



July 2011

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Upcoming Events

August

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 24 August 2011
7PM - 9PM

St Vincent's Public Hospital
Board Room

Level 11 (lift 6)

The AGM will be held from 7pm -7.30

Guest Speaker

7.30pm-8.30pm

Dr Lyndon Arnold

"Three Treks to Fitzroy"

Lyndon's presentation will cover the arrival, subsequent life and interactions of the HEFFERNAN, BENNETTS and DELBRIDGE families, dating from 1839 in Melbourne.

(Proceed to the new building in centre of the block bounded by Nicholson Street and Victoria Parade.)

September

Tom Petsinis in Fitzroy

Thursday 8 September 2011
7.00PM -9.30PM

Reading Room
Fitzroy Town Hall
Napier St, Fitzroy

Tom Petsinis is a poet, playwright and novelist. He was born in 1953 in Macedonia, Greece, and immigrated to Australia as a child. He grew up in Fitzroy, attended Fitzroy High School.

His latest novel, yet to be released is *Fog*, an exploration of Tom's youth and experiences in Fitzroy in the 1960's

October

Old Colonists Village Walk

Sunday 9 October
10 AM - 12.00

Falconer Crescent, North Fitzroy

Residents will introduce us to the history and architecture of the village. The walk will be conducted in groups of no more than 12 with some opportunity to visit residents in their homes.

Cost: \$5 donation donated to the Old Colonists for their hospitality.

November

Annual Dinner

Friday 18 November 7.00pm
The Gertrude Hotel

\$45 for 2 courses + glass of wine

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Keep up to date through the new Fitzroy History website and access many resources of the history society, the Fitzroy Library and much more.

Fitzroy Rate Records 1958 -1973

Recent additions to the local history collection at Fitzroy Library are the 1958-1973 rate cards for the former Fitzroy City Council. These records extend the range of years that can be researched for the suburb of Fitzroy from 1858 – 1949 and 1958 – 1973. The public can now carry out research more easily by searching the digital versions. These records include information about the owner and the occupier of a property, a brief description of the dwelling and the valuation at the time.

This project was made possible with the support of the Victorian Government through the Community Support Fund and the Public Record Office of Victoria.

Inquire at the Fitzroy Library and learn how to discover your own piece of local history.
Contact Yarra Libraries on 1300695427 or email yarralibraries@yarracity.vic.gov.au

We need your help.....

FHS has found that with an increasing membership list there are increased costs for printing and postage of the newsletter. By receiving it by email you reduce the likelihood of an increase in membership subscription – and help the environment.

So if you would like to assist us to keep membership fees down please opt in to receive your newsletter by email. It is simple to do so just email us at fitzroyhistorysociety@yahoo.com telling us your email address and you will receive your personal newsletter electronically via email.

We are interested in your research.....

We are keen to collate as much information for the local collection as possible. Should you be researching the history of your house (see www.fitzroyhistorysociety.org.au for supporting resources) or other matters related to the area we would be very keen to know about it and maybe to publish findings in the newsletter. Please contact us at fitzroyhistorysociety@yahoo.com and we would be happy to discuss it with you.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Fitzroy History Society has been successful in their application for a Small and Unexpected Project Grant from the City of Yarra.

The grant will enable us to publish three self guided walks in North Fitzroy in celebration of 150 years as part of Fitzroy municipality.

The walks will be published in a couple of months- both in hard copy and also on the website where they can be printed off for your use. Thank you to Catherine Pugsley for her successful application.

Two Distinctive Fitzroy Houses, 18 & 20 – 22 Bell Street

The impending sale of the distinctive bluestone house at 20-22 Bell Street has prompted us to undertake some research into this historic house and its very different but also very distinctive neighbour at 18 Bell Street.

The first owner of 20 Bell Street for whom we found records was a John Smith, profession given as accountant, in 1868. The Burchett Index of early building applications, 1850-1870, records that on 23 March 1868, a house was built or extended for Smith at Bell Street, by John McIntosh. Over 1857 to 1870, McIntosh built at least 14 other houses, cottages and shops in Fitzroy.

Information from the Fitzroy rate books and Sands & McDougall directories from the period describe the house as a “stone house, 4 rooms and kitchen” in 1867, and as a “stone and brick house, 7 rooms” in 1868. In 1867 the occupant was Justavus Matt, surgeon, and in 1868 Charles Matt, surgeon. From 1871 to 1879 the occupant was John Smith, junior, perhaps the son of the owner, John Smith.

From 1881 to 1888, the site was occupied by the “Fitzroy Ladies’ College”, also called “The Willows”, run by a Mrs Spooner.

**Thank you to Mike Moore and Catherine Pugsley for this research and presentation.
Our website at www.fitzroyhistorysociety.org.au has additional information and an early map of the area showing the two houses.**

The houses then and now...



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