



History NEWS

Royal Historical Society of Victoria

Census Night 2006

Australia's fifteenth national Census of Population and Housing will be undertaken on Tuesday 8 August 2006.

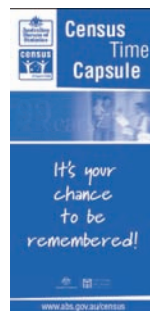
Five years ago the RHSV suggested that members take the opportunity to have their personal data saved and 'sealed' for ninety-nine years. We repeat that recommendation: answer 'Yes, agrees' to Question 60 on the household Census form (question 54 on the personal Census form) and sign the form.

From the first national Census 1911 until 2001†, the practice in Australia was to destroy all personally-identified information from a Census once the statistical processing had been completed – no personally-identified information exists from any Australian Census before 2001. For the 2001 Census, everyone was given the opportunity to have their personally-identified information kept by National Archives of Australia [NAA]. Census information from 2001, for those people who gave their consent, is now securely stored and awaiting release in 2100 when the 'time capsule' is opened. In 2001 over 52 per cent of Australians gave consent to have their name-identified information made Private and Confidential for 99 years and then released

in 2100. The Census Time Capsule is not a 'capsule' as such, but secure storage areas within the NAA's purpose built repositories where the films will be stored in archival quality containers. These special areas are accessible only to authorised NAA staff.

A Time Capsule brochure can be downloaded from: <http://abs.gov.au/websitedbs/d3310114.nsf/Home/census>. A National Family History Week, organised by The Australasian Federation of Family History Organisations [AFFHO], will be held prior to census night: 30 July – 6 August 2006. A list of activities planned for Victoria during this week can be found at <http://www.familyhistoryweek.org.au/EventsVIC.htm>.

† Details of censuses held in the Port Philip District and the Colony of Victoria (1836 – 1901) are summarised in the *Victorian Year Book*, 1973 (Centenary Edition).



BOOK SALE

Have you put it in your diary ?

Sunday, July 30th at 239 A'Beckett Street, 10 am – 4 pm.

We still need more books. Please call the office on 9326 9288 for us to collect them – or bring them into the RHSV.

Please support one of our major fundraisers for the year.



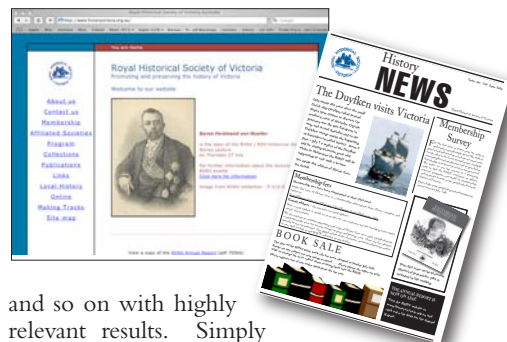
Electronically receiving

In last month's *History News* we asked members to consider receiving their copy of the RHSV's newsletter via e-mail. We offered economic and environmental arguments and added that the digital nature of an 'electronic' newsletter provided the reader with a direct link to any Internet reference made in our articles.

The Internet version of the newsletter is exactly the same as the printed version. We provide it as an Adobe Acrobat document. Where the file for a document prepared with Microsoft Word has the extension *.doc (e.g. *newsletter.doc*), a file prepared to be read by the Adobe Reader software has the extension *.pdf (e.g. *newsletter.pdf*). Adobe Reader software is free and is available from: <http://www.adobe.com>. The most recent form of the software is version 7. Depending on the type of Internet connection you have available, a copy of the newsletter may take up to five minutes to appear on your computer's monitor. Once you have made the decision to receive (or 'download') your *History News* from

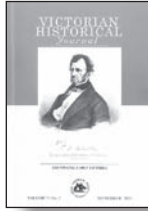
the Internet we suggest that you download the file into a special *History News* folder on your computer. To assemble a portfolio of newsletters: download back issues from <http://www.historyvictoria.org.au>. Not only will you have a ready reference to your current and past newsletters, you will be able to search your collection of newsletters with such free search-engine software as Yahoo! Desktop Search [ref: <http://desktop.yahoo.com>], Google Desktop [ref: <http://desktop.google.com>] or Copernic Desktop Search [ref: <http://www.copernic.com>]. This type of software indexes all manner of files, emails, images, videos, audios, contacts, favourites

and so on with highly relevant results. Simply it allows you to search *across* files, rather than *within* files. However the power of these programs is vastly superior to this. After some experience using this type of indexing software with our newsletter, we are certain that you will see its value in helping you gather information from your tidy (or disordered) computer. For historical societies this technique opens a very cost-effective and efficient path to gain access to material held on computers.



