

# Previous exhibitions at the City of Port Phillip

## 2005

### Recent Acquisitions - City of Port Phillip

**Event Type:** Art Exhibition

**Venue:** Linden - St Kilda Centre for Contemporary Art

**Address:** 26 Acland St, St Kilda Vic 3182

**Cost:** Free

**Dates:** 19 November to 18 December 2005

**Days:** Tuesday - Sunday: 1.00-6.00pm

**Description:** This exhibition features new acquisitions for the City of Port Phillip Contemporary Visual Arts Collection, now in its 25th year. The acquisitions represent work by significant contemporary artists with identifiable links to the City, either being based in Port Phillip or creating work with a connection to the culture of the City. The exhibition includes pieces by Callum Morton, Alex Danko, Stieg Persson, Mirka Mora. This show aims to highlight the role that council plays in collecting art and is accompanied by a forum titled "Public Collections or Corporate Indulgences? - Councils and Collecting".

Monday 28th November 6.30 pm at Linden.

[Linden - St Kilda Centre for Contemporary Art](#)

### 'First in the Field' 150 years since the formation of the municipality of Emerald Hill

**Event Type:** Historical Exhibition

**Venue:** Ground Floor Corridor, South Melbourne Town Hall

**Address:** 208-220 Bank Street, South Melbourne

**Cost:** Free

**Dates:** 4 July to 03 February 2006

**Days:** Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri: 8.30am-5.00pm Tues: 8.30am-6.00pm

**Description:** This exhibition celebrates the historic 150th anniversary of municipal government in Emerald Hill (now South Melbourne) and contains heritage photographs, sketches, documents and artifacts which tell the story of Emerald Hill's earliest days, from the settlement at Canvas Town to the formation of the first Council and growth of the area.

## **Making a Difference: The Story of the Middle Park Mums and Meals on Wheels**

**Event Type:** Contemporary social history exhibition

**Venue:** Ground Floor Corridor, South Melbourne Town Hall

**Dates:** 22 March 2005 - 27 June 2005

**Description:** An exhibition celebrating the dedication of local volunteer groups. From 1970 until 2000, 150 volunteers in the Middle Park Mums group delivered Meals on Wheels to isolated members of their community. This inspirational story shows how the actions of a few people can make a difference to the lives of many.

## **Port Phillip City Collection New Acquisitions 04/05**

**Event Type:** Art Exhibition

**Venue:** St Kilda Town Hall

**Dates:** 27 October 2004 to May 2005

**Description:** Fourteen new art works exhibited in the ground and first floor public corridors of the St Kilda Town Hall are additions to the Port Phillip City Collection, contemporary art collection. They represent the work of contemporary artists who either live or work in the City, or whose work relates to the culture of the City of Port Phillip.

## **2004**

### **Recognising Port Phillip's Heritage**

**Event Type:** Historical Exhibition

**Venue:** Ground Floor Corridor, South Melbourne Town Hall

**Dates:** 16 August 2004 to 31 January 2005

**Description:** An exhibition of 20 sites recently chosen to be marked with plaques as part of the City of Port Phillip's Heritage Recognition Program. These sites represent the diverse history of the area, and explore themes such as the arts & entertainment, transport, industry, commerce and architecture. The display features photographs, etchings and manuscripts for the Port Phillip City Collection.

## **A Snapshot of South Melbourne**

**Event Type:** Historical Exhibition

**Venue:** Ground Floor Corridor, South Melbourne Town Hall

**Dates:** 02 February to 12 August 2004

**Description:** A Snapshot of South Melbourne is an exhibition of photographs by David Wood (1835 - 1907). Taken in 1888 these images provide a fascinating glimpse of the city of South Melbourne at that time. The exhibition features photos of grand South Melbourne buildings, stately homes, factories, pubs, coffee palaces and the people who lived and worked there.

