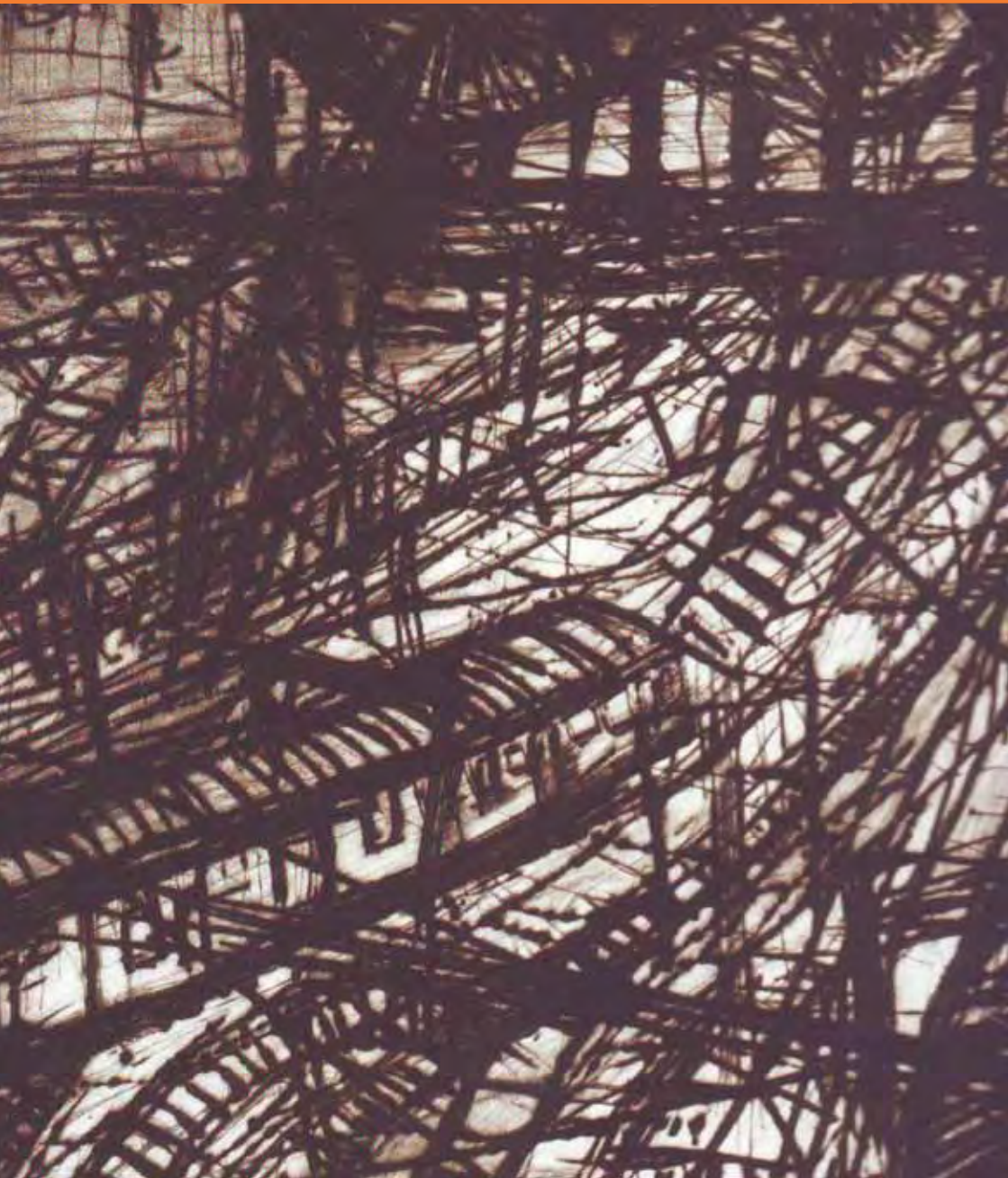


# Victorian Community History Awards 2012

Presented by Public Record Office Victoria & Royal Historical Society of Victoria



Established in 1997, the Victorian Community History Awards are held annually to recognise the contributions made by Victorians in the preservation of the State's fascinating history.

Presented by Public Record Office Victoria in partnership with the Royal Historical Society of Victoria, the Awards celebrate the people involved in community history projects who are dedicated to telling local stories which help all Victorians to understand their past.

