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Welcome

Cultural heritage is about sharing our stories. Traditions, languages, places, objects, and buildings, what makes them so important to us without the stories of who passed them on, how they have touched our lives? The Australian Heritage Festival in Victoria is an opportunity to foster understanding of our shared histories and invite learning and participation.

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Exterior of the iconic Murtoa Stick Shed

Open Days, Exhibitions & Tours

Altona Homestead Ghost Tour

Visit one of Australia's original homesteads, only 20 minute drive from Melbourne.

5 May, 8:30pm-10:00pm
128 Queen St, Altona

See website for costs

Williamstown Town Hall Heritage Tour

Enjoy a guided tour of the recently restored Williamstown Town Hall and learn about the history of the building and the many roles it has played in the lives of the local community over the last century.

20 April, 10:00am-12:00pm
104 Ferguson St, Williamstown

Free

Liquid Gold: The History of Eucalyptus Oil Distillation in a Goldrush Town

A live demonstration of Eucalyptus Oil Distillation in our model distillery will follow a short talk on the history of eucalyptus oil production in Australia and the history of 'blue eucy' oil in Inglewood and surrounds.

23 April, 12:00pm and 2:00pm
20 Grant Street North, Inglewood

Donation

Behind the Screens: Understanding the Golden Dragon Museum Collection

Join Megan Hall, Collections Manager at Bendigo's Golden Dragon Museum, for a private tour of the Museum where she will uncover some of the little-known details of the Collection and its care.

15 May, 10:30am-11:30am
1-11 Bridge Street, Bendigo

See website for costs

Optimism, Opportunities and Achievement

An exhibition reflecting on the Centenary of Local Government in Dandenong celebrations held in 1973 and the profound cultural changes in the City of Greater Dandenong over the last fifty years that have created the vibrant, cosmopolitan, culturally enriched community that it is today.

The Centenary of Local Government celebrations in Dandenong in 1973 was a community celebration by a thriving, growing community confident in its future, an emerging industrial and manufacturing powerhouse but a place still with the ambiance of a country town. Post WW2 migration mainly from Europe offered steady employment and the growing population planted the seeds for a new cosmopolitan future where families enjoyed a sense of security and optimism that was a great place to call home. The 1973 Centenary reflected these changes in the many displays, exhibitions, formal dinner, and ball as well as The Pageant of Progress attended by an estimated crowd of 60,000.

19 April, 10:00am-2:00pm
66 McCrae Street, Dandenong

Free





Sons of Williamstown

The Sons of Williamstown project involved the refurbishment of the Great War honour board in the Williamstown Town Hall and tells the stories of the Williamstown soldiers who did not return from the war. Viewing is open for a limited time at the Williamstown Town Hall.

27 April, 10:00am-12:00pm
104 Ferguson Street, Williamstown

Free

Castles, Costumes and the Auditor General all by the Sea

Visit Historic Black Rock House and learn the history of its owners and visitors of yesteryear. Learn about past original owner Charles Hotson Ebdon and his work as a pastoralist. Visits from Governor La Trobe, William Wills, past owner Sir Peter MacCallum plus many other interesting characters.

7 May, 1:00 - 4:00pm
30-36 Ebdon Avenue, Black Rock

Donation

Heritage Festival: Shared Stories of Casey and Cardinia

Join local history groups and enthusiasts in celebrating the identity of Casey and Cardinia places and people. Special events include exhibits, talks and book sales.

7 May, 10:00am-3:00pm
6E Henry St, Pakenham

Free

Riverlife and Romance Exhibition

RIVERLIFE and ROMANCE is a tribute to All The Rivers Run. Stories of the pioneers who played a vital role in the growth of what we now know as the Murray Darling Basin. Let us share the journey of tragedy love and adventure. Discover how they shaped history along our three longest rivers.

18 April, 10:00am-2:00pm
1 Dickson St, Echuca

See website for costs

Through The Eyes of Surgeons

Venture through the columns into the world of the surgeons. You may imagine this place is all about surgical instruments but there is so much more to discover.

18 April, 10:30am-12:30pm
250-290 Spring St, East Melbourne

Donation

Fire Services Museum of Victoria

Experience Victoria's Fire Service history.

21 April, 9:00am-3:00pm
23 April, 10:00am-4:00pm
27 April, 9:00am-3:00pm
28 April, 9:00am-3:00pm
30 April, 10:00am-4:00pm
4 May, 9:00am-3:00pm
5 May, 9:00am-3:00pm
7 May, 10:00am-4:00pm
11 May, 9:00am-3:00pm
21 May, 10:00am-4:00pm
14 May, 10:00am-4:00pm
18 May, 9:00am-3:00pm

39 Gisborne Street, East Melbourne

See website for costs

Well Built: Simmie & Co Master Builders 1924 - 1978

What do the Shrine of Remembrance forecourt, the Film and Sound Archive and the Kensington RSL all have in common? They were all built by the pioneering building company, Simmie & Co (1924-1978). A photography exhibition about this prominent building company in Melbourne and Canberra.

18 April, 9:00am-5:00pm
239 A'Beckett Street, Melbourne

Free



National Trust Anderson's Mill Heritage Weekend

The atmospheric Anderson's Mill comes alive with displays of heritage crafts, machinery and historical information. The huge waterwheel turns majestically transporting all who see it back to the days when machinery ran quietly and cannot be heard inside the mill with its thick bluestone walls.

13 March, 10:00am-4:00pm
9 Alice Street, Smeaton

Free

From Then Until Now in the Whitehorse Area

Join us for the Official Opening of the new Interpretive Panels in the Schwerkolt Cottage Museum that share the stories of the Whitehorse area. There will also be an opportunity for you to explore the museum and complex and enjoy afternoon tea.

29 April, 2:00pm-3:30pm
2-10 Deep Creek Road, Mitcham

Donation

Old Laverton School Open Day

Visit the recently restored Old Laverton School, taking in the history of the historic site as an early school building and rural outpost of the developing city in Melbourne's west in the late 1880s

30 April, 1:30pm-3.30pm
43 Kiora Street, Altona Meadows

Free

Altona Homestead Open Day

Enjoy a guided tour of Altona's oldest residential building, the Altona Homestead which was built around 1842.

18 April, 11:00am-12:00pm
128 Queen Street, Altona

Donation

A display of Church Vestments and a talk about our historic 1857 Church

View the beauty of the first church built south of the Yarra. Hear the story of the citizens who built it and it's early school.

21 April 7:00pm-10:00pm, 22 April 10:00am-4:00pm
14 Acland Street, St Kilda

See website for costs

Coragulac House Open Days

Coragulac House only opens to the General Public during the Australian Heritage Festival, this year we will be opening each Sunday from 10am-3pm for the duration of the Festival. The Homestead interiors and Grounds will be open to the General Public for visitors to explore.

23 April, 10:00am-3:00pm
895 Corangamite Lake Road, Coragulac

See website for costs

Trades Hall Tour

Princes Hill Community Centre and The Carlton Community History Group under the guidance of the Trades Hall Council Staff, present a tour of Victoria's Trades Hall in Lygon Street, Carlton. Come and hear the unique stories behind the famous campaigns and victories.

