

## History Council of Victoria

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Dear Friend of the History Council of Victoria,

This edition of our E-news brings details of an event at which Jo Clyne, one of our Board members (and a staff member at the History Teachers Association of Victoria), is speaking about the museums she saw when visiting Antarctica earlier this year.

We also bring you news of the opportunity for public comment on the Victoria government's new initiatives for the Creative Industries – including arts and cultural organisations.

### TRAVELLERS' TALES

Friday 11 December from 5:30 to 8 pm  
at the NGV International (St Kilda Road, Melbourne)  
**Cost:** Museums Australia member \$25, Non-member \$30

**Book now!** <http://mavic.asn.au/events?mode=Day&d=11&n=12&y=2015>

Come and enjoy an end-of-year drink and chat with members of the museums group, Education Network Victoria (ENVI) before the Christmas rush really takes off. Be inspired by Justine Heazlewood, Kimberly Moulton and Jo Clyne who have had the opportunity to travel and study museums across the globe. Drinks and nibbles will be supplied.

### CREATIVE INDUSTRIES TASKFORCE – REPORT RELEASED

Last week Creative Victoria released the findings of the Creative Industries Taskforce. The report was written by the Taskforce, chaired by Louise Adler AO, to advise on the development of Victoria's first creative industries strategy. It outlines 42 initiatives for government consideration which the Taskforce believes would strengthen and grow Victoria's \$23 billion creative and cultural economy, and reap social and cultural benefits right across the State.

The consultation summary report, which accompanies the Taskforce report, states that there was "a particularly enthusiastic response from libraries, local councils, heritage societies and historians to become more involved in increasing and improving creative places and spaces, and to build on opportunities for the community to participate in the creative industries throughout the state...Museums and heritage organisations are major cultural custodians."

The Minister has invited public comment on the 42 initiatives before 20 December 2015. The report will be considered by government and will inform its strategy to be released in 2016. The [consultation summary report](#) and the [Taskforce report](#) can be downloaded from: <http://strategy.creative.vic.gov.au>.



**Photo:** Martin Foley, Minister for Creative Industries (seventh from left) with members of the Creative Industries Taskforce and Expert Reference Group. Image: Gazi Photography.  
Laura Miles (third from left), a member of the History Council of Victoria board, represented both the museums and galleries sector and Arts Industry Council members from the small-to-medium and independent sector.

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