics for seminars and other projects.

Throughout the year two previous HVSG committee members continued their support: Joan Hunt wrote a regular column in *Ancestor Magazine* and Jenny Coates continued to represent the RHSV on a heritage committee for the City of Dandenong.

Two regional seminars were held in 2013 - one at Euroa in March and one at Warragul in August. The Euroa seminar on "Toolbox Topics" covered Exhibitions on a Shoestring Budget (Daisy Searls); the Role of a Volunteer Co-ordinator (Alleyne Hockley); Social Media for Historical Societies; and Sourcing and Writing Grant Applications (Kate Prinsley).

At Warragul the topic was "History Collections - Get Organised and Get Out There". Presentations given included Planning and Documenting your Collection (Pam Millist); Cataloguing discussion; Social Media for Family Historians and Historical Societies (Lisa Fletcher); and Sources on Gippsland Research held in RHSV Collections (Jason Odering). Both seminars were well-attended, and provided good net-working opportunities.

In order to continue the role of HVSG role in facilitating our local history network, in 2013 we began sending out a (nearly) weekly email to keep subscribers to our Forums up to date with activities coming up in the Calendar of Events and the discussions on the Forums. The number of subscribers rose from



160 in December 2012 to 469 in December 2013. We continue to encourage members and affiliated societies to use the Forums and the Events Calendar. The online Events Calendar is a unique space for local history organisations to widely promote their programmes.

“Around the Societies” published in each issue of *History News* promotes the activities of our affiliated societies. Throughout 2013 the compilation of these pages was done by Lenore Frost, Jenny Coates, Elisabeth Jackson and Helen Boak.

Throughout the year we were grateful to The Centre for Cultural Materials Conservation at The University of Melbourne for regularly contributed articles to *History News* on conservation tips for the care of collections in historical societies.

Workshops held at the RHSV included “House History Detectives” with hands on research in the RHSV collection; a Facebook Q&A session with *Inside History* and Joan Hunt representing the RHSV; “Indexing for Historical Societies” presented by John Adams; and “Tips & Tales with Family Tree Time’s Megan Gibson”- using RHSV resources for family history.

Each year HVSG provides assistance with assessing applications for the Holsworth Local Heritage Trust grants which help with printing costs for regional local histories. The amount of money expended each year is dependent on the interest income, so the number of grants issued tends to rise and fall year by year. In 2012 twelve grants were issued, but the number in 2013 was a little lower, with nine grants being given. The successful groups were: Murchison, Hamilton, Harcourt, Huntly, Tarnagulla, Warrnambool, Colac, Dookie, and Hastings.

The Victorian Local History Database is another facility offered by the RHSV to enable affiliated

societies to put their catalogue records online. The number of records included in the database is now 40,948, up nearly 3000 items since 2012. Jason Odering assisted societies in preparing their records for uploading.

I retired as the History Victoria Support Group Co-ordinator at the AGM in May 2013, and later in the year was replaced by George Fernando, who will take the leading role in continuing the good work of the History Victoria Support Group.

I would like to thank all those people mentioned in this report for their work for the History Victoria Support Group, and through that committee the local history movement in Victoria.

Lenore Frost
Co-ordinator,
History Victoria Support Group



Former Mechanics Institute Hall, now occupied by the Little River Historical Society. Image courtesy of the Public Record Office, Victoria.

PUBLICATIONS REPORT

The Publications Committee upholds the proud publishing traditions of the Royal Historical Society of Victoria, which date from 1911, when the *Victorian Historical Magazine* first appeared. The Committee meets five or six times each year and has twelve members drawn from academic and public historians, with the Executive Officer and President as *ex officio* members.

The Committee is responsible to Council for the publication of the *Victorian Historical Journal* (twice yearly) and *History News* (six times). A recent update of the Committee's terms of reference set out the Committee's operational boundaries and responsibilities. They also stated: 'the prime focus of the *Victorian Historical Journal* and *History News* is on Victorian History and on Australian History that informs Victorian History'. They further declared that the *VHJ* was to 'maintain

a mix between academic and member contributions and, where possible, to make use of the RHSV collections, while striving for the highest quality and ethical standards'. With regard to *History News*, the terms of reference stated that it would serve to inform 'members of contemporary and upcoming events, build solidarity within the membership, promote local societies and their publications', and would also inform them of 'key issues in the practice of History in Victoria'. The Committee will strive to uphold these aspirations.

The Committee began 2013 with a new leader and a new editor. Don Gibb stood down as Convenor and Acting Convenor after a distinguished term of eleven years and was succeeded by Richard Broome. The editor, Marie Clark, was also succeeded by Marilyn Bowler, with Judith

Smart and Andrew Lemon acting in the *interregnum*. Emma Russell, the PHA representative, has retired from the Committee after four years. The remainder of the committee was stable with a great input from former convenors and editors. Kate Jones continued to provide excellent layout services to the journal and John Gillespie worked closely with Kate Jones on the final presentation of the journal. The two long-term review editors, John Rickard and Peter Yule, continued to provide copy regularly and efficiently. Additional members to the Committee in late 2013 and early 2014 included two new and younger members, Claire Lockyer and Caroline Williams, who will assist the editorial teams. Another new member appointed in late 2013 was Charles ('Chips') Sowerine, formerly of the University of Melbourne. Chips agreed to take over the editorship of *History News* from the Executive

Officer, Kate Prinsley, to allow her to focus her energies on other important projects.

The first issue of *VHJ* for 2013, edited by Judith Smart and Andrew Lemon, contained two elements: a special issue on the history of the press in Victoria; and papers from the seminar celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of Weston Bate's *History of Brighton*, including the Wolskel Lecture by Graeme Davison. The second issue of the journal, Marilyn Bowler's first as editor, encompassed both disreputable and respectable Victorians of the past, and those who moved to respectability in a mobile colonial society in flux. Marilyn Bowler has done a fine job overhauling the guidelines for the journal and introduced other refinements to aid the journal's efficient operation. These Journals have been published with the support of the Edward Wilson Trust. Her second edited issue, due in early June, is imminent. Chips Sowerine has also brought a fresh eye to *History News* and is attempting to engage members in new and exciting ways.

