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## REMINDER

SKHS relies on its members and City of Port Phillip for support, encouragement and feedback.

Should you have forgotten to renew your membership, you may do so by mailing a cheque; by electronic transfer, or at the AGM, Sept. 11

If more convenient, you may also pay in advance for more than one year.

### UPCOMING

<b>TALKS</b>	<b>DATES</b>
AGM	Sept 11

<i>Luna Park</i> Reflections	<b>Oct 20</b>
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2011: A Screen Odyssey The Astor's 75th Yr	<b>Nov 13</b>
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more details **P8**

All financial members are urged to attend the AGM and check out what the 2010—2011 Committee achieved on our behalf this past year .

## Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> Sept

2010-2011 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
2011-2012 ANNUAL COMMITTEE ELECTION

3.00pm

light refreshments provided

Community Room St Kilda Library

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## VISIONARIES

Are you committed to promoting St Kilda's history and heritage?  
Do you want to have a say in St Kilda's future development by using your skills or expertise to help direct SKHS?

If **YES**, then you are just what SKHS needs in the 2011-2012 Committee of Management.

SKHS is looking for new committee members with a sense of purpose and shared vision of what our Society **CAN DO**, plus a desire to contribute to one of the most dedicated groups in Port Phillip City. Just let us know by emailing [info@skhs.org.au](mailto:info@skhs.org.au); mobile/text 0405 510 799; message 9209 6866. More on pp2 & 3

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## LUNA PARK DVD

Past president and SKHS life-member Meyer Eidelson, with his son Joe, recently received a Cultural Development Grant (CDG) from the City of Port Phillip to create a documentary DVD of Luna Park for its centenary next year in 2012.

Meyer & Joe's CDG application, which was endorsed by SKHS, indicate they will include many never-before seen historic images and newsreels. Meyer and Joe are also recording people's memories of Luna Park, particularly those of older residents of Port Phillip City.

And, so members can share their Lunar memories or photos with Meyer, SKHS will host a meeting in the St Kilda library on Thursday October 20 (see flyer inside and p8 for more details) .

**After the DVD is completed, it will be shown at community venues and copies made available to local libraries.**

# SKHS BUSINESS

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## COMMITTEE of MANAGEMENT 2010-2011

**President** Peter Johnson  
**Vice President** Vacant  
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**Treasurer** Vacant

## OPERATION

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### Hospitality & Welfare

Joan Charlton

### Library

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### Membership

Dorothy Lobert

### Newsletter: *St Kilda Times*

Frances Bader

### Webmaster:

John Hulskamp

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

**3-5pm** 1st Monday every second month SKHS Office, St Kilda Library:- Oct, Dec, Feb, April, Jun, Aug.

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

## HISTORY & HERITAGE

SKHS welcomes short articles relating to present and past aspects of St Kilda's heritage (bldgs) and history (people). Please email to: [info@skhs.org.au](mailto:info@skhs.org.au) # mail to PO Box 177 Balaclava 3182

## NEWSLETTER

*St Kilda Times* is published each quarter, 1st wk Mar, Jun, Sept, Dec. Deadlines for news and notices: two weeks prior. [Microsoft Word Tw Cen MT font, 12pt.]

## NEW MEMBERS

A very warm welcome to:-

**Jan Baszak, Eve Fabian, Susan Hickey**

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Many thanks to everyone who renewed their membership of SKHS for 2011-2012.

Your continuing support and interest enables the society to keep going and helps conserve our community history.

## NEW COMMITTEE MEMBER

SKHS is more than happy to announce that PHILLIP STEWART has agreed to join the SKHS Committee of Management.

Phillip has a keen interest in existing St Kilda cottages from the 19th century onwards and is happy to hear from other members with a similar interest, or have copies of any images, records, or anecdotal histories.

To contact Phillip, email [info@skhs.org.au](mailto:info@skhs.org.au) or write to PO Box 177, 3183.

