



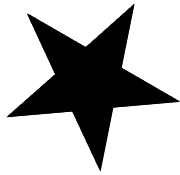
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SKHS End-Year Celebration

3pm Sunday December 14
St Kilda Community Room
Foyer, St Kilda Library

- ◆ Actor Wilma Farrow portrays suffragist Vida Goldstein to mark woman's enfranchisement in Victoria
- ◆ SKHS acknowledges the MLA's and MLC's who supported the 1908 VIC Suffrage Bill
- ◆ You may check the online '1891 Monster Petition' for names of your ancestors or find out if a suffragist lived in your house or street. (See Suffrage items P3)
- ◆ Screening x 2 DVDs
- ◆ *Klepto's* Magic Tricks
- ◆ Free entry. Refreshments
- ◆ RSVP is Required details:flyer inside


Membership

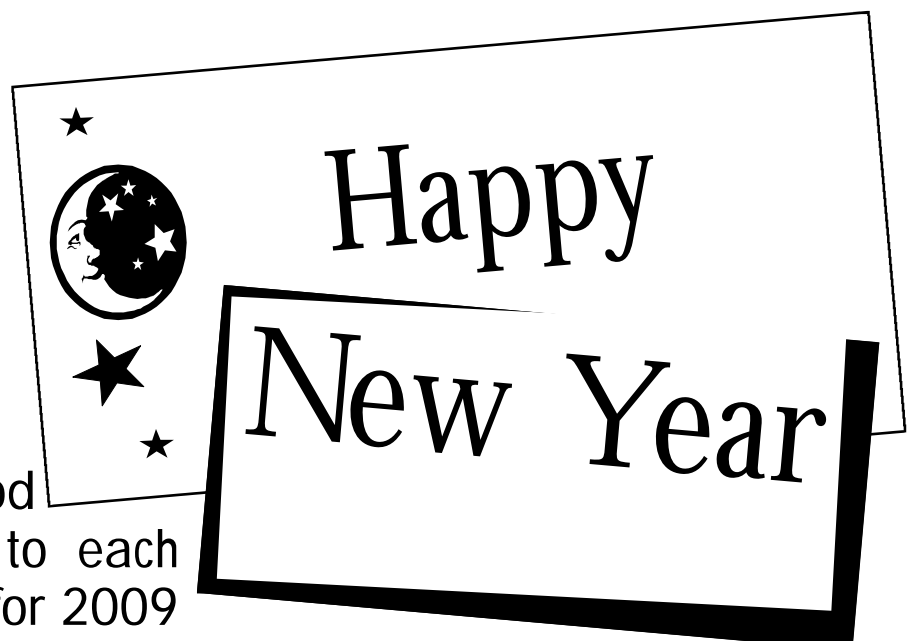
Thank you to all who have renewed your 2008—2009 SKHS memberships.

Your subscriptions are helping SKHS conserve St Kilda's unique history and heritage, as well as its culture and character.

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 The 2008—2009
Committee
wishes good
fortune & serendipity to each
SKHS member for 2009



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President's Letter

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Committee Meetings:

6.00pm-8.00pm 1st Tues ea mth.
 SKHS Office, St Kilda Library.
 Financial members very welcome. If
 you wish an item included on the
 Agenda just contact the Secretary
 prior to meeting.

Three weeks ago a group of indigenous students about 12-13 years old arrived in Melbourne for a visit from their school at Billiluna Station in the Kimberleys.

They had travelled from the arid north of Australia to the seaside on the southern ocean. They asked me to take them on a tour.

The trip to Melbourne was a reward for their hard school work during the term. It is not an uncommon innovation in outback Australia to provide rewards for attendance and achievement at school. These ten students had 'won' their trips. Two of their teachers were young women originally from Melbourne.

The day previously the Billiluna kids had met some of their football heroes and also Kathy Freeman at the MCG. One cultural thing we all shared was that these students are all fervent supporters of AFL teams.

On behalf of St Kilda Historical Society, I took them on a tour of Gasworks Park and also walked to the beach. These beautiful young people and I had a great time comparing bush tucker in the Kimberleys with bush tucker in Melbourne. These kids still hunt and forage occasionally up north. They left us heading for Luna Park after a couple of hours.

