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UPCOMING MEMBERS' MEETINGS

REMINDER

The end of the financial year approaches once again bringing with it a reminder to renew our annual membership for July 2011—June 2012.

To help manage our society and carry out its day to day operations SKHS relies on:-

- ◆ members' subscriptions and encouragement
- ◆ untold hours of behind-the-scenes work put in by volunteers
- ◆ an annual grant, assistance and support from the City of Port Phillip

SKHS Membership may be renewed:-

- (1) in person at our July 10 combined meeting with FoSKC
- (2) by mail: please send a cheque to PO Box 177, Balaclava 3183
- (3) online by Direct Debit:- this saves paper and postage and allows us to renew at any time.

For members' convenience a Renewal Form is included inside this issue of *St Kilda Times* along with details for direct debit.

Sunday July 10 at 3pm

Guest Speaker: Dr Judith Buchrich
Combined Meeting with Friends of St Kilda Cemetery
Community Rm off Foyer St Kilda Library
SKHS members free

Dr Buckrich is an Honorary Fellow of Melbourne University's Historical Studies School and Consulting Fellow of World Innovation Foundation. She has also worked as a translator, written her own one-woman shows, short stories, feature articles and edited several anthologies of prose and poetry plus she is chair of International PEN Women Writers' Committee.

Among her published works are: *Melbourne's Grand Boulevard: The Story of St Kilda Road*; *The Long and Perilous Journey: A History of the Port of Melbourne*; *The Montefiore Homes: 50 Years of Care*; *George Turner: A Life*; *Design for Living: A History of Prahran Tech*, as well as other titles.

Sunday 11th Sept at 2.30pm

2010-2011 SKHS Annual General Meeting
2011-2012 SKHS Annual Committee Election
Community Room off Foyer St Kilda Library
Meeting followed by refreshments

Financial members are urged to attend the AGM as well as nominate for a position on the 2011—2012 Committee of Management.

The committee consists of four executive positions plus four general or ordinary positions and full committee meetings are held every second month.

If you are interested in developing strategies for the continuing progress of our society and have an email address, do put your name forward by contacting a member of the outgoing 2010—2011 committee. Just email info@skhs.org.au

Nomination and Proxy Forms will be circulated in next quarterly *St Kilda Times*, end of August 2011.

NEW COMPUTER

The City of Port Phillip enabled SKHS to purchase a new computer which will be solely dedicated to detailing, describing and illustrating the numerous objects, images, framed pictures, documents, books, maps, etc. kindly donated to our collection over the years.

Once our team of volunteers enter and index all the data they have been arduously cataloguing, sketching and photographing into the new computer, members and residents will be able to access the entire collection online.

SKHS BUSINESS

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2010-2011

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Kitty Barclay

Maureen Walker

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Peter Johnson

Hospitality & Welfare

Joan Charlton

Library

Dorothy Lobert

Membership

Dorothy Lobert

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COMMITTEE MEETINGS

1st Monday every second month
SKHS Office, St Kilda Library.

To make a suggestion or raise an issue please notify the Secretary 24 hrs in advance so it can be included on the agenda.

NEWSLETTERS

St Kilda Times is published each quarter, 1st week Mar, Jun, Sept, Dec. Deadlines for news and notices- two weeks prior. Please email to: info@skhs.org.au to attn Editor.

ITEMS

ST KILDA TIMES welcomes emailed items relating to present and past aspects of St Kilda's history and heritage for potential publication — not more than 1 x A4 page, 12pt font Microsoft Word.

NEW MEMBERS

SKHS welcomes three recent new members and looks forward to seeing you at our meetings:-

Liane Briner, Susan Graham, Phillip Stewart

FLOOD UPDATE

Collection Room

Members will be aware that our Collection Room in the basement of St Kilda Library was flooded in February — for the second time in six months.

The regretful consensus of the Collection Team is that the room is no longer suitable for our purposes, not only because of the flooding but also because of mildew and mould — which are not covered by insurance.

Costumes

SKHS is very grateful to St Kilda Library for all the assistance they gave us during the flood and for very kindly providing us with a space to temporarily store our costume collection.

Books & Records

Some of the books, records and artefacts will be stored in the Society's office in St Kilda Library.

Boxed Items

Most of the already boxed and catalogued collection are relocated to the storage space in the community room and modular shelving purchased to accommodate same.

Larger Objects

Our Collection team is on the lookout for a suitable museum space within the municipality to house and display the 3-d objects in our Collection.

