

Benificent Neutrality:
Cultural common ground at Melbourne's Athenaeum

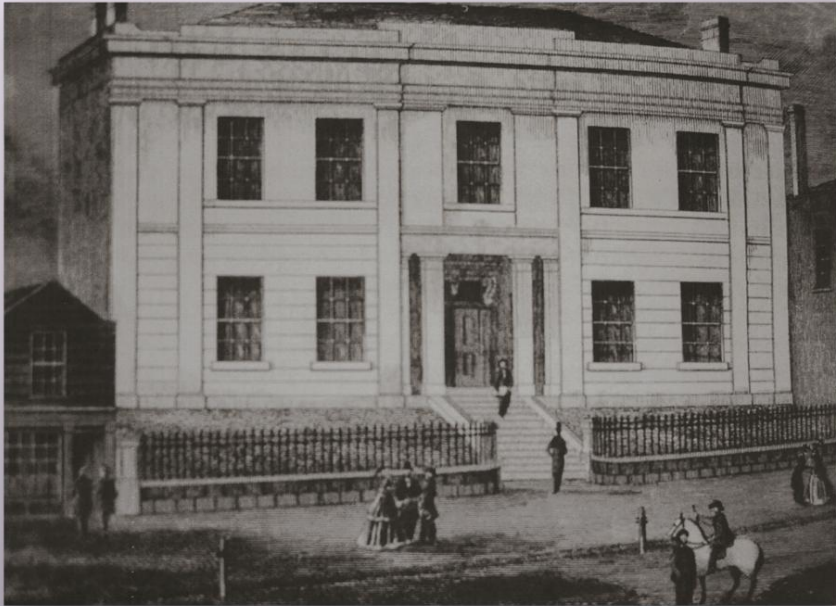


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Presenters: Sue Westwood & Rose Blustein

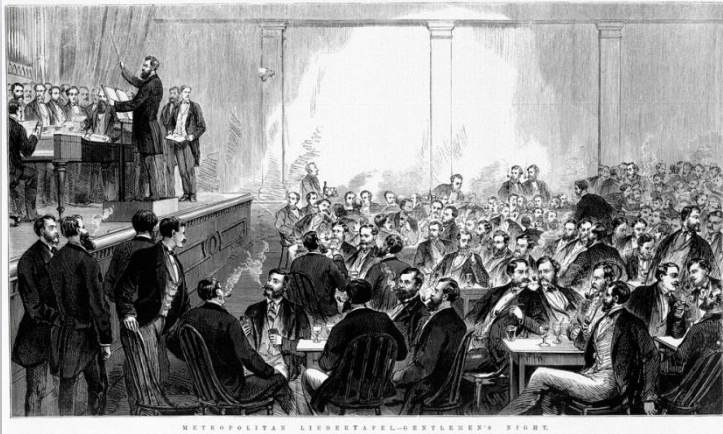
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The Melbourne Athenaeum Library 2016



