



Annual Report

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Looking south west from the Observatory, Flagstaff Gardens, to La Trobe Street and its intersection with King Street, 1866

Charles Nettleton photographer. Courtesy State Library of Victoria H88.22/16



Melbourne Hospital from corner Swanston and Lonsdale streets c. 1929

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RHSV PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2016

The RHSV continued to progress gratifyingly well in 2016 in almost all respects. It was a good year financially, attendances at functions grew substantially, and special as well as regular events such as History Week and our History Victoria Support Group seminars were very successful. The RHSV also broadened its remit to take a more active role in defending our state's built and cultural heritage.

The one area in which there was limited progress is clarification of the Society's security of tenure in the Drill Hall. The government has given undertakings that our tenure will continue, and we began the process of examining whether the RHSV could take over running the building as its Committee of Management. However, before that can be done the building needs to be made fit for purpose and there had been no progress on this matter by the end of 2016.

The major achievement in 2016 was the publication of the two books that the RHSV had been commissioned to produce, *Judging for the People: A Social History of the Supreme Court 1841–2016* and *Remembering Melbourne 1850–1960*. Both contributed significantly to our improved financial position and were the result of a wonderful effort from our history community. Many people contributed, but the roles of Dr Simon Smith and Emeritus Professor Richard Broome were particularly significant and both merit the Society's deep gratitude. As a result of these projects the Foundation fund has grown substantially, the collection has benefited from increased investment, and we now have a new fund to ensure the future publication of the *Victorian Historical Journal*. It was fitting that, at the AGM, Richard Broome accepted a Fellowship from the RHSV.

Also boosting RHSV finances were a number of donations, for which I particularly wish to recognise Gordon Moffatt and Paul Mullaly. A generous bequest from the late Doug Gunn will facilitate a number of operational improvements within the organisation.

The excellent progress of the RHSV has been made possible by the immense amount of work undertaken by staff and volunteers. Kate Prinsley (Executive Officer) and Ged Horgan (Office Manager) have continued to carry out the main administrative functions and to ensure that we run efficiently. Following the resignation of Dr Jodie Boyd, Christine

Worthington was appointed Collections Manager and Volunteer Coordinator and soon became a wonderful asset to the RHSV.

The work of the RHSV Council has been very successful and my thanks go to: Emeritus Professor Richard Broome, Vice President and Chair of the Publications Committee; Carole Woods, Honorary Secretary; Dr Robert Barnes, Treasurer and until mid-year the Chair of the RHSV Foundation; Elisabeth Jackson, Council Minutes Secretary and Chair of the Collections Committee; George Fernando, until August the Convenor of the History Victoria Support Group; Emeritus Professor Chips Sowerwine, until February *History News* editor; Adjunct Professor Judith Smart, FAHS delegate, History Council delegate, and review editor of the *Victorian Historical Journal*; Dr Cheryl Griffen, from August the Convenor of the History Victoria Support Group; Margaret Anderson, member of the Heritage and Drill Hall Committees; and Dr Jane Carolan, member of the Events and Outreach Committee. During the year Jim Dixon was appointed Chair of the Foundation and two very important and immediately active and successful new committees were established —Membership & Development, chaired by Dr Rosalie Triolo, and Heritage, chaired by Emeritus Professor Chips Sowerwine. At the start of the year the Council welcomed Alleyne Hockley from Castlemaine as the first co-opted non-metropolitan Council member. Unfortunately, our efforts to recruit a second country councillor were unsuccessful.

The RHSV Committees have played an increasingly important role in RHSV operations, undertaking many responsibilities for Council and reporting back to Council on their progress. I thank all the members of those Committees, and Dr Andrew Lemon, who chairs the Events and Outreach Committee. Professor Emerita Marian Quartly stepped in as editor of *History News* in April, proving to be innovative as well as fast and efficient, and Dr David Harris was appointed editor of the *Victorian Historical Journal*, producing two very interesting issues during the year.

My special thanks go to Carole Woods, who oversaw the judging and highly successful running of the Victorian Community History Awards and also chaired the Fellowship Committee as well as undertaking the onerous work of Honorary Secretary of the Society.

Among the many wonderful day volunteers in the Drill Hall, I recognise the special work of Richard Barnden, David Thompson, Margaret Fleming and Liz Bath, and thank and welcome the new volunteers in our greatly refreshed volunteer program.

During the year, the Genealogical Society of Victoria, which was downsizing its premises, arranged to donate most of its library to the RHSV. While this will enrich our collection, it will also require a reorganisation of the library. GSV members will have right of access to all material in the RHSV library.

I thank everyone for the hard work that has given the RHSV such a vibrant and successful year.

Associate Professor Don Garden OAM, FFAHS, FRHSV, President



Melbourne 1896

Henry Cooper Studio photographers. RHSV S-38



Looking west along Yarra River from below Batman Avenue 1906

G. Attwood, Chemist, 64 Bourke Street, Melbourne, photographer. RHSV D-397.002



Flagstaff Gardens 1866

Charles Nettleton photographer. RHSV PH-090085

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S ANNUAL REPORT 2016

The overwhelming success of the RHSV in 2016 can be measured by how busy it has become. Attendances at our speakers meetings (described elsewhere in this report) were at record numbers — never before have we had to turn people away because of a ‘full house’. Our tribute to Michael Cannon was over-subscribed, and we had to introduce a waiting list for our History Victoria Support Group seminars. Research inquiries increased and our collections grew. Opportunities to volunteer expanded and certain days of the week were declared ‘fully booked’ with no spare workstations to accommodate this valued help. Our programs and partnerships expanded and, at the end of the year, with the release of *Remembering Melbourne 1850–1960*, we found ourselves in the exalted position of having produced a ‘best seller’ with all the stresses and excitement that that brings.

Our year began with a lunchtime tribute to Michael Cannon to mark fifty years since the publication of *The Land Boomers*. We were delighted to partner with the Friends of the State Library of Victoria to celebrate Michael’s work. Similarly, in April, our first exhibition for the year, ‘Judging for the People: A Social History of the Supreme Court of Victoria’, was curated in partnership with the librarians and archivists from the Supreme Court. We thank Joanne Boyd and Nichole Lithgow from the Supreme Court, as well as Daisy Searls and Ali Rowe of the RHSV; together they raised the bar for the design and interpretation of our exhibitions. We were honoured that our patron, the Hon. Linda Dessau AC, Governor of Victoria, opened the exhibition.

The 175th anniversary celebrations for the establishment of the Supreme Court in Victoria were driven by a former councillor, Adjunct Professor Simon Smith, who edited the handsome volume of essays, *Judging for the People: A Social History of the Supreme Court of Victoria*, launched in mid-2016 by Chief Justice Marilyn Warren in the library of the Supreme Court. Guests then crossed William Street to view the Supreme Court bathed in red light to celebrate its birthday. Together with Andrew Lemon and Jane Carolan, Simon Smith also organised a legal history conference on behalf of the RHSV and in partnership with Victoria University. The papers are to be published in a special issue of the *Victorian Historical Journal*. The RHSV is extremely grateful to Simon Smith, who not only initiated and steered the project but also established networks for the RHSV

amongst the legal fraternity, the benefits of which continue to grow.

In June we were delighted to work with the Ephemera Society to highlight their collectors and their private collections. In front of a large audience, Emeritus Professor Peter Spearritt from the University of Queensland launched the exhibition, which served as a showcase for both the Ephemera Society and the RHSV. Our shared publicity again generated considerable interest.

Our flagship activities, History Week and the Victorian Community History Awards, the latter in partnership with Public Record Office Victoria, are now thoroughly embedded in the local history annual calendar. The RHSV thanks the Vera Moore Foundation and the State Government of Victoria for their essential support of these programs. The Victorian Community History Awards are described elsewhere in this report. History Week 2016, held in October, was the most successful to date. There were 413 things to do throughout Victoria, demonstrating the extensive activity and productivity of Victorians in local, community and state-wide history. Collectively these programs reflect the enormous value historical societies and historians bring to the state in interpreting our history.

During 2016, the RHSV bookshop consolidated its niche role specialising in the history of Victoria. It provides an important outlet for authors, showcasing their often small-run publications, and serves to demonstrate the breadth of published research now being produced about this state. We are very grateful to Lenore Frost for her management of the bookshop.

This year, 2016, marked the end of the RHSV’s three-year funding from Arts Victoria Operations Investment Fund. Re-structured into the Creative Industries portfolio, Arts Victoria recalibrated itself as Creative Victoria, and we applied for a four-year grant within a creative industry policy. We were delighted to receive the good news in the middle of the year that we had received funding and we now look forward to demonstrating the key role history plays in Victoria’s creative industries. We thank the State Government, through Creative Victoria, for its support.

In July, after much lobbying from our members and Council, and with the support of our Ambassador, Catherine Andrews, we were gratified to receive a letter from Minister for Planning Richard Wynne

offering the RHSV the possibility of forming a Committee of Management for the Drill Hall. Considerable work has since been undertaken evaluating our options and we thank Dr Jan Penney for leading and guiding us through our negotiations.

During the year the RHSV took part in Rare Book Week, Law Week and Open House. We mentored students from RMIT University, Deakin University, the Centre for Cultural Conservation and Fitzroy High School, and we hosted students from Sunshine College. This year the RHSV's La Trobe University prize for history was awarded to Elizabeth Offer for her honours thesis on destitute children in late nineteenth-century Victoria. We were also delighted to host the Bernard Bailyn lecture, an annual event sponsored by La Trobe University to bring an American scholar to Melbourne to present research related to North American studies. Similarly we were delighted to provide the venue for book launches by three of our members during the year. All of these events extend our reach and enrich our contribution to fostering history in Victoria.

