



# History NEWS

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Royal Historical Society of Victoria

October 12 - 19 is History Week!

## Discover the wonders of Victoria's past

To celebrate History Week, why not spend the week travelling back in time, discovering Victoria's wide and wonderful past.

From fascinating walking tours and engaging discussions, to exhibitions and 'history in the making' events - there is something in store for everyone to enjoy.

Events highlights include:

- the 'Making History' event, hosted by the Shrine of Remembrance and the RHSV, recording the memories of Victoria's doctors and nurses in war and peacekeeping on Thursday 16 October at 5.15
- a fascinating walking tour of significant women's sites in the city, hosted by the National Trust and celebrating the centenary of women's suffrage in Victoria;
- an engaging discussion on the characteristics and many distinguishing features of our impressive State by historian Professor Weston Bate OAM on Tuesday 14 October at 5.15
- the annual History Council of Victoria lecture at the State Library of Victoria, with the captivating Dr Barry Jones on Monday 13 October 6.00 for 6.30 (cost \$10.00)
- a guided historical walk of Emerald Hill's beautiful mansions and gardens;
- a photographic history of Victoria's Chilean football team curated by Judith Buchrich and supported by the Victorian Multicultural Commission;
- and many, many more!

### How do you get involved?

If you are already planning an event to occur during the week, let us know and we'll:

- add your event to the History Week calendar;
- provide you with a copy of the official History Week logo to include on all of your promotional material;
- provide you with postcards to promote History Week to your local community.

### And help spread the word!

Speak to your local school, newspaper, radio station and community groups and invite them to become involved with and promote History Week.

If you don't have anything planned as yet, put your thinking caps on and get back to us by the 26 September 2008. You can email ([office@historyvictoria.org.au](mailto:office@historyvictoria.org.au)) or call us on (03) 9326 9288.

Join in on the celebrations and help us make this inaugural History Week a success!

For all the exciting details check the History Week Web Site at:

[www.historyweek.org.au](http://www.historyweek.org.au)

**Make sure you check out the History Week calendar. It lists details on all the exciting events being held around Melbourne and Victoria during the week, and is constantly updated.**

*History Week is made possible with the generous support of the Vera Moore Foundation*



## Our art deco festival is underway

Did you receive your brochure in the mail?

Why not order another one to pass to a friend?

Pin the centre pages of this newsletter up somewhere prominent and remind yourself to enjoy Victoria's art deco delights.....

[www.alphaville.com.au/artdeco](http://www.alphaville.com.au/artdeco)

## \$500 GRANTS AVAILABLE

To celebrate History Week, due to the generous support of the Vera Moore Foundation, the RHSV is able to offer grants of up to \$500 to affiliated historical societies to develop portable banners and brochures to promote their society. Application forms will be available during History Week for projects to be completed by October 2009.

Application forms may be downloaded from our website [www.historyvictoria.org.au](http://www.historyvictoria.org.au) or by 'phoning 9326 9288 from 12 October.

*The RHSV has received a grant from Victorian Multicultural Commission to develop and produce its exhibition for History Week*



# Looking at the diversity of our community

In 2005 the RHSV held a fabulous exhibition, 'History Community Identity: Showcasing Melbourne's Diversity'. I was the lucky curator, bringing together the stories and photographs of Victorians from Vietnamese, Sudanese, Kurdish, Arabic, Polish, Hungarian, Maltese and Estonian backgrounds.

As well as individual banners representing each group, the RHSV was able to produce a beautiful booklet which was so popular that copies are now rare as hens' teeth. The booklet was able to bring greater detail to the stories as well as an overall picture of what has happened to the communities since their arrival in Victoria.

In 2008 I am continuing the exploration of the diversity of our state meeting with Latin Americans from Chile, Paraguay, Uruguay, Salvador, Argentina, Mexico, Cuba, Colombia, Nicaragua, Guatemala, Brazil, Bolivia and other Central and South American countries.

Most people left these countries to escape revolution, civil war and the aftermath of these upheavals. The largest group in Melbourne are from Chile and arrived as refugees or skilled migrants. After some years they brought their parents out. This pattern is very different to the European and Middle Eastern migrations to Australia where people leaving war torn countries had often already lost their parents or were forced to escape with limited possibility of bringing out other family members.

The Latin American groups are also different to others living in Melbourne because they are united by language. All but Brazilians are Spanish speakers. Brazilians speak Portuguese.

Perhaps more surprising is the number of people I have spoken to whose parents were themselves migrants from Europe to South America after the Second World War. Several of the Argentines I have spoken to are the children of Italians.

The numbers of these migrants in Melbourne are relatively small and tend therefore to club together to socialise, play sport, hold festivals and CELAS, the Spanish American Welfare Centre, located in Footscray, East Melbourne and Springvale, looks after the physical, social and psychological needs of all the communities, including the older Spanish community.

Most older family members speak little or no English, having followed their children to Australia well into middle age.

Despite difficulties, most Spanish Americans have taken to their life in Melbourne with great enthusiasm. They have easily continued their own cultural traditions while enjoying the multifaceted life that contemporary Melbourne offers bringing their own music, dance and customs to the scene.

The great challenge for me as a researcher in such a project is to distinguish the experiences of individuals and communities in the detail of the brief which is to look at the way background has affected the lives lived since arrival here.

I am just at the beginning of the project and will present a proper report to the Society when I have completed the project. As always the best part of such a project is meeting people and trying to understand how they live.

Dr Buckrich's work is supported with gratitude by grants from the Victorian Multicultural Commission.

*Dr Judith Buckrich*

## POSITION VACANT

Typists who work at home have always supported computer-indexing at the RHSV. From time to time we need to call for new volunteers to join their ranks.