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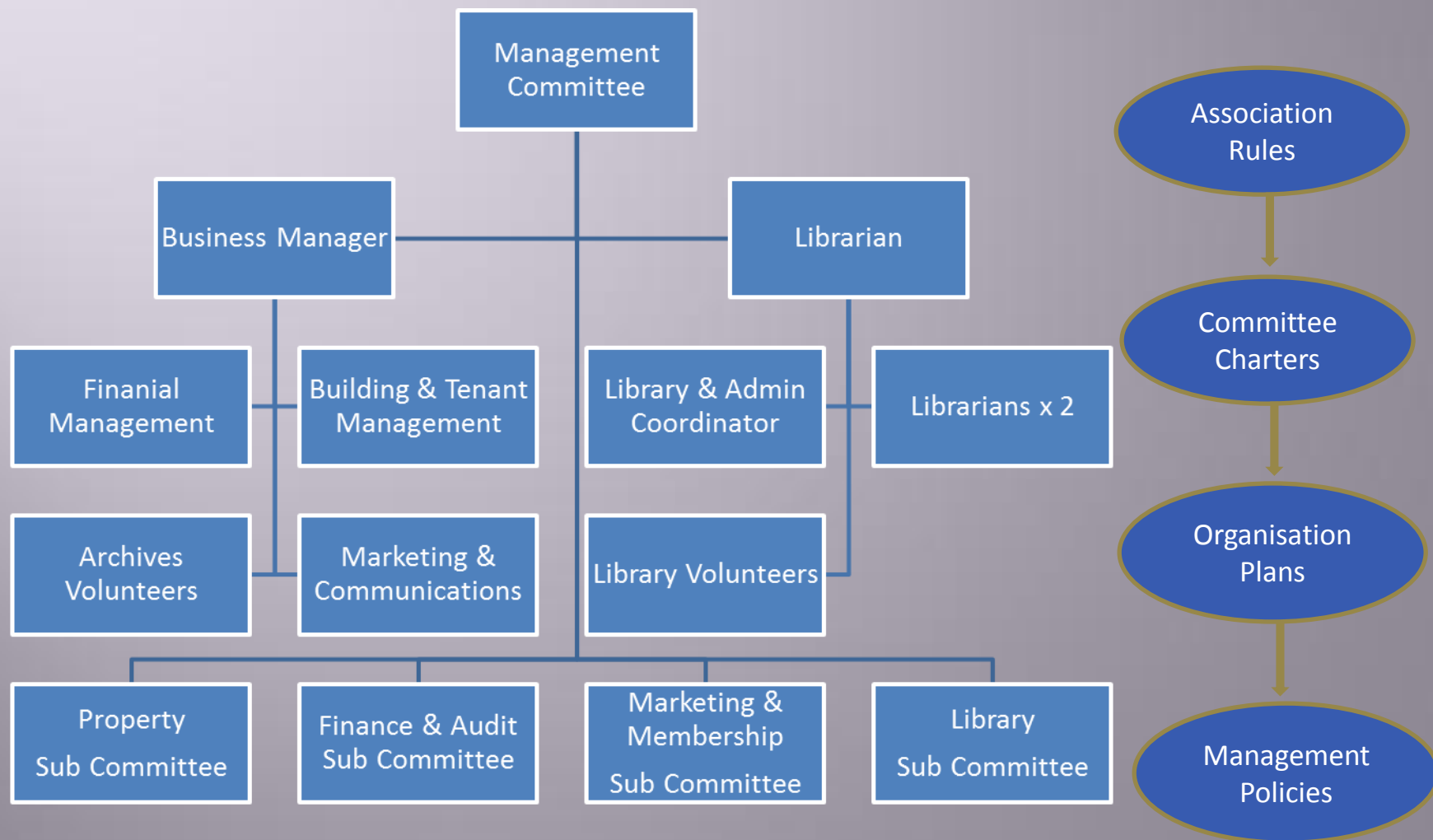
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- A recreational library service that draws on the best of current technology;
- A friendly and professional service;
- A lending collection of recreational reading which is of national significance;
- Public lectures, tours, exhibitions and other cultural events;
- Enhanced leisure services, such as comfortable seating, magazines, book clubs and small discussion groups;
- Regular newsletters to members, An accessible historical resource available to those interested in Melbourne's history;
- A well-maintained historic building which provides venues for a range of cultural events of significance to the city of Melbourne.



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Organisation Chart



Melbourne Athenaeum Library c. 1957



The Melbourne Athenaeum Theatre, 2016



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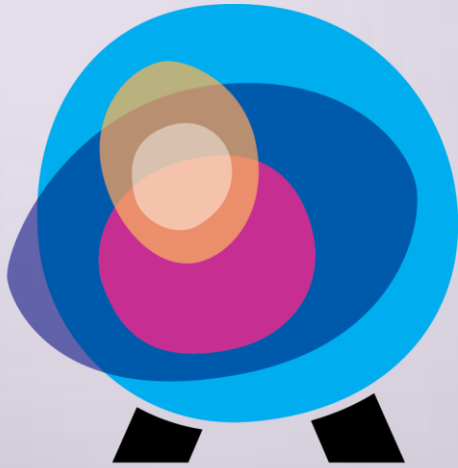