## COMMITTEE of MANAGEMENT DUTIES

As well as doing their utmost to fulfil SKHS Members and Council's expectations and framing strategic and administrative directions, SKHS committee holds meetings every second month to discuss initiatives concerning St Kilda's history and heritage and, by extension, Port Phillip City.

Among the responsibilities Committee members undertake are:-

- ◆ collective overall management of the Society's financial affairs
- ◆ setting strategic directions to guide the Society's activities
- ◆ making informed decisions in the interests of the Society
- ◆ delivering outcomes for which the Society was set up
- ◆ representing the Society to Council, other local groups, businesses & individuals

## FLOOD

On SKHS members behalf, DOROTHY LOBERT, our intrepid secretary, trekked across the Yarra to IKEA Richmond where she ordered flat-packed timber shelving to provide alternative water-proofed storage space for our approx. 2000 collection items and objects stored in the water damaged library basement.

After accepting delivery, Dorothy and Fran spent half a day assembling the shelves [*without having to resort to dial-a-hubby*] and installed them in the Community Room Storage Space.

Many thanks to Dorothy for the huge amount of work she put into the task of re-boxing all the damp collection items, and moving the collection from the basement onto the new shelves.

## HISTORY PANELS

To promote our society as well as display SKHS images, documents/records to better advantage during our meetings and other events, e.g. HISTORY WEEK VIC, the 2010-2011 Committee decided to purchase lightweight, modular or stand alone display panels. Such panels are portable, easy to transport and can be set up by one or two people. They may also be extended or reconfigured with as many panels as are purchased, and come with header panels for different height requirements.

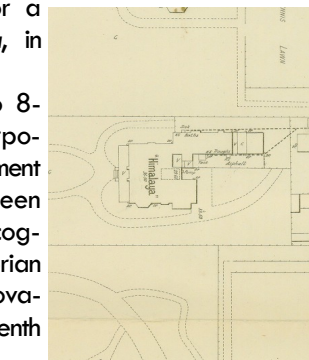
# SKHS MATTERS

## HERITAGE QUERY 1

SKHS heritage officer, Peter Johnson received the following query from the descendant of an early St Kilda resident, asking for a photograph of *Himalaya*, in Tennyson St..

*Himalaya*, now part of No 8-10 Tennyson St is incorporated into an apartment block "which has been rendered virtually unrecognisable as a Victorian mansion, by inter-war renovations that belie its nineteenth century origins".

([www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/default/o10666.pdf](http://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/default/o10666.pdf))



**HIMALAYA**  
MMBW detail plan # 1382, 1897  
provided by P Johnson

If you happen to have an image of the original that we could reproduce, do email [heritage@skhs.org.au](mailto:heritage@skhs.org.au)

## QUERY 2

Another query is from a researcher commencing a piece of work looking into the history of live music entertainment in St Kilda from the past to the present day.

Should members have any information, or sources of information, especially of more recent and current musical events in St Kilda, or can provide related images, posters, etc, would you kindly let Peter Johnson know by emailing [heritage@skhs.org.au](mailto:heritage@skhs.org.au)

The researcher's long term aim is to present the research as a resource for council and residents.

## VACANCIES

SKHS has vacancies for members willing to share responsibility for directing and running our organisation.

Current committee members are very keen to share and pass on their knowledge and skills to newer volunteers — skills in planning, budgeting, communications, organising functions and events, community engagement, networking, administration, bookkeeping and more.

Just email [info@skhs.org.au](mailto:info@skhs.org.au); Mobile/Text 0405 510 799 or leave a message and ph number on (03) 9209 6866 and we will return your call.

## WORD of MOUTH

Financial members can do a lot to help SKHS' evolutionary growth by spreading the word about our organisation and encouraging others to join — partners, relatives, lovers, friends, neighbours, associates, work colleagues, dance partners, gym buddies, acquaintances, and others.

Members may also help our society by introducing or suggesting speakers, presenters or performers as well as letting us know of any St Kilda related activities, performances, functions or tours you might wish the committee to organise.