The basic monthly commitment is to type approximately 25 pages of handwritten or printed text into a table using MSWorks or MS Word. Typists receive photocopies of the text and return the completed table by e-mail or on disk (no printing is required). Work commitments are adjusted to take account of the volunteer's holidays, family commitments, home renovations and the like. When the typing is received it is printed and passed to the indexer for checking. It is then imported into the appropriate databases, so making additional information about our holdings more readily available to researchers.

If you would like to join the typing team, in the first instance please contact Gerardine Horgan, 9326 9288 or send an e-mail to [office@historyvictoria.org.au](mailto:office@historyvictoria.org.au).



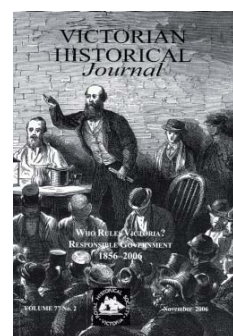
## Next HVSG Seminar Day at Kyneton 6 September

The next History Victoria Support Group Seminar Day will be hosted by Kyneton Historical Society. It will be on Saturday 6 September from 9.30 to 3.00 pm, and the theme of the day will be "Mechanics Institutes". Make your booking with Ged on 93269288, and prepare for a fascinating Seminar Day.

Joan Hunt

Convenor History Victoria Support Group

Vice President RHSV



## Index now online!

[www.historyvictoria.com.au](http://www.historyvictoria.com.au)

# OPENING SOON

## Melbourne's Moving Markets Exhibition

RHSV's latest exhibition, Melbourne's Moving Markets opens mid September. watch [www.historyvictoria.org.au](http://www.historyvictoria.org.au) for more details.

Melbourne was gazetted in 1837, with a market reservation allocated on the south-eastern side of the Collins and William Street intersection. However, no action had been taken to open it by 1840. The Port Philip Patriot reported that existing food merchants sold poor meat at exorbitant prices and suggested markets would encourage higher standards through competition. Soon, Melbourne hosted numerous markets.

This exhibition traces how Melbourne's markets moved, often being condemned as too small, subject to the whims of a growing and changing city, and, as markets have for centuries, facilitated economic, social and political exchange.



*The Melbourne Corporation Produce Market (Looking east along Flinders Street) c.1895*



*The First Eastern Market c.1875*



*The Collins Street frontage of the Western Market c.1875*

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# Art Deco 2008 Regional Festival Program of Activities

20 events listed in chronological order by launch date



## 1 CASTLEMAINE

**At Home with Art Deco:** A taste for the artistic and decorative in the home

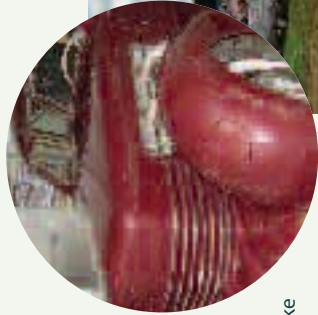
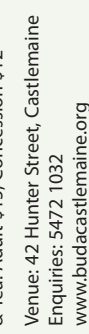
presented by Buda Historic Home

**Friday 29th August – Sunday 28th September, Wed to Sat 12noon – 5pm, Sun 10am – 5pm**

Exhibition featuring decorative arts, paintings and domestic items c.1914-1945. Admission: Adult \$9, Concession \$7, Family discount available.

**Saturday 30th August, 1pm**  
Tour, Talk & Tea: Guided tour of the Exhibition, followed by Art Deco talk and valuation session with Daryl Mills, Decorative Art Collector & Dealer, and afternoon tea à la 1930's in the Buda Garden Room. Admission plus Tour, Talk & Tea: Adult \$15, Concession \$12

Venue: 42 Hunter Street, Castlemaine  
Enquiries: 5472 1032  
[www.budacastlemaine.org](http://www.budacastlemaine.org)



## 4 MAFFRA

The Art Deco Bloke and His Shed

presented by the Gippsland Vehicle Collection Museum

**Sunday 31st August, 10am – 4pm**

Free entry day with exhibition of vintage and classic (largely American) cars and bikes, hand tools, period costumes, woodworking demonstrations, printing press, Art Deco newspapers, antique items and Michele Summerton and David Wixted to speak on Service Stations. Cost: Free on this day only.

Venue: Gippsland Vehicle Collection Museum, 1A Sale Road, Maffra (1942 ex-Vegetable Dehydrating Plant)  
Bookings: 5145 1103  
[www.gippslandvehiclecollection.org.au](http://www.gippslandvehiclecollection.org.au)



## 7 CASTLEMAINE

Christian Waller 1894 - 1954  
Art Deco Artist of Note

presented by Castlemaine Art Gallery & Historical Museum

**Saturday 6th to Sunday 28th September, Weekdays 10am-5pm; Weekends 12pm-5pm**

An exhibition featuring the Art Deco design work of Christian Wandell, wife of Napier Waller, incorporating stained glass window designs, drawings, prints, photography and illustrated books.  
Cost: Adults \$4, Concession \$3, Students \$2

**Saturday 6th September, 3pm**  
Exhibition Launch

Venue: Castlemaine Art Gallery & Historical Museum, 14 Iyrtleton Street.  
Enquiries: Peter Pery, 5472 2292  
[www.castlemaineartgallery.com](http://www.castlemaineartgallery.com)



## 10 HORSHAM

Art Decora'tea  
presented by Horsham Regional Art Gallery

**Sunday 7th September, 2pm**

A tour and display of plans of the 1938 Art Gallery and adjoining Town Hall, followed by afternoon tea with 1930's music from baritone Graeme Russell and his accompanist.