Long-term projects of the Committee are coming to fruition. The digitisation project advanced so ably by Don Gibb and Carole Woods is now completed. The digital version of the journal from 1911-2010 is now hosted by the State Library of Victoria. A three-year gap between the online and hard copy version will be maintained, with the digital version advancing one year annually from its current 2010 end date. The

potential reach of the journal will be amplified manyfold by this significant innovation. A launch it to be held at the State Library to honour this exciting development

The long-term aim to publish Judge Willis's Port Phillip casebooks is also at a significant stage. \$4000 from the Edward Wilson Trust (which also supported the journal in 2013-2014) was matched by a RHSV member. This has enabled the creation of a web edition devoted to the Willis casebooks—a treasure trove of Port Phillip's early history and genealogy. This site designed by Jason Odering and which is in final draft stage, includes: the meticulous transcriptions by his Honour Paul R. Mullaly, QC of the casebooks with insightful commentaries, indexes and ancillary materials; five contextualising articles by Willis expert Janine Rizetti; and some or all of the casebooks in newly created digital form. Not only will the casebooks be preserved, but owing to Paul Mullaly's painstaking work over a decade, they will now be widely available in original and transcribed [with commentaries] form. The website will be launched in late 2014 by the Honourable Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Marilyn Warren.

The Publications Committee hopes to make these two web-based projects the

beginning of more exciting digital projects to take the Society and its publications to the world.

My thanks are extended to all our hard-working Committee members who make the operations of the Committee both a pleasure and rewarding. Thanks as well to the many others who support the work of the Committee: to those who write or referee articles for the Journal and *History News*; to the volunteers who assist with finding images for our publications; and to the office team of Kate Prinsley and Gerardine Horgan for their excellent work.

Professor Richard Broome
 Convenor Publications Committee



Former State Savings Bank, home of the Warracknabeal Historical Society. Image courtesy of the Public Record Office, Victoria.



Former Sugar Beet Factory occupied by the Maffra Historical Society. Image courtesy of the Maffra and District Historical Society.

THE COLLECTIONS REPORT

The RHSV Collection comprises some 40,000 items acquired since the foundation of the Society in 1909. It focuses on Victorian history and includes books, images, manuscripts, pamphlets, maps, ephemera and some objects. It boasts many unique items and is a rich source of information for anyone interested in Victorian history.

Highlights of the collection include an extensive collection of published local histories, newsletters of most of the 330 member societies, the Pioneers Register which was commenced in 1917 and contains the recollections of a number of pioneer families and the Images collection consisting of photographs, postcards, prints and paintings.

This year the Society worked on making the collection more accessible. Some of the Images Collection has been digitised and put online and the Pioneers

Register has been indexed and prepared for putting on the website.

The RHSV Collections are overseen by the Collections Committee which reports to the RHSV Council. It includes three of the volunteers (Richard Barnden, Judith Bliszta and Guy Featherstone), two members of RHSV Council (Elisabeth Jackson and Joan Hunt), the Collections and Volunteers Coordinator (Jason Odering) and the Executive Officer (Kate Prinsley). During the year it revised its terms of reference and also the Collections Policy.

Most of the work in the collections area is undertaken by volunteers under the supervision of the Collections and Volunteers Coordinator. In 2013 this was Jason Odering. About thirty volunteers attend on a weekly basis – or more often in some cases – and undertake the work of accessioning, sorting, cataloguing and digitising items as well as conducting site

searches. The Society could not function without this valuable help.

The Society hosted 5 exhibitions during the year.

Fear God and Honour the King celebrated the centenary of the HMAS *Melbourne* and included items lent by a number of institutions such as the Australian War Memorial, Australian National Maritime Museum and Museum of Victoria.

This was followed by *Right Royal* which drew heavily on the Society's collection and examined the State's relationship with royalty as seen through royal tours and organisations and places with royal connections.

A small exhibition in July was prepared to coincide with Melbourne Rare Book Week and featured books written or collected by Henry Gyles Turner, historian, banker and founding member of RHSV.

Archie Cowan: A local history in drawings exhibited our collection of houses, streetscapes and hotels, largely from the Yarraville and Moonee Ponds area.

The year concluded with a large exhibition to commemorate the centenary of VicRoads: *Connecting Victorians for 100 Years 1913-2013*.

The Images Team of volunteers – consisting of Richard Barnden, Myrian Aniet-Knottenbeil, Jill Evans, Wesley Callender, Peter Hogan and David Thompson – played a major role in setting up these exhibitions and Daisy Searls provided invaluable assistance.

The Society offers a site searching service to trace and document the history of particular sites. This is used extensively by developers needing a historical report for their sites. This year more than 400 site searches were carried out. Some of the more notable were research on the Melbourne Wholesale Market at Footscray and on properties around Alexandra Parade, Fitzroy. Site searches depend heavily on the Society's extensive collection of Victorian directories.

Fees from site searches contribute useful income to the Society and are made possible by the work of a number of volunteers including Brigid Griffin, Tatiana Otto, Jeremy Pascoe, Sandra Torpey, John Torpey, Cassie Mackie, Margaret Fleming, Carissa Goudey and Rachel Harding.

About 250 enquiries were received relating to the Images Collection and volunteers spent considerable time answering them.

This year the Society received two significant donations of books. These were the collections of the late Professor AGL Shaw, and of the National Trust of Australia (Victorian Branch) which has downsized its library. These are being checked against existing holdings.

Work continued on researching and indexing our own archives.

The letter books, early annual reports and minute books build up an interesting “who’s who” of Melbourne, Victorian and National personalities active in recording Victoria’s emerging history. Cheryl Griffin, Diana Phoenix and Liz Coady are thanked for their work.