## RESEARCHERS

Do contact SKHS if you are researching any aspect of St Kilda's history/heritage, or the genealogy/family history of a relative or friend connected with St Kilda or surrounds which you would be willing to present as a talk/other at one of our future meetings — please email: [info@skhs.org.au](mailto:info@skhs.org.au); ph message 9209 6866

## BIRTHDAY WISHES

SKHS wishes long time member, SHEILA HARRIS all the very best on her upcoming birthday, 12 Sept, and many, many happy returns of the day.

## CONTRIBUTIONS to the COLLECTION

SKHS is very grateful to JANINE PETERSEN, Cambridge, Eng. who recently donated:- photographs of Elwood from the 1920s; various booklets and WW2 cookery cards; a recipe book and a home grocery order book.

## “THE RUSSIANS ARE COMING”

Find out which St Kilda streets are connected with the 1854-1856 Crimean War during the next SKHS display mounted by the Collection Team — from 19 Oct to 17 Nov in the Foyer Showcase, St Kilda Library.

## HISTORY WEEK: St Kilda

“Past and Present Cinemas in St Kilda” is the theme for SKHS' new panel display in St Kilda Library for HISTORY WEEK VICTORIA 2011 — Sunday 23 October to Sunday 30 October.

This year we transport you thru time to discover how many cinemas once co-existed in our suburb, and which ones still thrive.

So get out your diary and make sure you explore St Kilda's cinematic history during HISTORY WEEK. Also, book yourself in for 3pm Sunday November 13 when SKHS hosts a presentation on The Astor Theatre (see p8 for more details).

If you'd like to help, or have any relevant movie posters/memorabilia we could scan, please email [info@skhs.org.au](mailto:info@skhs.org.au)/call 0405 510 799.

**HISTORY WEEK VICTORIA** is an initiative of the Royal Historical Society of Victoria (RHSV) supported by the Vera Moore Foundation. To find out more about other History Week events (many are free or low cost) visit [www.historyvictoria.org.au](http://www.historyvictoria.org.au).

# COMBINED SKHS & FoSKC\* MEETING: JULY 10

SKHS is very grateful to DR JUDITH BUCKRICH who talked to a full house of combined SKHS and FoSKC members, on July 10, about her two decades of “Loving Melbourne over and over— 20 years of research and writing”.

Dr Buckrich, Hon Fellow Melbourne University Historical Studies School and Chair of International PEN Women Writers’ Committee as well as well-known Melbourne historian and radio and TV personality; took her audience from her almost accidental beginning as a historian through her fascinating career as author of a number of commissioned histories of Melbourne landmarks and institutions.

Her published works include:- *Melbourne’s Grand Boulevard: The Story of St Kilda Rd*; *The Long and Perilous Journey: A History of the Port of Melbourne*; *The Montefiore Homes: 150 Years of Care*; *Lighthouse on the Boulevard: A History of the Royal Vic Inst for the Blind*; *Design for Living*; A History of Prahran Tech, with her most recent being: *Well Rowed University: Melbourne University Boat Club, The First 150 Years*.

Dr Buckrich’s other works include poetry anthologies; a biography; articles and essays; short stories, pieces for the theatre; manuscripts, plus entries and image research for *The Encyclopedia of Melbourne*.

Many thanks to Kaye Rowan, President FoSKC, for introducing Dr Buckrich. Thanks also go to Joan Charlton, Dorothy Lobert and Fran Bader who helped with the catering; to Pearl Donald who supplied the delicious pikelets; to Phillip Stewart and Jan Baszac who stacked the chairs; and to Peter Johnson who welcomed members and visitors.

