



Join us for a discovery tour of the mountain country wherein lie the heads of the Yarra and the Plenty, the lifespring of people for thousands of years, the source of Melbourne's acclaimed water since 1857, and a venue for holiday makers and creative people for generations.

Our base at Healesville's Sanctuary House Resort Motel is in a peaceful bushland setting, of 10 acres (pictured above) and has a high reputation for its meals. Our coach and driver come from the long-established and local McKenzies Bus Services.

Highlights of the program include meetings with local historical society people including Kristin Otto (author of *The Yarra* – a 'diverting history'), a Sanctuary tour with Murrundindi, a guided nature walk at Marysville, gourmet lunches, and insightful commentaries.

See the enclosed flyer for bookings and other details.



Tim Holding, Minister for Water, Finance, Tourism and Major Events, picks up some bargains at this year's RHSV Book Sale.

Book Sale

Thank you to everybody who supported the RHSV Book Sale.

We had an amazingly busy day and raised just under \$4,000. If you were unable to come on July 29 there are still interesting books available at the RHSV – The books will be here until November.

Down From The Summit?

History News has tried to keep abreast of the results of the History Summit called by Federal Education Minister Bishop in August 2006. Much has been written and discussed since and certainly history, especially Australian history, has received more official backing than it has enjoyed for about 20 years. But what has happened?

Has there been any more recognition of the role that historical societies can play in the development of curricula at middle secondary school level? Has there been much encouragement for teachers to revitalise curricula that use local cultural environments as well as national and global frameworks? Are school students and future Australian voters being exposed to the questions in our national history that require searching for answers?

The high hopes post-Summit were that some of this might be achieved but the latest news seems to be that the careful and valuable 'open-ended' questions devised by a panel of experts did not meet the political expectations behind the Summit and that a further panel, even more removed from the realities of secondary classrooms than the previous panels, should provide further advice! At this point we could despair about the shabby ways in which those who really know continue to be treated but we need to keep fighting to make a difference in schools as many historical societies are already doing at the grassroots.

Contributed by Don Gibb – Councillor RHSV

RHSV receives further funding to work with multicultural groups

The RHSV has received a grant from the Victorian Multicultural Commission in its *Strengthening Multicultural Communities Grants Program* to continue its work with ethnic communities to preserve and interpret their communities' history. The funding is to support the work of a Project Officer to work with multicultural groups, providing training in cataloguing, documentation and interpretation of their collections and to encourage on going relationships with groups interested in promoting Victoria's multicultural heritage. This builds on the work achieved by a grant in 2005 and the development of the exhibition *History. Community. Identity.*

Join us for dinner with guest speaker

Friday 12 October 6.30 for 7.00pm

In the spirit of former times - come along to our fundraising dinner in the Occasions Room of the William Angliss Restaurant.

Ross McMullin, award winning historian and biographer, will be the scintillating guest speaker with an illustrated talk on Will Dyson, the talented, witty and versatile cartoonist and writer who was also Australia's first war artist.

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VALE

RALPH SUTTON (1921-2007)

The Society was grieved to learn of the recent death of Ralph Sutton. Ralph, born in Bathurst NSW, served in both the Second World War and Korean conflicts; enlisting in the former in 1943 and discharged in 1947 as a Lieutenant 1 Parachute Battalion and serving in the latter as Major in the 3rd Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment. References to his exploits and the attitudes to his comrades in the Korean campaign are recorded in *Korea Remembered*.

Ralph had an undoubted interest in history both as a discipline and a practice. As an author, co-author and editor he contributed to our understanding of military history with various works; for example: *A Military Research Guide for Family Historians* (Royal Australian Historical Society, nd), *For Queen and Empire: a Boer War chronicle* (1974); *A Military bibliography for family historians: British units in Australasia* (1988); *Through war to peace* (1996), *Military forces in New South Wales: an introduction. Part 1, 1788-1904* (2000).

Ralph was an enthusiastic volunteer in our Collections and Research area. His advice on matters military, research in general and on editorial issues was respected and greatly appreciated. Even in the last weeks of his life he was still contributing to the editing of indexes for the Images Collection. It was at Ralph's instigation that the Society celebrated Victoria's links to royalty when he donated to the RHSV his collection of memorabilia gathered as a consequence of his major role in the conduct of the first visit to Australia of Elizabeth II in 1954. Curator, Daisy Searls, used this as a stimulus for an exhibition in 2004 focussing on royal visits to Victoria since the first in 1867.

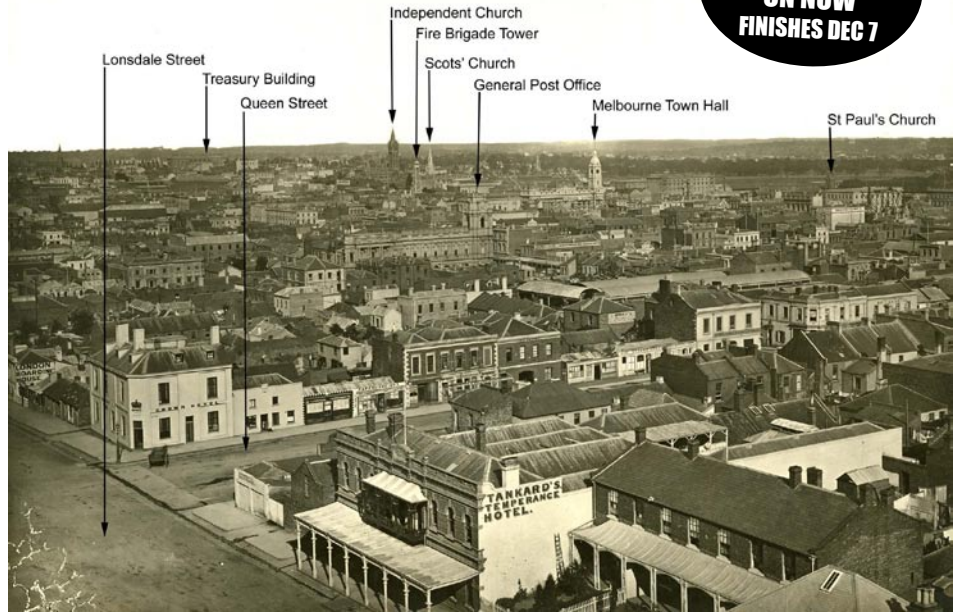
In 2006 Ralph prepared an obituary for a colleague from the Korean Campaign. In part it said that this officer was a role model, loyal, intelligent, experienced and would be sadly missed by family, friends and those who worked with him. How much this describes Ralph's contribution to our Society.