12 May, 3:00pm-4:30pm
4 Lygon Street, Carlton

See website for costs

Stonnington Mansions Bus Tour

Come on an elevated bus ride through the City of Stonnington and discover the architectural wonders in Armadale, Malvern and Toorak, with architectural historian and former Mayor of the City of Stonnington, Steve Stefanopoulos OAM.

30 April, 2:00pm-4:00pm
10 Mandeville Crescent, Toorak

See website for costs

Toorak Mansion Tour

Explore the newly restored areas of the architectural wonder that is Mandeville Hall, and discover the magnificent features, exquisite interiors and opulent rooms of this internationally significant Toorak mansion. End the tour with a glass of sparkling wine.

7 May, 2:00pm-4:00pm
10 Mandeville Crescent, Toorak

See website for costs

Ballan Old Courthouse Open Day

The Courthouse, built in 1873 and recently renovated, restored and refurbished will be open for the general public to come and inspect. There is a comprehensive collection of local family history records, books, newspapers and photographs in the Society's holdings. There will be a display of family photographs, and a collection of items from the first European settlement in Ballan.

6 May, 10:00am-3:00pm
45 Steiglitz Street, Ballan

Free

Scout Heritage Museum Open Day

The Scout Heritage Victoria Museum and Archives is the premiere repository and display of Scouting memorabilia and records in Victoria with items presented in themes from the inception of Scouting in Victoria in 1908. We celebrate 50 years of Scout Heritage Victoria.

7 May, 10:00am-4:00pm
62A Mackie Road, Bentleigh East

Donation

Murtoa's Stick Shed - The Cathedral of the Wimmera

Situated in Regional Western Victoria, The Murtoa Stick Shed is a unique and iconic building in Australia just waiting for you to explore and experience its amazing cathedral like interior.

23 April, 10:00am-3:00pm
Murtoa Stick Shed, Wimmera Highway, Murtoa

See website for costs





Students around the maypole c 1917

Days of the Old Schoolday

An evocative photograph and text display from Maldon Museum's unique photographic collection. Old Schooldays are explored through text and photographs of several of Maldon and District schools from the late 19th century onward.

19 April, 11:30am-2:00pm
Maldon Museum and Archives Association, High Street, Maldon

See website for costs

Bear's Castle Tours

Bear's Castle lies locked away in the catchment of the Yan Yean Reservoir. Access to this unique building is only granted on special occasions, and this is one of them. Take this rare opportunity to visit the only known building of cob construction in Victoria.

7 May, 10:00am-12:30pm & 2:00pm-4:30pm
74 Church St, Whittlesea

See website for costs

Black Powder Mill Open Day and Firearm Demonstration

See where gunpowder was made and the firearms which changed the world. Learn the history of gunpowder and its importance in Asia.

29 April, 10:30am-3:30pm
Black Powder Mill, Parklea Avenue, Cairnlea

Free

Point Cook Homestead Ghost Tour

Discover the home of the Chirnside family. Located at the end of an isolated country track, you will be transported to another world. Explore the 1850s homestead, outbuildings and family secrets on this secluded, haunted 25 acre property.

15 April, 8:30pm-10:00pm
1 Point Cook Homestead Road, Point Cook

See website for costs

Ghosts of the Old City Williamstown

Explore hidden alleyways, Victoria's oldest morgue, a forgotten burial ground and Australia's Timeball Tower in Victoria's oldest seaport.

12 April, 8:30pm
Hobsons Bay Visitor Information Centre, Syme Street, Williamstown

See website for costs

The story of Schwerkolt Cottage

On this guided tour of Schwerkolt Cottage - one of the few remaining 19th century stone settlers' cottages in metropolitan Melbourne - hear the story of the Schwerkolt family. The Cottage features a garden, barn, smithy, wine cellar, smokehouse and museum in a bushland setting.

22 April, 2:30pm-3:00pm
2-10 Deep Creek Road, Mitcham

Free





Nursing staff at Williamstown Hospital, 1957. Creator unknown

170 Years of Worship in Heywood and District

Visitors to St John's will be able to view a range of Heritage items from local Churches, past and present. These include items from St Mary's Lake Condah Mission and centers such as Dartmoor, and Spring Creek. Many of these items are connected to families with long standing ties to the district.

22 April, 10:00am-4:00pm

23 April, 2:00pm-4:00pm

25 April, 2:00pm-4:00pm

29 April, 10:00am-4:00pm

6 May, 10:00am-4:00pm

29 Lindsay Street, Heywood VIC, Australia

Free

Womens Open Days, Exhibitions & Tours

Mothers Day at Days Mill

Come and join us for Mother's Day at Days Mill and hear stories about the important role women have played in our agricultural industry.

14 May, 10:00am-4:00pm

Days Mill Historic Area, Day Road, Murchison

Free

Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre Open Day

Be inspired on a visit to the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre, where you can learn about Australia's first and only Saint! Explore the museum with one of our guides or with our new audio tour, take time to relax in our contemplative spaces, and enjoy a cuppa with a Sister of Saint Joseph.

13 May, 10:00am-4:00pm

Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre, Albert Street, East Melbourne

Donation

Fashion in the Age of Elegance

In a foreign climate and environment, how did women adapt to living in rural Victoria and the emerging suburbs of Melbourne. Explore and delight in the opulent tastes and styles adopted by women through the extraordinary collection of 19th century gowns in the Kew Historical Society collection.

22 April, 23 April, 29 April, 30 April, 6 May, 7 May

10:00am-12:00pm & 1:00pm-3:00pm

44 Walmer Street, Kew

See website for costs





Community trucks or wagons picked up the women from the hostels and delivered them to the farms. Reproduced courtesy Australian War Memorial

Panels, Presentations & Talks

Duty and Recognition in the Australian Women's Land Army

The Australian Women's Land Army saw their work as part of the women's auxiliary services. They had uniforms, followed regulations and went wherever in Australia they were sent. Join Dr Jessie Matheson to explore how the AWLA workers lived and served, and what happened when the war was over.

20 April, 11:00am-12:00pm

[Online - click here to book](#)

Free

The Changing Face of Melbourne's History: Transforming our Statues and Memorials

Melbourne's statues overwhelmingly depict powerful white men and represent a narrow selection of our history. This Making Public Histories webinar will explore challenges and opportunities for recreating Melbourne statues and memorials and re-visualising our past.

18 May, 5:00pm-6:30pm

[Online - click here to book](#)

Free

Meg Foster - Boundary Crossers

In her book *Boundary Crossers*, historian Meg Foster reveals the stories of bushrangers who didn't fit the mould. There is far more to these bushrangers, and their histories, than immediately meets the eye.

20 April, 7:30pm-8:30pm

[Online - click here to book](#)

Free

Panel Discussion | Historic Preservation Theory: An Anthology

Hosted by ACAHUCH, this event celebrates the new essential text 'Historic Preservation Theory' edited by Jorge Otero-Pailos, discussed by current educators and researchers from Griffith University, Deakin University, University of Sydney, UNSW and the University of Melbourne heritage programs.

26 April, 12:00pm-1:30pm

[Online - click here to book](#)

Free

Ghost Signs and Palimpsests - Delicate Hallmarks of Yesteryear

A panel discussion celebrating the eerie, delicate imagery of faded advertising on the brick walls of Hobsons Bay and beyond.