\* FoSKC, Friends of St Kilda Cemetery. Website: [www.foskc.org/home](http://www.foskc.org/home)



Dr Buckrich

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[www.judithbuckrich.com](http://www.judithbuckrich.com)

## FROM CARPENTARIA TO ST KILDA

Compiled by Frances Bader

One hundred and fifty years ago, on November 24<sup>1</sup>, 1861, local Wesleyan minister, Mr. Bickford noted in his diary: “John King, the only survivor of the Burke & Wills party [more correctly, the Victorian Exploring Expedition or VEE], came to St. Kilda tonight. He was a mere shadow, and his whole nervous system was unhinged. On Dec 5<sup>th</sup>, I accompanied Mr. King to Melbourne, and introduced him to Sir William Stawell, the Chief Justice, who received from him Mr. Burke’s note-book. His last record was, ‘King has acted nobly.’ Sir William appeared to be deeply affected. He made many enquiries of King, to whose reply he paid the closest attention. I then went with King to the Parliament House, and left him there for examination before the Committee of Enquiry...” (Cooper. JB, SKHS Online ).

King was already severely debilitated when outback Yandruwandha hunters and gatherers took him in and, by the time he was rescued by a member of Alfred Howitt’s surveying party, he was in a very bad way.

### SURVIVOR

Elizabeth King, his sister would take care of the debilitated explorer at her then residence in Westbury Street St Kilda, and the Victorian Government would reluctantly vote a sum of £3,000 for the purchase of debentures to provide an income of £180 a year for the stricken explorer. This income (possibly in lieu of his outstanding VEE wages) allowed King to buy/lease a house in Octavia St, St Kilda (more research rqr).

His health continued deteriorating and when the Rev Buckland [Bickford] announced his intention of visiting Tasmania (Hobart Mercury, Tuesday, 16 Dec 1862, p5), King asked the Reverend if he could accompany him “for the benefit of his health”. Both arrived in Hobart on SS *Black Swan*, Sun 1 Feb 1863. However, King was back in Melbourne by 1865 — most likely for the unveiling in April of the Burke & Wills statue by sculptor Charles Summers, then erected on the corner<sup>2</sup> of Russell and Collins Sts.



Six years later, Elizabeth<sup>3</sup> King married Thomas Bunting on 9 June 1871 (*The Argus*, 13 June 1871), and on 22 August 1871, John King married his widowed cousin, Mary Richmond. Both weddings took place at the Wesleyan Chapel, Lonsdale St, with the Rev Bickford officiating.

King, who must have known he would never recover from the privations suffered on the return trek from the Gulf of Carpentaria, seemingly wed Richmond, who had a young daughter, so both they and his sister could continue to benefit<sup>4</sup> from his debenture income after his death.

His sister looked after her dying brother during Nov and Dec 1871 at her residence in Drummond Street, Carlton but he returned to Octavia Street, St Kilda where he died of pulmonary tuberculosis on 15 Jan 1872, aged only 33.

Dr Ferdinand von Mueller, Dr David Wilkie and Inspector James M Gilmour were King’s pall-bearers, and he is buried in the Wesleyan Section, Melbourne General Cemetery Plot No 339, Compartment A.

**Let SKHS know if any member is interested in organising a brief commemoration at John King’s graveside on the 140th anniversary of his death, 15 Jan 2012. Email [info@skhs.org.au](mailto:info@skhs.org.au).**

1. Others note 27<sup>th</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup> November 1861.

2. B & W statue was moved in 1886 to outside Parliament House to make way for cable trams; then to Carlton Gardens to make way for the Underground Loop in 1979, and back to an Collins & Swanston Sts in 1993. Moves are currently afoot to relocate it to RSV grounds.

3. Elizabeth Bunting nee King died 19 Nov 1890 and reported as buried with her brother.

4. The Victorian Government would subsequently refuse to extend the debenture income to his wife or his sister.

Main Resources: SKHS Coopers Online; [www.burkeandwills.net.au](http://www.burkeandwills.net.au); ADB; SLV; RSV; wikipedia.

### “The Glorious Race”

Punch cartoon  
Nicholas Chevallier Nov 1860



### THE GLORIOUS RACE

The Responsible Government of Victoria & the Royal Society of Vic (RSV) co-funded and provisioned the VEE which departed Royal Park, 20 August 1860.

The VEE was initiated in 1857 by what would become the RSV.

