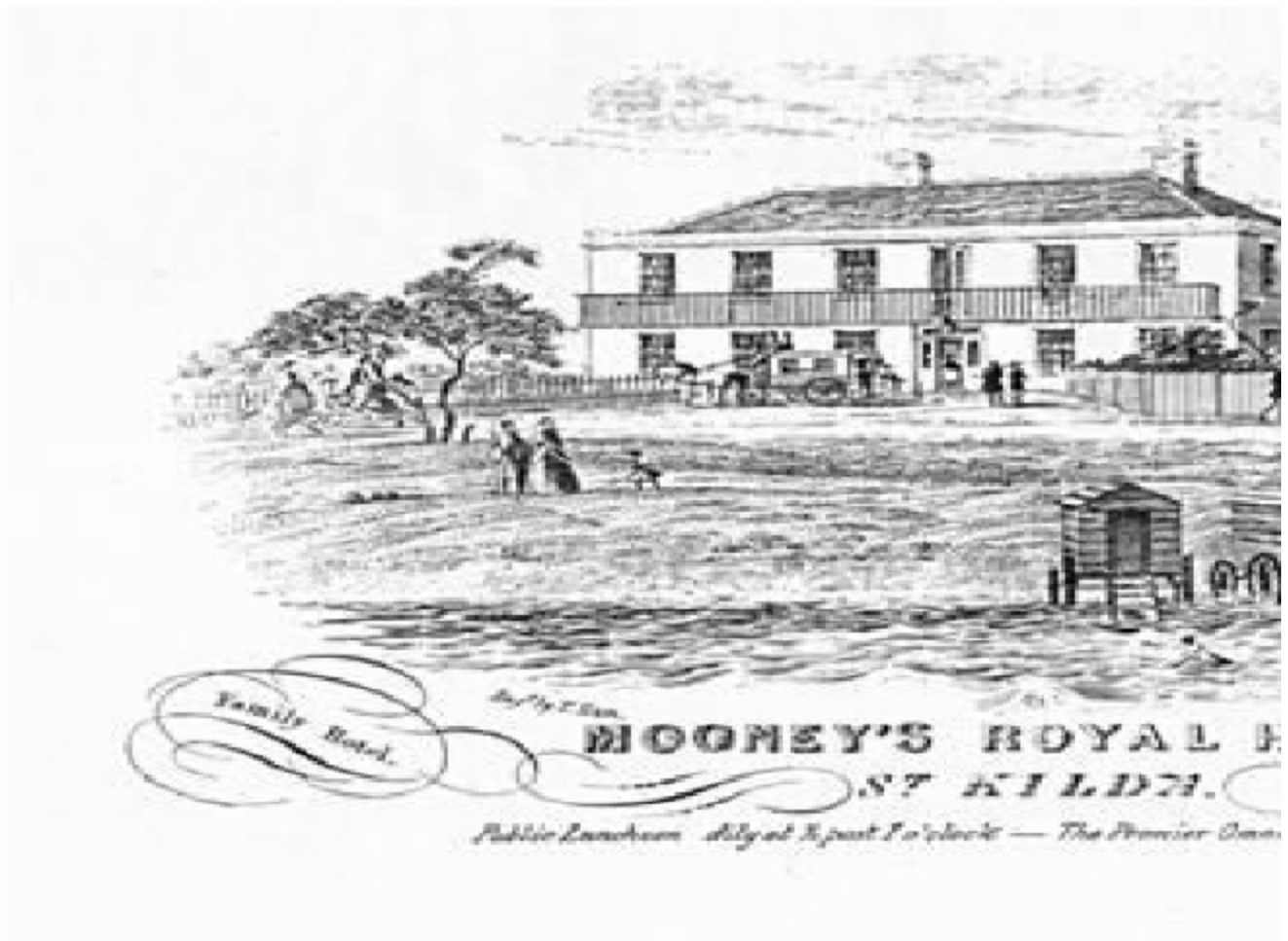


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## A BRIEF HISTORY OF ST KILDA

A surveying party sent by Governor King from Sydney anchored in Port Phillip Bay in January 1803 and recorded hot, northerly winds blowing along the swamp, which became Elwood, where they saw two large emus, and around the area now known as Albert Park Lake a large lagoon, shown in old survey maps extending close to where St. Kilda Railway Station stands.