26 April, 7:00pm-8:00pm

115 Civic Parade, Altona

Free



The Story of Communication, from Morse Code to Smart Phone

Learn about the first telegraph in Castlemaine to the phones we use today.

24 - 29 April, 10:00am-3:00pm
208 Barker Street, Castlemaine

See website for costs

Lessons from history: colonial foundations of criminal justice in Victoria

The Hon Chris Maxwell will deliver the Society's inaugural Paul Mullaly History and Law Lecture during Law Week 2023. He has been a highly respected Justice especially known for his advocacy for individual rights.

16 May, 5:30-7:00pm
239 A'Beckett Street, Melbourne

See website for costs

Justice in Kelly Country

The Story of the Cop Who Hunted Australia's Most Notorious Bushrangers

17 May, 10:00am-11:00am
50 Wheatsheaf Road, Glenroy

Free

Reimagining Mid-Century Panel Discussion

Reimagining Mid-Century Homes in Beaumaris is a panel discussion between architects and homeowners on the possibilities of mid-century architecture in Melbourne's suburbs. In celebration of the release of Beaumaris Modern 2, we feature author Fiona Austin, Peter Madison and two local homeowners.

4 May, 7:00pm-8:30pm
Beaumaris Bowls, Martin Street, Beaumaris

See website for costs

A History of Glenroy

Presented by Michael Church, long-time Glenroy resident

11 May, 7:00pm-8:00pm
50 Wheatsheaf Road, Glenroy

Free

Shared Storytelling Afternoon Tea: Our home is the City of Greater Dandenong

A storytelling afternoon over a delicious afternoon tea, listening to and sharing stories from local community members of their family experiences in City of Greater Dandenong over the centuries.

26 April, 1:30pm-3:30pm
66 McCrae Street, Dandenong

Free

Art Deco Buildings in Boroondara

This talk will explore the Art Deco movement within the City of Boroondara, looking at buildings past and present within the municipality that are significant of this architectural style.

8 May, 6:00pm-7:30pm
340 Camberwell Road, Camberwell

Free

Our Community Objects

Our community objects: exploring 150 years of Local Government through objects and stories from the City of Greater Dandenong collection

17 May, 1:30pm-3:30pm
66 McCrae Street, Dandenong

Free

Explorers Way launch at Tahbilk

Join us at historic Tahbilk Winery to hear stories of the exploits of the earliest Europeans in our district, explorers Hume and Hovell and Major Mitchell, as told by two avid historians. Be first to have a map of the Explorers Way, then enjoy lunch in this delightful setting beside the water.

18 April, 11:00am-2:00pm
142 Mulberry Drive, Nagambie

See website for costs

Richmond's Industrial Past, Creating Opportunities for the Future

Richmond's Industrial Heritage saw the development of a wide range of industries. These industries changed the shape of manufacturing, innovation and growth in producing goods for local and global markets. The companies provided a wide range of employment opportunities for men and women.

30 April, 2:00pm-4:00pm
Studio One Community Hub, 15 Barnett Way, Richmond

Free

The Romance and Development of the Australian Wool Industry

The Romance and Development of the Australian Wool Industry in the Nineteenth Century: Some Trends in the Growth of Time.

4 April, 7:00pm-8:00pm
PMI Victorian History Library Inc., 39 Saint Edmonds Road, Prahran

Donation

Hidden Histories Film Launch

The launch of Hidden Histories, a short film created as part of Better Places - Spotswood and South Kingsville. Join us in celebrating stories of this unique area captured through listening to and filming those in the know... locals.

29 April, 2:00pm-4:00pm
59 The Avenue, Spotswood

Free





Rippon Lea's Victorian Kitchen

National Trust of Australia (Vic) Properties

Teddy Bears' Picnic Storybook Reading

Join us at Rippon Lea with author, the National Trust's very own Matt Chester, as he reads from the sweetest teddy bear book going around; Elm & Willow's Adventures at Rippon Lea: Teddy Bears' Picnic.

18 April, 1:00pm-2:00pm

Rippon Lea Estate, 192 Hotham Street, Elsternwick

See website for costs

Rippon Lea's Victorian Kitchen

Rippon Lea's kitchens are a rare example of a 19th century kitchen complex. The original kitchens were enlarged in 1882 and remained in use for fifty years. Abandoned when a new kitchen was installed on the ground floor, they now offer a glimpse into the lives of those who lived below the stairs.

24 April, 2 May, 9 May

11:00am, 12:00pm, 1:00pm, 2:30pm

Rippon Lea Estate, 192 Hotham Street, Elsternwick

See website for costs

Significant Trees of Rippon Lea - A Walking Tour

The trees at Rippon Lea play an important part in the Estate's history, with some dating back to the 1880s. This walking tour will provide a fascinating insight into the work required to manage and nurture this magnificent collection for the enjoyment of both today's visitors and future generations.

10 May, 1:00pm-1:45pm

Rippon Lea Estate, 192 Hotham Street, Elsternwick

See website for costs

Rippon Lea Stone Fruit Jam Making Competition 2023

Are you a jam maker? Enter a jar (or two) of your best home-made jam in Rippon Lea Estate's Stone fruit Jam Making Competition. Show off your jam making skills and share the story that inspires your love of jam making.

Closing date for competition entries is COB Friday 28 April. Judging will take place on Friday 12 May and winners announced on Sunday 14 May at the Botanica Festival at Rippon Lea Estate.

18 - 28 April

Rippon Lea Estate, 192 Hotham Street, Elsternwick

See website for costs





Artifacts at La Trobe's Cottage

Open House at La Trobe's Cottage

Learn about the La Trobe Family's life in early Melbourne, in their simple yet elegant prefabricated cottage surrounded by a delightful garden.

23 April, 30 April, 1:00pm-3:30pm
La Trobe's Cottage, Dallas Brooks Drive, Melbourne

See website for costs

The Burrells of Arthurs Seat Run

Dr. Will Twycross is a descendant of the Burrell/Twycross family and author of the Burrell publication currently available at the McCrae Homestead. Dr Twycross will give an informative talk about the family and their seventy six years of occupation in the Homestead.

6 May, 2:00pm-4:00pm
11 Beverley Road, McCrae

Donation

Memories of Musical Lives

Dr. Rosemary Richards co-author of *Memories of Musical Lives: Music and Dance in Personal Music Collections from Australia and New Zealand* will discuss the essays that make up this most important and informative book, recently published by Lyrebird Press.

29 April, 2:00pm-4:00pm
11 Beverley Rd, McCrae

Donation





Spotswood Pumping Station

Heritage Walks

Princes Hill History Walk

Explore Princes Hill and hear tales both true and tall. Will you find secrets in the gravestones? Hear the roar of the crowd as your team kicks a goal? Wish you had bought that property in the seventies? Come on an urban walking adventure and share your stories.

22 April, 10:00am-12:00pm
5 Bagung Lane, Princes Hill

See website for costs

Ranelagh Estate Walking Tour

The Heritage Victoria listed Ranelagh Estate in Mt Eliza is the focus of this guided walking tour through some of its curvilinear streetscape and reserves, designed by renowned architect, Walter Burley Griffin, in 1924, with the vision of a 'garden estate' as the guiding principle.