Cost: \$5. Free for members of Horsham Regional Art Gallery and Wesley Performing Arts Centre.

Bookings and enquiries: (03) 5362 2888  
[www.horshamartgallery.com.au](http://www.horshamartgallery.com.au)



## 11 ARARAT

Ararat's Art Deco Showcase  
presented by Ararat Rural City Council

**Thursday 11th to Saturday 13th September (Dress up day Friday 12th)**

Showcasing Ararat's rich culture and history of the Art Deco movement. Step back in time to the "old" Ararat and discover the magic – photographic exhibition, Art Deco film at the Astor Cinema (two screenings), self-guided walks, and a special shop window and costume dress-up day on Friday.

Venues: Ararat Performing Arts Centre, the Ararat Hotel, the Astor Cinema and the shops and streets of the CBD.  
Enquiries: Faeccall 1800 657 158 or 5355 0200



## 14 WANGARATTA

Deco Delites  
presented by Wangaratta Showcase

**Friday 19th September, 6pm for 8pm**

Join us for dinner, from 6pm, and revisit the nostalgia of the 30's era with 'Listen Up', a radio play reading performance at the Vine Hotel, North Wangaratta. Radio Play tickets: \$10 (Contact Lorraine, 5729 7570)

Dinner bookings: The Vine, 5721 2605.

**Saturday 20th Sept to Sunday 12th Oct**  
'Deco Delites' - a free exhibition and architecture slide show at the Tourist Information Centre, Murphy Street.

**Saturday 20th September, 3pm**  
Exhibition

Opening – inviting you to attend the glamour and spectacle of the Art Deco era. A free event; includes afternoon tea. For further information please contact Lorraine 5729 7570 or Rhonda 5721 3095.

**Sunday 21st September, 1.30pm**  
Mr. Robin Grow, President, Art Deco Society, to speak on Art Deco architecture, followed by a tour of Wangaratta Art Deco buildings and afternoon tea. Venue: Wangaratta Library Meeting Room, Docker Street. Cost: \$5.

Bookings essential as bus numbers are limited: 5721 3095 or 5729 7570.



## 18 MORNINGTON PENINSULA

Peninsula Art Deco Tour  
presented by Dromana Historical Society

**Saturday 27th September, 11am**

Web site 'Go Live' launch (invitation only). On-line or self-drive tour of several dozen Art Deco style private and public 1920 – 1940's properties on the Mornington Peninsula; including Frankston, Mornington, Dromana, Rosebud and Rye. Web site hosted by the Mornington Peninsula Shire. <http://ourlibrary.mornpen.vic.gov.au>, then go to Library Web Resources.

Venue: The Tasting Station, 1489 Point Nepean Road, Rosebud  
Enquiries: Peter Holloway, 0408 344 593



## 19 SKIPTON

Mooramong: Avant Garde in the Western District  
presented by the National Trust of Australia (Victoria)

**Sunday 28th September, 1pm**

House tour followed by afternoon tea by the pool.

Venue: Mooramong, Glenelg Highway (near Skipton)  
Cost: \$25 or \$20 for National Trust Members  
Bookings: (03) 9656 9800

Enquiries: Elizabeth Anya-Petrivna [www.natrust.com.au/trust\\_properties/other\\_regional\\_properties/mooramong](http://www.natrust.com.au/trust_properties/other_regional_properties/mooramong)



## 2 MARYBOROUGH

Art Deco Revisited presented by Maryborough Historical Society

**Friday 29th August - Sunday 28th Sept**  
Art Deco items on display in Central Goldfields Visitor Information Centre.

**Saturday 30th August, 2.30pm**  
Bus Tour of Art Deco buildings and houses in Maryborough concluding with afternoon tea in the Maryborough Town Hall foyer. A free event. Bookings required - telephone Central Goldfields Visitor Information Centre: 5460 4511, 9am - 5pm, 7 days a week. Bus tour departs from the Maryborough Town Hall in Neill Street.

**Wednesday 17th September 8pm**  
Historical Society meeting with guest speaker Mr Robin Gow, President of the Art Deco Society, at Worsley Cottage, 3 Palmerston Street, Maryborough. All welcome.  
Enquiries: Betty Osborn, 0419 356 249



## 3 YARRAM

DecoDance presented by Regent Theatre, Yarram and Yarram Historical Society

**Saturday 30th August**  
Program  
10am - 5pm: Theatre Open Day with fashion display and theatre posters on loan from Talbot Arts and Historical Museum.

10am to 12noon: free antique valuations by local antiques dealer Bruce Arnpur  
2pm: free film screening of 'Top Hat' starring Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers.  
7.30pm: 'DecoDance' - Art Deco era dance featuring the Cairo Club Orchestra and dance demonstrations.  
Dress: Art Deco style.  
Tickets: \$15, includes Art Deco supper, pay bar (no BYO).

Venue: Regent Theatre, Commercial Rd.  
Enquiries/bookings: Susan McMillan, Regent Theatre, 5182 5420  
email: enquiries@regenttheatre.com.au  
www.regenttheatre.com.au  
http://gowrie.alphalink.com.au/cairo/index.htm

## 5 MOUNT BULLER

Alpine Art Deco presented by the National Alpine Museum of Australia & Mansfield Historical Society

**Friday 29th August to Sunday 28th Sept**  
Display of clothing, photographs, posters and equipment used in the High Country during the Art Deco period. Cost: Gold coin donation  
**Sunday 31st August, 1pm**  
Launch Function.  
Cost: Gold coin donation

Venue: National Alpine Museum, Level 1, Resort Management Building, Mt. Buller  
Enquiries: Maigaet Franke-Williams, Manager National Alpine Museum, 5777 7235 / 0419 329 768  
www.nama.org.au



## 6 BALLARAT

Post DECO presented by the University of Ballarat

**Tuesday 2nd to Saturday 13th Sept, Monday - Saturday, 12noon - 3pm**  
Post DECO, a free exhibition featuring Ballarat artist's postcard sized works inspired by works of art, architecture and objects of the Art Deco period.  
**Thursday 4th September, 5pm**  
Exhibition Launch.