In August 1835, John Pascoe Fawkner's schooner *Enterprize* investigated the coast around Red Bluff headland and landed a small party further along the shore, where they noted lovely green knolls around the lagoons, with flocks of teal ducks, geese and swans, but no fresh water. They sailed on along the bay until they reached the Yarra River.

St. Kilda's first locality name was 'Green Knoll' and 'The Village of Fareham' was chosen by authorities prior to the first land sale. The name of St. Kilda is romantically linked with a legendary picnic held in the beautiful ti-tree scrub which surrounded the beach towards the end of 1841, attended by Charles Joseph La Trobe, Superintendent of Port Phillip Settlement and other notable Melbourne residents. Governor La Trobe is reported to have pointed to the schooner *Lady of St Kilda* anchored offshore and suggested that the village be named St. Kilda.

St. Kilda soon became popular as an escape from the dirty, dusty, unmade streets of Melbourne town, which had the added disadvantage of sewage collecting in the lower parts of the city.

The St. Kilda 'Hill' offered good drainage, clean air and attractive views of the sea. By the 1840's, St. Kilda was a thriving settlement, with excellent hotels catering to the needs of the holiday-makers, and some fine houses side by side with more humble dwellings. The road connecting St. Kilda with Melbourne (St. Kilda Road) was certainly rough and at times dangerous, with the possibility of bushrangers ready to rob and ill-treat travellers. A rough and sandy track had been worn to Brighton from what is now St. Kilda Junction. Horse-drawn omnibuses carried passengers to their destinations.

The St. Kilda railway line, commenced in 1856, was a great boon to the residents and to the visitors who thronged to the beach on Sundays and holidays. The St. Kilda Railway Station, when it was opened on 14<sup>th</sup> May 1857, was resplendent with refreshments and waiting rooms, a large bar and barmaid.

By the 1860's and 1870's, St. Kilda had become a sought after area, particularly amongst merchants and professional men, who built magnificent homes which eventually stretched across St. Kilda Road and High Street to the Chapel Street and Alma Road area.

Some fine churches had been built, including Christ Church in Acland Street, All Saints in Chapel Street, St. Mary's in Dandenong Road, the Methodist Church in Fitzroy Street and the Presbyterian Church in Alma Road. The St. Kilda Hebrew Congregation held services in

the Wesleyan Church Hall in Fitzroy Street prior to the building of the synagogue in Charnwood Road in 1872.

St. Kilda has a rich heritage of churches woven into the history of the area. Men and women from various parishes have contributed much to the colourful fabric of this city spiritually, socially and economically.

There were a number of church and private schools in the area, many of which went out of business after the Educational Act in 1872 provided for the establishment of free, secular and compulsory education.

St. Kilda has continued to be popular as an area for relaxation, with its cosmopolitan restaurants, weekend trading and Sunday Market along the Upper Esplanade. From the mid-1990's people began re-discovering St. Kilda as a desirable place to live and it experienced a renaissance as a desirable residential suburb.