History can be interpreted and shared in a range of formats with the aim of reaching and enriching a broad audience. This is reflected through the diversity of the award categories which encourage nominations for innovative projects by groups and individuals across the State.

The 2012 Victorian Community History Awards ceremony was held on Tuesday 23 October in the Great Hall of the National Gallery of Victoria.

**Front cover:**

Marco Luccio (born 1969)

*Spencer Street and the rooftop* 2005 (detail)

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Cover image of Victorian Community History Award winner

*The Art of Being Melbourne* by Maree Coote.



## Victorian Community History Award

This award recognises the most outstanding community history project submitted in any category.

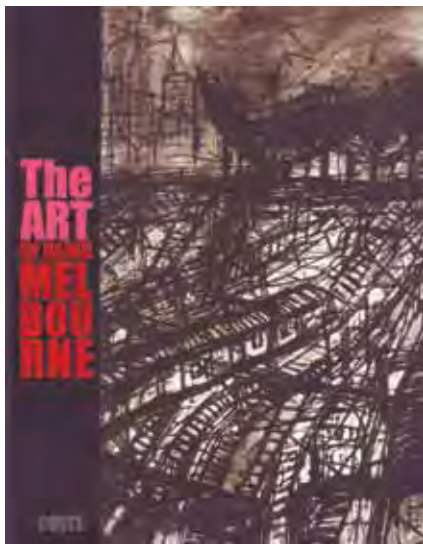
### ***The Art of Being Melbourne***

Maree Coote

Melbournestyle Books, 2012

This book provides a compelling history of the visual imaginings of Melbourne. Coote's gives thoughtful analysis of the work of 45 artists, ranging from early colonials and Australian Impressionists, through to modernist and contemporary artistic responses. In an insightful interplay between imagery and history, the author provides a rich overview of Melbourne's development from a village to a thriving metropolis.

Rather than just a geographical or architectural synopsis of the city's changing physical character, this book charts changes in the cultural imaginary of Melbourne.



From early attempts to market Melbourne for European migration to the effects of the gold rush; from federation, two world wars and the Great Depression, to the rhythms of modernity and the alienation and consumerism that characterise city living, the author brings together a judicious selection of artists in a well-researched and beautifully illustrated history of Melbourne's ever-changing identity.



### **Judges' Special Prize for Excellence**

#### ***Construction of The Great Ocean Road***

Lorne Historical Society & Lorne Airys Inlet P-12 College VCAL Students  
DVD

The Lorne Historical Society worked closely with the local college and other community groups to produce a DVD that portrays construction of the Eastern View to Lorne section of the Great Ocean Road. The project employed nearly 3000 returned soldiers and was a memorial to those who died in the Great War. This clearly narrated and engaging DVD depicts the backbreaking work involved in construction of the road and conveys the excitement of the opening of the first section to Lorne in March 1922.

## History Publication Award

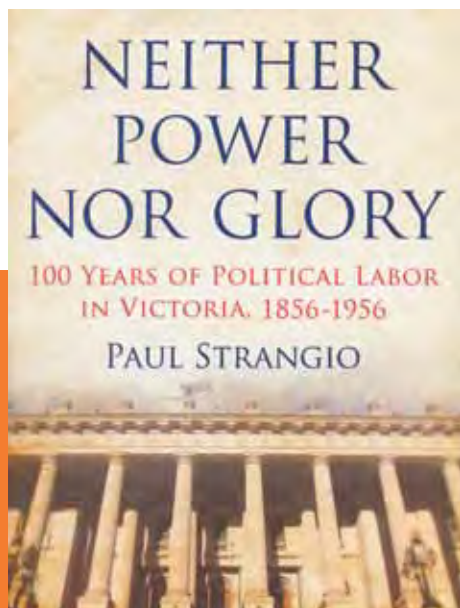
For a non-fiction publication or e-publication on Victorian history which could include a biography or a story of social, urban, institutional, regional or cultural history.

### ***Neither Power Nor Glory: 100 Years of Political Labor in Victoria, 1856–1956***

Paul Strangio

Melbourne University Press, 2012

Victoria is lacking in comprehensive histories of its political parties, but Strangio's in-depth look at the Labor party is certainly changing that. This excellent and readable analysis of the years when the Labor party largely failed to achieve office provides insights into many of the reasons for its lack of parliamentary success. The author tells the Labor story in a way that sustains both general and specialist political readers through the minefields of factional struggles, leadership changes and failure to win popular support. Strangio establishes what made the Victorian party distinctive down to the 1950s Split, and shows the differing relationships between the Labor party and the Victorian community over the 100 years since the achievement of the eight hour day in 1856. This is a *tour de force* in a very strong category.



