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## NEWSLETTER

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Trivia Night

Plans are underway for a fun History Trivia Night on Tuesday 31 October 2017. Email recipients will be reminded nearer the event. If you are not on the email list, check the website or Facebook page nearer the time for details.

#### Research focused on North Fitzroy

As announced in the June Newsletter, FHS members are compiling aspects of the history of North Fitzroy. This work will culminate in the publication of a booklet and a public presentation. The date for the presentation has now been set for **Sunday 3 December 2017** at the new North Fitzroy Library (Bargoonga Nganjin) at the corner of St Georges Road and Best Street.

### PAST EVENTS

At the **AGM**, held in the Reading Room of the Fitzroy Library on 11 July, the following committee was elected:

Peter Woods, Convenor/President; Meg Lee Secretary; Brendon Mitchell, Treasurer and Website; Peter Heading, Facebook page; Graeme Pritchard, Newsletter; Lina Favin, emails; Andy Lanskis, membership; Mike Moore, membership

After the formal business, Jim Davidson gave an illustrated talk **The Accessible Past: History through post cards**. He covered their history from the first cards in 1859. Examples were shown of the superior German-printed cards that dominated the boom of the late 19th Century. Early cards left no room to write messages. Local examples of pictures on early cards included Osborne House, Brunswick Street, the results of an explosion in Brunswick Street, a house opposite the Exhibition Buildings, the rail bridge over the Merri Creek and the Queen Victoria statue in the Edinburgh Gardens.

#### Open House—Fitzroy

On Sunday 30 July, as its contribution to the Open House program, Yarra Council opened the Fitzroy Town Hall to the public. Tours were organised in small groups at half hour intervals. FHS members who acted as guides or spoke on historical aspects of the building included Mike O'Brien, Robyn Riddett, Carole Woods, Ted Rush, Seb Costello, Peter Woods, Tim Gatehouse, Graeme Pritchard and Mike Moore.



Tim Gatehouse and Peter Woods with a tour group at the start of a tour.



Mike O'Brien with a tour group at the WWI Memorial Boards.



## Fitzroy Oral History Project

The Oral History Project, under the title *The Life and Times of Fitzroy from the 1950s* was launched by the Mayor, Cr. Stone, in the Reading Room of the Fitzroy Library on Thursday 17 August in front of a large audience (see photos on the following pages). It culminated work over two years by a panel of nine interviewers under the coordination of Meg Lee. As well as sponsoring the evening, the City of Yarra has had produced a video recording of some of the stories, and one was screened at the launch. The interview panel of Marion Glanville, Alison Hart, Meryl Hyde (deceased), Meg Lee, Mary Lewis, Hilary McPhee, Rosa Simonelli, Marijana Vanevski, and Peter Woods produced 23 audio files, with transcripts, for the Local History Collection of the City of Yarra Library. Photographer Tony Knox made photographic portraits of the interviewees.

The interviews are now available at <http://oralhistory.fitzroyhistorysociety.org.au/> or via a link on the home page of our website, so please take a look. There are photographs and the transcripts can be downloaded.

Successful applications for two grants from the Bendigo Bank, together with assistance and support from the City of Yarra's, Arts and Culture, has enabled the Fitzroy Oral History webpage to include promotional videos featuring five interviewees, as well as the 23 transcripts and audio files of the 30 participants involved.







**Yan Yean Pipeline**

The mains water pipeline that is routed along St Georges Road from the north is being replaced after about 112 years. The photo shows pipes removed from a section near the Merri Creek in North Fitzroy.



The Newsletter is commonly written by members of the Committee, but we welcome contributions by other FHS members. Is there a building in your street being demolished or drastically altered? Why not investigate its history and write up your findings? If you need help in how to get started, speak to a member of the Committee.