## ST KILDA TIME LINE 1800 – 2010

- Before 1800** The people of the Eastern Kulin Nation were the traditional owners of Euroe Yroke (now known as St Kilda) until European colonisation. Shellfish was cooked in middens or campfires at Point Ormond, huts were built beside Albert Park Lagoon, axes sharpened at the sandstone cliffs (the Esplanade) behind St Kilda Beach and gatherings held at the ancient Corroboree (red gum) tree at St Kilda Junction.
- 1800s** **1802** An exploring survey ship under the command of Charles Grimes visits from Sydney and describes the St Kilda coastline.
- 1830s** **1835** The ship Enterprise lands at Elwood on its way to the founding of a new settlement on the Yarra River called Melbourne. St Kilda hill is known as Green Knoll and later the 'Village of Fareham'.  
**1839** First grazing lease granted to Benjamin Baxter who builds a stockman's hut in Alfred Square.
- 1840s** **1840** Scottish immigrants on the Glen Huntley fever ship are confined at Point Ormond, that becomes Victoria's first Quarantine Station and, after the death of three passengers, St Kilda's first graveyard.  
**1841** Governor La Trobe, at a picnic by the sea, names the area St Kilda after the ship *Lady of St Kilda* anchored off St Kilda Beach. The ship, in turn, was named after the Hebridean (Scottish) island of *St Kilda*. St Kilda Hill becomes a seaside resort with many holiday houses in Robe and other streets.  
**1842** First land sold at auction. Alfred Square becomes the first public reserve or park.
- 1850s** **1851** Anglican Christ Church and school opens in Acland Street, the first of a score of churches that later include Catholic (1853), Presbyterian (1855), Wesleyans (1857), Free Presbyterians (1864), Congregationalist and Baptist. Gold is discovered and many depart St Kilda for the diggings.  
**1852** On 16 October, bushrangers rob nineteen people on the sandy track now called Brighton Road.  
**1856** St Kilda Railway Station links St Kilda to Melbourne with Victoria's second railway. Visitors flood to the seaside.  
**1857** St Kilda's first elected Municipal Council meets at the Junction hotel at St Kilda Junction. The George Hotel (originally named the Terminus and the Seaview), opens opposite St Kilda station. St Kilda Cup is run at the racecourse near Village Belle.
- 1860s** **1860** The first St Kilda Town Hall opens. As the decade progresses, St Kilda is rapidly becoming the most fashionable place in Melbourne to live with many beautiful mansions and large gardens like Oberwyl. Horse drawn 'omnibuses' bring people from the city to experience Melbourne's most

accessible seaside resort including its fifteen hotels.

## **1870s**

Seabath facilities such as Captain Kenney's bathing ship 'Nancy' flourish on the foreshore. Wetlands are drained to make Albert Park Lake.

**1871** The thriving Jewish community builds St Kilda Synagogue, the first of at least four Jewish congregations in St Kilda.

**1874** Marcus Clarke of Inkerman Street publishes '*For the Term of His Natural Life*'.

**1875** St Kilda's State School on Brighton Road is opened.

**1878** Esplanade Hotel built. A hundred years later it is one of Australia's most important live music venues.

## **1880s**

Many churches and synagogues are now prominent landmarks in St Kilda. Melbourne, including St Kilda, is experiencing a great land boom.

**1882** St Kilda Park Primary School opens in Fitzroy Street.

**1886** Cable tramcars start running to St Kilda bringing thousands of day-trippers.

**1888** The new St Kilda Town hall, a palatial boom-style palace by William Pitt, is completed on the corner of Carlisle Street and Brighton roads, on a former wetland where Aboriginal people once camped.

## **1890s**

An economic depression ensues after the financial crash of the late 1880's continues. Numbers of wealthy St Kilda families are ruined and lose their houses. Many of the mansions on the Hill are sold and turned into boarding and guesthouses.

**1897** St Kilda Football Team joins the VFL from its home base at Junction Oval.

## **1900s**

**1901** The Duke and Duchess of York arrive at St Kilda Pier to open the first national parliament - St Kilda is now part of the newly federated country of Australia. St Kilda pier is the entry point for many vice-regal and other visits.

**1906** Italian engineer, Carlo Catani, and the St. Kilda Foreshore Committee begin to remould the foreshore to cater for Melbourne's amusement and pleasure zone. St Kilda is becoming a carnival resort for the masses.

