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Hotham History News

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Kay Oke, OAM

We are pleased to announce that HHP committee member, Kay Oke was awarded an OAM in the Queen's Birthday Honours. Kay received her honour for services to the community through support and counselling for fertility and human reproduction. Congratulations Kay.

Farewell to Marlene Shanahan and Lyn Martin.

This year we will say farewell to two long serving committee members of Hotham History Project. Marlene Shanahan joined the committee in 2012 and has served as our Honorary Treasurer for four years. Lyn Martin is also leaving after serving for ten years on the committee. We thank both Marlene and Lyn for their service to Hotham History Project and we wish them well for the future.

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 Honorary Fellow at Federation University, specialising in welfare history, particularly as it relates to children. This talk will look at the history of the way welfare has been delivered over the years.

Frank will draw on research into his own multi-generational history of state care, using examples close to North Melbourne.

Saturday 26 August at 2.00pm. Annual General Meeting at the North Melbourne Library. Guest Speaker: Gary Vines.

The agenda for our Annual General Meeting will be distributed to friends and members closer to the date. Our guest speaker is historian and archaeologist, Gary Vines who will speak on our local history under the title of 'From Flemington Bank to Dudley Flats.'

Saturday 16 September 1.30 pm. Along the Maribyrnong River with Peter Somerville on the boat 'Blackbird'".

This trip up the Maribyrnong (Salt Water) River will be guided by Peter Somerville on the Blackbird. The trip will cover the geography and early history of the River and its importance to the development of Melbourne.



The cost for the trip is \$20 per head. More details closer to the date.

Saturday 14th October

Walk- Bougainvillea House with Guy Murphy.

Guy Murphy has a background in architectural history and conservation and is author of the HHP publication 'At Home on Hotham Hill'. In this walk Guy will tell us about of the history of the Bougainvillea House at 519 Dryburgh Street, North Melbourne and the precinct known as 'Hotham Hill'.

History Week Victoria – 19 -26 October 2017

History Week offers a wealth of events relating to our history across the State. For a complete list of events go to the History Week website at:

<http://historyweek.org.au/events/>

Many of the events are free or offer concession rates to seniors.

Spring Fling

Hotham History will again have a stall at this year's Spring Fling on Sunday 15th of October. HHP publications will be on display for sale. If you are interested in assisting on the stall for an hour or two we would be delighted to hear from you.

Tuesday 14 November. The Last Anzac – a filmed interview with Deidre Langenheim. North Melbourne Library 7.30 pm.

This meeting provides another opportunity to see the filmed interview with Deidre Langenheim speaking about her father, Alec Campbell - the Last Anzac and other members of her family. Alec was the longest surviving WW1 soldier serving with the 15th Infantry Battalion. He died in Hobart on the 16th May 2002.



Private Alec Campbell

Vale Hugh Anderson (1927-2017)

We would like to record our regret at the passing of former member, Dr Hugh Anderson, a prodigious and prolific writer, historian and folklorist who spent many of his final years in North Melbourne. Hugh wrote several of his books while he worked as a primary school teacher and principal, moving from Melbourne to Apollo Bay, then to Ballarat before returning to Melbourne. In the late 1960s, he collaborated with L.J Blake on the monumental history of the Victorian Education Department, *Vision and Realisation* (1973), a well regarded and much used reference tool for librarians at the State Library of Victoria. He researched and wrote books on a broad range of subjects but was especially recognised for his pioneering contributions to Australian folklore scholarship, his *Colonial Ballads* (1955), and (with John Meredith) *The Folk Songs of Australia* (1967), also becoming very useful reference works.

In later years, Hugh was elected a fellow of the Royal Historical Society of Victoria and the Australian Academy of the Humanities; and appointed a fellow in the Australian Centre at the University of Melbourne. Our deepest sympathy and sincere condolences to Hugh's devoted wife Dawn.

A full biography of Hugh Anderson is available on the RHSV's History News. It is available on-line at:

<http://www.historyvictoria.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2011/06/2017-06-History-News.pdf>

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

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