

*Newsletter of the*  
**ASSOCIATION OF EASTERN  
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## **'Art Deco' Regional Festival All Set for September**

By Janice Haynes, Festival Coordinator

Proposals have been flooding in for Art Deco Regional Festival events from historical societies, community museums and art galleries across the State. Afternoon teas, picnics, walking, driving and bus tours, film screenings, art exhibitions and displays of decorative arts, talks and radio plays are some of the 1920's and 1930's era items that will be showcased during the Festival.

Locations include Ararat, Ballarat, Benalla, Bendigo, Castlemaine, Charlton, Horsham, Mildura, the Mornington Peninsula, Wangaratta, Wycheproof and Yarram with events being presented in a diversity of venues such as Town Halls, historic houses, galleries and theatres. As the Festival Coordinator I have been very impressed by the passion and enthusiasm people have shown for all things art deco and the era. "The creativity displayed in planning the events and the way organisers have networked and shared contacts with me has been wonderful." So look forward to a jazzed, fringed and rag-time period from the 29th August through to the 28th September full of Art Deco Regional Festival Events. Festival program details and locations will be published in the next History News and on the Festival web site: [www.alphaville.com.au/artdeco](http://www.alphaville.com.au/artdeco)



To express interest in involvement or to have your name added to the Art Deco Regional Festival Program mailing list contact me on 9326 9288 or 0437 837 019, or email: [j.haynesartdeco@hotmail.com](mailto:j.haynesartdeco@hotmail.com)

If you love Art Deco make sure you get to the fabulous National Gallery of Victoria Winter Masterpieces exhibition 'Art Deco 1910 - 1939', 28 June to 5 October, on line at: [www.ngv.vic.gov.au/artdeco](http://www.ngv.vic.gov.au/artdeco)

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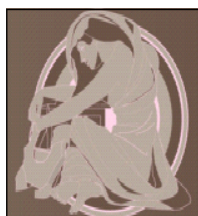
### **Member Societies:**

- Box Hill Historical Society
- Croydon Historical Society
- Doncaster & Templestowe Historical Society
- Eltham District Historical Society
- Friends of Boroondara (Kew) Cemetery
- Friends of Cheltenham Regional Cemeteries
- Healesville & District Historical Society
- Kangaroo Ground History Group
- Knox Historical Society
- Lilydale Historical Society
- Marysville Historical Society
- Oakleigh & District Historical Society
- Ringwood Historical Society
- St. Andrews/Queenstown Historical Society
- Upper Yarra Valley Historical Society
- Warrandyte Historical Society
- Waverley Historical Society
- Whitehorse Historical Society
- Yarra Glen & District Historical Society

## New Groups Join Us

Two Friends of Cemetery groups (Boroondara and Cheltenham) have joined the Association of Eastern Historical Societies. Representatives from both groups were present at our last gathering (Eltham Conference) and decided to formally join the Association from 1 July 2008.

Both groups continue to be very active in our region, regularly hosting tours around their cemeteries of interest as well as providing guest speakers at meetings. New groups are always welcome to join us.



**Friends of  
Boroondara  
(Kew)  
Cemetery**



## Local History on the Radio

Each Wednesday between 12.30pm and 1.00pm, local community radio station Eastern FM 98.1, hosts a local history program. Representatives from Croydon (*Les Hutchinson*), Ringwood, Lilydale (*Sandy Ross*) and Knox (*Glen Turnbull*) Historical Societies promote their activities and provide information to listeners relating to the history of their area. These half hour allocations are part of Peter MacArthur's regular radio program.

## Invitation to South Eastern Meetings (SEHA)

An open invitation is extended to all who would like to attend any of our sister association's events. The South Eastern Historical Association (SEHA) extends from Springvale to Cranbourne right down the peninsula and to Phillip Island and Inverloch holding quarterly meetings similar to ours.

I received an invitation to attend a SEHA function at Balnarring in May. I accepted the invitation and enjoyed the lunch provided as well as hearing details of activities which historical societies undertake in that area.

It is interesting to hear of similar concerns as us in the eastern region, such as lack of active members, dealing with local councils or Government department about the buildings we use (maintenance or storage issues) and well as insurance difficulties.

For further details about SEHA meetings, contact Heather Arnold on 5629 4396 or email: [harnold@dcsi.net.au](mailto:harnold@dcsi.net.au)

From time to time, representatives from SEHA societies will be attending our functions too. Some already have attended our meetings this year. Please make them feel welcome.

It is particularly rewarding to visit other historical societies and regions to listen to their solutions as well as their local history!

