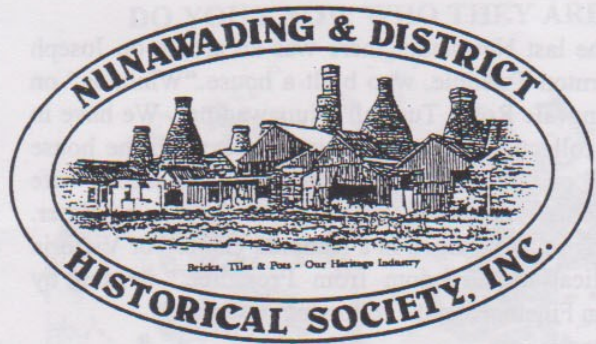


NUNAWADING & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC. NEWSLETTER

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GREAT NEWS!!!

WE HAVE ACHIEVED ACCREDITATION

From the President

We have received accreditation from Museum Accreditation Programme of Museums Australia Victoria Inc. (M.A.P.) for the Schwerkolt Cottage and Museum Complex. Museum Day is held annually, this year on Thursday, 18th May, and we received our Accreditation Certificate.

My thanks go to the members who worked so diligently and willingly to achieve our goal. The working party for Accreditation, Barbara Gardiner, Barbara Keene, Frances Warren, Peter Simmenauer and myself, also the Wednesday working group and to you our members for your continued support and membership of the Society.

I feel that this achievement is only another contribution to the ongoing aims of our Society which basically is to remember how the development of our Municipality came about - from the policies of Council and the endeavours of people living and working here. Especially we acknowledge the contribution of the work of Society members who began collecting and cataloguing the artefacts and documents from 1964. We are entitled to feel a real sense of achievement at this time.

However the M.A.P. Committee has asked us to review some aspects of our operation in the next twelve months. The working party has already met and is working on an expanded Mission Statement which we hope to bring to the Annual General Meeting for ratification. There is also a need to investigate and improve the humidity levels in the Cottage and Museum over a five year period. The Whitehorse Council is inquiring as to the possibility of a

Conservation Management Plan which would include this. The Council and Ms Lois Binney, Manager, Arts and Culture have been very supportive of our aim for Accreditation, so we extend our thanks to them.

I am very sorry to inform you of the death of Rupert Muckleston. Rupert always supported Betty in her Society activities and we are indebted to him for the many carpentry jobs that he did for the Society. Grant Mattingley who died last week was a great support to Doris in all the time and effort that she put into the Society. The Society extends our sincere sympathy to their families.

I became aware that several of our members who regularly attend the general meetings would be away for the long weekend, so the general meeting has been brought forward a week to Saturday 3rd June. I hope this will be convenient for you to come and hear Nicholas Fry talk on the young men remembered on our War Memorial at Halliday Park.

Valda Arrowsmith

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NEXT MEETING

SATURDAY 3rd JUNE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE Nicholas Fry (see Secretary's Notes)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Saturday 12th AUGUST, 1.30 pm

ISOBEL MAY TWEDDLE

In the last Newsletter there was an article on Joseph Thornton Tweddle, who built a house "Winlato" on Springvale Road, Tunstall (Nunawading). We have in our collection the wrought iron gates with the house name on them. Mention was made of his second wife Isobel May Tweddle (nee Hunter) who was a painter, and is acknowledged in a National Gallery of Victoria publication "Freedom from Prejudice" written by Brian Finmore in the following description.

Isobel Hunter Tweddle nee Hunter was born in Deniliquin in 1877, and studied at the National Gallery School under Fred McCubbin and Bernard Hall. In the 1920s she moved from the realist tradition to a form of free and spontaneous impressionism owing something to the late French tradition. She became associated with William Frater and Arnold Shore and at the 1931 exhibition, "Twenty Melbourne Painters", her works were hung with theirs and were singled out for favourable comment by art critic Basil Burdett. A painter of still life, landscape and portraits in oil, pastel and charcoal, her painting was executed rapidly and is noted for an elegant use of pure high-keyed colour.

A reproduction of one of her paintings, *Portrait of Ivy Ball in Fancy Dress*, is shown below.



Internet Addresses

For those members of the Society interested in accessing information on the Internet, the following addresses may be of interest.

Whitehorse Council.

<http://www.whitehorse.vic.gov.au>

Local History Database - that is the Nunawading and District Historical Society Inc together with the Box Hill, Warrandyte and the Doncaster/Templestowe Historical societies.

<http://www.tdm.com.au/localhistory.htm>

Whitehorse Manningham Library

<http://www.wev.vic.gov.au>

Australian Museums on Line - with links to all Australian Libraries.

<http://amol.org.au>

Museums of Victoria

<http://mov.vic.gov.au>

Royal Historical Society of Victoria

<http://avoca.vicnet.net.au/~rhsvic>

State Library of Victoria

<http://www.slv.vic.gov.au>

Australian Libraries Gateway - with links to all Australian Libraries.

<http://nla.gov.au/libraries>

Heritage Victoria

<http://www.heritage.vic.gov.au>

Cataloguing the Collection - Current Status

Artifacts	2741 Items catalogued
Documents	2346 Items catalogued
Photographs	2081 Items catalogued

Notes from the Secretary

Please note that our next meeting will be held on Saturday, June 3rd (owing to the June holiday weekend).

Our guest speaker will be Nicholas Fry, who was the fourth generation of his family to attend Mitcham Primary School. Nicholas continued his education at Mitcham High School, and at Rusden College where he gained a Bachelor of Education. He now teaches at Rowville Secondary College.

Nicholas has researched the active service of family members in the 1st World War and will share this information with the meeting and will display some of his large collection of war memorabilia. This promises to be a very interesting talk and we hope to see a good attendance of members.