These include:- Neon Skating Girl; Christ Church Bell; Friendly Society paraphernalia as well as a Gallier & Klaerr Bushman's Stove, a Malvern Star bicycle, various costumes and footwear as well as framed and unframed images, posters, maps, invitations and other ephemera.

If anyone has suggestions/solutions, please contact us on info@skhs.org.au.

HISTORY ON SHOW

In addition to cataloguing, members Maureen Walker and Kitty Barclay have kindly agreed to coordinate three themed historical exhibitions per year for SKHS in the library foyer showcase. They will also change the content of the small glass display cabinet in the library study area on a regular basis. In addition, they hope to organise a special panel-show to celebrate History Week Victoria (last week in October).

Should members have any feasible ideas for a themed display in the future or would like to arrange an exhibition, do email info@skhs.org.au

SOCIETY BANNER

SKHS is grateful to the Royal Historical Society of Victoria (RHSV) for selecting us as the recipient of a small grant that will enable us to create a new banner promoting our society.

SKHS Committee are currently working on a draft design and would welcome input from any graphic artist(s) out there.

H-FILES

Many thanks to Dorothy Lobert who exchanged all the archaic suspension files in our filing cabinets for new ones and re-organised our documents and images so they may be found more easily.

CORRECTION

Anzac Day Insert, St Kilda Times March – May Issue No 205 (page 1)

Feature headed Commemorating Albert Jacka:- last paragraph

CoPP has let us know us that information about “the Annual CoPP Albert Jacka-William Newton Memorial Scholarship” [resourced from the Dept of Education and Early Childhood Development Victoria website] is incorrect.

St Kilda Times sincerely regrets any inconvenience or other to SKHS members and readers.

SKHS MATTERS

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

SKHS extends very best wishes to our valued member, Valma Leonard on the occasion of the significant birthday she celebrated in March 2011. Not only do we admire her charming personality and resilience but also her ability to whip up delectable Barm Bracks for a'noon tea. See *St Kilda Times* Issue No 205 for Valma's family recipe of same.

CONGRATULATIONS

SKHS congratulates Collection Team member Maureen Walker upon receiving the degree of Master in Public History, Monash University.

MEETINGS

SKHS Committee is always on the lookout for interesting speakers. We are happy if you can suggest or connect us with a speaker or presenter for future members' meetings.

DONATION

SKHS thanks Tom Gibson from Bairnsdale for his donation of postcards to SKHS.

Five of the cards recall visits to St Kilda in 1920 and 1926, one picture is of Glenfern, copyright Herald Sun, from 1950, and one picture was taken at the Jacka Memorial Service in 1950, copyright Herald Sun.

ST KILDA GARDENS 150TH

During July look out for the SKHS history display in the foyer showcase — highlighting the history of St Kilda Botanic Gardens, formally opened Nov 1861. Many thanks to Patricia Convery who will prepare the exhibition.

CoPP CULTURAL HERITAGE REFERENCE COMMITTEE 2011—2013

When City of Port Phillip invited the St Kilda Historical Society to nominate a representative to serve on its Cultural Heritage Reference Committee (CHRC) 2011—2013 commencing July 2011, Peter Johnson, our President and Heritage Officer kindly agreed to serve on our society's behalf.

CHRC replaces the Urban History Consultative Committee whose terms of membership have expired. That committee was initiated to focus specifically on the development of an Urban History Centre at Emerald Hill Library.

CHRC's revised purpose is to:

- ◆ provide input to policies which impact on heritage and history, including acquisition and de-accessioning processes for the [city's] Heritage Collection
- ◆ make suggestions on improving access to heritage services for residents
- ◆ assist in the development of city-wide programs to highlight historical and heritage assets of the city
- ◆ access community resources where relevant to support heritage services.

The composition of the Committee is as follows:

- A Councillor
- Up to four community members who have a demonstrable interest in heritage topics or have experience in a heritage services field
- A representative nominated by each of the historical societies: Port Melbourne, St Kilda and Middle Park.

VICTORIAN WOMEN'S HONOR ROLL

SKHS member Brenda Richards was recently inducted into the Victorian Honor Roll for Women which recognises women who have made a difference to Victorian society. Brenda was a founding member of the Council of Single Mothers & their Children and strongly advocated on their behalf. Incidentally, she is also joint Number One ticket holder at St Kilda City Football Club, the reigning Division 1 senior premiers.