The manuscript collection received some lovely collections of family papers brimming with documentation about life in Victoria and in particular the First World War: we are so grateful that donors are carefully documenting their gifts – and that Victoria’s quieter history makers will now find their place in our collections. Lyndal Pascoe, Pam Herrington, Margaret Ford, Eric & Margaret Smith have worked on the manuscript collections.

The RHSV provides an excellent research service. Fielding research queries from children doing school projects to academics, the RHSV volunteers endeavor to answer all requests. Brian Ward, Sandy Sutcliffe and Chris Manchee work tirelessly in managing these requests.

The RHSV’s collection of newsletters and scrap books contain gems of local history not recorded elsewhere. This extraordinary collection is continually indexed and researched by local history expert Judith Bilszta.

This year the RHSV held its twentieth annual book sale. The books for sale are donated from members. The book sale serves the combined purpose of generating income for the society and often filling gaps in our collection. John Rose is thanked for his enormous help in managing the book sale.

Donations to the Images Collection included a collection of 35mm transparencies from the estate of Helen Broad – a long-time member of the RHSV.

It was with satisfaction that the RHSV received Museums Australia (Victoria) Accreditation in August. This extensive process has consolidated policies, reviewed procedures and introduced practices that meet recognised museum standards.

Finally, at the end of 2013, the RHSV Foundation agreed to donate half of the interest earned on the investment towards purchasing new cataloguing software – our next step towards upgrading access to our collections.

Elisabeth Jackson

Chair, Collections Committee



Representatives from the Museum of Australian Chinese History, Royal Historical Society of Victoria, Schramm’s Cottage, Swan Hill Regional Art Gallery, Hawks Museum and the College of Surgeons Museum receive their Accreditation certificates at the Victorian Museum Awards 2013.



Robyn Annear and former RHSV President Andrew Lemon discuss Bearbrass on Melbourne Day 2013.

RHSV FOUNDATION REPORT

The RHSV Foundation was established in 2009 as a tax deductible entity, to enhance our financial stability and to underwrite special investment projects. The Foundation has gratefully received support from members and friends through bequests and donations and has managed to raise a modest income by various fund-raising efforts.

The Foundation Committee, under former Chair Prof. Bill Russell, committed to re-investing half of the interest earned during the year, while the other half is directed to an activity or project that supports the RHSV Collection. It is the policy of the Foundation to give annual support to preserving the RHSV collection. This year upgraded software was purchased to improve the catalogue. The total funds held by the Foundation now stand at \$240,079, up \$16,326 on 2012. Interest earned totalled \$8,791.

The Foundation Committee's task this year will be to seek additional donations through gifts and bequests, while seeking to continue making contributions to preserve the Society's assets. Our thanks go to Prof. Bill Russell for his successful term as Foundation Committee Chair.

RHSV members are warmly encouraged to support the Society and the Foundation, as both gifts and bequests to the Foundation are tax deductible.

Dr Robert Barnes
Chair



Former school house occupied by the Cobram Historical Society. Image courtesy of the Public Record Office Victoria.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2013

It is pleasing to present the RHSV financial report for the year 2013. Our total income for the year was \$422,306 (against a budgeted amount of \$377,000) while expenses amounted to \$408,171 (against \$426,501 budgeted), leaving a surplus of \$14,135. Most items were fairly close to budget.

Twelve months ago there was a concern over the loss of rental income worth \$20,000, however we managed to earn \$16,000 in hiring charges, as well as some other line items bringing in slightly more than expected. Costs were carefully monitored and controlled resulting in an expenditure reduction of nearly \$2,000.

While the surplus is pleasing, continued vigilance will need to be maintained over both income and outgoings to ensure that we remain in the black. The RHSV lives in precarious financial times, especially in view of the uncertainty surrounding our premises.

Membership subscriptions were marginally down by just over \$2000 while provision is made for long service leave and our investments remain in sound shape.

The RHSV Foundation made an operating profit of \$7,500 plus interest income of \$8,791, making a net profit of \$16,326. Additional attention will be devoted to the Foundation this year to seek greater funding from a wider range of sources.

We are seeking assistance from professional fund raisers to increase this source of income and have tightened up our insurance arrangements to get better value for our premiums. We continue to make good use of our on-line banking activities to facilitate our financial transactions.

A special thanks goes to Gerardine Horgan and Kate Prinsley for their support and input and to the Council and volunteers for their efforts on our behalf to keep the RHSV operating effectively and

leanly. A further special thanks must go to our independent auditor Mr Dimitrios Beroukas.

Dr Robert Barnes
Treasurer



**Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc
Income Statement
For the Year ended 31 December 2013**

	Note	2013 \$	2012 \$
Revenue		422,306	425,331
Depreciation and Amortisation		4,604	2,695
Other Expenses		403,567	407,349
Net Income	2	<u>14,135</u>	<u>15,287</u>

*The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements
These financial statements should be read in conjunction with the attached Independent Accountants Review Report.*



Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc
Balance Sheet
As at 31 December 2013

	Note	2013 \$	2012 \$
Current Assets			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	3	272,850	236,725
Trade and Other Receivables	4	13,362	12,813
Other Current Assets		19,646	21,195
Total Current Assets		<u>305,858</u>	<u>270,733</u>
Non-Current Assets			
Property, Plant and Equipment	5	6,273	6,887
Total Non-Current Assets		<u>6,273</u>	<u>6,887</u>
Total Assets		<u>312,131</u>	<u>277,620</u>
Current Liabilities			
Trade and Other Payables	6	14,256	12,963
Short-Term Financial Liabilities	7	123,164	104,081
Total Current Liabilities		<u>137,420</u>	<u>117,044</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>137,420</u>	<u>117,044</u>
Net Assets		<u>174,711</u>	<u>160,576</u>
Equity			
Reserves	8	160,576	145,289
Retained Profits		14,135	15,287
Total Equity		<u>174,711</u>	<u>160,576</u>

*The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements
 These financial statements should be read in conjunction with the attached Independent Accountants Review Report.*



**Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc
Profit and Loss Statement
For the Year ended 31 December 2013**

	2013	2012
	\$	\$
Income		
Research Fees	35,888	35,539
Sales Publications	11,451	14,229
Donations	6,239	7,612
Interest Received		
- Interest Received	5,942	7,514
Grants	170,055	154,627
GVEHO Grant	3,000	5,000
Annual Subscriptions	55,996	58,200
Insurance member Societies	67,730	58,701
Sundry Other Income	66,005	83,909
	422,306	425,331
Expenditure		
Advertising & Public relations	19,858	22,638
Depreciation	4,604	2,695
Estate Edward Wilson Expense	17,538	-
Holsworth Fund Expense	7,639	-
Insurance		
Insurance Public Liab. H S Expense	37,864	-
Association Liability H S Expense	11,483	-
Postage	2,407	3,720
Printing & Stationery	1,974	3,128
Computer & Internet	2,261	8,091
History Week & Awards	46,046	39,540
Publications	702	7,772
Insurance Assets H Societies	30,978	32,360
Staff Cost	156,349	153,086
Occupancy Cost	39,433	41,452
Sundry Other Expenses	25,214	93,267
Telephone	3,821	2,296
	408,171	410,044
Net Income	14,135	15,287

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Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year ended 31 December 2013

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(a) **Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities on the balance sheet.

(b) **Property, Plant and Equipment**

Leasehold improvements and office equipment are carried at cost less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation.

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets are depreciated over the useful lives of the assets to the association commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

Leasehold improvements are amortised over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements.

(c) **Trade and Other Receivables**

Trade receivables are recognised initially at the transaction price (i.e. cost) and are subsequently measured at cost less provision for impairment. Receivables expected to be collected within 12 months of the end of the reporting period are classified as current assets. All other receivables are classified as non-current assets.

At the end of each reporting period, the carrying amount of trade and other receivables are reviewed to determine whether there is any objective evidence that the amounts are not recoverable. If so, an impairment loss is recognised immediately in income and expenditure statement.

(d) **Leases**

Leases of fixed assets, where substantially all the risks and benefits incidental to the ownership of the asset (but not the legal ownership) are transferred to the association, are classified as finance leases.

Finance leases are capitalised by recognising an asset and a liability at the lower of the amounts equal to the fair value of the leased property or the present value of the minimum lease payments, including any guaranteed residual values. Lease payments are allocated between the reduction of the lease liability and the lease interest expense for the period.

Leased assets are depreciated over the shorter of their estimated useful lives or the lease term.

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Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year ended 31 December 2013

(e) **Revenue and Other Income**

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable after taking into account any trade discounts and volume rebates allowed. For this purpose, deferred consideration is not discounted to present values when recognising revenue.

Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest method, which for floating rate financial assets is the rate inherent in the instrument.

Revenue from the provision of membership subscriptions is recognised over the financial year.

Revenue from the rendering of a service is recognised upon the delivery of the service to the customer.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

(f) **Trade and Other Payables**

Trade and other payables represent the liabilities at the end of the reporting period for goods and services received by the association that remain unpaid.

Trade payables are recognised at their transaction price. Trade payables are obligations on the basis of normal credit terms.

(g) **Goods and Services Tax (GST)**

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable.

The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included with other receivables or payables in the statement of financial position.



Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year ended 31 December 2013

	2013	2012
	\$	\$
2. Net Income		
Expenses		
Depreciation and Amortisation Expenses	4,604	2,695
Advertising & Public relations	19,858	22,638
Insurance	49,347	-
Postage	2,407	3,720
Printing & Stationery	1,974	3,128
Publications	702	7,772
Telephone	3,821	2,296
Other Expenses	325,457	367,796
	<u>408,170</u>	<u>410,044</u>
3. Cash and Cash Equivalents		
Cash on Hand	1,813	1,708
Paypal	-	360
Cash at Bank	271,037	234,657
	<u>272,850</u>	<u>236,725</u>
4. Trade and Other Receivables		
Current		
Sundry Debtors	9,991	11,103
Provision for GST	3,371	1,710
	<u>13,362</u>	<u>12,813</u>
Total Trade and Other Receivables	<u>13,362</u>	<u>12,813</u>

These notes should be read in conjunction with the attached Compliance Report



Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year ended 31 December 2013

	2013	2012
	\$	\$
5. Property, Plant and Equipment		
Plant and Equipment		
Furniture & Fittings	46,166	42,176
Less Accumulated Depreciation & Impairment	<u>39,893</u>	<u>35,289</u>
	6,273	6,887
Total Plant and Equipment	<u>6,273</u>	<u>6,887</u>
Total Property, Plant and Equipment	<u>6,273</u>	<u>6,887</u>
6. Trade and Other Payables		
Current		
Sundry Creditors	14,256	12,963
Total Trade and Other Payables	<u>14,256</u>	<u>12,963</u>
7. Financial Liabilities		
Current		
Subscriptions	27,637	28,138
Insurance	23,918	23,872
Grants	68,988	49,909
PAYG Tax withheld	<u>2,621</u>	<u>2,162</u>
	123,164	104,081
Total Financial Liabilities	<u>123,164</u>	<u>104,081</u>
8. Reserves		
AGL Shaw Endowment	10,000	10,000
Armstrong Bequest	36,448	36,448
Ian Woodroffe Fund	2,000	2,000
General Reserve	<u>112,128</u>	<u>96,841</u>
	160,576	145,289

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements
These financial statements should be read in conjunction with the attached Independent Accountants Review Report.



Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc Committee's Report

Your committee members submit the financial report of the Royal Historical Society of Victoria INC for the financial year ended 31 December 2013.

