



VICTORIAN COMMUNITY HISTORY AWARDS 2005

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All Victorians have a story to tell - from the 40,000 year old Koorie culture, through to the first European settlers to our most recent immigrants. These Victorian Community History Awards are proudly sponsored by Information Victoria and The Royal Historical Society of Victoria. The aim of the Awards is to keep these true stories alive by developing awareness of community history across all of Victoria and promoting excellence within historical research, ultimately benefiting all Victorians.

Overall Winner

*The Eureka Encyclopaedia **

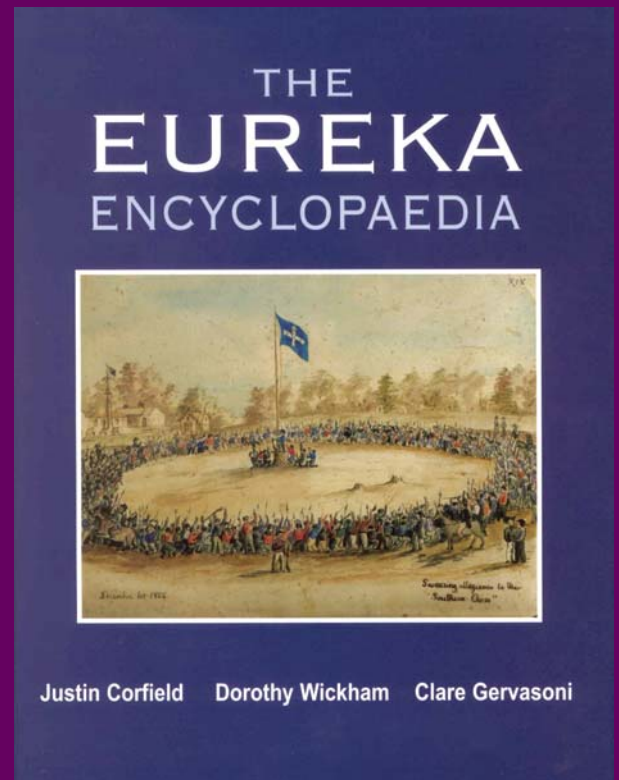
By Justin Corfield, Dorothy Wickham and Clare Gervasoni

Fittingly, this valuable new work was published by Ballarat Heritage Services in 2004, the 150th anniversary year of the Eureka Stockade. Of the three authors who compiled it, two work in Ballarat and the third works in Geelong.

The encyclopaedia entries are in alphabetical order, beginning with a' Beckett, Sir William, who as chief justice presided at the opening Eureka trials in 1855. But what about the ending of the book? Whose name at Eureka started with Z?

Fortunately, the authors found not only Zilles, Conrad, who apparently was one of the last miners to leave the stockade, but they also found enough information about him to fill half a page. Once again the presence of women in the Eureka story is well-documented. In fact there is a newcomer, the famous, scandalous Celeste de Chabrilan (but she is there only as the wife of the French consul).

The judges are unanimous that the Eureka Encyclopaedia is a work of strength, depth, good research and entertainment, while remaining accessible to all.



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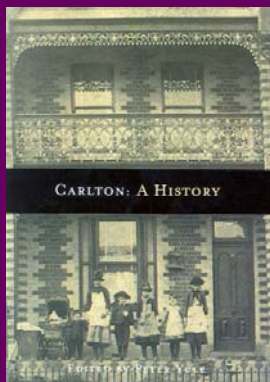
Best Collaborative / Community Work:

Category Winner:

*Carlton: A History **

Produced by the Carlton Residents Association Inc. Edited by Peter Yule

Fifty-two fine essays grace this book, which might sound a large number, but not when you consider the diversity of Carlton's rich history, which has included successive waves of immigrants. The project is a splendid success.



Commendations:

A German Church in the Garden of God: Melbourne's Trinity Lutheran Church 1853-2003

Edited by
Herbert D. Mees

*The National Trust Research Manual: Trace the History of Your House or Other Places **

Produced by The National Trust of Australia (Victoria),
Edited by Celestina Sagazio

Slab Hut to Red Brick: Ivanhoe Primary School 1853-2003.

By Teresa Castelvetero, Dianne Fox and Louise Ryan

No Locked Doors: Jewish Life in Shepparton.

By Shirley Randles

'I remember that...'Life in and around Snake Valley.

Produced by Leanne Beeson-Canty and Maria Edmondson for the Snake Valley and District Historical Society

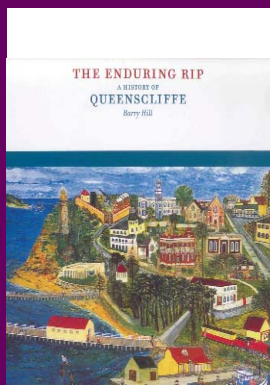
Best Print / Publication:

Category Winner:

*The Enduring Rip: A History of Queenscliffe **

Produced by the Borough of Queenscliffe. Written by Barry Hill

Here is a grand book which tells a good story in a witty, elegant and unhurried way. Barry Hill introduces us to hundreds of characters - fishermen, sea pilots, customs men, drunks, landladies, publicans, soldiers marching down the street and more. This is the biggest walk-on cast since Leo Tolstoy wrote War and Peace. The images are so clear that many readers will feel they know these people. The old photographs, beautifully displayed, are a bonus.