WANTED

ideas for future SKHS activities, events, performances, movies, other
email info@skhs.org.au # mail PO Box 177 Balaclava 3183

SKHS HERITAGE QUERIES

THE ST KILDA CODE

[ctd from Issue No 205]

John M. seeks information on "...the decorative panels as you enter the St Kilda Public Library looks like cuneiform script..."



Image : John M. 2010

RESPONSE

... I suspect that you are possibly right and it is a form of cuneiform script.

That is the sort of thing the architects ARM (Ashton Raggatt McDougall) would do. They are interested in using 'layered meaning' in their work.

You could contact them for a more definitive answer.

Regards,

Peter Johnson, President & Heritage Officer
St Kilda Historical Society

UFS DISPENSARY

Do you have any information or photos connected with the former UFS (United Friendly Societies) St Kilda Dispensary — opp. St Kilda City Hall?

The Dispensary, at the time regarded one of the most advanced in the British Empire, was built around 1940 on the corner of Brighton Rd & Moroney Street.

Contact Peter Johnson, email heritage@skhs.org.au

On the off-chance that members or readers may be able to provide some additional information, *St Kilda Times* reproduces the following queries recently received by SKHS.

Should you happen to have any related documents or photos please let Peter Johnson know. Email heritage@skhs.org.au; Mail PO Box 177 Balaclava, Vic. 3183.

GEORGE CASE LESH

Dear Historian,

I am researching my ancestor George Case Lesh who lived for a short while in Inkerman St.

When he sold the house it was described as being opposite the house of Mr Bunny. I believe Mr Bunny's house was called Eckerberg, but I do not have the house number.

George Case Lesh's house was described as a four roomed veranda cottage with detached kitchen, stabling, out houses, and a large garden with vines in full bearing.

Can you give me any help in finding the house of my ancestor supposing it still exists.

Many thanks.

Best regards,

Elizabeth

Tues, Apr 12, 2011 at 12:45 AM, Peter Johnson replied

Hello Elizabeth,

Eckerberg House, later called Huntingdon, was at 132 Inkerman Street in 1897. See attached plan [not reproduced here due to lack of space]

... When John Vardy prepared his survey of St Kilda in 1872, there were several timber cottages opposite Eckerberg. It is difficult to know exactly which one Lesh lived in as the houses were not numbered then.

Anyway they were all demolished for the Galliers & Klaerr workshop and foundry as it expanded in the early 1900s. So it is gone, I am afraid. Today a six-storey residential block stands in its place.

If anything comes to light in the next couple of months, I shall certainly let you know.
Regards

Peter Johnson, President & Heritage Officer, St Kilda Historical Society

Sun, Apr 17, 2011 at 9:07 PM, supplementary question from Elizabeth

G C Lesh had cash flow problems and was constrained to sell all his household possessions as can be seen in the attached clipping from the *Argus* 17 July 1867. He was selling all the trappings of the well to do Victorian gentleman!

My question is would he have been able to keep his horses, cows and calves on his property in Inkerman street?

With thanks and best regards,

Elizabeth

Mon, Apr 18, 2011 at 9:08 PM Peter Johnson wrote:

Hello Elizabeth,

My answer to your question is no, he probably wouldn't. Usually it was by agreement with his debtors...

Regards

Peter Johnson, President & Heritage Officer, St Kilda Historical Society

SKHS HERITAGE WATCH

by Peter Johnson, President & Heritage Officer, St Kilda History Society

VCAT Decision: Heritage Aspects Village Belle Development

For prior details see *St Kilda Times Issue No 203* www.vicnet.net.au/~hsosk click "news"

"... Having read VCAT's decision with respect to the heritage aspects of the 1891 building, these positive results are noted:-

#34 Front balcony wall will be retained

#36 Balustrading, pediments & urns to be restored

#37 External paint colours to be neutral

#38 Recommends (but not required) that the Barkly St entrance door fanlight are retained."



Image: SKHS Files

SUGGESTIONS FOR SKHS HISTORY RESEARCH PROJECTS

— Amalgamation 1994 —

An SKHS Committee member reminds us that the 20th anniversary of the Amalgamation of the former municipalities of Port Melbourne, South Melbourne and St Kilda — by commissioners appointed by Premier Kennett's government and proclaimed the City of Port Phillip — is just three years away (22 June 2014).

Do let SKHS committee know if any SKHS member(s) are interested in volunteering to begin some primary research into events leading up to the Amalgamation.

— Arthur Phillip —

Many of us know very little about the man whose name our city now bears, Governor Arthur Phillip.

Anyone fascinated by this naval officer and willing to compile some biographical information about him, do contact SKHS Committee on info@skhs.org.au.