Venue: Post Office Gallery, cnr Sturt & Lydiard Streets, Ballarat  
Enquiries: Shelley Hinton, Manager (Thurs/Friday), 5327 8615  
or Clare Gervasoni, Curator (Mon - Wed), 5327 9168  
www.ballarat.edu.au/artsacademy



## 8 CHARLTON

Putting on the Ritz at the Rex presented by Charlton Community Theatre

**Saturday 6th September**  
8pm: Film screening "Siens"  
**Sunday 7th September**  
10am: Art Deco Display opening  
11am: History of The Rex & Virtual Tour  
12.30pm: Lunch  
2pm: Film screening of "Caddie" Showcasing the 1938 Rex Theatre, and exploring the social mores of the period through film, as well as a display of the artifacts from the era.

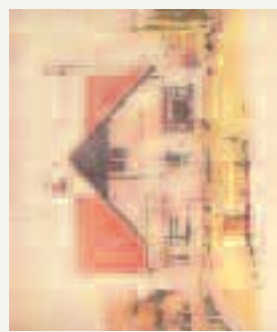
Venue: Rex Theatre, 30-34 High Street  
Cost: \$20 for two days, \$10 single day  
Bookings: 5491 1403  
www.charltoncinema.iinet.net.au

## 9 BALLARAT

Walking tour of inter-war housing in Ballarat presented by the National Trust of Australia (Victoria) Ballarat Branch

**Sunday 7th September, 1.30pm**  
A walking tour of inter-war housing in Ballarat, featuring the works of architect H.L. Coburn, concluding with afternoon tea.

Venue: Tour starts at corner of Russell & Sturt Streets, Ballarat  
Cost: \$5 per person  
Bookings: Marion Blythman, 5333 5163 (AH), or Dianne Gow, 5331 4854 (AH)



## 12 MILDURA

Switches and Swirls presented by Mildura Rural City Council

**Sunday 14th September**

11am: Professor Miles Lewis - a free public lecture on Art Deco in the La Trobe Theatre (part of the La Trobe Lecture Series).  
Launch of Mildura's "Art Deco Walking Tour" brochure in La Trobe Theatre. Cost: Free entry

2pm: Film screening of "Singin' in the Rain" at Deakin Cinema - dress in the style of the era is encouraged.  
Cost: Free entry

Enquiries: Vanessa Martin, Mildura Tourism Centre, 5018 8325



## 13 BENALLA

Art Deco in Benalla presented by Benalla & District Historical Society

**Sunday 31st August to Sunday 2nd November, 9.00am - 5.00pm, daily.**

An exhibition featuring works of Harold Hanlon, Benalla Architect 1924 - 1945, and costume and decorative art pieces of the Art Deco period. Costs: Adults \$3, Concession \$2

**Sunday 14th September, 4pm**  
Official Opening by Mr. David Demant, Melbourne Museum. Costs: Members \$5, Others \$8

Venue: Benalla Costume & Pioneer Museum, Mair Street, Benalla  
Contact: Robin Sadler, 5768 2222 or 5763 3395

## 15 BENDIGO

Deco on V Iew presented by Bendigo Art Gallery in conjunction with Bendigo Historical Society, Eaglehawk Heritage Society, Elmore Progress Assoc Society Museum & Campaspe Run

**Saturday 20th to Thursday 25th September, 10am - 4pm daily**

Explore the Deco period through the lives of Bendigo, Elmore and Eaglehawk locals. The exhibition will include film, artwork, objects and ephemera from local collections. Cost: Free

**Saturday 20th September 11am**

Official opening. Cost: Free

Venue: Dudley House, View Street  
Contact: Corinne Perkin, 5434 6179 or 5434 6088  
www.bendigoartgallery.com.au



## 16 FISH CREEK

Décorum presented by Fish Creek Development Group

**Sunday 21st September, 2pm - 6pm**

High Tea and jazz band at the Fish Creek Pub with the launch of the 'Fish Creek Pub Short History' commemorating Victoria's Art Deco 2008 Regional Festival. Cost: \$8 if not in 1930/40s dress. Adult \$5, Concession \$2

Venue: Fish Creek Pub, Fish Creek  
Bookings: Wendy Davidson, Fish Creek Development Group, 5683 2428  
email: wendyjoy@dcsl.net.au

## 17 WYCHEPROOF

Dancing through drought and dust presented by Wycheproof Historical Society

**Sunday 21st September, 3pm - 7pm**

An Afternoon Tea Dance at the Wycheproof Shire Hall, featuring story telling, music and dancing in celebration of the Art Deco era.

Venue: Wycheproof Shire Hall  
Bookings: 5493 7455

## 20 MELBOURNE

Art Deco OutNet presented by Museums Australia (Victoria) and the Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc.

**Sunday 12th October, 1pm**

An outreach and networking event for all participants and Art Deco enthusiasts involved in the Art Deco 2008 Regional Festival. Program includes photographs, dance and Art Deco speakers.  
Cost: Free.

Venue:

Royal Historical Society of Victoria, 239 A'Beckett Street, Melbourne  
Bookings and enquiries: Janice Haynes, Coordinator Art Deco Regional Festival, 9326 9288 / 0437 837 019  
email: j.haynesartdeco@hotmail.com  
www.alphaville.com.au/artdeco

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Festival information:

If you have any questions about the Art Deco 2008 Regional Festival please don't hesitate to contact:

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Details are correct at time of printing but may be subject to change. Check details with each venue.