#### **Commendations:**

***William Lawrence BAILLIEU: Founder of Australia's Greatest Business Empire***

Peter Yule

Hardie Grant Books, 2012

***University Unlimited: the Monash Story***

Graeme Davison and Kate Murphy

Allen & Unwin, 2012

***Our Schools and the War***

Rosalie Triolo

Australian Scholarly Publishing, 2012

***J.J. Clark: Architect of the Australian Renaissance***

Andrew Dodd

NewSouth Publishing, 2012

***Engineer to Marvellous Melbourne: the Life and Times of William Thwaites***

Robert La Nauze

Australian Scholarly Publishing, 2011

## Local History - Small Publication Award

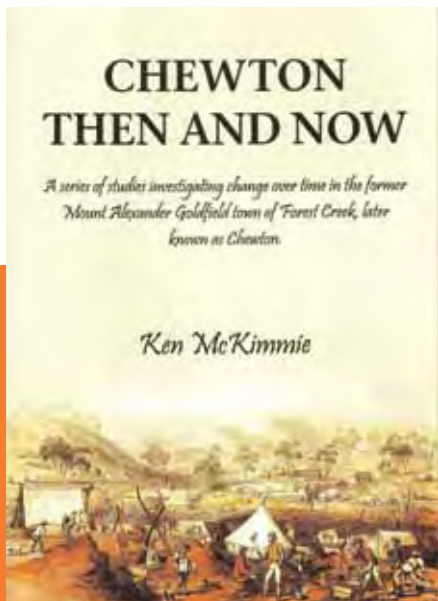
For the best small publication which could include a published booklet, journal, zine or newsletter article which features Victorian local, cultural or social history.

### ***Chewton Then and Now: A series of studies investigating change over time in the former Mount Alexander Goldfield town of Forest Creek later known as Chewton***

Ken McKimmie

Deniliquin Newspapers Pty Ltd, 2011

This attractive and well-presented small book provides a fresh approach to the presentation of local history, containing fifty studies of historic buildings and heritage sites in the fascinating Chewton goldfield area near Castlemaine. The changes over time in homes, businesses and mining sites are recorded in photographs from the past and present. These are complemented by informative maps and sketches that show the placement of structures within the sites, and are elucidated by narrative histories of the buildings and sites McKimmie has included.



#### **Commendations:**

***La Trobeana, Journal of the C.J. La Trobe Society***

C.J. La Trobe Society Inc.

***The Heart of Middle Park: Stories from a Suburb by the Sea***

The Middle Park History Group, 2011

***Pages from the Past: Snapshot Histories of People, Places & Public Life in Casey & Cardinia***

Ian Good

Casey Cardinia Branch of the National Trust of Australia (Victoria), 2011

***The Elongated Dog Kennel: the History of the Malmsbury Mechanics' Institute***

Susan Walter

Malmsbury Historical Society, 2012

## Local History Project Award

This award recognises activities that enhance access to records of significance to local communities. The project should increase access, awareness and participation in history on a local or community level including digitising, indexing, cataloguing, resources and original research.

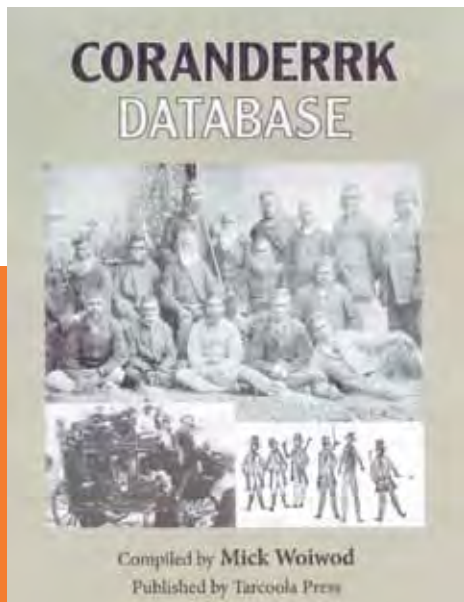
### **Coranderrk Database**

Mick Woiwod

Tarcoola Press in association with Wurundjeri Tribe Land and Compensation Cultural Heritage Council Inc., 2012

Book and disc

Woiod's research makes this much more than a compilation. It is a resource kit providing detailed material presented chronologically about Indigenous people at the Coranderrk Aboriginal station near Healesville, designed to serve communities in the Yarra Valley and Victoria generally through libraries. It represents a huge effort in collection, arrangement and interpretation and deserves to be widely used. It also presents new material about the well-known story of Coranderrk's demise. Woiod links the demise to the Victorian Acclimatisation Society's office-bearers on the Board for the Protection of Aborigines and provides careful documentation and argument. This compilation is available as print on demand or on disc.