Jeff Kennett
Premier VIC
1992—1999



Arthur Phillip
Governor NSW
[incl. VIC (Port Phillip District)
and QLD]
1788—1792

THE ASTOR'S 75TH

Main Source: *The Astor E-Newsletter*

Sunday April 3 saw The Astor Cinema, Chapel Street, St Kilda celebrate its 75th birthday with Pete Smith MC-ing an evening of music; the film "King Kong" which was the first ever film shown at The Astor, champagne and presentations. Kulin elder, Carolyn Briggs presented the Welcome to Country and Ellie O'Collins, grand-daughter of Frank O'Collins, who built and ran The Astor from 1936—1962, was a special guest.

St Michael's Grammar Big Band and Dancers provided pre-show entertainment. Jazz Cats supplied lively music and Advanced Catering Concepts, the party food. A great time had by all, especially Friends of The Astor.

To join *Friends of the Astor (FoTA)* and help preserve this iconic cinema, just google *The Astor* and follow the prompts.

28TH ST KILDA FILM FESTIVAL 25—29 MAY 2011

Thanks to Port Phillip City Council, the St Kilda International Film Festival returned to The Astor Theatre in 2011 (opening night at The Palais). And, as some of us know, the festival is one of Melbourne's longest running, most high profile and significant cultural community festivals.

The Astor showcased an array of Australia's Top 100 and international Short Films from Germany, The Netherlands, Ireland and a collection of films from Israel and Palestine plus hosted guest appearances by some of the directors.

The program also included cult event SoundKILDA (Australian crafted music video competition); an Industry Open Day; Filmmaker Development sessions, and Drive-In Delirium's Horrorpalooza featuring some rather eye-popping horror trailers.



image reproduced
from The Astor
website

LIVING HISTORY

CoPP SENIOR WRITING COMPETITION 2011

Entry forms for the City of Port Phillip's Senior Writing Competition — relating to past or present Port Phillip City — are available from Wednesday, 1 June at local Town Halls or portphillip.vic.gov.au/seniors.

The competition has three categories:

- (1) short stories up to 1000 words
- (2) poetry
- (3) documentary

Entries are also accepted in languages other than English.

All entries will be considered for publication in *Port Phillip Writes*, the annual collection of competition entries.

Competition closes Friday 2 September 2011. Winners will be announced during Seniors Week Victoria.

SENIORS WEEK 10–16 OCT 2011

In addition to the Seniors Writing Awards, Port Phillip Seniors Festival includes a Seniors Art Exhibition, Mayors Tea Dance, Port Phillip Festival Forum, Old Photographs Exhibition, Walking Tours, Luncheons, Open days, Seminars, Performances and more!

Local groups and organisations are also encouraged to apply for a small grant to support activities they are organising for the week. Funding round opens from 1st June and closes 29th July, 2011.

Should any Senior SKHS members wish to organise a heritage themed activity for CoPP Seniors Week, do let us know.

LOCAL CHARACTERS

SKHS encourages members to sketch or portray — in text, photos or DVD — either your own, your relatives or an ancestor's story about living in St Kilda and Port Phillip City or the experiences of your friends and/or current residents.

Your unique accounts and (identified) images will be acknowledged; added to our files, and considered for publication on our website or in a future issue of *St Kilda Times*.

2011 SHORT HISTORY PRIZE PRAHRAN MECHANICS INSTITUTE (PMI)

Open to all **current** members of historical societies and family history groups throughout Victoria.

We are invited to submit up to 5,000 words about a place, an aspect of a place, or a person associated with a place in Victoria.

Prize: \$1,000

\$500 for the author(s) and \$500 for the associated history group.

Entries must be: non-fiction;
completed within the last five years,
and previously unpublished
(or published only in the historical society's periodical)

Information and entry form are available online at:

<http://www.pmi.net.au/events.htm/prize>

Entries close Friday 26 August 2011

The Prahran Mechanics' Institute (est.1854) is a community owned and run library specialising in the history of Victoria and Australia with over 25,000 books available for loan.

PMI also offer a professional information service to members as well as professional book covering for those volumes you wish to preserve or intend as gifts.

Joining is easy, very, very affordable and open to everyone. Their website is www.pmi.net.au or visit them at 140 High St Prahran.

