Northcote Bibliography
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A select list.

Highlighted titles indicate basic background information.

* indicates online copy at Darebin Libraries Heritage Collection.
heritage.darebinlibraries.vic.gov.au
+ indicates online copy elsewhere

People will be discussed in Lesson 6 – Dynasties & Personalities.

Primary Resources:

* History of Northcote: from its first settlement to a city, W G Swift. 1928


* Northcote Jubilee Celebrations 1883-1933, W G Swift & R J Whalley. 1933


Voices from the Archives: Northcote People talking, NHCS. Green & Michell. 1998


Heidelberg: the land and its people 1838-1900, Donald Garden. 1972

Coburg between Two Creeks, Richard Broome. 1987

* + Northcote / Preston Leader Newspaper

* Darebin Libraries – Heritage Collection. Multi collections from both Northcote and Preston councils (pre 1994), the defunct Northcote Historical & Conservation Society’s collection, various donations. Much of this online. Though still a lot not.

Secondary Resources:
Mother superior, woman inferior, Josie Arnold. 1985. (She lived in Northcote and went to Santa Maria.)


Doing Time in Northcote, SPAN. 1991

Past, Present & Future, SPAN. 1986

Northcote Lives: oral history project compiled by students at Northcote High School. NHS. c1996.

Northcote's Old Nursery, Stephen Simpson. 1990

Preston: Lands and People, Harley Forster. 1968.


Chinese Settlement in Darebin, Arthur Yong. 2004

The First Twenty: Recalling 1928-1948, Robert J Lewis. 2002

Brave and True: From blue to khaki – the band of the 2/22 Battalion, Lindsay C Cox. 2003. (Many band members were from Northcote and Preston.)

Alphington Swimming Pool, Richard Broom. 2002

History of Whittlesea Railway, Robert Aqualina. 1999. (Hard to come by.)

We were so Simple Then: Growing up in East Preston [and Thornbury] in 1920-1940. (Chapter 1 of But Nothing Ever Happened to Us: Memories of the Twenties and Thirties). 1986

Northcote Pottery: A story of survival and prosperity over 110 years, Laura Doanti. 2008. (Iconic Northcote industry now moved to Brunswick and Thomastown.)


Some fictional books include Northcote as the setting, especially The Slap.
ABORIGINAL


People of the Merri Merri: the Wurundjeri in colonial days, Ellender & Christiansen. 2001.

A Bend in the River: A history of the Merri Creek protectorate station and Merri creeks aboriginal; school 1841-1851, Clark & Heydon. 2004

ORAL HISTORIES

Heritage Collection at Darebin Libraries:
Greek Project (mid 1980s)
Italian Project (mid 1980s)
* Northcote Historical & Conservation Society (1983/4)
Darebin Libraries’ Interviews (2000s)

SCHOOLS & CHURCHES:
All produced centenary / special publications. Here are some examples:

Fairfield Primary School 2711: The Langridge Street knowledge emporium, Emma Russell. 2010.

GENERAL
Note many volumes pre 1970s lack indexes.

Victoria & Its Metropolis: Past and present, Sutherland. 1888. (Two mammoth volumes presenting a ‘glorified’ image of Melbourne in late 1880s.)

Sands & McDougall Directories, 1850s til 1974. (Microfiche only at Darebin Libraries and State Library. Books are 6-10 inches thick! Published annually. Were the credit checks of the period. One of the most used resources. Listings by suburbs (then street), trades, etc.)

Garyrowen’s Melbourne (all written by journalist Edumd Finn) – Melbourne Sketches, 1880 and Chronicles of Early Melbourne 1835 to 1852. 1888.

The Place for a Village: How nature has shaped the city of Melbourne, Gary Presland. 2008. (His PhD work. Specialist in Aboriginal history.)

Southern Invasion Northern Conquest; Story of the founding of Melbourne, 2001.

Car Wars: How the car won our hearts and conquered our cities, Graeme Davidson. 2004. (‘Father’ of public history in Australia.)

From Hamburg to Hobsons Bay: German Emigration to Port Phillip (Australia Felix) 1848-1851, Darragh & Wuchastisch. 1999. (Describes Wendish German settlement in Victoria organised by William Westgarth.)

Land Boom and Bust, Michael Cannon. 1972. (Good book on 1890s Depression.)


Old Melbourne Memories, Rolf Boldrewood. 1884, 1969.

Australian Pottery: The first 100 years, Geoff Ford. 1995. (Good and detailed book on pottery sites.)

Beyond the Ladies’ Lounge: Australia’s female publicans, Clare Wright. 2003. (Excellent book describing why many publicans were female and how it suited them at a time when women found it difficult to be financially independent.)