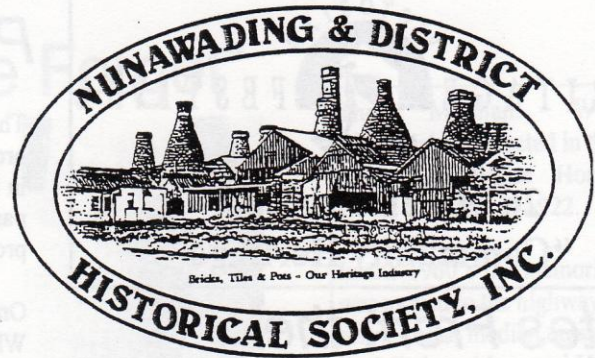


# **NUNAWADING & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC. NEWSLETTER**

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## **From the President**

Dear Members.

Your Committee has been very busy preparing for the involvement of the Society in the forthcoming Whitehorse Heritage Festival. We have had laser copies made of photographs from our collection, concentrating on those which have people in them in the hope that it will revive memories. We are also asking for the names of the people in these photographs and hope to collect more information about the history of the photo.

The displays will be in the Foyer of the Council Offices, at the South Vermont Library and the City of Whitehorse, Forest Hill Service Centre. There will also be a display from our museum collection at the Nunawading and the South Vermont Libraries during the month of April.

Then of course our major contribution to the Festival is the week-end of the 4th and 5th of April. (Note that our usual meeting date has been brought forward as it falls over the Easter period.) Susan Priestly, the President of the Royal Historical Society of Victoria, will speak to us on the Saturday - her topic "On being an Australian". Sunday 5th April is the Open Day and each year we are able to increase our attractions for visitors as you will note by the enclosed program of events. If you can help with advertising this day by a letter box drop in your neighbourhood could you please give me a call. We would also appreciate help on the day.

Continuing the planning matters raised in our February Newsletter, a decision on the proposal for units at 35-37 Blackburn Road, appears not to have been made although the time allowed for Council to consider the application has almost expired.

However some good news, the Council has appointed consultants, to review the heritage studies of the former Cities and make recommendations on which buildings/sites need to be recognised by the City of Whitehorse Planning Scheme.

I spoke to students at the Donvale Primary School as part of their studies on "Transport", taking copies of photos from our collection. The children were very interested in the ways early settlers moved about. We are fortunate to have these photos, thanks to donors in the past, but

remember history was yesterday, so photos/items of more recent times need to be added to our collection. Do you have any contributions you could make?? We would copy and return any photos.

Looking forward to seeing you the first week-end in April.

Valda Arrowsmith

## **STOP PRESS**

### ***Society happenings at Schwerkolt Cottage & Museum Complex:***

- ◆ ***WORKING BEE - Saturday 28th March from 9.00am.***
- ◆ ***GENERAL MEETING - Saturday 4th April at 1.30pm. Guest Speaker - Susan Priestly, President, Royal Historical Society of Victoria.***
- ◆ ***OPEN DAY - Sunday 5th April from 12 noon. The Society's annual Heritage Festival Open Day.***
- ◆ ***OUTING - Sunday 26th April, Bundoora Park "Heritage Village" (details page 6)***
- ◆ ***GENERAL MEETING - Saturday 13th June - Speaker Syd Wright***

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## Notes From the Secretary

A warm welcome to two new members - Jill Sampson of Mitcham and Tony Robinson, M.L.A. We look forward to meeting you and know you will enjoy the society's activities.

Cr. Richard Anderson, Mayor of the City of Whitehorse spoke to our February meeting - our sincere thanks to him from all members.

**WORKING BEE** - from 9.30 a.m. Saturday, 28th March - we will need lots of help to spruce up the cottage and museum in readiness for the Open Day. The committee would be grateful if members could spare an hour or three on this day. Please bring your lunch if you intend staying into the afternoon.

**MEETING - SATURDAY APRIL 4TH AT 1.30 p.m.** at the local history room, Schwerkolt Cottage and Museum Complex, with guest speaker, Ms. Susan Priestly, President of the Royal Historical Society of Victoria whose talk is entitled "Being Australian". Ms. Priestly has written several local histories and members and guests should enjoy hearing this talk.

**OPEN DAY-SUNDAY APRIL 5TH, 12 noon to 5 p.m.** at Schwerkolt Cottage and Museum Complex. Please come along on this day, bring family, friends and neighbours. We will have demonstrations from blacksmiths, lacemakers, woodturners, papermaking and member Bruce Reynolds will be appraising antiques with a charge of \$2 each item for the society's fundraising. We thank the City of Whitehorse for allowing free admission on this day.

