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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

I can remember, on many occasions, in my years as a Primary School teacher, asking my students during Creative Writing lessons, to write about “The Day I Will Never Forget”

This day—June 27th, 2016—will be forever etched into my mind for the rest of my life. The short pre-breakfast telephone message from Judy Maddigan—“Bob, you’d better get down here. The Courthouse is on fire”. The feeling of dread that went through my mind as I made my way down to Moonee Ponds that morning—The uncertainty of what I would be greeted with on my arrival—the buzzing overhead of helicopters—and then, the stark reality, as I approached Kellaway Avenue.

The sight of the smoke billowing from the roof of the old building that means so much to us all, and of the fifty or so firemen—some up on ladders, some from convenient places on the ground—pumping hundreds of gallons of water into the main chamber—was very difficult, at that time, to take in.

That all that hard work that so many of us had put in in recent months to restore the building to what we hoped eventually would be to its former grandeur, could all be lost in the space of an hour or two of tragedy, was hard to comprehend. And as Elaine, Mary, Julie, Terry and others stood back and watched the action from a safe distance, we all hoped that something could be salvaged from the flames and water.

Fortunately, when the fire had been brought under control and Mary and I were allowed to enter the back part of the building, we discovered that our computer equipment and much of our valuable collections, including our photographs, had been spared. We later were relieved to also find that the rooms on the Kellaway Avenue side of the building—the kitchen and the Ted Smith Room (where all our maps and library books were kept),—had also survived the inferno. But the fire, which was caused by the malfunction of a transformer in the south east corner of the courtroom, badly damaged the main chamber and most of what was in it.

Our Secretary, Mary Cahill, has prepared a report on the fire and the moves that have been made in the nine weeks since that day, to keep the Essendon Historical Society functioning.

We are very grateful to those of you who have already responded to our pleas in our time of great need and have given us generous donations and sent off letters to our State politicians, requesting that immediate action be taken to ensure that the building is restored. Special thanks to those of you who, on hearing the sad news, were quick to communicate with us by telephone or email, expressing your concern and offering us your support. I was given the task of responding to those calls on behalf of the EHS, and I hope that I managed to get back to you all.

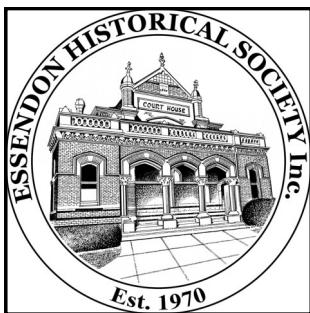
The night following the fire was the night of our June General Meeting, and although it was very difficult for us to carry on at such short notice, we are very grateful to the staff of the Sam Merrifield Library, who immediately made the double conference rooms available for our use, and it was most gratifying to see 42 members turn up to that meeting in a show of support.

Our future Meetings are listed on the back page of this Newsletter. Our September Meeting will be of great interest to many of you, as we will be visiting Lowther Hall, and will be given a tour of the lovely old building following our General Meeting in the Chapel. Thank you to Kelsey Collins for organising the visit. Other Meetings (October and November) will be held in the Hi Marque Room at the Windy Hill Reception Centre. We thank the Windy Hill Management for its support in allowing us to use their facilities free of charge.

Our new committee was elected at the Annual Meeting of the E.H.S. on July 25th, and I extend a warm welcome to our new Committee Member—Barry Harrison. I hope you enjoy working with us, Barry.

I would also like to congratulate our hard working Secretary, Mary Cahill, on receiving the Spirit of Moonee Valley Award for Arts and Culture for 2016. We all appreciate the great work that you do on our behalf, Mary, and the recognition is well deserved.

Bob Chalmers (President)



KEEP IN TOUCH WITH E.H.S. ACTIVITIES ON
OUR WEBSITE

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We thank the following local Businesses
for their generous support

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REMEMBER THAT YOU CAN ALSO COMMUNICATE WITH US THROUGH FACEBOOK AND TWITTER

FACEBOOK: www.facebook.com/EssendonHistoricalSociety

TWITTER: twitter.com/EssHisSoc

THINKING OF A BEQUEST OR A DONATION TO THE ESSENDON HISTORICAL SOCIETY?

