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SSSSHH!

It's not everyday that librarians release a CD. Somewhere between answering tricky reference queries, shelving stacks of returned books, and re-programming catalogues, the staff at Port Phillip Library have put together SSSSHH!, a thrillingly diverse compilation written, performed and presented by the musical prodigies among library staff.

SSSSHH! sells for only \$12 a pop with all the proceeds going to the [St Kilda Youth Service](#). The CD is available at all branches of the library service.

SKHS Quiz-robics

SBS's RocKwiz is filmed in which St Kilda hotel?

What number tram runs along Chapel St from St Kilda to Richmond?

Which year did St Kilda's VFL team move to Moorabbin?

Name three (current) St Kilda Bookshops.

Elster Creek becomes Elwood Canal. Where does it rise?

(answers in next issue)

Don Taggart Memorial Plaque

Port Phillip City's Memorials and Naming Committee formally approved that the Taggart family install a plaque at Point Ormond in memory of Don Taggart who passed away in 2006.

Don was president of the St Kilda Historical Society from 1975–2000, and SKHS supported his family's request to have his name added to Port Phillip's memorials database.

SKHS congratulates Port Phillip City for their sensitivity in acknowledging the very important contribution that Don Taggart made to preserving the heritage of our city.

Sunday 11 November

Members will find a notice inside advertising our Fun Quiz scanning 150 years since the Proclamation of St Kilda as a separate municipality from the City of Melbourne in March 1857.

Do mark the date in your diary and invite your friends along.

Members could also help publicise the Quiz by putting the notice up in your local shop, clinic, community centre, school, church, gym, sporting venue, pub, club, café, garage, and the like.

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Committee meetings:

1st & 3rd Tuesdays each month
(except January), 6.30pm
SKHS office, St Kilda Branch Library
Members very welcome.

Heritage Report 2007

As well as receiving queries from members, Peter Johnson, our Heritage Officer reported forty eight inquiries for the year 2006–2007.

A break-down by subject area indicates that 39.6% inquiries were about Homes, Buildings and Businesses. Planning and Heritage issues took up 4.2%. Researchers, Writers and Journalists queries made up 16.7%. Inquiries about Parks and Places were 12.5%, Schools, 8.3%, while another 6.3% were from students. Films & Locations took up 2.1%.

Peter's most unusual request for information came from a member of the public looking for advice on which church to use for her wedding. The most distant inquiry came from a Museum in Malmo, Sweden seeking information on the ship's bell from the *Glen Huntly* which they have in their collection. Peter was also asked to trace the St Kilda location of a view shown in a watercolour painting recently purchased by one of our members.

SKHS Life Memberships

At the AGM, 9 September 2007, SKHS awarded Life Memberships to Joan Charlton and Irene Johnson who share the catering at our public meetings. Joan is also the Society's Welfare Officer.

Life Membership is but a small token of gratitude to Joan and Irene in recognition of their untiring efforts and ongoing commitment to SKHS over many years.

David Baker Prize 2007

Committee member, Carol Stals received the 2007 David Baker Book Prize for the significant contributions she made to the Society over the past twelve months. Carol coordinated several exhibitions in the display units in the foyer of the St Kilda Library and in the showcase near SKHS Office as well as the Elwood RSL and Elwood Community Bank.

In 2006, Carol also promoted and organised the inaugural SKHS Don Taggart Memorial Arts Prize with teachers at St Kilda (Brighton Rd) Primary School. The school entered poems written and illustrated by approximately 150 of their students which SKHS published as a book titled *My St Kilda* in 2007. Port Phillip City's Children Librarian, Linda Todd exhibited the students' poems at St Kilda Branch Library during July–August 2007 and in addition, helped launch *My St Kilda*.

SKHS thanks the staff in Mr Danby's office, Fitzroy Street, for kindly photocopying this issue of the *St Kilda Times*.

New Members

SKHS welcomes two new members,

Robyn Foy
Gillian Taylor

and we look forward to meeting you at our monthly talks on the second Sunday of each month.

Carmel Shute

SKHS sincerely thanks Carmel Shute, Media Officer, Port Phillip City, for promoting our public events and circulating notices regarding our guest speakers.

St Kilda Library

SKHS is most grateful to all the staff of St Kilda Branch Library for displaying our publications on their front desk.

SKHS Website

Webmaster, John Hulskamp manages our website www.vicnet.net.au/~hsosk, and since commencement in 2002 our Publications site has received almost 15,000 'hits'. This year we added *Voices from Elwood* making a total of five (5) books on-line, with a sixth, the *History of Elwood* to be added by the end of 2007-2008. More articles were added this year by **Mark Barry** who also uploads the *St Kilda Times*.