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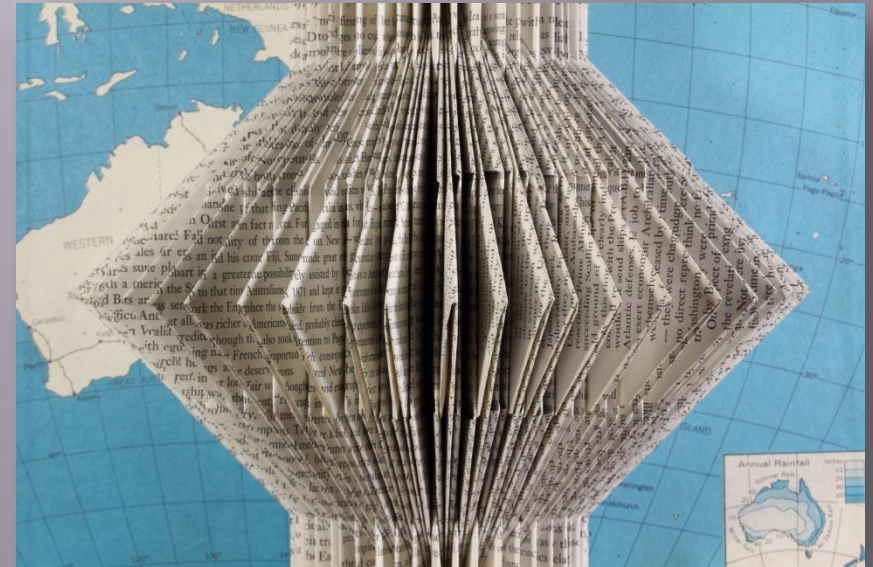


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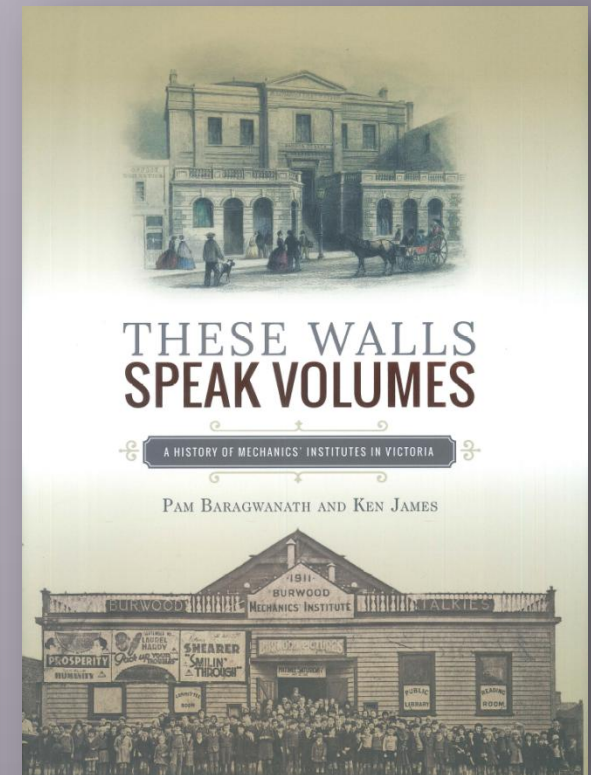
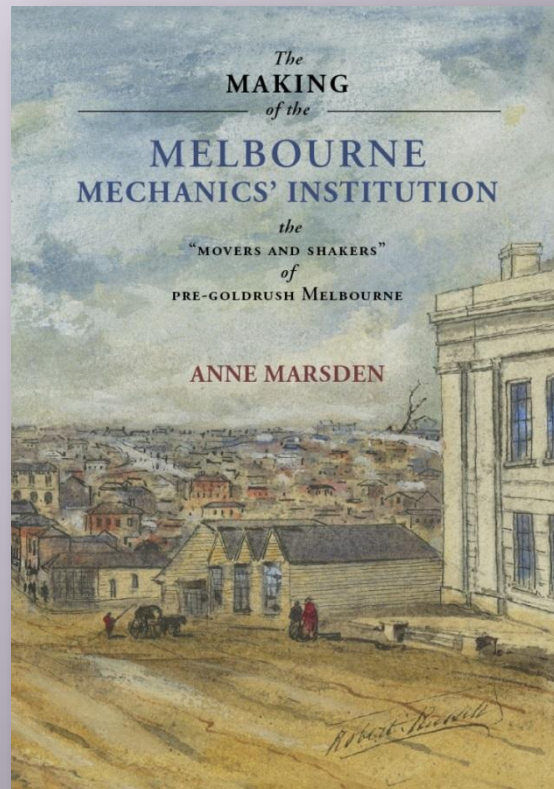
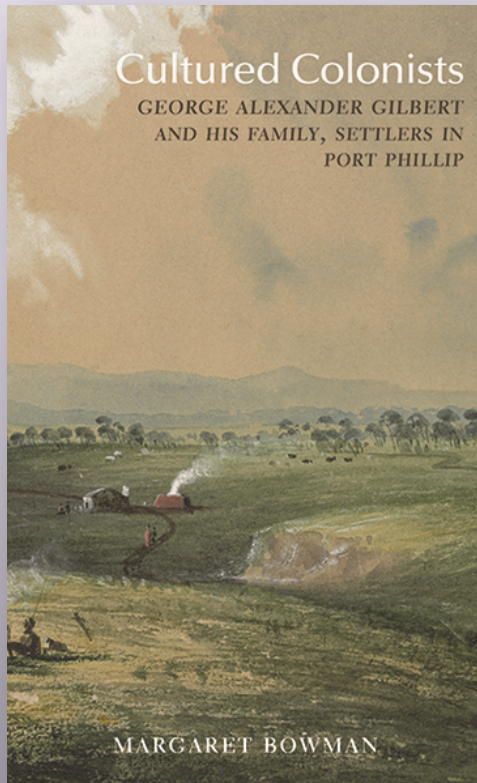