Members, you are invited to think of the Essendon Historical Society when attending to your personal affairs. A kind gesture by you by way of a donation or bequest can make a big contribution to the work of the Society in the future. Your Solicitor will be able to assist you in drawing up the necessary documents to ensure that any part of your estate left to us will be used according to your wishes. Members wishing to make donations to the E.H.S. are reminded that the Essendon Historical Society Museum Restoration Fund is Tax Deductible.



The next Meeting of the Anzac Centenary Committee will be held on Monday, 12 September, in the Moonee Valley Civic Centre.

The final concert of the "Music in War Time" Series will be held on 16th September in the Clocktower Centre. It will feature the Essendon Symphony Orchestra, the Essendon Choral Society and the Moonee Valley Brass.

The big event coming up is the unveiling of the Battle Honours and Colours Memorial of the 58th Battalion.

The unveiling will take place in Queens Park on Saturday, 8th October.

The proposed program will involve a march in of Colours and Banners (accompanied by Pipes & Drums of the 5/6 Battalion) to form a Guard of Honour, a welcome by the Mayor, a poem reading, a wreath laying, and the laying of a cross to detail each battle listed on the monument. The main address will be delivered by Maj. Gen. Kevin Cooke, AO.RFD.ED (Retd), Patron of the 58/32 Infantry Battalion Association and Chief of Army Reserve (1985-88) The Monument will be dedicated by Padre Mark Dunn, which will be followed by the Last Post and the March Off. Refreshment will then be served to those present.

The Memorial is in memory of the soldiers of the 58th Battalion, 1st A.I.F. who served in WW1. The Battalion fought in 16 Campaigns. Six hundred

and fifteen soldiers made the supreme sacrifice and a further 1550 were wounded in battle.

The 58th Battalion, raised in Egypt on 17 February 1916, suffered casualties equal to almost a third of its strength. It took part in the following battles:

Somme, Bullecourt, Ypres, Menin Road, Polygon Wood, Poelcappelle, Passchendaele, Avre, Villers Bretonneux, Amiens, Albert, Mont St Quentin, Hindenburg Line, St Quentin Canal, France and Flanders and Egypt.

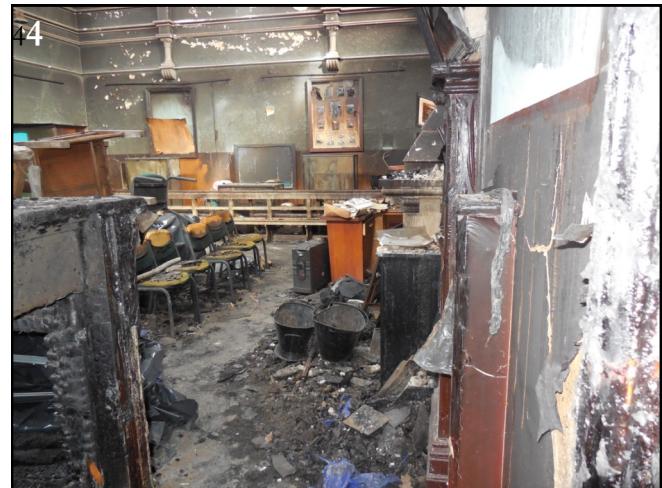


COURTHOUSE RESTORATION

As reported widely in the media and also at the EHS AGM, on 27 June 2016, EHS suffered a major setback when an electrical fault caused a devastating fire at the Courthouse. The slate roof and most of its timber trusses collapsed. Much of the ornate wooden ceiling was severely damaged.



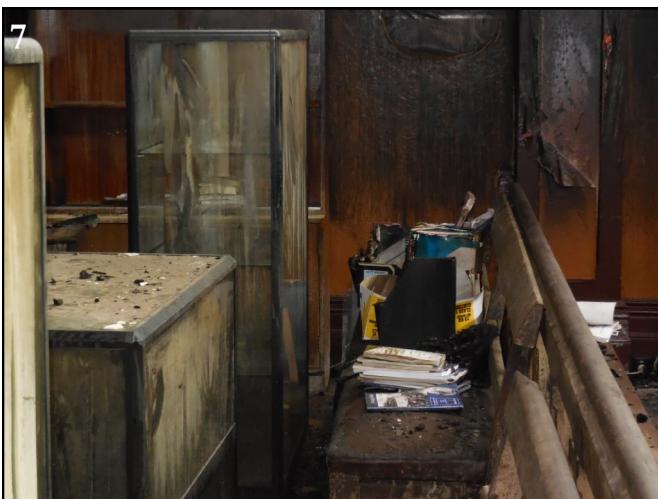
The magnificent courtroom and almost all of its fittings and contents were destroyed. The only items which are possibly salvageable from the courtroom are the witness stand, the large frame (which had been on the eastern wall) and the press table.



