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Your Place in our History

A donation program of the State Library of Victoria Foundation



A landmark restoration

With its impressive façade and dome, the State Library has always been a much-loved Melbourne landmark. Since 1990, an extensive redevelopment project has seen the Library's heritage features sympathetically restored and enhanced by dynamic new spaces for the 21st century.

A highlight of the project has been the restoration of the La Trobe Reading Room, formerly the Domed Reading Room. The famous dome was originally enclosed with glass panes, but due to rainwater leakage the dome was covered with a copper skin in 1959. The dome has now been uncovered and fitted with high-performance laminated glass panes, most measuring 600mm by 2.7 metres, allowing natural light to flood the room. The room reopened in 2003 as the La Trobe Reading Room, housing material from the Library's collection of Australiana. Two new galleries will be created within the dome, with permanent exhibitions highlighting the history of Victoria and the history of the book.



Your Place in Our History – Supporting the Library

A world-class library

The State Library of Victoria is one of the world's great reference and research libraries, housing a vast collection within a superb heritage building and offering invaluable services to the community.

The Library was founded in 1854 by a number of prominent Melbourne citizens, including Lieutenant-Governor Charles Joseph La Trobe and Sir Redmond Barry, who saw it as becoming 'a great emporium of learning and philosophy, of literature, science and art'.

Today the Library is a gateway to the world's information, with over two million collection items, from books and manuscripts to sound and video recordings. It offers a range of cultural programs such as forums, exhibitions and education services. The Library also continues in its mission to collect and preserve material that reflects the cultural and social history of Victoria.

The State Library of Victoria Foundation plays a vital role in raising funds for the Library through memberships, donations, sponsorships and bequests. The generous support of donors and sponsors enables the Library to continue its valuable work.

There are three special ways for Library donors to support the Library: by sponsoring a glass pane, a seat or a table in the magnificently restored La Trobe Reading Room. This is a unique opportunity to associate the name of a family, trust, company or organisation with the restoration of one of Australia's foremost cultural institutions.



Each glass pane in the historic domed ceiling of the La Trobe Reading Room can be sponsored, with an engraved plaque acknowledging the donor and/or the person honoured, with a brief message if desired. The plaques are permanently displayed in the beautiful octagonal showcase surrounding the central dais of the reading room.

The La Trobe Reading Room is furnished with traditional reading desks, tables and chairs, crafted from fine Queensland silky oak timber and radiating out from the central dais. An enduring way of honouring a family member, board chairperson, company founder or retiring CEO is to sponsor a seat at a reading desk, or a table, with a permanent engraved plaque recording the names of the person(s) honoured and the donor, with a brief message if desired.



The specified donation amounts are:

Glass pane	\$2,500
Seat	\$5,000
Small table (four chairs)	\$20,000
Large table (six chairs)	\$30,000

Donations are tax deductible.

Becoming a donor

For more information about the donation program, or to discuss payment options, please contact the Executive Director of the State Library of Victoria Foundation, by telephone on 03 8664 7017, or by email at foundation@slv.vic.gov.au

You may also use the form attached to this brochure to provide details about your donation.

The words to be engraved on your plaque can be attached to your donation form or forwarded to the Foundation later. Please provide approximately 20 words maximum if you are sponsoring a glass pane, and 40 words maximum for a seat or table sponsorship.

Donation form

Name _____

Company or Trust (if applicable) _____

Address _____

Postcode _____

Telephone _____

Fax _____

Email _____

I/we wish to sponsor:

- a **glass pane** in the dome of the La Trobe Reading Room (\$2,500)
- a **seat** in the La Trobe Reading Room (\$5,000)
- a **small table** (four chairs) in the La Trobe Reading Room (\$20,000)
- a **large table** (six chairs) in the La Trobe Reading Room (\$30,000)

Please find attached my cheque for \$ _____ made payable to the State Library of Victoria Foundation

OR

Please charge \$ _____ to the following credit card:

Bankcard MasterCard Visa Diners Club

Card number Expiry date

Cardholder's name _____

Cardholder's signature _____



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