#### **Commendations:**

##### ***The Early Charting of Victoria's Coastline***

Gregory Eccleston

Available on the Australian and New Zealand Map Society website [anzmaps.org](http://anzmaps.org)

##### ***Flemington Heritage website***

Flemington Association Inc.  
[flemingtonheritage.org.au](http://flemingtonheritage.org.au)

##### ***Collingwood's 101 Hotels***

Collingwood Historical Society  
[collingwoodhs.org.au](http://collingwoodhs.org.au)

## Young Historians Award (15–18 years)

This award encourages secondary school aged students to engage with local history, increase historical understanding and discover more about Victoria's history. Students may explore local community and identities, significant events and heritage topics.

### ***New Horizons: Post-War Migration to Australia***

Chelsea Way

Publication

The judges considered this essay to be a very worthy winner in this new category of the Community History Awards. Written by a Year 10 student, it focuses on post-war immigration with particular reference to the West Sale Migrant Holding Centre and the story of the Rudowicz, a Polish family. It clearly relates community experiences to both Australian immigration policy and the problems of post-war displaced families. It is well expressed, and uses a wide range of sources (written, oral, published and documentary) with excellent acknowledgment. It is the product of someone who has been trained in historical method, argument and documentation.



Fig. 1 Arthur Calwell (Right) visiting Sale with solicitors Langton Staveley (Left), George Henry Wise (Centre). Sale Council Chambers 1948.

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## Collaborative Community History Award

This award recognises the best community collaborative work which involves significant contribution from several individuals, groups or historical societies.

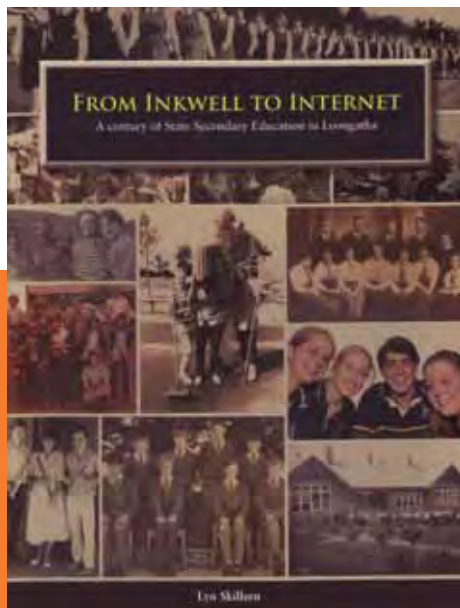
### ***From Inkwell to Internet: a century of State Secondary Education in Leongatha***

Lyn Skillern and others

Leongatha Secondary College, 2012

Starting in 1912 as Leongatha Agricultural High School in the wake of the Fink Report, the school was one of the earliest State secondary schools in regional Victoria. The present Leongatha Secondary College resulted from the amalgamation of Leongatha High School and Leongatha Technical School in 1990. This history was prompted by the school's approaching centenary.

Leongatha's story is one that tells us about change in school education, community involvement, interaction between students and teachers, and much else. It is clearly written, based on solid research, well-illustrated and comprehensive of the whole period. Its several authors and use of student memoirs make it a community collaborative project. This is a welcome addition to Victorian education history, where so much of the publication has been about non-government schools.