On the positive side, the engineers have deemed the building to be structurally sound. The brickwork is intact. Remarkably, the two main chimneys, cast iron downpipes and guttering which were restored last year are all in good condition. Unfortunately the glass and wooden frames of the upper windows will need to be replaced.

Fortunately most of the EHS collection of photos, maps and records which were stored in adjoining rooms have survived with minimal damage. In addition the Book of Remembrance from the 58/32 Infantry Battalion survived and is now undergoing some professional conservation treatment.





We have been very grateful for the assistance of the MVCC. On the day of the fire, the MVCC staff organised removal and storage of the EHS Collection and the erection of security fencing. Much of the EHS Collection has been placed in long term storage or in the homes of several members. A small workspace at the Niddrie library has been provided for the use of EHS. We are able to continue our cataloguing and digitising program and also to respond to research queries which are sent to us. Unfortunately we do not have an area where we can meet or make face-to-face contact with the public who have queries about local history.



EHS had insured its contents and records and will receive a payout for these. To the best of our knowledge EHS has never insured the Courthouse building. EHS has always held the belief that the building insurance was the responsibility of the State Government since it owns the Courthouse. Danny Pearson MP, Member for Essendon, has been working with the State Government to endeavour to obtain funding for the restoration. We are very grateful to Danny for his support.

Contact has been made with engineers, architects and builders to plan the next steps. We are awaiting estimates

of the cost to stabilise the building, clean up the debris and then eventually restore the Courthouse. As yet we have not been able to cover the building with a tarpaulin or temporary roof. There is concern that the remaining timber and brickwork may not be strong enough to carry the weight of a temporary roof hence reinforcing will be needed before any type of cover can be put in place. It will be an expensive exercise which will require cranes to place supports from above. Urgent funding is required. In the meantime it is heartbreaking to see that the building is exposed to the elements.



We have established a Courthouse Recovery Committee (CRC) which is a sub-committee of the EHS Committee. It is a community committee consisting of Danny Pearson MP (Chair), two EHS office bearers, MVCC Mayor and two Councillors, two MVCC staff and representatives from Rotary and the Moonee Ponds Traders Association. The purpose of the CRC is to oversee the restoration of the Courthouse and the recovery process

We ask EHS members and the community to support EHS so that our work can continue and the Courthouse can be restored. Many thanks to those who have already sent donations and offered assistance. If you haven't already done so, we ask you to make a donation and to write to politicians – please see the enclosed information. Various fundraising activities are planned. We all need to be involved and/or give generously.

How much do you value the work of the Essendon Historical Society?

How much do you treasure the Courthouse?

Mary Cahill

Photo 1: taken by Vanessa Bennett

Photos 2, 3, 4, 7, 8 & 9: taken by Bob Chalmers

Photos 5 & 6: taken by Peter Willoughby

MARY CAHILL RECEIVES AWARD

Our Secretary, Mary Cahill, was nominated for the 2016 Spirit of Moonee Valley Awards in the Arts & Culture Category, in recognition of the contribution she has made to the Essendon Historical Society over the past nine years.

As well as carrying out the normal Secretarial duties in a most thorough and meticulous manner, Mary has undertaken a number of other roles to assist us over the years. She became deeply involved from the outset in plans to restore the Courthouse, and kept an accurate record of the project as it progressed.

She was also a member of the sub-committee that was established to develop the concept of the Memory Lane Garden as a project to raise funds to assist in the financing of the courthouse restoration, and contributed in the plans for the laying out of the Civic Leaders Garden.

Mary has also chaired the Publication Committee. In 2014 she edited the very successful E.H.S. publication—"Grand Mansions of Essendon & District" (which was recognised by the Royal Historical Society)—and is currently in the process of editing our latest publication "Lost Moonee Valley" which will be published in 2017.