**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 RHSV's library. Some items may later be reviewed in the Society's *Victorian Historical Journal*.

Dig 3ft NW: the legendary journey of Burke & Wills

Sarah Murgatroyd Text, Melbourne, 2008, pp. xi + 228, \$22.95



A successfully abridged version of *The Dig Tree* first published in 2002 to much justified acclaim. The story of Victorian folly and tragedy is well told and worth re-telling.

Captain James Cook sailing off the map

Craig Scutt Black Dog, Melbourne, 2008, pp. 96, \$14.99 A good example of imaginative writing for primary school children using historical material.



Vagabond: the story of Charles Sanger

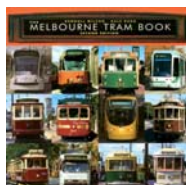
Bernard Slattery, Doug Ralph, Deirdre Slattery Friends of the Box Ironbark Forest, PO Box 689, Castlemaine, 3450 2008, pp. 48, \$15.00



The authors have carefully reconstructed the life of a lone bush prospector in the Fryer's Forest near Castlemaine: his upbringing and schooling; his court appearances and prison periods; his relationships with the police; but overall, his survival in the bush on the margins of society for over 50 years. He died in 1953. The authors have skilfully used the official records, newspapers, and oral testimony to give an interesting account of an eccentric individual.

The Melbourne Tram Book

Randall Wilson and Dale Budd University of New South Wales Press, Sydney, 2008, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, pp. 80



This is a splendidly illustrated tribute to Melbourne's trams and tramways, backed by excellent maps, notes and captions, sometimes with a quirky flavour. It packs a lot of authoritative material into its pages and has much to offer both the Melbourne historian and the tram buff.

J.A. Lyons – the tame Tasmanian: appeasement and disarmament in Australia, 1932-39

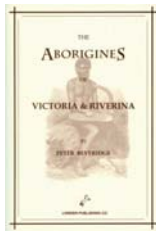
David Bird Australian Scholarly Publishing, Melbourne, 2008, pp. xii + 431, \$44



Originally a doctoral thesis, this substantial book puts a more positive view of Lyons's foreign and defence policies in the 1930s than has been current in Australian history writing. His quest for peace was influential in the Munich conference but at the same time he strongly supported the need for rearmament. A revisionist view, strongly argued, in an area of considerable interest but comparative neglect.

The Aborigines of Victoria and Riverina

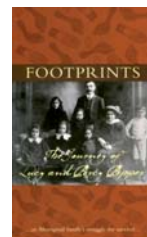
Peter Beveridge Lowden Publishing, 29 Lisbeth Ave., Donvale, 3111, 2008, 1<sup>st</sup> published 1889, pp. xxxiv + 221, \$45 (+ \$6 p&p)



The Beveridges pioneered Swan Hill with their homestead at 'Tyntynder' in 1845 and remained on several properties along the Murray for over 20 years. Peter Beveridge was proficient in several Aboriginal dialects and a keen observer and collector of Aboriginal culture and society in his area. He died in 1885 and his manuscript was published posthumously. He was a correspondent of Brough Smyth, Curr, Howitt, and von Mueller. Attractively produced, this republication makes accessible an otherwise very rare account of Victorian contact history.

Footprints: the journey of Lucy and Percy Pepper

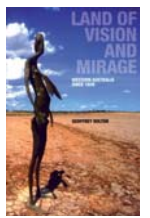
Simon Flagg and Sebastian Gurciello National Archives of Australia and Public Record Office Victoria, Melbourne, 2008, pp. xii+ 132, \$10.



Constructed on the premise that 'archival records can help Aboriginal people connect with their histories', this book provides practical illustration of how the story of the Peppers, one Gippsland Aboriginal family, can be revealed using the archives and the family's own memories and photographs. Elegantly produced, easily followed, authoritative, and an interesting and analytical story in itself, this little book provides many insights to early 20<sup>th</sup> century Aboriginal experience in Victoria. At the same time it is a valuable model for guides to archives.

Land of vision and mirage: Western Australia since 1826

Geoffrey Bolton University of Western Australia Press, Perth, 2008, pp. xvi + 270



Bolton's many important works in Australian history over a long professional life are all characterised by good, accessible writing. This latest fairly short history of his home state is no exception. It is a valuable addition to the state's history that has already been well served by Crowley, Stannage and Bolton himself.

Aborigines & activism: race, Aborigines & the coming of the Sixties to Australia

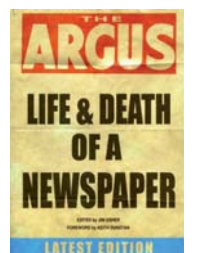
Jennifer Clark University of Western Australia Press, Perth, 2008, pp. vii + 308, \$35.95



Australian history has often been written in parochial terms without much discussion of international contexts. In this book, the author links well-known examples of Aboriginal activism in the 1960s like the 1965 Freedom Ride and the 1967 Referendum, along with later events like the establishment of the Tent Embassy in Canberra, to the anti-war protests, women's movements and civil rights activism in the United States and anti-apartheid struggles in South Africa. As the title suggests, there is also an argument about the meaning of the 'Sixties' with which historians and commentators have been struggling.

'The Argus', life & death of a newspaper Jim Usher (ed.)

Australian Scholarly Publishing, Melbourne, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Edition, 2008, pp. 224, \$39.95 More than 50 years since the demise of the *Argus*,



this book is a mostly loving portrayal of the paper and its makers especially in the 1940s and 1950s. The contributors and their subjects remind us of what now seems like a lost world in journalism. They also help convey the importance of the *Argus* in Victoria's and Melbourne's history, and as a source for so much historical research.