Joe Eidelson made a CD with film, music and narrative of their visit which I sent to them. You can see it at our break-up event Sunday 2.30 on 14 December. Or Internet gazers can look up 'Billiluna Dream' on YouTube.

Meyer Eidelson

Reminders

As a reminder to members who have forgotten to renew your membership please note the red dot on the front page of this newsletter.

We do not want to lose one member as you are all precious to us, so please renew now and maybe join up a friend as well.

Also check out the benefits of membership on the reverse page of flyer and if you have any queries in relation to your renewal, do contact Dorothy on 9537 1967.

Scribes

The *St Kilda Times* editorial team welcomes news of members' life events: e.g., new babies, significant birthdays, partnerships, alliances and anniversaries.

Short articles of local interest and brief family histories are also invited as are limericks and short poems relating to St Kilda.

Photos with dated and readable details of members, family, ancestors, home or flat, garden, favourite tree, scene, street or neighbourhood are welcome as well.

Email: info@skhs.org.au or mail to:
 PO Box 177, Balaclava, 3183.

ST KILDA LIBRARY

St Kilda Historical Society is truly grateful to St Kilda library staff. Not only do they redirect on-the-spot queries about SKHS, but they facilitate sale of our publications at the front desk.

Many, many thanks to all and we wish them every success in 2009.

THE SUMMER READ

Whether you're at the beach, in the bush or in your own backyard, between 14 November 2008 and 28 February 2009 St Kilda Library invites you to be part of the State Library's summer reading program. For the booklist and more details (incl. prizes) visit St Kilda library or google State Library of Victoria.

Send us ideas for VIC History Week 2009: Oct 25 - Nov 1

Surprise '09

1891 Women's Suffrage Petition

Surprise your friends,
and neighbours,
with a membership of
St Kilda Historical Society

Just send us the application
(in Flyer) with your cheque

We'll do the rest

The 1891 suffrage petition is a very significant document in the development of Australia's democracy as it was the first of its kind in Victoria and it also helped in the development of an international grassroots woman suffrage movement.

As part of the 2008 celebrations of the centenary of Women's Suffrage in Victoria, the petition was added to the UNESCO Australian Memory of the World register. It is also listed as a significant document on the Victorian Heritage Register.

In conjunction with the Parliament of Victoria, the petition has been digitised and can now be searched online for the names and suburbs of signatories: www.parliament.vic.gov.au/WomensPetition/PetitionDisplay.cfm.

SKHS has downloaded the names of signatories in St Kilda, Balaclava and Elwood areas and you can now check if your ancestor signed the Petition or whether a suffragist lived in your house or street.

Suffrage *WIKI* at Public Records Victoria (PROV)

Public Records Office Victoria, 99 Shiel St, North Melbourne, is the archives of the State Government of Victoria (VAC) and it enables researchers to access records from European settlement of the Port Phillip District in the mid-1830s to today.

SKHS members will be interested to hear that a wiki-type website is now being trialled by PROV that will enable researchers to provide comments, extra information and their own linkages about and around records held by PROV.

Like wikipedia, PROV wiki is on a website anybody can log into, contribute toward and edit.

To kick *wiki* off, PROV will be putting up information contributed by women from all over Victoria responding to the centenary of women's suffrage celebrations.

Researchers are also invited to help PROV improve the quality of descriptions of photographs in their collection, such as those from our 1956 Melbourne Olympic Games collection.

PROV is hoping that researchers will find the opportunity to contribute their own information, tips and discoveries in the records to help make visits to the PROV website more meaningful and fulfilling.

PROV wiki: <http://wiki.prov.vic.gov.au>

2009 Annotated Historic Pictorial Calendar featuring *Images from the Borough* available from Port Melbourne Historical & Preservation Society

Drop in on Tuesdays 10am – 1pm, Port Melbourne
Town Hall, 333 Bay Street, Port Melbourne
PO Box 552, Port Melb. VIC 3207 Ph: 9646 9360
Email: pmhps@hotmail.com

You can always leave a message or purchase at the
Town Hall reception during usual business hours.