BEHIND the SCENES

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DATABASE

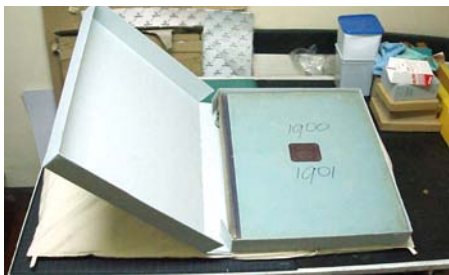


With not so much as an ‘Hurrah’ the detailed index to the *Victorian Historical Journal*, Vol 73, 2002 [Issues 257 and 258] was incorporated into the VHJ Database available both in our library and on our website. Again our appreciation goes to John Adams for his index (1125 separate entries), to Richard Barnden for its conversion to a database and to Vicki Court for incorporating the data into our website. A ‘Title and Author’ index to the most recent issue of our Journal [Vol 77 (1)] has been added to these new entries. Altogether, the user of the VHJ Database has access to the contents of 1053 articles and reference to 798 reviews and 1478 illustrations and portraits. (There are now more than 36,000 individual references in the database.) Refer to the February 2005 issue of *History News* for some tips on techniques for using the VHJ Database.

BOXING the *Argus*

The RHSV is concerned for the proper care and conservation of items in its collection and the collections of affiliated societies. Thus, it has conducted workshops in making archival boxes, ‘head-hunted’ volunteers and gratefully received donations specifically dedicated for this purpose. Put together with a recent donation of bound copies of issues of the *Argus*, the skills of RHSV volunteer Brian Anderson and you arrive at the purpose-made box and supporting cushion as pictured on our workbench (a retired ping-pong table).

Please see reverse of What’s On for an article on the *Argus* Index Project contributed by one of our volunteers who is Manager of Readers.



Young Historians –
Where are you now?

The RHSV has consistently supported the development of the skills of ‘young’, ‘student’ or ‘new’ historians – our various collective terms for historians making their earliest public presentations in a forum other than their tertiary institution.

For many years the RHSV’s August lecture has been committed to the encouragement of such presentations. The ‘roll call’ (below) from just the last decade indicates the range of topics covered and reflects on the strength of historiography in our State. But where are they now? We would like to know about you and your current activities. Furthermore we request that you don’t throw out the notes of your presentations (or any ultimate publication). These would be valuable additions to the RHSV’s Manuscript and Library Collections.

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| Simon Cooke | <i>The social history of suicide in Victoria, 1840</i> |
| Cheryl Crockett | <i>Motherhood, dependency and economic initiative: married women and credit 1890–1940</i> |
| Paul Strangio | <i>The anti-Vietnam War moratorium movement: twenty five years on; a study in conflicting ideas of democracy</i> |
| Dean Wilson | <i>Petty crime in Melbourne</i> |
| Robert Stewart | <i>From parochialism to hyper-commercialism; sport in Australian society 1946-1990</i> |
| Leigh Summers | <i>Maternity, foeticide and the 19th century corset</i> |
| John Adamson | <i>Economic rationalism: recurrent themes in Australian economic thought</i> |
| Bridget Haines | <i>Mawson of the Antarctic and Flynn of the Inland</i> |
| Emma Greenway | <i>Hunting dogs and masculinity in early colonial Australia</i> |
| Caroline Williams | <i>St Patrick’s Day celebrations in Melbourne: 1900-1939</i> |
| David Nichols | <i>Saxil Tuxen and American influence on Melbourne’s garden suburb development in the 1920s</i> |
| Seamus O’Hanlon | <i>‘For the upholding of womanhood’: Melbourne’s interwar hostels for ‘Business Girls’</i> |
| Frazer Andrews | <i>The world of today is not the world of tomorrow: Australians image the future in the 1930s</i> |
| Lea Ann Monk | <i>Artisans of reason – lunatic asylums’ attendants in late 19th century Victoria</i> |
| Helen Doyle | <i>Returning to the country: ‘back to’ celebrations in Victoria</i> |
| Juliet Peers | <i>Fashioning the nation – some images of nation, gender and identity in Australia – dress and textiles</i> |
| Corinne Manning | <i>‘If Aborigines are to be assimilated, they must learn to live in houses’; the Victorian Transitional Aboriginal Housing Scheme</i> |
| Maryanne McCubbin | <i>Memorialising the pioneers: monuments and generational history in Melbourne, 1880s–1920s</i> |
| Sue Blackwood | <i>The Victorian branch of the Royal Geographical Society of Australia: the first years, 1883-1888</i> |
| Paul Sendziuk | <i>Denying the ‘Grim Reaper’: twenty years of Australian responses to AIDS</i> |
| Amanda Barry | <i>A matter of primary importance: the education of Victoria’s indigenous people 1835-1901</i> |
| John Woodland | <i>The industry leader – the Port Phillip goldmine at Clunes</i> |
| Wendy Dick | <i>Who was Miss E. Mulcahy ?</i> |
| Sianan Healy | <i>Aboriginal-related tourism in Victoria in the interwar years</i> |

OBITUARY

The volunteers, staff and Council members of the RHSV were shocked by the unexpected death of Stuart Cohen. Despite his great age of 88, Stuart continued his regular Friday volunteer days in the RHSV library until the end. He had been a volunteer with the RHSV for twenty years and was widely admired for his willingness to help, and his gentlemanly manner towards all those with whom he came in contact.

