

# ANNUAL REPORT

## 2013-2014

### 1. MEMBERSHIP

All member organisations have appointed their representatives and there are no vacancies on the HCV Board.

### 2. BOARD

The Board is the governing body of the HCV. Its current membership is promoted on the HCV website and listed here:

#### *Representative Members*

Dept of Education & Early Childhood Development	Victoria Hall
Heritage Council of Victoria	Emma Russell
History Teachers' Association of Victoria	Jo Clyne
Museum Victoria	Jen Brook
National Centre for History Education	Assoc. Professor Tony Taylor
National Trust of Australia (Victoria)	Martin Green
Professional Historians Association (Vic)	Katherine Sheedy
Public Record Office Victoria	Lauren Bourke
Royal Historical Society of Victoria	Dr Judith Smart

State Library of Victoria

Andrew Hiskens

Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority

Pat Hincks

### *Ordinary Members*

Diane Gardiner (Old Treasury Building)

Laura Miles (Museums Australia (Victoria))

Dr Liz Rushen

Michael Spurr

Michelle Rayner (Australian Broadcasting Commission)

### *Historians employed by Victorian universities:*

Deakin University

Dr Geoff Robinson

La Trobe University

Dr Charles Fahey

Monash University

Dr Ruth Morgan

In addition, some Board members are affiliated with other universities: Dr Judith Smart with RMIT University and The University of Melbourne; Dr Liz Rushen with Monash University; and Associate Professor Tony Taylor with Monash University.

## **3. GOVERNANCE**

Office Bearers of the Board at 30 June 2014 were Diane Gardiner (Chair), Dr Judith Smart (Deputy Chair), Katherine Sheedy (Hon. Treasurer) and Margaret Birtley (Secretary). They were assisted by Dr Liz Rushen (Minutes Secretary). These five serve as the HCV's Executive Committee.

The Board of the HCV met face-to-face in 2013 on 8 August, 12 September and 14 November and in 2014 on 13 February, 10 April and 12 June. It also participated in decision-making by email in December 2013.

The Members met for the AGM on 12 September 2013 and a Special General Meeting on 14 November 2013.

The Board amended the HCV Constitution in late 2013 to meet the requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012*.

## **4. ADMINISTRATION**

The Board is assisted by its part-time (0.2) Executive Officer. The Board was sorry to

farewell Mary McGregor when she retired at the end of 2013 after several years of dedicated service. The Board welcomed Margaret Birtley as her successor in December 2013.

## 5. SOURCES OF SUPPORT

The HCV enjoys generous in-kind support from the employers of its members and from many of the organisations represented on its Board. The Royal Historical Society of Victoria hosts the HCV as a tenant at very reasonable rates. The Old Treasury Building is the primary host of Board meetings and provides skilled support in a number of areas. Monash University and the State Library of Victoria lead the coordination and hosting of the *Making Public Histories* seminar series. The State Library of Victoria hosts the *Annual Lecture*.

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development has funded the *History Roadshow* since 2006 through its Strategic Partnerships Program. The current triennial funding is for the period 2012-2014.

A planned publication, *A History of Victoria's State Secondary Education*, is being supported by the balance of funds from a celebration of state education in 2005 that was auspiced by the HCV.

The Chair acknowledges the invaluable support and input of the Board, the Executive Committee and the two Executive Officers during the year.

The HCV is grateful to all its supporters for their good will and assistance.

## 6. ACTIVITY PROGRAM, JULY 2013 - JUNE 2014

The HCV's current program ensures that key audiences are targeted effectively. Its activities are reported on the following pages, in two categories:

Core and ongoing program

Activities dependent on grants received

The following activities were conducted by the HCV in 2013-2014:

Activity	Working Group
Core and ongoing program	
<p><b>Annual Lecture</b>            Thursday 25 July 2013            'From architecture to ornament: The Melbourne Public Library in the nineteenth century'            Professor Harriet Edquist (RMIT University)</p>	<p><i>Working Group:</i>            Judith Smart, Katherine Sheedy, Andrew Hiskens and Jen Brook</p>
<p><b>Making Public Histories Seminar Series</b>            (in association with Monash University and the State Library of Victoria)            The seminars held in 2013-2014 were:</p>	<p><i>Working Group:</i> Ruth Morgan (and her Monash University colleagues)</p>
	<p>Monday 5 August 2013            'Aftermath: Sites and sources of history and memory'            A public program of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Dr Jan Randa Conference in Holocaust and Genocide Studies</p>
	<p>Thursday 19 September 2013            'Drought Stories, past and present'            Prof Katie Holmes (La Trobe University), Dr Deb Anderson, Dr Ruth Morgan, Chair: Prof Al Thomson (all of Monash University)</p>
	<p>Thursday 10 October 2013            'Beers and bombs: Tourism to Bali as international history'            Dr Agnieszka Sobocinska (National Centre for Australian Studies)</p>
	<p>Thursday 28 November 2013            'Stuff that matters to kids: The heritage of children and childhood'            Dr June Factor (University of Melbourne), Dr Carla Pascoe (University of Melbourne), Sarah Rood (Way Back When)</p>
	<p>Thursday 29 May 2014            'A land fit for heroes? Shattered Anzacs and the legacy of World War I'            Professor Bruce Scates, Professor Al Thomson (both of Monash University)</p>
	<p>Thursday 12 June 2014            'The therapeutic imagination and public history: Reflections on trauma and memory'            Dr Sean Field (University of Cape Town), Professor Susannah Radstone (University of South Australia)</p>

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<b>History Roadshow 2014</b>	<i>Working Group:</i> Diane Gardiner, Katherine Sheedy, Andrew Hiskens, Jo Clyne, Mary McGregor / Margaret Birtley
	<p>Sessions were delivered for VCE students from schools outside the Melbourne metropolitan area in several history subjects: History of Revolutions (Chinese, French and Russian); Twentieth Century History; and Australian History.</p> <p>The academic presenters were:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Anthony Bidgood (Monash University)  Professor David Garrioch (Monash University)  Dr Yana Ostapenko (RMIT University)  Professor Peter McPhee AM (University of Melbourne)  Professor Keir Reeves (Federation University)  Dr Geoffrey Robinson (Deakin University)  Michael Spurr (History Council of Victoria)  Dr Darius Von Guettner (University of Melbourne)  Dr James Waghorne (University of Melbourne)</p> <p>Thanks are extended to all speakers, several of whom gave their services pro bono.</p>
	Three Roadshow tours were conducted during the year:
	<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday 1 August 2013  Hosted by several Geelong schools: St Joseph's College, Newcomb Secondary College, Geelong College</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Monday 16 June 2014  Hosted by Bendigo Senior Secondary College</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday 26 June 2014  Hosted by Goulburn Valley Grammar School</p>
	The History Roadshow program is evaluated and reported regularly to the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.
<b><i>A History of Victoria's State Secondary Education</i></b>	<p><i>Contracted authors:</i>  Dr John Andrews  Dr Deborah Towns</p> <p><i>Steering committee:</i>  Diane Gardiner  Katherine Sheedy  Dr Liz Rushen  Michael Spurr  Margaret Birtley</p>