

NUNAWADING HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

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1995-1996 Presidents Report

Presidents Report of the Nunawading Historical Society Inc. for year ending 30th June 1996, submitted to the 31st Annual General Meeting 10th August 1996.

Mission Statement:- The purpose of the Society is to foster historical interest and knowledge and to collect, document, preserve and exhibit items and artifacts that show how people have lived and worked in the development of the Nunawading area from human settlement to present day.

Your committee has met monthly during the past year to plan the meetings and to administer the affairs of the Society. My sincere thanks to Vice President Judith Fry, Secretary Barbara Gardiner, Treasurer Barbara Rogalski, Committee members Jess Barnes, Rae Matthews, Betty Muckleston, Bette Jones, Anne Jones, Joy Kenny and Beryl and Bill Gray, for their contribution and support during the year.

MEETINGS

The highlight of our year would be our 30th anniversary celebrations held in October 1995. Many former members attended and the speakers were Mrs. Doris Mattingley, Mrs. Shirley Jones, Mr. George Cox and Mr. Keith Satchwell - people very instrumental in the establishment and original collection of items for the Society and Schwerkolt Cottage. They gave interesting information and anecdotes about the early years of the Society.

The Victorian Heritage Festival Celebrations were held in April. Our speaker Mr. Ron O'Neill gave a very interesting talk on building a post war home and the development of the former City of Nunawading. Schwerkolt Cottage and the Museum were open free of charge to the public for which we thank the Commissioners of the City of Whitehorse. The Society provided refreshments and a display by members of the Australian Blacksmith Association in the blacksmith shop. The day was a great success with over 200 people attending.

We also had as our speaker Mrs. Denice Moorhouse who

was the first person to gather material for a history of the City of Nunawading.

Members also participated in an enjoyable visit to Mont de Lancy in Wandin.

Sound equipment, approved by the Society has improved the ability to hear speakers and to record the talks given.

THE ARCHIVES

The Wednesday working group - Beryl Gray, Rae Matthews, Norma Jamieson and Joan Sach continue their collecting and indexing of archival material. I regret to report the ill health of both Beryl Gray and Joan Roczinok - the Societies archivists - who have both contributed so much thought and time to our archives.

THE MUSEUM

Over 600 items have now been catalogued. I thank the members continuing with this work but especially Mrs. Barbara Keene who has made a significant contribution to the number achieved.

The acquisition committee meets bi-monthly and is assessing the donations left at the Museum or given to the Society.

THE FRIENDS OF SCHWERKOLT COTTAGE

The now established annual Wisteria Party was held in October, 1995 - the theme "Teddy Bears Picnic". The bush band 'The Brumbys' and a clown entertained. Great fun was had by all.

AMALGAMATIONS

In February all committee members, together with Box Hill Historical Society Inc. members, met with staff of the City of Whitehorse to discuss the place of the Societies in the proposed Cultural Development Advisory Committee to the Council. The outcome was that a Heritage sub-committee of the advisory committee was formed. Anne Jones, as a community representative and myself as Nunawading Historical Society representative were appointed to the Heritage sub-committee. To date a meeting has not been convened.

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There have been two interim committee meetings with Box Hill Historic Society mainly to develop channels of communication and avoid duplication.

We were all saddened by the sudden death of Harold Bakes and I would like to personally acknowledge his contribution to the Society, most particularly the museum.

FROM THE ARCHIVES:

John and Eliza McGlone

John and Eliza McGlone, with their family, settled in Mitcham in 1868 and together ran one of the earliest hotels in Mitcham - The Harvest Home Hotel in the front room of their house on White Horse Road. It had two front doors one of which led into the bar parlour. John donated land for St. John's Church where a grassed area has been named in his honour and the name McGlone is perpetuated in McGlone Street near the site of the old Harvest Home Hotel.



Mrs. Eliza McGlone wife of John McGlone; Early Mitcham residents and owners of the Harvest Home Hotel in White Horse Road Mitcham. The Hotel closed in 1889.