Heather Barry Ronald – Died 1 July 2007

It was with great sadness that the RHSV learned of the death of Heather Barry Ronald. Heather Ronald was the author of many history books including *Hounds are Running* (1970), *Wool Past the Winning Post* (1978), *The Home Horse Doctor* (1980), *Aldworth* (1983), *Home Management* (1984), *Wool Before the Wind* (1987), and *Farewell my Heart* (1997).

Wool Past the Winning Post and *Wool Before the Wind* both received the Alexander Henderson Award for best family history and *Farewell my Heart* received a special certificate of merit.

RHSV Exhibition



John Noone photograph.

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History Begins At Home

History Begins at Home, the current exhibition at the RHSV, began as a practical exercise – to see how our collection supported the VCE History Curriculum Applied History in the Community.

The outcome is an outstanding exhibition revealing the strengths and treasures within our collection – particularly our glass plate slides – that document the history of our neighbourhood.

Examples of material on display includes:

Photographs taken by John Noone from the tower of *Rostella* – Dr. Fitzgerald's house on the north side of Lonsdale Street between William and Queens Streets. The nominal date for the photographs is December 1869 – giving a detailed and valuable record of how the western part of central Melbourne looked at the time.

A photograph of the first Exhibition Building – a timber and iron construction in William Street – taken in 1854. This is now the site of the Royal Mint.

Photographs and drawings of the first Government Offices built in 1846.

The exhibition resounds with maps, ephemera and drawings from our collection – do please come and enjoy it.



First Exhibition building.



Queens Theatre, built 1845 – from a glass plate.

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LECTURES

Printers of the Streets
and Lanes of Melbourne

Speaker: Don Hauser
When: Tuesday, September 11
Where: RHSV
Time: 5.15pm coffee/tea
 Lecture 5.45pm
Cost: Members free
 \$5.50 non members

A fascinating talk linking Melbourne's printers with the history of printing since Gutenberg in the thirteenth century and the technology of the day, the arrival of printing in Australia and Victoria in general and how the printers started up in Melbourne in particular.

Melbourne's printing industry began less than two years after foundation of Port Phillip when co-founder John Pascoe Fawkner published his newspaper "Melbourne Advertiser" first handwritten in January 1838. Since then, early printers and publishers were attracted to Port Phillip and following the goldrush the Macdougalls, Theodore Troedel and a host of small and large privately owned printeries and the Government Printing Office began in central Melbourne. Many thousands of compositors, printers, bookbinders, ink and papermakers arrived for guaranteed employment opportunities. Many first came to dig for gold but returned disappointed to their trades in the city and the growing provincial towns.

Don Hauser left school in 1952 at age fourteen following the death of father and entered a six year apprenticeship as a compositor. Technical training with Exchange Press, RMIT and Melbourne College of Printing and Graphic Arts achieved distinctions including outstanding apprentice awards and a Victorian Overseas Foundation travelling scholarship for two and a half years in USA and United Kingdom.

Don is an award winning printer, having won the International Benjamin Franklin Award for a book for BHP in 1988 and several Australian National Print Award Gold Medals for excellence in print.

Retired from business in 2005 age 68. Wrote, designed, typeset and self-published first book in 2006

Botanical Riches

A Joint Royal Historical Society of
Victoria & Royal Society of Victoria
Event

Speaker: Richard Aitken
Date: Tuesday 9th October
Where: RHSV
Time: 6.30pm Savoury Refreshments
 for 7.00pm Lecture
Cost: \$10.00 members
 \$12.00 non members

Bookings essential 9326 9288

Botanical Riches tells stories of botanical exploration, worldwide, from the dawn of time to the present. Presented by Richard Aitken, one of the State Library of Victoria's Creative Fellows, *Botanical Riches* showcases treasures held in the Library's rare printed collections.

The botanical riches of this lecture are twofold. The plants themselves provide riches almost without limit, spanning an astonishing physical, social, and cultural spectrum. From utility to ornament, their almost inexhaustible patrimony has clothed, fed, warmed, protected, and inspired humans since the dawn of time. The collective library of books documenting the exploration and appreciation of plants forms the second of the botanical riches. Like the plants they depict, this resource is an extensive one, and one that is richly evocative of cultural and social history. In many cultures the written word and graven image is inextricably linked to plants and plant products, so there seems a pleasing conjunction here between plants and their images. From papyrus scrolls of ancient Egypt, palm-leaf books of Asia, to the finest quality rag paper made of flax, is a record that is often inspirational and of great and sometimes, unintentional beauty.

Richard Aitken is an architect and garden historian currently researching Australian garden styles for The University of Melbourne's Faculty of Architecture, Building and Planning. He has prepared conservations plans for some of Australia's most culturally significant gardens, including the botanic gardens of Melbourne, Sydney and Adelaide. He edited *The Oxford Companion to Australian Gardens* (2002) and has published widely on the history and poetics of gardens and other designed landscapes. His recent books include *Gardenesque: a celebration of Australian gardening* (2004), *Botanical Riches: stories of botanical exploration* (2006), and *Seeds of Change: an illustrated history of Adelaide Botanic Garden* (2006).