Stuart was born in Sydney. He joined the firm of Michaelis Hallenstein. Apart from war service with the AIF in the Middle East and Ceylon he worked with that firm in Melbourne until 1972. On retirement he began a long career of voluntary service with a number of community organisations. These included the Royal Victorian Institute for the Blind, the Alfred Hospital, the Royal Flying Doctor Service and the Anti-Cancer Council as well as the RHSV. Stuart’s hobby was the

tracking the genealogy of his extended family. This commenced in Australia with a convict ancestor who was transported in 1833. He was an invaluable source of information concerning Jews who settled in Australia in the early nineteenth century.

Stuart will be missed by his friends at the RHSV. He is survived by a large family of children and grandchildren.

LECTURES

RSHV HISTORICAL GEOGRAPHY SERIES

Mueller's Letters

From local to global: Ferdinand von Mueller and the international scientific community

When: Thursday, 27 July

Where: Royal Society of Victoria, 9 Victoria Street, Melbourne

Time: 7:00 pm

Cost: \$15, includes supper

Bookings essential

During the past few years, some 14,000 letters written by or to Baron Ferdinand von Mueller (1825-1896), together with various related documents, have been located and are in the process of being published. These materials shed much new light on Mueller's remarkable life, and enable a thorough-going reassessment of his place in the scientific and cultural history of 19th-century Australia.

ROD HOME was Professor of History and Philosophy of Science at the University of Melbourne, 1975-2003, and is now Professor Emeritus. He is the leader of the international project responsible for the edition of Mueller's correspondence currently being published. With his colleague Sara Maroske, he is writing a new biography of Mueller based upon the vast amount of new material that has been located in the course of the project.

His lecture will focus primarily on the last twenty years of Mueller's life, 1876-1896, which is the period covered by the recently published third and final volume of Mueller's selected correspondence.

RSHV HISTORICAL GEOGRAPHY SERIES

Melbourne's Past, Melbourne's Future; Using Past Outcomes to Shape our Future

When: Thursday, 31 August

Where: Royal Society of Victoria, 9 Victoria Street, Melbourne

Time: 7:00 pm

Cost: \$15, includes supper

Bookings essential

Melbourne's historical experience has created an opportunity to influence and direct its future shape and organization. This opportunity emerges from the way that suburbanisation occurred. Suburbanisation was felt first as housing followed the rail net. Later, commercial and community facilities filled in the green-field sites left between the rail lines. The paper will review this history and show that its outcome has constrained the development of major centres in the suburbs. In their place it has created

overlapping networks of many activities that tie local parts of the suburbs together. The paper will argue that there are in effect five Melbournes that co-exist and interrelate with one another yet retain their own strong regional character.

PROFESSOR KEVIN O'CONNOR was appointed Professor of Urban Planning at the University of Melbourne in 2003. Prior to that he spent over twenty five years in the Department of Geography at Monash University. His teaching and research explores the links between the economic system (particularly focussing upon the service sector) and the growth and internal structure of cities (using Australia and Melbourne as a case study). Over the past decade a major emphasis has been on recent changes in Australian economic activity, the results of which are outlined in *The New Economic Geography of Australia: A Society Dividing* (Oxford University Press in 2001). This book received an award for Planning Scholarship from the Victorian Division of the Australian Planning Institute in 2002. His contribution to the debate on the strategic future of Melbourne has been recognised in major awards from the Planning Institute of Australia and the Urban Development Institute of Australia.

Young Historians

When: Tuesday, 8 August

Time: Coffee 5:15; lecture 5:45 pm

Cost: Free to members; \$5.50 for non-members

KATE MURPHY from Monash University speaks on 'The emotional, the weak, the wayward, the innocent, the unsophisticated and the misplaced girl...': The Traveller's Aid Society of Victoria and the Country Girl in the 1920s.

The Traveller's Aid Society of Victoria was established chiefly for the protection of 'respectable country girls' arriving in Melbourne. Along with other middle-class organisations in the 1920s, it was responsible for promoting a vision of the young rural woman as an exemplar of feminine 'purity', in contrast to the wayward urban girl. In the modern urban environment, clear-cut distinctions between 'good' and 'bad' girls had ceased to hold true. The friendless country girl hesitating on the train platform, eyed by men and potential procurers, embodied 'purity' in an uncomplicated, archetypal manner.

This appealing image helps to explain the success of the TAS in the 1920s.

JANINE RIZZETTI from LaTrobe University will speak on:

The Excitement about Judge Willis

The appointment of a Resident Magistrate was one of the earliest priorities for the settlers of Port Phillip. Justice John Walpole Willis was appointed to Port Phillip by Governor Gipps in the midst of controversy in January 1841 and continued to be embroiled in 'excitement' until his removal by the Executive Council in 1843. The response to Justice Willis' actions by Port Phillip residents, the press, his fellow judges, the colonial government and ultimately the Privy Council sheds light on the nature of Port Phillip and colonial society at the time.

For your diary:

WORKSHOP

Indexing for Historical Societies

Date: Friday 25 August

Time: 10.00 – 3.00

Cost: \$40 – members

\$45 – non-members

[Fee includes morning tea and book.]