**1908** Elwood swamp drained and the land sold for homes.

## **1910s**

**1911** St Kilda first cinema, the St. Kilda (Bioscope) Theatre, opens at 145 Fitzroy Street.

**1912** Luna Park opens – the newest and greatest amusement park in the world.

**1913** Palais de Dance is built on the site of the present Palais Theatre.

**1914-18** Three thousand men and boys from St Kilda enlist to fight at Gallipoli and France in the First World War.

**1917** Elwood State School opens.

- 1920s** A decade of subdivision. Flats and small apartments replaced or altered many grand homes and gardens. Genteel St. Kilda began to lose its tone between the wars.
- 1920** The Victory Theatre built later becoming the Australian National Theatre, home to the National Theatre Ballet School and The National Theatre Drama School
- 1924** St Kilda War Memorial Hall opens in Acland Street in memory of returned soldiers and to raise funds for families. It later becomes a local cinema known as the 'Mem' or 'fleapit'.
- 1926** Palais rebuilt after a fire with seating for 3000 patrons.
- 1930s** Severe Depression ensues. Gallipoli hero, Albert Jacka, becomes Mayor and fights for the rights of the unemployed, defending evictees and proposing public works for the 'sussos'. Sly grog trading, cocaine smuggling and organised crime increase. Flat production outnumbers houses ten to one.
- 1931** Opening of new St. Kilda Baths after fire destroyed the old building.
- 1936** The Astor Picture Theatre opens.
- 1937 and 1938** Polio epidemics occur.
- 1939** World War Two breaks out. St Moritz ice skating rink opens in Frank Thrings's former *Efftee Productions* film studio
- 1940s** **1941** St Kilda Town hall is barricaded with sandbags and trenches are dug for bomb shelters. Air raid drills practiced in schools.
- 1942** American troops march down Beaconsfield Parade into St Kilda. Entertainment booms. Jewish migrants arrive in large numbers. Sydney Nolan, Joy Hester, Albert Tucker and other artists live and paint in St Kilda.
- 1950s** St Kilda becomes increasingly 'run-down' associated with drugs, crime, 'Bodgies and Widgies', tenants, the, old and poor. Young artists and musicians benefit from the cheap housing. Acland Street's café society blossoms with the influx of cosmopolitan European migrants. Leo's opens in 1956 and Scherezade in 1958.
- 1960s** Between 1961 and 1971 flats increase from 38% to 62% of all dwellings. Boarding houses and cheap rents offer a place for lower income people and artists. Red light entertainment prospers with Whisky A Go Go, Les Girls at the Ritz and 'Vanessa the Undresser' at the George. Germaine Greer, formerly of Elwood, publishes *The Female Eunuch*.
- 1966** On Yom Kippur the Rabbi at St Kilda Synagogue informs the congregation that the St Kilda Football Team has won the Premiership. Residents rejoice despite the team's move to Moorabbin in 1964. Tolarno's Gallery and restaurant opens in Fitzroy street by Mirka and Georges Mora, making St Kilda a pivot of Melbourne's art world.
- 1969** St Kilda Marina opens replacing the 1928 sea baths.

**1970s**     **1970** Prince Charles, after swimming at Elwood describes the water as ‘diluted sewage’.  
**1971** Council begins to focus on the development of social services with the first municipal childcare centre opened in the Town Hall and the St Kilda Library opened in 1973 after a community campaign.  
**1975** High Street is widened, destroying an historic shopping precinct of 150 buildings (including the Junction Hotel), and its name changed to St Kilda Road. Traffic pours into St Kilda through St Kilda Junction.

**1980s**     **1980** First St Kilda festival held.  
**1982** Elaine Miller, St Kilda’s first female Mayor, is elected.  
**1985** ‘Turn the Tide’ Councillors are elected vowing to protect the interests of lower income residents, create public housing and protect St Kilda from over-development.

**1990s**     St Kilda becomes increasingly popular licensing changes enable outdoor cafes and restaurants to thrive and inner city living becomes fashionable. St Kilda now has five government and fourteen non-government schools. Backpacker hostels multiply bringing young international visitors. Visitors flock to the Sunday Market and festivals such as the Wicked Arts Festival, Koori Day, the .St Kilda Film Festival. The annual Gay Pride March commences. Residents groups actively campaign to oppose over-development and the Grand Prix in Albert Park.  
**1994** The City of St Kilda is no more. St. Kilda is amalgamated with Port Melbourne and South Melbourne to create the City of Port Phillip. Mayor Tim Costello makes the last mayoral speech at St Kilda Town Hall before handing over to the interim Commissioners.

**2000s**     St Kilda property booms as waves of affluent new residents seek a trendy lifestyle by the sea. St Kilda Festival becomes the largest festival in Australia. The public swarms to street venues as well as renovated icons such as the St Kilda Seabaths, Stokehouse, Donovans, the Majestic and the George Hotel. The government fails to implement ‘zones of tolerance’ to ease prostitution and drug use. St Kilda is showcased in a popular TV serial ‘*The Secret Life of Us*’. Activists campaign to save the Esplanade Hotel.  
**2003** The St Kilda Kiosk on St Kilda Pier burns down 99 years after its original construction.