Mary was presented with a suitably inscribed glass trophy acknowledging her as the winner of the Arts and Culture Section of the Spirit of Moonee Valley Awards for 2016. The Winners were announced at a Gala Dinner held at the Clocktower Centre on Saturday, 13 August. We extend our congratulations to Mary for her success and thank her for the work that she continues to do on our behalf.



Mary Cahill, with Terry Scott and Bob Chalmers at the "Spirit of Moonee Valley Awards" at the Clocktower Centre on August 13.

Photographs by Julie Scott.

MEMORIES OF PAST YEARS

Amongst the many emails received by me in the days that immediately followed the fire was one from EHS member, Maurice Austin. Maurice has, over a period of many years, taken numerous photographs of places of interest.

While looking through his collection, he came across a lovely wide angle photograph, taken in the late 1990s (we think), inside the Courtroom (opposite page)

This photograph, obviously taken on a quiet Sunday afternoon, is particularly memorable, as it features, along with Bob Mackay and yours truly, Betty Somerville (left) and Nan Hosie. Betty and Nan were two ladies who regularly helped out on the Sunday Duty Roster. Unfortunately both are now deceased. .



Left:

Mary Costigan, our oldest member, celebrated her 100th Birthday earlier in the year.

Here, she holds the special card sent to her by Her Majesty, the Queen.

Thank you to Margaret Dodds, one of her proud daughters, for sending us this lovely photograph.



OBITUARIES

It is with sadness that we announce the recent deaths of two of our Members.

TONY DUFFUS, who had been a Member of the E.H.S. since 2014, passed away on 5th August, 2016 after a short illness.

Tony was elected on to the Committee in August 2014 and was a member of the Anzac Wall sub-committee. He served on the EHS Committee for a period of twelve months before being forced to step aside due to family commitments.

ROD MORRISON, of Sunbury, joined the E.H.S. in 1974 and had remained a member for the past 42 years. We received communication from his wife, Jan, to say that he had passed away recently.

A Sympathy Card was sent to the family's of each of the above members on behalf of the E.H.S. Members

OUR NIDDRIE WORK-SPACE

We are very grateful to the City of Moonee Valley and the Staff of the Niddrie Library for enabling us to set up a work-space in the basement of the Library in Keilor Road, Niddrie, for an unspecified period of time.

This has enabled the members of the Cataloguing Committee to meet on a weekly basis and continue its fine work in scanning photographs and managing our various collections.

This space can only be accessed during normal Library hours and is not open to the public. However, it does give our researchers an opportunity to use our existing resources to answer queries that are raised through our Facebook, web-page and email.

Thank you to Kelsey Collins and her helpers for the time that was spent in the weeks immediately after the fire unpacking the boxes of items being ear-marked for short term storage and setting the room up.

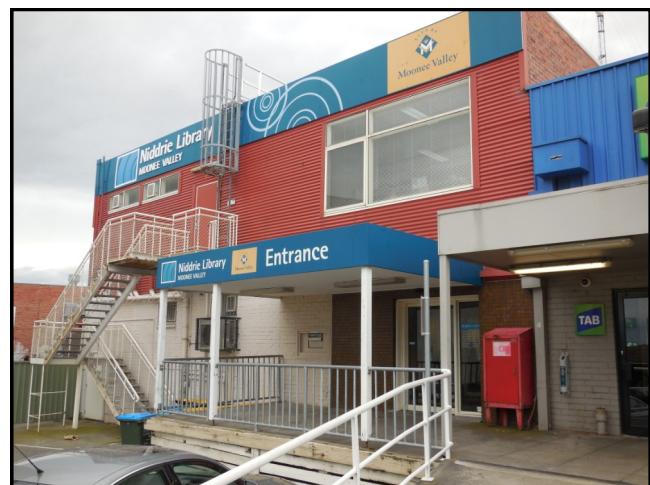
NEWS OF OUR MEMBERS IN THE WARS

One of our most senior members, Zelma Riddell, spent some time in hospital recently, following a fall, and is currently “resting up” with a nephew and his family in Ballarat.

Zelma has been a regular supporter of our activities over many years and is a member of the Cataloguing Committee.

We hope that you are now well on the mend, Zelma, and that you will soon be back with us.

Our thoughts are also with Rosemary Henderson who is now living in Torquay. We hope you are still on the improve, Rosemary.