## **Freaks, Fiends and Folly**

**Event Type:** Collaborative Art Exhibition, as part of the St Kilda Festival.

**Venue:** Bright Gallery and ground floor public corridor, St Kilda Town Hall

**Dates:** 10 February to 28 February 2004

**Description:** Curated by artist David H. Thomas in collaboration with the City of Port Phillip, this is an exhibition of artworks celebrating the carnivalesque through painting, photography and drawing, featuring works from the Port Phillip City Collection, private collections and artists. While not comprehensive, this exhibition throws a wide net around the theme of carnivalesque and includes artists Peter Booth, Gavin Brown, Jon Cattapan, Pasquale Giardino, Louise Hearman, Joy Hester, Joan Letcher, David Larwill, Phillip Mora, Gareth Sansom, Sally Smart, Danilla Vassilieff and Peter Walsh.

## **In Sickness and In Health - Display on Living Conditions in Port Phillip 1900 - 1950**

**Event Type:** Touring Historical Exhibition

**Venue:** Touring Port Phillip City Libraries

**Dates:** 01 September 2003 to 29 February 2004

**Description:** Curated by staff from the Port Phillip Library Service and Records Management about the living conditions in Port Phillip, from 1900 to 1950. This display contains the heritage collections of documents and photographic holdings from the Port Phillip Library & Records Management collection. Includes: rat plagues, fumigated houses after deaths from tuberculosis and other infectious diseases, baby health clinics, complaints about food contamination, rubbish, the keeping of animals and living conditions.

# 2003

## Port Phillip City Collection 2002 Art Acquisitions

**Event Type:** Art Exhibition

**Venue:** Port Melbourne Library

**Address:** 333 Bay Street, Port Melbourne

**Cost:** Free

**Dates:** 08 December 2003 to current

**Days:** Open Monday - Friday: 8.30am - 5.00pm

**Description:** The 2002 art acquisitions signify the recommencement of art acquisition after a period of review. These works reinforce the City's ongoing association with visual art through its collection. We continue to recognise contemporary artists who have lived or worked in, or created artwork about St Kilda. On display are works by Heather Shimmen, Rose Nolan, Peter Booth, Stephen Bush and Ricky Maynard.

**Image:** Peter Booth, Untitled, 2002, charcoal and casein on paper, 62cm x 100cm Port Phillip City Collection. City of Port Phillip  
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## Governor's visit: Regal and Vice-Regal visits to the City of Port Phillip - photographs from the Port Phillip City Collection

**Date:** 18 June 2003

**Venue:** St Kilda Town Hall

**Description:** Earlier this century 'Royal Landings' attracted crowds when royalty or vice-regal dignitaries would land by ship at St Kilda or Port Melbourne. This display showcases heritage photographs from the Port Phillip City Collection documenting the arrivals of Governors and the Royal Family in the first half of the 20th century. The display was initiated to welcome the Victorian Governor, John Landy on his visit to the City of Port Phillip in June 2003.

## Twenty Years of the St Kilda Film Festival - The Face of Australia Short Film

**Dates:** 27 May - 1 June 2003

**Venue:** The White Bar, Fitzroy Street, St Kilda

**Description:** Posters, programs and promotional material looking back at the past 20 years of the St Kilda Film Festival are on show at this popular post-festival nightspot.

## 2002

### MEMO

**Event Type:** Art Exhibition

**Venue:** Memorial Hall, Army & Navy Club, St Kilda

**Dates:** 06 December to 20 December 2002

**Description:** MEMO celebrates a renewal of and commitment to a significant artistic tradition. In 1980 the former St Kilda Council began collecting artworks, in recognition of St Kilda's history of attracting artists of national significance. In 2002 the Port Phillip Contemporary Visual Arts Collection Acquisition Committee has paid considerable homage to the original St Kilda Art Collection (1980-1994) by recognising seven contemporary artists who have lived, or worked in, or created artwork about St Kilda.