Originally it was intended to:-

- (1) be a scientific exploration
- (2) discover the Inland Sea
- (3) find out what happened to explorer Ludwig Leichardt. [He disappeared in 1848 while attempting to cross the continent from East to West.]

But by 1860 the VEE had morphed into much more than the above: Now it was

◆ A “Glorious Race” to the Gulf between VIC & SA, and the kudos for Victoria (the smallest mainland state) of being first to cross the continent from South to North;

◆ An alleged insider venture backed by a coterie of RSV graziers to stake a claim on a chunk of still “unexplored” territory in NWQld — before the boundaries were officially changed [hence the route ... and probably the hurry],

◆ A bid for Melbourne to become HQ for the latest technology—Telegraphy.

# ST KILDA CENTENARIES

## St Kilda Life Saving Club

Source: Ordinary Meeting of Council, File No 76/01/249 25 July 2011

“... It is likely that the cost of the project would be more than \$2 million and so there would be further external funding required, in addition to the \$1M.”

### CONDITION

“... The project will only be able to proceed if enough additional funding is achieved through State Government/Life Saving Victoria funding and other sources secured through St Kilda Life Saving

### Life Saving VIC Patrol Statistics

Lifesavers and Lifeguards 2010-2011 (as of 10/04/11):  
Preventative actions: 23,665  
Minor first aid: 1,118  
Major first aid: 72  
Total first aid: 1,190  
Total rescues: 423  
Resource: website  
[www.lifesavingvictoria.com.au](http://www.lifesavingvictoria.com.au)



### LOOKING AFTER THE LITTLE ONES

THE FIRST 90 YEARS OF THE ST KILDA AND BALACLAVA KINDERGARTEN 1911-2001

BY SIMON SMITH

Scanned reproduction of book cover  
“Looking after the Little Ones”

## ST KILDA LIFE SAVING CLUB (SKLC)

Source: Longmire, A., *St Kilda: The Show Goes On, The History of St Kilda 1930-1983*, SKHS Online Publication  
Best. A., et al, *50 Years and More: A History of Surf Lifesaving Victoria*, Publ SLSV 2002, ISBN 1876984

St Kilda Life Saving Club has a proud history of community service. The first St Kilda Swimming and Life Saving Club was initiated c.1910/1911; renamed St Kilda LSC in 1913; affiliated with Royal Life Saving in 1915, and with Surf Life Saving in 2001.

In the midst of the Great Depression in 1930, the *Herald* launched its state-wide *Learn to Swim* Campaign at St Kilda Beach and Royal Life Savers from West St Kilda, St Kilda, Esplanade and Elwood Clubs demonstrated the float and swim techniques of Olympian, Frank Beaurepaire\* — whose family once lived in Clyde Street, St Kilda (Longmire p5).

SKLC's very first clubhouse was located at the St Kilda Baths and, by 1913, in a tin shed on the Triangle. Six years later, in 1919, the club occupied a kiosk later destroyed by fire in the mid 1960s and a new clubhouse built in 1967.

Forty four years later, on 25 July 2011, Port Phillip City Council conditionally (see col on left) commits \$1m towards a new building to replace the now dilapidated clubhouse.

\*An unverifiable source claims that Frank Beaurepaire's sister, Lilian was the first St Kilda Swimming and Life Saving Club champion in 1910/11. Lilian would represent Australia at the 1920 Olympics in Antwerp and was sole Life Saver at Lorne for many years.

## VOLUNTEER LIFE SAVERS

Main resource: [www.lifesavingvictoria.com.au](http://www.lifesavingvictoria.com.au)

Each year from November to Easter, lifesavers patrol our beaches “BETWEEN THE RED AND YELLOW FLAGS” and spend their valuable free time undergoing/updating aquatic-related training for the benefit of the local community as well as visitors, tourists and backpackers. In addition they teach/train volunteers of all ages from Nippers to Masters across a range of programs which include:-

- Water Rescue Techniques
- First Aid and Emergency Care
- Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)
- ARTC Spinal
- Radio Operation
- IRB (Inflatable Rescue Boat) Training
- Water Safety Awareness
- Leadership Development for volunteers

Port Phillip Bay currently has some 25 Life Saving Clubs and around 30 others dot the coastline of Victoria extending from Portland to Mallacoota with thousands of volunteers of all ages committed to providing a safe and enjoyable experience for the swimming public as well as aquatic training and education.