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**SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2008 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 (November) please send details of forthcoming events by 10 October to joanhunt@ncable.net.au



**ADAM LINDSAY GORDON COMMEMORATIVE COMMITTEE**

At 10.30am on Sunday 26 October at Brighton General Cemetery a tour on the theme of "Adam Lindsay Gordon, his Life and Beyond" will start from the main North Road gates. Cost is \$10 per person and bookings are essential. Phone 03 5261 2899. The AGM will be at the Eucalyptus Discovery Centre 69 Whyte Street Coleraine at 2pm, and a PowerPoint presentation on the life of Adam Lindsay Gordon will follow at 3pm. All are welcome. Contact secretary John Adams at <http://www.adamlindsaygordon.org>

**BACCHUS MARSH:** Geoffrey Herbert Hine, past secretary, newsletter editor, and president of Bacchus Marsh Historical Society and keen supporter of the Blacksmith Cottage and Forge Bookbarn, died on 9 July 2008, and his passing is regretted by all who knew this kind gentleman.

**BALLARAT GENIES:** The Ballarat and District Genealogical Society will hold the annual Ballarat Family History Open Day at the Ballarat Library, 178 Doveton Street from 11am till 4pm on Sunday 2 November, with speakers at 2pm on 'Researching Your Family History in Australia & Overseas, especially Ireland'. Free entry – all welcome. Learn how to research your family history (for beginners and experienced). See [www.ballaratgenealogy.org.au](http://www.ballaratgenealogy.org.au)

**BALWYN:** At 8pm on Thursday 11 September Mr Robin Grow, President of the Art Deco Society of Victoria, will speak on 'Art Deco in Balwyn and North Balwyn', and Mr Mike Nolan, Director of Noel Jones Real Estate Balwyn will speak on 'Buying and Selling Balwyn' on Thursday 9 October – at The Evergreen Centre, 45 Talbot Avenue, Balwyn. Free entry; supper provided. Enquiries to Robin Kelly on 9836 6589.

**BAPTIST:** Dr Darrell Paproth will speak on "The Life and Work of Rev Allan Webb (1838-1902)" at 7.30pm on Thursday 11 September at the Auburn Baptist Church, 597 Burwood Road, Hawthorn. Remarkable Baptist woman Margaret McLean was actively involved in the woman suffrage campaigns and signed the 1891 petition. Enquiries to secretary Christine on 9729 3263.

**BOX HILL:** At 8pm on Thursday 18 September Marjorie Morgan OAM will speak on 'Outstanding Local Women', at Strabane Chapel Hall, 29 Strabane Avenue, Mont Albert North. On 16 October Helen Harris OAM will speak on 'Helen Hart – Pioneer Suffragist'. See [www.vicnet.net.au/~bhhs/](http://www.vicnet.net.au/~bhhs/)

**BRIGHT:** Congratulations on receiving two awards (Alpine Shire Australia Award for the best Community Event of 2007, and the

Victorian Community History Awards 2008) for the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Buckland Riot and weekend of Chinese Festivities held during the Autumn Festival Celebration in 2007. Contact secretary Barbara on 5755 1120.

**BRUNSWICK:** The AGM will be held on Saturday 4 October when Barbara Hawkins will speak on "Port Phillip Pioneers 1803-1851 – Early Settlement in Victoria" at 1.30pm in the Mayors Room, First Floor, Brunswick Town Hall, 233 Sydney Road. Contact Francesca on 9387 1194.

**CAMPERDOWN:** At 4.30pm on Saturday 6 September Dr Michael Lawriwsky will speak about his novel "Hard Jacka" about VC winner Albert Jacka, at the Commercial hotel dining room. On Tuesday 7 October at 7.30pm Josie Black will speak about Aboriginal history and reconciliation at the McCabe Room, Camperdown. Enquiries to Mary on 5594 7263.

**CAMBERWELL:** Dr Celestina Sagazio (senior historian with the National Trust of Victoria) will speak on "The National Trust and Heritage Conservation" at 8pm on Thursday 11 September in the meeting room at the rear of the Hawthorn Library, 584 Glenferrie Road, Hawthorn. Contact Wenty on 9836 3558.

**CASTLEMAINE:** At 7.30pm on Monday 6 October at the Former Court House, 7 Goldsmith Crescent, Peter Thompson will speak on "Castlemaine Funeral History", and on 3 November Lenore Frost will speak about "Probates and Wills". See [www.castlemainehistoricalsociety.com](http://www.castlemainehistoricalsociety.com)

**CENTRAL HIGHLANDS:** CHHA Local & Family History Expo will be held on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October, 10 to 4 daily, at the Aquinas campus of ACU in Mair St, Ballarat. The theme is "That's Entertainment". Stalls, workshops films, performances, lectures, refreshments. Sponsored by PROV and Aquinas. Entry Adult \$10; Concession: \$8; Family: \$15

**COLAC:** Mr Neil Stewart will speak about 'The Stewart Family involvement with Number One Murray Street Colac' at 7.30pm on Wednesday 24 September at the COPACC History Centre. In October Mr Keith Hay will speak about 'The Corangamite Shield for Rifle Shooting'. Phone secretary on 5231 4831.

**ESSENDON:** The annual dinner meeting will be held on Tuesday 23 September at St John's Uniting Church at 6.30pm for \$22 per head, with Ross McMullin as after dinner speaker on "Will Dyson, radical artist" (WWI Australian war artist). Bookings essential by 12 September.