#### **Commendations:**

##### ***Burke & Wills: the Scientific Legacy of the Victorian Exploring Expedition***

E.B. Joyce and D.A. McCann ed.  
CSIRO Publishing, 2012

##### ***Creswick and the Lindsays: a Living History***

Business and Tourism Creswick  
DVD

##### ***Written into History: Celebrating Fifty Years of the Melbourne Historical Journal 1961 – 2011***

Keir Wotherspoon and Erik Ropers ed.  
The Melbourne Historical Journal  
Collective, University of Melbourne, 2012

##### ***Tales from the High Country: Memories from the Sawmills of the Delatite Valley***

Sawmill Settlement Water Works and  
Community Association Inc., 2012



## Multimedia History Award

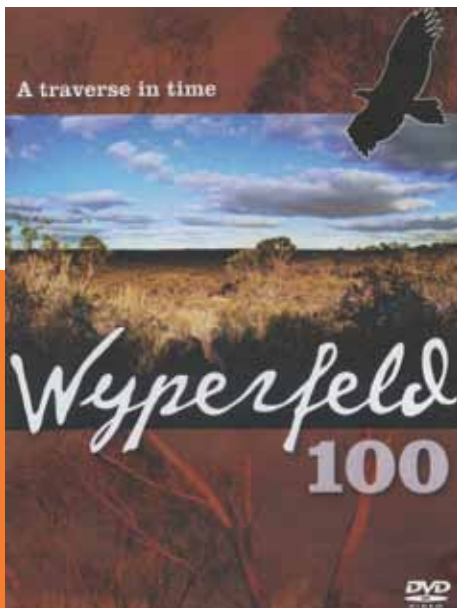
For the best presentation of history which uses non-print media. This project can include multimedia exhibitions, radio, CD/DVD, phone apps, websites, digital video/podcasts or online applications.

### ***Wyperfeld 100: A traverse in time***

Friends of Wyperfeld

DVD

This delightful DVD was produced by the Friends of Wyperfeld to mark the centenary of the reservation of the first section of Wyperfeld National Park. It is a high quality production combining beautiful filming with historical footage and images, and interviews with people involved with the Park and the surrounding communities. It charts the development and transformation of the Park through the work of the Friends to remove weeds and pests, and to revegetate Wyperfeld. This is placed within the context of changing attitudes to the environment over the last century and a mounting community appreciation of our natural history and heritage.



#### **Commendations:**

##### ***After the Draught Horse: a Vision of Early Farming***

Christine Webb  
DVD

##### ***All Aboard: One Hundred Years of History of the Moe-Walhalla Railway***

John Aldersea and Barb Hood  
DVD

##### ***Lost! Melbourne's Lost 100***

National Trust of Australia (Victoria)  
Phone app

##### ***Ferguson & Urie: Colonial Victoria's Stained Glass Craftsmen 1853 -1899***

Ray Brown  
Website

## Historical Interpretation Award

This award recognises unique formats of historical representation. Applicants are encouraged to submit history-related experiences told through physical exhibitions, artistic interpretation, history walks and tours.

### **Goldfields Track Walking Guide**

Gib Wettenhall

em Press Publishing, 2012

This is a very impressive and superbly presented walking guide to the 210km Goldfields walking track that extends from Mt Buninyong to Bendigo. Heritage tourists will find it equally valuable to identify and appreciate the towns and historic sites along the way. A group of knowledgeable authors has combined to describe, photograph and guide users through the series of map spreads into which the walk is divided. What lifts this book above most guides are informative sections on reading the landscape and cultural heritage along the track, and short biographies of some of the famous district personalities. It is a model for future guides.



### **Commendations:**

#### ***Sheer Strength in Numbers - a Brief History of the Kayser Hosiery Factory at Coolaroo***

Textile Clothing and Footwear Union  
of Australia  
DVD

#### ***Coburg Cemetery Self-Guided Heritage Walk***


Friends of Coburg Cemetery

#### ***Lorne Heritage Walk***

Friends of Lorne

#### ***Melrose Art Pottery 1931-1942***

Gregory Hill  
Bundoora Homestead Art Centre, 2011



**Start planning your project for 2013  
and uncover your local history today.**

**To find out more about the Victorian  
Community History Awards visit  
[prov.vic.gov.au/community-programs](http://prov.vic.gov.au/community-programs)**

**To view previous winners and  
a list of all entries for 2012,  
visit [historyvictoria.org.au](http://historyvictoria.org.au)**

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### **Victorian Archives Centre**

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10am–4.30pm Monday to Friday  
(and the second and last Saturday of the month)  
03 9348 5600  
[prov.vic.gov.au](http://prov.vic.gov.au)

### **Ballarat Archives Centre**

Cnr Mair and Doveton Streets  
Ballarat  
9.30am–4.30pm Mondays and Tuesdays

### **Royal Historical Society of Victoria**

239 A'Beckett Street  
Melbourne  
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03 9326 9288  
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