RHSV FUNDRAISING DINNER

Will Dyson: Australia's
Radical Genius

Speaker: Ross McMullin
When: Friday 12 October
Where: Occasions Room, William Angliss Restaurant, 550 Little Lonsdale Street, Melb
Time: 6.30 for 7.00pm
Cost: \$45 (plus drinks)

Bookings essential 9326 9288

Will Dyson was remarkably talented, humorous and versatile. He was internationally acclaimed in several spheres: as a brilliant and powerful cartoonist, as Australia's first and finest official



war artist, and as an outstanding etcher. An admirer described him in his heyday as the most famous Australian in the world.

Dyson was also a sublime writer and an instinctive radical with dazzling wit and a convivial personality. He married Ruby Lindsay, and knew all her celebrated brothers well—Norman, Lionel, Daryl and Percy Lindsay.

Ross McMullin, an award winning biographer, is an entertaining and experienced speaker who has given Will Dyson talks at the Melbourne Writers Festival, the Norman Lindsay Gallery and numerous other venues. His illustrated Dyson presentation is amusing, illuminating and poignant.

Will Dyson: Australia's Radical Genius was highly commended by the judges of the 2007 National Biography Award. Ross McMullin's previous books include the military biography *Pompey Elliott* (which won two awards) and the ALP centenary history *The Light on the Hill*.

The RHSV is delighted to be hosting this year's Federation of Australian Historical Societies Annual General Meeting over the weekend of 12 – 14 October. Delegates will be invited to join us for the RHSV dinner at William Angliss followed by a visit on Saturday to the Mornington Peninsula and Peninsula historical societies. The AGM will be held at the RHSV on Sunday 14 October.

RHSV NEWS

History Prize Student

Every year the RHSV sponsors a prize to encourage student historians. The award goes to the best third year student in Australian history at a Victorian university. This year the prize is awarded to Trevor Fribence of La Trobe University.

A Little Known Fact?

While relieving the Administrative Officer at the reception desk during her lunch break, one of our volunteers decided to use a paper knife to open up an uncut Parliamentary Paper, which presumably had remained un-read for about 125 years.

This was the 1880-81 Report on Education by the Minister of Public Instruction. This large document contains not only information on every teacher and school of the time, but an appendix listing 'Persons qualified to impart Instruction in Drawing'.

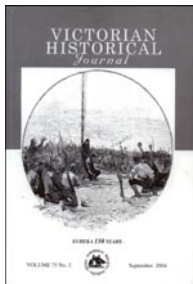
Within the list is 'McCubbin, Frederick (Pending L.)

L. indicates 'License to Teach'. Perhaps he was a border-line case!

Addendum: Definitely not! Fred was an Instructor at the Gallery School in 1883.

VHJ Index continues to grow

"Information is useful. Accessible information is valuable. But easy access to pertinent information is crucial to success in modern life. Indexers provide this access, by identifying, and ordering important aspects of the information we deal with." Lynn Farkas (Australian and New Zealand Society of Indexers) in Foreword to Glenda Browne and Jon Jermy: *The Indexing Companion*, Cambridge University Press, Melbourne, 2007.



Again we are pleased to advise members that the cumulative index to our journal – *Victorian Historical Journal* – has been significantly up-dated by the addition of a complete detailed index to volume 75 (2004). Available on the RHSV website, users of this index now have access to over 38,000 references to articles in this major publication since its first publication in 1911. Our thanks again to Richard Barnden and Vicki Court, and particularly to John Adams for making this resource even more valuable to us.



Victorian Community History Awards 2007

This year the Victorian Community History Awards made a welcome return. The awards are sponsored by Information Victoria and judged by the Royal Historical Society of Victoria. The awards are divided into 7 categories and are to recognize the importance of local and community history as a form of collective memory and to recognize excellence in historical research. SEE brochure inserted in this issue of *History News* for the 2007 winners.

10th Annual Victorian Museum Awards

The winners of the 2007 Victorian Museum of the Year Awards were announced in June.

Winner- Staff of seven or more: State Library of Victoria *Travelling Treasures Program*

Demonstrating a high level of engagement – raising the profile of local history and the local library – the State Library of Victoria's *Travelling Treasures* program tours collection items held by the library across the state. Including items such as Ned Kelly's Jerilderie letter, the program provides rare and intimate access to some of the Library's most extraordinary books, documents and artifacts.

Winner – Staff of one to six persons: Melbourne's Living Museum of the West

The idea behind the Melbourne Living Museum of the West "Pobblebonk" Exhibition originated from a request by the EPA to respond to an act of river pollution. Promoting the idea that communities are responsible for their own environment, the exhibition documented the unique flora and fauna of the Maribynong River estuary and actively engaged the various communities in the Maribynong area.

Winner – Wholly volunteer run: Yackandandah District Historical Society *Fire Recovery Program*

On 21 December 2006 a devastating fire completely destroyed the front building of the Yackandandah and District Historical Society. In the six months since, a very dedicated group of volunteers have worked very hard to retrieve, clean and reorganize the recovery and refurbishment of the building including a state wide fundraising effort.

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Winner – Outstanding Achievement Award (Paid): Bruce Baxter, Pioneer Settlement Museum

Recognised for going well beyond the call of duty in everything he does, Bruce Baxter has been teaching Aboriginal culture for the past 40 years. His commitment to teaching Koori culture has seen Bruce's program become a highlight for visitors and school communities alike.

Winner – Outstanding Achievement Award (Volunteer) Peter John Adler, Murtoa and District Historical Society and Community Museum

Peter John Adler has passionately and tirelessly enriched the lives of the young and old who have walked through the doors of the Murtoa and District Historical Society and Community Museum over the last 22 years. The dedicated taxidermist constantly builds on his vast knowledge of local history so that he can share it with visitors and volunteers alike.