St Kilda LSC is always on the lookout for more members and support as well as sponsors and donors. If you are able to help in any capacity, google their website or visit their clubhouse.

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## ST KILDA & BALACLAVA KINDERGARTEN

Dr Simon Smith, SKHS member, lecturer in law at Monash University, historian and author of several books, including *Looking After the Little Ones*; *The First 90 Years of the St Kilda and Balaclava Kindergarten*, reminds us that the St Kilda & Balaclava Kindergarten celebrates its centenary this year. Some SKHS members will remember that Simon came and talked to us during its 90th anniversary. (You will find an extract of his talk on our website [www.vicnet.net.au/hsosk](http://www.vicnet.net.au/hsosk) (click articles).)

During his talk Simon told us that “Monkstadt”<sup>1</sup>, home of Mrs S. Grey-Smith, was the venue for a community meeting on 26th Jun 1911 that resolved to establish a free kinder in St Kilda. The kinder's first home was in the ANA Hall Blanche St and when that grew too small, premises were rented in 132 Inkerman St (now occupied by flats). By 1916, continuous community fundraising enabled the committee to purchase a weatherboard cottage at 23 Nelson St, from Edward Griffin.

The decision to create a purpose-built building in Jan 1925 brought them back to Inkerman St while 23 Nelson was demolished. The new building, constructed under the supervision of honorary architects Alec Eggleston & Best Overend, opened 27th Nov 1925.

Dr Smith also talked about some of the women involved with establishing the kindergarten. One in particular, Isabel Henderson<sup>2</sup> was its first President from 1911—1914. [Lina Goldstein<sup>3</sup> was married to Isobel's brother, HJ Henderson, banker.]

- 1: Monkstadt Street recalls the house “Monkstadt” 31 Marysville St nr Ripponlea station which was demolished c1928 and subdivided.
- 2: Isabel Henderson founded Kalymna girls' school in Acland St before incorporating it in 1898 with Oberwyl in Burnett St. She later purchased Fairlight School, 134 Alma Rd and, in 1910 renamed it Clyde Girls School. Clyde became a day and boarding school for girls and in 1919 transferred to Woodend. A famous old girl, Elisabeth Murdoch nee Greene attended the school and today she exemplifies its motto *Spectemur Agendo* – we are judged by our acts. Clyde School closed in 1975 and reopened as Braemar College in 1976.

## AUSTRALIAN GENERATIONS ORAL HISTORY PROJECT SEEKS PARTICIPANTS

In a new AUSTRALIAN GENERATIONS ORAL HISTORY PROJECT, historians at Monash (Professor Al Thomson, Associate Professor Christina Twomey and Dr Seamus O'Hanlon) and La Trobe Universities, in partnership with ABC Radio National and the National Library of Australia, are collecting life story interviews with generations of Australians born from the 1920s to the 1980s.

The Project is interested in the life stories of all Australians – rural and urban, male and female, the recently arrived and people whose families have lived in Australia for generations. People can register their interest in participating by going to [www.arts.monash.edu.au/australian-generations](http://www.arts.monash.edu.au/australian-generations) and clicking on the orange headphones. Or call Kate on 03 9905 2206. **Please see below for more details.**



### CALL OUT FOR PARTICIPANTS

#### Australian Generations Oral History Project

In a new national project, historians at Monash and La Trobe Universities, in partnership with ABC Radio National and the National Library of Australia, are collecting life story interviews with generations of Australians born from the 1920s to the 1980s.

We are interested in the life stories of all Australians – rural and urban, male and female, the recently arrived and people whose families have lived in Australia for generations.

