History West Community Talks

Australia’s Lost Generation of World War I
An Illustrated Talk
Presented by Ross McMullin

Historian–biographer Ross McMullin’s book Farewell Dear People: Biographies of Australia’s Lost Generation was awarded the Prime Minister’s Prize for Australian History and the National Cultural Award. Three Western Australians are among the ten extended biographies of talented identities whose stories are told in the book—Gresley Harper, Wilfred Harper, and Phipps Turnbull: the barrister, the farmer, and the Rhodes scholar.

Dr McMullin is an engaging and entertaining speaker. His other books include the best-selling Pompey Elliott (which won awards for literature and biography), another biography Will Dyson: Australia’s Radical Genius, and the acclaimed ALP centenary history The Light on the Hill.

Friday 22 February 2019  10 for 10.30am  $10.00 per person

Still Hale and Hearty
Bishop Hale and his contribution to the colony
Presented by Father Ted Doncaster

In 1930 a paper titled “Bishop Hale and Secondary Education” was read by Edith Cowan OBE at one of our Society’s meetings. In 1953 Ted Doncaster was invited to give a broadcast talk on station 6PR outlining the life of the same Bishop. A special Evensong commemorating Bishop Hale was held in St. George’s Cathedral in 2013 when Fr Ted was the preacher. And only last December an all-day gathering met at the State Library when seven papers were given on the life and ministry of the same Bishop Hale, who in 1857 had become the first Anglican Bishop of Perth.

So you might be wondering what more can be said about “the good Bishop” as he was often described. Well, come along to our gathering at Stirling House when Fr Ted Doncaster is to give a talk titled “Still Hale and Hearty” and show some interesting photographs as well.

Wednesday 13 March 2019  10 for 10.30am  $10.00 per person

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