Museums Australia Victoria manages these awards. Museums Australia Victoria or MA (Vic.) provides professional services for members to develop and sustain the role and interests of museum communities across Victoria. MA (Vic)'s mission is to build an environment in which Victorian museums, museum personnel and museum-based activities flourish and develop.

The Victorian Museum Awards recognize all areas of museum practice. It is encouraging that many historical societies entered the awards and a great opportunity for the diversity of activity within historical societies to be recognised.

Professional Pathways in History

RHSV members will be aware of people who work in the field of history, but may wish to know more about the role of 'professional historians' and their various areas of work. The Professional Historians Association of Victoria (PHA Vic) is pleased to accept the offer from RHSV Executive Officer, Kate Prinsley, to outline what a professional historian is and to explain the role of the PHA.

There are several types of historians – academic historians, history teachers, local historians, history enthusiasts and professional historians. University-employed academic historians write for their peers in books, journals and conference papers, and undertake specialised theoretical research, along with teaching duties. History enthusiasts possess detailed knowledge on their local area or specific subject, contribute valuable research material to community collections and write books and articles on topics specific to their interests. In many respects, professional historians bring together these various strands of history work to produce histories in a range of different formats that are accessible to both particular and general audiences.

Although each type of historian has a different role in the community, we all have one thing in common – a passion for history. This passion is expressed in the time, patience and commitment it takes to research and write history. A passion for history motivates the dedicated local historical society member to spend many hours indexing the local newspaper or identifying photographs. The same passion for history leads students into post-graduate study and careers as historians, whether in academia or as freelance professionals.

The contributions to our collective heritage made by all types of historians should be acknowledged. Indeed opportunities to work together can produce rewarding outcomes that benefit everyone. Professional historians employed to undertake a history of a particular place, group or activity, appreciate the knowledge and work contributed by local history enthusiasts and value well-

supported local collections. Because most professional historians work to strict deadlines and budgets, it is important that we have the skills to grasp new concepts quickly, digest large bodies of information and produce work that is accessible to the general reader and meets the specific needs of our clients.

Professional historians work in a range of fields including heritage, tourism, education, local government, archives, museums, collection management and community engagement. We perform an array of tasks, from researching a broad range of subjects using a myriad of research tools and sources, to curating exhibitions and conducting oral histories, heritage studies, and significance assessments of historical collections.

Professional historians also research and write commissioned, thematic and environmental histories and provide advice to government and quasi-government bodies.

Writing in a variety of styles, professional historians use different mediums, from a 200 word website entry or a guided walk pamphlet, to a lengthy publication marking the history of an organisation, region or individual. Because of the variety of our work, we are able to build up a diverse body of knowledge, which we can bring to each new project. Projects can range from small-budget jobs lasting just a few weeks to contracts spanning a year or more.

Professional historians are accredited by the Australian Council of Professional Historians Associations (ACPHA), which sets national accreditation standards based on at least four years full time study for a degree majoring in history. Most members also have a post-graduate degree. Professional historians

are thus trained to research, analyse and document our findings. We use these skills for primary and secondary research, oral history interviews, writing and manuscript preparation, referencing, sourcing images and obtaining permission to reproduce material. Historians often work with other professionals for transcribing, indexing and editing services, and also liaise with designers, printers and publishers to produce an outcome that meets the requirements and budget of the client.

The Professional Historians Association (Vic) is the peak body that represents over one hundred accredited professional historians throughout the state. The PHA supports its members with ongoing professional development, including a regular newsletter, and promotes high professional standards amongst members. It also promotes the work of professional historians in the wider community and assists potential employers in hiring professional historians for specific projects. Each state in Australia has its own PHA.

The national body, ACPHA, has developed a *Scale of Fees Recommended for the Engagement of Professional Historians in Australia*, and a model contract to assist professional historians in contract negotiations and in maintaining good working relationships with their clients. ACPHA is also responsible for the accreditation standards and code of ethics.

You can find out more about the PHA by visiting the website at www.phavic.org.au.

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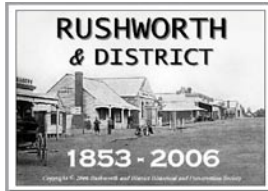


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BOOKS RECEIVED:

We note below relevant items sent to the Society. Interested groups or authors are invited to contribute to this valuable service to members in *History News* and through deposit in the library. Some items may later be reviewed in the *Victorian Historical Journal*.

Cass Alexander (ed.), *Rushworth & District 1853-2006*, Rushworth & District Historical & Preservation Society Inc.,

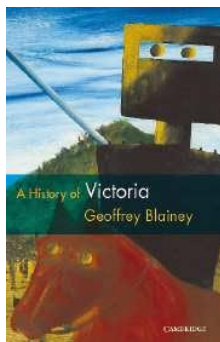


PO Box 102, Rushworth, 3612, 2006, pp. 92, \$20 posted. This attractive little book succeeds an earlier version published in 1998. The contrast is considerable. There is some additional written material and new photographs especially of the last few years but there has also been a major enhancement of the photographs that formed the substance of the first edition by the use of more suitable paper and new image and reproduction technologies. The images are ones to treasure and they clearly show how a local collection can be used not only to convey the region's history but also the resources of its historical society.

Ian Black, *History of Hamilton Rotary Club 1937-2007*, Rotary Club of Hamilton, 2007, pp. 120. A comprehensive assemblage that documents the membership, activities, community involvement of an institution that's widely spread in Australian localities. Chronologically arranged, with biographical details of founders, presidents and others, and with lists of members, this book can be a rich source for family and local historians, as well as of interest to those with close connections to Hamilton Rotary.