BYO Lunch

Bookings essential 9326 9288

JOHN ADAMS, a member of the Australian Society of Indexers and honorary indexer for our Society's *Victorian Historical Journal* will outline the processes of indexing, including the selection of key words and formatting index entries. Particular issues relevant to the peculiarities of indexing non-book items (periodicals, manuscripts, newspapers, photographs and other non-text materials) will also be discussed. A copy of *Indexing for Historical Societies* will be provided to each participant at this year's workshop.

CONFERENCE

1856 – Victoria ON THE MOVE

CONFERENCE

When: Saturday 18th and

Sunday 19th November 2006

Prahran Mechanics' Institute Victorian and Local History Library

140 High Street, Prahran (Melway 2L H12)
Ph: 9510 3393. Email: library@pmi.net.au

Open 9.30-4.30 Mon to Fri, 9.30-1.00 Sat. All welcome.

Catalogue: www.pmi.net.au
Inter-library loans available.



GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

The Holsworth Local Heritage Trust

Grants assisting publication of local histories in Victoria

The Holsworth Local Heritage Trust, a charitable fund with the Victorian Community Foundation, is inviting applications for grants from not-for-profit organisations such as historical societies, clubs, schools and museums in rural Victoria.

Grants of up to \$1,000 are available for projects that will enable the preservation and appreciation, through publication, of local and other history in rural Victoria.

The Fund is interested in supporting enthusiastic groups and organisations with a true interest in heritage preservation and the enhancement of community life.

Closing date for receipt of applications is 1 October each year.

Applicants for grants should go to www.anz.com/aus/fin/Trustees/guFinding.asp for details about how to apply or phone (03) 9273 2927 for application details,

For enquiries, please contact Philanthropies Partners, ANZ Trustees, 03 9273 2927.

Country Football Living Memory Project

Capturing historical information about country football leagues, clubs and competitions is the primary focus of the Country Football Living Memory Project, a Cultural Broadband Network project managed by the State Library of Victoria.

This information will then be offered as a free public online resource, through images uploaded to PictureVictoria (www.picturevictoria.vic.gov.au), and the creation of a series of short films. The State Library of Victoria is working closely with the Victorian Country Football League to capture this history, and is seeking to form links between individual football clubs or leagues with their local historical societies and local public libraries to strengthen community history.

Artist Malcolm McKinnon has been commissioned by the State Library of Victoria and the Victorian Country Football League to produce a series of short films reflecting the history and contemporary significance of country football across the State. The films will record and celebrate the wealth of living memory and narrative that is an integral part of country football, particularly in relation to ways in which the sport and the communities that sustain it have changed over the years. Malcolm is keen to hear from historical societies and individuals with football artefacts (eg - photographs, home movies, trophies, honour boards, memorabilia



Action from a Rupanyup vs Murtoa game, late 1950s. (Taken from 16mm film by John Teasdale)

from disbanded clubs and leagues) which may function as a trigger for a particular story, or simply from community members who have a football story to tell. Please contact Malcolm directly on email: RecklessEye@bigpond.com

Wendy Quihampton, Project Manager, State Library of Victoria

wquihampton@slv.vic.gov.au



FOLKLIFE PROGRAM

Call for funding applications

The Royal Historical Society of Victoria has established a public fund to financially support folklife projects and activities which reflect the cultural diversity and traditions of the people of Victoria. Applications can be made by individuals, community groups, not-for-profit organisations and cultural and educational institutions. Applications close 20 October 2006.

For further information contact:

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Email: office@historyvictoria.org.au

Web: www.historyvictoria.org.au

The Art of Ordinary Lives

We are where we come from - a collage of people, events and traditions that make up our cultural heritage. In every culture, in every age, the traditions of ordinary people persist in stories, in craft and in song. These traditions, called folk life, pass on the experiences of everyday people from one generation to the next.

Folk traditions express the culture of people in a particular place at a particular time. Viewed in retrospect, they ring the changes felt by individuals, families and communities that come with social, industrial and political developments. Often tradition is about respecting and preserving the dignity of people in changing times.

In 1989, UNESCO passed a recommendation on Safeguarding Traditional Culture and Folklore to identify, preserve and conserve, protect and disseminate traditional culture and folklife. In Australia this work is carried out through a number of organisations, but there is no major institution tasked with this responsibility at a state or national level, such as the Smithsonian Institute in the US.

Established in 1990, the Victorian Folk Life Association was dedicated to the conservation and preservation of traditions and culture in Victoria. Lacking the necessary government backing, the Association folded in 2001 but in 2004, the Victorian Folk Life Fund was created to continue this important work.

Once a year the Fund makes grants for projects and activities that reflect the traditions and cultural diversity of the people of Victoria. Successful applications have included funding towards production of a CD for a community orchestra, traditional bellydancing classes in the Turkish community and publication of a book on Australian Bush Music.

Based at the Royal Historical Society of Victoria, the fund has Deductible Gift Recipient status with the Australian Taxation Office. If you are interested in supporting folk life culture and traditions, please contact Kate Prinsley at the RHSV.

MAP PLANNING PROJECT

The Museums Accreditation Program (MAP) is undertaking a planning project to improve and strengthen the program. From April-September 2006 all Registration and Accreditation applications will be postponed.

