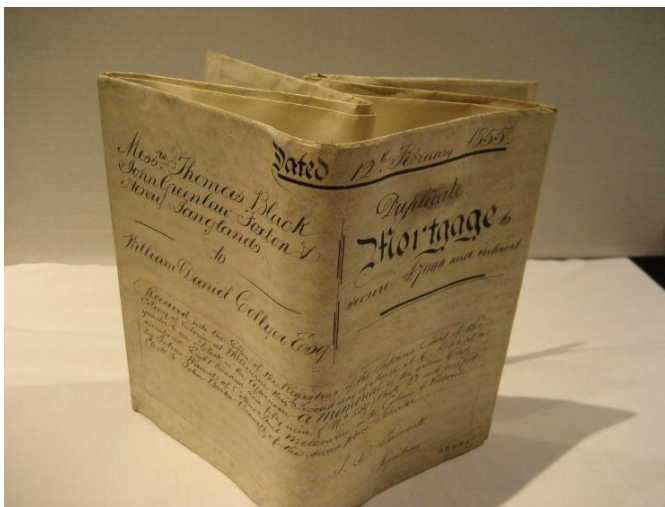




JUNE NEWS FROM YOUR LIBRARY

2023 Annual Giving Appeal: make a tax-deductible donation before 30 June



Reflecting our long history as one of Melbourne's pre-eminent cultural organisations, the Melbourne Athenaeum Incorporated has an archival collection which is of historic, artistic, research and social significance. Including artefacts, artworks, books, furniture, newspapers and photographs, the collection spans the activities of the organisation since 1839, including its library and reading room and high-profile tenants, the Athenaeum Theatre and the

Athenaeum Gallery (1910-c.1971).

Annual Reports, Committee Minutes, correspondence files and legal documents, as well as architectural plans and drawings show the development and architectural changes to the building which have ensured it remains fit-for-purpose as Melbourne changes and develops.

Late last year, an independent assessment of the archives found particular strengths in the historic and research significance of much of the material, a great deal of which is irreplaceable.

The significance assessment was the first stage of our program to improve documentation of the collection, identify the best ways to preserve and maintain the items in our care, and, if appropriate, determine how to make the collection more accessible.

Members generously supporting the Annual Giving Appeal in 2023 will be investing in the future care and management of our significant collection and its capacity to be an incredible resource for researchers, students and authors. As we work through our program, we also look forward to making the archives more visible in the Library and through events for members.

How to donate

Online at www.givenow.com.au/annualgivingappeal

Mail: Please send a cheque made out to the Melbourne Athenaeum Incorporated to PO Box 225, Flinders Lane, Melbourne 8009

In person: at the Library



Historic Lift upgrade getting closer!

Over the next few months, we anticipate that we will finally be able to install the long-awaited new motor into our much-loved lift.

There will be no change to the heritage look and feel, but we hope a much more reliable operation!

The lift will be closed for six to eight weeks while the works are going on so we will need to rely on your patience.

We will let you know when we have confirmed dates, but Library staff have a number of plans in place to enable those members who would usually use the lift to be able to borrow and return books. We will outline these plans when we have the confirmed dates.

Feel free to ask staff on your next visit or call on 9650 3100 to discuss what option would suit you