Committee Members

The names of committee members throughout the year and at the date of this report are:

Don Garden
Dr Robert Barnes
Lenore frost
Prof. Bill Russell
Carole Woods

Principal Activities

The principal activities of the association during the financial year were:

The Operation of the Royal Historical Society of Victoria

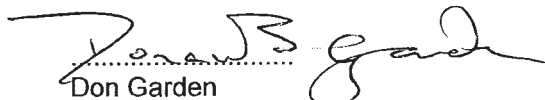
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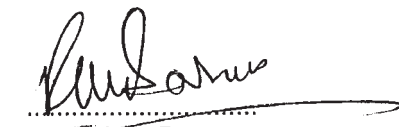
No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

Operating Result

The Net Income for the year ended 31 December 2013 amounted to \$14,135.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the Committee.


.....
Don Garden
President


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Dr. Robert Barnes
Treasurer

Dated this 12th day of May..... 2014

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These financial statements should be read in conjunction with the attached*



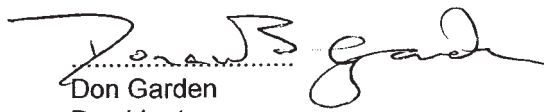
Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc Statement by Members of the Committee

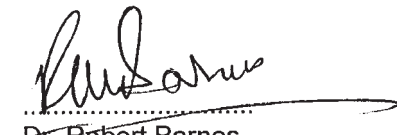
The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the committee as set out in the accompanying financial statements:

1. Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of Royal Historical Society of Victoria INC as at 31 December 2013 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the committee and is signed for and on behalf of the committee by:


.....
Don Garden
President


.....
Dr. Robert Barnes
Treasurer

Dated this 12th day of May 2014



Independent Accountant's Review Report to the Members of Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc.

We have reviewed the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc. (the association), which comprises the committee's report, the assets and liabilities statement as at 31 December 2013, the income and expenditure statement for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the statement by members of the committee.

Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The committee of Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc. is responsible for the preparation of the financial report, and has determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 is appropriate to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 (VIC) and the needs of the members. The committee's responsibility also includes such internal control as the committee determines is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Independent Accountant's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our review. We have conducted our review in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards. Those standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to review engagement and plan and perform the review to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An review involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the accountant's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the accountant considers internal control relevant to the association's preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view, in order to design accounting procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the association's internal control. The review also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the committee, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

We believe that the review evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc. as at 31 December 2013 and its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, and the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 (VIC).

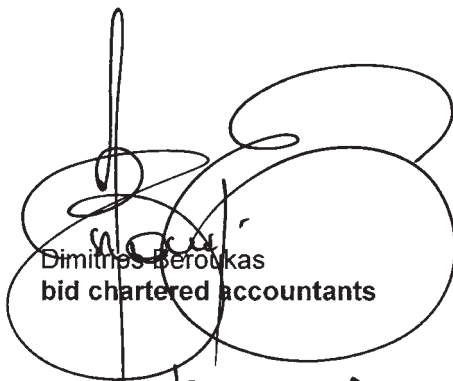
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Independent Accountant's Review Report to the Members of Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc.

Basis of Accounting and Restriction on Distribution

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc. to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 (VIC). As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.



Dimitrios Beroukas
bid chartered accountants

Dated this 12 day of May 2014



**Royal Historical Society of Victoria Foundation
Income Statement
For the Year ended 31 December 2013**

	Note	2013 \$	2012 \$
Revenue		20,741	15,109
Other Expenses		4,415	5,277
Net Income	2	<u><u>16,326</u></u>	<u><u>9,832</u></u>

*The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements
These financial statements should be read in conjunction with the attached Independent Accountants Review Report.*



Royal Historical Society of Victoria Foundation Balance Sheet As at 31 December 2013

	Note	2013 \$	2012 \$
Current Assets			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	3	240,079	223,753
Total Current Assets		<u>240,079</u>	<u>223,753</u>
Total Assets		<u>240,079</u>	<u>223,753</u>
Net Assets		<u>240,079</u>	<u>223,753</u>
Equity			
Reserves	4	223,753	213,921
Retained Profits		16,326	9,832
Total Equity		<u>240,079</u>	<u>223,753</u>

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**Royal Historical Society of Victoria Foundation
Profit and Loss Statement
For the Year ended 31 December 2013**

	2013	2012
	\$	\$
Income		
Donation Received	11,850	3,795
Interest Received	8,791	10,483
Sundry Income	100	831
	20,741	15,109
Expenditure		
Sundry Expenses	4,415	5,277
	4,415	5,277
Net Income	16,326	9,832

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Royal Historical Society of Victoria Foundation Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year ended 31 December 2013

1. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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(a) **Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities on the balance sheet.

(b) **Revenue and Other Income**

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable after taking into account any trade discounts and volume rebates allowed. For this purpose, deferred consideration is not discounted to present values when recognising revenue.

Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest method, which for floating rate financial assets is the rate inherent in the instrument.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).



**Royal Historical Society of Victoria Foundation
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year ended 31 December 2013**

	2013	2012
	\$	\$
2. Net Income		
Expenses		
Other Expenses	4,415	5,277
	<u>4,415</u>	<u>5,277</u>
3. Cash and Cash Equivalents		
Cash at Bank	60,079	43,753
Bendigo Bank- Term Deposit	180,000	180,000
	<u>240,079</u>	<u>223,753</u>
Reconciliation of Cash		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	<u>240,079</u>	<u>223,753</u>
	<u>240,079</u>	<u>223,753</u>
4. Reserves		
General Reserve	223,753	213,921
	<u>223,753</u>	<u>213,921</u>

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Royal Historical Society of Victoria Foundation Committee's Report

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Committee Members

The names of committee members throughout the year and at the date of this report are:

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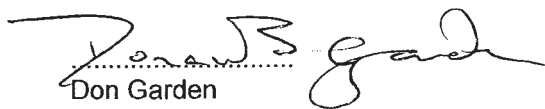
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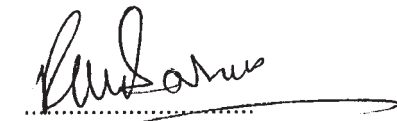
No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

Operating Result

The Profit after providing for income tax for the year ended 31 December 2013 amounted to \$16,326.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the Committee.