Why is MAP doing a major planning project?

Many smaller and voluntary run museums have struggled to meet MAP best standard practices, despite a strong commitment to improving their operations.

MAP evaluation has identified the need for:

- A minimum standards stream for smaller museums
- Streamlined and simplified MAP procedures for all museums
- Assistance for museums with community involvement, significance assessment and succession planning
- Addressing the sustainability of MAP due to the growth of the program
- Working with new government strategies for community museums.

How might the planning project affect your Museum?

In the future your upcoming applications will be streamlined to require less paperwork and a little less time for all concerned. Re-Accreditation in particular will be much simpler. Requirements for volunteer run museums will relate to minimum standards rather than best practice standards – the program will be better tailored to your museum. Other opportunities and rewards will apply for small museums that excel and reach best practice standards. We will increase assistance for museums working through Accreditation, and help link museums with their communities and local networks. We believe that these changes will improve our ability to assist all museums throughout Victoria. MAP will continue to help museums focus on their purpose, and custodianship and communication of their key stories.

For more information on the Museum Accreditation Program, contact:

Euan McGillivray – Tel: (03) 8341 7340

Kitty Owens – Tel: (03) 8341 7341

Co-Managers

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Everard Studley Miller

RHSV BENEFACTOR



“Everard Studley Miller c.1950s Gelatin silver photograph Photo: Courtesy Mr & Mrs Edward J. Miller”.

The National Gallery of Victoria is currently commemorating Miller's substantial bequest of c.£170 000 fifty years ago by incorporating many items bought using his gift for purchasing 'portraits of individuals of merit in History engraved or sculptured [sic] before A.D.1800' into their special displays (currently Rembrandt 1606-1669, 24 May 2006 to 24 September 2006). This bequest enabled the gallery to enrich its portrait collection, including works by Rubens, Bernini and Gainsborough, and many portrait engravings.

The RHSV were also beneficiaries of Miller's will. He joined the Historical Society of Victoria c.1912 and had special interests in photographic recording with 'clarity and reality' of 'existing monuments'. He bequeathed £100, a selection of books, pictures, lantern slides, albums of photographs, cuttings and notes referring to his special interests, and some notable essays including 'Photography for the Purposes of Historical Study' (1914). The Historic NewsLetter of Victoria no.2, February 1957 noted that Studley Miller 'took a keen interest in the work' of the RHSV and reported that AJ Hopton and TM Ramsay had visited Miller's home, 'Glynn' in Kooyong Road, Toorak to select material. The books included a very wide range of Victorian material as well as much early Australiana. Council was told that the value was c. £750!

Everard Studley Miller (born 1886) died on 5 July 1956 and his bequest was received in February 1957. He came from a very successful and prosperous Melbourne family. His grandfather was the immensely wealthy Henry 'Money' Miller (died 1888), a merchant with extensive interests in banking, insurance and property, both urban and rural. His father, Sir Edward Miller (died 1932) had similar interests but also added mining through BHP. Studley followed in the family business, notably the Bank of Victoria, but is said to have hankered for a scholarly life. Never married, he managed to pursue his academic interests through

photography and collection of small objets d'art and prints, as well as through classical, historical and archaeological studies. Described as shy and retiring, he lived reclusively it seems.

Miller's interest in recording 'monuments' dates from early last century. His identification of 'monuments' important to Australia led him to collect photographs of graves and memorials, and other items, about important figures in early Australian discovery and administration such as Phillip, Bligh, Cook and Banks. These are contained in an album dated 1925. Locally, he had special interests in the Sorrento settlement and in the lives of David Collins and William Buckley. Apart from his glass slides in the images collection, there are albums recording the graves in the Melbourne cemetery located on the Queen Victoria Market site that was resumed in 1917. These show impressive photographic skills and concern to record the past and Victoria's pioneers. He was an ardent campaigner with Isaac Selby for the retention of the cemetery and one of the albums contains much ephemera and newspaper cuttings from the campaign.

Miller's work reflects the spirit of the founders of the HSV in 1909 who were concerned with 'vanishing records' and ways in which a society might redress this. Ironically, his concern for recording heritage did not become common until after his death, the year the National Trust was founded. His bequest highlights the continued importance of benefaction to the RHSV.



Glynn, Kooyong Road, Toorak; erected 1912, the home of Everard Studley Miller, photographed by Miller, c. 1920. Collection of RHSV:AL009-0126



A tribute to country pioneers

WE OWE an enormous debt of gratitude to the families who helped settle, build and develop country Victoria.

From the days of the first settlements around Portland and the great gold rushes of the 19th century, through to the migration wave that spread through the state after World War II, rural families have lived and prospered, spreading their roots deep as they built their communities.

All, in their own way, were pioneers and the Victorian rural weekly newspaper, *The Weekly Times*, is planning to honour these families in a special pictorial tribute in September.

And we want your involvement.

Do you have a special family photograph that you would like to see in our tribute? Or perhaps you know of one that is particularly significant for your district.

