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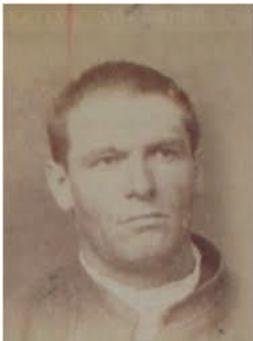
Hotham History News

Winter 2018

Recent Events

At our most recent event on 26 June we were given a fascinating talk by Blair Gardiner on the 'Crutchy Push - the Terror of North Melbourne'. Blair introduced us to 'Pushes' - gangs that formed in inner Melbourne during the late 19th and early 20th Century. The 'Crutchy Push' of North Melbourne was unique in that the core members had missing limbs who relied on crutches for mobility and used them as weapons with devastating effect. The women associated with members of the Crutchy Push were just as fierce as their male compatriots. Both sexes dressed outlandishly with the men adopting a Californian mode with small sombreros, tight trousers to the knees, which then flared out above Cuban-heeled boots. To finish they wore a vest and cravat over a shirt.

The leader of the Crutchy Push was Valentine Keating and his girlfriend, Harriett Adderley who both spent time in prison for their violent attacks.



Valentine Keating notorious leader of the Crutchy Push and his girlfriend, Harriett Adderley.

Forthcoming Events

Saturday 25 August – Annual General Meeting, Hotham Room, North Melbourne Library, 2.00pm.

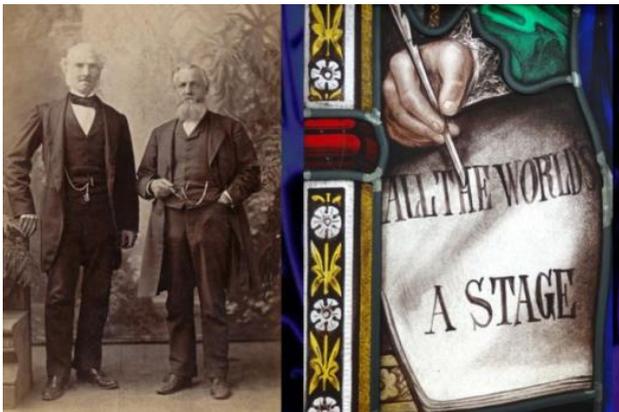
Members and Friends of Hotham History Project Inc. are cordially invited to our Annual General Meeting to be held in the Hotham Room in the North Melbourne Library on Saturday 25 August commencing at 2.00pm. The Agenda for the meeting will be circulated to all members in early August.

Due to the unavailability of the advertised guest speaker (who will speak at a later date) we have an alternative speaker and topic that is of great relevance to all members. Sue Scarfe has kindly volunteered to lead a discussion on how new technology can enhance the objectives of Hotham History and help us to connect with people through an appreciation of our shared local history.

Sue has over 30 years IT experience in major corporates and now consults on websites and using social media. She has experience in community lobbying, world first technology patents and winning innovation awards and loves historical architecture. This is an important topic that we need to embrace to ensure that our local history has the widest possible audience.

**Tuesday 25 September 2018 at 7.30 pm.
Hotham Room, North Melbourne Library.
A talk by Ray Brown titled 'Colonial
Victoria's Stained Glass Craftsmen'.**

Colonial Victoria's leading stained glass window firm, Ferguson & Urie, began in Curzon Street, North Melbourne in 1853. The factory building, now apartments, was the first stained glass workshop in Australia where thousands of magnificent stained glass windows were created and installed in churches, public buildings and private homes in Melbourne and across Australia. It operated until the firm closed in 1899.



James Ferguson and James Urie, 1887

Ray Brown is a great-great-great grandson of one of the founders, James Ferguson. He has built a wonderful website dedicated to tracking down all the existing Ferguson & Urie windows as well as all the information he can gather on the firm and its employees.

History Week 2018

History Week, organised by the Royal Historical Society of Victoria (RHSV) will this year be held from 7 to 14 October.

Numerous events for the week are planned and the best way to get information on these is through the History Week website at:

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

Sunday 21 October – Spring Fling

Hotham History Inc. will again be represented at Spring Fling held in Errol Street and surrounding laneways on Sunday 21 October. This is our opportunity to tell the local community what Hotham History does and to connect with people through an appreciation of our shared local history.

HHP publications will be on display and available for purchase. We are always looking for volunteers to help on the stall so look out for the notice which will be sent out closer to the Spring Fling.

Spring Fling is produced and supported by The Centre.

Tuesday 27 November at 7.30pm. Hotham Room, North Melbourne Library.

A talk by Professor Janet McCalman AC, titled *Vandemonians in North Melbourne: our local convict past.*

Janet is a Redmond Barry Distinguished Professor of the University of Melbourne and Professor of History in the Centre for Health Equity. She is also a founding member of Hotham History Project Inc.

In this talk Professor McCalman will draw on her research on Tasmanian convicts and their descendants with a focus on those who made their way to North Melbourne.



The Melbourne Benevolent Asylum – where many of the Vandemonians spent their final years.

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

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