**FRIENDS OF SS GREAT BRITAIN:** Members and guests are cordially invited to attend the AGM of the Australian Friends of ss Great Britain to be held on Tuesday 21 October at the RHSV commencing at 11 am. Guest speaker will be Dr Richard Broome, Head of the History Department, La Trobe University, who will speak about life in early Melbourne during the time the Great Britain was sailing to Australia. The meeting will be followed by a light lunch (cost \$5). If you wish to attend, please advise secretary Bev Bromham on 9755 1176, or president Tony Scott on 5439 6312 or [anthonykscott@bigpond.com](mailto:anthonykscott@bigpond.com)

**FITZROY:** Fitzroy Proclamation Day and the AGM will be celebrated with two speakers on "Social Reform in a Changing Fitzroy" (Renate Howe and Brian Howe) at 7.30pm on Tuesday 9 September at Fitzroy Town Hall. An historical display featuring original documents, photographs and images of early Fitzroy will be held from 2-5pm daily on 10, 13, 20, 21, 29 September and 3, 4, 5 October. There will be 4 different walking tours of Fitzroy viewing sites of significance. Contact [fitzroyhistorysociety@yahoo.com](mailto:fitzroyhistorysociety@yahoo.com)

**FOOTSCRAY:** The annual free Footscray Heritage Trail Walk will be held on Saturday morning 18 October with a focus on the post-modern 20<sup>th</sup> century architecture in Footscray. Book before 29 September: 9688 0277 or see [www.maribyrnong.vic.gov.au](http://www.maribyrnong.vic.gov.au)

**GEELONG:** At 8pm on Wednesday 3 September in the auditorium above Geelong Library, 51 Little Malop Street, Michael Menzies will speak on "Through the Heads: The Visit of the Great White Fleet to Port Phillip Bay 1908". Anthony Bozeley will speak on "Legends Plaza" on 1<sup>st</sup> October. Contact secretary Freda by mail at 6 Balmoral Crescent, Ripplside, 3215.

**HAWTHORN:** A visit to the Victoria Police Museum in the World Trad Centre, Flinders Street, is arranged for Wednesday 24 September from 2-4pm. Tr4am no. 70 stops at D6, first stop after Spencer Street. Bookings necessary (limit 20) to Hawthorn Library on 9278 4666.

**HEIDELBERG:** At 8pm on Tuesday 14 October the AGM will be held as a members' night, at the Uniting Church Community Centre, Seddon St, Ivanhoe (enter from car park at rear). Note that the December meeting speaker will be linguist Dr Kate Burridge on 'Fascinating Language History'.

See <http://heidelberg.50webs.com>

**HORSHAM:** Neville Smith will speak at 8pm on Wednesday 3 September, and on 1 October Ken Flack will speak on 'Family History Resources', at the Society rooms, 33 Pynsent St, Horsham. The Mechanics Institute building which is the Society's home will be 100 years old in 2009. See <http://www.vicnet.net.au/~hhs>

**KEW:** At 8pm on Wednesday 10 September Dr Des Parkin will speak on the "History of Glass Creek" in the Phyllis Hore Room. The AGM will be held on 8 October, with the Mayor Cr Coral Ross as guest. The Kew Court House and Police Station are to be restored through Heritage Victoria and State and Federal Governments. Contact secretary Thea on 9817 3657.

**LANDSBOROUGH:** Meetings are held in the Barkly Room which is the old school building, on the first Monday of the month at 4.00pm in September and 7.30pm in October. A visit to Tottington homestead is planned for later in the year, and details can be gained from secretary Tim on 5356 9288.

**LINTON:** Judy Maddigan MP, a descendant of an early Linton family, will speak on Monday 20 October at 7.30pm on "100 Years of Women's Suffrage in Victoria", at the Historical Resource Centre, 71 Sussex Street, Linton. All welcome. Contact Letty on 5344 7430)

**MIDLANDS-MARYBOROUGH:** At 8pm on Wednesday 17 September Mr Robin Grow, president of Art Deco Society will speak at Worsley Cottage, 3 Palmerston St, Maryborough and for the month of September there will be an exhibition of Art Deco items at the Central Goldfields Visitor Information Centre. On 15 October a members night will be held at Worsley Cottage. See [www.vicnet.net.au/~mbhs](http://www.vicnet.net.au/~mbhs).

**MORNINGTON:** At 10.30am on Tuesday 9 September at St Mark's Uniting Church Friendship Room in Barkly Street Marion Steele will give an illustrated talk on "The History of the Mt Eliza Centre". On Tuesday 14 October John Rogers, Fleet Engineer (Victorian Navy) and President of Friends of the Cerberus will tell "The Story of the Breastwork Monitor Cerberus". A Mornington Cemetery walk with Eileen Kingsley will be held from 2pm on Saturday 25 October – meet at the main gain in Craigie Road, Mt Martha. See [www.vicnet.net.au/~mornhsoc](http://www.vicnet.net.au/~mornhsoc)

**NARRE WARREN:** Heather DeCrespigny will speak at the Narre Warren Family History Group on the 'History of the Red Cross and Records Available for Researchers' at 8pm on Saturday 13 September at the Narre Warren Library in Overland Drive. See <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~nwfhg/>

**NEPEAN:** At 8pm on Friday 5 September Ms Diane Gardiner from the Public Record Office Victoria will speak on 'Local History and Family Research' at the Mechanics' Institute, Cnr Melbourne & Ocean Beach Rds, Sorrento. Free entry; all welcome. Enquiries: 5984 0255.

**PLENTY:** A square dance will be run by Plenty Historical Society at 8pm on Saturday 13 September for \$15, BYO drinks and glasses, at Plenty Hall in Memorial Drive. The AGM will be held at Plenty CFA at 8pm on Thursday 2 October at 8pm. Phone 9432 0921.