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President


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Dr. Robert Barnes
Treasurer

Dated this 12th day of May 2014



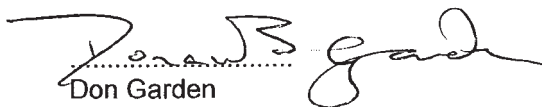
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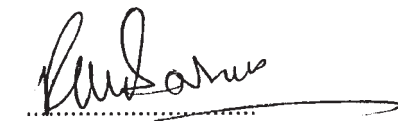
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Opinion

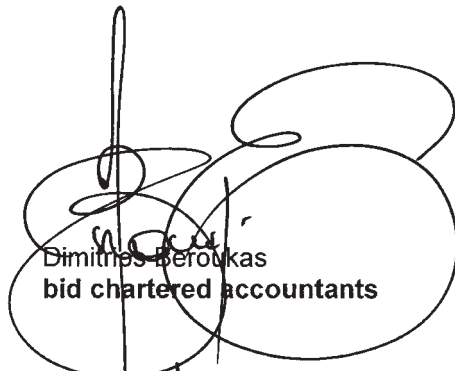
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Dimitrios Beroukas
bid chartered accountants

Dated this 12 day of May 2014

RHSV COUNCILLORS AND STAFF

PATRON

His Excellency the Honorable
Alex Chernov AC QC Governor of
Victoria

PRESIDENT

Assoc. Prof. Don Garden FRHSV,
FFAHS

VICE PRESIDENT

Professor Bill Russell FRHSV

TREASURER

Dr Robert Barnes

SECRETARY

Carole Woods FRHSV

HVSG CONVENOR

George Fernando (Co-opted
November 2013)

COUNCILLORS

Lucy Bracey (co-opted September
2013)

Professor Richard Broome

Jane Carolan

Lenore Frost

Joan Hunt FRHSV

Elisabeth Jackson

Adjunct. Professor Judith Smart
FRHSV

Professor Chips Sowerwine (Co-
opted September 2013)

NON-COUNCIL MEMBERS ON RHSV COMMITTEES

John Adams FRHSV
Collections and Research

Judith Bilszta FRHSV
Collections and Research

Richard Barnden FRHSV
Collections and Research

Marilyn Bowler
Publications Committee

Marie Clarke
Publications Committee

Dr. Mimi Colligan FRHSV
Publications Committee

Guy Featherstone
Collections Committee

Associate Professor Don Gibb
FRHSV
Publications Committee

Dr. Kate Jones
Publications Committee

Dr. Andrew Lemon FRHSV
*Publications Committee, Membership
and Events and Outreach Committee*

Dr. Richard Morton FRHSV
Publications Committee

Professor John Rickard FRHSV
Publications Committee

Emma Russell
Publications Committee

Dr. Peter Yule FRHSV
Publications Committee

HISTORY VICTORIA SUPPORT GROUP

George Fernando -Convenor
(from November 2013)

Lenore Frost - Convenor and
RHSV Vice President

Jane Nigro (Malvern)
Alleyne Hockley (Castlemaine)

Jeff Starkey (Euroa)
Judy Richardson (Stratford)

Larina Strauch (Kyneton)

Bernard Bolch (Walhalla)

David Langdon (Richmond &
Burnley)

COMMITTEE STRUCTURE Executive and Finance Committee

Assoc. Prof Don Garden (chair),
Carole Woods, Robert Barnes,
Bill Russell, Elisabeth Jackson
(co-opted), Richard Broome
(co-opted), Kate Prinsley and
Gerardine Horgan (non-voting)
*Responsible for governance, financial
management, strategic planning.*

Publications

Professor Richard Broome (chair),
Carole Woods, Judith Smart, Kate
Prinsley, Mimi Colligan, Richard
Morton, John Rickard, Andrew
Lemon; Emma Russell, Peter Yule
Marie Clark, Marilyn Bowler (VHJ
Editor), Kate Jones (Production
Editor).
*Responsible for Victorian Historical
Journal, and other RHSV
publications.*

Membership, Events and Outreach

Andrew Lemon (chair), Lenore
Frost, Jane Carolan, Maree Coote
(co-opted November 2013), Jason
Odering, Kate Prinsley.
*Responsible for specific events such
as conferences, lecture program, the
book sale, open house. Strategic
planning for increasing and fostering
membership.*

Collections and Research

Elisabeth Jackson(chair) Richard
Barnden, Guy Featherstone, Judith
Bilszta, Joan Hunt, Jason Odering,
Kate Prinsley.
*Responsible for library, images,
manuscripts, IT and research projects.*

History Victoria Support Group

George Fernando (Convenor)
Delegates as listed above.
*Responsible for historical societies,
networking, professional development.*

RHSV Foundation

Dr. Robert Barnes (chair), Assoc.
Prof Don Garden, Dr. Robert
Barnes, Kate Prinsley.
*Responsible for promotion and
development of RHSV Foundation.*

RHSV Fellows Committee

Assoc. Prof Don Garden (chair)
Dr. Andrew Lemon, Carole Woods,
Joan Hunt, Prof. Bill Russell.
To meet as required under the
RHSV Constitution.

