

NUNAWADING HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC. NEWSLETTER

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From the President

Dear Members,

I am pleased to report that work is continuing on the cataloguing of both the archives and the museum items. The computer is up and running, with three members entering information from the work sheets. If you would like to help, please ring Barbara Gardiner or myself.

We have re-arranged the toy, clay products and household appliance displays. Thank you to a new member, Robert Smith, who works professionally in display management, and to Rupert Muckleston, who made four stands, and to the members who helped.

The annual National Trust Heritage Festival begins for our Society on 12th April with our speaker, Sarah Mirams from Heritage Victoria. On the 20th April, there will be an Open Day at Schwerkolt Cottage and the Museum. You will have all the details elsewhere in the newsletter.

I bring before you the need to take action to change our name from Nunawading to Whitehorse. At a general meeting on 11th February, 1995, it was agreed that we should form an umbrella group with the City of Box Hill Historical Society. Box Hill Historical Society have chosen to drop "City of" but continue as the Box Hill Historical Society. The dilemma for us is twofold; as there is a suburb of Nunawading we have had experience of people being unaware we have archival material covering the area of the former City of Nunawading, and new residents thinking only of the City of Whitehorse when they move to this Municipality.

Please let me have your thoughts on this matter. I will

bring it to the Annual Meeting on the 9th August for discussion and decision.

I draw your attention to the oral history workshop to be held on the 19th April. At this we will learn to record the memories of long time residents. If you could give just a few hours a month, or whenever possible, it would be much appreciated. We hope as many members as possible can attend.

Valda Arrowsmith

Our thanks to Principal Hairdressing of shop 14 Boronia Road Vermont for dressing our new wigs which were donated by member Robert Smith.

STOP PRESS

- ◆ *12th April: General meeting with guest speaker Sarah Mirams from Heritage Victoria.*
- ◆ *19th April: Oral History Workshop. For Bookings phone - 9244 3480.*
- ◆ *20th April: Open Day at Schwerkolt Cottage and the Museum.*

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From the Archives

On the 4th July 1930 *The Courier* published a supplement, many local business were mentioned and I have included some here which I believe will be of interest.

“Publicity for our Advertisers”

Mr. S.D. Prior-The Old Established Butcher.

“Patronise Blackburn's oldest established butcher,” advertises Mr. S.D. Prior, whose attractive shop is situated at the corner of Blackburn and Railway roads. Only prime beef, mutton, lamb, veal and pork are kept in stock. Sausages are a speciality. Customers may rely on orders being attended to promptly, while delivery is guaranteed to the door of your house. “Phone WX2437.” “Quality and Service” is Mr. S.D. Prior's motto, which is carried out to the letter by him, as his many patrons know.



Original General Store and residence. It was first occupied in 1891 by James Robertson and Co. baker and storekeeper, & Stephen Prior, dealer and butcher.

Mr. La Galle's Poultry Enterprise-Blackburn.

“To be successful you must buy your stock from successful commercial poultry farmers,” announces Mr. La Galle, the well-known poultry-farming expert, of Holland road, Blackburn. “Commercial poultry farmers only keep profitable stock, so we shall supply your requirements,” further states this local poultry farmer, whose enterprise may be classed in the category of community industries, which have helped to put Blackburn and the district on the map. Mr. La Galle only stocks white leghorn profit makers. His flourishing business was established in 1907.

Ed. note: Galle Street, Blackburn named after Mr. La Galle.

Blackburn Kindergarten and Primary School.

The classes, in connection with the above school, are held in the Masonic Hall, Blackburn. Miss Osborne is the capable principal. This experienced teacher will be pleased to interview the parents of prospective pupils. Vide advertisement elsewhere in the columns of this paper.

Mr. W. R. Harrison-Grocer, Tea and Provision Merchant.

