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Victoria's notable buildings and monuments focus at architectural history conference

Victoria's pastoral stations, hospitals and gardens are up for scrutiny at the four-day conference of the Society of Architectural Historians Australia and New Zealand at the University of Tasmania's School of Architecture and Design in Launceston.

Conference convenor and SAHANZ president, Dr Stuart King of UTAS, said around 100 academics from across Australia and NZ are attending the conference, which began yesterday.

Among the 85 papers being presented at the conference are:

- **THE SHRINE OF REMEMBRANCE: Addition or Subversion:** Ashton Raggatt McDougall's recent addition to the shrine in 2005 thrusts this shrine into a more contemporary context and in so doing presents an opportunity to re-examine the memorial and the mythologising that accompanies it (Vicki Leibowitz, University of Queensland);
- **A MOBILE DIGITAL GUIDE TO THE BOTANIC GARDENS IN MELBOURNE:** This iPad tour aims to guide students and visitors around a selective zone of the park, equipped with voice and text narration, historical and contemporary maps and images. It reflects on the design ideas and challenges that have shaped this prototype walking tour guide (Hannah Lewi, Andrew Saniga and Wally Smith, University of Melbourne);
- **SALUBRITY AND HOSPITAL SITES IN 19TH CENTURY MELBOURNE:** 19th century attitudes dictated that hospitals should have views and beautiful surroundings for the physical and emotional well-being of patients. This paper analyses maps, images and medical journals to provide an insight into the influence of these ideas on urban Melbourne (Anne Bourke, University of Melbourne);
- **DOCUMENTS AND MEMORIES FROM THE COLONIAL FRONTIER:** Examining Purrumbete, a Victorian western district property where the villa was transformed by the Manifold family and their architect Guyon Purchas into a homestead and whose owners commissioned a mural cycle commemorating the early frontier stories of their estate (Karen Burns, University of Melbourne);

- CHARTING AUSTRALIA FELIX: Focussing on five exemplar pastoral stations of Victoria's western district showing how early settlers mastered an economically viable estate respecting climate and soil quality, and ensuring water security (Jamie Kelson and David Jones, Deakin University).

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