Born County Armagh, Ireland, in 1829 John McGlone arrived in Victoria 1857 and soon after joined the police force and was stationed at Williamstown. On promotion to Senior Constable he was transferred to the Superintendents office where he acted as clerk. As time passed he was located in different parts of the colony, and finally volunteered to go to Jericho where he remained for three years filling no less than five Government offices. Owing to declining health he resigned his position in the force in 1868, when he settled in Mitcham. During his time in Mitcham he held the position of Inspector of Fisheries in the Gippsland district. During the later years of his life he was a member of the

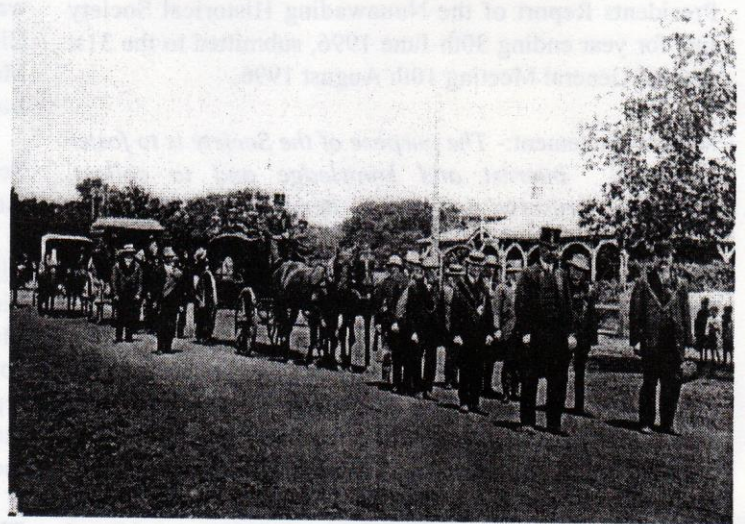
There is much to be done in meeting the objectives of our mission statement so I do ask if you, or friends could assist by volunteering your time, it would be greatly appreciated.

Your continued support to preserve historical matter for future generations is to be commended.

Valda Arrowsmith - President

Nunawading Council for the Mitcham riding and devoted the last few years of his life in attending to his private affairs.

John McGlone was only ill for a short time and peacefully passed away at his Mitcham residence on Saturday September 3 1892. He was buried in Box Hill Cemetery on Monday 5 September 1892.



Mr. McGlones funeral 1892

from The Reporter Friday September 9 1892.....

The funeral cortege was the largest that has ever passed through Mitcham. A handsome glass hearse drawn by four horses, and four mourning coaches, and over 50 private vehicles joined in the procession. The large number of friends attending the funeral plainly indicated the respect in which the deceased gentleman was held. The body was encased in a massive polished oak casket, with solid brass mountings, and was interred in the box Hill Cemetery on Monday 5th September. The following gentleman acted as pall-bearers:- Messrs. John McClelland, Patrick Hassett, T. Kenny, P. O'Brien, P. Mackie, John Keogh and E. Walker.

Most of McGlone's property was sold after Eliza McGlone's death in the 1920's and the former Harvest Home Hotel was sold about 1961 after the death of John and Eliza's son William and later demolished.

* Photos: Nunawading Historical Society Archives

*References: Diane Sydenham *Windows on Nunawading The Reporter Friday September 9 1892*

Hand written note re Harvest Home Hotel, Nunawading Historical Society Archives

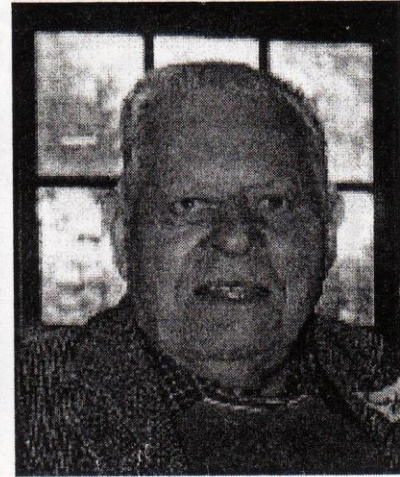
Vale - Harold Bakes

MR. HAROLD BAKES, a well known local identity aged 84 years, of Mt. Pleasant Road, Nunawading, passed away suddenly on July 1 and will be missed by many people of all ages and all walks of life. He is survived by his daughters, Wendy and Pamela and grandsons Mark and Michael, to whom he was always an inspiration.

