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## SURPRISE AWARD FOR MARITIME MENTOR

Dr Leonie Foster became only the fourth recipient of the “Jack Loney Memorial Award For Outstanding Contribution and Excellence in Maritime Heritage” for her groundbreaking research, longstanding committee membership and mentoring of maritime heritage professionals in Australia.

Established in 1996, the Award recalls the dedication and leading role played by prolific maritime author Jack Loney, whose work contributed much to the establishment of the Historic Shipwrecks Advisory committee, Queenscliff Maritime Centre and the Maritime Archaeology Association of Victoria.

Leonie started work with the Historic Shipwrecks Unit of the Victoria Archaeological Survey [the predecessor of Heritage Victoria’s Maritime Heritage Unit] more than 20 years ago, bringing a new academic rigour to the publications being produced by Maritime archaeologists (and others) at VAS.

Promoting and developing the understanding of Australian, and particularly Victorian Maritime History, Leonie’s studies on Victoria’s shipwrecks, were the first to introduce the thematic approach to researching of the 650 or so wrecks lying in Victorian waters.

Her work while with Heritage Victoria and the Victoria Archaeological Survey included:

- A four volume Thematic study of shipwrecks in Port Phillip Bay
- A historical examination of the wreck of one of Australia’s few slaving vessels, the *Schah*
- And, Women in shipwrecks

Leonie has been a mentor to many historians and researchers of Maritime Archaeology within Victoria and nationally. Her generous assistance to a range of authors, both professional and amateur, is testament to her enthusiasm and dedication to uncovering our maritime past and making it available to all.

The award was a surprise presentation at an evening to farewell retiring Heritage Council members, Historians Renate Howe and Damien Cash and Solicitor Susan Brennan, and recently retired Executive Director Ray Tonkin. Also welcomed at the event were recently appointed members of the Heritage Council Historians Keir Reeves and alternate Emma Russell and Alternate Lawyer member Marita Foley.



Left: Jack Loney Award recipient Dr Leonie Foster with Heritage Victoria staff Tony Armstrong (left) and Peter Harvey.  
Right: Retiring Council Members Renate Howe (left) and Susan Brennan with former HV Executive Director Ray Tonkin (right) and HC Chair Daryl Jackson.



## HISTORY HOUSE RE-OPENS

Planning Minister Justin Madden officially marked the completion of restoration works at the former Portland Town Hall on 19 August. The refurbished hall, now a social history museum, was restored with a \$54,700 heritage grant, part of more than quarter of a million dollars provided to projects within Portland in heritage grants, and funds from Glenelg Shire.

## WESTERN DISTRICT ARCADE ON REGISTER

Terang's Johnstone Court, a remarkably intact example of an early 20<sup>th</sup> century shopping arcade, has been added to the Victorian Heritage Register.

When Johnstone Court arcade opened in 1925, it was described as the largest block of shops and the most up-to-date business premises in the Western District.

At the time of its opening, the Court hosted the local office of the State Electricity Commission as well as a grocer, a baker, a draper, a jeweller and an estate agent. The Country Women's Association later operated a dining room in the upper section.

The Court has been added to the Register in recognition of its architectural and historical significance to the State.

Heritage Council Chair Daryl Jackson said Johnstone Court was significant as a demonstration of the affluence of country Victoria in the 1920s.

"It is a fine example of the substantial commercial buildings constructed in provincial towns, and especially in the wealthy Western district in the inter-war period."

The shop fronts are almost entirely intact, with their original glazed tiling, display windows and lead-lighting.

The Court was built in 1925 by Winifred Lillian Johnstone, who had previously operated the Commercial Hotel before selling it in 1923. The widow of a prominent local businessman, William Johnstone, she commissioned Camperdown architect Warburton Perry Knights to design the new arcade, which was constructed by Terang builders McQueens and Schnabel.

Warburton Perry Knights was responsible for many notable buildings in Western Victoria in the early decades of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

The Victorian Heritage Register, which includes more than 2000 places, is the official listing of places and objects which have been assessed as significant to the State of Victoria. The listings provide the State's highest heritage protection and mean any changes to the sites may require a permit from Heritage Victoria.



## COLLECTIONS FORUM

A forum which will aid custodians and owners who care for and manage heritage objects and collections in the Swan Hill area will be held at the Swan Hill Pioneer Settlement Museum on Friday 2 October.

The day-long forum will provide a great opportunity for participants to meet with other custodians, owners and heritage managers from the region and elsewhere.

