



## Hotham History Project Inc.

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# Hotham History News

**Summer 2017**

### **Happy New Year to all Hotham History Members.**

We trust that 2017 will be a good year for you and all your family.

**Hotham History Project Inc. (HHP)** was founded in 1995 to provide a forum for people interested in exploring the history of North and West Melbourne and publishing the findings. Our membership include many local residents but some from other parts of Melbourne and interstate. We hold regular meetings, talks and walks throughout the year. We also conduct research and publish books on local history that can be purchased through our web site at:

*[www.hothamhistory.org.au](http://www.hothamhistory.org.au)*

Membership is \$15.00 per annum or \$20 for families and is open to anyone with an interest in the local history of North and West Melbourne. The easiest way to join is to complete the membership form on our website.

### **Committee members for 2016/17.**

**Chair:** Lorna Hannan

**Deputy Chair:** Rae Nicholls

**Secretary:** Mary Kehoe

**Treasurer:** Marlene Shanahan

### **Ordinary members:**

Jenny Cook, David Evans, Felicity Jack, Heather McKay, Lyn Martin, Guy Murphy, Kay Oke, John Poynter and Lorraine Siska.

### **2017 Program of Events**

Our program of events for 2017 is taking shape and outlined below are the events planned for the first 6 months of the year.

We look forward to seeing you during the year.

### **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February**

**Book Launch at the Celtic Club at 3.00pm.**

***Nicholas O'Donnell's Autobiography* edited by Dr. Val Noone.**

Members will recall Dr.Noone's talk in August last year on Nicholas O'Donnell's life in Hotham. Dr Noone's edited book on Nicholas' autobiography will be launched at the Celtic Club on the corner of Queen and Latrobe Streets on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February at 3.00pm. HHP members are cordially invited to attend. Bookings are not required. We have supported this publication and copies of this important book on Irish history in Victoria will be available for purchase through our web site and at our functions during the year.

### **Saturday 18 March 2017**

**A walk along Brougham Street, North Melbourne.**

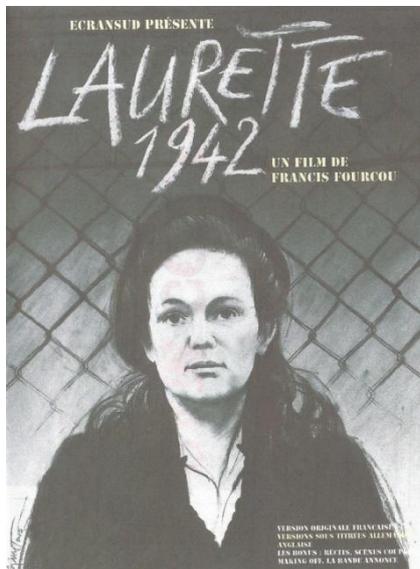
**Commencing at 2.00pm**



Brougham Street runs from Melrose Street to Abbotsford Street North Melbourne and has a number of significant heritage homes. This walk, to be led by Marion Poynter and others, will take us past many of these homes and tell us a little of the history of their former occupants. Fellow HHP members, John and Marion Poynter have kindly agreed to open their garden at number 38 Brougham Street.

**Saturday 8 April at the North Melbourne Library at 2.00pm.**

**Laurette 1942 – a film by Francis Fourcou (approx 100 minutes with English sub-titles)**



Local French teacher Veronique Baverstock will introduce this new film about the work of her mother, Laurette, who helped Jews, Spanish refugees, gypsies and other displaced persons in the concentration camps of Vichy France.

**Saturday 6 May 2017, 2pm. A walk through some local streets that will reflect the 'Voices of North Melbourne'.**

This walk will be a joint event with the North Melbourne Library as part of Heritage Month. To be led by Heather McKay, the walk will be an exploration of North Melbourne through the oral experiences of its citizens.

The walk will leave from the Library at 2.00pm.

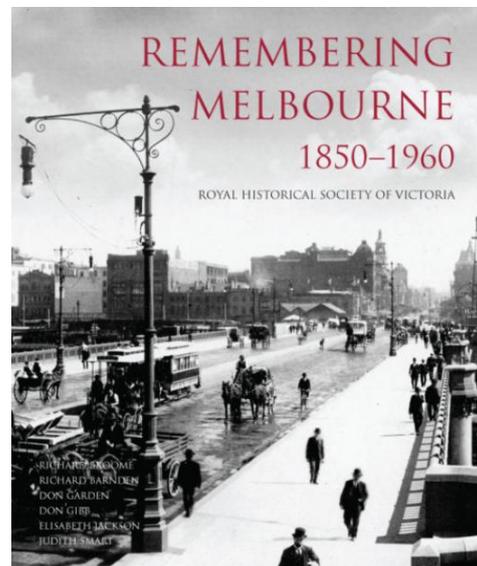
**Tuesday 25 July 2017. A talk by Frank Golding "Lost and Found: State Children in Australia" North Melbourne Library at 7.30 pm.**

Frank Golding is an historian on children and family services in Australia. Among his many publications is 'An Orphan's Escape: Memories of a Lost Childhood'.

**Saturday 26 August at 2.00pm. – Annual General Meeting.**

Our guest speaker will be historian and archaeologist, Gary Vines who will speak on our local history under the preliminary title 'From Flemington Bank to Dudley Flats.

**Remembering Melbourne 1850–1960.**



Members will recall that HHP was invited to contribute to the Royal Historical Society's publication titled: *Remembering Melbourne 1850 -1960*.

Mary Kehoe and Lorraine Siska spent many hours collating a selection of photographs and writing captions to complement the photos. The book was published in November 2016 and it is a very fine publication. Copies are available through QBD Books at \$35. Please note that RHSV do not have any stock at present.

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

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