The Society was gratified to learn that our President, Associate Professor Don Garden, and Councillor Dr Jane Carolan had both received OAMs in the Queen's Birthday honour list for their services to Victoria's local history and heritage. The Society also paid tribute to Councillor Dr Rosalie Triolo, who was presented with a Merit Award from the Federation of Australian Historical Societies by Catherine Andrews as part of the opening of our Supreme Court exhibition. Sadly, Catherine Andrews stepped down from her role as our Ambassador in June, but we thank her for the significant impact she has had on the RHSV.

The year concluded on an unanticipated high note. Since late 2015, under the direction of Richard Broome, the RHSV along with 22 historical societies had been busily compiling the book *Remembering Melbourne 1850–1960*, featuring selected photographs from the extensive collections of both the RHSV and the local societies, together with expert section introductions and detailed captions. Launched by the Hon. Richard Wynne, Minister for Planning in Victoria, at a packed opening, the book became an immediate best seller. We are extremely grateful to Gerardine Horgan and Lenore Frost for their nimble and quick thinking in meeting the challenge of 'large scale' retail—a completely new and exciting experience for the RHSV. The book launch was also an opportunity for Minister Wynne to announce that the RHSV was a recipient of a Living Heritage Grant

to repair parts of the Drill Hall and make it compliant with the Disability Discrimination Act. We thank the Victorian State Government for this grant and look forward to the completion of the work.

At the end of 2016 Dr Sam Smith of Pinnacle Communications concluded her media relations work for the RHSV and we thank her for her promotional activities on behalf of the Society.

In 2016 we were deeply saddened by the passing of John Hulskamp, a past treasurer of the RHSV, and Dr John Hirst, a former judge of the Victorian Community History Awards and Frank Ford from Sunshine Historical Society.

With 2016 such a busy and successful year, our operational activities were put under considerable pressure as the pace and extent of demands grew. Gerardine Horgan, the RHSV office administrator, Christine Worthington, Collections Manager and Volunteer Coordinator, and all the volunteers responded with energy and enthusiasm and we thank them for their outstanding contributions towards making 2016 such an exceptional year.

Kate Prinsley,

Executive Officer RHSV



Bourke Street looking west from Russell Street 1899

Henry Cooper Studio photographers. RHSV S-40



Bourke and Spring streets c. 1910

RHSV PC-0100

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2016

The Publications Committee, comprising academic and public historians, oversees the publication of the *Victorian Historical Journal* (twice yearly) and *History News* (six times yearly). The *VHJ* publishes refereed academic articles as well as member notes, and encourages the use of the RHSV collections, while striving for the highest quality and ethical standards. *History News* informs our members of upcoming events, reports on key lectures and exhibitions, promotes local societies and their publications, and informs members of key issues in the practice of history and heritage in Victoria.

Our Committee, which met five times in 2016, had a stable membership after a significant loss of experience in 2015. Professor Emerita Marian Quartly kindly stood in as editor of *History News* in the absence of Emeritus Professor Charles (Chips) Sowerwine, who took leave to complete several writing projects. Professor Quartly did a remarkable job. Dr David Harris completed his first year as editor of the journal and Adjunct Professor Judith Smart took over as book review editor from Emeritus Professor John Rickard. David and Judith created two finely edited issues of the *Victorian Historical Journal*. The Committee was able to secure the services of Ms Terri Mackenzie as honorary indexer of the *VHJ* and she commenced work on the backlog from 2014 left in the wake of the death of our previous long-serving indexer John Adams.

The Chair of the Publications Committee, Emeritus Professor Richard Broome, gave assistance to Dr Simon Smith, who edited *Judging for the People: A Social History of the Supreme Court in Victoria 1841–2016*, RHSV and Allen & Unwin, Melbourne, 2016. This work, launched in April 2016 by the Honourable Marilyn Warren, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Victoria, to celebrate the Supreme Court's 175th anniversary, was highly acclaimed. Sales of 500 copies of the book and profits from a related conference brought the RHSV significant money, some of which will support a special issue of the *VHJ* drawn from the conference papers and to appear in June 2017.

The Publications and Collections Committees together produced the photographic volume *Remembering Melbourne 1850–1960*, RHSV and QBD Publishing, Melbourne, 2016. Launched in November 2016, it was an instant sensation aided by

some prominent publicity on Melbourne radio and in the press. It was the work of over one hundred RHSV and local historical society volunteers and a fine design effort by John Gillespie, formerly of Kiplings Business Communications and now of Centreforce. The editorial team, led by Richard Broome, who also coordinated all the contributors, comprised Richard Barnden (image selection), Don Garden, Don Gibb (fact checking), Elisabeth Jackson (captions) and Judith Smart (copy-editing). The RHSV sold 2,500 copies by Christmas. The publisher's advance, minus design and indexing costs, boosted the Collections Committee's funds, while profits from sales were added to the newly created *VHJ* future fund. This fund has also been enhanced by the inauguration of the *VHJ* Patron's program, with five members enlisted by the end of 2016.

We were gratified that John Gillespie, designer of *Remembering Melbourne 1850–1960*, *History News*, and the *Victorian Historical Journal* accepted the Society's Distinguished Service Award for his outstanding contribution to the RHSV.

We thank Committee member Associate Professor Don Gibb for his regular contributions to 'Books Received' published in *History News* and Lenore Frost for her regular column in *Ancestor: Quarterly Journal of the Genealogical Society of Victoria*. RHSV Executive Officer Kate Prinsley also wrote a regular column in *CBD News*, the local city-based newspaper.

Membership of the Committee for 2016 comprised Jill Barnard, Marilyn Bowler, Richard Broome, Marie Clark, Mimi Colligan, Don Gibb, David Harris, Marian Quartly, John Rickard, Judith Smart, Chips Sowerwine and Carole Woods. *Ex officio* members were Don Garden (RHSV President) and Kate Prinsley. My thanks to all of them.

**Emeritus Professor Richard Broome FRHSV,
Chair Publications Committee**



Collins Street panorama 1875

Paterson Brothers photographer. RHSV AL001-0012



Collins Street looking east from intersection with Elizabeth Street c. 1892

RHSV GS-CS-35

COLLECTIONS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2016

The RHSV collection comprises more than 70,000 items acquired since the foundation of the Society in 1909. There is an extensive collection of published Victorian local histories and secondary source material, newsletters of member societies, manuscripts, maps, and objects, as well as a significant collection of photographs and other images. All of the collection has been donated.

The collection is cared for by the Collections Manager and Volunteer Coordinator, Christine Worthington, and overseen by the Collections Committee, chaired by RHSV Councillor Elisabeth Jackson. Membership of the Committee comprises a mixture of volunteers and invited specialists. In 2016 they were Richard Barnden, Jillian Nicholls and Guy Featherstone as volunteer members, and Margaret Birtley and Elizabeth Willis as invited specialists. Guy Featherstone resigned from the Committee at the end of 2016 after many years service and has been replaced by Deirdre Wilmott. The Society's President, Executive Officer and Collections Manager are *ex-officio* members.

Dr. Jodie Boyd resigned as Collections Manager and Volunteer Coordinator early in 2016 to take up a research position. The Society was fortunate to attract as her replacement Christine Worthington, who had been library manager at Prahran Mechanics' Institute for fifteen years. Although the RHSV position is still part time, the hours have been increased and Christine is present at the Society every day.

The Collections Committee, in cooperation with the Publications Committee, was heavily involved in the production of the book, *Remembering Melbourne 1850–1960*, published in November 2016. More than 330 images of central Melbourne were selected, almost all from the RHSV collection. Richard Barnden and Jillian Nicholls were responsible for collecting the images from which the book committee made a selection, and Elisabeth Jackson led the team of volunteers who wrote captions for these using the RHSV database and other sources. Jillian Nicholls and Elizabeth Willis were part of this team. The enormous effort put in by these members of the Committee, together with members of the Publications Committee and many other volunteers, meant that this substantial book was prepared for publication in just over a year. As well as bringing publicity to the RHSV for its collection and expertise,

the book earned \$15,000 from the advance paid by the publisher to the Society. This will be allocated to collection projects.

During the year the cataloguing system was reviewed and a decision made to move from DB Textworks, which had been used for many years. A new product, eHive, is being evaluated. This is an open-source software, which will be cheaper, easier to use and, importantly, compatible with Trove, the online library database aggregator hosted by the National Library of Australia. In researching the transition to open-source software, Christine Worthington undertook a survey of affiliated historical societies to find out how many are connected to the internet and what software they are using to catalogue their collections. This important survey has subsequently been used by the Federation of Australian Historical Societies to frame the national approach to digital engagement and is available on the FAHS website.

The Collection Policy was reviewed during the year and redrafted by Margaret Birtley and then approved by the Committee and Council. It is reviewed every three years and gives guidance on what is accepted for the collection. A number of procedures will now be reviewed in line with changes to the policy.

The RHSV is fortunate to have an increasing number of volunteers. During the year Christine Worthington, with assistance from the Committee, produced a volunteers' manual, which identifies clear workflows and procedures.

During 2016 a checking and stocktake of the manuscript collection was undertaken by volunteers. Lyndall Pascoe worked intensively on this project until her retirement during the year, after which it was taken over by Deidre Wilmott and others. Lyndall began volunteering at the RHSV in 2002; the Committee is grateful for her significant contribution to the manuscript collection. The RHSV received a Community Heritage grant from the NLA to conduct a Preservation Needs Assessment of the manuscript collection, and this was undertaken by Jude Fraser of the Grimwade Centre for Cultural Materials Conservation. The recommendations were approved by the Committee and the Society will apply for a further grant to implement some of the recommended conservation measures.