- Glen Turnbull,  
AEHS president.

## Royal Historical Society of Victoria Centenary 2009

RHSV will celebrate its centenary in 2009. One of the ways the RHSV is celebrating is their Centennial Address Book. The book will contain beautiful photographs and will serve as both a fully functional address book as well as a treasured memento of the RHSV's first 100 years.

By supporting this project your name will be listed as a Centennial Donor inside the book. RHSV looks forward to the continued support of historical societies and members in order to produce this beautiful publication as a Centenary Project.

The offer of being a donor is open until 31 July. RHSV has tax exempt status and can forward you a tax receipt. Donations can be sent directly to the RHSV, 239 A' Beckett Street Melbourne 3000, or by telephone 9326 9288, or email:

[office@historyvictoria.org.au](mailto:office@historyvictoria.org.au)



## History Victoria

The next History Victoria Support Group seminar will be hosted by the Kyneton Historical Society on Saturday 6 September from 9.30am to 3.00pm. Book by telephoning Geraldine on 9326 9288.

## *Around the Societies ...*

### **Balwyn**

The inaugural meeting of the Balwyn Historical Society was held in May. More than 70 people attended and displays of local photographs were exhibited for all to see. Meetings will be held on the second Thursday night of the month at The Evergreen Club, 45 Talbot Avenue Balwyn. Enquiries to Robin on 9836 6589. Financial membership of this group starts in January 2009.

### **Box Hill**

Box Hill Historical Society celebrated 45 years on 26 June 2008 with a function at the Box Hill Town Hill. The celebration included a guided tour of the Box Hill Art Space displays.

On 21 August, Paul Tesselar will present *'The Story of the Tesselaar Bulb Farm'*. Meetings are held in Strabane Chapel, 29 Strabane Avenue, Mont Albert North. Enquiries: 9285 4808 or see [www.vicnet.net.au/~bhhs/](http://www.vicnet.net.au/~bhhs/)

### **Healesville**

The next meetings are Sunday 24 August and Sunday 28 September. Meetings are held at the society's rooms in the Healesville Memorial hall at 2pm. The rooms are also open to the public between 1.30pm and 4.00pm on Mondays and Wednesdays (except public holidays).

For more information, contact the Secretary, Alma Mitchell on 5962 3601 or 5962 1655 or email: [hhsociety@optusnet.com.au](mailto:hhsociety@optusnet.com.au)

### **Knox**

Ambleside Park Homestead, home of the Knox Historical Society, is currently being renovated and is closed to the public. The homestead is expected to be reopened in the coming months. Direct research enquiries to Glen at [gaturnbull@yahoo.com.au](mailto:gaturnbull@yahoo.com.au) or telephone 0409 287 359.

### **Lilydale**

The new Dick Oliver Memorial has been unveiled in April after the original Oliver Arch was knocked over in June 2001. The special guest was 97 year old Elsie Cooper, a member of the Dick Oliver's family. She unveiled the new memorial at the entrance to the Lilydale Show Grounds in Main Street Lilydale.

### **Ringwood**

John Hurst will speak on the *'History of Ringwood Railway and Stationmaster Turnbull'* on Tuesday 26 August at 8pm in room 4, Federation Estate, Greenwood Avenue Ringwood. For more information contact Russ at [rhaines@bigpond.net.au](mailto:rhaines@bigpond.net.au) or 9876 4367.

### **Waverley**

In July, Kevin Morgan spoke on an infamous 1921 school-girl murder, which sent an innocent man to the gallows. The Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday 24 August at 2pm at Waverley Library. There will also be an evening research time on Wednesday 20 August. For further details contact the secretary, Norma Schultz on 9802 9332.

### **Whitehorse**

The Annual General Meeting of the Whitehorse Historical Society will be held on 9 August 2008. The guest speaker will be Lyn Ford, who will speak about the Mitcham Primary School. For more information contact Val on 9803 4434.

The society's local history collection is accessible between 10.30am and 2.30pm on Wednesdays at Schwerkolt's Cottage, Deep Creek Road Mitcham, email: [www.vicnet.net.au/~ndhsinc](http://www.vicnet.net.au/~ndhsinc)

### **Yarra Glen**

Rooms are open to the public every Wednesday between 1.30pm and 4.30pm at the rear of the Yarra Glen Memorial Hall, where meetings are held at 1.30pm on the second Sunday each month. Contact Eric on 9730 1445 or email: [etetlow@alphalink.com.au](mailto:etetlow@alphalink.com.au)

**\* If your society is not featured here, it is because we have not received any literature from your society. Please pass a copy of your newsletter to me or contribute an article directly to email: [gaturnbull@yahoo.com.au](mailto:gaturnbull@yahoo.com.au)**

### **Mount Dandenong**

It is nearly 70 years since the crash of the Kyeema aeroplane, just off Ridge Road, Mount Dandenong. At 1.45pm on 25 October 1938, the plane came down killing 18 people.

