

April 2006

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## Our Future Activities: Dates for Your Diary

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April:** Fitzroy History Society Talk: Researching Fitzroy History at 7 pm at Fitzroy Library Meeting Room.

Speakers will share the research that they have been undertaking recently. This will include:

- Tim Gatehouse will be giving a 'show & tell' about the Presbyterian Church precinct in North Fitzroy
- Jill Robertson will share with us the progress she has made with her study of Gertrude Street
- Jennifer McKeagney will describe her findings on the Classical Roman design features of the Fitzroy Town Hall façade
- Paul Noone on the history of the Irish in Fitzroy 1850-1900

We would welcome any other persons who might like to speak about research they are planning or doing. Just turn up and speak to an informed and appreciative audience!



**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May:** U3A Lecture on Baron von Mueller at Collingwood Library Meeting Room, Stanton Street, Abbotsford at 10 am [please RSVP to Mike Moore on 8416 1446 or Email to: [m.moore@bigpond.com](mailto:m.moore@bigpond.com) so that seating & catering can be arranged].

U3A has invited members of our Society and others to join the lecture by Rod Home on the famous Baron, Government Botanist from 1853 and Director of the Botanical Gardens from 1857 to 1873. Rod tells us that during the past few years, over 14 000 letters written to or by the Baron (and various related documents) are in the process of being published. These finds were unknown to previous biographers of von Mueller and shed new light on his remarkable life

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May:** Peter Love (Swinburne University of Technology) will speak to us on the 150th Anniversary of Eight Hour Day and its Early Fitzroy origins at 7.30 pm at Dante's restaurant, corner of Napier & Gertrude Streets. There's also an opportunity to dine beforehand (if you like) from 6.30 pm. No bookings are needed.

You can find more about the Melbourne 8 hour celebrations at <http://www.8hourday.org.au/>



**EIGHT HOUR DAY**

Celebrate 150 years  
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## Our Activities Planned for the Rest of the Year

OUR activities planned for the rest of the year include:

- A trip through the tunnels at St Vincent's Hospital (planned for 14th June at 4.30 pm)
- A Quiz Night, planned for Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July
- Our AGM on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30pm with a talk on The Brotherhood of St Laurence, Father Tucker & Brother Bill
- Our Annual Dinner at Dante's on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December.

More details on each of these events (and perhaps some others) will be in subsequent Newsletters.

## U3A Walks Program

During April, the University of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Age (U3A) has planned several historical walks in Fitzroy. If you are interested in these walks, please consider joining the U3A. They can be contacted on 9415 1769 or at [yarracityu3a@internode.on.net](mailto:yarracityu3a@internode.on.net) where they will give you the details and timings. The walks are:

- **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April:** A Tour of Fitzroy Town Hall. Meet at the Town Hall
- **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April:** Walk through North Fitzroy Along Alfred Crescent at the Edinburgh Gardens. Meet at the Edinburgh Gardens bandstand (Melways 44 B1)

## Visit to Miles Lewis' Library

Many of our members were privileged to visit Miles Lewis' Library in several conveniently-sized groups. Each group was treated to a special viewing of the treasures relating to building and architectural history and items relating to the early history of Melbourne and Fitzroy. Our thanks go to Miles and Mary for their kindness and hospitality.

## New Local History CD ROMs at Fitzroy Library

Lina Favrin has advised us that a range of new local history CD ROMs is available at the Fitzroy Branch of the Yarra Melbourne Library. Here are the details:

### *Melbourne Commercial and Squatters Directory 1854 - J. Butterfield*

This early Melbourne trade and professional directory provides varied clues and insights for family and local historians. It presents a record of those who lived in the area, along with their occupations, what facilities were available and much more. There is a broad range of information available on this CD such as a map of Melbourne, lists of Public Companies and Societies and a Squatters' Directory - with names of runs and their occupation. Government and consular information is also listed, along with business advertisements. The directory is arranged both by street and then alphabetically.

### *The Cyclopaedia of Victoria*

This CD includes facsimile images of the entire 1800 pages of the three volumes of the original 1907-1909 edition of the Cyclopaedia of Victoria. The Cyclopedias that were published for most states of Australia around the beginning of the 20th Century are a vast resource of historical and biographical information on the state concerned - the people, towns, industries, professional, commercial and social institutions and much more. They include thousands of illustrations, the larger number of these being portraits of those whose biographies are included. These are not just the rich and famous, but include a high percentage of the ordinary citizens in each community.

### *Australasian Methodist Ministerial General Index 1896 - M. Dyson*

This book comprises the names of ministers in the Australasian Wesleyan Methodist Church from the beginning. This second edition brings the appointments to the year 1896. It also indicates the principal offices

which each minister has held from the Conference. It lists all the ministers with all of their appointments arranged alphabetically by each conference. All of Australia and New Zealand are covered.

***The Dictionary of Australasian Biography 1892 - Philip Mennell***

It includes almost 2000 concise biographies of Australasian colonialists from 1855-1892 in over 540 pages. It gives information on politicians, political leaders, church leaders, intellectuals, explorers, professionals, musicians, actors, athletes, scientists, pastoralists and industrialists from all the Australian colonies as well as New Zealand. Information included consists of their background and family information, career information, achievements and influences on the development of Australasia. It is arranged alphabetically by surname for easy reference.

***AGCI: Australasian Genealogical Computer Index***

This CD contains indexes to 3.9 million records drawn from the collections of 39 family history societies and institutions throughout Australia and New Zealand and is available to researchers in this fully searchable format for the first time. 19th & 20th century data drawn from cemetery records, shipping arrivals, newspaper entries, council rate books and war memorials.

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A BRIGHT FAMILY OF SHOEMEN—Messrs. Paddle Bros., Boot and Shoe Manufacturers, North Fitzroy, Melbourne.  
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Bottom Row—P. Paddle, Father of the Group, A. E. Paddle.