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EXPLORE THE NEIGHBOURHOOD



Planning Minister Justin Madden has launched an interactive version of the popular booklet *What house is that?*

Through a virtual neighbourhood, the website examines nine houses representing the different housing styles of the state – from early Victorian to modern houses.

The website allows viewers to step inside each style of home to discover their stories. The recollections of owners and the thoughts of leading architects and designers are captured in interviews

Launched at the State of Design Festival on 24 July, *What house is that?* can be found at <http://heritage.vic.gov.au/Heritage-places-objects/What-house-is-that.aspx>

WHIT? has been developed as part of *Victoria's Heritage: Strengthening our communities*, the Victorian Government's inclusive strategy for heritage understanding and management across Victoria.

THIRD OLDEST GARDEN

The state's third oldest public garden, [Portland Botanical Gardens](#), has been added to the Victorian Heritage Register.

Portland's Gardens include a collection of 300 varieties of roses and 170 varieties of dahlias and a number of rare plants including the South African Coral Tree, the Butterfly Bush and New Zealand Cabbage Tree.

The former curator's cottage within the Portland Botanical Gardens is one of the oldest garden buildings in the state and the gardens have been home to local croquet players since 1868.

Portland joins 10 other regional botanic gardens on the register: all playing an important role in the development of gardening and settlement in Victoria. In addition to [Melbourne Botanic Gardens](#), and suburban gardens in [St Kilda](#) and [Williamstown](#), the Register includes gardens at [Buninyong](#), [Castlemaine](#), [Daylesford](#), [Eastern Park \(Geelong\)](#), [Koroit](#), [Kyneton](#), [Malmsbury](#), [Hamilton](#), [Warrnambool](#) and [White Hills, Bendigo](#).



\$2 MILLION HERITAGE GRANT PROGRAM

Don't forget applications close on Thursday 6 August 2009 for the \$2 million Victoria's Heritage Grants program, an initiative from the strategy *Victoria's Heritage: Strengthening our communities*.

Grants are available for for:

- Repair and conservation of heritage places and objects
- Community collections management
- Interpretation of heritage places and objects
- Local government heritage studies and advice

To date 84 community groups have been supported to help conserve local landmarks and objects, from local halls and mechanics institutes to rotundas and aircraft. Grants have supported 37 interpretation projects and 71 local museums, historical societies and other caretakers have been assisted to document and manage their collections. More than 40 local heritage studies have been funded.

Check the criteria and conditions in Information brochures and application forms at <http://www.heritage.vic.gov.au/Funding/Heritage-Grants.aspx>

Enquiries about the program should be directed to Heritage Victoria on (03) 8644 8909 or via email at heritage.grants@dpcd.vic.gov.au

MIGRANT CONTRIBUTION

Heritage Victoria has engaged consultants to undertake a study of places and objects associated with Victoria's migrant heritage since the Second World War.

This landmark project will examine the great contribution made by migrants to the Victorian community and record their heritage for the future. The aim is to identify migrant heritage places and objects and assist owners and custodians in their care and conservation.

Do you know of a particular object, a collection or a place that tells an important story about post-Second World War migration? It could be a cafe, place of worship, monument, garden, community hall or club, a collection of letters, an artwork or a ritual object.

From August to September a Migrant Heritage Search survey form will be available on the Heritage website for you to share your knowledge about our migrant heritage.

For further information about the project or survey, please contact Anne Cahir on 8644 8931 or by email at anne.cahir@dpcd.vic.gov.au

OPEN HOUSE

Demonstrating Melburnians immense interest in our built environment, more than 50,000 people visited a wide range of properties open for Melbourne's Open House on 19 July.

Two-thirds of the Melbourne's CBD 'architectural gems' which opened their doors for the day, are included in the Victorian Heritage Register.

The 32 properties open ranged from the modern 1958 former ICI (now Orica) building in East Melbourne to early institutions such as the 1842 Melbourne Athenaeum and the Donkey House, the former Melbourne Tramway and Omnibus Company (MTOC) Building dating from 1891.

Churches, terraces, commercial and civic buildings all attracted enthusiastic visitors keen to see behind the familiar facades and discover more about the city's development. If you missed out, you can read about the buildings at

<http://melbourneopenhouse.org/cms-about-us/about-us.phps>

MISSING FOR A CENTURY

A shipwreck missing off Victoria's coast for 109 years has been found by divers in Bass Strait.

The wreck is believed to be the iron steamer, the *Glenelg*, which sank during its regular coastal run from Bairnsdale to Melbourne in 1900. Only three survivors reached the shore in a lifeboat while 31 people perished.

The ship foundered suddenly after leaving Lakes Entrance but an inquiry found no evidence to explain the tragedy – one of Victoria's worst maritime disasters.

[Southern Ocean Exploration](#) - a team of Australian maritime research divers - have been searching for the *Glenelg* for more than three years.

The *Glenelg* is protected by the Commonwealth Government's Historic Shipwrecks Act 1976. The Act gives legal protection to the shipwreck and its relics from damage, disturbance or removal. Heritage Victoria administers parts of the Act on behalf of the Commonwealth for shipwrecks off Victoria's coast.

STUDENT ANGLES

Wonder how the upcoming group of architects would like to house the state's leaders? The Combined University Architecture Student Ideas Competition for Parliament House will be announced with a Public Forum on Wednesday 5 August, 5:30pm - 7:30pm at the Prince Philip Theatre, The University of Melbourne. The competition and forum is sponsored by the University's School of Design, Australian Institute of Architects and the Heritage Council of Victoria.

The entries will be on display from Tuesday 4 to Wednesday 12 August 2009 in The Atrium, Level 1, Architecture Building, University of Melbourne.