The Mount Dandenong Historical Society is planning a commemoration on the 70th anniversary at the site (see Melways map 66 E1). For more information, contact the group at PO Box 158 Olinda 3788.

## *Local Cemetery Tours & News...*

### **Boroondara (Kew)**

The Friends of Boroondara (Kew) Cemetery conduct monthly tours of the cemetery in High Street Kew. For more information visit: [www.fobkc.org](http://www.fobkc.org) or telephone 9817 4896.

### **Box Hill**

The Box Hill Historical Society will hold a tour of the Box Hill Cemetery in September with the theme: "Women as Substance". For more information, contact 9285 4808.

### **Burwood**

Lilydale Cemetery Trust took over the management of the Burwood Cemetery at the start of the year. Interments of both Lilydale and Burwood Cemeteries are on Lilydale's web-site: [www.mapsearch.lilydalecemetery.com.au/PubMapping/](http://www.mapsearch.lilydalecemetery.com.au/PubMapping/)

### **Cheltenham**

The Friends of Cheltenham and Regional Cemeteries conducts tours of three historic burial grounds in Melbourne's south-east - Brighton General Cemetery (1855), Cheltenham Pioneer Cemetery (Old Cheltenham Cemetery) (1864), Cheltenham Memorial Park (New Cheltenham Cemetery) (1933) - as well as the Bunurong Memorial Park (1996). For more information, visit: [www.focrc.org](http://www.focrc.org) or ring 9583 5814 or email: [info@focrc.org](mailto:info@focrc.org) The first Annual General Meeting of this group will be held in August.

### **Ferntree Gully**

The Knox Historical Society will hold a tour of the Ferntree Gully Cemetery in October as part of the Knox Heritage Festival. A new cemetery register has also been prepared. For more details, contact Glen on [gaturnbull@yahoo.com.au](mailto:gaturnbull@yahoo.com.au) or 0409 287 359.

### **Lilydale**

Lilydale & District Historical Society sell tour booklets (vol 2 and 3) both by Ruby Kwijas and Keith Lithgow for \$3 each. Contact P.O. Box 834 Lilydale 3140 or email: [aross35@bigpond.com](mailto:aross35@bigpond.com)

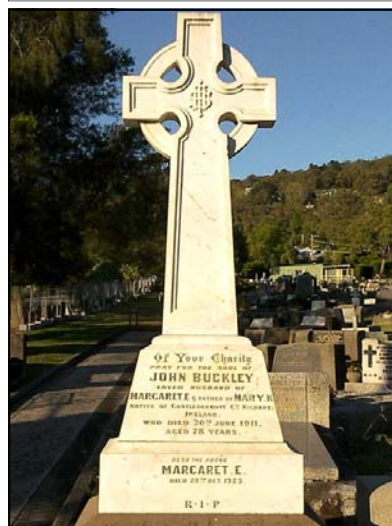
**The Association of Eastern Historical Societies was established in 1966.**

Membership of the group is open to all historical societies in the eastern region, which approximately stretches from Boroondara eastward to Marysville to Monash in the south to Nilumbik in the north.

Deadline for next AEHS newsletter is:

**1 September 2008**

Articles can be forwarded to Glen Turnbull, editor, at [gaturnbull@yahoo.com.au](mailto:gaturnbull@yahoo.com.au)



## *FOR YOUR DIARY...*

### **AEHS Disaster Preparedness, Planning & Recovery Workshop:**

Saturday 26 July 2008 at 1.30pm. Now hosted by Ringwood & District Historical Society at Room 4, Federation Estate (Old Ringwood Primary School), Greenwood Ave, Ringwood. Presented by Catherine Turnbull of the Knox Historical Society. This workshop will include notes and hands-on activities. *(Not at Ambleside Park Homestead)*

*Please note the change of venue.*

### **AEHS Annual General Meeting**

Saturday 27 September 2008 at 1.30pm at Box Hill Town Hall. Further details will appear in the next edition of this newsletter.

### **AEHS General Meeting**

Saturday 23 February 2009. Date and venue to be confirmed.