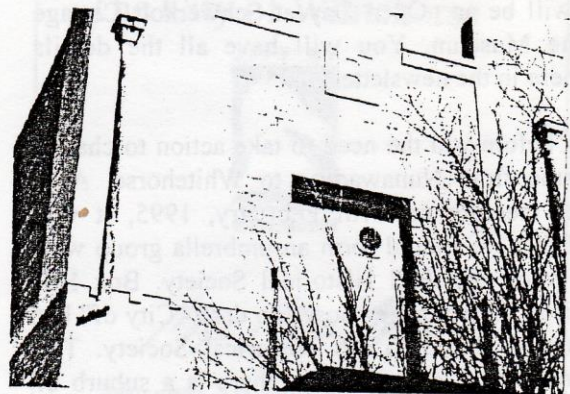
If you can't call, telephone WX1676, and your order will receive prompt attention on the part of Mr. W.R. Harrison, Grocer, Tea and Provision Merchant, of South Parade, Blackburn. Goods are delivered to all parts of the district. “We stock only Western District Butter,” advertises Mr. Harrison, but many other splendid lines are stocked at this up-to-date shop; in fact everything which the house wife requires.

Miss E. Penn-Dressmaker, Blackburn.

This young lady, well known in Blackburn and district as a dressmaker of exceptional merit, notifies her customers that she has removed to new premises (first floor), South Parade. Miss Penn hopes to be accorded an equitable share of custom, as formerly. Her work always gives satisfaction to her clients; it is the acme of perfect finish, surmounted with elegant taste.

The Mitcham and Blackburn Bakeries.

Mr. L.J. Barelli, the well known Baker and Pastrycook, as the up-to-date proprietor of the Mitcham and Blackburn Bakeries, conducts his thriving business in a manner which not only reflects credit on himself, and speaks volumes for his enterprise, but gives entire satisfaction to his customers. Bread of the very best quality is delivered to all parts of the district daily. Mr. Barelli employs a first-class pastrycook, while catering for weddings and other social functions is carried out in excellent style. “Try our celebrated small goods and cakes,” he advertises, and these can be procured at either of the shops which bear his name, in Blackburn and Mitcham. His fine bakery house in Blackburn is well worth a visit of inspection. In short, he invites inspection of his premises; They represent models of cleanliness.



Barelli's Bakehouse built c. 1929.

References:

- *The Courier*, 4 July 1930, supplement.
- Original General Store and residence, Nunawading Historical Society Photographic Collection Album 14 p. 17 (b)
- Barelli's Bakehouse, Nunawading Historical Society Photographic Collection 1.C. photo 656

Notes From the Secretary

APRIL 12th MEETING

Sarah Mirams of Heritage Victoria will be our guest speaker. Her subject is "Why we dive and why we dig", which will cover marine and land archaeology within the state of Victoria. Come along and hear about this interesting work of Heritage Victoria.

FEBRUARY MEETING

Our thanks to Ian Armstrong for the fascinating talk on his family and their activities in the local community. Members were interested to see the books and other items from the business of Drake & co. covering the period from the 1920's.

WORKING BEE

Our working bee on March 1st was successful and thanks to all those who attended and cleaned, polished, dusted, chased cobwebs and other mundane tasks. The smithy's shop will need a quick clean before our Open Day - hopefully committee members can manage this necessary job.

KORUMBURRA WORKING HORSE AND TRACTOR RALLY

Ian Nethercote advises members that the Korumburra Working Horse and Tractor Rally will be conducted at Anderson Road, Korumburra South on Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th April.

THE MUSEUM OF LILYDALE

Our visit to the Museum of Lilydale on Sunday 23rd March was very enjoyable and we were welcomed warmly by the Lilydale Historical Society who generously served us a delicious afternoon tea.

A TEST FOR YOUR MEMORY

Mrs. J. Culliford, a member now residing at Mooroolbark, has vivid memories of a foundry in Casella Street, Mitcham when she was a child, and wonders if other members can solve the mystery of the name of the company and what items were manufactured there.

EASTERN REGION OF HISTORICAL SOCIETIES ANNUAL CONFERENCE SATURDAY 3RD MAY 1997 -WARRANTYTE COMMUNITY CENTRE, YARRA STREET, WARRANTYTE -

- 9.30am: Meeting
10.30am: Guest Speaker - Art Historian, Andrew McKenzie "Early Artists of Warrandyte Area"
12 noon: Lunch at Potters Cottage - cost \$25 will cover delicious two course meal and tea/coffee. After lunch: Browse the galleries or visit the historic sites
3.30 pm: Afternoon tea at the Warrandyte Historical Society Museum, 111 Yarra Street. Contact the Secretary if you wish to attend.

GET WELL SOON

The Society sends its best wishes to George and Joan Henwood who are recovering from surgery and illness, and all other members struggling with health problems - our thoughts are with you.

