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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

RESEARCHING YOUR HOUSE IN FITZROY

Wednesday, 13 July 2016, 6.30pm at the Fitzroy Library meeting room.

A workshop-seminar on how to research the history of your house, using resources on the Internet and in the Fitzroy Library local history collection.

Mike Moore and Lina Favrin will describe the range of resources available, and Seb Costello will tell us of the findings on the Royal Sovereign Hotel.

Come along and make a start on your house and/or neighbourhood.

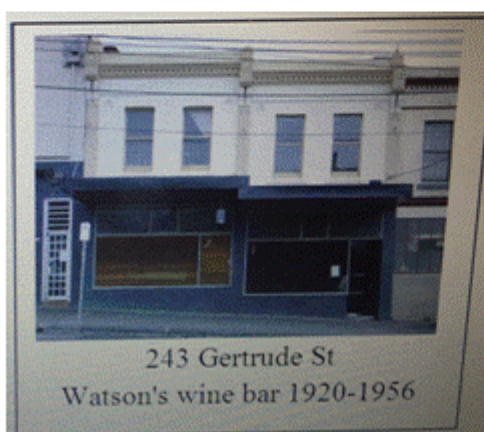
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM will be held 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. She will speak on and show treasures from the Local History Collection in the Fitzroy Library.

RECENT EVENTS

On Sunday 3 April Allan Wilingham led a walk, ALWAYS A WELL-WATERED SUBURB, which looked at Fitzroy's old pubs, hotels, grog shops and dives. It commenced at the former Devonshire Arms hotel at 34-38 Fitzroy Street and ended at the site of Jimmy Watson's original wine bar at 243 Gertrude Street.



FITZROY: FROM THE BOWLING CLUB HOTEL TO THE FITZROY STADIUM

On Sunday 1 May, as the FHS contribution to the National Trust Heritage Festival for 2016, this walk examined the sites of significant buildings that are mostly now gone. The walk commenced at the north-west corner of Victoria Parade and George Street, where the **Fitzroy Bowling Club Hotel** had once stood, opposite the bowling club in the Victoria Parade median strip. Other sites looked at were those of **Dr Heffernan's house** at 12 Brunswick Street (now part of the Catholic University), **Uxbridge House** at the corner of Nicholson Street and Hanover Street, **Larcher's Dairy** extending from Moor Street to Cremorne Street, and the **School of Domestic Arts** in Bell Street. The final location was the site of the **Fitzroy Stadium**, on the east side of Brunswick Street, opposite the junction with Bell Street. The speakers who recounted the history of each site, were Peter Woods (Fitzroy Bowling Club Hotel), Lyndon Arnold (Dr Heffernan's House), Bill Mackie (Uxbridge House), Walter Mohr (Larcher's Dairy), Judy Walsh (School of Domestic Arts) and Seb Costello (Fitzroy Stadium).

Photos from the walk are shown below.



Photos, clockwise from top left: Service station on site of Fitzroy Club Hotel; Chimney remaining from Larcher's Dairy; Garden wall remaining from Uxbridge House; view to site of the Fitzroy Stadium at the Brunswick St. end of Bell St.; Judy Walsh speaking in Bell St; School of Domestic Arts buildings; Larcher's house on Moor St.

ANZAC DAY CEREMONY

On 25th April there was a remembrance ceremony at the WW1 Sportmen's Memorial in the Edinburgh Gardens. The image shows FHS Convenor, Peter Woods assisted Yarra Mayor, Cr. Roberto Colanzi in laying the wreath.

The Memorial is in a corner between an electrical sub-station and the back of the bowling club building. When erected, it was across an entrance path to the Gardens. FHS is supporting Yarra Council's move to refurbish the memorial and its investigation into repositioning it across a walkway.



MERIT AWARD

At the Annual General Meeting of the Royal Historical Society Of Victoria, on 17 May, Mike Moore was presented with a Merit Award in recognition of his "distinguished service to history in Victoria". Mike joined the FHS committee in 1999 and was Convenor from 2004 to 2009, and has at other times been, Secretary, Newsletter Editor, and Membership recorder. He is a driving force in our society, leading many research projects and walks.



Mike Moore being presented with his Merit Award by the vice-president of RHSV, Emeritus Prof. Richard Broome.

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.

TROVE

The Royal Historical Society of Victoria (RHSV) advised us that the National Library of Australia, in order to meet its "efficiency dividends", is to curtail TROVE, especially its capacity to harvest new collections. In the last decade and a half TROVE has facilitated and revolutionised historical research through its marvellous provision of access to newspapers and a myriad of other material via the web. It has become an invaluable tool that is used by millions of researchers and is supported by an enormous community volunteer effort.