**We are currently seeking participants across Victoria, Queensland, South Australia and Western Australia.**

We'd like to record stories about everyday life. What have been the turning points in your life? How have families and friendships changed over time? Have faith and belief become more or less significant to you and your family? What technologies have come and gone, and how has that affected your life at home, work and play? Where do you have a sense of belonging? Do you feel part of an Australian generation?

Project leader, Professor Alistair Thomson of the School of Philosophical, Historical and International Studies at Monash University believes the project will fill an important research gap.

"There is general agreement that generational differences in cultural 'taste' and resources affect social change, and are significant in conflict and cohesion as well as in mobility and value transmission, but these differences and their consequences have rarely been analysed in any detail."

People can register their interest in participating by phone, email, online or in writing:

PHONE: (03) 9905 2206

EMAIL: [kate.quinn@monash.edu](mailto:kate.quinn@monash.edu)

ONLINE: [www.arts.monash.edu.au/australian-generations](http://www.arts.monash.edu.au/australian-generations)

WRITE: Australian Generations Project Officer, History Department, Monash University, Clayton Campus, Building 11, VICTORIA 3800

#### BACKGROUND

Funded by an Australian Research Council Linkage Grant, *Australian Generations* is one of Australia's most ambitious oral history projects, and will pioneer new ways of creating, interpreting and presenting our life stories.

These interviews will provide a unique snap-shot of historical change in Australia throughout the 20<sup>th</sup> and into the 21<sup>st</sup> century, and will be used by the research team in written histories and in a series of ABC Radio National history programs. The interviews will then be lodged with the National Library of Australia's permanent online oral history collection.

# COMMUNITY HISTORY

## SHEKILDA

### SISTERS in CRIME CONVENTION

Melbourne 7—9 October 2011

Put these dates in your calendars for the second women writers convention marking the second decade of SISTERS IN CRIME.

For more info visit

<http://www.shekilda.com.au>

### SOLOMON FAMILY REUNION

A Solomon and associated families reunion, with guest speakers, is to be held Sunday 11 to Monday 12 March 2012 (9am to 5pm both days), at the Alma Sports Club, Wilkes Street, North Caulfield.

Associated family names read like an Australian Who's Who. They include: Alexander, Barnett, Benjamin, Boas, Keesing, Cashmore, Cohen, Daniels, Fewster, Issacs, Joshua, Jacobs, Jacobsohn, Marks, Lipman, Marks, Morrell, Moss, Montefiore, Myers, Phillips, Salom, Victorsen and Voules Brown.

Among them are soldiers and spies, politicians and philanthropists, artists and merchants, and more, while a number of streets, towns and mountains also bear their names.

### VALE ALLAN JEANS

SKHS was saddened by the death of Allan Jeans on 13 July 2011. Affectionately known as Yabby, he made history when he coached St Kilda to victory over Collingwood in the 1966 VFL Grand Final (Sept 24) — for the first time since 1913.

Jeans, a policeman who rose to the rank of senior sergeant, was recruited from Finley in NSW to play with St Kilda in 1955 and after some 77 games coached the team from 1961 to 1976.

SKHS offers condolences to the Jeans family and say vale to one of the most respected blokes in the VFL- AFL pantheon.

## ST KILDA TRIANGLE

Now, we have an opportunity to help determine the future of the St Kilda Triangle.

City of Port Phillip — having already launched the first stage of an “extensive community engagement programme” about the future of the site (Jun 22) — is following up with a series of focus-group meetings, forums and on-site events, titled a “community conversation” with residents, workers, businesses and interested groups.

Anyone wishing to get involved in the process can do so by logging on to the St Kilda Triangle page on Council's website for dates and information.

In addition, we can email our views to: [stkildatriangle@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:stkildatriangle@portphillip.vic.gov.au)

Council will also publish details in local papers.

Main Source: CoPP Media Release 23 Jun 2011.

MAKE YOUR MARK IN ST KILDA

NOMINATE FOR SKHS  
2011—2012 COMMITTEE

[emailinfo@skhs.org.au](mailto:emailinfo@skhs.org.au)

## NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

Members are invited to email items/articles of up to one A4 size page, relating to St Kilda's present or past history and heritage, to be considered for publication in *St Kilda Times*.

