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Our vision

A library for all in a changing world

Join us and be a part of this great cultural and heritage institution. Your generous support will help us acquire, house and conserve significant collection items, as well as mount exhibitions, events and programs. You can personally support State Library Victoria in a number of ways.

REWARD YOUR CURIOSITY

Join the member community of Australia's oldest public library. Unlock a treasure-trove of knowledge with our free Access membership, or enhance your experience with a tailored Cultural, Student, Family or StartSpace membership. Find out more at slv.vic.gov.au/get-involved/membership

GIVE TO THE COLLECTION AND CONSERVATION FUND

The State Library Victoria Collection and Conservation Fund supports the acquisition, conservation, preservation, digitisation and description of the State Collection. This critical work allows the State Library to continue the legacy of collecting and sharing the stories of Victoria.

This Fund ensures that the Library continues to meet increasing demand with a comprehensive, accessible collection and a range of services that honour our obligation to provide access to knowledge for all.

Donate to the Fund now or find out more at slv.vic.gov.au/get-involved/support-our-programs/collection-conservation-fund



MAKE A BEQUEST

One of the most meaningful ways you can ensure that State Library Victoria continues to thrive is to leave a bequest. Those who make a bequest to the Library are invited to join the Redmond Barry Society, which was established to recognise the generosity and support of Library benefactors. Members receive invitations to exhibition openings, collection viewings and exclusive functions throughout the year.

To leave a lasting legacy through a bequest, please contact Judy Buchan, Philanthropy Manager, on (03) 8664 7460 or go to slv.vic.gov.au/get-involved/donate/make-bequest

JOIN OUR CORPORATE MEMBER NETWORK

Become part of a dynamic corporate membership network and connect with a diverse group of organisations, while supporting one of Australia's most established and prestigious cultural institutions.

Our corporate members include industry leaders from a range of sectors including finance and banking, management consulting, mining, education, media, architecture and law.

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Image: Our conservation team carrying out a survey of architectural plans of Melbourne's St Paul's cathedral dating from the 1880s, from the Butterfield Collection. This initial survey and pilot treatment program was generously funded by the Vera Moore Foundation, and will inform the long-term treatment and rehousing program for this collection of 165 works. This donation has enabled what is just the start of a massive task to conserve this extraordinary body of work.



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The Library's collections are filled with glimpses into Victoria's past that help us to make sense of the present and imagine the future. Three articles in this issue look at photographic collections, from the cartes de visite collection, so full of social history, to recently donated photographs documenting the experiences of two Victorian soldiers in World War II, to new collections that record Victoria's experiences of the pandemic.

We also reveal the history of two seemingly unlikely library collections – the erstwhile collection of plaster casts, and the unconventional 'deaccessioning' of a WWI bomb. And we trace research into 19th-century Melbourne school proprietor Elizabeth McArthur, the contribution of Thomas Bride as chief librarian from 1881–95, and the story of early Melbourne department store Foy & Gibson.



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