## *The Show Goes On!*

## REFERENCES AND FURTHER INFORMATION

Books published by the St Kilda Historical Society (all available from St Kilda library)

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- **Hotels of St Kilda and South Melbourne** by Becky Aizen
- **War Fever in Port Phillip, 150 Anniversary of the Crimean War 1854 - 2004** by Meyer Eidelson
- **Granny. A History Mystery** by Meyer Eidelson
- **The Spirit of St Kilda. Places of Worship in St Kilda** by Jeanette Bomford
- **The Screening of St Kilda. A History of Cinemas in St Kilda** by
- **The Young Guard. Fifty Years of Hashomer Hatzair in St Kilda** by Becky Aizen
- **Fire Flood and Fever. The Story of Elwood** by Meyer Eidelson (to be released 2006)

**E- Books published on the St Kilda Historical website: [www.skhs.org.au](http://www.skhs.org.au)**

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**Articles published on the St Kilda Historical Website: [www.vicnet.net.au/~hsosk](http://www.vicnet.net.au/~hsosk)**

**General**

A General History of St Kilda  
A St Kilda Timeline; 1800 - 2010  
A St Kilda Landscape; 1854 - 1864  
Balaclava Kindergarten  
Brief History of St Kilda  
Brighton Bushrangers  
Blatchford; a forgotten soldier  
Catani Arch Restored  
  
Early Elwood  
Elwood House  
First St Kilda Town Hall  
Glen Huntly Pioneers  
Lady of St Kilda  
Luna Park  
  
Inkerman Oasis Lane Names  
Mirka's Trams  
Ross Family Pioneers  
St Kilda Biographies - *Nation Builders: ...St Kilda Cemetery*  
St Kilda Bombed!  
St Kilda City Council History  
St Kilda Federation 1901  
St Kilda Mailboat - Songs from Scotland  
St Kilda Sea Baths Memories  
St Kilda Station Clock & Luggage Trolley  
St Kilda - Windsor Railway 1859  
Standing the test of time - Public Clocks  
Transport History - *Linking Us Together*  
  
Albert Jacka Commemoration  
Benjamin Cowderoy Plaque  
Carlo Catani - Foreshore Designer  
Centenary of Federation Celebrations  
*Has homer Hatzair* - 50 years of Jewish Youth  
HMAS Lonsdale and other Historical Plaques  
Raoul Wallenberg Memorial  
Splash: St Kilda Beach and Baths  
St Kilda Film Festival 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
St Kilda Library 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

### Other books available from St Kilda library

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- **Nation Builders. Great Lives and Stories from St Kilda General Cemetery** by Meyer Eidelson 2001
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- **The Show goes On: The History of St. Kilda. Volume III, 1930 to July 1983** by Anne.Longmire, The Hawthorn: N S Hudson Publishing, 1989.
- **Memories of an Australian Childhood 1880 - 1900** by Amie Livingstone Stirling, Schwartz Publishing Group 1980.

## NOVELS SET IN ST KILDA

St Kilda is the setting for many novels, biographies and autobiographies that explore the flavour and ambience of the suburb. Author Kerry Greenwood, for example is member of the female novelists group 'Sisters in Crime' which convenes regularly at Leo's in Fitzroy Street. She has written over eighteen successful thrillers. They feature the glamorous Phryne Fisher a jazz age private detective who lives at the mythical address of 22 1B the Esplanade. Phryne always get her man in more ways than one and solves murders committed in places like Luna Park and St Kilda beach.

### **Novels with St Kilda settings - available from St Kilda library:**

Scheherazade by Arnold Zable  
The Mystery of the Hansom Cab by Fergus Hume  
My Brother Jack by George Johnston  
Candy by Luke Davis  
Peace Crimes by Sandy McCutcheon  
Republic of Women by Merrill Findlay  
Queen of the Flowers by Kerry Greenwood  
Murder in Montparnass by Kerry Greenwood  
The Castlemaine Murders by Kerry Greenwood  
Stiletto magazine by Sisters in Crime  
The Front of the Family by Renata Singer  
Granny by Meyer Eidelson (children's picture book)  
Alfreda The City Penguin by Meyer Eidelson (children's picture book)  
Peepshow by Leigh Redhead  
Eye to Eye by Caroline Shaw  
A Place of Sensuous Resort. Buildings of St Kilda by Richard Peterson;  
Blood Guilt by Lindy Cameron  
Bleeding Hearts by Lindy Cameron  
Above the Waves by Margaret Bearman  
Tunnel Vision by Dorothy Johnstone  
Three Dollars by Elliot Perlman