AUSTRALIAN UNITY: Bryan Kelleher Literary Award

SKHS members will remember that Australian Unity (South Melbourne) librarians kindly forwarded information for our History Week 2010 display. Australian Unity, in association with the Australian Natives' Association (ANA) and Henry Lawson Memorial and Literary Society, are inviting submissions of original bush poetry for their annual Australian Unity Bryan Kelleher Literary Award. (Bryan Kelleher was a long standing member of the ANA and the Henry Lawson Society.)

Dorothea Mackellar, Banjo Paterson and Henry Lawson were famous bush poets.

PRIZES

1st Prize.....	\$ 1000
2nd Prize.....	\$ 750
3rd Prize.....	\$ 500
Highly Commended.....	\$ 100
Young Achiever Award.....	\$ 100

ENTRY

Entry is free but must be the original work of the entrant and must not have won another competition.

Each member may enter a maximum of three poems. Deadline for submissions is 30/6/11.

Just google Literary Awards on the Australian Unity website for their terms and conditions, then download an entry form and send with three copies of your poem to:

Literary Award, Australian Unity, Level 8, 114 Albert Road, South Melbourne VIC 3205

Prize winners will be published in the Summer edition of Australian Unity's Lifeplus magazine. Prizes will be presented at Australian Unity's "Celebrating Australian Writers" event on Thursday, 15 September 2011.

RECENT MEMBERS' MEETINGS



George Brunning
1830-1893
Image: SKHS Files



Baron von Mueller
1825-1896
Image: SKHS Files

ST KILDA BOTANIC GARDENS WALK

During our enjoyable walk in beautiful weather, Sunday March 20, Patricia Convery, a member of SKHS and Friend of St Kilda Botanic Gardens (www.foskbg.org.au), reminded us that the history of the Gardens began in November 1859, barely just two years after the first Municipal District elections in 1857 when the inaugural St Kilda Council voted to reserve sixteen acres for one of Melbourne's earliest Botanic Gardens.

German born lithographer and architect, Mr Tilman Gloystein* won the design competition. His formal setting of a north-south path axis leading to a central layout of garden beds was maintained by George Brunning (Brunnering St) subsequently appointed first garden curator.

Consultant to the Planting Committee, Baron Ferdinand von Mueller, the indefatigable Director of the Royal Botanical Gardens from 1857, contributed several hundred plants, shrubs and trees with many of his Pines, Cypressess and Moreton Bay Figs still standing today.

A large 'Floral and Musical Fete' officially opened the Gardens in November** 1861. More recently new gates, commissioned by Port Phillip City and designed by David Wood from "Bent Metal" were installed and formally opened, October 2010.

Our thanks go to Patricia for such an interesting and enjoyable walk, and to Valma Leonard for baking one of her inimitable Barm Bracks (recipe in Issue No 205) for afternoon tea.

* **Should you have any info/pics of Tilman Gloystein, please contact SKHS or FoSKBG**

** **Do let us know if you have any suggestions as to how SKHS could mark the Garden's 150th in November.**

ST KILDA ECCENTRICS

Meyer* Eidelson delighted SKHS members and visitors on Thursday night April 14 with his illustrated biogs of ten famous (and infamous) eccentrics with connections to St Kilda. Included among them: Bunjil; Derrimut; William Barak; Granny; Caroline Hodgson better known as Mme Brussels; Frederick Valentich; The Stones and Donleavy Fitzpatrick.

*For newer members who may be unaware of Meyer's contributions to our city's heritage:- not only is he past president of SKHS from 2001—2008; he designs, coordinates and implements the free walks program showcasing the heritage of precincts across the City of Port Phillip (see P8) as well as the City of Maribyrnong.

Meyer has also written several books: *War Fever in Port Phillip: the 150th Anniversary of the Crimean War 1854-1856*; *The Melbourne Dreaming: a Guide to the Aboriginal Places of Melbourne*; *Stony Creek: the Journey of a Waterway and its People*; *Secrets of the Seaside Suburbs: a Guide to the Wildlife of Port Phillip*; *Walks in Port Phillip: a Guide to the Cultural Landscapes of a City*, and *Nation Builders: Great Lives and Stories of St Kilda Cemetery*.

Meyer is also co-founder and director of melbournewalks.com — "creating unique journeys for individuals, groups and schools through Melbourne's urban, natural, historic and indigenous landscapes".

MELBOURNE REMADE: THE INNER CITY SINCE THE 70s

Those unable to attend SKHS members' meeting on Thursday evening, May 19, missed a truly standout presentation by Dr Seamus O'Hanlon titled 'Melbourne Remade' about the many changes Inner Melbourne has experienced since the Seventies.

