

The Origin of Victoria's Service Authorities and Departments

U3A Baw Baw Term 2 2022

Course Outline

As a result of the interest that was shown in the history of Melbourne's water supply, sewage and drainage systems as part of the Remembering Melbourne series, we now plan to investigate some of Victoria's (or even Australia's) early service authorities and departments.

The topics covered by the course will consist of:

- **28 April - Water** (outside Melbourne) - Rural water trusts, State Rivers & Water Supply Commission (1905) (dams & regional town water supply, reservoirs & irrigation), Rural Water Commission, **John Parker**
- **5 May - Communication** - (1809), Alexander Bell (1878), PMG (1901), Navy (1914-1920) Telecom, Australia Post, Telstra, Internet **Mary Howlett**
- **12 May - Education** - 1836, Victorian Constitution (1855), Denominational School Board & National School Board, Education Department (1872) **David Ingham**
- **19 May - Roads** - The first road, Central Road Board & District Road Boards, Country Roads Board (1913), RCA, VicRoads, Great Ocean Road **Alan Woollard**
- **26 May - Railways** - Private (1851), Victorian Railways (1856), State Transport Authority - V/Line & The Met (1983) (existing and disused), local mill rail, tramways **Sue Ingham**
- **2 June - Gas** - Gasworks (1860), Gas companies, Lurgi Gas Plant, Refinery gas, Gas & Fuel Corporation (1950) natural gas - offshore leases **Geoff Clynes**
- **Electricity** (maybe in 2 to 3 sessions) - Municipal systems, State Electricity Commission Victoria (1918),
- **9 June** - Transmission and distribution network and early Municipal electricity systems **John Parker**
- **9 June** - Hydro electric systems - Kiewa, Rubicon, Snowy Mountains **Roy Wilson**
- **16 June** - Latrobe Valley Power Stations & open cuts (range of speakers whose families have had connection with the LV) **John Parker**
- Local Government - 1841, Cities, Boroughs, Town Councils, Municipal Districts, Road Boards, Shires, 1915, 1994