### **Biographies and Autobiographies- available from St Kilda library:**

Books Tanks and radio, Stories from a Family of Survivors by Meyer Eidelson  
A Fine and Private Place by Brian Mathew  
The French Consul's Wife. Memoirs of Celeste Chabrillon in Gold-rush Australia by Patricia Clancy and Jeanne Allen (ed);  
Gothic Australian (Albert Tucker) by Janine Burke  
Joy Hester by Janine Burke  
Finding God in St Kilda. Streets of Hope by Tim Costello  
Wicked but Virtuous by Mirka Mora  
Chopper, From the Inside by Mark Read  
I Saw it at the Flickers by John Howson Smith  
Mr Felton's Bequest by John Poynter

# IMAGES OF ST KILDA

Searching for historic images of St Kilda?

1. Try the new Picture Victoria site at [www.pictures.libraries.vic.gov.au](http://www.pictures.libraries.vic.gov.au)
2. Try the City of Port Phillip image data base via [www.port Phillip.vic.gov.au:library.port Phillip.vic.gov.au/spy dus.exe/MSG PPCD/AH DATABASE.HTM](http://www.port Phillip.vic.gov.au:library.port Phillip.vic.gov.au/spy dus.exe/MSG PPCD/AH DATABASE.HTM)
3. Try the State library picture catalogue via [www.slv.vic.gov.au](http://www.slv.vic.gov.au) which has a search facility which contains thousands of images on: <http://pictures.slv.vic.gov.au/cgi-bin/Pwebrecon.cgi?DB=local&PAGE=First>
4. Try the illustrated E- books on our very own SKHS publications site: [www.skhs.org.au](http://www.skhs.org.au).
5. The best hardcopy book source (the two volumes contain almost 120 high quality early photographs and illustrations is the official St Kilda history in St Kilda library by J.B., Cooper, "The History of St. Kilda From Its First Settlement to a City and After", 1840-1930, Volumes 1 and 11, Printers Pty. Ltd., 1931
6. Another excellent book source of images in St Kilda library is 'The George. St Kilda Life and Times' by Gillian Upton.
7. The various heritage and conservation studies of St Kilda and Elwood undertaken by the City of Port Phillip and found in the libraries contain many historic pictures of significant buildings – ask the local librarian.

# DOING YOUR OWN HISTORICAL RESEARCH

By Peter Johnson, SKHS Heritage Officer

As SKHS is a completely voluntary organization, we do not have the resources to carry out detailed research on individual properties or families ourselves. However, we can send a list of our members who undertake research on a professional basis. Why not try doing some research yourself. Here is a list of references that may prove helpful:

- (a) **City of Port Phillip Heritage Collection:** talk to either Kay Rowan, Local History Librarian by telephoning ASSIST (03)9209 6777 or email her [at assist@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:assist@portphillip.vic.gov.au) for an appointment or call the Curatorial Services staff on either 9209 6215 or 9209 6214.
- (b) **St Kilda Rate Rolls, Voter Rolls:** for the names of property owners; available on microfilm in the Local History Room at the St Kilda Library.
- (c) **Sands & McDougall's Melbourne Directories:** for names of property occupants; available on microfiche at St Kilda Library, the State Library of Victoria and possibly your local library.
- (c) **VARDY Plans:** Shows houses existing in St Kilda in 1872; allotment plans, house outlines and whether brick or timber. Available at St Kilda Library & State Library of Victoria.
- (e) **Melbourne Mansions Index:** Lists owners, architects & houses built prior to 1900; compiled by the Univ. of Melbourne Architecture Faculty. <http://www.lib.unimelb.edu.au/collections/architecture/usefullinks.html>. Search by house name or street & suburb. Web site at: <http://www.abp.unimelb.edu.au/melbmansions>
- (d) **MMBW Plans:** 1"= 40'; Houses existing in c1900: shows allotment plans, house & garden outlines; available at the State Library Maps Section or UM Archives.
- (g) **SLV Biographical Index:** - Available on microfiche at the State Library & perhaps your local library.
- (h) **St Kilda Cemetery :** the cemetery is online at this website:<http://www.necropolis.com.au/mainindex.htm> - on entering the site click on deceased enquiries

When you have completed your work, the SKHS would be very keen to obtain a copy of your notes and any other documents that you have found for our archives.