Participants will gain insight into the current museum practice of 'significance assessment' of heritage objects and collections and how this important tool is being used at the Swan Hill Pioneer Settlement Museum.

Information will also be provided on the work and responsibilities of the Heritage Council of Victoria and Heritage Victoria and the role of the Victorian Heritage Register.

Participants are encouraged to 'bring along' their favourite heritage object (or a photograph of one) for a workshop session during the latter half of the day. This afternoon session is designed to prompt discussion about the heritage values of objects and collections and to work through the process of assessing the 'significance' of heritage objects.

There will also be an optional tour of the Pioneer Settlement Museum at the end of the formal sessions.

For registration or more information contact Elizabeth.Triarico on email: [elizabeth.triarico@dpcd.vic.gov.au](mailto:elizabeth.triarico@dpcd.vic.gov.au) or phone (03) 8644 8904

## MARITIME SURVEY

Heritage Victoria is seeking feedback on your most loved shipwreck dives, and the most popular shipwrecks in Victoria.

Knowing where you regularly dive, and which shipwrecks you love to dive will help the management Victoria's shipwrecks for future generations of divers.

Information from this survey will help HV's maritime unit target its resources to provide better access, interpretation or conservation works to sites significant to the diving community, not just those of significance to archaeologists.

Information collected from the survey will help Heritage Victoria improve diving experiences. Only eight of Victoria's 320 located shipwrecks have protected zones around them, and two of those can be accessed by divers with permits. It is not proposed to increase the number of protected zones in Victoria based on information from this survey.

You can find the survey – which gives a chance to win one of three prizes – at <http://heritage.vic.gov.au/Maritime/Diver-survey.aspx>

## RELIGIOUS PLACES FORUM

Loreto Convent, Ballarat, will host a Religious Places Heritage Forum on Tuesday 29 September

The free forum will review the draft Guidelines for Change and Development of Heritage Places of Worship which can be downloaded at [http://www.heritage.vic.gov.au/admin/file/content2/c7/Places\\_of\\_Worship.pdf](http://www.heritage.vic.gov.au/admin/file/content2/c7/Places_of_Worship.pdf), or a hard copy can be requested by calling 03 8644 8945.

Dr David Rowe, Authentic Heritage Services will lead the discussion about liturgical change, building services, accessibility and environmental issues.

Numbers strictly limited and bookings essential so RSVP to Victorian Council of Churches on 03 9650 4511 or email [vcc@vcc.org.au](mailto:vcc@vcc.org.au)

## GUIDE LAUNCHED

*The Complete Guide to the Great Ocean Road*, which was supported by the Heritage Council of Victoria, was launched at Torquay by The Federal Minister for Tourism – Mr Martin Ferguson on 31 August.

'*The Complete Guide to the Great Ocean Road*' which covers southwest Victoria from Queenscliff, overlooking Port Phillip Heads, to Nelson, near the South Australian border, has been published by Best Shot! which also produced *The Traveller's Guide to the Goldfields*. Covering natural, man-made, historic and contemporary attractions and events, the book entices visitors to enjoy all the region has to offer.

## FUNDS HELP IMPROVE HERITAGE STREETSCAPES

If you have a building of recognised heritage significance in the city of Melbourne and plan restoration work to the façade or publicly accessible part of the building, you may be eligible for support from the Melbourne Heritage Restoration Fund (MHRF) which recently celebrated 20 years of supporting heritage conservation and restoration in Melbourne.

The Melbourne Heritage Restoration Fund (MHRF) assists owners of heritage places in the City of Melbourne to conserve and restore their buildings or structures for the benefit of the community.

For further information see <http://www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/info.cfm?top=133&pg=1047>

## ALPINE MANAGEMENT

Think you can add a valuable heritage perspective to management of our Alpine Resorts? The Victorian Government is calling for members to serve on the Alpine Resorts Coordinating Council and the State's Alpine Resort Management Boards.

Alpine Resort Management Boards act as committees of management with responsibilities including land stewardship, promotion, marketing, and the provision of a wide range of services. The Alpine Resorts Coordinating Council provides strategic advice, co-ordinates overall promotion and attracts investment.

Members will be selected on the basis of their skills and experience in areas relevant to alpine resort management, such as tourism and recreation, land stewardship and protected area management, public policy, community affairs, statutory and strategic planning and the environment

Expression of Interest application forms can be obtained by visiting the 'What's New' section on the DSE website ([www.dse.vic.gov.au](http://www.dse.vic.gov.au)) or by contacting Alice Daly on 9637 9488.

Applications close on Sunday 4 October 2009

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