Adele Barbara, a student from the Cultural Materials Conservation Unit (University of Melbourne), undertook a project to examine the conservation and management of our idiosyncratic scrapbook collection. Her report, as part of her coursework, identified the research potential of the collection and opportunities to promote it, and made recommendations for its conservation.

In addition, considerable work was undertaken to re-house much of the collection. New cabinets, re-organising of storage and the commencement of off-site digitisation of manuscripts is setting a higher standard for the care and preservation of the collection. Christine began research to identify software for a digital archive. The Society is grateful to His Hon. Paul Mullaly QC for his generous donation, which has supported much of our preservation work.

The RHSV is fortunate in having received, over the years, many collections from significant book collectors. This year we were bequeathed the collection of the late Doug Gunn. Doug's interests had been in local history and natural history. His bequest of small print run, lesser-known local histories will greatly enhance our collection.

On the recommendation of the Committee, work has commenced on preparing nominations of two notable items for the Victorian Heritage Register. Paul Mullaly is assisting with the nomination of the Willis Casebooks and Ken McInnes with the Hamilton Hume map. A digitised version of the latter was presented to the National Library in November. The NLA Map Librarian accepted the map and spoke at a lunch-time meeting of the Society.

Two major exhibitions were staged during the year. In April the Governor of Victoria and RHSV Patron, the Hon. Linda Dessau AC, launched an exhibition in conjunction with a book published by the RHSV, *Judging for the People*, to celebrate the Supreme Court's 175th anniversary. The exhibition was curated by Daisy Searls and included items from the RHSV collection and that of the Supreme Court. In November Richard Barnden and David Thompson curated an exhibition showcasing the suburban images from *Remembering Melbourne*. This will be followed by an exhibition of the Central Business District images to be held in 2017.

The small RHSV Images Team provides support to the Society's publications and publicity, as well as serving the research needs of members and the general public. In addition to supporting the design and installation of exhibitions on a regular,

programmed basis, members of the team also respond to numerous telephone and email enquiries, and provide careful on-site conservation to small items and catalogue donations that meet criteria established in the RHSV's Collections Policy. During 2016, the cataloguing of two very large donations of 35mm transparencies of properties in Victoria's west was begun, and separate donations of 1900s postcards and 1960s black-and-white photographs by amateur photographer Egbert Spencer Wills were also catalogued.

Every year a small team of expert volunteers undertakes commercial research, known as 'site searches'. These identify the prior use of land—a requirement for properties to be developed. The team's skills at using Sands & McDougalls and other directories in the collection are second to none. We thank this expert group of Margaret Fleming, Jeremy Pascoe, Alison Cameron, Greg Buchanan and Sandra and John Torpey for their work, as well as Ged Horgan, who manages the project. Their work produces substantial income for the Society.

All the activities undertaken to make the RHSV collections accessible are delivered by volunteers. The RHSV could not function without them. Their interest, enthusiasm, time and commitment to the Society are priceless and we thank them all.

Elisabeth Jackson,
Chair Collections Committee



Looking east along the Yarra River, showing city buildings and preliminary work on King Street Bridge, 7 February 1959

Peter Dunbar photographer. RHSV PH-150021



Looking west along Lonsdale Street from intersection with Spring Street c. 1960

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HISTORY VICTORIA SUPPORT GROUP ANNUAL REPORT 2016

Throughout 2016, the History Victoria Support Group (HVSG) continued to provide advice and training for volunteers in the 340 affiliated historical societies throughout Victoria. In particular it delivered four seminars: one in Melbourne and three in regional Victoria. The focus is always on practical topics, with the current emphasis on digital history and protecting local heritage.

This year the Melbourne seminar was held at the RHSV headquarters at the Drill Hall, with a full house of historical society members from Melbourne and further afield. Topics covered the theme 'The Future of Historical Societies in the Digital World', emphasising ways that information technology can benefit the management and running of historical societies. Excellent contributions were made by all the speakers. I am especially thankful to Dr Darren Peacock, CEO National Trust, South Australia, who came from Adelaide to speak at this seminar.

Three further seminars were held in Birchip, Echuca and Sorrento. The Birchip and Echuca seminars brought together members of a large network of societies from these towns and surrounding regions. Interestingly, a few people from Deniliquin NSW attended the seminar at Echuca. It was a great pleasure to visit the Echuca museum after the seminar—this museum is a real showpiece. The seminar at Sorrento was the first time an HVSG seminar had been held on the Mornington Peninsula. It was hosted by the Nepean Historical Society at their splendid museum housed in the former Mechanics' Institute on the Old Melbourne Road. Many societies from the peninsula attended.

All the seminars were well attended by RHSV members, who in many cases travelled over a hundred kilometres to be there. I have appreciated their participation and support very much. I was especially grateful to RHSV President, Associate Professor Don Garden, and Vice President, Emeritus Professor Richard Broome, for their participation in the seminars.

I wish to thank Dr Mark Eccleston, Manager, Heritage Operations, Office of Aboriginal Affairs Victoria, for organising staff from his department to speak at our seminars in regional Victoria. Dr Eccleston and his team of speakers demonstrated how historical societies and the Office of Aboriginal Affairs

Victoria can work effectively together, and I am very grateful to OAAV for participating in our seminars for two consecutive years.

Throughout the year the RHSV provided continued and improved support to affiliated historical societies by providing them with bulk insurance. We thank Gerardine Horgan for her role and expertise in managing this service.

The RHSV continued to provide opportunities for historical societies to promote their activities on the RHSV website's Events Calendar, and through the ever-popular 'Around the Societies' columns in *History News*. The growing number of historical societies that contribute to History Week similarly helps the RHSV to showcase and advocate for local history in Victoria.

Again in 2016 the RHSV was delighted to promote the Holsworth Trust, which is dedicated to supporting the publication of local history in regional Victoria. This year the fund supported groups from Murtoa, Elmhurst, Lake Bolac, Mirboo and Castlemaine to produce local histories.

The RHSV Awards of Merit are an important way of encouraging exceptional volunteer contributions to historical societies. Most nominations come from the societies themselves and in 2016 certificates were awarded to Michael Moore of Fitzroy Historical Society and Sue Thompson of Lilydale and District Historical Society.

I thank the members of the HVSG Committee for the roles they played in the organisation and running of the seminars. The Committee members during 2016 were as follows: Bernard Bolch (Walhalla), Dr Cheryl Griffin (RHSV and Coburg), Alleyne Hockley (Castlemaine), David Langdon (Richmond & Burnley), Jane Nigro (Malvern), Craig Proctor (Mortlake & District), Judy Richards (Stratford), Larina Strauch (Kyneton) and Sue Thompson (Lilydale & District Historical Society).

I extend my thanks to Kate Prinsley, Gerardine Horgan and Christine Worthington at the RHSV headquarters for all the work and support they have given HVSG.

George Fernando,

Convenor History Victoria Support Group



Elizabeth Street looking south from Queensberry Street, Carlton, and showing the Queen Victoria Market, c. 1938

Keith Porteous photographer. RHSV PH-011054

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2016

The terms of reference of the RHSV's Membership Development Committee were determined by interested councillors in mid-2016, then tabled and approved at the RHSV Council meeting of 26 July 2016. The Membership Development Committee's roles are to recruit and retain members as well as monitor membership trends for reporting to Council. The inaugural chair was Dr Rosalie Triolo and the membership comprised Council members Dr Robert Barnes, Dr Cheryl Griffin and Carole Woods, and RHSV President, Associate Professor Don Garden, *ex officio*. Executive Officer Kate Prinsley also attended meetings. All have devoted considerable time and energy to developing ideas to increase RHSV membership and to advertise the Society's work.

A great deal was achieved within six months. The first task was to refresh and modernise the membership brochure, resulting in a colourful and well-formatted 'showcase' of the breadth of the RHSV collection. The brochure contains an explanation of the many benefits to individuals and societies of membership and a description of the ways membership sustains the work of the RHSV in history and heritage preservation and advocacy. The new brochure coincided with the launch and sales of *Remembering Melbourne 1850–1960*, thus enabling distribution of publicity about the RHSV with each sale. The Society had 55 more members by the end of the book's spectacular sale period (through to December 2016) than it had had at the same time a year earlier, suggesting that the inclusion of the brochure in each copy of this highly successful book had helped promote the advantages of RHSV membership.

The Committee also arranged for new and renewing members to receive a letter of thanks for their support, and some of the members who did not renew were invited to offer their reasons for discontinuing. As part of the need to better serve and understand members' interests and needs, the RHSV began to investigate the potential of customer relationship management software to streamline communications between the Society and its members as well as simplify and reduce office administration. This investigation is continuing.

The Committee is keen to improve the public profile of the RHSV. There is now wider electronic 'press release' advertising of RHSV activities. Upcoming events and exhibitions are promoted on an external board and on the main door. Aside from permanent signs affixed to the outside of the Drill Hall, a banner and stand now draw attention on fine days to the RHSV's entrance. Councillors have been asked to distribute brochures and promote events within their own societies or other history and heritage organisations, to wear new badges promoting the RHSV, and to identify partnership and reciprocal benefit opportunities. Historical societies have been encouraged to place links to the RHSV on their home pages.

There are further plans to work more closely with other RHSV committees, such as with the Events and Outreach Committee to identify events or speakers likely to attract new members or casual attendees, and with the History Victoria Support Group to take Writing History workshops to regional areas. Several inner Melbourne events away from the Drill Hall are planned, as well as closer relationships with the History Teachers' Association of Victoria.