Dr O'Hanlon, Deputy Director Institute of Public History*, School of Historical Studies, Monash University, took his audience on a riveting tour of Inner Melbourne's streetscapes and on the way unravelled the underlying stories of their profound transformation from, for the most part, industrial wasteland to our event, sport and cultural heartland.

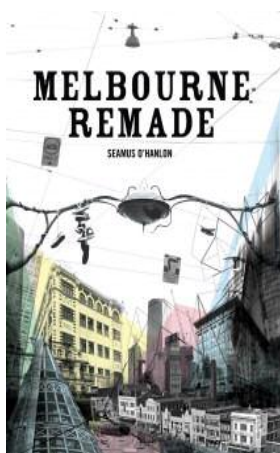
Melbourne Remade is also the title of his A6 pocket-sized book published by Arcade Publications launched during the 2010 Melbourne Writers Festival.

INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC HISTORY [Downloaded from www.arts.monash.edu.au]

The Institute for Public History, Monash University:-

"... aims to raise community awareness of the importance of history and heritage by promoting events and publications (both online/print) that foster public knowledge of history.

The role of the Institute is to engage in community engagement programs that strengthen the links between historians inside and outside the university, and to create closer ties between professional historians, alumni, and a wider, interested public."



GUIDED NEIGHBOURHOOD WALKS PROGRAM

PORT PHILLIP CITY June-September 2011



Downloaded from CoPP website

A free program of walks that explores the heritage treasures of the 7 precincts of Port Phillip.

- This walking strategy encourages residents to walk rather than drive.
- Walking is great for our environment, great for our health, great for the local economy and great for connecting to our neighbours.

PUBLIC ART IN PORT MELBOURNE: TELLING THE STORY

JUNE 19 SUNDAY, 10AM - MIDDAY

Explore how Port's history and stories have been told through the medium of public art and nominate your favourite works.

Neighbourhood: Port Melbourne

Leader: Janet Bolitho

Meet: Port Melbourne Station (Light Rail Stop 129), Waterfront Place, Beacon Cove.

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL

Email walking@portphillip.vic.gov.au OR ring (03) 9209 6522.

TROUBLEMAKERS

JULY 17, SUNDAY 10.00AM - MIDDAY

Visit the sites of St Kilda protest campaigns including Anti-Bathing laws (1920s), St Moritz (1982), Mandalay Flats (1990), Penguin Sanctuary (1991), St Kilda Seabaths (1993), Anti-amalgamation (1994), Esplanade Hotel (2001), The Vineyard (2005), The Triangle and more. Come along, share your own story and meet revolting protesters of the past.

Neighbourhood: St Kilda

Leader: Meyer Eidelson

Meet: Luna Park entrance.

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL

Email walking@portphillip.vic.gov.au OR ring (03) 9209 6522.

PIERS OF PORT MELBOURNE

AUGUST 14, SUNDAY 10AM - MIDDAY

Port Melbourne's past and present piers have been entry points for millions of people not only to Sandridge but the colony of Victoria. Piers such as Station, Princes, Lagoon and Town Pier tell important stories of migration, war, railways, trade, fishing, coal, waterside workers and modern leisure

Neighbourhood: Port Melbourne

Leader: Janet Bolitho

Meet: Port Melbourne Yacht Club, Beach Street (cnr Bay Street), Port Melbourne

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL

Email walking@portphillip.vic.gov.au OR ring (03) 9209 6522.

MONTAGUE - THE LOST COMMUNITY

SEPTEMBER 4 SUNDAY, 10AM - MIDDAY

The former working class village of Montague has all but disappeared to be replaced with an industrial landscape of lanes and back streets. Walk the streets and resurrect a lost community of houses, schools, shops and personalities.

Neighbourhood: Montague

Leader: Kay Rowan

Meet: Montague Light Rail Station (cnr Montague Street and Gladstone Lane), Port Melbourne.

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL

Email walking@portphillip.vic.gov.au OR ring (03) 9209 6522.

NAIDOC WEEK 3—10 July

Activities take place across the nation during NAIDOC Week in the first full week of July, and all Australians are encouraged to participate. Details: www.naidoc.org.au or www.vic.gov.au/event/2011/07/naidoc-week.html

NAIDOC stands for National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee. Its origins can be traced to the emergence of Aboriginal groups in the 1920s which sought to increase awareness in the wider community of the status and treatment of Indigenous Australians. Today, NAIDOC celebrates Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and is an opportunity to recognise the contributions of Indigenous Australians in various fields.