Harold was born in 1911 in the Wodonga area of north eastern Victoria to William and Maryanne Bakes and was one of eleven children. His father was an engine driver and later drove the bucket and dredge in the search for gold. Both parents were musical - Mother was a pianist and Father a violinist and they travelled great distances as dance musicians. Despite the hard times, Harold completed his merit certificate, working at a butcher shop after school to help the family's finances. He remembered much loved ponies, which had been bought from an Indian, being seized as payment for a debt. In 1918, the school children were thrilled by the visit of a Tiger Moth. These visits were organized by the government and Harold thought every school in the state received a visit.

He joined the Victorian Railways in 1928 and spent all his working life with them. While working as a guard on the Ringwood line, he admired a beautiful blonde girl who used Tunstall station and whose family had an orchard and piggery in Junction Road. She was Phyllis Erikson and when he saw her with her mother, he asked for permission to call at their home and she became "the love of his life" and they married at St. John's Anglican Church in Blackburn on July 7th, 1937.

Harold was a great character who lived every minute of his life to the full, was a good and generous friend to many people, a great fundraiser for the Strathdon



*Harold Bakes
1911-1996*

Community and had his own "network" long before it became trendy. He loved to travel and he and Phyllis enjoyed several overseas trips. When visiting his daughter, Pamela, while she was on a working holiday in Sweden, Harold pulled 6 Blue Moon Co-op oranges from his suitcase! She had written saying how much she missed fresh fruit. There is a wealth of anecdotes about Harold - he made tables for many of his friends and had offered to make one for the society for fund-raising purposes. The last table he made was for his grandson's girlfriend. After his death his family found that he had already bought their Christmas gifts - 10 tickets for "Sunset Boulevard".

Harold always had a great interest in history, joined the Nunawading Historical Society in its early days and had been a mainstay of the Society, building display cabinets, obtaining many items for the collection and sharing his knowledge of the social history of the area. He was much loved and will be sadly missed by all his friends at the Society. ■

SECRETARYS' NOTES:

Our ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held at 1.30 pm on Saturday 10th August 1996 at the Schwerkolt Cottage Museum Annexe. The guest speaker will be Mr. Bruce Reynolds, a local antique collector and dealer who will show us some of his collection and will have some items for sale.

FRIENDS OF SCHWERKOLT COTTAGE will meet at 10 a.m. on Monday, 26th August at the Museum Annexe. We will be discussing our plans for the Wisteria Garden Party to be held on Sunday, October, 13th between 2 and 4 p.m.

GRANT APPLICATION - Unfortunately, we were unsuccessful in our application for a grant for purchase of a computer. We just missed out as we were among the two organizations in reserve in case an applicant was unable to accept a grant from Museums Victoria - we'll keep trying!

A painting of "Spring at Schwerkolt Cottage" by our

Treasurer and well-known artist, Barbara Rogalski, was presented to Mr. George Cox at a dinner to honour him following his retirement as Member for Nunawading Province. An appropriate gift to someone who has contributed so much to our lovely cottage.

Membership subscriptions are due and can be paid on the day, at the AGM or sent to the Treasurer, Barbara Rogalski, P.O. Box 272, Mitcham, 3132 - single \$10, family \$15. (See enclosed questionnaire and membership renewal slip.)

Members with information on the origin of street names are asked to contact Anne Jones on 9878 7276. A database is being compiled and enquiries are welcome from those wanting to find information about a particular street. There are over 1300 streets so all help much appreciated. ■

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