*We have Working Space at the Niddrie Library
(Photograph by Bob Chalmers)*

OUR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Essendon Historical Society was held in the Conference Rooms of the Moonee Ponds (Sam Merrifield) Library on Tuesday, 26th July.

It was pleasing to see the Meeting so well attended, with 34 Members in attendance. Each was given a printed copy of the 2015-16 Annual Report which had been put together by Treasurer, Terry Scott.

Bob Chalmers presented his President's Report and thanked the Committee for the work that had been achieved over the past twelve months. This was followed by a report from the Treasurer.

The next item of business was the Election of Office-bearers and the Committee for the ensuing year.

Bob Chalmers vacated the Chair in favour of ex-President, Ian Keeble, who read out the Nominations for each office. There being only one nomination for each position, the following members were elected for 2016-17

PRESIDENT:	Bob Chalmers
VICE -PRESIDENT:	Kelsey Collins
SECRETARY:	Mary Cahill
TREASURER:	Terry Scott
COMMITTEE	Elaine Brogan John Hills Greg Thege Barry Harrison

There being a vacancy for one more Committee member, Ian Keeble called for nominations from the floor, without success.

Ian congratulated the in-coming Committee and handed the Meeting back to Bob Chalmers.

A brief General Meeting followed the AGM. During this meeting, Secretary, Mary Cahill, gave an up-to-date report on the Society's position with regards to the Courthouse Recovery and the arrangements that had been put in place for the on-going operation of the Essendon Historical Society.

The Meeting was declared closed at 8.50 pm.

Members were reminded that the August Meeting would take the form of a Dinner Meeting at Windy Hill with author and historian, Richard Broome, the Guest Speaker.

LOST MOONEE VALLEY

Mary Cahill, in her capacity as Chairperson of the Publication Committee and co-editor of "Lost Moonee Valley", had planned to begin the task of editing the material that had been presented to her, in late June-early July, so that the book could be published in time for Christmas.

Unfortunately, due to the fire on June 27th and its aftermath, the publication has had to be put on hold until Mary is able to again give it her attention.

This will probably now be some time in the first half of 2017.

REMEMBERING MELBOURNE

The Royal Historical Society's latest venture - Remembering Melbourne—is expected to be available some time in November and should be worth waiting for. Mary Cahill and Alex Bragiola are the co-editors of the 8 pages (including 17 images) focusing on the City of Moonee Valley. Lenore Frost was called on to write the introduction for our segment. It is anticipated that this publication will be available for about \$30-00 a copy.

AN APPEAL TO THE COMMUNITY

Following the publicity and awareness raised about the plight of the Essendon Historical Society in the "Moonee Valley Leader", we have created a brochure which is currently in the process of being printed, to distribute to residents throughout the City of Moonee Valley. It is quite clear that we, as a voluntary and not-for-profit organisation, cannot win the fight to restore the Moonee Ponds Courthouse on our own, and we are appealing to members of the Community to give us all the support that they can, either by making donations, or writing to The Minister for Planning, Hon. Richard Wynne, urging immediate action in restoring the 125 year old building.

Thank you to those members who volunteered to help us distribute the pamphlets, which should be ready soon.

Special thanks to Brad Teal and his Advertising and Marketing Manager, Lisa Sciberras, for agreeing to sponsor the brochures and assisting with the printing process.

VICTORIAN SENIORS WEEK TALK

Bob Mackay will give a talk entitled
"The Pascoe Vale National School"
at 2.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 5th October
in the Conference Room of the Sam Merrifield Library
as part of Victorian Seniors Week.

HELP THE E.H.S. TO RECOVER

**To help EHS restore our historic Courthouse
please make a donation or contact the politicians listed below**

We need People Power and YOUR voice is important

Please send an email or write a letter to:

Hon. Richard Wynne MP

Minister for Planning

Level 16

8 Nicholson St,

EAST MELBOURNE

VIC 3002

richard.wynne@parliament.vic.gov.au

Hon. Lily D'Ambrosio

Minister for Energy, Environment

& Climate Change

Level 36

121 Exhibition Street,

MELBOURNE, VIC 3000

lily.d'ambrosio@parliament.vic.gov.au

Individual letters and emails will have a great impact

Your own comments are best. Here are some ideas to help you:

On 27 June 2016 there was a devastating fire at the Old Moonee Ponds Courthouse.