My thanks go to Robert Barnes, Don Garden, Cheryl Griffin and Carole Woods for the considerable time they have dedicated to the Membership Development Committee's work.

Dr Rosalie Triolo,

Chair Membership Development Committee



Flinders Street c. 1934

Reproduced from Souvenir Album: Views of Marvellous Melbourne, the Garden City of the South, Melbourne, Osboldstone & Co., 1934. RHSV BL001-006



South-west corner Elizabeth and Collins streets c. 1895

J.A. Sears photographer. RHSV S-1334

HERITAGE COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2016

The RHSV Heritage Committee grew out of a working party appointed by RHSV Council in November 2015. Emeritus Professor Charles (Chips) Sowerwine was appointed chair and two other councillors, Margaret Anderson and Judith Smart, agreed to serve. After researching a number of issues during the first part of 2016, the members agreed that the work warranted a permanent committee. Notice was given to Council in August of a motion to that effect, and terms of reference were presented and accepted by Council in September 2016. The roles of the Committee listed in the terms of reference are:

- to keep Council abreast of state and national legislation and policies that affect heritage and preservation in Victoria;
- to prepare submissions in response to any proposed changes to such legislation and policy for the approval of Council;
- to develop policy concerning the uses of heritage-protected buildings and their surroundings;
- to liaise with other relevant heritage bodies concerning the preservation of specific buildings and sites, and to make recommendations to Council on any cooperative action proposed;
- to provide advice to constituent local and other historical societies on heritage matters when requested to do so, and in-principle or other support in specific situations as the Committee and Council deem appropriate.

The Heritage Committee has established close collaboration with the National Trust through Felicity Watson, Senior Community Advocate, and has focused limited resources on significant issues in the Hoddle Grid, though it has also responded to some others in adjoining suburbs or with state-wide significance as they have arisen. On some issues the Committee has worked in cooperation with local historical societies. The Committee now also has a dedicated section on the RHSV website located under 'About Us'; submissions and press releases may be found there.

Among the specific new or ongoing matters that the committee considered during 2016, or on which it made submissions or issued press releases, are: the Victorian Environmental Assessment Council Historic Places Investigation Draft Proposals Paper; the Heritage Bill 2016; the Queen Victoria Market development proposals; the demolition of the

Corkman Hotel in Carlton; the Richmond Maltings and Nylex Sign; and the Point Nepean National Park Draft Master Plan. Some of these issues have carried over into 2017, along with related matters to do with unprotected buildings under threat of demolition in the CBD.

VEAC Historic Places Investigation

The RHSV Heritage Committee submitted a response to the VEAC Draft Proposals Paper in December 2015 commending its overall direction and particularly its clear recognition that historic places reflect the core stories of the Victorian community. While supporting most of the recommendations, we expressed concern about lack of detail about funding, the weakness of local heritage overlays without state overview, and the lack of clarity about the obligations to be placed on committees of management and resources and training available to them. The Heritage Committee was represented at the release of the final VEAC report in September 2016. Among its recommendations was a new one for resources to be made available for implementation and ongoing management, a rejigged one for adequate initial resources to establish a trust combined with a revolving fund for public land heritage, improved support for community-based committees of management, and clearer specification of criteria for identification of local places of historical significance. The Living Heritage Grant program announced in the 2016–17 state budget will provide \$30 million over four years. But VEAC is concerned that too much of this funding will go to big projects rather than to cost-effective maintenance programs. As a result, the report recommended a single point of accountability in the form of a Public Historic Places Commissioner, supported by an Office for Public Land Historic Places, to undertake strategic cross-agency planning with responsibility to the Executive Director Heritage Victoria. The deadline for government response was March 2017 but it is not yet available.

Heritage Bill 2016

The Heritage Committee made an extensive submission to proposed revisions of the Heritage Act 1995, calling attention to weaknesses in the Kennett-era act (which substantially weakened the Hamer-era legislation that initiated protection of historic buildings in Victoria). The main points of our submission were:

1. the difficulty in obtaining Heritage Overlays;
2. the lack of interim protection for buildings that may not yet have been assessed and which developers tend to purchase and demolish before they can get protection;
3. VCAT's failure to give adequate weight to heritage considerations;
4. excessive powers available to the minister to intervene in planning and heritage decisions, leaving him/her open to pressure from developers.

None of these issues was addressed in the final version of the bill debated early in 2017. Our submission was, however, discussed extensively in Legislative Council debates, mainly by the Opposition spokesman David Davis MLC. (See *Hansard*, Heritage Bill 2016, Thursday 23 February 2017, pp. 53 ff.)

Queen Victoria Market Alterations

The Heritage Committee has taken a critical interest in the City of Melbourne's proposed alterations to

the Queen Victoria Market. Professor Sowerwine has led the Committee's engagement with this issue. It involves an incredibly complex and extensive set of Council actions: development of the 'Munro' site immediately south of the market (a 200m tower is proposed); replacing the carpark over the cemetery with a park and a street (New Franklin Street, which will continue Dudley Street through to Franklin Street, leading to Victoria Street); and dismantling the market sheds in order to restore the building materials but also to build underground services and car parking that may compromise the existing functions of the sheds. On 12 October 2016 members of the Committee met with Amy Lees, representing the City of Melbourne. Drawing on this discussion, Professor Sowerwine wrote 'Plans for the Queen Victoria Market: Heritage and High Rise', in November–December 2016 *History News*. The Committee continues to work on this issue in cooperation with the National Trust and in the interests of conserving the heritage value of the market in accordance with the principles of the Burra Charter and the Australian Heritage Council.



Flinders Street Station entrance c. 1920

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Demolition of the Corkman Hotel

The Heritage Committee joined in widespread indignation at the demolition of this hotel. A statement was issued following discussion at Council. It can be found on the RHSV web site. Professor Sowerwine also wrote a piece published in *History News* November–December 2016.

Richmond Maltings & Nylex Sign.

The Heritage Committee, through Judith Smart, investigated the latest proposal by Caydon Property Group for development of the Richmond Maltings complex and Nylex Sign. In this connection, the Committee noted and applauded the Heritage Council's determination in October to amend item H2050, the Barrett Burston Richmond Maltings Site, in the Victorian Heritage Register by removing the heritage permit exemption (demolition) that had applied to building B9 (the 1960s silos). The committee also wrote to Heritage Victoria in support of the submission of the National Trust by Felicity Watson, dated 22 December 2016. We especially endorsed the reservations the National Trust expressed with respect to the 1880 malt house, the 1920 malt house, the 1939–40 barley store, the lack of detail with respect to the two proposed towers, and the need for consultation on all aspects of the Mitigation Outcomes (landscaping, interpretation, recording and historical archaeology). Heritage Victoria has now (March 2017) issued a permit, which includes the iconic Nylex sign and concrete silos. Overall, the National Trust supports Heritage Victoria's assessment that the revised plans represent a major departure from the original scheme proposed by Caydon back in 2015, which contemplated the total demolition of the silos. Compared with previous schemes for the site, the approved plans are more

responsive to the cultural heritage significance of the Maltings, incorporating many of the concerns raised by community stakeholders.

Point Nepean National Park Draft Master Plan

The Heritage Committee, through member Judith Smart, liaised with the Nepean HS on the PNNP Draft Master Plan (December 2016) and produced a submission on behalf of the RHSV. The Committee commended the thoroughness and direction of the plan and in particular the emphasis on shared histories (pre- and post-European settlement), preservation of important heritage sites, and the careful consideration of ways of preserving and funding the ongoing maintenance of the Quarantine Station heritage precinct. However, we expressed some concern on governance issues and strongly supported the Nepean Historical Society's proposal for an advisory committee dedicated specifically to providing independent advice to Parks Victoria management on the site's cultural and historic heritage, especially the Quarantine Station precinct. We suggested that experts from the Nepean society and from the National Trust be represented on such a committee.

The Committee continues to work on the Queen Victoria Market proposed development, as well as on heritage protection issues within the CBD generally. Other ongoing concerns include the encroachment on the System Garden at the University of Melbourne and effects of the Metro Rail construction on St Kilda Road's heritage elm trees.

Emeritus Professor Charles Sowerwine, Chair Heritage Committee



Collins and Swanston streets corner looking west and north c. 1924

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EVENTS AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2016

Mid-way through 2016 the RHSV Council decided to constitute a Membership Committee separate from the Events and Outreach functions of this Committee (formerly Membership, Events and Outreach Committee). A dedicated group, chaired by Dr Rosalie Triolo, has been given the specific task of building RHSV membership numbers.

Continuing on the Events and Outreach Committee were Dr Jane Carolan, Maree Coote, Dr Cheryl Griffin, and Kate Prinsley *ex officio*. We thank Rosalie, Lenore Frost and David Thompson for their past contributions, and their continuing exceptional support for the RHSV in other ways.

Our 2016 program was the busiest for years. Highlights were the Biennial Conference held to mark the 175th anniversary of the Supreme Court of Victoria, the celebration for historian Michael Cannon, marking the 50th anniversary of his great first work, *The Land Boomers*, and the grand launching of *Remembering Melbourne 1850–1960*. The work of a six-member RHSV editorial group headed by RHSV Vice President, Emeritus Professor Richard Broome FRHSV, and comprising members of the Publications and Collections Committees, *Remembering Melbourne* involved over a hundred volunteers from the RHSV and 22 local historical societies.