If you are able to help with serving teas or in any way, please ring me on 9874 6592

**MEETING - SATURDAY 13TH JUNE AT 1.30 p.m.** Our speaker for this meeting will be member, Sid Wright, who will speak about a mysterious tragedy which occurred seventy years ago and affected Mitcham greatly.

**OPEN DAY AND BOOK FAIR AT THE ROYAL MINT, 280 William Street, Melbourne ON SUNDAY, MAY 4TH.** The Royal Historical Society of Victoria, Inc. will conduct this annual event, with tours of the Royal Mint, Flagstaff Gardens and St. James Old Cathedral. This should be an interesting day - more details in the next newsletter.

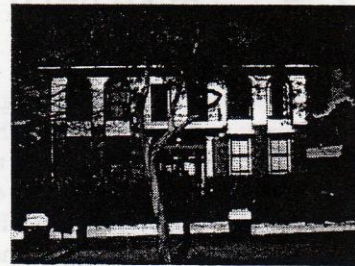
**SLIDE NIGHT** - Our evening on Friday, 20th March touring Colonial Williamsburg with Robert Smith was well attended and enjoyed by all, with quite a few guests wishing they could pack their bags and explore this historic town. We thank Robert for sharing his experiences with us.

## Planning Matters

The Society continues to be active within the community providing research material and advice to those interested in researching the history of houses within the City and in particular residents concerned about redevelopment proposals on sites of potential heritage significance.

On behalf of members, the Society has submitted to Whitehorse Council objections to three recent planning applications on grounds of potential heritage significance. These are:

- ◆ Former Shire Hall Blackburn & Mitcham/City of Nunawading, 360 Whitehorse Road, Nunawading.



The application on this site was a rezoning of the land from Public Purpose to Business Zone 2. The Society, while it had no objection to this change in zoning wanted to see heritage controls for the site as part of the application. This matter has been to a panel hearing and the outcome should be clear within the next couple of days.

- ◆ House 35-37 Blackburn Road, Blackburn.



This site was the subject of a four unit redevelopment. A heritage study was completed and although the building had much social significance it was considered to have been altered to a significant extent.

In the meantime the applicant applied for a demolition permit for the building both with Council and a private building surveyor. A demolition permit for the building was issued by the private building surveyor.

The Council did not formally refuse the application for the redevelopment but continued to consult with the applicant and on Monday March 24 the applicant withdrew his application.

Another redevelopment plan for this site is expected.

- ◆ 456 Mitcham Road, Mitcham.

The application for a 16 development was refused by Council at its December 15 meeting. No action has yet been taken by Council to protect its heritage significance.



# "Lest We Forget"

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left grow old:  
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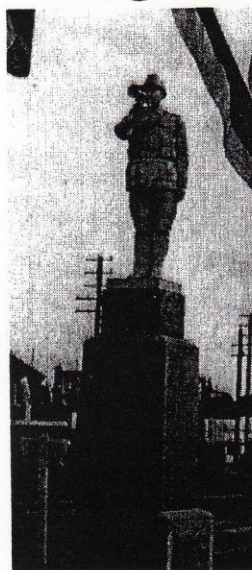
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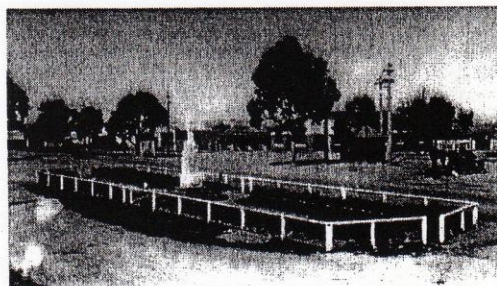
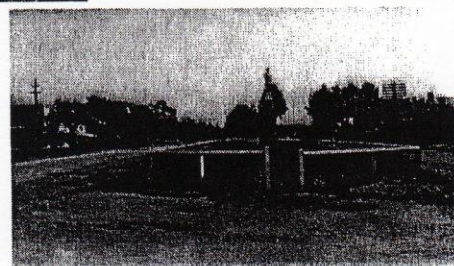
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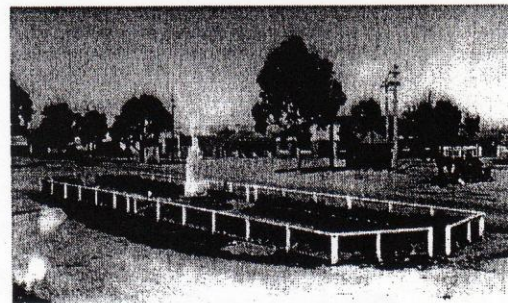
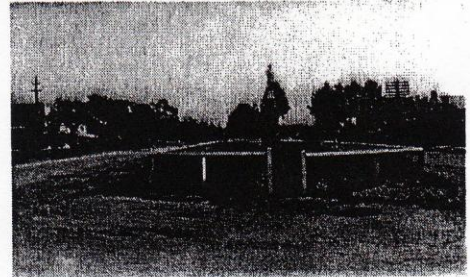
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**Blackburn R. S. L.  
Anzac Commemorative Service  
April 19th 1998  
Assemble 2.30pm at  
Club rooms, 64 South Parade  
Blackburn for march to Memorial  
for Service.**