Commendations:

*Robert Hoddle, Pioneer Surveyor, 1794 - 1881 **

By Berres Hoddle Colville

*Car Wars: How The Car Won Our Hearts And Conquered Our Cities **

By Graeme Davison

*Blood Matters: A Social History of the Victorian Red Cross Blood Transfusion Service **

By Matthew Klugman

John Wren: A Life Reconsidered

By James Griffin

*Cooper's Creek, Gippsland: The Trevisani **

By Diana Ruzzene Grollo

Memories in Glass. Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Kew

By Geraldine McFarlane

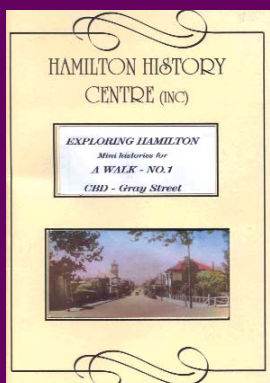
Best Walk / Tour:

Category Winner:

Exploring Hamilton Walks

Produced by Margaret Gardner and Val Heffernan, The Hamilton History Centre

A series of five booklets offers a total of 123 stops. It contains clear maps and good illustrations, and in the judges' view is an excellent asset to a tourist.



Commendations:

Beechworth: Echoes of History: Follow the Pioneers

Co-ordinated by Joy Phillips, Bob Simpson and Margaret Carlton

*Walking Melbourne: The National Trust Guide to the Historic and Architectural Landmarks of Central Melbourne **

Produced by The National Trust of Australia (Victoria),
By Rohan Storey

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By Jeff Sparrow and Jill Sparrow

*Maldon: Portrait of a Goldfields Town **

By Vivien Markham and Andrew Leckie

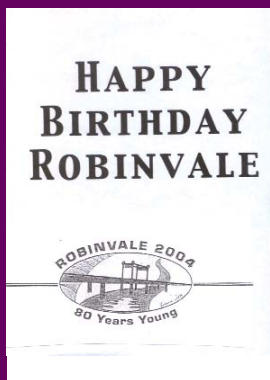
Best Audio - Visual / Multimedia:

Category Winner:

Happy Birthday Robinvale

By The Euston/Robinvale Historical Society Inc

A lively, clever film that uses snatches of interviews with Robinvale residents and animated cartoon figures to capture the character of the town on its 80th birthday last October. The editing is tight, and the film holds our interest throughout as it conveys a slightly satirical but overall fond picture of Robinvale. It fulfilled the judges' wish each year to see innovation in the entries.



Commendations:

Tractor Stories - An exhibition at Wheatlands

By The Warracknabeal and District Historical Society and Malcolm McKinnon

Why Melbourne? From Dreamtime to the Capital of Victoria

A website by Delsha Rees

Bealiba - Early Industries

By Jeremy Lord

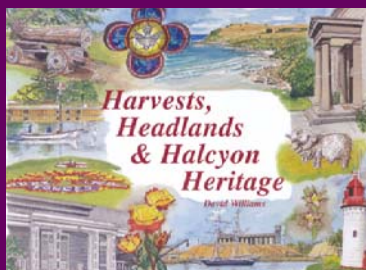
Best Exhibit / Display:

Category Winner:

*Harvests, Headlands & Halcyon Heritage **

By David Williams

An exhibition of paintings executed for the book went on show in a Portland arts centre for more than seven weeks. It included a selection of the children's work. An impressive example of community collaboration.



Commendations:

Johnny Mullagh Cricket Centre (and Education Kit)
The West Wimmera Shire Council

Beechworth Chinese Cultural Centre

The Beechworth Chinese Cultural Centre and Garden Inc.

*"People of Mercy" Exhibition **

The Mercy Hospital for Women

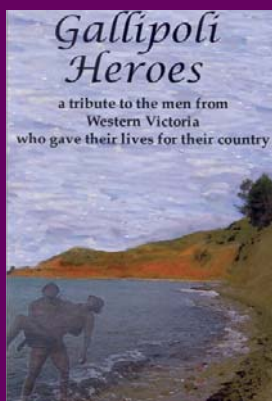
Best Community Research, Register and Records:

Category Winner:

Gallipoli Heroes: A tribute to the men from Western Victoria who gave their lives for their country

By Graeme Massey

It is a true community work which involved the school's staff and students, the Western Victorian Association of Historical Societies, other groups and many people who contributed photographs or information.



Commendations:

The Big Mech Database
Mechanics' Institutes of Victoria Inc

Rifle Clubs of the Yarra Valley: A historical perspective from 1885 - 2000

By David Rapley

*Pots, Punks and Punters: A History of the Hotels of St Kilda and South Melbourne **

Produced by The St Kilda Historical Society, series No. 5. Written by Becky Aizen



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