Short features, items of interest, notices of significant birthdays or family events are most welcome.

Also, if another member would like to produce one or more of our quarterly issues, do let us know: [emailinfo@skhs.org.au](mailto:emailinfo@skhs.org.au)

# UPCOMING SKHS EVENTS

<p><b>SEPTEMBER</b></p>	<p><b>ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING</b>  <b>ANNUAL COMMITTEE ELECTION</b></p> <p>DATE: Sunday, 11 September 2011, at 3.00pm</p> <p>VENUE: Community Room, off Foyer St Kilda Library  light refreshments provided.</p>
<p><b>OCTOBER</b></p> <p><b>Meyer Eidelson</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Director <a href="http://melbourne-walks.com">melbourne-walks.com</a></li> <li>• Past president SKHS</li> <li>• Author of several local history articles &amp; publications</li> <li>• CoPP Walks Coordinator</li> <li>• City of Marybyrnong Walks Coordinator</li> </ul>	<p><b>LUNA PARK: A CENTURY OF LUNACY</b></p> <p>SPEAKER: Meyer Eidelson</p> <p>DATE: Thursday 20 October 2011 @ 6.30pm</p> <p>VENUE: St Kilda Library <i>Light Refreshments Provided</i></p> <p>ENTRY: SKHS &amp; Linked Members FREE Non-members welcome: Entry \$5 or entry included if you choose to join SKHS at the door (\$18 yr)</p> <p>View historic film and photos as SKHS hosts an evening on the history and heritage of Luna Park, one of Melbourne's greatest landmarks as well as one of the oldest amusement parks in the world.</p> <p>Meyer is currently researching a film project to commemorate the centenary of Luna Park [in 2012] and is very keen to hear your stories. Bring along any memorabilia or images if you wish, and learn how you can get involved.</p>
<p><b>NOVEMBER</b></p> <p><b>QUIZ</b></p> <p>Your name will go in the draw to win a double pass to <i>The Astor Theatre</i> when you send us the correct answer to the Quiz Question below. Either mail to PO Box 177, 3183 or email to <a href="mailto:info@skhs.org.au">info@skhs.org.au</a> Winner drawn during 13 Nov meeting.</p> <p><b>QUIZ QUESTION</b></p> <p>Name one of the FIRST three (3) hardtop or indoor cinemas (not under awnings or open-air) reported as showing the earliest movies in St Kilda?</p>	<p><b>2011: A SCREEN ODYSSEY</b>  <i>THE ASTOR THEATRE, 75 YEARS AND BEYOND</i></p> <p>PRESENTERS: George Florence proprietor of <i>The Astor</i> with Tara Judah, assistant manager</p> <p>DATE: Sunday 13 November @ 3.00pm</p> <p>VENUE: Community Room, St Kilda Library  Light refreshments [and popcorn] provided</p> <p>ENTRY: SKHS &amp; Linked Members FREE.  Non Members \$5 or entry included if you take up SKHS member at the door (annual m'ship, \$18)</p> <p>RSVP appreciated for catering please email: <a href="mailto:info@skhs.org.au">info@skhs.org.au</a>  mobile/text 0405 510 799 leave message ph.9209 6866</p> <p><b>Tara Judah</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assistant Manager, <i>The Astor Theatre</i></li> <li>• Film Reviewer ABC 774</li> <li>• Contributor <i>The Big Issue</i></li> <li>• Contributor <i>InFilm Aust</i></li> <li>• Treasurer <i>Friends of The Astor (FoTA)</i></li> </ul> <p>SKHS hosts an illustrated presentation taking us beyond the screen of St Kilda's most elegant and enduring movie theatre with its larger than life characters. Discover <i>The Astor's</i> previous incarnations; its inception on the northern frontier in Chapel &amp; Dandenong Rd St; its connection with St Kilda Council, and its hosting of the St Kilda Film Festival during its 75yr odyssey.</p>