2009 Annotated Pictorial Calendar
Get them while they last !!!

Images from the Borough: "A Collector's Item"

- ◆ \$12.00 on sale now
- ◆ For postage and handling within Australia, add \$3.00
- ◆ For international or multiple items please contact PMHPS to determine postage costs





St Kilda Historical Society

Public Sunday Events 2009

SKHS is very grateful to Mr Danby's office for reproducing the St Kilda Times

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| <p>Members' general meeting at 2.30 pm. Speakers start at 3.00pm approx.</p> | <p>Meetings are held at St Kilda Community Room, Foyer, St Kilda Library, 150 Carlisle Street, St Kilda unless otherwise stated. Public welcome. Admittance free. No RSVP – just turn up! Publications available for sale at meeting. Museum item of the month displayed.</p> |
| <p>18 JANUARY 2009 Sunday @ 2.00pm St Kilda General Cemetery (entrance Dandelong Road)</p> | <p>JACKA ANNIVERSARY SKHS is participating in the public annual commemoration at the grave of Albert Jacka, former Mayor and VC winner at St Kilda General Cemetery at 2.00pm. Afternoon tea will follow at St Kilda Town Hall in the foyer (portico entrance) under the 14th Battalion Colours from 3.00 – 4.00pm. RSVP afternoon tea, Marisa 9209 7777</p> |
| <p>15 FEBRUARY 2009 Sunday @ 2.30pm Community room St Kilda library</p> | <p>THE HISTORY OF MAGIC Meyer and Joe Eidelson trace the evolution of magic from ancient times to the modern era including Harry Houdini's visit to Melbourne ninety-nine years ago. Included are live demonstrations of historic forms of magic such as illusion, sideshow, mentalism, close-up, street scams and escapology (e.g., straitjacket, lock-picking, etc).</p> |
| <p>15 MARCH 2009 Sunday @ 2.30pm Community room St Kilda library</p> | <p>LITIGATION, LEATHER AND LOQUACITY: TALES FROM A PUBLIC LIFE Brian Bourke is Victoria's longest practising barrister, past president of the South Melbourne Football Club as well as a veteran of Victorian debating – including founding the club at Pentridge. Don't miss 'Bourkie's' account of extraordinary experiences from murder cases to football mayhem and infamous criminal characters.</p> |
| <p>19 APRIL 2009 Sunday @ 2.30pm Community room St Kilda library</p> | <p>WOMEN IN FOOTBALL Did you know women have played Aussie rules football since at least 1915? And that some of the earliest ever games took place in Port Melbourne and St Kilda in 1921? Dr Robert Hesse of Victoria University presents his recent and fascinating research and images. Phd student Rachel Winterton also talks on some of the earliest aquatic sports in Melbourne.</p> |
| <p>17 MAY 2009 Sunday @ 2.30pm Community room St Kilda library</p> | <p>PHRYNE'S ST KILDA Local writer Kerry Greenwood is an acclaimed author of detective novels. Many set in St Kilda include a score of books featuring Phryne Fisher, a fabulous jazz era heroine. Kerry talks about her books and their researched St Kilda settings.</p> |
| <p>14 JUNE 2009 Sunday @ 2.30 pm Community Room</p> | <p>THE INDIGENOUS HISTORY OF ST KILDA Today's meeting will celebrate the indigenous history of St Kilda to mark the upcoming NAIDOC Week, July 2009</p> |
| <p>12 JULY 2009 Sunday @ 2.30pm Community room St Kilda library</p> | <p>A CARTOONIST'S LIFE George Haddon is a former editorial cartoonist with the Sun Herald, winner of four coveted Walkley Awards and Cartoonist of the Year 2004. A resident of South Melbourne, George tells of his life journey to become one of Australia's best known and prolific cartoonists.</p> |
| <p>9 August 2009 Sunday @ 2.30 pm Community Room St Kilda library</p> | <p>To be announced</p> |
| <p>13 SEPTEMBER Sunday @ 2.00pm AGM 2.00pm Community Room St Kilda library</p> | <p>AGM AND MUSEUM OPEN DAY Attend AGM starting at 2pm followed by a public exhibition at 3pm of our museum located in the dungeon under the library containing an extraordinary collection of artefacts, photos and costumes.</p> |
| <p>11 OCTOBER 2009 Sunday @ 2.30 pm Community room St Kilda library</p> | <p>To be announced</p> |
| <p>8 NOVEMBER Sunday @ 2.30pm Community room St Kilda library</p> | <p>To be announced</p> |
| <p>13 DECEMBER Sunday @ 2.30pm Community Room St Kilda library</p> | <p>END YEAR CELEBRATION</p> |