



# Hotham History Project Inc.

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## Hotham History News

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Dear friends and supporters of Hotham History Project.

**Hotham History AGM  
Hotham Room, North  
Melbourne Library  
Saturday 19 September at  
2.00pm**

This year marks the twentieth anniversary of the foundation of Hotham History Project. In that time we have fostered interest in and raised the profile of history in the local community. We have done this through publication of 12 books, arranging history talks by specialist speakers and conducting history walks.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held in the Hotham Room at the North Melbourne Library on Saturday 19 September 2015 commencing at 2.00 pm. If you would like to volunteer for a position on the committee we would love to hear from you.

### Current Committee members

**Chair:** Lorna Hannan

**Deputy Chair:** Rae Nicholls

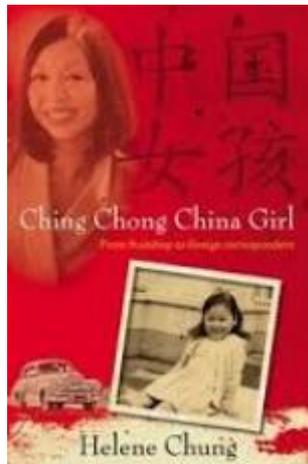
**Treasurer:** Marlene Shanahan

**Secretary:** Mary Kehoe

**Ordinary members:** Jenny Cook, David Evans, Felicity Jack, Lyn Martin, Heather McKay, Guy Murphy, John Poynter, and Lorraine Siska.

Following the AGM our guest speaker will be pioneer

journalist Helene Chung. Helene will give an illustrated presentation titled 'A Chinese-Australian Tin Mining Heritage: Women Past, Present and Future.'



One of Helene's many publications: Ching Chong China Girl.

### A Gift to Hotham History

Hotham History would like to acknowledge the generosity of one of our members, Kay Gibson, for a gift of two framed prints of early Melbourne. The coloured prints are of a watercolour by Augustus B Pierce of the Metropolitan Meat Market building, 1893 and a lithograph of a panoramic view of Melbourne, 1863.

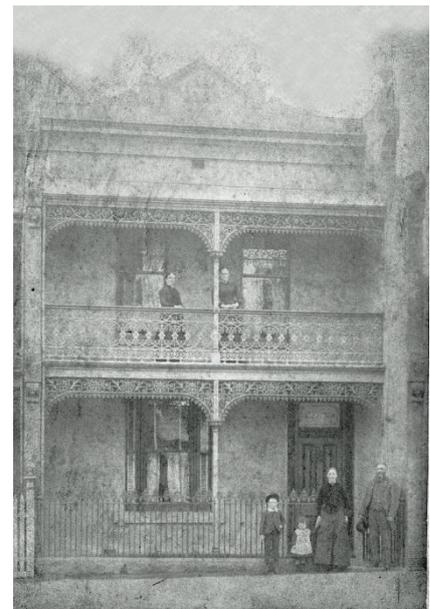
They have been passed onto the North Melbourne Library for display.

Images of the prints are shown on the following page.

**Walk- John Jones' Houses  
Saturday 10 October, 2.00pm.  
Leader: David Evans**

John Jones was a prominent builder who lived and worked in West Melbourne. This walk will explore the history of the 20 surviving houses including who lived in the houses and where they worked.

The walk will start at the corner of King and Roden Streets at 2.00pm and will proceed down Roden Street to Adderley Street returning to Errol via Hawke Street. At the conclusion of the walk participants are invited to share a coffee in Errol Street.



The Jones family in front of the family home in Hawke Street, circa 1884. Photographer Unknown.

**Spring Fling, 11 am – 6 pm  
Errol Street, Sunday 18  
October 2015.**

Hotham History will again sponsor a stall at this year's Spring Fling in Errol Street, North Melbourne. If you are able to assist at the stall to help raise the profile of history in the local community and of Hotham History in particular we would love to hear from you.

Bill Hannan will also be conducting his very popular tours of the North Melbourne Town Hall clock tower.



**History Week Victoria  
19-26 October 2015.**

History week is a great opportunity to travel back in time and explore our State's fascinating history. There will be lots of activities run by museums and local historical societies. Many of the events are free so check out the calendar of events at the History Week web site at: <http://historyweek.org.au/events/>

**Deidre Langenheim on film.  
Hotham Room, North  
Melbourne Library.  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November at  
7.30pm.**

This event will show a film of Deidre Langenheim speaking about her family and in particular her father, Alec

Campbell, the last surviving Anzac. Alec served at Gallipoli with the 15<sup>th</sup> Battalion of Infantry and died in Hobart on the 16<sup>th</sup> May 2002.



Alec Campbell, Deidre Langenheim's father – the last surviving Anzac, (Australian War Memorial)

#### **Heritage issues**

As reported in the Federation of Australian Historical Societies newsletter forwarded to the HHP membership on 6 May, the Commonwealth is no longer funding community history and heritage places. The FAHS is urging all those members concerned about our heritage to lobby their local members of parliament about this lack of funding and to also support the initiative by Hon. Greg Hunt, the minister responsible for heritage, to establish a national lottery, along the lines of the UK National Lottery, to fund heritage and the arts.

#### **HHP Facebook page**

The Hotham History Project has a page on Facebook. Curated by Don Mooney, it features a fascinating collection

of interesting photographs and links addressing different aspects of the history of North Melbourne. We're always on the lookout for new, interesting material to post - members are welcome to forward their discoveries. Come and 'like' us at the URL below or Google 'Hotham History Project Facebook'  
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Hotham-History-Project-Inc/610481042351891>

***Thank you to all those members who have renewed their memberships and a reminder to those who won't be able to attend the AGM but intend to renew.***

***If you are unsure whether you are financial, or no longer wish to receive our notices and newsletters please contact us at: [info@hothamhistory.org.au](mailto:info@hothamhistory.org.au).***

***We look forward to seeing you at the AGM or at one of the other events we have organised for the remainder of the year.***



The Metropolitan Meat Market, North Melbourne by Gus B. Pierce.



Panoramic view of Melbourne, Victoria / Published by De Gruchy & Leigh.1863