21 April, Registration at 1:30pm, tour 2:00pm-3:30pm
Ranelagh Club, 3 Rosserdale Crescent, Mount Eliza

See website for costs

Guided Walk - Gold Rush in South Melbourne

Two events focused on South Melbourne during the 1850 Victorian Gold Rush, which reshaped South Melbourne's population and architecture. South Melbourne was the site for Canvas Town which provided temporary accommodation for the influx of immigrants heading the Victorian Gold Fields.

14 May, 2:00pm-4:00pm
195 Bank Street, South Melbourne

Free

Chapel Street Heritage Walk

Meet at the PMI for a guided walk to discover the former department stores of Chapel Street, Prahran, during an accessible, family-friendly walk.

19 April, 2:00pm-3:00pm
PMI Victorian History Library Inc., 39 Saint Edmonds Road, Prahran

See website for costs

Williamstown Projection Tour

You are invited to join us on a tour to discover stories of Williamstown's past. On 17 May 1919, Williamstown was proclaimed a city by the State Governor, Sir Arthur Stanley during a visit to the newly completed Town Hall. You are invited to join us on a night time tour of the surrounding streets to discover stories of Williamstown's past.

28 April, 6:00pm-7:00pm and 7:30pm-8:30pm
104 Ferguson Street, Williamstown

Free

"Where Do You Think You Are?"

Be surprised by the unusual architecture in regional Victoria. Take a stroll around the country town of Yarram with our brochure to discover the stories behind many of our unique historical buildings and places.

18 April - 18 May
40 Commercial Road, Yarram

Free





Newport Archives Quinlan-TS Photography by Isabella Oliveria

Newport Archives

Newport Archives is an audio walk created by Tamara Saulwick for The Substation, which contemplates the connections between time, place and memory.

19 April, 20 April, 21 April, 22 April, 26 April, 27 April, 28 April,
29 April, 12:00pm-6:00pm
1 Market Street, Newport

Free

Heritage Walking Tours- Step Back in Time

Unlock the secrets of the historic Williamstown waterfront and seaport. One hour in duration and catering to all abilities, explore the historic seaport of waterfront Williamstown, as well as its hidden lanes, monuments and buildings.

18 April, 21 April, 25 April, 28 April, 11:45am-12:45pm
1 Syme Street, Williamstown

Free

Spotswood Industrial Heritage Walk

This tour of Spotswood provides an insight into the people, industries and businesses that transformed this landscape from a dairy farm to one of the Victoria's most important manufacturing hubs.

21 April & 28 April, 11:00am-12:30pm
2 Booker Street, Spotswood

Free

Pub to Pub Heritage Walk

Starting at the former Khyat's Hotel in Wilson Street, we will wend our way to the Marine Hotel in New Street while revealing Brighton's interesting history and development through significant buildings and landmarks with entertaining stories about personalities and related events.

2 May, 11:00am-12:00pm
32 Wilson Street, Brighton

See website for costs

Step Out on a Queenscliff Heritage Walk

Stroll the beautiful heritage town of Queenscliff. Our local guide will share the unique stories hidden in the architectural gems of its Victorian past, from its colonial fort and lighthouses to grand hotels, quaint shops, and beautiful churches. Then enjoy afternoon tea chatting with your guide.

22 April, 29 April, 6 May, 13 May, 2:00pm-3:45pm
55 Hesse Street, Queenscliff

See website for costs

Self-Guided Tours of Some of the First Suburbs of Melbourne

Uncover the history of some of our earliest suburbs by enjoying one or more of City of Yarra's curated heritages walks (self-guided tours). Print a guide or view it on your device.

18 April - 18 May

City of Yarra

Free

Historic Town Walk of Castlemaine

Want to learn more about this fascinating gold rush region? Explore the central streets of Castlemaine on a guided walking tour with a local history expert. These one hour tours will set off from the historic Market Building.

22 April, 29 April, 6 May, 13 May, 2.00pm
44 Mostyn Street, Castlemaine

See website for costs

Cemeteries

Renowned Gardeners in St Kilda Cemetery

This event will introduce participants to gardeners who designed many of Melbourne's famous gardens.

30 April, 1:00pm-2:00pm, 3:00pm-4:00pm
St Kilda Cemetery, Dandenong Road, St Kilda East

See website for costs

Building a Future - Architects vs Engineers

Imagine a world without engineers and architects. They have done all the heavy lifting which makes our world amazing. Boroondara (Kew) Cemetery has many such magicians whose achievements will make you give thanks for their contribution to Marvellous Melbourne.

23 April, 13 May, 2:00pm-4:00pm
Boroondara Cemetery, High Street, Kew

See website for costs



St Andrew's Brighton - A Self Guided Walk Around a Significant Historic Graveyard

A self guided tour around the St Andrew's Brighton Historic Graveyard - a rare example of a suburban churchyard burial ground which is also of state significance. The first Christian burial was conducted in 1844 and the last burial in 1948. (Fee includes complimentary history book.)

28 April, 4 May, 12 May, 18 May, 10:30-11:30am
228 New Street, Brighton

See website for costs

South Cemetery History Walk

Curious about the interred occupants of the Melbourne General Cemetery? You will be amazed at some of the stories our local historian has to share on this incredible tour.

23 April, 10:00am-12:00pm
5 Bagung Lane, Princes Hill

See website for costs

Who's Who at the Brighton Cemetery

From all Walks of Life they came.

18 May, 10:00am-12:00pm
261 North Road, Caulfield South

See website for costs

Memories Carved in Stone: Queenscliff Cemetery Walk Point Lonsdale

Be surprised by the stories revealed in a walk around the historic Queenscliff Cemetery at Point Lonsdale. Who were the people who rest here? What brought them to this beautiful coast? What happened? Let names and dates carved in stone reveal the memories of our community.