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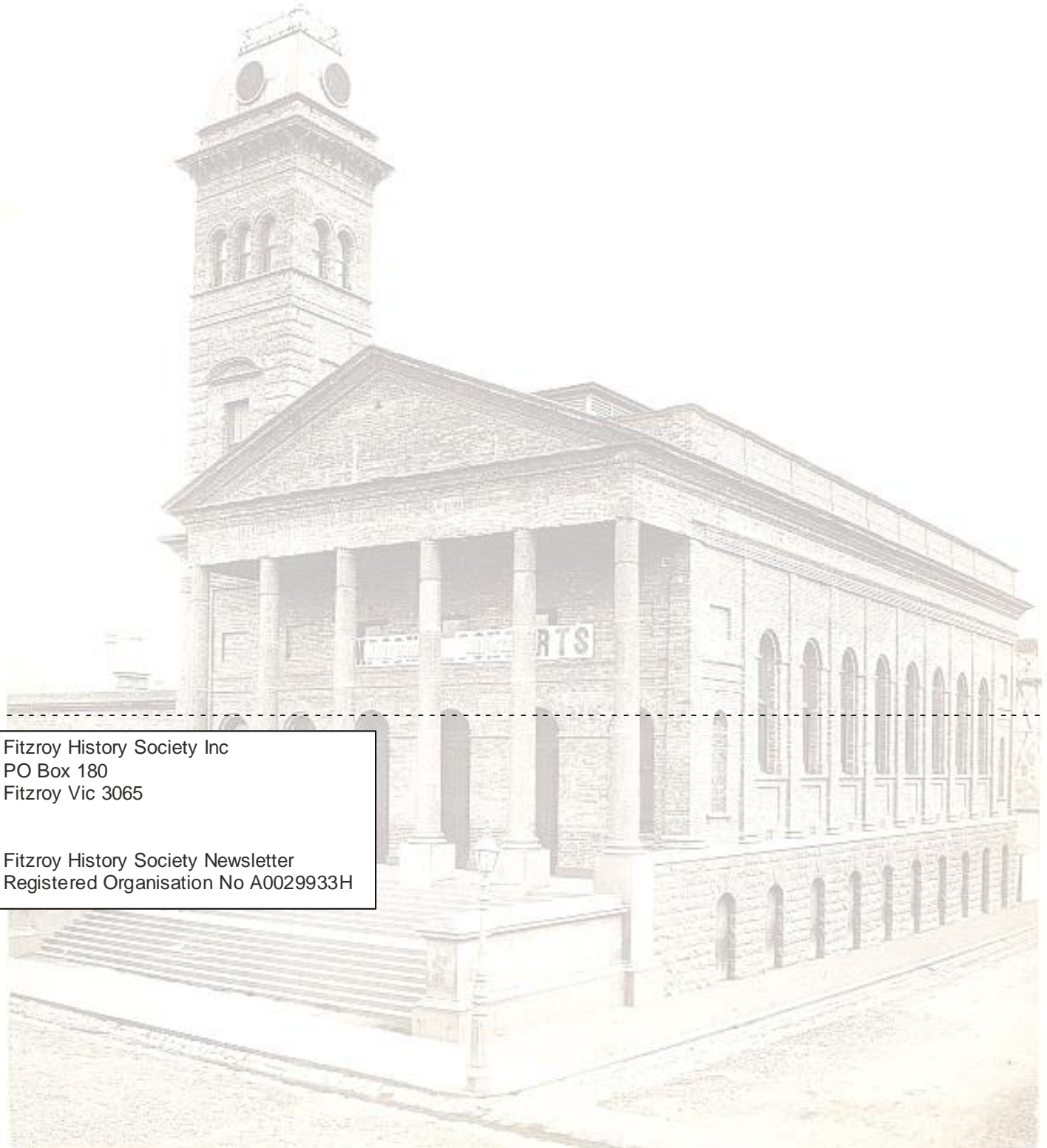
Membership costs just \$10 per person per year.

To make renewal easy, all memberships fall for renewal on 1 August each year (around the date of our AGM). If you would like to join or renew your membership, please complete the form found in this newsletter or on our website [www.fitzroyhistorysociety.org.au](http://www.fitzroyhistorysociety.org.au) and send it with the membership fee to PO Box 180, Fitzroy, 3065.

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