Geoffrey Blainey, *A History of Victoria*,

Cambridge University Press, Melbourne, 2006, pp. ix + 304. ISBN 10 0 52186 977 5. The first version of this book appeared as *Our Side of the Country* and was published in 1984 at the time of Victoria's 150 years of European settlement. The new edition



has three additional chapters dealing with recent politics, change in Melbourne, and change in rural and regional Victoria; a short chronology; and some rearrangements of the earlier chapters. This is not one of the author's path-breaking books but it has Blainey's hallmarks of excellent writing and accessibility.

HISTORY VICTORIA SUPPORT GROUP – RHSV

SEMINAR DAY SATURDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2007

Hosted by Castlemaine Historical Society Inc. at
the former Castlemaine Court House, 7 Goldsmith Crescent

Using Primary Sources for Researching and Writing Local History

9.30 **Registration** and a cuppa for the distance travellers

9.45 **Welcome**, introduction, reports, general information:

10.15 **Presenter:** Ian Hockley, Castlemaine Historical Society

Topic: “Dispelling the Myths - Using Primary Sources for Researching Local History”.

Ian will talk about his own experiences in undertaking research relating to Castlemaine and district, for the historical society, with special emphasis on land records.

11.15 Break – morning tea

11.30 **Discussion:** Joan Hunt will co-ordinate a discussion session based on issues arising from Ian's presentation. Everyone will be encouraged to participate with anecdotes, experiences, ideas, and solutions.

12.30 **LUNCH**

1.30 **Presenter:** Lesley Alves from the Professional Historians Association will speak on the use of primary sources for researching and writing local history.

2.15 Break – afternoon tea

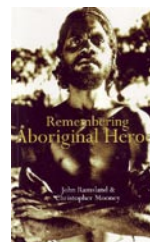
2.30 **Presenter:** Vicki Court, Local History Officer, RHSV, will explain aspects of collections management techniques associated with today's theme.

3.00 Closure of Seminar Day, and departure.

Costs: \$12 per head includes morning and afternoon tea and a light lunch – Please book through RHSV by notifying Ged on 9326 9288.

Bill Murray and Roy Hay (eds), *The World Game Downunder*, ASSH Studies 19, Australian Society for Sports, Melbourne, 2006, pp. v + 187. ISBN 0 9757616 6 8. The popularity of soccer as a football code in Australia is well-known as are the sometimes ugly images and the failures of management that have often marred its reputation. This collection of essays, put together by academic historians with strong links to the game, engages with the difficulties, successes and hopes for the sport; it explores aspects of its past especially its international links; and it documents much of its recent history as well as its historiography.

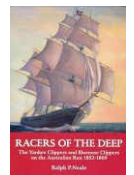
John Ramsland and Christopher Mooney, *Remembering Aboriginal Heroes, Struggle, Identity and the Media*, Brolga, Melbourne, 2006, pp. xvii + 374. ISBN 1-920785-85-X. The book comprises a series of biographies of Aboriginal Australians who became media celebrities in the 1940s and 1950s – Albert Namatjira, Harold Blair, Dave Sands, Ngarla Kunoth and Robert Tudawali, Reg Saunders, Doug Nicholls, Harry Penrith and Jimmy Little, and there are also substantial pieces about David Unaipon and Douglas Grant from earlier times. The book concentrates on the media presentation of these figures in the daily newspapers and weekly magazines during



the period when assimilation policies were adopted by governments. That some of them like Blair and Sands are scarcely recognized now is also pondered. It is well documented and illustrated but there is no index and sometimes they have missed a reference in the conventional sources that would have helped their analysis, eg. their account of the relationship between Harold Blair and John Lloyd in Melbourne would have benefited from reading the *ADB* entries for the Lloyds in volume 15.

Ralph P. Neale, *Racers of the Deep, The Yankee Clippers and Bluenose Clippers on the Australian Run 1852-1869*, Australian Scholarly, Melbourne, 2007, pp. xvi + 396, \$44. ISBN 1 74097 115 9.

There is an understandable fascination with the 19th century ships that brought many immigrants to the Australian colonies. This well-researched and elegantly produced book focuses on the ships of the Black Ball and White Star lines that dominated the Liverpool-Australasian colonies run in the 1850s and 1860s. The ships were mostly built in the USA but British owned. The ships, their owners and captains provide the narrative that also does much to detail the experience of travel on the Australian run in the period. The author is a long-term member of the RHSV.



PROV IN ECHUCA -

FREE SEMINAR

Peter Harmsworth, President of the Public Records Advisory Council, invites you to join members of the Council and staff of Public Records Office Victoria (PROV) for a morning of information, ideas, and social interaction in Echuca. The free half day event includes PROV staff presenting sessions on new directions in the Places of Deposit program; Indigenous resources; how to access PROV records remotely; and services and products available to the public such as seminars, archival advice, publications and exhibitions.

The event will be held on Friday 21 September at the Shire of Campaspe.

For more information, contact Diane Brodie on (03) 9348 5673 or email diane.brodie@prov.vic.gov.au

Bookings are essential.
RSVP by 10 September

SEPTEMBER 2007 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 October to joanhunt@ncable.net.au

VOCA: On Sunday 16 September the monthly meeting will be held at 2.00pm in the Helen Harris OAM Room at the rear of the Court House. At 2.30pm all present will travel in convoy to 'Woodstock', an historic property dating from the 1840s, to view the original residence and woolshed. Di Campbell will speak on 'Lawyers and Legal Practices on the Ballarat and Central Victorian Goldfields, including Avoca and Dunolly' at the meeting on Sunday 21 October at 2pm. See <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~adhs/ADHSMMain.htm>

BALLAN: Six letter cards of historical dated sketches, designed by Edward Heffernan OAM, priced at \$2 each, are available from PO Box 137, Ballan, 3342. Enquiries to secretary Rick on 5368 2544.