The Courthouse was built in 1890 and is on the Victorian State Heritage list.

It is important to retain this significant well-known landmark building.

The 1890 building is still structurally sound and can be restored.

Over the years many visitors have been to the museum to admire the building and learn about local history which has personal interest to them and their family.

Prompt action and funding is needed to protect and restore this much-loved building.

The Old Moonee Ponds Courthouse is treasured by Victorians who want our heritage to be protected.

DONATIONS (Donations over \$2 are Tax Deductible)

Payment can be by Cheque made out to ESSENDON HISTORICAL SOCIETY posted to Essendon Historical Society, P.O. Box 557, Essendon, 3040

**OR pay directly to: Moonee Ponds Courthouse Museum Account
Bendigo Bank BSB 633-000 Account No 147092803**

Please include your name in the Reference and email your details for a tax receipt to be sent to you.

Email: esshissoc@mail.com



MEMORY LANE GARDEN UPDATE -- AUGUST 2016



LOCAL GOVERNMENT
~ GARDEN ~
RECOGNISING
A CENTURY OF
CIVIC LEADERS
1862 - 1962

Just prior to the Courthouse Fire (27-6-2016) the two sections of tiles on Kellaway Avenue had been installed.

This is now the Local Government Garden which includes the names of Chairmen and Mayors over 100 years. It also includes names of Town Clerks, Surveyors, City Engineers, Curator and Librarian.

At the same time, the last tiles for the seventh group in the Memory Lane Garden were installed. The Grand Launch we had planned for 29 July, sadly, had to be cancelled.

Since then, we have received enough orders to fill the eighth group which will be installed on the corner of Kellaway Avenue and Mt Alexander Road.

Happily, the plants are growing well and people are able to see it through the wire fence. It is nice to have good news after the fire, and the Memory Lane Garden surviving all that happened on the day of the fire is very good news.

Julie Scott



STEAM TO RETURN TO ESSENDON

Mary Cahill and I met up with Richard Lawrence and Steve Chandler of the Rotary Club of Essendon at Richard's home in July, and they discussed with us a special and exciting event that they plan to organise to help raise funds for the Courthouse Recovery Funds.

WHEN?

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20th

10.00 am to 3.00 p.m.



Courtesy of

THE ROTARY CLUB OF ESSENDON

In conjunction with 707 Operations

"STEAM TRAINS RETURN TO ESSENDON"

Be sure to note this important date in your Diaries.

You will have the opportunity of enjoying an unforgettable journey on a steam train, which will operate from Platform No. 1 at the Essendon Railway Station and travel to Caulfield and back. It is proposed that there will be five return trips on the day.

AN EXPERIENCE NOT TO BE MISSED

THANKS FOR YOUR EFFORTS PETER

We are extremely grateful to our Life Member, Peter Willoughby, for the many tedious hours he spent recently in restoring a number of our important databases that had been stored in the bookcase in the main courtroom and suffered water damage during the fire. Thanks for a great job, Peter.

OUR DINNER MEETING

Our Annual Dinner Meeting, which marked the 46th Anniversary of the Essendon Historical Society, was held at “Windy Hill” on Tuesday, 23rd August. Forty-three members and friends were in attendance. Our attendees included our Guest Speaker, Professor Richard Broome and our Member for Essendon, Danny Pearson.

Terry Scott, our Master-of-Ceremonies for the evening, introduced President, Bob Chalmers, who extended a warm welcome to all in attendance, and after a few brief words, asked our Secretary, Mary Cahill, to give us all an up-to-date report on The Courthouse Recovery program. In introducing her, Bob made reference to Mary’s recent Spirit of Moonee Valley Award, and this was greeted with acclamation.



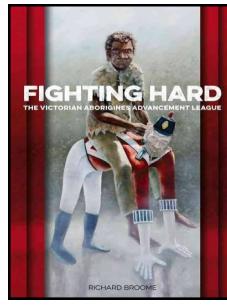
We all enjoyed our main meal, and following this, Elaine Brogan, was called on to introduce our Guest Speaker, Prof. Richard Broome. Prof. Broome firstly referred to the book, soon to be published through the Royal Historical Society, entitled “Remembering Melbourne” of which he is the editor.

