

## What is MIV?

The Mechanics' Institutes of Victoria (MIV) was formed in 1998 following a State Conference of Mechanics' Institutes (MIs) held in Kilmore in April of that year. It aims to foster the preservation and restoration of the social, cultural and physical heritage of active MIs throughout the state as well as to encourage and facilitate recognition and preservation of MI buildings and the revival of inactive MIs.

## Ordering Information & Further Enquiries

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## MECHANICS' INSTITUTES OF VICTORIA



## Historical Plaques Program

## Purpose

The purpose of the MIV Historical Plaques Program is to inform the public of the history of Mechanics' Institutes in Victoria and also give a snippet of history about the individual Institute. The idea of putting a plaque on Mechanics' Institute Halls was advanced by Committee member Alan Tonkin in 1999. Committee member Paul Permezal brought it to reality in 2003 and since then forty plaques have been installed to mark special occasions within the Institute. These plaques have been used to commemorate a significant date in the history of an Institute or town; be it an anniversary, or a significant renovation or restoration project.

## Description

The plaques are oval in shape (~20cm x ~30cm), with a blue baked enamel surface and white lettering. In consultation with Heritage Victoria, they recommended that they be the same blue colour as their plaques so as to be noticed from afar as marking an historic building. The plaque will carry the MIV logo, some standard text and a personalised space for details of the Institute (approx. 120 words), and also the plaque number. Pins on the plaque's reverse will enable fixing to stone, concrete or wooden buildings. They can be mounted on board if required. The plaques have an expected life-span of about fifty years.

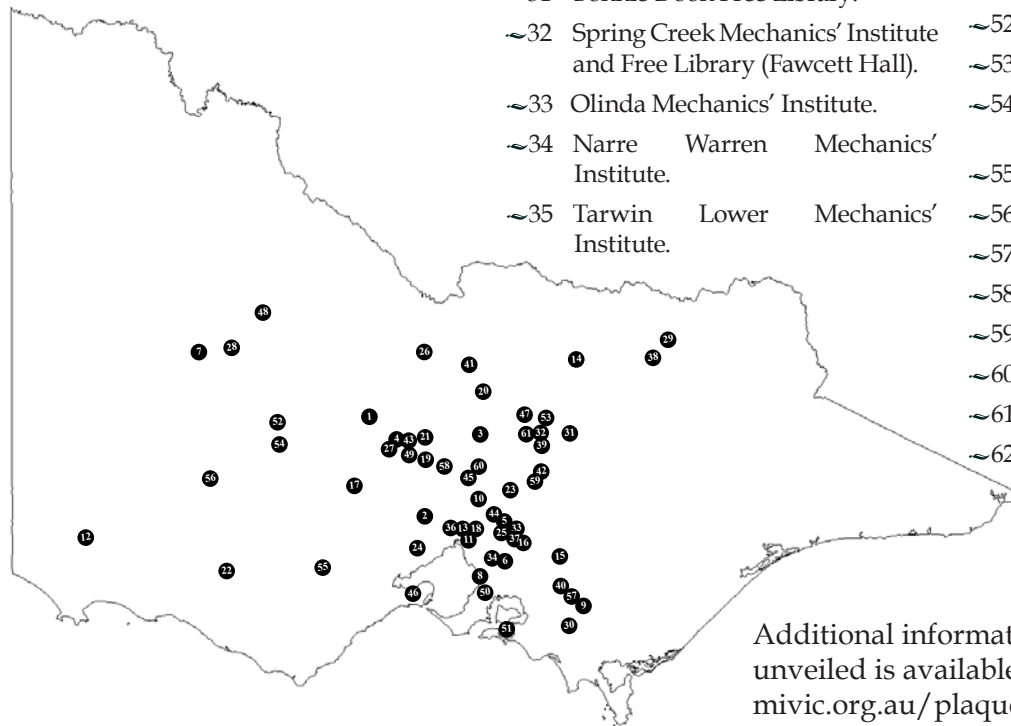


## Cost

The plaques cost \$195 per plaque for Members of MIV (\$250 for non-Members) (including delivery) and fitting will be the responsibility of the individual Institute or building manager. Please allow at least two months for orders to be filled.

## List of Recipients

- ~1 Maldon Athenaeum.
- ~2 Ballan Mechanics' Institute.
- ~3 Tallarook Mechanics' Institute.
- ~4 Taradale Mechanics' Institute.
- ~5 Lilydale Athenaeum.
- ~6 Berwick Mechanics' Institute and Free Library.
- ~7 Minyip Mechanics' Institute.
- ~8 Frankston Mechanics' Institute.
- ~9 Mt Eccles Mechanics' Institute.
- ~10 Arthurs Creek Mechanics' Institute.
- ~11 Prahran Mechanics' Institute.
- ~12 Digby Mechanics' Institute.
- ~13 Melbourne Athenaeum.
- ~14 Benalla Mechanics' Institute.
- ~15 Jindivick Mechanics' Institute.
- ~16 Emerald Mechanics' Institute.
- ~17 Dean Mechanics' Institute.
- ~18 Oakleigh Mechanics' Institute.
- ~19 Newham Mechanics' Institute.
- ~20 Nagambie Mechanics' Institute.
- ~21 Mia Mia Mechanics' Institute.
- ~22 Mortlake Mechanics' Institute.
- ~23 Kinglake West Mechanics' Institute.
- ~24 Little River Mechanics' Institute.
- ~25 Croydon Mechanics' Institute.
- ~26 Elmore Athenaeum Hall.
- ~27 Malmesbury Mechanics' Institute.
- ~28 Laen Mechanics' Institute site.
- ~29 Stanley Athenaeum and Public Room.
- ~30 Leongatha Mechanics' Institute.
- ~31 Bonnie Doon Free Library.
- ~32 Spring Creek Mechanics' Institute and Free Library (Fawcett Hall).
- ~33 Olinda Mechanics' Institute.
- ~34 Narre Warren Mechanics' Institute.
- ~35 Tarwin Lower Mechanics' Institute.
- ~36 Footscray Mechanics' Institute.
- ~37 Kallista Mechanics' Institute.
- ~38 Whorouly Library Hall.
- ~39 Alexandra Free Library.
- ~40 Larder Mechanics' Institute.
- ~41 Rushworth Mechanics' Institute.
- ~42 Acheron Mechanics' Institute.
- ~43 Barfold Mechanics' Institute.
- ~44 Christmas Hills Mechanics' Institute
- ~45 Wallan Free Library and Mechanics' Institute
- ~46 Barwon Heads Hall
- ~47 Ruffy Public Hall
- ~48 Jeffcott North Mechanics' Institute
- ~49 Kyneton Mechanics' Institute
- ~50 Somerville Mechanics' Institute
- ~51 Rhyll Mechanics' Institute
- ~52 Moonambel Mechanics' Institute
- ~53 Merton Memorial Hall
- ~54 Amphitheatre Mechanics' Institute
- ~55 Inverleigh Mechanics' Institute
- ~56 Ararat Mechanics' Institute
- ~57 Seaview Mechanics' Institute
- ~58 Romsey Mechanics' Institute
- ~59 Taggerty Hall
- ~60 Wandong Public Hall
- ~61 Yarck Mechanics' Institute
- ~62 Your Institute?



Additional information about plaques already unveiled is available from MIV's Plaques website: [mivic.org.au/plaques.html](http://mivic.org.au/plaques.html)