Was it taken on the family farm in the 1800s? Was it taken on the soldier settlement blocks in the 1920s? Was it taken in the hills of Gippsland after the Black Friday bushfires? Was it taken as family members disembarked from a ship in Port Phillip Bay to begin their life in Australia after World War II?

It may have been taken in the family home, on the farm, or in the local community. But if it has a story to tell, then we would like to see it.

To be considered, it must have been taken before 1960 and you must also supply full details -- who is in it, when and where it was taken, a brief family history that explains the background to the photo and some of your family history since.

We also want you to include 10 surnames of families today that can be traced back to this photo.

The best 500 family pictures will be included in our special series.

HOW TO SUPPLY YOUR PHOTO

You can send a high quality copy (not a photocopy) or an electronic (scanned) copy on disc or by email by July 25.

EMAIL:

Send electronic copies of your photo to family@theweeklytimes.com.au

Each picture should preferably be a resolution of 300 dpi and the file size at least 500kb.

MAIL:

Post good quality copies (DO NOT send originals) of your photo to: Pioneers, *The Weekly Times*, PO Box 14999, Melbourne 8001.

Don't forget to provide your name and address so we can return the copies.

For details, go to our website at theweeklytimes.com.au or contact:

Xavier Duff on (03) 9292 2515.

RHSV Seminar Day

Saturday 22 July 2006

Hosted by The Royal Historical Society Inc. at
239 A'Becket Street, Melbourne

Theme:

Membership: growing and promoting your society

(Note that as a result of this Seminar Day, HVSG will produce a brochure on how to grow your membership which will be sent to all member societies).

9.30 Registration and morning tea

10.00 Welcome, introduction, reports, general information:

Joan Hunt – Convenor, History Victoria Support Group

Prof. Bill Russell – President, RHSV

Kate Prinsley – Exec Director, RHSV

OVERVIEW:

10.30 – 10.45 pm:

Lenore Frost: statistics and what they tell us about historical society membership growth; not taking membership for granted; general promotion

PANEL PRESENTATION:

10.45 – 12 noon:

Panel presentations of 10 minutes by historical society members: and a membership organisation.

Alleyne Hockley from Castlemaine

David Langdon from Richmond & Burnley

Janet Galley from Box Hill

Craig Twitt from 3MBS (Classical Musical Station) Administrator

The panel will present experiences from their own societies on profile raising through various projects to encourage new and younger memberships, use of the internet and computers to attract members, and general promotion ideas.

12.00 DISCUSSION:

During this general discussion session, participants will be encouraged to contribute, debate, and discuss issues such as your relationship with your local government, the effect of fees on membership, use of information brochures and newsletters, and other strategies.

1.00 LUNCH – catered by Helen Broad

2.00 GUEST SPEAKER:

Sharron Dickman, Director of the Melbourne Athenaeum and author and lecturer on marketing who will speak on how to develop membership.

3.00 Summing up by **Prof. Bill Russell**, President of RHSV.

3.30 Afternoon tea and finish.

\$12 per head includes morning and afternoon tea and a light lunch. Bookings are essential – please let HVSG Secretary **Margaret Hunter** know by Monday 17 July if you are attending (margaret583@optusnet.com.au) or phone 9588 0867 or mobile 0417 323 460.

AROUND THE SOCIETIES

This column is compiled by Joan Hunt on behalf of History Victoria Support Group using information provided by Societies either directly or contained in their newsletters. For next issue please send details of forthcoming events by 10 August to office@historyvictoria.net.au (as Joan will be overseas).

ALBERT COATES: The Memorial Trust, which commemorates Sir Albert Coates, surgeon and soldier, will hold a 'Lunch with the Speaker' at 12.15 on Wednesday 19 July at Midlands Golf Club, North Ballarat, when David Manning will speak on "Of Myths and Legends"; tickets \$20. Contact Marita on 5331 3347.

BALLARAT GENIES: At 7.30pm on Tuesday 25 July the AGM speaker will be Helen Harris OAM, Secretary of the Victoria Police Historical Society, who will speak on "Cops and Robbers", researching 19th century police and criminal records in Victoria. Visitors welcome, at the meeting room at Ballarat Central Library, 178 Doveton street north, Ballarat. See www.ballaratgenealogy.org.au

BENALLA: The Costume and Pioneer Museum is supporting a Kelly Debate at Beechworth Town Hall on Saturday 5 August, to be chaired by Dr Barry Jones, with Mr Ian Jones participating. Book through Beechworth Visitor Centre. In progress is an extension to the original Museum Research Room to provide an archival storage area. See www.benallamuseum.org.

BOX HILL: On Thursday 20 July at 8.00pm the guest speaker will be Ray Galloway, on "The Story of Ventura Buses", at the Strabane Chapel Hall, Strabane Avenue, Mont Albert North. The Ventura Bus Company was founded in 1924 by Ray's father-in-law, Henry "Harry" Wilson Cornwall. Visitors are welcome. Enquiries: 9897 4167

CASTLEMAINE: Guest speaker at 7.30pm on Monday 7 August will be Dr Barbara Pertz, speaking on "Stuart Stoneman", at the Former Court House, 7 Goldsmith Crescent, Castlemaine, where the research room is now open each Tuesday from 9am till 3pm. See chsi@castlemainehistoricalsociety.com

CATHS: The Cinema and Theatre Historical Society will hold a Swap Meet and Auction on Sunday 30th July, doors opening at 9.30am, auction starting at 11.30am. Non-members \$5 – all welcome. Sales and auction of films, books, projectors, equipment, accessories and posters. Contact Mike on 5278 1986.