**Anzac Day, April 25h  
Assemble 6.00am for march to  
memorial**

**For further details contact:  
Barry Kilmartin  
Tel: 9803 1467**



The Blackburn War Memorial erected in 1921 cnr Railway Road and Whitehorse Road., Blackburn.

The Memorial is now located in Morton Park Blackburn.

## BLACKBURN WAR MEMORIAL

### First World War:

**Commemorates:** In memory of Blackburn men who died in the war.

**Location:** Morton Park, Blackburn (south face of memorial)

**Plaque Text:** For God King and Country  
1914 - 1919  
Erected By  
The Blackburn Residents  
as a tribute  
to the memory of  
their brave men  
who fell in the Great War  
Let We Forget

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Draegar, C. N.  
Farrelly, M  
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Maxfield, C. G.  
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Reddick, N. A.  
Ryder, E. V.  
Wells, G. S.

### Other Wars:

**Commemorates:** The men of Blackburn who served in other wars.

**Location:** Morton Park, Blackburn (south face of memorial)

**Plaque Text:** This Plaque  
Stands in recognition of  
Those who served in  
The Korean, Malayan,  
South - East Asian  
and Vietnam Campaigns

### World War Two:

**Commemorates:** In memory of Blackburn men who died in this war.

**Location:** Morton Park, Blackburn (north face of memorial)

**Plaque Text:** In Memory of the Fallen  
World War 2 1939-45  
Cox, F. B.  
Dalley, J. P.  
Gregson, F.  
Johnson, W. G.

**Lest We  
Forget**

**Anzac Day  
April 25**



## Pioneer Portrait



*Charles Augustus Goodwin (1848-1916)*

### “Heritage Village” - Bundoora Park

Sunday 26th April, outing to “Heritage Village” - Bundoora Park, Plenty Road, Bundoora (Mel 19 F3)

Meet at 2.00pm at the front of the Museum. The Historical Society will take us on a guided tour of their complex which includes the Stable Masters Cottage; Photographic Exhibition of Diamond Valley, Whittlesea and Preston; Stallion Box where “Carbine” was housed; display of chaff cutting implements; working printers shop; chapel; 1930’s country school; stationary engine collection; blacksmiths shop etc.

The cost will be \$4.00 per person entry. The park has gas BBQs if you choose to “make a day of it”.

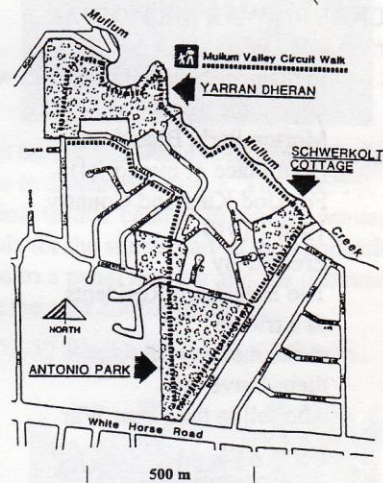
Our host Society has offered to serve cup of tea/coffee at the end of the tour. As they would like an idea of the numbers attending could you let Barbara Gardiner know at the 4th April meeting or by phone by 21st April.

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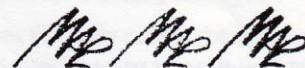
- ◆ *Street Name Project - contact Anne Jones 9878 7276 with any details. Searches also available.*
- ◆ *Box Hill Cemetery Monument Inscription records available for research in the society’s rooms.*
- ◆ *The Society’s local history collection open for research from 10.30 am to 2.30 pm on Wednesdays, and other times by appointment.*

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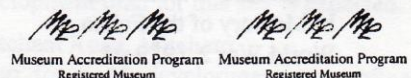
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