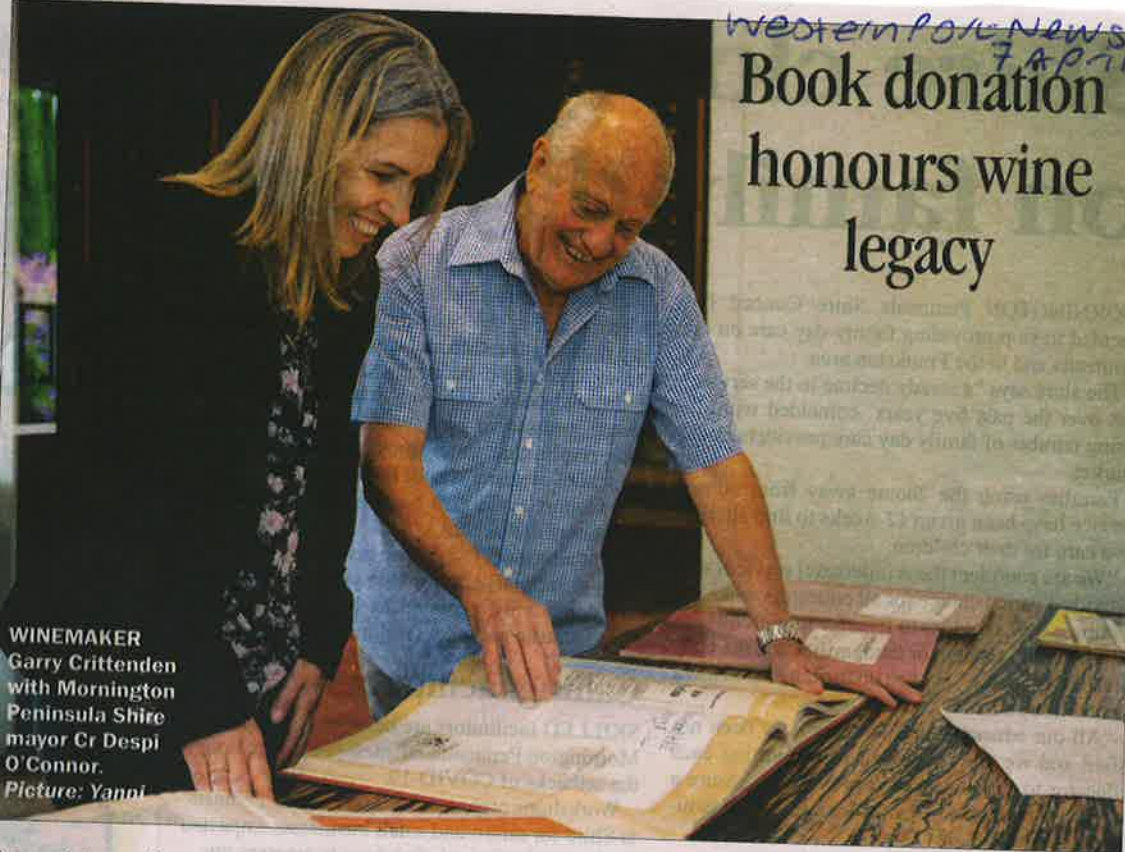


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Book donation honours wine legacy



WINEMAKER
Garry Crittenden
with Mornington
Peninsula Shire
mayor Cr Despi
O'Connor.
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IT was a labour of love that spanned 27 years. Margaret Crittenden's collection of clippings and cuttings from all sources documenting the growth of the Mornington Peninsula wine industry from its embryonic state to the powerhouse it is today.

Eventually the collection became too important to preside in simple scrap books, and the Crittenden family had each page photographed and assembled into The Big Red Book.

And after Margaret's death in November, the Crittenden's recognised the importance of her work in docu-

menting this important industry.

"We only produced six of these books," said Garry Crittenden.

"We felt it was essential for this incomparable collection to be made available to the general public and historians of the future for review and reference."

The decision was made to donate three of the books to Mornington Peninsula Libraries to for future generations to enjoy.

"It really is quite something," said Mr Crittenden.

"It is 245 pages of history that

deserves to be preserved.

"Of course, donating these books helps us remember Margaret who was so important to the development of the wine industry on the peninsula."

The Mornington Peninsula Shire mayor, Despi O'Connor was joined by councillors David Gill and Debra Mar for the official handover.

"This book is a fascinating insight into the Peninsula's history and a reminder of the role played by Margaret and Garry Crittenden as pioneers of our local wine industry," said Cr O'Connor.