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Hotham History News

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Hotham History has arranged a number of additional events for 2016 so we are putting this Newsletter out a little earlier than usual to bring you up to date. One special event is a lunch to celebrate HHP's 21st birthday. This will take place at Amiconi Restaurant on Monday 30 May (see details below). All members and friends are cordially invited to join in this important celebration.

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

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



Photo courtesy: Picture Victoria
North Melbourne has a vast array of heritage buildings but quite a few no longer

have the original purpose. What are the ideas and processes behind recycling heritage buildings? Join the North Melbourne Library and Hotham History for an easy walk to discover these buildings with a highlight being the magnificent Melbourne Meat Market.

**Hotham History's 21st
birthday lunch.
Monday 30 May
commencing at 12.30pm.**



2016 marks the 21st anniversary of our foundation in 1995. We invite you to join us for a special lunch at Amiconi Restaurant at 359 Victoria Street, West Melbourne. Appropriately, Amiconi is the oldest continuously operating

restaurant in North and West Melbourne, first opening for business in the 1950s. Cost for the 2 course lunch which includes a glass of wine and coffee is \$30 per person. Bookings are essential. Please see accompanying flyer for rsvp and payments details

**Private to Public – a tale of
depots, horses and unions
A talk by Ian Jenkins
Tuesday 26 July 2016 at
7.30pm at the North
Melbourne Library**



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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.

**Saturday 27 August 2016
Annual General Meeting.
2.00pm Venue to be
advised.**

Our guest speaker will be Dr Val Noone, OAM who will be drawing from an unpublished autobiographical and family history manuscript by Gaelic scholar Nicholas O'Donnell (1862-1920) which he is currently preparing for publication

Dr Noone's talk will survey the West and North Melbourne aspects of the arrival and settling of a large cluster of immigrants from County Limerick. Nicholas O'Donnell went to school in Hotham and lived in Victoria Street where he had a medical practice for 35 years. Stories will be presented about life in the area both before and after the 1890's crash.

**Saturday 8 October 2016
History Walk:
*An exploration of local
houses from the 1860s
through to the early 1900s***

More details to follow.

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

This walk will explore the last resting place of a number of prominent North Melbourne people, including those originally interred in the Old Melbourne Cemetery.

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

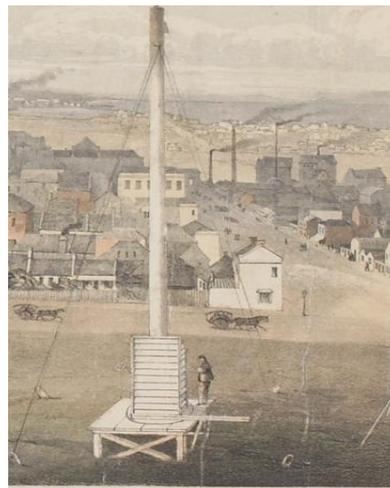
**Arbiter of Style – The
Talented Mr Johnson,
Meat Market, 3 Blackwood
Street, North Melbourne
until 16 May**

If you were unable to attend the opening of Arbiter of Style, you may have missed the very interesting presentations by Peter Johnson and Bill Hannan, but you can still catch the exhibition, which is available until mid May. George Johnson designed two of North Melbourne's most impressive buildings and played an important role in the architectural history of our area. If you would like to see the prints and drawings of some of George Johnson's best works, we encourage you to get along to the Meat Market while you can.

**Lola Russell's Memoir *City
Kid* – talk by Susan Pierotti**

On Saturday 16 April, descendants of the only two families to have owned the fascinating little 1850/51 shop residence on the corner of King and La Trobe Streets were present at this talk by Susan Pierotti, the editor of *City Kid*. Lola Russell grew up in this house, purchased by her great-great grandfather in 1899. Susan's talk covered Lola's own life story, the history of the house and the process to get Lola's memoirs to publication. It is a wonderful story and if anyone is interested in buying Lola's book, you can go to the website specifically set up for this purpose:
<http://www.citykidbook.com.au>

The audience was concerned to learn that Lola and her husband George face a continuing battle to maintain this fragile and precious piece of Melbourne's history – the only surviving pre-gold rush residence in the CBD, now surrounded by looming skyscrapers and jolted by passing traffic.



From Flagstaff Hill Observatory, 1858. Part of lithograph by George Rowe, La Trobe Picture Collection, State Library of Victoria

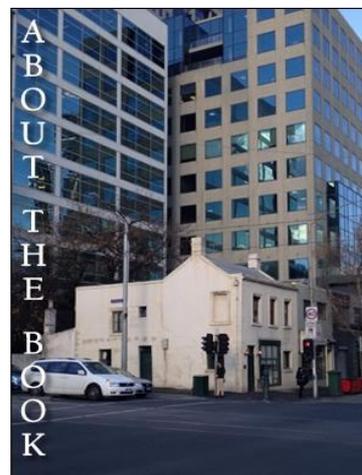


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***We look forward to seeing
you at some of the events
above.***

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