Free Community Events

PORT PHILLIP CITY

Free Guided Walks and Talks 2007

Bookings required for all walks via Sustainable Transport Unit:
Port Phillip City, Phone 9209 6852. Email walking@portphillip.vic.gov.au.
Enquiries: Phone Assist 9209 6777

Have a Ball in Balaclava

Meyer Eidelson: Sat. 20 Oct. 3.00pm–5.00pm

Discover the delights, past and present, of the Balaclava shopping centre with its lively community, historic cottages, cafes, shops, railway, library, town hall and churches.

History of Elwood Foreshore

Meyer Eidelson: Sun. 25 Nov. 10.00am–12.00pm

Discover the rich and varied heritage of Melbourne's most visited foreshore including clubs, playing fields, rifle range, quarantine station, bushland, convict escape route, former tram terminus, kiosks, landmarks and waterways.

See also [Walks in Port Phillip - A Guide by Meyer Eidelson](#), complete with maps, trail notes, local history and details of the animal inhabitants you might see along the way.

Earthcare St Kilda

Darwin in the Galapagos Islands

7.45pm – 9.00pm November 29th

Port Phillip Ecocentre, Cnr Blessington and Herbert Sts. St Kilda

Phillip Wierbowski

Darwin & the Voyage of the Beagle
plus images and video from Phillip's
recent visit to the Galapagos Islands.

Earthcare St Kilda PO Box 287 Elwood 3184

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NB: If you notice any unusual wildlife in St Kilda and Elwood

email awmccutcheon@optusnet.com.au

Vale Betty Day

SKHS was saddened to hear that Betty Day, one of St Kilda's most outstanding volunteer workers passed away on 24 August, aged in her mid-eighties. Betty Day worked in a voluntary capacity at the Cora Graves Elderly Persons' Recreation Centre in St Kilda from 1962 until she and Barry, her husband retired to Moama in NSW in 1985.

She introduced many of the centre's most popular activities including indoor bowls, choir practice, bus trips around the bay, and more importantly, along with 90 volunteer helpers, helped provide over two hundred and fifty lunches, five days a week (funded by the former City of St Kilda).

Mrs Day also supported the Elwood Canal Citizens' Vigilance Committee, Elwood High School Parents Association, the St Kilda Benevolent Association, and St Kilda Citizens Advice Bureau.

After Mr Day died 18 months ago, she returned to live in Melbourne. Her son Raymond looked after her until about seven months ago when she went to live at the Warrawee Aged Care Facility in East Bentleigh.

Mrs Day was honoured for her community work with a British Empire Medal from the Queen in 1980, and a telegram from Malcolm Fraser, PM in 1981. She won the St Kilda Civic Award in 1983, and in 1987, the former City of St Kilda named its new senior citizens' centre in Arygle Street, the Betty Day Community Centre.

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Free Public Events 2007

Unless otherwise stated, talks are held on the second Sunday of each month at 3.00pm (except January) in the Community Room, St Kilda Library, 150 Carlisle Street, St Kilda. 3183. Publications for sale. Afternoon tea provided. Public are welcome. No RSVP necessary. Free entry. Enquiries: Meyer 9690 9584: 0408 894 724

14 October

Members arrive 2.30pm
at Community Room
proceed to Archives
in the Basement
St Kilda Branch Library

Open-Day SKHS Archives

Visit the archives to view the collection and meet the team:
Dorothy, Fran, John, Kitty, Marilyn, Mark, Maureen.

guest speaker

Nerissa Broden from Koorie Heritage Trust

11 November

Members meet 2.30pm and
help set up for QUIZ

Quiz from 3.00pm

150th Anniversary Fun Quiz

Prizes, Nibbles, Free Entry

Make history by pitting your wits against
John Hulskamp's brainiacs – the Quiz champions of 2005.
(also see notice inside)

Teams, rope in your friends and book a table for six.
Individuals, don't be shy!

We will happily arrange that you share a table with other members.
RSVP tables: phone Dorothy 9537 1967 or email info@skhs.org.au

9 December

Members meet 2.30pm and
help set up for party.

Party from 3.00pm
(Community Room is
air-conditioned.)

End-of-Year Tea Party & Publication Launch

— out yourself as a St Kilda history tragic —
come along to celebrate our 2007 major & minor events
and also help launch the Naming of St Kilda
researched by Fran Bader, edited by SKHS committee

Everyone is welcome and we would appreciate
your RSVP for catering purposes.

Phone Dorothy 9537 1967 or email info@skhs.org.au

There will be no general meeting or talk during January 2008
Details of February 2008 meeting are currently being finalised.