23 April, 30 April, 7 May, 14 May, 10:00am-11:00am
159 Point Lonsdale Road, Point Lonsdale

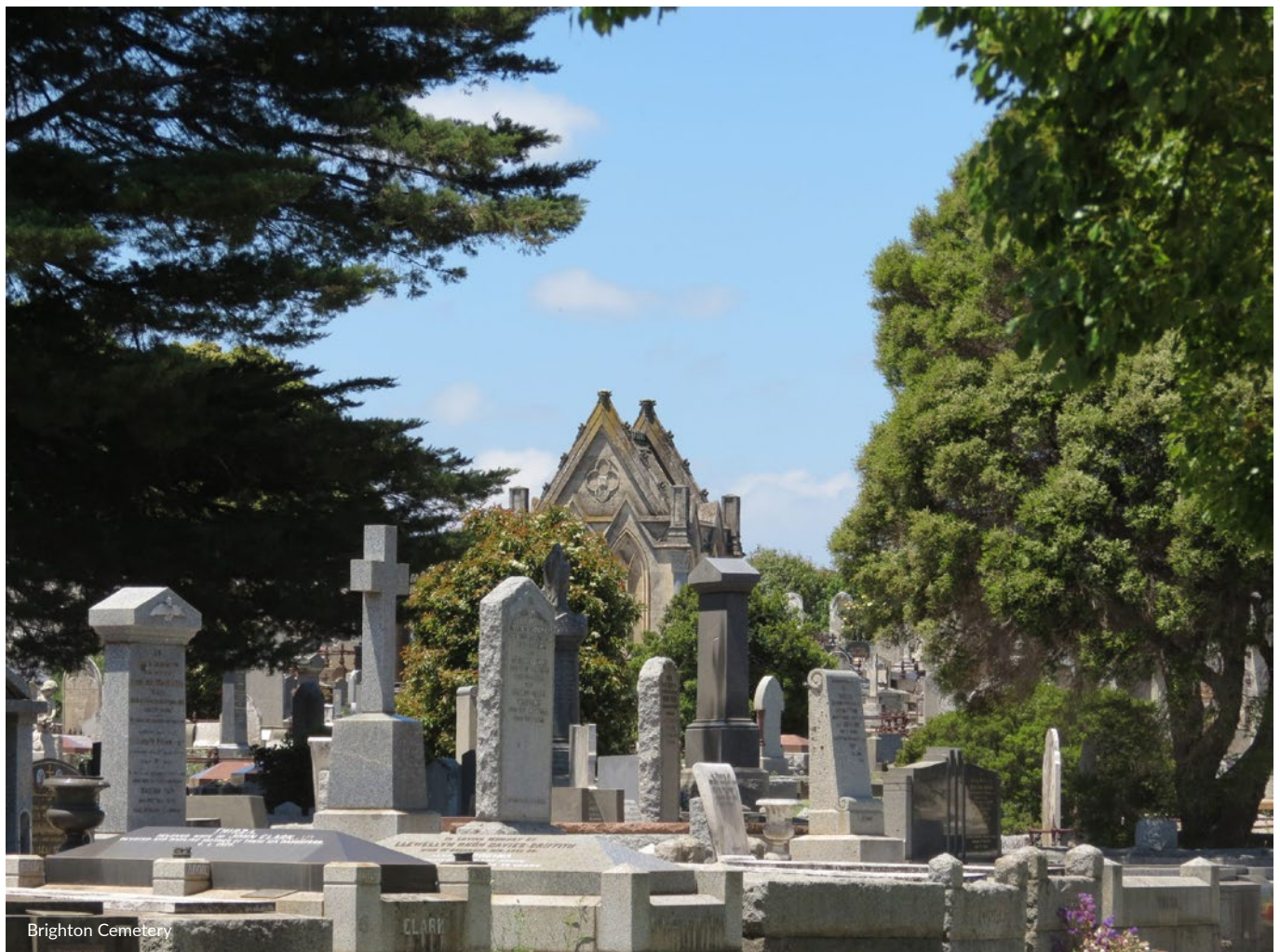
See website for costs

Honouring Those Who Served

On this walk we will visit 8 service persons who have been honoured with a flag. Samuel Ettingove who pleaded with Authorities saying that it was his earnest desire to enlist as a British Australian soldier and not as a Russian. Nevertheless, his obvious sincerity convinced the authorities, an exception was made and his naturalisation was expedited but never ended up fighting for his new found land as he was killed riding his Motor Bike which collided with a Tram. Also on the walk are Gershon Bennett, Richard Ernest Lowday and others. Come and hear the stories of these brave and courageous people.

30 April, 2:00pm-4:00pm
261 North Road, Caulfield South

See website for costs



Brighton Cemetery





Warrnambool Botanic Gardens. A walk with the Curator.

Garden, Landscape & Environment

Footscray Park: An Edwardian Paradise

Take a guided walking tour through this wonderful Edwardian Park, to learn its history. Hear its unique story of community advocacy to save open space and create the park. Hear the work of its Curator Dave Mathews in its development and the parks stories.

23 April, 7 May, 10:00am-12:00pm
Footscray Park, Ballarat Rd, Footscray

Donation

Combining the Shared Story on Heritage - Told by the Curator

Come along to our Heritage listed Guilfoyle Gardens and be enthralled in Johns story telling.

9 May, 10:30am-12:00pm
Cockman Street, Warrnambool

Donation

Postcards from the Gardens

Explore the early 1900's craze for postcard sending and collecting at the 162 year-old Williamstown Botanic Gardens

20 April, 10:00am-12:00pm
Williamstown Botanic Gardens, Osborne Street, Williamstown

Free

Stories of our Heritage Gardens

Join the Friends of Warrnambool Botanic Gardens on a special guided tour of our heritage listed gardens led by curator & botanical fashion icon John Sheely.

9 May, 10:00am
Williamstown Botanic Gardens, 24 Bromfield St, Warrnambool

Free

Secrets of the Pinetum

Follow the historic, winding pathways of Williamstown Botanic Gardens through the recently rejuvenated Pinetum to discover the intriguing origins of the tree collection and the fascinating stories behind how they came to be here.

27 April, 10:00am-12:00pm
Williamstown Botanic Gardens, Osborne Street, Williamstown

Free

More to See and Know: Australian Botanic Gardens Shepparton

Who would've thought an old landfill could look so beautiful? The Australian Botanic Gardens Shepparton has long been the site of many stories, from Traditional use, to the families who lived there, to a landfill site and now a showcase of Australian native plants for all to enjoy.

13 May, 10:00am-11:00am
Australian Botanic Gardens Shepparton, Kialla

Free





Historic Garden Walking Tour of Dame Elisabeth Murdoch's Beloved Cruden Farm

Learn about the history and provenance of one of Australia's most remarkable gardens. Created over more than 80 years by renowned philanthropist Dame Elisabeth Murdoch, Cruden Farm is an oasis of flowers, trees, formal gardens and lakes. A true labour of love left as a place of public recreation.

19 April, 26 April, 3 May, 10 May, 10 May, 17 May, 12:00pm
60 Cranbourne-Frankston Road, Langwarrin

See website for costs

An Amazing Case and a Heritage Garden

In January 1856, Christian Ziebell returned from ten-month trip to Germany with, potentially, plants in a Wardian Case. This invention by Dr. Ward changed the world and the world of plants. Enjoy a performance of The Amazing Case of Doctor Ward and entry to Ziebell's Farmhouse Museum and Garden.

23 April, 30 April, museum opens 10:30am-3:00pm
The Amazing Case of Dr Ward will be performed at 1:30pm
100 Gardenia Road, Thomastown

See website for costs



Teddy Bears' Picnic

Meet the 100-year-old teddy bear living at the Emerald Museum!

19 April, 10:30am-11:30am
5 Crichton Road, Emerald

Free

Nobelius Heritage Park Guided Walking Tour

Traverse centuries of horticultural history inside the heritage-listed Nobelius Heritage Park.

19 April, 1:00pm-2:00pm
5 Crichton Road, Emerald

Free

A Walk in the Flagstaff Gardens

Join expert tour guides from the Royal Historical Society of Victoria on a guided walk through the beautiful Flagstaff Gardens - the historic heart of the City.

24 April, 1 May, 8 May, 15 May
11:00am-12:15pm & 2:00pm-3:15pm
239 A'Beckett Street, Melbourne

See website for costs





Sun Loong Gallery view showing Dai Gum Loong and Sun Loong, two of Bendigo's Processional Dragons. Golden Dragon Museum, Bendigo

Migration Cultural Heritage

Storytime in the Park: Let's Discover Where Our Families Travelled From!

Join us for a special Storytime in the Park where we will explore the theme of travelling. This program is for children 0 to 8 years of age where they will get to sing-a-long with Rocking Russell, as we celebrate our diverse community and heritage.

