



# SHORT HISTORY PRIZE

## WINNING ENTRY ANNOUNCEMENT

The Prahran Mechanics' Institute (est. 1854) is a non-profit community organisation which operates a lending library specialising in the history of Victoria. The PMI Short History Prize was run in line with the PMI objective to encourage and facilitate historical research. Entrants were invited to submit works relating to '*a history of a place or an aspect of a place in Victoria*'. This award was announced on 24 October 2010 as part of the PMI's History Week activities. Thanks to all entrants for your valued contributions.

**The recipient of the Inaugural PMI Short History Prize is ...**

**Elizabeth O'Callaghan** of Warrnambool & District Historical Society for the entry *Alien to Us: The 19th Century Importation of Indian Labour into the Warrnambool District*

Elizabeth receives a certificate, PMI membership voucher and \$500.

The Warrnambool & District Historical Society also receives \$500.

*Alien to us was chosen because of its original subject matter, and because it was well written, interestingly and clearly presented using original sources giving an insight into a specific historical episode, exploring the relationships between the two groups of people.*

**The official presentation of the Short History Prize will take place at the PMI Library at 1.30pm on Saturday 30 October, followed by a lecture: 'A Short History of Victoria Barracks' by Bruce Turner.**

**The following entrants were Commended:**

**Graham Goulding** *A Short History of Moe & Newborough*

**Murray Houghton** *Destination Warrandyte 1851 to 1876: A Tortuous Path to Local Government*

**Marilyn Kenny** *Kaleno Parish of Doutta Galla*

Commended entrants receive a certificate and a PMI voucher.

The Committee, staff and members of the PMI are very grateful to the **Professional Historians Association** for its provision of the panel of judges and for the kind consideration of the judges:

**Dr Judith Buckrich** is an honorary Research Fellow in Melbourne University's History Unit and the author of many books about significant Melbourne people, places and institutions.

**Dr Andrew Lemon** is a professional historian and author of many books, particularly relating to aspects of the history of Victoria. He is the President of the Royal Historical Society of Victoria, the Victorian Racing Club historian and a former editor of the RHSV's Victorian History Journal.

**Ms Emma Russell** is principal historian at History@Work and has worked with many historical societies and local history collections across Victoria, mostly within the realm of significance assessments. She has published several histories, most recently that of Fairfield Primary School and its community, and also has an interest in memoirs and medical history.