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HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL MEMBERS! We look forward to 1996 with optimism as we enter our thirty-first year of existence. We trust you will continue with your support by attending meetings, and the very necessary working bees.

FEBRUARY MEETING

Our Next Meeting will be held on Saturday, 10th February, 1996 at 1.30 p.m.

Speaker will be **Mrs. Denice Moorhouse**, who was given the task by the Nunawading Council in 1962 of collecting, collating and recording the history of Nunawading. Diane Sydenham in her book "Windows on Nunawading" said " Mrs. Moorhouse undertook the project with enormous enthusiasm and energy and collected a significant body of material from local and state authorities and organisations. The manuscript was never published". **We look forward to seeing you all on this day.**

OUR THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

The occasion of our Thirtieth Anniversary celebrations on 14th October 1995 was a day to remember, with an attendance of seventy interested people, including foundation members, former members and guests. Our guest speakers, Mrs. Doris Mattingly, Mrs. Shirley Jones and Mr. George Cox shared their memories of the beginnings of the Historical Society, the restoration of Schwerkolt Cottage and the establishment of the Museum. Mr. Keith Satchwell, who had travelled from New South Wales to attend the meeting, expressed his delight with the magic of the cottage and commented on the value of the voluntary efforts of members over the past thirty years. Mrs. Jean Uhl remembered attending the first meeting in the old Municipal Buildings. Our President, Mrs. Valda Arrowsmith, paid tribute to our foundation members and all those who have contributed to our heritage. After the formal meeting, there was a great buzz of conversation as everyone renewed friendships and made new acquaintances while they enjoyed the delicious afternoon tea.

SUBSCRIPTIONS: Our Treasurer, Barbara Rogalski, will be pleased to hear from you if you haven't yet paid your subs. Family membership - \$15 and Single - \$10

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FRIENDS OF SCHWERKOLT COTTAGE

Our Wisteria Time Garden Party held on October 14th, which took the form of a Teddy Bear's Picnic was once again a great success. Our thanks to all our helpers, to Wozza the Clown, and to the Brumbies Bush Band, who seemed to enjoy the occasion as much as the children.

Our next meeting will be on Monday 4th, March at 10 a.m. at the Schwerkolt Cottage Museum Annexe. We would welcome members of the society to attend this meeting where we will be planning the 1996 Garden Party which will be on October 13th this year.

The nineteenth National Trust Victorian Heritage Festival - 14th - 21st April, 1996

The theme is "**Heritage is Here and Now**".

Our Society will be participating in the festival and we have invited **Mr. Ron O'Neill**, who was **Strategic Planner for the former City of Nunawading** to be the speaker at our Meeting on **13th April, 1996** at 1.30 p.m. We will all be interested to hear from Mr. O'Neill how his department devised the many changes and developments which occurred within the former city.

On **Sunday 21st April 1996**, we will have our usual **Open Day at Schwerkolt Cottage and Museum** between 12 noon and 4.30 p.m. with (hopefully) free admission for all. A local blacksmith has agreed to demonstrate his craft in the vicinity of our Blacksmith's Shop. This should prove to be an interesting attraction for young and old. Afternoon Tea will be served. The Committee would appreciate some assistance on this day. Please phone Barbara Gardiner on 9874 6592 if you can help in any way. This can be an enjoyable day as it is an opportunity to meet members of the community who care about our heritage.

LIBRARY DISPLAY. The society will display items in the cabinets at the Nunawading Library from 6th March to 2nd April. Check out the cabinets if you are visiting the library during this time.

The Committee of the Eastern Historical Societies will be holding their next meeting at the Museum Annexe on Saturday, 24th February at 1.30 p.m. All members are welcome to attend.

The Committee of the Eastern Historical Societies have arranged a tour to the Fleurieu Peninsular and Kangaroo Island in South Australia from Monday April 29th-Saturday May 4th, 1996. The cost inclusive of all travel, meals and entries throughout, is - Twin Share \$602 and Single \$709. If you are interested, contact Beryl Gray for more information on 9874 2731 as soon as possible.

At our December meeting, Joan Roczniook proposed and Doris Mattingly seconded that three additional names be added to the Honour Board. They are;-

Mrs. Bette Jones - for her invaluable work with the museum and cottage

Mr. Bill Gray - long term President who assisted the society in many ways

Mrs. Beryl Gray - who has cared for our archives in heroic fashion

The proposal was carried unanimously and with enthusiastic applause.