The SKHS is gradually building up a collection of family, house and street histories. These will improve our knowledge of the area and greatly assist researchers in the future.

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[http://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/localfamily\\_history\\_services.html](http://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/localfamily_history_services.html)

The Port Phillip Library Service offers the services of a local history librarian who can assist with local and family history research through providing:

- Access to the historical resources of the city which are the Port Phillip City Collection and the City Archive, City of Port Phillip's Historical Records
- Assistance with research enquiries

The library provides a microfilm reader and microfiche reader/printer available for public use. For access to resources, contact Kay Rowan, **local history librarian** by telephoning ASSIST (03) 9209 6777 or email [assist@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:assist@portphillip.vic.gov.au) for an appointment.

Research resources available include:

## Local History

- Rate rolls (microfilm)
- Voters rolls
- Photographs
- Books
- Reports
- Local Newspapers
- Biography Index
- Pamphlets
- Maps

## Family History (Genealogy)

### Microfiche

- Victorian Postal Directories
- Victorian Cemetery Indexes
- Victorian Shipping Records

### CD ROM

- Victorian Registry of Births, Deaths & Marriages

**These newspapers are held at the Local History Room, St Kilda Library as well as the State Library:**

St Kilda Chronicle newspaper 1882-1890 St Kilda  
Advertise newspaper 1885-1902 News of Prahran,  
Windsor, Balaclava, St Kilda 1948-1950  
St Kilda Prahran News 1950-1951  
Southern Cross Newspaper (western edition) 1971-1978  
The Argus newspaper 1846-1957

# STATE LIBRARY OF VICTORIA - GENEALOGY CENTRE

**Corner Swanston and La Trobe Streets, Melbourne**

<http://www.slv.vic.gov.au/about/visiting/spaces/genealogy.html>

The Helen Macpherson Smith Genealogy is essentially a self-service area where genealogists can undertake their own family history research, this room contains a wide range of materials on microfilm, microfiche and CD-ROM as well as a number of genealogy-related books and journals for reading and browsing. Genealogy can be visited during standard Library opening hours. One of four bluestone-walled enclosed courtyards, the entrance to Genealogy is on the ground floor just off the Information Centre.

## WEB RESOURCES

**How to do oral histories**

<http://www.ohaa.net.au/publications.htm>

**Family history**

[www.aftc.com.au](http://www.aftc.com.au)

[www.naa.gov.au/Publications/fact\\_sheets/fs200.html](http://www.naa.gov.au/Publications/fact_sheets/fs200.html)

## LOCAL HISTORY GROUPS

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Publications website: [www.skhs.org.au](http://www.skhs.org.au)

### **Friends of St Kilda Cemetery**

P.O. Box 261 St Kilda 3182

Tel: 9527 2387

Email: [Info@foskc.org](mailto:Info@foskc.org)

General website [www.foskc.org](http://www.foskc.org)

### **Port Melbourne Historical and Preservation Society**

Box 552 Port Melbourne 3207

Tel: 9645 2324

Web: [home.vicnet.net.au/~pmhps](http://home.vicnet.net.au/~pmhps)

### **The Jewish Museum**

26 Alma Road St Kilda Victoria 3182

Tel: 9534 0083

Web: [www.jewishmuseum.com.au](http://www.jewishmuseum.com.au)

### **Jewish Holocaust Museum and Research Centre**

13 Selwyn St Elsternwick 3185

Tel: 9528 1985 Fax 9528 3758

Web: [www.arts.monash.edu.au/affiliates/hlc/museum.html](http://www.arts.monash.edu.au/affiliates/hlc/museum.html)

### **Victorian and Local History Library, Pranan Mechanics Institute**

The library specialises in local history throughout Victoria, has over 10,000 books for loan and offers a professional information service to members.

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### **South Metro History Group**

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