**RICHMOND & BURNLEY:** At 1pm on Sunday 14 September a Town Hall Precinct History Walk entitled "Church and State" will be held, starting from the steps of the Richmond Town Hall in Bridge Road. The AGM will be held at 2.15pm on Sunday 12 October at the Society rooms, lower level, Richmond Library, 415 Church Street. See <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~rbhs/>

**RINGWOOD:** The AGM will be held on Tuesday 23 September when Tony Lethbridge will speak about "Ringwood Athletic Club History" in Room 4, Federation Estate, Greenwood Avenue, Ringwood. The Society's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary will be celebrated on 28 October. A Heritage Weekend will take place in November, with a photographic display and launch of the 'Recollections of East Ringwood' book. Phone president Russ on 9876-4367 or email [rhaines@bigpond.net.au](mailto:rhaines@bigpond.net.au)

**ST KILDA:** The AGM will be held at 2.30pm on Sunday 14 September at the Community Room of St Kilda Library, followed by a tour of the Society's collection. On 12 October former Melbourne High School "underground protest" students will recall the times. A walking trail guided by Janet Bolitho from 10am to noon will explore Port Melbourne's first two pubs opened by the beach in 1840 and later hotels. Bookings on 9209 6522. See [www.vicnet.net.au/~hsosk](http://www.vicnet.net.au/~hsosk)

**SANDRINGHAM:** On Thursday 2nd October, following our meeting at 7:30pm at the Society Resource Centre at 6 Waltham St, Sandringham, our guest speaker is Di Reidie, President of the Brighton Historical Society and she will be talking on the "Development of the Brighton Historical Society". On Thursday 30th October Robert Clark will speak on "The History of the Racing Industry in Australia between WW1 and WW2". Our entrant in the 2008 Community Heritage Awards Best Walk/Tour, "A Walk to Gipsy Village" - an illustrated Book or Booklet is still available at a cost of \$20.00 or \$10.00

- Contact Ph 9597-0985 or [sandringhamhistorical@gmail.com](mailto:sandringhamhistorical@gmail.com)

**SNAKE VALLEY:** Planning for the Society's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary will take place at 7.30pm on 9 September at the Society rooms, Smythesdale Road, Snake Valley, and the celebratory event will be on Sunday 12 October. On 14 October the topic will be CFA Fireguard. The Society has been granted funds to produce a walking and driving trail to points of local interest. Contact secretary Evelyn on 5344 9574

**TATURA:** Tatura Museum at 49 Hogan Street will host a display for the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Tatura Hospital during October. The 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Tatura & District Historical Society will be held on Saturday 8 November at 2pm, with a book launch of "Marched In", a comprehensive account of the three POW and 4 Internment Camps in Tatura area during WW2, by Lurline and Arthur Knee. Contact [info@taturamuseum.org.au](mailto:info@taturamuseum.org.au)

**TRARALGON:** The 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner will be held on 9 September with Mr Ted Addison speaking on "Then and Now from the 70s", at the Grand Junction Hotel Function Rooms, cnr Princes Highway and Franklin Streets. On Tuesday 14 October at 7.00pm Mr Rob Youl will speak about "Recollections of a Traralgon Boyhood" at the Kath Teychenne Centre, 11 Breed St, Traralgon. See [www.traralgonhistory.asn.au](http://www.traralgonhistory.asn.au)

**WARRACKNABEAL:** The Annual Reunion will be held on at Warracknabeal, to highlight the town's attractions and give visitors a chance to renew acquaintances with residents. Register at Wheatlands Agricultural Museum from 1pm on Saturday 20 September. The Brass Band will strike up at 11am at the Museum on Sunday 21 September before a barbeque lunch. More information: contact Jean on 5398 1901 or Robin on 5398 1475

**WAVERLEY:** At 8pm on Thursday 25 September Laurie Burchell will speak on "Monash vs Moreland – a comparison" at the Society's rooms, 41 Miller Crescent (abot Mt Waverley library). On 23 October Clive Enticott will speak on "Melbourne's Missing Mansions". See [www.vicnet.net.au/~whsvic](http://www.vicnet.net.au/~whsvic)

**WENDISH:** The Wendish Heritage Society's annual dinner at 6pm on Saturday 4 October will be held at the Ringwood Lutheran Hall, providing an opportunity for the descendants of the passengers of the ten ship which arrived from Hamburg in 1858 to celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their arrival in Melbourne. Passenger lists have been compiled. Contact John Noack on 9458 2848 or see [www.wendishheritage.org.au](http://www.wendishheritage.org.au)

**WESTERNVICTORIA:** The Southern Zone will meet at Terang on Saturday 4 October at 1.00pm at the Presbyterian Church. The Midlands Zone will meet at Carisbrook on Saturday 18 October at 12.15pm. The Wimmera Zone meeting will be held at noon on 26 October at Rainbow. See <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~wvahas>

**WHITEHORSE:** A Family Heritage Day from 12 noon to 5pm will be held on Sunday 14 September at Schwerkolt Cottage Museum Complex, Deep Creek Road, Mitcham (Melway 49 D7) – free entry; free parking. There will be wood turning, blacksmiths, machinery preservation, lapidary, lace and spinners and weavers, games and activities for children, and much more.

**WOADY YALOAK:** After the meeting at 1.30pm on Sunday 21 September a walk along the rail trail from Haddon Road to Smythesdale Recreation Centre will be held. Open days are each Wednesday 9.30-4.30 and the Last Sunday each month 1-5pm. Contact secretary Bill on 5342 8594.

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