19 April, 10:00am-10.45am
132 Bonegilla Road, Bonegilla

See website for costs

Children's Day

Bonegilla Migrant Experience invites families to a specially curated day of children's activities and guided tours, all tailored for our most curious visitors and their accompanying adults. Through shared stories, visitors will understand how migrants helped to shape our cultural heritage.

20 April, 10:00am-4:00pm
132 Bonegilla Road, Bonegilla

See website for costs

Benalla Migrant Camp Exhibition

Experience the stories of Benalla Migrant Camp residents 1949-1967 through their personal photos, stories and items.

6 May, 7 May, 10:00am-3:00pm
Benalla Migrant Camp Photographic Exhibition, Benalla

Donation

Shared Stories - School Days

This magnificent heritage building is a local prominent landmark. People will now have the opportunity to see how the college has transformed into a modern educational facility whilst retaining the history and heritage buildings.

3 May, 1:00pm-3:00pm
4 May, 10:00am-12:00pm
6 May, 1:30pm-8:00pm
36 Arundel Street, Benalla

Donation



Suitcase and photo, Benalla Migrant Camp Exhibition





CO.AS.IT. Museo Italiano Exhibition

CO.AS.IT.'s Museo Italiano Online Virtual Reality Tour

Immerse yourself in CO.AS.IT.'s Museo Italiano Virtual Reality Tour which is available on demand via the CO.AS.IT. website. Showcasing our rich Italian history and heritage, this special online experience enables you to explore the well-known Museo Italiano Exhibition at your ease, anytime and from anywhere.

18 April - 18 May

[Online - click here to book](#)

Free

CO.AS.IT. Italian Carlton: Online Presentation

CO.AS.IT. Italian Carlton: Online Presentation, by well-known historian and author Dr Celestina Sagazio celebrates Carlton's rich Italian built and cultural heritage and is available on the CO.AS.IT., Melbourne website. The presentation can also be used with the CO.AS.IT. Italian Carlton Tour.

18 April - 18 May

[Online - click here to book](#)

Free

CO.AS.IT. Italian Carlton: Self-Guided Tour

The Italian Carlton Self-Guided Tour, compiled by well-known historian and author Dr Celestina Sagazio, highlights Carlton's rich Italian built and cultural heritage and is available to download from the CO.AS.IT., Melbourne website or as a hardcopy at the CO.AS.IT. Museo Italiano.

18 April - 18 May

Lygon Street, Carlton

Free

CO.AS.IT. Free Museo Italiano Guided Tour

Join a Free guided tour led by Elizabeth Triarico, Manager CO.AS.IT. Italian Historical Society & Museo Italiano, in celebration of International Museums Day. Gain a special insight into the Italian Australian immigration experience, with unique stories and objects, like the Sputnik coffee machine.

18 May, 10:30am-11:30am & 2.30pm-3.30pm

199 Faraday Street, Carlton

Free

Jewish & Italian Carlton History Walk

Want to know more about Carlton's Jewish and Italian migration history? Do you have links with the past or memories to share about this vibrant area? This fascinating walk is sure to engage your senses as well as your curiosity.

6 May, 10:00am-12:00pm

Meeting place in Carlton to be confirmed.

See website for costs



See Yup Temple Raglan Street South Melbourne





Outdoor sculptures attracting new visitors to Winton Wetlands

Aboriginal Cultural Heritage

Silence - Frankston Arts Centre

A powerful First Nations dance performance, featuring seven performers on a stage slowly surrounded with dirt, representing the call for Land Back. SILENCE pulls the unresolved conversations about a Treaty from under the rug and slams them back on the table.

5 May, 7:30pm-8:30pm
27 Davey Street, Frankston

See website for costs

Experience Boorp Boorp Boondiyil

Boorp Boorp Boondiyil (passing knowledge to our children) invites people to share in Jaara stories and teachings, one of the world's oldest continuous living cultures. An interactive space to learn about the Dja Dja Wurrung history of the area.

18 April - 18 May, 9:00am-5:00pm
44 Mostyn Street, Castlemaine

Free

Shared Stories - Winton Wetlands Yarning and Gathering Pathway

This Lotjpatj Natjan Danak sculpture walk at Winton Wetlands is a new creation of cultural works representing many essential elements of life and belief for Yorta Yorta and other indigenous groups. Created by talented Yorta Yorta artists, it makes an ideal self-guided walk this time of year.

18 April - 18 May
Winton Wetlands is open to the public at all times
652 Lake Mokoan Road, Winton North

Free



Child listening to story at Boorp Boorp Boondiyil Exhibition

Life on The Flats

Join RiverConnect and Yorta Yorta Nation Aboriginal Corporation to experience a truly unique and memorable cultural walk on The Flats. Guided by an Elder, the talk will explore significant events and share personal stories of life growing up on the banks of the mighty Kaiela (Goulburn River).

20 April, 11:00am-1:00pm
7265 Midland Highway, Mooroopna

Free





Cherry Lake at dusk

Art & Music

Escape and Survival Through Art

Hear the many amazing stories of the family including their escape from World War II Vienna, to Singapore and an internment camp in Tatura in rural Victoria. How did all their possessions and artworks survive the turbulent war period to be seen in Melbourne?

18 April, 20 April, 25 April, 27 April, 1:00pm-4:00pm
92 Burke Road, Malvern East

See website for costs

TRANSCEND - Dandenong Ranges Open Studios exhibition

TRANSCEND is the celebration of 20 years of shared stories in the Dandenong Ranges through our Open Studios. This group exhibition presents artwork from over 50 artists that live and create in art studios throughout the hills.

Gallery Open Wednesday to Saturday, 19 April - 13 May
10:00am - 4:00pm
351 Glenfern Rd, Upwey

Free

Cherry Lake Stories

An installation and one night only event: View fourteen Sea Flowers floating in the waters of Cherry Lake with the skyline of Altona in the background.

22 April, 5:00pm-7:00pm
Cherry Lake, Altona

Free

Dandenong Ranges Open Studios Weekend

Celebrating its 20th year, Dandenong Ranges Open Studios Weekend takes you down the fern lined lanes of the hills to discover the most fascinating studios. Connect with 57 artists, in 44 studios. Ignite your imagination, meet the makers in the hills and visit Dandenong Ranges Open Studios

29 April - 30 April, 10:00am-5:00pm
351 Glenfern Rd, Upwey

Free

Sharing Stitches

Stories in Stiches. Displays of old and new embroidery and textile art. Stitches will show how it's done. Try out your own style.

21 April, 10:00am-5:00pm
153A Pakington Street, Geelong West

Free

St Eanswythe Heritage Windows

Visit the glorious stained glass windows of St Eanswythe Altona, commissioned by the church in 1979. Join us for a talk by the artist David Wright and discover a hidden gem.

22 April, 1:00pm-2:00pm
7 Bent Street, Altona

Donation



Sounds of Silent - Buster Keaton Steamboat Bill Jnr

The Sounds of Silent are a 5-piece band which recreates the movie going experience of the silent movie era when many bands performed in Melbourne theatres to accompany silent movies.

18 May, 7:30pm
43 Kiara Street, Altona Meadows

See website for costs

Heritage in Hand

Heritage in Hand is a program that celebrates community, creativity and a culture of giving.

