

EAST MELBOURNE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

We invite you to attend our **2025 AGM** followed by a talk
by Dr Anna Blainey Warner

Woman's Christian Temperance Union - Exposing Melbourne's Shameful Secrets



Fourteen delegates who attended First Convention Melbourne 1891 and Eighth Convention 21 years later, in Brisbane, Woman's Christian Temperance Union, University of Melbourne Archives 19122001.0085.00071

WEDNESDAY
15 October 2025
7.30 PM

East Melbourne Library
122 George Street,
East Melbourne

Free for EMHS Members
Guests : \$5.00

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Dr. Anna Blainey Warner will tell us how women in the 1890s alerted the public to the sexual assault and prostitution of young girls and of the controversy that followed. Anna is an East Melbourne resident and freelance historian whose PhD was on the Australian Woman's Christian Temperance Union in the Nineteenth Century. It is known that the organisation was instrumental in giving women the vote. What is less known is its protest against the sexual exploitation and abuse of women and children in the brothels of East Melbourne and elsewhere.



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