

Hotham History Project Inc.

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Hotham History News

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Happy New Year to all members and friends of Hotham History Project Inc. We hope that 2016 is a good year for you all.



Committee members for 2015/16.

Chair:

Lorna Hannan

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Rae Nicholls

Secretary:

Mary Kehoe

Treasurer:

Marlene Shanahan

Ordinary members:

Jenny Cook

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Membership

Membership of Hotham History Project Inc. is open to people with an interest in the history of North and West Melbourne.

Membership is \$15.00 per

annum or \$20 for families.

The easiest way to join is to complete the membership form on our website at: www.hothamhistory.org.au

PROGRAM OF EVENTS

Our program of events for 2016 is outlined below. We recommend that you put these dates into your diary now. Flyers for each activity will be circulated approximately three weeks before each event.

Tuesday 23 February at 7.30 pm at the North Melbourne Library.

A talk by Dr Karl Hessian titled 'History of house re-numbering in inner Melbourne'.

Local historians are often confronted by the problem of changing house numbers that occurred in inner Melbourne late in the 19th century. This is your chance to fully understand when and why this happened and to avoid pitfalls in your own research. In histalk Dr.Hessian will also cover the process by which the City of Melbourne enforced the paving of private lanes.

Tuesday 8 March 2016 at North Melbourne Library 6.00 pm to 8.30 pm.

Sheilas, Sisters and Suffragettes.

This event to celebrate the role of women on International Women's Day will present a series of short talks including one by our Chair, Lorna Hannan on the history of women in North Melbourne . Other presenters include authors, Penny Mackieson, Renate Klein and Sandy Jeffs. The meeting will conclude with a panel discussion lead by the three authors on issues affecting women.

Wednesday 16 March 2016 at 7.30 pm at the Metropolitan Meat Market.

Workshop/Display lead by Peter Johnson titled 'Arbiter of Style: The Talented Mr. George Johnson'.

From quite humble beginnings George Johnson rose to become the most prolific designer of theatres & halls in Australia during the latter part of the 19th century. At his peak he was

designing projects in four different colonies at once.



Photo from *Illustrated London News*, 3 Nov 1888, p 501.

This display will explore some of George Johnson's works including two heritage buildings which grace the streets of North Melbourne – the Hotham Town Hall (today's Arts House) and the Metropolitan Meat Market.

**Saturday 7 May 2016,
National Trust Heritage
Festival Walk starting at
2.00 pm.**

***'Raze or recycle:
repurposing heritage
buildings'.***

North Melbourne has a vast array of heritage buildings. But quite a few no longer have the original purpose. Join the North Melbourne Library and Hotham History Project for an easy walk to discover these buildings with a highlight being the magnificent Melbourne Meat Market.



Photo courtesy: Picture Victoria

**Tuesday 26 July 2016 at
7.30 pm at the North
Melbourne Library**

***A talk by Ian Jenkins
'Private to Public – a tale
of depots, horses and
unions.'***

Ian Jenkins is a member of the Australian Railway Association and his talk will highlight the history of the coming of rail to North and West Melbourne.



Photo: PTC Collection neg. H1176
courtesy Public Record Office of
Victoria

**Saturday 27 August 2016
Annual General Meeting.**

Guest speaker and venue to be confirmed.

**Saturday 8 October 2016
History Walk:**

***An exploration of local
houses from the 1860s
through to the early 1900s***

More details in our next newsletter.

**Saturday 12 November.
History walk in Fawkner
Cemetery.**

This walk will explore the last resting place of a number of prominent North Melbourne people.

Please note: Notices of all our events will also be posted on our website:
www.hothamhistory.org.au

Melbourne Remembered

The Hotham History Project has been invited to participate with other suburban historical societies in a joint venture between the Royal Historical Society of Victoria (RHSV) and Queensland Book Depot to produce a book of photographs of our lost built environment. It is expected that the book will be published in late 2016. It should make a great Christmas present for anyone interested in our past.

RHSV

The Hotham History Project is a society member of the RHSV, which is located on the corner of William & A'Beckett Streets, on the fringe of West Melbourne. The RHSV has regular talks and exhibitions and hold a significant historical collection of images, manuscripts and printed works relating to the history of Victoria. We are very fortunate to have it located within walking distance. If you are interested in history and would like to know more about the RHSV we suggest you check the website at: <http://www.historyvictoria.org.au>.

***We look forward to seeing
you at some of the events
above.***

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notices please advise us at:
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