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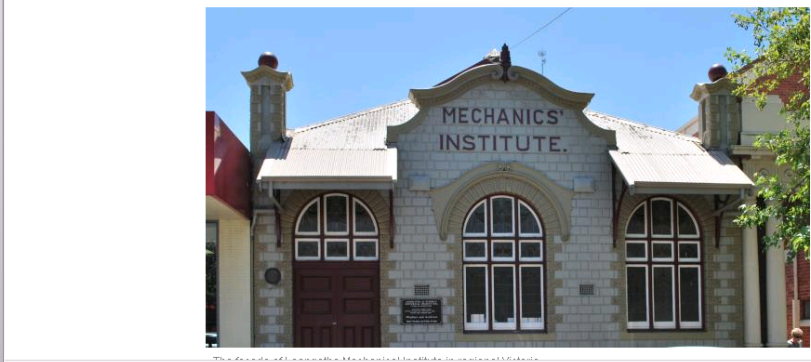
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How Mechanics' Institutes helped build Victoria

By Gillian Triggs 12:00pm
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Applause Kildwick and Kildwick Sherrington are passionate about their local mechanics' institute in Kildwick. The institute is known as 'The White House' because of its white facade, which complements the street of mechanics' institute across Victoria. Picture: Andy Rogers

EVERY town has its own story — of how it was settled, how it flourished and grew, and, too often, how its prosperity has since declined.

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774 ABC Melbourne | By Simon Leo Brown
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- RSPCA's reputation threatened by 'emotional' activism, review finds
- End of an era: Ford enthusiasts take drive down memory lane
- Australians who stripped to swimwear in Malaysia free to leave
- 'Stealing is stealing': Police crack down on shoplifting at self-service checkouts
- Blackwell lauds Breakers in becoming Australia's first fully professional women's team
- Hurricane Matthew takes aim at Bahamas, US after killing at least 25
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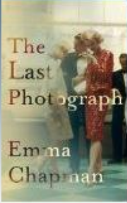
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