The ‘Judging for the People’ Conference was held on Saturday 9 April at the, Melbourne campus of Victoria University in Queen Street, courtesy of the Sir Zelman aCowan Centre. It was linked closely to the collaborative publication, *Judging for the People: A Social History of the Supreme Court in Victoria 1841–2016*, edited by Dr Simon Smith, described and acclaimed elsewhere in this Annual Report. Simon Smith was also co-convenor and presiding genius of the conference, organising an impressive array of speakers. The Chief Justice, the Hon. Marilyn Warren AC, delivered a powerful opening address as the 2016 Augustus Wolskel Lecture. We were deeply grateful to the Chief Justice for her continuing support. The Queen Street venue allowed us to enrol 200 participants. Papers from the conference will be published in a special issue of the *Victorian Historical Journal* in June 2017.

Our Cannon celebration was a unique event, with around a hundred RHSV members, Cannon admirers and family joining us. Speeches, readings

and an inspired recitation by actor–playwright Felix Nobis were followed by a delicious lunch. Press of numbers led us to use the eastern half of the Drill Hall. Professor Geoffrey Blainey FFAHS, FRHSV, who was similarly marking the jubilee of *The Tyranny of Distance*, sent a warm message of congratulation to Michael Cannon. Behind-the-scenes helpers who made this event seem effortless were led by the accomplished Lorraine James.

Almost all of our monthly evening and occasional lunchtime lectures were well attended, some to the point of full houses. We are acutely aware of the problem of access for the disabled to our upstairs Speakers’ Room. Dr Jodie Boyd and her successor as Volunteer Coordinator at the RHSV, Christine Worthington, helped us improve the standard of our audio-visual equipment and presentation during 2016.

To this list we could add convivial book launches, exhibition openings and special events, especially the Victorian Community History Awards at the Victorian Arts Centre. Lenore Frost FRHSV and Jane Carolan OAM shouldered most of the hard work behind the famous RHSV Book Sale and the RHSV Open Day. We thank all those who provided books, purchased books and who helped run these big events, which raise essential revenue and build our public profile.

Other highlights:

In February the Hon Dr David Kemp, former MLA, Cabinet Minister and Professor of Politics, spoke on ‘The Political Philosophy of Robert Menzies’.

In March, Past RHSV President and benefactor, Professor Weston Bate FFAHS, FRHSV, made a welcome return as dynamic speaker on ‘How a Grassroots Culture First Grew in Victoria’.

April saw the conference and the launch of the *Judging for the People* exhibition. The monthly lecture featured Professor Emerita Marian Quartly and RHSV Councillor Adjunct Professor Judith Smart FRHSV discussing the research behind their recent history of the National Council of Women of Australia, *Respectable Radicals*.

Professor Marilyn Lake was guest lecturer at the Annual General Meeting in May, on soldier settlement after the First World War.

Dr James Waghorne spoke at the Royal Society of Victoria's annual joint lecture with the RHSV, on practical science in Victoria before the advent of the CSIRO.

The third Tuesday in June is the traditional date for the AGL Shaw Lecture, held by the RHSV and the CJ La Trobe Society. Dr Marguerita Stephens spoke on the conflicting practices and philosophy of La Trobe and the colonial Assistant Protector of Aborigines, William Thomas.

July saw our Emerging Historians evening, in conjunction with the Professional Historians Association. Emma Gleadhill and Dr Volkhard Wehner were our invited lecturers. Mid-winter may not be the best time for this event, which we will rethink next year.

Our annual Melbourne Day lunchtime lecture drew a capacity crowd to hear Dr Gary Presland FRHSV on the Natural History of Early Melbourne.

As a sequel to the Michael Cannon celebration, our visiting September lecturers were Bob Flippen, from Virginia, and Dr Willa McDonald, of Macquarie

University, explaining new research on the mysterious career of John Stanley James, 'The Vagabond'.

In October Dr Judith Buckrich and David Willis provided 'A Glimpse of St Kilda through two Different Lenses'.

November was all about *Remembering Melbourne 1850–1960*. We hosted a sensational combined book launch, exhibition launch and lecture by the Minister for Housing, the Hon. Richard Wynne. It was a fitting way to celebrate the role of the RHSV as the hub of local history in Victoria.

**Dr Andrew Lemon FRHSV,
Chair Events and Outreach Committee**



Bourke Street from Spring Street c.1858

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A CARAVANSERAI: THE VICTORIAN COMMUNITY HISTORY AWARDS 2016

Hanifa Deen, a writer of Muslim-Pakistani descent, was the keynote speaker at the Victorian Community History Awards (VCHA) prize-giving on 17 October. She brought an Eastern dimension to the occasion in portraying Australian archives as an Aladdin's cave of treasures. In one of her books she recalls the caravanserai, an inn with a large courtyard on one of the old trading routes such as the Silk Road. Caravans converged on these inns, which became centres for commercial and cultural exchange and storytelling. Most of the stories were old coffee-house favourites but sometimes a master storyteller would emerge.

The annual gathering of community historians from all over Victoria for the VCHA prize-giving resembles a caravanserai. The inaugural VCHA was held at Toongabbie in 1998, then for ten years at Queen's Hall, Parliament House, and recently under the soaring spire of the Arts Centre. Many of the projects cover favourite topics such as townships, schools, churches and railways. Always a masterful entry emerges.

In 2016 Pam Baragwanath and Ken James claimed the highest prize, the VCHA Award, for their impressive collaborative history of mechanics' institutes in Victoria. These institutes were community cultural centres. The book is replete with stories within a story, as conveyed by the title *These Walls Speak Volumes*.

A second remarkable entry was *Reckoning: A Memoir* by Magda Szubanski, which received the Judges' Special Prize. *Reckoning* reveals a gifted comic actress in the Pierrot tradition of underlying sadness. The 'charnel house of Europe' is a lurking presence as Magda struggles to understand why her seemingly conventional suburbanite father was once an assassin for the Polish resistance.

The Nazi advance also lingers in the background of *Duldig Studio Documentaries*, a DVD that won the Interpretation Award. Eva de Jong-Duldig, the compelling narrator, was a small child when her talented parents, both sculptors, fled from Vienna in 1938. Classified as 'enemy aliens' by British authorities, they were interned at Tatura in a case similar to that of the Dunera boys.

The RHSV has been involved with the VCHA from the outset and, since 2011, has administered the competition in partnership with the Public Record

Office Victoria. The judges for 2016 were Carole Woods, Dr Joan Hunt and Associate Professor Don Gibb. All three, as Fellows of the RHSV, have been immersed in community history for many years. The judges of the Article category were Professor Alistair Thomson, Dr Ruth Morgan and Emeritus Professor Richard Broome. Janice Haynes led a team as project officer.

The 2016 VCHA attracted 146 entries, fewer than the 202 of 2015 but that was a record year owing to the numerous entries commemorating World War 1. A new temporary category, the Centenary of World War 1, was introduced in 2015. The Ballarat and District Genealogical Society won this award in 2016 for their meticulously researched and skilfully presented website on the *Home Front Ballarat*.

Ann Doyle's *Wadaddi Nabadda: Paths to Peace* claimed the inaugural Cultural Diversity prize in 2016 with vignettes of the cohesive Somali-speaking community in West Heidelberg. As the title suggests, most of these immigrants, now engaged in constructive pursuits, escaped the violence of civil war.

An astonishing diversity of entries has always been a hallmark of the VCHA and 2016 was no exception. The various projects included Ian D. Clark's three-volume study of the Djabwurrung Aboriginal People of Western Victoria and Rozzi Bazzani's book on the achievements of Hector Crawford and his sister Dorothy in musical, radio and television productions. Judith Buckrich wrote an enchanting small book on *The Village of Ripponlea*.

The prize-giving ceremony in The Pavilion at the Arts Centre was a gala event. The Hon. Gavin Jennings, Special Minister of State, showed he was attuned to the occasion with his whimsical recollections of growing up in the Trawalla and Beaufort districts, and former MP Judy Maddigan announced the prize-winners. As usual it was clear that contestants valued recognition above the relatively small monetary prizes.

The sense of inclusiveness integral to VCHA was apparent in the eleven prizes, many commendations, and the inclusion of a list of all projects in the VCHA booklet. Rozzi Bazzani conveyed the air of excitement when she declared after winning the Publications Award, 'I may never come down from the clouds!' When the Ballarat Genealogical Society received news of their prize, 'Everyone was over the moon'.

The caravanserai stimulated cultural cross currents among travellers from afar. The VCHA is a crucible of ideas emanating from local communities across Victoria. As Pam Baragwanath and Ken James wrote, the VCHA reveals ‘the relevance of the discipline as well as innovative methods, insights and current trends’. The competition ‘fosters an atmosphere of support and a mutual interest that history in all its guises is relevant and vital to our understanding of our world’.

Carole Woods FRHSV,

Chair VCHA Judges’ Panel



La Trobe and Lonsdale streets c. 1927

Airspy photographer. Courtesy State Library of Victoria H2503

RHSV FOUNDATION ANNUAL REPORT 2016

The RHSV Foundation exists to deliver on three fundamental roles and responsibilities:

To secure funding for the RHSV and, in doing so, to increase the number of donors and potential donors willing to contribute consistent and regular funding and assistance. This external emphasis is the predominant focus of the RHSV Foundation;

To manage and secure the financial position of the RHSV Foundation, while investing the funds to obtain the best return within an appropriate and agreed level of risk; and

To assist the RHSV Council to meet identified existing and emerging needs, including ongoing support for the Society's collection.

