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### JUNE MEETING

On Wednesday, June 13th. at 8.00 p.m. at the Coffee Shop, Civic Centre, Whitehorse Road, Nunawading, we will have as our Guest Speaker, Mrs. Dorothy Goble M.L.A., whose subject will be "A Short History of Parliament House". Mrs. Goble is well qualified to speak on the subject and we are delighted that she is able to visit us so soon after the election. This recalls one of our earliest excursions, when Mrs. Goble invited us to visit Parliament House.

### JULY MEETING

Mrs. Jean Field will be the Guest Speaker on Wednesday, July 11th. Her subject will be "Historical Interests Abroad".

### WORK NIGHTS

The May meeting took the form of a work night. Attendance was small, but more progress was made in indexing of newspapers. There is still much to be done, so if anyone cares to volunteer, they can be given plenty of indexing and sorting to do.

### ABORIGINAL RELICS

Mr. Alan West, Curator in Anthropology at the National Museum, described, with the aid of slides, relics of the aborigines, when speaking at our April Meeting. Among relics he described were many cave drawings and other marks of their occupation which few Victorians realised existed or had been found.

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OPENING OF NUNAWADING LIBRARY

The central Nunawading Library has now been opened at the Civic Centre, and is very busy. We are making arrangements with Miss Pavey for the storage of our documentary material under such conditions that it will be in safe keeping, but readily available to members of the Society at all times.

MUSEUM AND DISPLAY AT SCHWERKOLT COTTAGE

There seems a good prospect that the proposed museum at Schwerkolt Cottage will be built shortly. In preparation for this we would ask members to check what material they hold which might be displayed or stored at such a museum. It also seems advisable to inquire what other material of historical value is available and would be donated to illustrate the history of the district.

MRS. GOBLE RE-ELECTED

Congratulations to Mrs. D. Goble on her re-election to the Legislative Assembly as member for Mitcham.

POINT NEPEAN TOUR

We expect on Sunday, September 16th., to make a tour of the Point Nepean area, including interesting points around Sorrento, Point Nepean, and it is hoped the Quarantine Station. Those who are interested should make a note of the date.

STUDENTS' NIGHT

Dr. Ian Turner, of Monash University, will speak on "World War 1" at the Higher Certificate students' night at Wesley Hall, Blackburn on August 9th.

REGIONAL MEETING

Box Hill Society will be hosts at the next regional meeting, which will probably be in March next year. There will be further particulars later.

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#### NEW BOOKS

Mrs. Jean Field's book, "Gray Ribbon to the Border", the story of the Hume Highway, has now been published. Hawthorn Press are the publishers and the book sells for \$5.95.

Mrs. Jean Uhl has also published "Call Back Yesterday", a history of the Parish of Eumemmering, in the Dandenong district. It is published by J. Lowden of Kilmore.

#### NAMES OF STREETS

There are nearly 1,000 streets in Nunawading, and in many cases their names commemorate early settlers. Often they are the only memorials, so it would be valuable to have an explanation of how each street received its name, before this is forgotten. If you know something about your street, or those nearby, please let Mr. Patterson know.

#### EARLY SUBDIVISIONS

Several of the early buyers of land in Nunawading were optimistic enough to sub-divide their allotments into smaller townships and try to sell small building blocks as early as 1859 and 1861. In some cases the sub-divisions have left their mark on the present street plans, although none seems to have been a success and few, if any, building blocks were sold. Norwich, for instance, can be located by the peculiar right-angle turns of Morack Road, Vermont. It was originally intended to be a ring road around a small village, which was to be surrounded by vineyards.

William Morton sub-divided an area between Whitehorse and Central Roads long before the railway was built, and named the proposed town "Studley".

Morton also had another village site, which he did not name, along Creek Road, Mitcham. The long road, without cross-streets, reflected the town-planning concept that the area should consist of small farms, extending from one road in front to another road in the rear. "New Brunswick", also on land bought by Morton, was on the west side of Heatherdale Road. Brunswick Road led in its direction.

Another un-named village was planned for the north-east angle of the intersection of Mitcham and Canterbury Roads. This area was originally bought by Nelson Polak.

On Whitehorse Road, in the north-west angle of the intersection with Springvale Road, was the planned village of "Springfield". The sub-division, made by Patrick Riley, is much the same as the present

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streets between Nunawading State School and Whitehorse Road. It was intended that it should be partly surrounded by small farms on both sides of Springfield Road, stretching down to Junction Road, and extending along Whitehorse Road.

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#### THE HAWTHORN BRIDGE TOLL

When the Nunawading District Road Board was established in 1857 an important part of the local revenue was received from tolls collected on the Hawthorn Bridge. This was very common in Victoria, the money being used to make necessary roads and build bridges.

The following scale of charges was adopted in February 1858:-

Every sheep, lamb, pig or goat	½d
Ox or head of neat cattle	1d
Horse, mare, ass or mule	3d
Cart, dray, waggon, wain or such vehicle drawn by horses or mules, with wheels less than 4½ inches in width - For each horse	1/6
Ditto, with wheels more than 4½ and less than 6 inches	1/-
Ditto, 6 inches to 9 inches	7½d
Ditto, more than 9 inches	4½d
Cart, dray, waggon, wain or such vehicle drawn by bullocks - Less than 4½ inches, per bullock	1/-
Ditto, 4½ to 6 inches	9d
Ditto, 6 to 9 inches	6d
Ditto, 9 inches	3d
(Tyres to be flat and level throughout their entire width. All circular tyres, those made in two or three widths, or having projecting bolts, heads or nails to be charged at the same rate as 4½ inch wheels).	
Every spring cart constructed to carry goods, drawn by not more than one horse	1/-
Gig, chaise or other such carriage constructed to carry passengers, with two wheels, drawn by one horse or other animal	6d
Ditto, drawn by two horses or other animals	1/-
Coach, chariot, or other such carriage with four wheels and drawn by one horse or other animal	1/-
If drawn by two horses or other animals	1/6
and three pence for each additional horse.	

Tolls payable one way only if going and coming the same day. Tolls on asses, when drawing, to be one-third the toll on horses. Carts laden with manure (provided that their wheel tyres are not less than 4½" in width) to pass free of toll and such carts passing through any gate empty for the purpose of obtaining manure to have their toll repaid on their return so laden. The toll-keeper lived beside the gate, and was available to open the gate and collect toll day and night. This seems to have become burdensome, because the Hawthorn Bridge toll gate was closed at 11.00 p.m. after January, 1857.

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