## 2001

### Civic Celebration and Community Concerns - Life in Port Phillip at the time of Federation (1895-1905)

**Event Type:** Touring Historical Exhibition

**Venues:** Touring Port Phillip City Libraries

**Dates:** 14 May to 31 August 2001

**Description:** Curated by staff from the Port Phillip Library Service and Records Management to tell the story of the experience and celebrations of Federation within the three former Cities of St Kilda, South Melbourne and Port Melbourne at the turn of the century. The Councillors, business owners, rate payers and residents all held their own celebrations, activities and concerns about Federation. These stories are told through a variety of documents, pictures and artifacts that have been maintained by these three former Councils and now the City of Port Phillip.

### Splash - St Kilda Beach and Baths

**Event Type:** Historical Exhibition

**Venue:** St Kilda Sea Baths

**Dates:** 22 April to 20 May 2001

**Description:** Curated by local historian Gillian Upton with support from the City of Port Phillip's Art & Heritage Unit, this exhibition celebrates the reopening of the new St Kilda Sea Baths and aims to place the enterprise in its historical context and to celebrate the rich history of bathing in St Kilda. Splash both celebrates and documents Australia's special love affair with St Kilda beach and baths and contains stories, photos and memorabilia from many community individuals and organisations.

# 1998

## **Lurking in Lanes - A Back Fence History of the Lanes and Little Streets of Port Phillip**

**Event Type:** Touring Historical Exhibition

**Dates and Venues:** 19 June to 16 September 1998 at St Kilda Town Hall; and

22 September to 04 November 1998 at Port Melbourne Town Hall

**Description:** The City of Port Phillip has one of the most extensive networks of existing laneways in Melbourne. As aspects of our urban heritage, there is no question that our laneways are important. You can still get a sense of the City's past in laneways, away from the hustle and bustle of street traffic, often still with their original cobble stone surfaces. This exhibition presents a picture of the role laneways have played in the lie of the City from the 1800s to today.

## **Gals Work - Recent acquisitions by female artists in non traditional mediums**

**Event Type:** Art Exhibition

**Venue:** St Kilda Town Hall

**Dates:** 30 October 1997 to May 1998

**Description:** Some of the most recent artworks acquired since 1995 are represented in Gals Work, the first visual arts exhibition from the Port Phillip City Collection since the formation of the new City of Port Phillip. Artists' work in this exhibition includes: Judy Holding, Chris Barry, Loretta Quinn, Ann Harris, Annette Douglass, Kate Bergin, Kathy Temin, Elizabeth Gower, Nadine Christensen, Elizabeth Boustead, Rebecca Jain Eames, Danoush Lachman and Jane Trengove. Not all of the works in this exhibition overtly assert a 'feminine aesthetic' or conjure with a feminist politics of art making, but all are by women artists.

# 1997

## **The Passing Parade - Festival posters, programs and photographs from the Port Phillip City Collection**

**Event Type:** Touring Historical Exhibition

**Venues and Dates:** 10 February to 03 March 1997 at St Kilda Town Hall and; 05 to 24 March at Gasworks Theatre Foyer.

**Description:** The Passing Parade is an exhibition of festival posters, programs and photographs from the Port Phillip City Collection on display

during the City of Port Phillip's community festival period. The exhibition presents material from The St. Kilda Festival, The Port Melbourne Festival, South Melbourne Community Day and some forerunner festive events. Historical promotional material, maps the evolution of each festival's image and events over the last two decades.

## 1995

### **Dredging, Draining, Dipping & Shipping - A History of the Foreshore and Low-Lying Lands of the City of Port Phillip**

**Event Type:** Touring Historical Exhibition

**Venue and Dates:** 28 July to 09 August 1995 at Former South Melbourne Post Office;

11 August to 23 August 1995 at Port Melbourne Town Hall;

25 August to 06 September 1995 at St Kilda Town Hall;

26 April to 26 May 1995 at Davenport Gallery & Arts Centre, Tasmania.

**Description:** This exhibition is a celebration of the three very different, early histories of the communities which have come to make up the City of Port Phillip. It draws together for the first time the movable heritage of Port Melbourne, South Melbourne and St Kilda. These intimate collections are selective histories by accident and design; ordered by officials and staff, donated by families, sons and daughters whose personal histories are intrinsic to wider municipal stories.