A warm welcome to new members, Mr. & Mrs. Matuscha of Nunawading, and George Demetrios of Box Hill North. We look forward to seeing them at our future activities.

Our thanks to Bob Gardiner, who spoke to our April meeting about his experiences as an Olympic representative for Australia. Bob will be part of the Olympic Torch Relay at Vermont South on July 30th. (Details not yet available).

Our best wishes to all those who are not well at the moment, especially Rae Matthews and Bruce Reynolds. Longtime member, Joan Sach, who is now living at Essendon, is recovering at home following treatment in hospital for a broken hip. We hope that she is well on the way to resuming her activities.

Congratulations to member, Sid Wright, who as a mature student studied for his V.C.E. and on May 1st. received his Bachelor of Arts from Deakin University after some hardworking years of study.

Our August 12th meeting will be our Annual General Meeting and we ask that members bring along an item of interest for "show and tell". Members have always enjoyed this activity - many really fascinating artefacts have been shown to previous meetings, and it is a pleasurable experience to show family treasures to an interested audience.

Working Bee: We need an enthusiastic group of workers to attend our working bee on **17th June** from 10 a.m. We can promise a delicious morning tea, so come along and enjoy the company of fellow members over a cuppa.

I wish to express my appreciation to both Valda Arrowsmith and Barbara Keene for their leadership in the time-consuming work which was involved in the Museum Accreditation Application.

A great achievement!

Barbara Gardiner

Dates for your Diary.

Saturday, 29th July, 10am - 4pm in the Schwerkolt Cottage Museum Complex. The Association of Eastern Historical Societies and The Conservation Centre are sponsoring a Workshop on **Fundraising, Sponsorship and Successful Submission**. Cost \$15. Bookings essential. Please send cheque to:-

Marie Cooper,
92 Watsons Road,
Glen Waverley, 3150.

From the Archives.

DO YOU KNOW WHO THEY ARE?

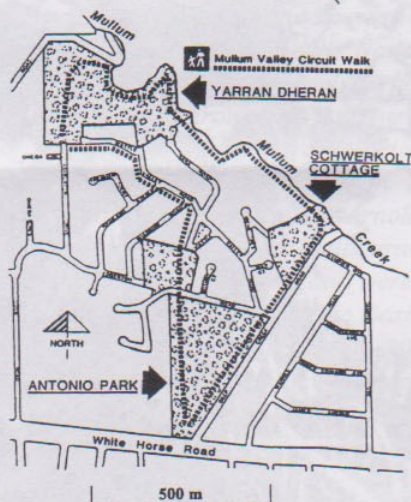


This photo is among those being currently catalogued. If you can help please ring Valda Arrowsmith (9874 1414) or Barbara Keene (9874 4919)

THE MAGIC OF A LAUGH

A laugh is just like sunshine
It freshens all the day,
It tips the peak of life with light
And drives the clouds away
The soul grows glad that hears it
And feels its courage strong;
A laugh is just like sunshine
For cheering folks along.
A laugh is just like music;
It lingers in the heart,
And where its melody is heard
The ills of life depart
And happy thoughts come crowding
Its joyful notes to greet;
A laugh is just like music
For making living sweet

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Street Name Project - contact Anne Jones 9893 5274 with any details. Searches also Available.

Box Hill Cemetery Records and Nunawading Gazette for 1964-1974 available on microfiche for research.

Nunawading and District Historical Society Local History Collection - open from 10.30 am to 2.30 pm on Wednesday. Visitors welcomed. Ring 9873 4946 for an appointment at other times.

From the Archives

The following article was include in the Society's Newsletter in April 1974.

THE SHEEHANS

Sheehans Road runs north from Canterbury Road, between Middleborough Road and Main Street. The area is now completely covered with houses, but it was an orchard and was occupied by a family which was notable in the Public Service.

It was developed as an orchard about 1894-5 by Arthur and Elizabeth Malcolm Sheehan, and was quite a landmark as it was surrounded by pine trees. They had six sons and two daughters. The two eldest sons took a leading part in the construction of the first railway across the Nullabor Plain to Western Australia. The eldest was a mechanical engineer and the second a chief car designer. The second son died in U.S.A. while on a visit for the Commonwealth Railways. The third son, Harry, was for some time secretary to the Commonwealth Treasury before becoming Governor of the Commonwealth Bank. He received the C.B.E. in 1928 and was knighted 1937. The fourth son died while abroad with the A.I.F., and the orchard was carried on by the two youngest sons when they returned with the A.I.F. and Australia Flying Corps respectively. The youngest served again in the Second World War with the Royal Australian Air Rorce, then retired to Queensland, leaving his brother George to continue with the orchard. He sub-divided the land in 1952, and died in 1961. The original family home was built in 1903, and they lived in it until 1968, when the two daughters built a new house for themselves on part of the property.

Occupiers of the first houses on the subdivision have vivid memories of George Sheehan, a big up-standing man, constantly moving among houses which were being built, walking stick in hand and accompanied by a red setter dog. Buyers had to be personally approved by him before they could begin building and in one case he refused the owner of a transport line because "I'm not going to have you parking your big trucks in the street and disturbing the residents." Besides Sheehans Road, which was for a short time known as Hall's Lane, Malcolm Street, commemorates Mrs. Elizabeth Malcom Sheehan, and Harry Street, commemorates Sir Harry Sheehan.

STREET NAMES

The Society has been gathering the origin of street names for many years but there remains many still unrecorded. Many members will remember areas being sub-divided and will recall the origin of the streets name. Please contact Anne Jones of the Society on 9893 5274 as all contibutions are of great value.