COLAC: The Society is arranging a speaker for the general meeting to be held at the History Centre, C.O.P.A.C.C., on Saturday 22 July at 1.30pm. The History Centre is open from 2pm till 4pm every Thursday, Friday and Sunday. Contact Secretary on 5231 4831 or write to PO Box 154, Colac, 3250.

DONCASTER & TEMPLESTOWE: The AGM will be held at 8pm on Wednesday 5 July at Schramm's Cottage, Muriel Green Drive, Doncaster, followed by a hot muffin supper for the winter fireside meeting, which will include stories to tell and artefacts to show. At the 2 August meeting Eric Collyer and Ken Smith will talk about the research they have done into aspects of local history. See: www.vicnet.net.au/~dthsoc/

EAST GIPPSLAND: The Historical Society and Family History Group share their published journal "The Black Sheep", and both are centred in Bairnsdale. The Historical Society, at 40 Macarthur St, Bairnsdale, opens the museum Wednesdays and Sundays from 1pm to 4pm. See http://home.vicnet.net.au/~egfhg/

ELTHAM: At 8pm on Wednesday 12 July, guest speaker Michael Wilson will speak on "A Secret Eltham Hilltop", at the Senior Citizens' Centre, Eltham. Records workshops are held at the Eltham Local History Centre, 728 Main Road, Eltham. Phone Harry on 9439 1175.

ESSENDON: The AGM will be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 25 July at the Old Moonee Ponds Courthouse Museum, 768 Alexander Road, Moonee Ponds. The Museum is open each Sunday from 2-5pm or to groups by appointment. A monster bookfair will be held from 10am on Saturday 8 July at the Museum. Phone secretary Alwyne on 9379 2679.

GOLDFIELDS – DUNOLLY: The Goldfields Historical and Arts Society will hold its Annual Meeting on Monday 17 July at 2pm at the Museum, 75 Broadway, Dunolly. Dunolly's 150th celebrations commenced in June.

HEIDELBERG: On Tuesday 8 August at 8pm Jim Hammerton will speak on "Ten Pound Poms" at the Uniting Church Community Centre, Seddon St., Ivanhoe (enter from car park at rear). The Court House Museum, Jika Street, opens Sundays 2-5 until 6 December 2006. Website: http://heidelberg.50webs.com or phone 9455 2130.

HORSHAM: The Annual General Meeting will be held at 8pm on Wednesday 5 July at 33 Pynsent Street, Horsham, when slides from the Society's collection will be shown. On Wednesday 2 August Jim Heard will tell his 'Life Story'. Phone secretary Lorna on 5382 1608 or see http://www.vicnet.net.au/~hhs.

KANGAROO GROUND: The Andrew Ross Museum, in the School House at Kangaroo Ground, is open Sunday afternoons from 1-4pm and Thursday mornings 9am till noon. The Museum was established in 1993, accredited with Museums Australia in 2003, and won the Small Business of the Year Award in 2005. Email contact is andrewrossmuseum@yahoo.com.au

KILMORE: At 8pm on Tuesday 4 July a Family History Question and Answer evening will be held, to be answered by a panel. The following month the AGM will be held at 8pm on Tuesday 1 August. Meetings at held at the Kilmore Court House, 4 Powlett St, Kilmore, 3764. Contact secretary Liz on 5782 1243.

KOROIT: The monthly meeting will be held at 8pm on Monday 10 July at the Society headquarters in the Old National School, Victoria Park, High Street, Koroit, where the Barbara Kippax Schoolroom is used as the Society's museum room. The beautiful old photographs of all the mayors of Koroit, which have been housed in the Borough Chambers, are to be hung in the museum room. Contact Barbara on 5565 8721.

LEARMONTH: The Annual Dinner Meeting will be held at 6.30pm on Friday 14 July at the Learmonth Bowling Club – 3 courses for \$20, when guest speaker Phil Roberts will speak about writing the 150 years history of the Ballarat Agricultural and Pastoral Society. Phone Ilma on 5343 2366 or Terry on 5331 7642.

MALVERN: The Society has published its first newsletter, with history articles and local history news. A working bee on Tuesday 25th July will take place in the Archives from 10am till 12 noon. Phone 0438 515 631 or see www.vicnet.net.au/~malvern.

MIDLANDS – MARYBOROUGH: On Wednesday 19 July an excursion to Castlemaine Historical Society will take place; meet at Worsley Cottage, 3 Palmerston St, Maryborough at 1.30pm. See www.vicnet.net.au/~mbhs

MORNINGTON: The AGM will be held at 2pm on Saturday 26 August in the Old Post Office Museum, with a report on the Society's work and a delicious afternoon tea. This meeting will be the first under the Society's new constitution. Research is being undertaken about the first Europeans on the Tanti Park Estate, including Alexander Balcombe and the Hunter brothers. Phone at Museum: 5976 3203 or secretary Val on 5975 2958.