To meet these funding responsibilities the RHSV Foundation must:

Develop a consistent marketing approach, with supporting material, to possible donors;

Develop a list of possible donors and ensure that all are aware of the benefits to them in donating;

Examine ways of improving the exposure of the RHSV brand both to the community and to potential donors;

Examine the possibilities for financial support and sponsorship from local and state governments or financial institutions or other major companies;

Examine the fund-raising approaches used by the major not-for-profit entities and determine whether the Foundation can adopt and/or learn from their experiences.

In managing the financial position of the Society, the RHSV Foundation must:

Manage the capital funds available in an efficient and effective manner so as to earn additional income without incurring an unacceptable risk;

Monitor the investment alternatives and attempt to manage the availability of cash in line with the needs of Council.

During 2016 the Foundation began a process of in-depth research and analysis of the performance of alternative fund managers with a view to improving the return on the Society's available funds. The knowledge, skills and experience of members of the

RHSV Foundation stand ready to assist the RHSV Council to achieve the objectives of the RHSV.

All members of the RHSV Foundation are committed to playing an active role in promoting the organisation to the community. Current members are encouraged to suggest and introduce possible new members for the Foundation. Members of the Committee in 2016 were Mr Jim Dixon (Chair), Dr Robert Barnes, Mr Daryl Hawkey, Dr Keith Kendall and Professor John Fitzgerald. Associate Professor Don Garden, RHSV President, and Kate Prinsley, Executive Officer, were in-attendance *ex officio*. The Foundation Committee met four times during 2016. At 31 December 2016 the RHSV Foundation had assets of \$488,509.08 and during 2016 earned interest of \$9984.86. I thank donors and members of the Committee and the RHSV President for their invaluable help in developing the RHSV Foundation.

Jim Dixon,
Chair RHSV Foundation

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT 2016

The RHSV's financial position for 2016 is one of the best results on record for the Society. Whilst a modest surplus of \$28,000 for the year was forecast, the actual surplus amounted to \$37,857, largely owing to the proceeds from two publications, *Remembering Melbourne 1850–1960* and *Judging for the People: A Social History of the Supreme Court in Victoria 1841–2016*. Donations were also up on the previous year, as was the income earned from premises hiring and commercial site searches. Expenses during 2016 were \$569,200 against a budget of \$523,611, the increased expenditure made possible by the Society's increased income.

Whilst the RHSV has had a good year financially, care nevertheless needs to be exercised to resist the temptation to believe that the 'good times will last'. We need to husband our funds and investments as there is no guarantee that the 2016 levels of income will be replicated. Membership, for example, needs constant attention and work, as subscriptions play a vital role in our income levels.

Special thanks go to Gerardine Horgan and Kate Prinsley for their input and to our auditors, Council members and volunteers in furthering our fortunes and activities.

Dr Robert Barnes SRHSV

Treasurer



Queen Street looking south from Chancery Lane showing the APA Building c. 1934

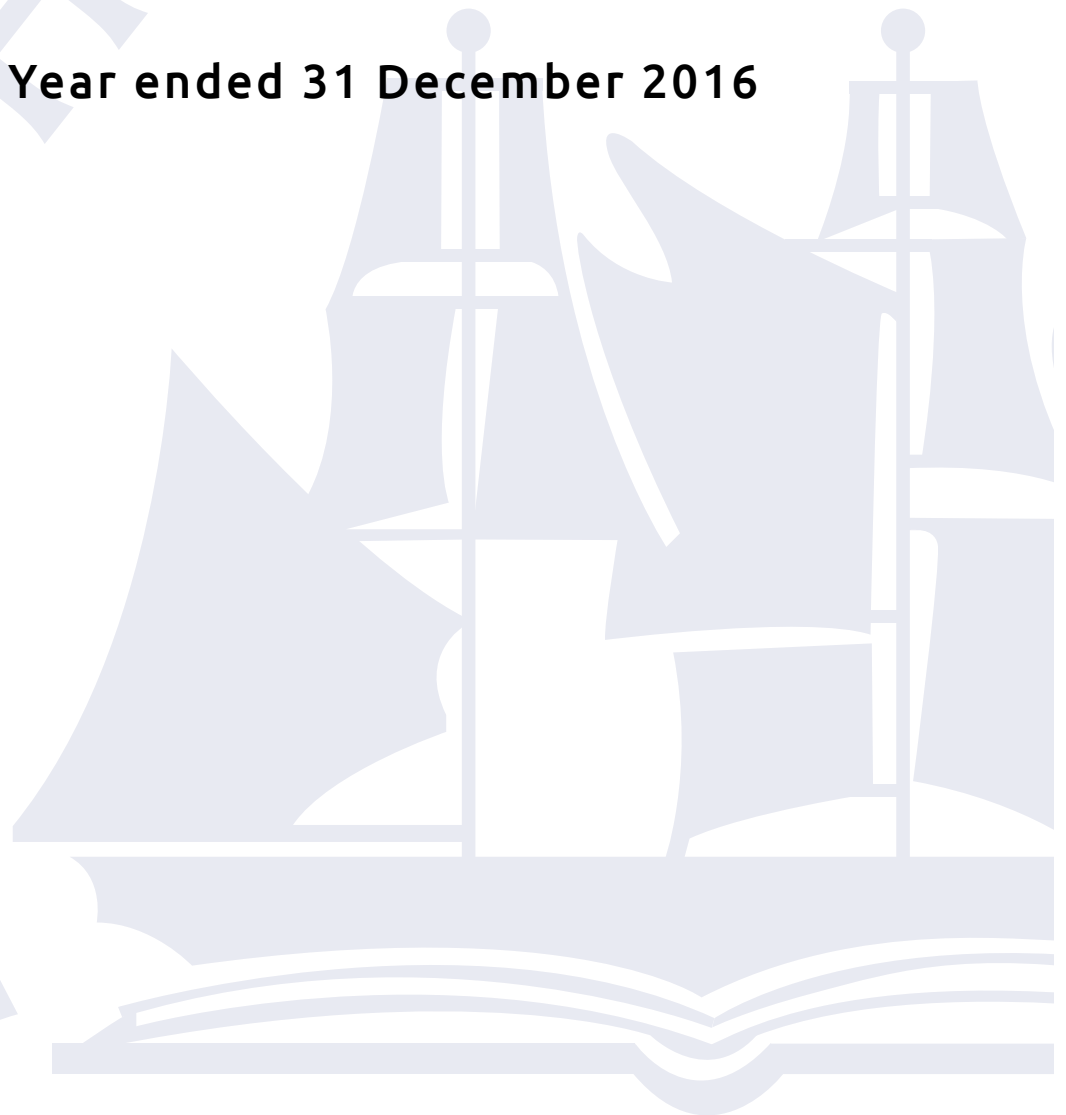
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Royal Historical Society of Victoria

Financial Statements

For Year ended 31 December 2016



**Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc
Income Statement
For the Year ended 31 December 2016**

	Note	2016 \$	2015 \$
Revenue		607,057	531,130
Depreciation and Amortisation		2,916	(1,034)
Other Expenses		566,284	510,477
Net Income	2	<u>37,857</u>	<u>21,687</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc
Statement of Financial Position
As at 31 December 2016

	Note	2016 \$	2015 \$
Current Assets			
Cash and Cash Equivalents		457,716	368,958
Trade and Other Receivables	5	29,095	74,500
Other Current Assets		19,344	18,339
Total Current Assets		<u>506,155</u>	<u>461,797</u>
Non-Current Assets			
Property, Plant and Equipment	6	1,848,558	1,845,593
Total Non-Current Assets		<u>1,848,558</u>	<u>1,845,593</u>
Total Assets		<u>2,354,713</u>	<u>2,307,390</u>
Current Liabilities			
Trade and Other Payables	7	136,982	60,179
Short-Term Financial Liabilities	8	138,743	206,079
Total Current Liabilities		<u>275,725</u>	<u>266,258</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>275,725</u>	<u>266,258</u>
Net Assets		<u>2,078,988</u>	<u>2,041,132</u>
Equity			
Reserves	9	2,041,132	2,019,445
Retained Profits		37,857	21,687
Total Equity		<u>2,078,989</u>	<u>2,041,132</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

These financial statements should be read in conjunction with the enclosed

Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc
Detail Income Statement
For the Year ended 31 December 2016

	2016 \$	2015 \$
Income		
Research Fees	58,104	45,753
Sales Publications	31,787	24,450
Donations	63,969	17,832
Interest Received	6,279	6,997
Grants	236,411	170,019
Annual Subscriptions	56,757	57,919
Supreme Court History Project	-	70,000
Insurance member Societies	73,429	71,135
Sundry Other Income	80,321	67,025
	<u>607,057</u>	<u>531,130</u>
Expenditure		
Advertising & Public relations	28,267	27,517
Bank Charges	-	(2)
Depreciation	2,916	(1,034)
Holsworth Fund Expense	8,850	7,800
Insurance	49,839	49,421
Postage	-	5,107
Printing & Stationery	15,418	2,757
Computer & Internet	8,618	6,911
History Week & Awards	102,769	35,817
Supreme Court History Project	-	70,000
Grants	-	21,299
Publications	12,280	11,586
Insurance Assets H Societies	25,211	24,236
Staff Cost	190,302	162,979
Occupancy Cost	51,131	43,285
Sundry Other Expenses	71,505	38,036
Telephone	2,094	3,728
	<u>569,200</u>	<u>509,443</u>
Net Income	<u><u>37,857</u></u>	<u><u>21,687</u></u>

Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year ended 31 December 2016

1. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements are special purpose financial statements prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commissions Act. The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historic costs and do not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

The following material accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless stated otherwise, have been adopted in the preparation of the financial statements.

(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 Statement of Financial Position.

(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.