Victorian Community History Awards organising committee

Lenore Frost, Carole Woods, Kate
Prinsley.
*Responsible for management of
Victorian Community History
Awards*



The RHSV is represented on the following committees:

Federation of Australian Historical Societies

History Council of Victoria

Public Record Office of Victoria Stakeholders Group

Holsworth Local Heritage Trust

Victorian Community History Awards

State Library Users Group

Victorian Community Collections Network

Office of Geographic Names
Anzac Commemorative Naming Pilot Project

Victorian ANZAC Cultural Institution Network

RHSV STAFF

Executive Officer

Kate Prinsley (Full-time)

Administrative Assistant

Gerardine Horgan (Full-time)

Local History Librarian

Jason Odering .6 EFT

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RHSV Prize for Australian History 2013 was awarded to:

Zoe Kirby, Latrobe University

FELLOWS, BENEFACTORS & VOLUNTEERS

ROLL OF FELLOWS

The names of the Fellows of the RHSV living in December 2013 and the year in which they were awarded Fellowships are listed below:

- 1967 Prof.G.N. Blainey
- 1974 H.M. Anderson
- 1975 Patricia Wilkie
- 1976 J.D. Adams
- 1991 Prof. Weston Bate
- 1995 Dr John F. Lack
Dr Andrew G. Lemon
- 1997 Prof. John Rickard
- 1999 Assoc. Prof. Don Garden
- 2000 John Murphy
- 2001 Susan Priestley
- 2003 Judith Bilszta
Valda Cole
Assoc. Prof. Don Gibb
Dr. Richard Morton
Dr Mimi Colligan
John Lahey
- 2008 Joan Hunt
Dr. Gary Presland
Carole Woods
- 2010 Dr Peter Yule
- 2011 Richard Barnden
Allan Willingham
- 2012 Adjunct Prof. Judith Smart
- 2013 Prof. Bill Russell

AWARDS OF MERIT 2013

Jane Nigro – Malvern Historical Society

Sandy Ross – Lilydale & District Historical Society

Glenise Alida Heywood Outch – Seymour & District Historical Society

The full list of Awards of Merit is available from our website www.historyvictoria.org.au under the programs tab.

BENEFACTORS

- 1996 Dame Elisabeth Murdoch
Prof. A.G.L. Shaw
- 1997 Prof. Weston Bate
- 2000 Allan Willingham
Gordon Moffatt AM
- 2008 Dame Elisabeth Murdoch

VOLUNTEERS

- Lucille Andel
- Miriam Amiet-Knottenbelt
- Tony Aplin
- Richard Barnden
- Liz Bath
- Judith Bilszta
- George Bilszta
- Helen Boak
- Wesley Callender
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Aboriginal Affairs Victoria Library
 AIATSIS Library
 Alexander Turnbull Library
 Australian War Memorial
 Bayside Library Services
 Berwick Mech Inst & Free Library
 Boroondara City Balwyn Library
 Cambridge University Library
 Casey-Cardinia Library Corp.
 Caulfield Campus Library
 Charles Sturt University
 Chiltern Athenaeum Trust
 Concordia University Libraries
 Cornell University
 Deakin University
 Department of Transport
 Dept of Planning & Community Dev
 Eastern Regional Libraries
 Flinders University of SA
 Geelong Heritage Centre
 Hamilton Club
 Harvard College Library
 History Teachers' Assocn
 Hume Libraries
 Italian Australian Inst Research Centre
 Kingston Inf & Library Service
 La Trobe University - Bendigo
 La Trobe University - Bundoora
 Macquarie University
 Melbourne Health Archives
 MLS-North - Caval
 Monash University - Gippsland
 Monash University Library
 Moonee Valley Library Service
 Moore Theological College
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Adam Lindsay Gordon Commemorative Committee
 Alexandra Historical Society
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 Ambulance Historical S of Vic
 Andrew Ross Museum
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 Anglican HS
 Apollo Bay & DHS
 Arapiles HS
 Ararat & DHS
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 Australian Lebanese HS
 Australian Viola Da Gamba Society
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 Avoca & District HS
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 Ballarat HS
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 Balnarring & DHS
 Balwyn HS
 Barham/Koondrook HS
 Beaufort HS
 Bellarine HS
 Benalla & DHS
 Bendigo HS
 Berwick-Pakenham HS
 Birchip HS
 Block Arcade
 Boolarra & DHS
 Boort HS

Box Hill HS
 Bright & DHS
 Brighton Antique Club
 Brighton Cemeterians
 Brighton HS
 Broadford HS
 Broadmeadows HS
 Brunswick CHG
 Bungaree & DHS
 Buninyong & DHS
 Bunyip HS
 C.J. La Trobe Society
 Camberwell HS
 Camperdown & DHS
 Canterbury HG
 Cape Clear HS
 Carisbrook HS
 Carlton Community HG
 Casterton & HS
 Castlemaine HS
 Central Highlands H Assocn
 Charlton Golden Grains Museum
 Chelsea & DHS
 Cinema & Theatre HS
 City Of Moorabbin HS
 Civil Aviation HS
 Cobden & District HS
 Cobram Shire HS
 Coburg HS
 Cohuna & DHS
 Colac & DHS
 Colbinabbin & DHS
 Coleraine HS
 Collingwood HS
 Cornish Association of Victoria
 Corop Community Action Group
 Craigieburn HIG
 Cranbourne Shire HS
 Cressy & DHG
 Creswick & District HS
 Croydon HS
 Dandenong & District HS
 Dandenong Ranges Historical Council
 Daylesford & District HS
 Derrinallum & Lismore C Assocn
 Dimboola & District HS
 Dingley Village HS
 Doncaster & Templestowe HS