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NEPEAN: At 8pm on Friday 4 August, Associate Professor Don Garden of the University of Melbourne and RHSV Council member, will speak on Environmental History at the Sorrento Museum and Heritage Gallery, 827 Melbourne Road, Sorrento (Melways p.157 A8). See www.nepeanhistoricalsociety.asn.au

POLICE: The Victoria Police Historical Society is preparing to further develop the InMagic (db textworks) collection management database and major collection registration work, and has a Living History Group which will meet on Sunday 16 July at the Sunbury Police Station. Contact David on 0417 543 828 or 9740 8269.

QUEENSCLIFF: The Queenscliff Maritime Museum, as part of the centenary celebrations of the Marconi Company's historic radio transmission between the Australian mainland and Tasmania, will hold an exhibition of antique radio equipment on loan from Museum Victoria and other collections. The exhibition will be on display at the Maritime Museum from 12 July to 30 September. A re-enactment of the transmission will take place at 1.30pm on Wednesday 12 July at 'The Springs', Point Lonsdale, in the park near the memorial plaque.

ROMSEY & LANCEFIELD: The Society is the Committee of Management of historic Seymour Cottage and preserves archives at Lancefield Court House, which is open to the public on the first Sunday each month from 1.30pm to 4.30pm. All meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday each month at 7.30pm at Seymour Cottage, Palmer Street, Romsey. Write to PO Box 11, Romsey, 3434.

SNAKEVALLEY: At 7.30pm on Tuesday 11 July, at the Society's rooms in the previous RSL Hall, Smythesdale Road, Snake Valley, Amanda Taylor will speak about her research into World War One soldiers who never returned, and the biographical database she has developed. Enquiries to Helen on 5344 9440.

ST KILDA: The meeting on Sunday 9 July, starting at 2.30pm in the Library community room, 150 Carlisle Street, relates to Helen Jacoby's book "No Shops in Acland Street", whose extraordinary ninety-five years span almost a century of changes in St Kilda. Her father was Mayor of St Kilda three times. See www.vicnet.net.au/~hsosk.

SURREY HILLS: On Monday 21 August at 8pm Marjorie Morgan OAM will speak on the subject of her forthcoming book, "Convict Hulks Floating on Port Phillip Bay 1850-1870", in the Chandler Room of the Neighbourhood Centre, 157 Union Road, Surrey Hills. Phone Secretary Sue on 9890 3409.

WALHALLA: The AGM of the Walhalla Heritage & Development League will be held on Sunday 9 July at 10am at the Walhalla Mechanics' Institute. The Mechanics' Institute is being repainted, and renovations and improvements are being undertaken at the Long Tunnel Extended Tourist Gold Mine. See www.walhalla.org.au

WARRACKNABEAL: A grant of \$36,800 from Heritage Victoria has been granted to restore the section of the Historical Centre where all the Society's valuable records are kept. The Society is responsible for several other buildings in the town. The log gaol, that was used in the town's early days, is in very good condition and can be visited free of charge. The water tower is also under the management of the Society, and is utilized as a storage area. The Court House is now used

monthly for general meetings of the Society, and even the jury seats are filled when there is a large gathering. Write to PO Box 355, Warracknabeal, 3393.

WARRANTYTE: The AGM and the Society's 30th anniversary celebration will be held at 8pm on Tuesday 16 July, at the museum, 111 Yarra Street, Warrandyte when the guest speaker will be Ted Rotheram, a founding member and past president, who will be recalling the Society's first 30 years. The Society reported with deep regret the death of their President, Jo Laurence, who died 12 May 2006 after a long illness. Phone/fax on 9844 4176 or write to PO Box 67, Warrandyte, 3113.

WAVERLEY: On Sunday 23 July a special "Highlights of Local History" meeting will be held to which friends, neighbours and family are invited, when there will be lots of good stories, then and now photos, and other tempters, at the new downstairs venue at Wadham House, Wadham Parade, adjacent to the Mt Waverley Library. Laurie Ryan will give a potpourri of vignettes of buildings, roads, highlights, low lights, achievements and tragedies of the Mt Waverley area. All welcome. See <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~whsvic/>

WHITEHORSE: The AGM will be held at 1.30pm on Saturday 12 August, when the Mayor Cr Sharon Ellis will address the meeting, at Schwerkolt Cottage, Deep Creek Road, Mitcham (Melway Ref. 49 D7). Phone Secretary Peter on 9877 0141 or see www.vicnet.net.au/~ndhsinc/

WOODY YALOOK: A mid-year dinner will be held on Wednesday 12 July at the Smythesdale Court House Hotel, with a 2-course meal for \$15. Contact Margaret on 5342 8418 for bookings. Research facilities at the Court House, 64 Brooke Street, Smythesdale, are available every Wednesday 9.30-4.30 and the last Sunday each month from 1pm till 5pm. See: www.wyhs.goldlinksweb.com

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