At the recommendation of the RHSV, the FHS committee wrote on your behalf, to the federal Minister for the Arts, Hon Senator Mitch Fifield, to point out the backward step that this involves for an innovative nation, and to request that he work to ensure that NLA and TROVE are not jeopardised.

ORAL HISTORY PROJECT UPDATE

FHS has received a further grant of \$1,300 for this project from the Clifroy Community Bank.

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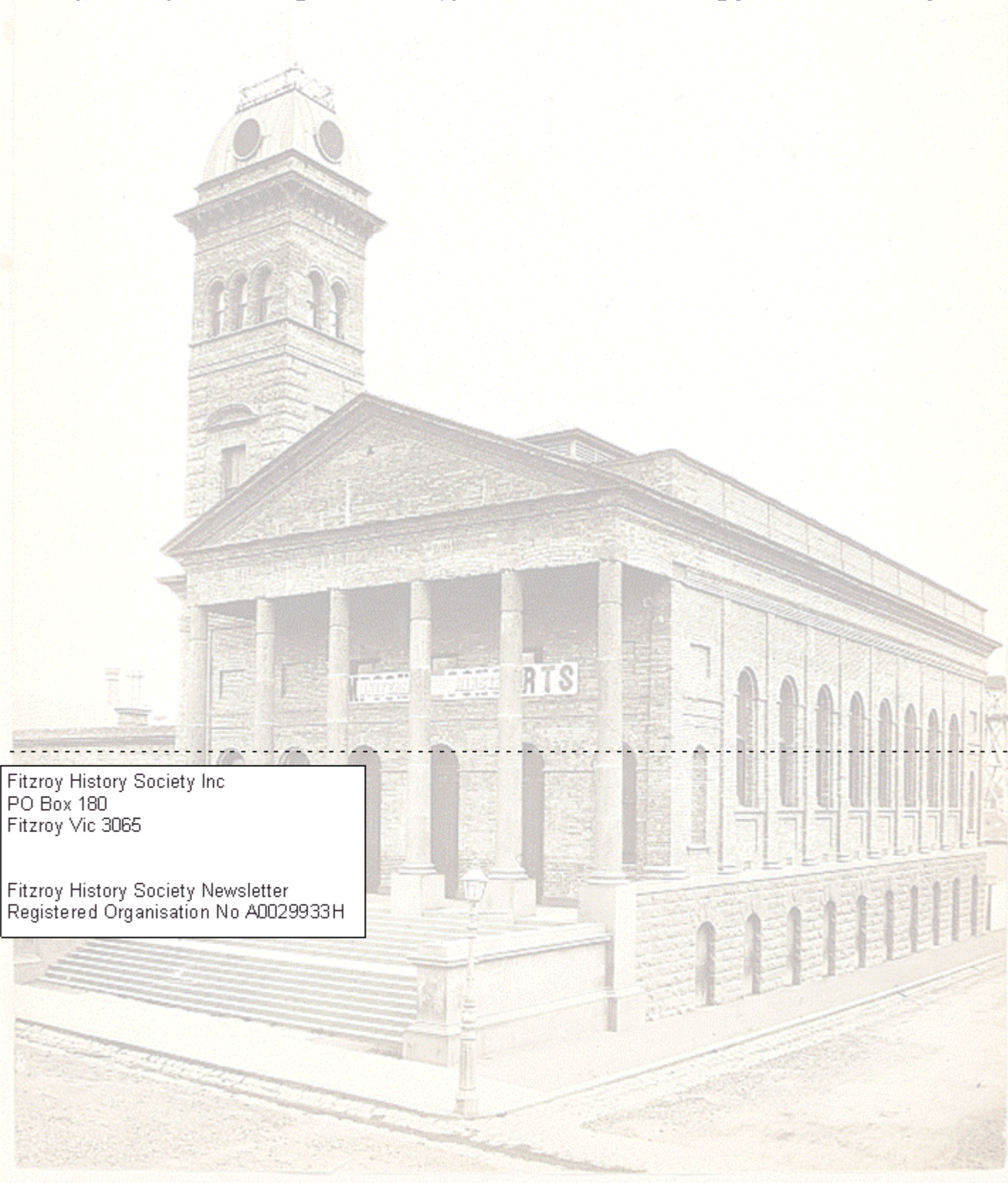
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