Members of the committee staffed a display at the Australia Day celebrations at the Nunawading Civic Centre. Our displays are always a source of interest to members of the community and are much appreciated.

Members will be interested to know that our first excursion for 1996 will take place on **Sunday, March 31st**, when we will visit **MONT DE LANCEY**, Wellington Road, Wandin. (Melway Ref. Map 121, B2). This is a delightful historic home in a garden setting, with an interesting museum, slab kitchen, chapel and 1880's kitchen. Cost of a group guided tour is \$5.50 per person with an additional cost of \$ 1.50 for afternoon tea. It is suggested that the tour would take about 2 hours minimum. Please advise Valda on 9874 1414 or Barbara on 9874 6592 if you wish to attend and if you need transport.

WORKING BEE

Our first working bee will take place on Saturday, April 20th from 10 a.m., which is the day before our Open Day. We will need to spruce up the cottage, museum and surrounds for this day. Please come for an hour or two or stay for the day and bring your lunch.

CATALOGUING GROUP This group meets on the first Saturday of each month- the first meeting for 1996 will be on Saturday, 3rd February at 1.30 p.m. We will conduct a brief refresher course as for some of us, it has been some time since we attended a session. We would welcome any new members to this group.

ACQUISITION COMMITTEE meets on the first Saturday of every second month - the next meeting will be on March 3rd. at 1.30 p.m.

SPEAKERS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

April 13th Mr. Ron O'Neill

June 15th Hand Tool Preservation Society (to be confirmed)

August 10th Antique Collector and Dealer - Mr. Bruce Reynolds

October 12th Frances Warren - re Daniel Harvey

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FROM THE ARCHIVES:

"ABEL HOADLEY, born on 10th September 1844 in Sussex, England, migrated to Melbourne in 1865. On 14th November, 1868 at Fitzroy with United Presbyterian Church forms, he married Susannah Ann Barrett: They had fourteen children.

By the early 1880s, the Hoadleys were established as orchardists at Burwood. According to family legend, jam was first made from windfallen fruit in a copper under a chestnut tree and the children sold it in the district after school. About 1889, Hoadley opened a small factory in South Melbourne, trading as A. Hoadley & Co. under the trade mark of the rising sun. The business expanded rapidly and five storey premises, the Rising Sun Preserving Works, were built in 1895; jams, jellies, preserved fruits, candied peels, sauces and confectionery were made by a workforce as large as 200.

Late in 1901 there were four preserving factories, and a large confectionery works near Princes Bridge. Hoadley have acquired the old-established firm of Dillon, Burrows & Co. He had extended his products to vinegar, cocoa and chocolate. 800 were employed at the height of the season and in the early 1900s, Hoadley was by far the largest Victorian customer of the Colonial Refining Co.

As a devout and active Methodist, he supported the establishment of the Central Mission in 1893, was its treasurer in 1895-1906, and an executive member thereafter. He was remembered as a prudent, independent committee-man, conservative without being retrogressive.

In 1903 when the mission decided to extend its boy rescue work by establishing a country home, Hoadley offered his 38-acre (14 ha) Burwood orchard for 1000 pounds, some 500 pounds less than the market price, with another property purchased on similar terms, it became the nucleus of the Boy's Training Farm at Tally-ho.

In 1910, the jam business was sold to Henry Jones Co-operative Ltd. When Hoadley retired from business in 1913, Hoadley's Chocolates Ltd. was formed. He died of cancer on 12th May, 1918 at his home in Kew, leaving an estate valued for probate at 58,946 pounds and was survived by his wife, four daughters and four sons.....By the 30s, the firm was on the verge of bankruptcy. Albert re-establish Hoadley's, largely by imaginative marketing of candy bars, notably the Violet Crumble, named by Mrs. Abel Hoadley after her favourite flower.....

Extract from Australian Dictionary of Biography, 1891-1939, Vol 9

OUR THANKS to members, Ted Arrowsmith, who installed our new sound system, Ken Barelli, who donated a new tape recorder, and Bob Gardiner, who restored our unique century-old washing machine.