Operating days Wednesday to Sunday, 19 April - 18 May
10:00am - 4:00pm
390 McClelland Drive, Langwarrin

See website for costs

Mother's Day High Tea and Concert

Bonegilla Migrant Experience invites you to share this Mother's Day at a special High Tea. Sample a selection of afternoon tea treats in our Function Space before making your way to Tudor Hall for a moving live concert of selected songs inspired by the true shared stories of migrants.

14 May, High Tea 2:00pm-3:00pm, Concert 3:00pm-4:00pm
132 Bonegilla Road, Bonegilla

See website for costs

Through Your Lens - Youth Photography Competition

Capture and preserve the stories of Hobsons Bay local cultural heritage through your eyes. "Through Your Lens" will create a photo archive of local life from the perspective of people aged 18 to 25.

18 April - 18 May,
[Online - click here to book](#)

Free

Creating CAM: A Herstory in Cloth and Conversation

Discover the women whose vision and enterprise saw Castlemaine Art Museum grow from its grassroots conception into a celebrated gallery. This free event includes 3 origin story cloth workshops at Castlemaine Art Museum throughout the festival, alongside a shared storytelling forum event.

26 April, 1:00pm-2:00pm
3 May, 1:00pm-2:00pm
10 May, 1:00pm-2:00pm
18 May, 2:00pm-3:00pm
14 Lyttleton Street, Castlemaine

Free



Sounds of Silent at the Williamstown Town Hall 2022





Shepparton Public Street Art of William Cooper and Pastor Sir Douglas Nicholls

Organ Fireworks at St Andrew's Brighton

Organ Fireworks - Dr Calvin Bowman plays a selection of organ favourites including Toccata and Fugue in D minor, Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring, Trumpet Voluntary and the Widor Toccata on the War Memorial Grand Organ at St Andrew's Brighton.

28 April, 7:30pm
228 New Street, Brighton

See website for costs

Melbourne's Oldest Cultural Institution - Melbourne Athenaeum Incorporated

Playing a key role in Melbourne's cultural and artistic life since 1939, the Melbourne Athenaeum has a wealth of archives and stories. Join archivist Susie Shears while she uses key pieces from our archival collection to illustrate our historic and ongoing theatrical and literary contribution.

1 May, 1:00pm
188 Collins Street, Melbourne

Free

Veterans Public Art Trail

This event aims to highlight the contribution of the veteran community to Melbourne's built environment through the range of public art by veterans. The works include 3D sculptures and 2D murals as well as buildings designed or sponsored by veterans as artists, architects and arts patrons.

29 April, 9:30am-12:00pm
200 Little Collins St, Melbourne

Free

Hobsons Bay Heritage on Screen - A Taste

A B&W episode of Homicide 'Peter's Party' (1970) featuring the Point Gellibrand Pile Light and 'The Don of Trugo', a VCA student short, which centres on the unique game of Trugo.

19 April, 7:00pm-9:00pm
Seaworks Maritime Precinct, Nelson Place, Williamstown

Free

Shepparton's Public Art and History Walk

Join a volunteer guide on a walking tour of Shepparton and discover the many diverse stories that contribute to the history of the town.

28 April & 6 May, 10:00am - 11:30am
530 Wyndham Street, Shepparton

Free





Victorian Colonial Express

Transport & Maritime

Transport

Stories of the Upfield Line

A walk along the heritage listed Upfield Railway line looking at the unique railway infrastructure and talking about the people who operated the level crossing gates until the late 1990s.

29 April, 11.00am-12.00pm
729 Park St, Brunswick

Free

Heritage Steam Train Trips

Travel along Swan Bay by steam train to Lakers Siding and view six advertising posters created by Victorian Railways. While the locomotive takes water, passengers may also chat with the crew before the train returns to Queenscliff.

23 April, 30 April, 7 May, 14 May
11:00am, 12.00pm & 2:15pm
20 Symonds Street, Queenscliff

See website for costs

Victorian Colonial Express

Take a trip back in time...

Join us for a memorable ride on Victoria's oldest railway carriages. Over 130 years old, these relics from a long past era are being operated especially for visitors to the Heritage Festival. Experience rail travel of the 1880's-style.

6 May & 13 May, 11:30am-4:00pm
Castlemaine Railway Station, Kennedy Street, Castlemaine

See website for costs

Thomas Bent, Francis Bradford and Electric Tramways in Melbourne 1904-1909

In our first co-presentation for 2023 with Engineering Heritage Victoria, Ken McInnes will speak about the controversies surrounding the electrification of Melbourne's suburban railway system in the early years of the twentieth century.

20 April, 5:30pm-7:00pm
239 A'Beckett Street, Melbourne

See website for costs

Remembering Newstead Railway Station

Newstead Arts Hub is on a mission. A mission to capture the stories of the working railway station and its role in the town's history: share your memories, stories and photos.

22 April, 10:00am-4:00pm
8A Tivey Street, Newstead

Donation





Australia's oldest operable tram, Horse Tram No. 1.

Horse Tram Day

Step back in time to the 19th century and ride Australia's oldest operable tram, Horse Tram No. 1.

22 April, 10:00am-2:30pm

Ballarat Tramway Museum, Wendouree Parade, Lake Wendouree

See website for costs

Myths and Legends of Maryborough Railway Station

Maryborough Railway Station is truly magnificent! Why was it built in this small Victorian country town?

Explore the station's origins and history, appreciate the craftsmanship and experience the grandeur, with our guide on a one hour walking tour of the station.

