

Port Phillip Seniors Festival 2021

Invitation to participate

Antique, Treasure or Op Shop?

an afternoon of connoisseurship and comedy



Pictured above: Wedgwood sugar bowl and creamer tea set presented in appreciation to Miss J. Phillips, postmistress at the South Melbourne Town Hall, 1889. Find out more about the Wedgwood sugar bowl and creamer tea set on page 4.

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Bring out your treasures!

Open to all City of Port Phillip residents, workers and Library members aged 55 years and over. City of Port Phillip Seniors are invited to unearth their treasures and submit an item for inclusion in ***Antique, Treasure or Op Shop? - an afternoon of connoisseurship and comedy.***

We invite you to bring out your treasures for an expert valuation by a senior appraiser from Leonard Joel Auction House. The valuation will be assisted by a well-known local clairvoyant, for an afternoon of fascinating objects and stories, valuation surprises, guest objects, musical interludes, lots of laughter and afternoon tea.

How to enter your object/s

We are seeking the submission of items that may fit under the following categories of historic, aesthetic, scientific, social or spiritual value/significance. These may include small collectables, humble and not so humble household items, tools of trade, documents, ephemera, family heirlooms and artworks.

All submissions will be considered for inclusion. A short list of the entries for live appraisal will be made by a small panel including the Leonard Joel Auction House Senior Appraiser, based on provenance (where it came from), representativeness (is it typical of its type?), rarity, condition and intactness, and interpretive potential (an interesting story). Submitted items need only meet one of these criteria for inclusion.

The appraisal will take place at the ***Antique, Treasure or Op Shop?*** public event including afternoon tea and live music on the afternoon of Thursday 14 October, at the Port Melbourne Town Hall as part of the 2021 City of Port Phillip Seniors Festival program.

Conditions of entry

1. All entries are to be your own items.
2. Entrants must either be present or past City of Port Phillip residents or have previously or presently work in Port Phillip or belong to the Port Phillip Libraries and are aged 55 years or over.
3. Items can be submitted which historic, aesthetic, scientific, social or spiritual significance provenance, representativeness, rarity, condition and intactness, integrity, and interpretive potential.
4. Maximum two entries per participant. Email submissions are preferred. Alternately, you can print and complete the form and submit by post.

5. A photograph (either an electronic image or print out) of your item/s must be supplied with your submission. Electronic files should be no larger than 5 MB, Jpeg preferred.
6. Applications are now open and will close at **5 pm on Friday 10 September**.
7. As part of the submission process you will be asked to write a brief description for each object including any information you have on the item's history, dates, how you acquired the item, why it's one of your treasures.
8. Your items will be assessed by a panel for inclusion in the Antique, Treasure or Op Shop? event. A maximum 20 items can be included. Of the 20 selected items, some items may be included in an online presentation only but will receive a valuation.
9. Once you have returned this completed registration form and have provided us with a high-quality photograph/s of your submitted item/s you will receive a confirmation of receipt letter.
10. If your item is accepted for the event you will receive details of how to share your item for the event.
11. Entries are included at the owner's risk however all care will be taken during the event.
12. The panel's decision shall be final, and no correspondence will be entered into.
13. The City of Port Phillip reserves the right to retain images of the items and to reproduce them in consultation with the owner for online exhibition and promotional purposes.
14. All exhibitors and friends will be invited to the Antique, Treasure or Op Shop? event on Thursday 14 October, 2pm to 4pm at The Port Melbourne Town Hall.

To register your interest in participating in Antique, Treasure or Op shop? return this form by 5 pm on Friday 10 September 2021.

Name:

Address:

Postcode:

Telephone:

Email:

Item/s description

1.

2.

Photograph/s supplied

I have read and agree to the conditions of entry and confirm that the listed item/s belong to me.

Signature: _____

Return forms to:

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Art & Heritage Services

City of Port Phillip

By mail: Private Bag No 3, St Kilda VIC 3182

By email: artheritage@portphillip.vic.gov.au

In person: to ASSIST counters at the City of Port Phillip Town Halls or the Emerald Hill Library & Heritage Centre, 195 Bank Street, South Melbourne.

For further information please call the Arts and Heritage Programs Officer on 9209 6416 or 0466 944 505. For assistance with your application please call the Team Leader Community Building on 9209 6260 or 0403 904 092.

Front page image:

Miss Jessie Phillips was the Postmistress at South Melbourne Post Office, which was located at the South Melbourne Town Hall from 1883 to 1889. She was only the second postmistress since the building opened in June 1880. On leaving South Melbourne in 1889, the South Melbourne Council presented her with a Wedgwood sugar bowl and creamer tea set.



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