

What the Royal Historical Society of Victoria and the History Victoria Support Group can offer your Society.

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The Royal Historical Society of Victoria (RHSV) website <http://www.historyvictoria.org.au/> offers many resources for Historical Societies.

Guides to managing Historical Societies

There are around 50 guides on the website to help you manage your Historical Society. The guides cover -

- Policies - e.g. Volunteer policies, Privacy policy, O.H. & S policy
- Procedures and Guidelines - e.g. Loan procedures, acquisition procedures
- Forms - e.g. Donation forms, oral history forms, risk management forms, volunteer forms
- Templates - e.g. developing a conservation plan

The full list can be found here <http://www.historyvictoria.org.au/socguide/procedures.htm>

Bookshop

- Sell your Society's publications via the RHSV website <http://www.historyvictoria.org.au/shop>

Online resources

- Images, podcasts of the regular lectures held at the RHSV, online exhibitions

Events Calendar

- Promote your event on the RHSV calendar.

Talks

- Each month between February and November, lectures are held at the RHSV. Speakers address a wide range of subjects relating to Victorian Local and Family history.

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Royal Historical Society of Victoria (RHSV) website. At the top left is the RHSV logo. To the right are navigation links: Forums, Members Login, Contact Us, Links, Site Map, Cart, and social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, and Google+. Below these is a search bar with the text "Search this website" and a "GO" button. A main navigation menu includes: About Us, Events, Exhibitions, Services, Publications, Collections, Programs, Societies, Support Us, and Shop. The main content area features a heading "Royal Historical Society of Victoria. Promoting and preserving the history of Victoria." followed by a mission statement. Below this is a notice about a book update: "'REMEMBERING MELBOURNE' BOOK UPDATE: If you have placed your order for pick up, you may visit us Mon-Thu 9-5 or Fri 9-3 to collect your book(s). We can take no further orders for 'Remembering Melbourne', but copies may be available from Q&B Books". There are also links to "Read the latest responses of the RHSV Heritage Committee for the protection of Melbourne University's System Garden and the Great Western Hotel in King Street, Melbourne" and "Access the RHSV Catalogue". The page is divided into three columns of featured content: 1. "COLLECTIONS" featuring a book cover "THE NOTMAN COPY" and text: "The RHSV collection is a treasure trove including manuscripts, books, pamphlets, ephemera, photographs, artworks and maps." 2. "EXHIBITIONS" featuring a photograph of a grand building and text: "Exhibitions are held on various historical themes throughout the year." 3. "Remembering THE BURBS" featuring a collage of photos and text: "Click for details of our Remembering the 'Burbs' exhibition." At the bottom, there are three boxes: "Coming Up at the RHSV" listing events like "Walking tours of the Flagstaff Gardens" and "Lectures: The Actress and the Cottage"; "Victorian History Events Calendar" listing dates and topics like "Heritage in Victoria" and "International Women's Day Cemetery Tour"; and "RHSV Online Forums" with a sign-up/login prompt.

Community Heritage Awards

- The Victorian Community History Awards recognise excellence in historical method: the award categories acknowledge that history can be told in a variety of formats with the aim of reaching and enriching all Victorians. They are organised by Royal Historical Society of Victoria in cooperation with the Public Record Office Victoria.

Holsworth Local Heritage Trust

- Grants of up to \$2,000 are available for the publication of any specific or general local history or natural history in rural and regional Victoria. The Grant is intended for small organisations with an interest in publishing works of historical value, even where the organisation has little or no experience of self publishing work.

Publications

- Read the *Victorian Historical Journal* and *History News* online. The *Victorian Historical Journal* from 1911 to 2011 has been digitised and can be accessed on-line.
<http://www.historyvictoria.org.au/publications/victorian-historical-journal>

History Victoria Support Group (HVSG)

The HVSG is a committee of the RHSV. The HVSG aims to -

- further the understanding of history, especially community history, across Victoria
- support and promote the role and activities of the RHSV affiliated societies
- maintain strong contacts between local societies, RHSV and the wider community

Regional seminars

- The HVSG organises four seminars per annum on topics of interest to community history groups.



The flyer features a green header with the RHSV logo on the left and the text 'SATURDAY 25 MARCH: SEMINAR: HISTORY VICTORIA SUPPORT GROUP' on the right. Below this is a dark blue bar with the text 'SATURDAY 25 MARCH at RHSV 239 A'Beckett Street, Melbourne'. The main body of the flyer is light green and contains the text 'Please join us for a seminar day' in large black font. At the bottom, there are three hot air balloons with the words 'NEVER', 'STOP', and 'IMPROVING' written on them. The text 'Becoming powerful heritage advocates' is at the top, followed by a list of topics: 'Latest copyright laws', 'Improving your volunteer effectiveness', 'Digitising your collection', and 'Understanding insurance'.

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