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Dookie & DHS	Hamilton History Centre	Light Railway Research S of Aust
Dromana & DHS	Happy Valley School Rest. Group	Lilydale & DHS
Dunkeld & DH Museum	Harcourt Valley Her. & Tourist Centre	Linton & DHS
Eaglehawk Heritage Society	Harrietville HS	Little River HS
Early Music Society Of Victoria	Harrow HS	Lockington & D Living Heritage
East Gippsland HS	Hastings-Western Port HS	Lorne HS
East Loddon HS	Hawthorn HS	Maffra & DHS
East Melbourne HS	Healesville & DHS	Maldon Museum & Archives Assocn
Echuca HS	Heathcote McIvor HS	Maldon Vintage Machinery Museum
Edenhope & DHS	Heidelberg HS	Mallacoota & DHS
El Dorado Museum Assocn	Heritage Hill, Dandenong	Malmsbury HS
Eltham DHS	Heyfield & DHS	Malvern HS
Essendon HS	Heytesbury DHS	Mansfield HS
Euroa H&GS	Historical Re-enactment S of Vic	Maritime Trust of Australia
Falls Creek HS	Hopetoun HS	Maryborough-Midlands HS
Fannie Bay History & Heritage Society	Horsham HS	Marysville HS
Fawcett Mechanics Institute Reserve	Hotham History Project	Mechanics' Institutes Of Victoria
Fitzroy HS	Huntly & District HS	Meeniyan & DHS
Flinders DHS	Inglewood & District HS	Melbourne Athenaeum
Footscray HS	Inverleigh HS	Melton & DHS
Forrest & DHS	Inverloch HS	Meredith History Interest Group
Foster and DHS	Ithacan HS	Merrigum Historical & Ed. Society
Frankston HS	Jamieson & DHS	Merton HG
Friends & Relations of Gulf Station	Jeparit & DHS	Middle Park HG
Friends Of Boroondara (Kew) Cemetery	Kastellorizian Assocn	Military HS of Aust (Vic Branch)
Friends Of Cheltenham & Regional Cemeteries	Katamatite HS	Military HG
Friends Of Collins Settlement	Katandra & DHS	Military HS of Aust. (Geelong Branch)
Friends Of Cornish Hill	Keilor HS	Minyip & DHS
Friends Of Dandenong Cemeteries	Kerang HS	Mirboo & DHS
Friends Of St Kilda Botanical Gardens	Kew HS	Moe & DHS
Friends Of St Kilda Cemetery	Kiewa Valley HS	Monbulk HS
Geelong Cement Retirees Museum	Kilmore HS	Mont De Lancey Historical Trust
Geelong HS	Kinglake HS	Mooroolbark HG
Geelong Maritime Museum	Knox HS	Mooroopna HS
Geelong Museum Association	Koo Wee Rup Swamp HS	Mordialloc & DHS
Girl Guides Victoria	Koroit & District HS	Mornington & DHS
Gisborne & Mt Macedon DHS	Korong (Wedderburn) HS	Morwell HS
Glen Eira HS	Korumburra & District HS	Mt Dandenong & DHS
Glenthompson HG	Kyabram & DHS	Mt Rouse & DHS
Goldfields Hist & Arts Society	Kyneton HS	Murchison & DHS
Golf Society Of Australia	Lake Bolac & DHS	Murrabit & DHG
Good Old Days Farm Museum	Lakes Entrance Regional HS	Murrayville Museum & Heritage Soc
Greensborough HS	Landsborough & DHG	Murtoa & DHS
Halls Gap & Grampians HS	Lang Lang & DHS	Myrtleford & DHS
	Lara Heritage & HS	Nagambie HS
	Learmonth & DHS	Napoleons & DHS
	Leigh & DHS	
	Leo Baeck Centre	
	Leongatha & DHS	

Narre Warren & FHG	Scouts Australia (Vic) Heritage	Werribee & DHS
Nathalia & DHS	Sebastopol HS	Western Australian GS
National Vietnam Veterans Museum	Seymour & DHS	Western Victorian Assocn HS
Navarre & DHS	Shepparton Heritage Centre	Whitehorse HS
Nepean HS	Sherbrooke Foothills HS	Whittlesea HS
Newstead & DHS	Shiplovers Society of Victoria	Williamstown HS
Nhill & DHS	Showcase Wangaratta	Woody Yaloak HS
Nhill Aviation Heritage Centre	Skipton & District HS	Wodonga HS
Nillumbik HS	Snake Valley HS	Wonthaggi & DHS
Nobelius Heritage Park	Somerville, Tyabb & DHS	Woodend & District Heritage Society
Noojee & DHS	Southern Sherbrooke HS	Woolsthorpe & DHS
Nullawil HS	Sovereign Hill School	Woomelang & DHS
Numurkah HS	Springvale & DHS	Wycheproof & DHS
Oakleigh & District HS	St Albans HS	Yackandandah & DHS
Old Gippsstown	St Andrews/Queenstown HS	Yallourn North & DHS
Omeo HS	St Arnaud & DHS	Yarra Glen & DHS
Orbost & DHS	St John Ambulance HS (Vic)	Yarra Ranges Heritage Network
Osborne Park Assocn	St Kilda HS	Yarra Valley Italian Cultural Group
Ouyen District H&G Centre	Stawell HS	Yarram & DHS
Paynesville Maritime Museum	Stonnington Ladies Probud Club	Yarrambat HS
Performing Arts HS Townsville	Stratford HS	Yarrowonga/Mulwala HS
Peterborough HG	Streatham & DHS	Yinnar & DHS
Phillip Island & DHS	Sunbury & D Heritage Assocn	
Plenty HS	Sunbury Historical & Heritage Society	
Port Fairy HS	Sunshine & DHS	
Port Melbourne H & Pres. Society	Surrey Hills Historical Centre	
Port Philip Pioneers Group	Talbot Arts & Historical Museum	
Portland HS	Taradale HG	
Prahran Historical & Arts Society	Tatura & DHS	
Prahran Mechanics' Inst	Terang & DHS	
Preston HS	Torquay & DHS	
Pyramid Hill & DHS	Trafalgar HS	
Queen Victoria Women's Centre	Traralgon & DHS	
Queenscliffe Historical Museum	Trentham & DHS	
Rainbow Historical & Archive Society	Uniting Church HS	
Red Cliffs & DHS	Upper Murray HS	
Richmond & Burnley HS	Upper Yarra Living HG	
Ringwood & DHS	Upper Yarra Valley HS	
Rochester HS	Victoria Police HS	
Romsey & Lancefield DHS	Victorian Interpretive Projects	
Rosedale & DHS	Walhalla Heritage & Dev. League	
Royal Horticultural Society of Victoria	Wangaratta FHS	
Rupanyup HS	Wangaratta HS	
Rushworth HS	Wanneroo HS	
Rutherglen HS	Warracknabeal DHS	
Rye HS	Warragul & DHS	
Sale HS	Warrandyte HS	
Salvation Army Heritage Centre	Warrnambool & DHS	
Sandringham & DHS	Waverley HS	
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