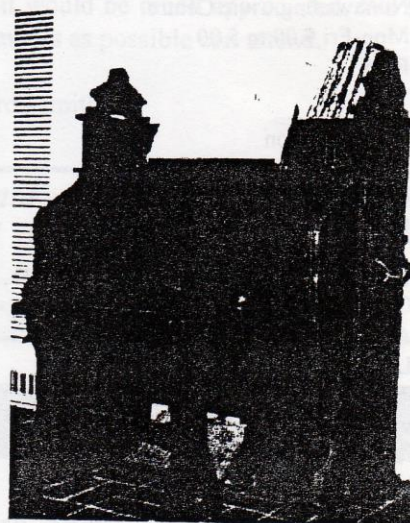
"TIME FOR TEA" AND "IN THE STREET WHERE YOU LIVED ..."

During April the Society has set up a display in the Nunawading Library - Time for Tea featuring artefacts from the Society's collection. During the Heritage Festival a display of the tile and clay items from the Museum will be in the foyer of the Nunawading Civic Centre.

OPEN DAY - APRIL 20

Schwerkolt Cottage and the Museum's Open Day from 12 noon to 4.00pm will feature blacksmiths, woodturners and lacemakers. A good day to bring the family.

From the Museum



The lovely old organ creates great interest from visitors to the museum and was donated by Mrs. Joan Murphy of Blackburn. Her mother Mrs. Grace Brewster (who had a grocer's shop in Mitcham next to St. John's Church), received the organ as a wedding present in the twenties.

Street Names

Lynne Court - Nielsen Avenue -Brae Grove

All named by Reg and Phyll Brain who subdivided their property "Green Brae" in 1956. The second home of Reg and Phyll and family to be built on the property still carries the name of "Green Brae", and this can be seen at no. 58 Springvale Road opposite Lindsay Avenue. Hence the names - Lynne their daughter, Nielsen their son and Brae from the house name. When sub-divided it was called "The Green Brae Estate."


HERITAGE FESTIVAL
CULTURE DOWN UNDER
April 1997

Exhibitions - Displays

April 1-30

Title: Historical Dairy Display
Venue: Vermont South Library
Hours: Sun & Mon closed, Tues 10.30 to 8.30 Wed
 1.30 to 8.30, Thurs & Fri 10.30 to 5.00 Sat
 9.30 to 5.00

Cost: Free

April 1-30

Title: Historical Photographic Display
Venue: Surrey Hills Neighbourhood Centre
Hours: Mon-Fri 10.00 to 4.00
Cost: Free

April 14-28

Title: "In the street where you lived"
Venue: Nunawading Civic Centre
Hours: Mon-Fri 9.00 to 5.00
Cost: Free

April 14-28

Title: Art Exhibition
Venue: Box Hill Community Arts Centre
Hours: Mon-Fri 9.00 to 5.00
Cost: Free

Workshop

Title: Oral History Workshop
 A full day workshop conducted by Lesley Alves from the Oral History Association who will cover the practicalities of oral history including research, ethics, equipment, interview techniques, transcribing, tape conservation and use of oral history. Morning and afternoon tea provided. BYO lunch.

Venue: Barwon Street Family Centre
Address: 15 Barwon Street, Box Hill
Date: Saturday April 19
Hours: 9.00 to 4.30
Cost: \$20.00 per person
 or
 \$15.00 per person for bookings made before 5.00 Friday 4 April 1997

Phone: 9244 3480

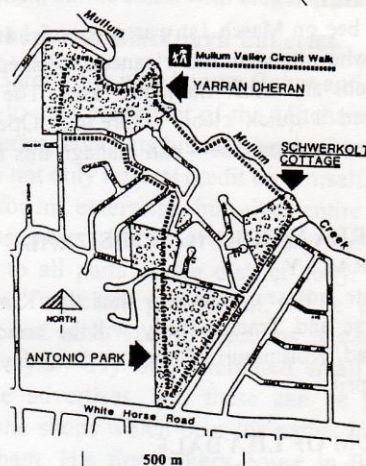
Taken from a booklet prepared by Julie Jones, Heritage Programs Officer, City of Whitehorse. The booklet containing more information about these and other events during the Heritage Festival is available through the Council. Nunawading Historical Society also has some copies available.

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