

## **History Council of Victoria**

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Dear Friend of the History Council of Victoria,

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- Presentation of the Historical Fiction prize for Year 9 and 10 students
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## **MELBOURNE AT WAR: HIDDEN HISTORIES**

The Heritage Council of Victoria has launched a new walking tour of Melbourne to mark the centenary of the first World War. This audio tour will take you to seven major locations around the CBD of Melbourne, all of which played an important role during the war and still remain to tell the tale. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

## **SPIRIT OF ANZAC – CENTENARY EXPERIENCE**

The Spirit of Anzac Centenary Experience is a travelling exhibition that tells the story of Australia's involvement in the First World War, and the ensuing Century of Service of Australia's armed forces in all wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations in which Australia has been involved. The Melbourne season commences on 8 February 2016. Click [HERE](#) to plan your Experience!

## **HISTORICAL FICTION PRIZE**

The HCV was pleased to sponsor the Year 9 and 10 category of the historical fiction competition run by the History Teachers' Association of Victoria. Congratulations to Zainab Sayeda, of Mac Robertson Girls' High School for her winning story, 'Torn' and to runner-up Rehan Maniyar of Mazenod College for his 'Flashpoint'. Thanks to our Board members Garrie Hutchinson and Dr Ruth Morgan for judging the competition. Garrie and our Executive Officer Margaret Birtley presented the prize at the HTAV Kids' Conference last month. Click [HERE](#) to read the winning stories via the HTAV website.



**Photo:** Margaret Birtley and Garrie Hutchinson with winning author Zainab Sayeda.

## **FESTIVE GREETINGS, AND OFFICE CLOSURE**

The Chair, Diane Gardiner AM, with the Board and staff of the HCV, thank you for participating in our work during 2015 and wish you and your families a happy and joyous festive season.

Our Executive Officer will take a summer break from Christmas Eve, resuming normal work on 19 January 2016.

Early in the new year, we'll announce a full program of activity for 2016 – including the History Roadshow for VCE students, the Making Public History seminar series, and our Annual Lecture as part of History Week.

Best wishes for 2016!



**Image:** Christmas in Australia, 150 years ago (23 December 1865).

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