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## NEWSLETTER

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### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM will be held at 7.00 pm on Thursday 8 September in the Reading Room at the Fitzroy Town Hall.

Following the short formal meeting, the guest speaker will be long-time member Lina Favrin, who is the Digital and Community Learning Librarian at the Fitzroy Library. Lina will speak on and show treasures from the Local History Collection in the Fitzroy Library.

#### COMMITTEE MEMBERS WANTED

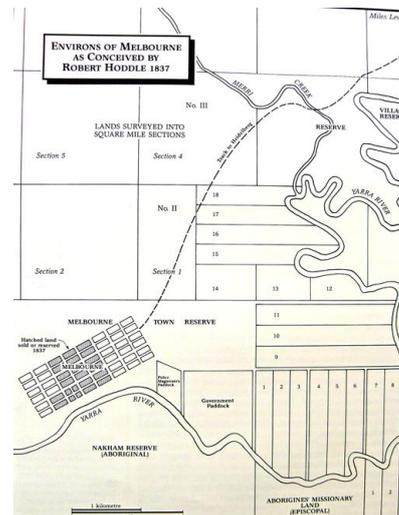
Do you want to learn more about our local history and how it can be accessed? Want to see other avenues pursued? Want to assist in research projects? Want to see a more informative newsletter? These could be all good reasons for joining the Committee. Nominate now or at the AGM. For further information contact committee members Peter Woods ([peterwoods7@bigpond.com](mailto:peterwoods7@bigpond.com)), Mike Moore ([m.moore@bigpond.com](mailto:m.moore@bigpond.com)), or Meg Lee ([meglee44@bigpond.com](mailto:meglee44@bigpond.com)).

#### THE DEVELOPMENT OF MELBOURNE AND ITS EARLY SUBURBS

**Tuesday, 18 October 2016, 7pm**  
**at the Fitzroy Library meeting room**

Ken Smith, a member of the Port Phillip Pioneers Group, will share his extensive knowledge on the development of Melbourne and its suburbs prior to 1851.

Ken has researched the detail of early land sales and Subdivisions across Fitzroy and neighbouring areas.



From Lewis, M. in Fitzroy, Melbourne's First Suburb, p.8

#### Michele Langfield

Michele Langfield, FHS member and our convenor in 1992 and 1993, died on 18 July after an extended illness. Michele retired a few years ago from Deakin University where she had researched and taught on Australian Studies and Migration. She was our guest speaker back in 2003 on the migrations to Fitzroy by various ethnic groups from the early days through to recent times. Michele also authored a published history on the Ecumenical Migration Centre located here in Fitzroy. Our sympathies are extended to Gil and her family.

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## **ASPECTS OF NORTH FITZROY HISTORY**

It is the intention of the committee during 2017 to undertake a project to research, record, share and publish some more of the history of North Fitzroy. It is anticipated that the outcome will be a seminar and a publication similar to that done for south Fitzroy with *Brunswick Street Lost and Found* \* in 2012. Some relevant topics have or are being researched by FHS members, but not published. These include:

histories of individual houses and particular streets;  
William Thomas, Guardian of the Aborigines, 1839-67, who lived at Merriville Lodge in Nth Fitzroy;  
the World War I memorials;  
the Bowling Club;  
the Inner Circle railway.

If you have a particular interest that you would like to pursue the committee would welcome your involvement. Other topics worthy of research include:

St Georges Rd and the earlier Yan Yean tramway of 1855;  
the hotels of North Fitzroy such the Aberdeen, Railway, Terminus, Tramway, etc.;  
the Churches of North Fitzroy;  
the Edinburgh Gardens and the early sporting clubs;  
factories in North Fitzroy;  
The Old Colonists Homes (Rushall Park);  
demographic changes in the suburb.

We welcome additional suggestions, and any offers to be involved in the project.

Come to the AGM on 8 September to discuss this project, or send an email to [fitzroyhistorysociety@yahoo.com.au](mailto:fitzroyhistorysociety@yahoo.com.au) or contact Mike Moore at [m.moore@bigpond.com](mailto:m.moore@bigpond.com)

\* If you don't have this publication, it can be purchased at the Fitzroy Library or accessed on the Publications page of the FHS website at <http://www.fitzroyhistorysociety.org.au/publications.php>

FHS Committee

## **THE ORAL HISTORY PROJECT**

The group of eight members have recorded and transcribed 17 oral histories interviews from long term residents of Fitzroy. The group is hoping to conclude this round of interviews with 20. Currently the group is meeting to decide on the format and form of the final publication and how to make them available to all. Members will be kept informed of the progress on this matter. If you would like to join the group or feel you have some suggestions you would like to make please contact us through email: [fitzroyhistorysociety@yahoo.org](mailto:fitzroyhistorysociety@yahoo.org)

Transcriptions of interviews would not have been possible without the support of the Community Bank in Queens Parade, Clifton Hill. In the recent round of grants the Project was offered \$1300.