BALLARAT GENIES: The annual free Family History Open Day will be held from 11.00am-4pm on Sunday 4 November at the Ballarat Library when both beginners and experienced researchers will be given individual help to glean information from records on CD, fiche, and on the internet. At 2pm a talk will be given on 'Victorian Birth, Marriage and Death Certificates'. Public Record Office Victoria information will be available. Phone Betty on 5331 7834 or see <http://www.ballaratgenealogy.org.au/>

BENDIGO: A Project Officer will assess the Society's vast and valuable collection under a \$10,000 grant from the Helen McPherson Smith Trust. The collection is being sorted and catalogued for storage at the former Governor's Residence of Bendigo Gaol. Bendigo Bank has donated chairs, bookcases and shelving. A curator employed through a State Government grant will prepare the display in the former Post Office Building in Pall Mall. Contact president Jim at jimevans@bigpond.com or phone 0437 199 432

BOX HILL: Dr Pam Oliver, Senior Research Associate, School of Historical Studies at Monash University, will speak on her research on "The Padghams", an early Box Hill family, on Thursday 20 September. Geoff Rockow, CEO Whitehorse-Manningham Library Corporation, will share his experiences of growing up in Box Hill during the 1950s and 1960s, and talk about his first job as a cadet librarian at Box Hill Library. Meeting are held

in Strabane Chapel, 29 Strabane Ave, Mont Albert North. Enquiries: 9285 4808 or see <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~bhhs/index.html>

BRIGHT: Dr Kok Hu Jin, a Sydney anthropologist, has translated Chinese inscriptions on the panels from the old Joss House. Descendants of Bright and Buckland Valley Chinese pioneers, such as the Mah Kit family, held reunions at the recent highly successful Ovens Valley Chinese Festival. The museum is open Sundays 2-4pm. Contact secretary Barbara on 5755 1120.

BRIGHTON: The Society meets on the first floor of Old Brighton Town Hall, Cnr Wilson & Carpenter Streets, Brighton, with a current theme of 'Migrants to Brighton'. Professor Weston Bate showed his collection of slides of Brighton in the 1960s at the AGM. Rooms will be open Saturday 6 October 1-4pm. See <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~vhhs> or phone 9553 8650.

BRUNSWICK: The annual general meeting will be held on Saturday 6 October when Dr Max Lay will speak on "The Roads of Melbourne", at 1.30pm, Brunswick Town Hall, 233 Sydney Road. On Saturday 3 November Bob Vincent's talk will be on "Christ Church Brunswick". Contact secretary Laura on 9387 7570 or email brunswickchg@yahoo.com.au

CASTERTON: On Sunday 23 September a field trip will be held to identify former State School sites at Henty, Wurt Wurt Koort, Merina Downs, Glenorchy and Merino. The project will continue on Sunday 21 October to Grassdale, Paschendale and Tahara. On Saturday 10 November the Vern McCallum Photographic Exhibition will be held at the Casterton Pastoral and Agricultural Society. For details contact secretary Jan at janlier@bigpond.net.au

CASTLEMAINE: Lenore Frost is speaking on 'Researching Wills and Probate' at 7.30pm on Monday, 5 November at the Former Court House, 7 Goldsmith Crescent, Castlemaine. Under a Heritagecare Project, the Society has three conservation volunteers working for a period of six months on sorting, pressing, conservation and manufacture of storage boxes for the archiving of the "Mount Alexander Mail", previously stored at the Castlemaine Art Gallery & Historical Museum. See www.castlemainehistoricalsociety.com

CHELTHENHAM: The new Friends of the Cheltenham and Bunerong Cemeteries covers Brighton, Cheltenham and Bunerong cemeteries. They will conduct their inaugural tour on Wednesday, 10 October. Tours of Cheltenham will cover both the current 'new' and previous 'pioneer' cemeteries. Membership is \$5, or corporate membership is \$10. See www.focrc.org or contact Barbara on 9096 0464 or 9593 2684

COLAC: Gwen Knox will speak about her family connections with the Otways at 7.30pm on Wednesday 26 September at the History Centre, COPAAC, Gellibrand Street (opposite railway station). Sewing machines are the feature of the current display. Some antique pine wood forms are for sale at \$500 each. Phone secretary Mrs Hester on 5231 4831.

DANDENONG: The Society has signed a three year funding agreement with Council, which covers rent, water, light, gas and repairs to the building. Congratulations to the Society on it being the runners-up in the 2007 Victorian Museums Awards section 'A Local History Museum wholly run by volunteers', for its 2,500 scanned, indexed and numbered photographs, created by the Work For The Dole program. On Sunday 21 October at 2pm at the Society's rooms at the Houlahan Community Centre, 186 Foster Street east, Dandenong, Kevin Shinnars will speak on "Growing up in Dandenong". Phone 9794 8967 or email dandhist@yahoo.com.au

DAYLESFORD: The Hammond Studio Sculpture Display is now open for viewing from 1.30-4.30pm on weekends, school holidays, public holidays or by appointment, in the Society's museum in the former School of Mines at 100 Vincent Street, Daylesford. The newly renovated art classroom displays the sculpture collection of Stanley Hammond, world renowned sculptor who was educated in the Society's building. Phone 5348 1453 or see www.daylesfordhistory.com.au

EAST MELBOURNE: The AGM will be held at 8pm on Wednesday 17 October 2007, when well-known architectural historian Dr Miles Lewis will speak on "Inner Melbourne in the 1850s", marking the 150th year of Clarendon Terrace. Meetings are held at Clarendon Terrace, 210 Clarendon Street, East Melbourne. See www.emhs.org.au or phone 9416 0445

GEELONG: On 3 October Edmund B. Thomas will speak about James Riley and his descendants. On 7 November Dawn Peel will speak on "Rural Life of the Western District in 1857", in the Morrow Theatre, 51 Lt Malop St, Geelong (next to the Geelong Gallery). Enquiries 5278 3530.

