

## READING CRITICAL CONFERENCE

Two preconference public library tours hosted by the State Library of Victoria  
Thursday 10 April 2008

*Please indicate your tour preference number if you are registering for a tour – limited places are available for each tour*

### DRAFT PROGRAM

#### Tour 1: Western suburbs of Melbourne

12.45pm	Meet at State Library (Entry 3)	
1.00pm	Depart State Library	Please note that it will be necessary for the bus to leave <u>on time</u>
1.30pm	Arrive West Footscray Community Learning Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Opened late 2006</li><li>- A small library standing like a beacon of light in an inner urban area of extreme disadvantage</li><li>- Colocation of library and neighbourhood house; some shared spaces</li><li>- Library design is highly unusual and evocative, reflecting the industrial heritage of the area – use of railway sleepers across front of building; second storey designed to look like a shipping container; use of spanners and scrap metal from local yards to create artwork</li></ul>
2.00pm	Depart West Footscray	
2.30pm	Arrive Caroline Springs Community Library and Civic Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Opening early 2008</li><li>- A large (2000 sq m), architecturally stunning new library in an outer urban growth corridor</li><li>- Part of the new town centre, civic and cultural precinct being developed by Melton Council and housing developer, Delfin, for the new community of Caroline Springs</li><li>- Combines a council customer service area with a joint use public library for Melton East and library for the senior students of the adjacent Caroline Springs College</li></ul>
3.15pm	Afternoon tea at Caroline Springs	
3.30pm	Depart Caroline Springs	
4.00pm	Arrive Hume Global Learning Centre, Broadmeadows	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Opened 2002</li><li>- A landmark building at the heart of the Hume Global Learning Village comprising conference facilities (seminar rooms; meeting rooms; exhibition space); a computer training facility; The Age Public Library; the Village Café; and, an E-Play area</li></ul>
5.15pm	Depart Hume Global Learning Centre	
6.00pm	Arrive State Library	

## Tour 2: Eastern suburbs of Melbourne

12.45pm	Meet at State Library (Entry 3)	
1.00pm	Depart State Library	Please note that it will be necessary for the bus to leave <u>on time</u>
1.40pm	Arrive Wheelers Hill Library	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Opened 2002</li> <li>- A small to medium sized library built as an extension to the Monash Gallery of Art, one of the most prestigious of Victoria's small galleries. The redeveloped complex is set in beautiful gardens overlooking a lake and comprises the gallery, the library, a community meeting room and a café, all beautifully interlinked and exceedingly elegant</li> </ul>
2.30pm	Depart Wheelers Hill Library	
2.50pm	Arrive Clayton Library – afternoon tea	
3.00pm	Clayton Library - tour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Due to open in early 2008</li> <li>- The Clayton Library is part of a \$20mil+ development initiative for the City of Monash, taking the 'community hub' concept to a new level. The hub comprises the library, a child care centre, maternal and child health centre, Council youth and family services department, a suite of consulting rooms, an art room, a theatrette, a swimming pool, the community health service, a café, meeting rooms, a library garden and a precinct for public art</li> </ul>
3.45pm	Depart Clayton Library	
4.10pm	Arrive Carnegie Library and Community Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Opened late 2005</li> <li>- A very large library replacing a small shop front library in the main commercial centre (a shopping strip) in Carnegie</li> <li>- Council closed off a street to build the library, which also includes on the upper level a full suite of community seminar/meeting rooms and conference facilities. A bookworm playground/park links the library facility to a matching but much smaller mothers group/play group facility to create a lively precinct that has contributed significantly to the regeneration of the local commercial centre</li> <li>- This is a very substantial and handsome library for Melbourne, built from brick and glass and with interesting internal design features and finishes</li> </ul>
4.50pm	Depart Carnegie	
5.20pm	Arrive East Melbourne Library	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Opened 2006</li> <li>- A small library (500sq m) worth visiting for 15-20 minutes on the return to the State Library (it is about a 20 minute walk away)</li> <li>- A handsome 'no expense spared' library (\$7mil) built as a model of environmental sustainability by the City of Melbourne.</li> </ul>
5.45pm	Depart East Melbourne Library	
6.00pm	Arrive State Library	