He then went on to give an interesting talk on the factors leading up to the development of the Victorian Aboriginal Advancement League, with special reference to a number of leaders who provided inspiration for its formation. The talk was based, to a large degree, on his book, “*Fighting Hard*”. After answering a number of questions, Terry Scott thanked him for his talk and made a small presentation to him.

Richard had brought a number of copies of his book with him and happily signed copies for those who were quick enough to secure a copy.

Following his talk, we were treated to the second course of the meal, - our sweets—followed by tea or coffee. Door prizes were won by Greg Thege and Barbara Jacobs. Thanks to Elaine Brogan for donating one of the door prizes

We wish to express our sincere thanks to Julie and Terry Scott, for the work that they put in to making the night a



great success, and to the staff of “Windy Hill” for looking after our needs during the evening.



Prof. Richard Broome signs a copy of his book, “Fighting Hard” for John Ritter
(Photos: Emma Thege)



Bob Chalmers and Terry Scott with Prof. Richard Broome



Enjoying the Dinner

(Photos: Julie Scott)



Greeters, Eve Park & Elaine Brogan (with Door Prize)

U3A COURSE FOR 2016

In spite of the difficulties that we have experienced over the past two months, the U3a Course that we promised to conduct has been continuing as planned and have been held each week in the Moonee Ponds Library

We are now into the seventh of the nine week course, which have been regularly attended each week by our ten enthusiastic participants.

Topics covered to date, after a brief course overview, have included “Our Local Government and Council Characters”

The Pascoe Vale National School
“Our First Churches”

Law & Order—Our local Court and Judicial System

Our Postal Services and the Great Debate.

We thank the staff of the Sam Merrifield Library for their support

RECENT ACQUISITIONS

Following the news of our tragedy, it was heartening to receive several photographs reminding us of how things were before the fire.

Thank you, **Maurice Austin** and **Noreen Yorke**, for your lovely photos of the main chamber of the Moonee Ponds Courthouse in better times.

Monica Pinda sent us a view of the Moonee Ponds Junction taken from an air balloon and two lovely photos of the EHS at the Tea Gardens in 1999. Thank you Monica.

Vee and Alfred Mansour passed on to us some interesting ephemera from the Ascot Vale Football Club c1920s that had belonged to Andrew Robertson of Moonee Ponds. Thanks Vee.

Thank you, **Marie Peevers**, for the 125th Year Anniversary Mass and Historic Booklet from the St. Brendan’s Church, Flemington.

*****COMING EVENTS*******GENERAL MEETINGS**

TUESDAY 27th SEPTEMBER

At LOWTHER HALL

Leslie Road, Essendon

Commencing at 7.30 pm

Topic

A Tour of Lowther Hall

*(Please note change of Venue)

TUESDAY 25th OCTOBER

At the Hi Marque Room
WINDY HILL RECEPTIONS
(cnr Napier & Brewster Streets)
commencing at 7.30 pm

Guest Speaker
BOB MACKAY

TOPIC:
Pascoe Vale National School

TUESDAY, 22nd NOVEMBER

At the Hi Marque Room
WINDY HILL RECEPTIONS
(cnr Napier & Brewster Streets)
commencing at 7.30 pm

Guest Speaker
JOHN HILLS

TOPIC
The Shrine of Remembrance

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APPEAL FOR ITEMS

The Editor once again is appealing to members of the Essendon Historical Society (especially to those who have long connections with the local district) to make some contribution to our Newsletter. I am sure that many of you have something that you could contribute that would be of interest to our members. Any childhood memory or anecdote would be greatly appreciated.

Meetings

The Society will continue to meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month, from February to December.

General Meetings, unless notified otherwise, will be held in the Hi Marque Room at “Windy Hill Receptions”, cnr Napier Street, and Brewster Street, Essendon, commencing at 7.30 pm

Courthouse Museum

Due to severe damage caused by the fire, the Courthouse Museum will be out of action until further notice.

The Newsletter

The deadline for the next E.H.S. Newsletter is October 29th. Material forwarded before this date would be greatly appreciated. Members are encouraged to provide items of local interest.

E.H.S. Postal Address

Please note that all correspondence should be addressed to:

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P.O. Box 557
Essendon, 3040**