GEELONG REGIONAL MUSEUM: The Peter O'Brien Education Centre is open weekdays from 10am-2pm at Osbourne House, Swinburne Street, North Geelong. Contact Beck Gurrie on geelongago@yahoo.com.au or 0438 511 293

GREAT BRITAIN: Australian Friends of ss Great Britain will hold their AGM at 11am on Tuesday 30 October at the RHSV, 239 A'Beckett Street, when Annette Molesworth will talk about the journey of the Presentation Sisters who sailed on the Great Britain in 1873 to establish a school at Windsor near Melbourne. A light lunch will be available afterwards. For further details contact Beverly on 9755 1176.

HOTHAM: At 2pm on Saturday 6 October a walking tour will help you discover the history behind the naming of some of North Melbourne's streets. Enquiries to Mary on 9329 5814 or mehehoe@imprimus.com.au

KEW: At 8pm on Wednesday 12 September Dr David Pitt will present a member's paper on "Chopin", in the Phyllis Hore Room at Kew Court House, 188 High Street.. On Sunday 7 October at 2pm and 3.30 pm Mystery Tours will be held as the Kew Court House and historic Police Station unlocks its doors. Assemble at the adjacent QPO Bar & Bistro 10 minutes prior. \$10 includes tea/coffee and cake. See www.kewcourthouse.com or phone Wendy on 9836 3558.

KILMORE: Ailsa Wessell will give a talk on the Saunders family of Kilmore East on Tuesday 2 October at the old Kilmore Courthouse, 4 Powlett Street, where the Society's Research Centre is located. On Tuesday 13 November a tour of the Kilmore Gaol is planned. Phone 5782 1243 for details or see www.kilmorehistory.info

KOROIT: The 150th anniversary celebrations of the survey of the "Village of Koroit" will be held on the weekend of 12-14 October. A calendar of events is planned. Society meetings are held at 8.00pm at the Tower Hill Common School in Victoria Park, High Street, Koroit. Contact secretary Barbara on 5565 8721.

LINTON: The Back to Linton Reunion will be held on Sunday 4 November, and the Linton & District Historical Society will hold the unveiling of the Chinese Interpretive Board at Linton Cemetery at 11.00am followed by a Cemetery Walk. At 2.30pm a Town Walk will be held, starting from St Paul's Church. A barbeque lunch is available. Contact Letty on 5344 7430 or Kevin on 5334 7332.

MALDON: The Maldon Museum & Archives Association recently launched the first volume in its project to index the first 50 years of the Tarrangower Times. 'An Index to the Tarrangower Times - Vol. 1' (15 Jun 1858-31 Jan 1862), when the paper was circulated north from Maldon to Inglewood, south to Daylesford, west to Eddington and Moolort and east to Big Hill and Taradale, contains over 20,000 entries. It is anticipated Vol. 2 will be ready to celebrate the paper's 150th anniversary in 2008. Further information from Joan (5475 1036) or Lesley on goldiepark@gmail.com.

MALMSBURY: An Open Weekend and display will be held at the Mechanics' Institute, Mollison Street, from 10am-4pm on Sat-Sun 15-16 September, titled "From Barter to BATA - a history of business in Malmsbury". Available for private research by family historians will be early records, photos and maps. Phone secretary Susan on 5423 9383 or email MalmsburyHistorical@gmail.com

MALVERN: On Sunday 9 September at 3pm, Morna Sturrock AO, author of "Stonnington, a Centenary History", will speak about Stonnington's history, at Northbrook, behind Malvern Library in High Street. A Malvern Village walk will be held at 2pm on Sunday 30 September, starting at Tooronga Station (phone Steve on 0418 546 103). See www.vicnet.net.au/~malvern

MANSFIELD: The Mansfield Cemetery CD, a photographic and historic record of burials in the Mansfield Cemetery 1860-2006 is available at \$35 per copy, from PO Box 309, Mansfield, 3724. A film night of Roy Bostock's home movies will be held at 7.30pm on Monday 1 October at MACE, High Street, Mansfield, introduced by David Yencken. The Society will be at the Goulburn & Murray Association of Local & Family History Groups Expo on Saturday 17 November at Mulwala Services Club, 10-4pm. See home.vicnet.net.au/~mansh/

NARRE WARREN: Duncan McPherson will speak on "The History of Harness Racing in Victoria" at 2pm on Saturday 13 October at Narre Warren Library, Overland Drive, Fountain Gate. Rooms are open for research Tues 11-3; Thurs 7-9; Sat 11-3. See <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~nwfhg>

NEPEAN: Nathasha Wicks and the team from Cape Schanck Lighthouse will speak on "The History and Stories of the Lighthouse" at 8.00pm on Friday 7 September, at the Museum, 827 Melbourne Road, Sorrento. The AGM will be held at 8.00pm on Friday 5 October when Dr Sue Wesson will speak on the Point Nepean Community Trust. See www.nepeanhistoricalsociety.asn.au

NAVAL HISTORY: At 7.30pm on Monday 24 September the Naval Historical Society of Australia Inc. Victoria Chapter will meet with Warren Pasco, a descendant of Signals Lieutenant Pasco of HMS Victory, speaking at the Melbourne Naval Centre, 146W Toorak Road, South Yarra, opposite Fawkner Park. Contact secretary Joy on 9583 5761 for details.