Collections

A Valuation of the collections of Royal Historical Society of Victoria was conducted by an independent valuer and the collection was valued as at 1 March 2015 at Fair Value. This is the first year that a value for the collection has been disclosed in the Financial Statements.

(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.

These notes should be read in conjunction with the attached Compilation Report.

Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year ended 31 December 2016

(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.

Grant income is recognised when the entity obtains control over the funds, which is generally at the time of receipt.

If conditions are attached to the grant which must be satisfied before it is eligible to receive the contribution, the recognition of the grant as revenue will be deferred until those conditions are satisfied.

Donations and bequests are recognised as revenue when received.

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.

These notes should be read in conjunction with the attached Compilation Report.

**Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year ended 31 December 2016**

	2016 \$	2015 \$
2. Net Income		
Expenses		
Depreciation and Amortisation Expenses	2,916	(1,034)
Advertising & Public relations	28,267	27,517
Bank Charges	-	(2)
Insurance	49,839	49,421
Postage	-	5,107
Printing & Stationery	15,418	2,757
Publications	12,280	11,586
Telephone	2,094	3,728
Other Expenses	458,386	410,363
	569,200	509,443
3. Net Income for the Year		
Profit before income tax expense from continuing operations includes the following specific expenses:		
Charging as Expense		
Movements in Provisions		
Depreciation		
- Depreciation of Property, Plant and Equipment	2,916	(1,034)
	2,916	(1,034)
Net Expenses Resulting from Movement in Provisions	2,916	(1,034)
4. Cash and Cash Equivalents		
Cash on Hand	494	1,032
Cash at Bank	457,222	367,926
	457,716	368,958
5. Trade and Other Receivables		
Current		
Sundry Debtors	29,095	72,494
Provision for GST	-	2,006
	29,095	74,500
Total Trade and Other Receivables	29,095	74,500

These notes should be read in conjunction with the attached Compilation Report.

Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year ended 31 December 2016

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
	\$	\$
6. Property, Plant and Equipment		
Plant and Equipment		
Furniture & Fittings	34,294	28,413
Less Accumulated Depreciation & Impairment	<u>27,540</u>	<u>24,624</u>
	6,754	3,789
Collections	<u>1,841,804</u>	<u>1,841,804</u>
	<u>1,841,804</u>	<u>1,841,804</u>
Total Plant and Equipment	<u>1,848,558</u>	<u>1,845,593</u>
Total Property, Plant and Equipment	<u>1,848,558</u>	<u>1,845,593</u>
7. Trade and Other Payables		
Current		
Sundry Creditors	54,363	14,979
Supreme Court History Project	45,200	45,200
Donations	28,841	-
Provision for GST	8,578	-
	<u>136,982</u>	<u>60,179</u>
Total Trade and Other Payables	<u>136,982</u>	<u>60,179</u>
8. Financial Liabilities		
Current		
Clearing Account-Foundation	-	50,050
Subscriptions	22,341	27,497
Insurance	28,054	27,137
Grants	85,253	98,734
PAYG Tax withheld	3,095	2,661
	<u>138,743</u>	<u>206,079</u>
Total Financial Liabilities	<u>138,743</u>	<u>206,079</u>
9. Reserves		
AGL Shaw Endowment	10,000	10,000
Armstrong Bequest	36,448	36,448
Ian Woodroffe Fund	2,000	2,000
General Reserve	150,880	129,193
Revaluation Reserve	1,841,804	1,841,804
	<u>2,041,132</u>	<u>2,019,445</u>

These notes should be read in conjunction with the attached Compilation 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 2016.

Committee Members

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

President:	Prof Don Garden
Vice-President:	Richard Broome
Treasurer:	Dr Robert Barnes
Secretary:	Carole Woods
Ordinary Members:	Jim Dixon
	Dr Rosalie Triolo
	Dr Cheryl Griffin
	Elisabeth Jackson
	Dr Jane Carolan
	George Fernando
	Margaret Anderson
	Assoc. Prof Judith Smart
	Alleyne Hockley
	Prof Charles Sowerwine

Principal Activities

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

To exhibit collections and conduct researches with the purpose of sharing an understanding of the history of Victoria through lecturing, seminars, excursions and exhibitions for its members and general public.

Significant Changes

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

Operating Result

The Net Income for the year ended 31 December 2016 amounted to \$37,857.

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



Richard Broome



Dr Robert Barnes

Dated 11 May 2017

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

I, Richard Broome, and I, Robert Barnes certify that;

- a) We attended the annual general meeting of the association held on 18 May 2017.**
- b) The annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2016 were submitted to the members of the association at the annual general meeting.**



.....
Richard Broome



.....
Dr Robert Barnes
Treasurer



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 2016 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:

Handwritten signature of Richard Broome in cursive.

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Vice President: Richard Broome

Handwritten signature of Dr Robert Barnes in cursive.

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Treasurer: Dr Robert Barnes

Dated 11 May 2017



11 May 2017

Royal Historical Society of Victoria
239 A'Beckett Street
MELBOURNE VIC 3000

ATTENTION: Kate Prinsley (Executive Officer)

Dear Kate,

**ROYAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF VICTORIA INC.
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REVIEW REPORT**

Report on the Financial Report

We have reviewed the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report of the Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc., which comprises the Statement of Financial Position as at 31 December 2016, the Statement of Income, and detailed Income Statement for the period ended on that date, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the Statement by Committee.

Responsible Parties Responsibility for the Financial Report

The responsible parties of the registered entity are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 to the financial report is appropriate to meet the requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* (ACNC Act) and the needs of the members. The responsible parties responsibility also includes such internal control that the responsible parties determine is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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Auditor's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express a conclusion on the financial report based on my review. I conducted my review in accordance with Auditing Standard on Review Engagements ASRE 2415 *Review of a Financial Report: An Entity Reporting under the ACNC Act*, in order to state whether, on the basis of the procedures described, anything has come to my attention that causes me to believe that the financial report does not satisfy the requirements of Division 60 of the ACNC Act including: giving a true and fair view of the registered entity's financial position as at 31 December 2016 and its performance for the period ended on that date; and complying with the Australian Accounting Standards and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013* (ACNC Regulation). ASRE 2415 requires that I comply with the ethical requirements relevant to the review of the financial report.

A review of a financial report consists of making enquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards and consequently does not enable me to obtain assurance that I would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, I do not express an audit opinion.

Conclusion

Based on my review, which is not an audit, nothing has come to my attention that causes me to believe that the financial report of the Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc. does not satisfy the requirements of Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* including:

- (a) giving a true and fair view of the registered entity's financial position as at 31 December 2016 and of its financial performance and cash flows for the period ended on that date; and
- (b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1, and Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013*.

Basis of Accounting

Without modifying my conclusion, I draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the responsible parties financial reporting responsibilities under the ACNC Act. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

Should you have any queries regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Yours sincerely

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Dimitrios Beroukas
bid chartered accountants

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Royal Historical Society of Victoria Foundation

Financial Statements

For Year ended 31 December 2016

**Royal Historical Society of Victoria Foundation
Income Statement
For the Year ended 31 December 2016**

	Note	2016 \$	2015 \$
Revenue		60,115	117,601
Other Expenses		5,791	36
Net Income	2	<u>54,324</u>	<u>117,565</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

**Royal Historical Society of Victoria Foundation
Statement of Financial Position
As at 31 December 2016**

	Note:	2016 \$	2015 \$
Current Assets			
Cash and Cash Equivalents		464,170	434,185
Trade and Other Receivables	4	30,130	-
Total Current Assets		<u>494,300</u>	<u>434,185</u>
Total Assets		<u>494,300</u>	<u>434,185</u>
Current Liabilities			
Trade and Other Payables	5	5,791	-
Total Current Liabilities		<u>5,791</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>5,791</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Assets		<u>488,509</u>	<u>434,185</u>
Equity			
Reserves	6	434,185	316,620
Retained Profits		54,324	117,565
Total Equity		<u>488,509</u>	<u>434,185</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

**Royal Historical Society of Victoria Foundation
Detail Income Statement
For the Year ended 31 December 2016**

	2016 \$	2015 \$
Income		
Donation Received	50,130	110,050
Interest Received	9,985	7,551
	<u>60,115</u>	<u>117,601</u>
Expenditure		
Accountancy Fees	886	-
RHSV Collection	4,905	-
Sundry Expenses	-	36
	<u>5,791</u>	<u>36</u>
Net Income	<u><u>54,324</u></u>	<u><u>117,565</u></u>

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

Royal Historical Society of Victoria Foundation Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year ended 31 December 2016

1. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements are special purpose financial statements prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commissions Act. The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historic costs and do not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

The following material accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless stated otherwise, have been adopted in the preparation of the financial statements.

(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 Statement of Financial Position.

(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).

(c) 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.

These notes should be read in conjunction with the attached Compilation Report.

**Royal Historical Society of Victoria Foundation
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year ended 31 December 2016**

	2016	2015
	\$	\$
2. Net Income		
Expenses		
Other Expenses	5,791	36
	<u>5,791</u>	<u>36</u>
3. Cash and Cash Equivalents		
Cash at Bank	168,170	88,135
Bendigo Bank- Term Deposit	180,000	180,000
ING Term Deposit 1	58,000	58,000
ING Term Deposit 2	58,000	58,000
Clearing Account-RHSV Inc	-	50,050
	<u>464,170</u>	<u>434,185</u>
Reconciliation of Cash		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	464,170	434,185
	<u>464,170</u>	<u>434,185</u>
4. Trade and Other Receivables		
Current		
Trade Debtors	30,130	-
	<u>30,130</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Trade and Other Receivables	<u>30,130</u>	<u>-</u>
5. Trade and Other Payables		
Current		
Trade Creditors	5,791	-
	<u>5,791</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Trade and Other Payables	<u>5,791</u>	<u>-</u>
6. Reserves		
General Reserve	434,185	316,620
	<u>434,185</u>	<u>316,620</u>

These notes should be read in conjunction with the attached Compilation Report.