22 April, 10:00am-11:00am

27 April, 1:30pm-2:30pm

2 May, 10:00am-11:00am

7 May, 9:00am-10:00am

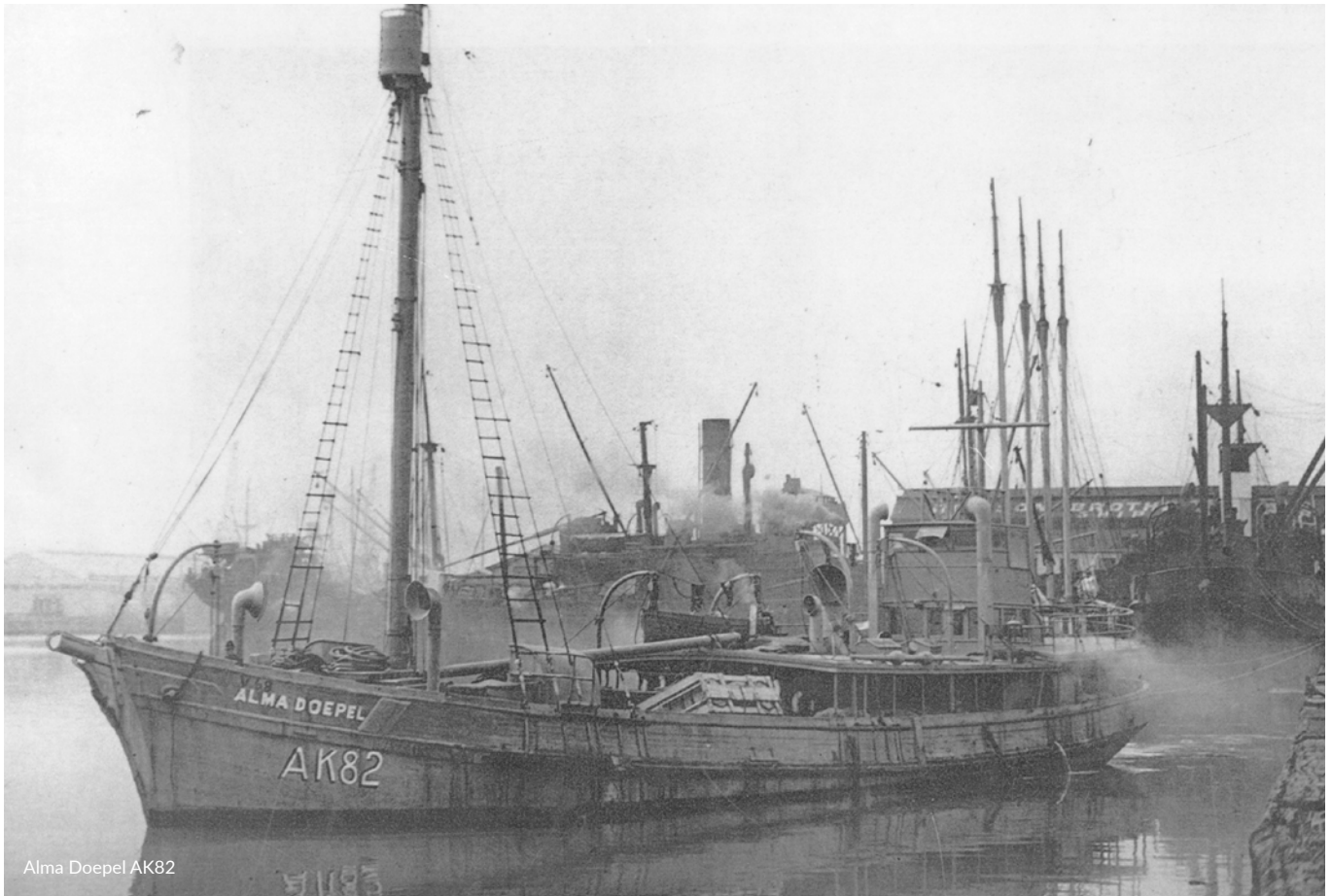
27 Station Street, Maryborough

See website for costs



Maryborough Railway Station





Alma Doepel AK82

Maritime

Stories at the Lifeboat Shed on Queenscliff South Pier and Queenscliffe Maritime Museum

Queenscliff's last lifeboat was preserved by the town and became the centrepiece of the Queenscliffe Maritime Museum. Wrecks, heroic rescues, and the lives of the lifeboat crews are part of the town's maritime history, uncovered on short tours inside the iconic lifeboat shed perched on the pier.

20 April, 22 April, 27 April, 29 April

11:15am, 12:00pm, 1:00pm & 1:30pm

Queenscliff Foreshore Reserve, 1A Symonds St, Queenscliff

See website for costs

Royal Yacht Club of Victoria - Heritage Maritime Art Exhibition

An exhibition of historical maritime paintings and photos depicting recreational yachting on Hobsons Bay from the 1850s to 1930 will be displayed at Royal Yacht Club of Victoria and Seaworks Maritime Museum.

Royal Yacht Club of Victoria

22 April, 26 April, 29 April, 11:00am-3:00pm

120 Nelson Place, Williamstown

Seaworks

19 April, 26 April, 11:00am-3:00pm

82 Nelson Place, Williamstown

Free

Heritage Tour of the Mission to Seafarers

Are you curious to discover what's inside the heritage-listed Mission to Seafarers in Melbourne's Docklands? Explore this architecturally significant building in a free hour-long tour led by our experienced and knowledgeable volunteers.

23 April, 30 April, 7 May, 14 May

1:00pm-2:00pm & 3:00pm-4:00pm

717 Flinders Street, Docklands

Free

Arts and Crafts Furniture Restoration at the Mission to Seafarers


Join members of the Furniture History Society as they discuss the renovation of the Mission's Arts and Crafts dining suite, in its original setting and open to the public for the first time.

23 April & 7 May, 2:00pm-3:00pm

717 Flinders Street, Docklands

Free





Escape from Geelong Gaol

Gaols & Hospitals

Escape Tour of Geelong Gaol

Thousands of prisoners have entered the gates of the Geelong Gaol and many have tried to escape from incarceration. Hear the stories of those who have tried to leave these bluestone walls before their times was up - some succeeded and some failed.

22 April, 29 April, 6 May, 13 May, 1:30pm
202 Myers Street, Geelong

See website for costs

Locked Up With History Tours

Join Deb Robinson, General Manager and Historian of the Geelong Gaol and host of the historical true crime podcast "Locked Up With History" to hear some of the gaol's history and the stories of those who were once contained within the walls.

23 April & 7 May, 1:30pm
202 Myers Street, Geelong

See website for costs

An Evening with Margaret Read

The Geelong Gaol Museum is proud to present an evening with Margaret Read, the widow of the infamous Mark "Chopper" Read. Listen to Margaret and her stories of her life with Chopper.

13 May, 5:30pm
202 Myers Street, Geelong

See website for costs

Magic Lantern Show

Step back in time for a magical moving image display of the Magic Lantern by John Semmens, just like your relatives did all those years ago!

22 April, 5:30pm
202 Myers Street, Geelong

See website for costs

Guided History Tours: The Hospital Years 1920-1993

This year marks 100 years since Bundoora Homestead was home to the Bundoora Repatriation Mental Hospital. Join this unique guided experience to hear the stories that shaped the site, hosted by ex-hospital staff members Rosemary Barnes and Arnold Wheeler.

27 April, 11:30am-12:30pm
7 Prospect Hill Drive, Bundoora

See website for costs

Through The Eyes of Surgeons

Venture through the columns into the world of the surgeons. You may imagine this place is all about surgical instruments but there is so much more to discover.

18 April, 26 April, 1 May, 2 May, 3 May, 8 May, 9 May, 15 May, 16 May
10:30am-12:30pm
250-290 Spring Street, East Melbourne

Donation





Research Workshops

Researching the History of Your Home

Every house has a story. Would you like to find out the story of your house, but don't know where to start? Are you interested to know when it was built, or who lived there before you? Join us for an introduction to researching the history of your house.

26 April, 5:30pm-6:30pm
1255 High Street, Malvern

Free

Who Lived in My House?

Discover how to research the history of your property.

19 April, 11:00am-12:00pm
104 Ferguson Street, Williamstown

Free

How to Research the History of Your House

This talk and workshop presented by Way Back When Historians explores the process of researching the history of your house, demonstrating what documents to use with practical case studies.

27 April, 2:00pm-5:00pm
336 Whitehorse Road, Balwyn

Free

Treasures of TROVE

Discover the wide range of resources available on the National Library of Australia's TROVE database, and how it can be used for your own historical research.

26 April, 6:00pm-8:00pm
584 Glenferrie Road, Hawthorn

Free

Researching Family History Online Workshop

Do you want to discover your ancestors and understand why you are who you are? Embark on a remarkable journey of self-discovery in this beginner-friendly family history workshop.

20 April, 1:00pm-2:00pm
[Online - click here to book](#)

Free