OUYEN: The Local History Resource centre at Ouyen will host the Wimmera Zone Meeting of the Western Victorian Association of Historical Societies on the weekend of 6 and 7 October. There will be a bus tour from Ouyen to Kow Plains homestead and tour of historic Cowangie, Underbool Pioneer Park, Wlpeup 'Welcome Home Soldiers Banner'. Also Roxy Theatre at Ouyen, currently being restored. Bookings by 27 September. For further details contact Pres. Merle Pole on 5094 1331 or poles7@bigpond.com.au

PORT FAIRY: Mr Don Roberts will speak on "Tales of a Fisherman" at the September meeting held at the former court house at 30 Gipps Street. The History Centre is open Saturdays, Sundays, Wednesdays and Public Holidays from 2-5pm. See www.historicalsociety.port-fairy.com

PORT MELBOURNE: Diane Reilly, the State Library LaTrobe Librarian, will present her acclaimed talk on "LaTrobe the Man" at 7.30pm on Monday 24 September at the Port Melbourne Bowling Club. Contact secretary Pat on 9645 2324 or see www.vicnet.net.au/~pmhps

PORT PHILLIP PIONEERS: Microfiche of cemeteries at Booroondara, Box Hill and Burwood are sold for \$40, and Vol. 5 of Pioneer Profiles is available at \$15 from Susan Grant, PPPGroup, 27 Avenel Rd, Kooyong, 3144. Meetings are held at St Andrew's Parish Hall, Cnr Burke & Malvern Rds, Gardiner, from 1.30pm. See <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~pioneers>

QUEENSCLIFF: The First Annual Maritime Swap Meet will be held on Sunday 2 December in the grounds of the Queenscliffe Maritime Museum, involving boat bits, memorabilia, fishing gear, anchors, shipwrights tools, life jackets, all things nautical. Phone Les, June or Brian at the Museum 5258 3440

ROSEDALE: An historic walking trail designed as a town loop of approximately 1.8km taking in the churches of Rosedale, or a return walk of 2.8km to the Willow Park Reserve. Information about the Rosedale Common School is provided, along with the Mechanics Institute Hall, Bank of Australasia, Masonic Lodge, Post and Telegraph Office, The Royal Hotel, the Rosedale Hotel, the three churches, the sites of Blind Joe's Hut and the

Bridge Inn, and the Rosedale historic bridges. Contact secretary Jacky on 5199 2492 or email rosedalehds@hotmail.com

SANDRINGHAM: At 7.30pm on Thursday 6 September at 6 Waltham St, Sandringham, Geoff Grant will speak on "First Fleeters". About 70 students from Beaumaris Campus of Sandringham Campus are using the Resource Centre to research a number of topics, ranging from Cerberus to bathing costumes, to result in a DVD on historical topics relevant to Bayside. For details phone 9597 0985.

SOUTH EASTERN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION: The 2007 Discovery School is to be held on 27-28 October at Wonthaggi, entitled "A Mine of Information". The Saturday Seminar Day will be held at the Union Theatre from 10.30-4.00pm including lunch and afternoon tea, followed by dinner with guest speaker, and the coach tour on Sunday to Cape Patterson, a mine tour, town walk, and museum tour including lunch and refreshments. Total cost is \$65; deposit of \$25 to treasurer Phil at 2 Norman Ave, Frankston, 3199.

SUNSHINE: The Society's photographic collection is being catalogued and digitized. Members are currently celebrating the centenary of the move from Ballarat of H.V. McKay's Sunshine Harvester Works. In September a Sunday afternoon tour of some Sunshine gardens is arranged. The book "Harvester Town" costs \$27.50 from the Society at PO Box 720, Sunshine 3020, or see www.shineshinehistoricalsociety.org.au

SURREY HILLS: On Monday 17 September at 8pm, Ian Penrose, the Yarra Riverkeeper, will give an illustrated talk on "What's Happened to the Yarra River", in the Chandler Room of the Neighborhood Centre, 157 Union Road, Surrey Hills. Dr Eleanor Hodges, volunteer master gardener at the Cranbourne Botanical Gardens, will speak on Monday 15 October on "Australian Gardens and Native Plants". The Society is assisting the Mont Albert Primary School's 90th birthday and reunion celebrations, to take place on Sunday 25 November. They are appealing for photographs, awards, memorabilia, and stories about the school. Contact Wendy on 9898 2526 or email: Wendy.Edwards1@bigpond.com

WARRACKNABEAL: Society members will be traveling to Ballarat on Sunday 23 September for the annual Reunion. Proceedings will begin at 11.00am at the Brown Hill Hall in Humffray Street. Several members recently took the axe handle-making machine to the Junction Rally at Wentworth, which proved very interesting as many people had no idea of how an axe handle was made. Enquiries to 5398 1901 or jara@netconnect.com.au

WAVERLEY: A bus trip to Sunbury History and Heritage Society will be held on Sunday 16 September, departing at 9am from the Society's rooms at Mt Waverley Library, 51 Miller Crescent, Mount Waverley, to return about 5pm. At 8pm, Thursday 27 September, in the Society's rooms, Dr Gary Presland will speak on "Pre-European Aboriginal Life and Culture in the Monash Area". On Sunday 30 September from 2.30, the 37th Annual Gathering of descendants of early pioneering families with present Society members will be held at St Stephen's, 383 High Street Road, Mount Waverley. Phone convenor Beverley on 9802 9541 or phone secretary Norma on 9802 9332 or email whs@kepl.com.au

WENDISH: The 150th anniversary dinner, to celebrate the arrival in 1857 of the Hamburg ships La Rochelle, Neumuhlen, Cesar Godefroy, Carl, Dorothea, Gottingen, Manila, Herman, and Sverge, will take place on Saturday 6 October at 6pm at the Ringwood Lutheran Church Hall, Cnr Wantirna and City Roads, Ringwood, for \$25 per person. Contact Clay on 9779 3599 or email claykruc@optusnet.com.au - bookings essential by 21 September.

WHITEHORSE: 150 years of local government is being celebrated in Whitehorse Heritage Week, 9-16 September. Walks, displays, cemetery tours, and an Open Day at Schwerkolt Cottage are included. Free entry on Sunday 9 September 12noon-5pm, bring a picnic, to Schwerkolt Cottage and Museum Complex, Deep Creek Road, Mitcham. Phone: 9262 6478.

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