Royal Historical Society of Victoria Foundation Committee's Report

Your committee members submit the financial report of the Royal Historical Society of Victoria Foundation for the financial year ended 31 December 2016.

Committee Members

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

Vice President: Richard Broome
Treasurer: Dr Robert Barnes
Ordinary Members: Jim Dixon
Keith Kendall
John Fitzgerald
Daryl Hawkey

Principal Activities

The principal activity of the association during the financial year was:
Holding of Cash Investments.

Significant Changes

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

Operating Result

The Net Income for the year ended 31 December 2016 amounted to \$54,324.

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



Richard Broome



Dr Robert Barnes

Dated 11 May 2017

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

Royal Historical Society of Victoria Foundation Certificate by Members of the Committee

I, Don Garden and I, Dr Robert Barnes, certify that;

- a) We attended the annual general meeting of the association held on 18 May 2017.
- b) The annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2016 were submitted to the members of the association at the annual general meeting.



Richard Broome



Dr Robert Barnes
Treasurer

Royal Historical Society of Victoria Foundation 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 Foundation as at 31 December 2016 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 Foundation 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:

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Vice President: **Richard Broome**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Barnes".

Treasurer: **Dr Robert Barnes**

Dated 11 May 2017



11 May 2017

Royal Historical Society of Victoria
239 A'Beckett Street
MELBOURNE VIC 3000

ATTENTION: Kate Prinsley (Executive Officer)

Dear Kate,

**ROYAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF VICTORIA FOUNDATION ("FOUNDATION")
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REVIEW REPORT**

Report on the Financial Report

We have reviewed the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report of the "Foundation", which comprises the Statement of Financial Position as at 31 December 2016, the Statement of Income, and detailed Income Statement for the period ended on that date, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the Statement by Committee.

Responsible Parties Responsibility for the Financial Report

The responsible parties of the registered entity are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 to the financial report is appropriate to meet the requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* (ACNC Act) and the needs of the members. The responsible parties responsibility also includes such internal control that the responsible parties determine is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.



Auditor's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express a conclusion on the financial report based on my review. I conducted my review in accordance with Auditing Standard on Review Engagements ASRE 2415 *Review of a Financial Report: An Entity Reporting under the ACNC Act*, in order to state whether, on the basis of the procedures described, anything has come to my attention that causes me to believe that the financial report does not satisfy the requirements of Division 60 of the ACNC Act including: giving a true and fair view of the registered entity's financial position as at 31 December 2016 and its performance for the period ended on that date; and complying with the Australian Accounting Standards and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013* (ACNC Regulation). ASRE 2415 requires that I comply with the ethical requirements relevant to the review of the financial report.

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Conclusion

Based on my review, which is not an audit, nothing has come to my attention that causes me to believe that the financial report of the "Foundation" does not satisfy the requirements of Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* including:

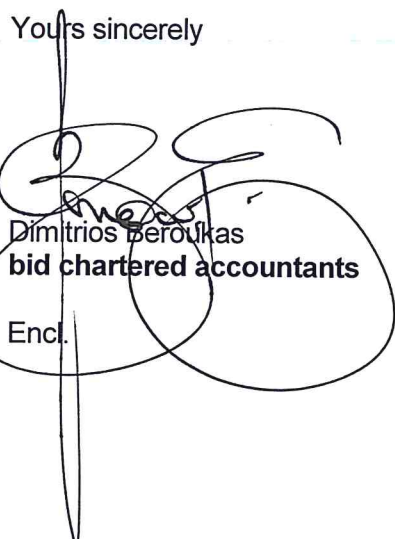
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- (b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1, and Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013*.

Basis of Accounting

Without modifying my conclusion, I draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the responsible parties financial reporting responsibilities under the ACNC Act. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

Should you have any queries regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Yours sincerely

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Dimitrios Peroukas
bid chartered accountants

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SUPPORT THE RHSV FOUNDATION

To mark the RHSV's centenary year 2009, Council established the Royal Historical Society of Victoria Foundation.

The aim of the Foundation is to safeguard the RHSV's future:

Its principal activities include:

- To receive charitable donations to further the work of the RHSV
- To raise funds to support the work of the RHSV
- To develop a long term investment fund on behalf of the RHSV
- To build capital without undue risk
- To support the conservation and preservation of the RHSV's nationally significant collection
- To work towards creating a permanent home for the RHSV – a "History House"
- To promote the RHSV and Victoria's history

DONATIONS TO THE FOUNDATION CAN BE MADE BY:

cheque made out to RHSV Foundation

credit card

direct debit: ANZ – Royal Historical Society of Victoria – BSB 013 040 A/C 3475 70336

Donations to the Foundation are tax deductible.

Become a member of the RHSV

We value your membership. Please support us by becoming a member.

To become a member download information from our website: <http://www.historyvictoria.org.au/support-us/become-a-member>

Or phone the office 9326 9288.

We thank all our members and hope we can continue to deliver programs, advocacy and value for money – and to continue to raise the profile of Victoria's history.

RHSV Councillors and Staff

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Dr Rosalie Triolo

Alleyne Hockley

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David Langdon (Richmond & Burnley Historical Society)

Jane Nigro (Malvern Historical Society)

Judy Richardson (Stratford Historical Society)

Larina Strauch (Kyneton Historical Society)

Sue Thompson (Lilydale & District Historical Society)

COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

Executive and Finance Committee

Don Garden (chair), Carole Woods, Robert Barnes, Elizabeth Jackson, Richard Broome, Kate Prinsley and Gerardine Horgan (ex-officio)

Responsible for governance, financial management, strategic planning.

Publications Committee

Richard Broome (chair), Carole Woods, Judith Smart, Kate Prinsley, Mimi Colligan, Don Gibb, John Rickard, Marie Clark, Jill Barnard, David Anderson (VHJ Editor), (Production Editor). Kate Prinsley.

Honorary Indexer: Terri Mackenzie

Responsible for Victorian Historical Journal, and other RHSV publications.

Events and Outreach Committee

Andrew Lemon (Chair) Jane Carolan, Maree Coote, Cheryl Griffin, Christine Worthington, Kate Prinsley

Responsible for specific events such as conferences, lecture program, the book sale, open house

Membership Committee,

Rosalie Triolo (chair), Carole Woods, Robert Barnes, Cheryl Griffin, Kate Prinsley,

Responsible for strategic planning to increase and retain membership.

Collections Committee

Elizabeth Jackson (chair) Richard Barnden, Guy Featherstone (retired October), Margaret Birtley, Jillian Nichols, Elizabeth Willis, Kate Prinsley, Christine Worthington, Deidre Wilmott (appointed December 2016) *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

Jim Dixon (Chair), Robert Barnes, Daryl Hawkey, John Fitzgerald, Keith Kendall, Kate Prinsley,

Responsible for promotion and development of RHSV Foundation.

Fellows Committee

Don Garden (chair), Carole Woods, Judith Smart, Robert Barnes, Richard Broome

To meet as required under the RHSV Constitution.

Heritage Committee

Chips Sowerwine (Chair) Judith Smart, Margaret Anderson

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

Australian Heritage Council

Federation of Australian Historical Societies

History Council of Victoria

Holsworth Heritage Trust

Joint Consultative Forum – Victorian Archives PROV

State Library Users Group

Office of Geographic Place Names

RHSV STAFF

Executive Officer

Kate Prinsley (Full-time)

Administrative Assistant

Gerardine Horgan (Full-time)

Collections & Volunteer Coordinator

Christine Worthington .7 EFT

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Roll of Fellows

The names of the Fellows of the RHSV living in December 2016 and the year in which they were awarded Fellowships are listed below.

1967	Prof. Geoffrey Blainey
1974	Hugh Anderson
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
2004	Judith Bilszta Valda Cole
2005	Assoc. Prof. Don Gibb Dr Richard Morton
2006	Dr Mimi Colligan John Lahey
2008	Joan Hunt Dr Gary Presland Carole Woods
2010	Peter Yule
2011	Richard Barnden Allan Willingham
2012	Adjunct Prof. Judith Smart
2013	Prof. Bill Russell
2014	Dr Robert Barnes Lenore Frost
2016	Prof. Richard Broome

Distinguished Service Awards

John Gillespie	RHSV
The Hon. Paul R. Mullaly	QC RHSV
David Thompson	RHSV

Awards of Merit 2016

Michael Moore	Fitzroy Historical Society
Sue Thompson	Lilydale & District Historical Society

Benefactors

Dame Elisabeth Murdoch	
Prof. AGL Shaw	
Allan Willingham	FRHSV
Gordon Moffatt	AM KSJ

Royal Historical Society of Victoria Prize for Australian History

Elizabeth Jane Offer	La Trobe University
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Grants

The RHSV wishes to thank the following organisations for support in 2016

Creative Victoria – Organisations Investment Program (formerly known as Arts Victoria)
John T Reid Charitable Trusts
National Library of Australia – Community Heritage Grant
Public Record Office Victoria
Vera Moore Foundation
QBD Books

And expresses its gratitude to the following individuals

Gordon Moffatt	AM KSJ
The Hon Paul Mullaly	QC
The late Doug Gunn	

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Graham, Fiona
Halkias, Maria
Hall, Alan
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