Meg Lee

## **FORTHCOMING BOOK**

Mike Moore and Peter Woods have contributed material on Fitzroy for a forthcoming book, REMEMBERING MELBOURNE. Look out for it when it is launched in November.

## **FACEBOOK**

FHS is now on FACEBOOK Find us at [www.facebook.com/fitzroyhistorysoc](http://www.facebook.com/fitzroyhistorysoc)

## THEN AND NOW



The image above was taken at the corner of St George's Rd and Scotchmer St in about 1949. It comes from the Harold Paynting Collection in the State Library of Victoria, Image H92.20/3326. The photographer was Lyle Fowler (1891-1969). Of interest is the Marshalite clock-face traffic light and the painter on the ladder that's standing on the veranda roof. OH&S was different then—no safety boots!



## Become a Member

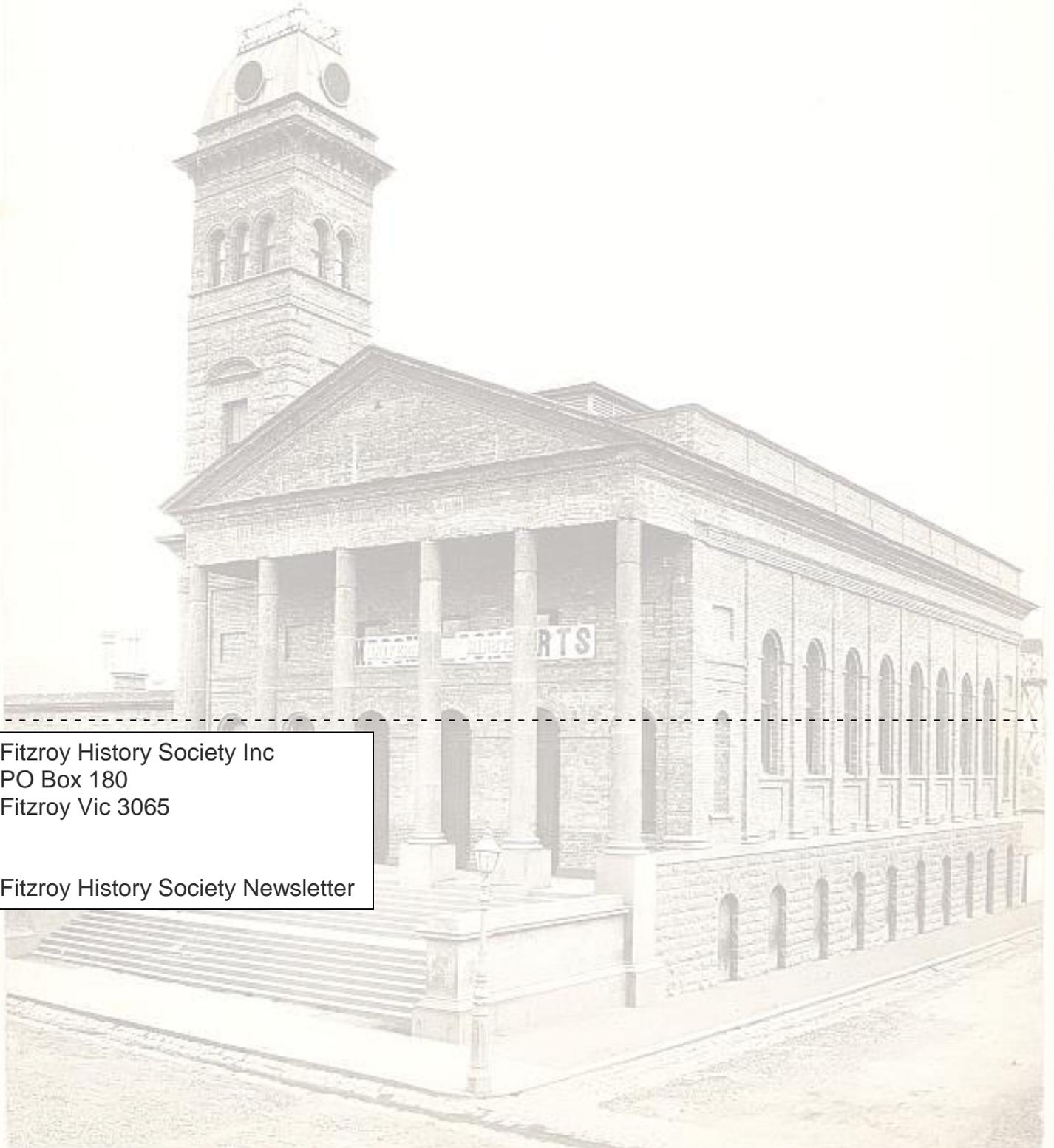
**Membership costs just \$10 per person per year.**

To make renewal easy, all memberships fall for renewal on 1 August each year (around the date of our AGM).

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