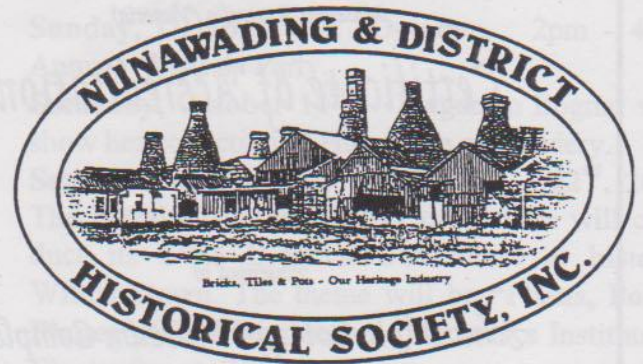


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From the President

It is nice to begin again my notes to you on another good news item. The Councillors of the City of Whitehorse have agreed to look at the possibility of an extension to the Museum and to the Local History Room. The Museum extension will enable a better display of photographs and documents. Council has allocated funds for an architect to submit plans. I am not sure if these will be available at our August meeting - time might be a bit tight - but we will give you an update in August. We are, as always pleased with the support given by the City of Whitehorse.

The hands on work of the Society is continuing thanks to the enthusiasm of those members who come regularly each week. The photographs are "up to date" thanks to Barbara Keene in cataloguing and Joy Kenny in encoding into the computer. We have now catalogued 3000 records covering the current and earlier collection. Two new volunteers have joined the Wednesday History cataloguing team. We are so fortunate in the people who come on a Wednesday and contribute to the work of the Society and I extend my thanks to them for their effort and dedication.

The City of Whitehorse is proposing a Heritage Trail throughout the City. This would commemorate both past and present buildings, activities and people. We have a list of proposed sites but you with your knowledge of local history may have other names to add. I'll have the list at the August meeting and would welcome your input. Hopefully this project will be ongoing and eventually be a marvellous snap history of the important stages of the development of this City.

Another piece of good news is that a film made in 1970 by the former City of Nunawading has recently been added to the archives of the Blackburn and Mitcham Film Society. A representative of that Society will be at our August meeting to screen this historic film. It runs for

about 30 minutes. We will also be able to include the "Show and Tell", so please bring your treasures and their story.

We presented a pleasing display at the recent "Community Art on Parade" sponsored by the Nunawading Arts Council. This was held over a Friday, Saturday and Sunday. My sincere thanks to Barbara Gardiner, Peter Simmenauer and Bruce Reynolds for the installation and removal of the display, and to each of you who gave of their time in staffing the display. The weekend certainly showed the talent of our people in all aspects of the arts. Congratulations to the Committee of the Nunawading Arts Council.

It is a good thing for us personally and as a group to stop and have a rethink on our aims. Hence the questionnaire included in this newsletter. I ask you to let your committee know your views.

Another year has past and the Annual Meeting is on the 12th August at 1.30pm. We need nominations for President, Secretary and Committee. Volunteers desperately needed!!!!

STOP PRESS

OLYMPIC TORCH RELAY

Sunday 30th July 2000 at 5.41pm

Come and support Bob Gardiner as he carries the torch on the last leg in the City of Whitehorse. Bob will be running in Springvale Road, from near Weedon Drive, over the Springvale and Highbury Roads intersection into the City of Monash. Melway Ref D9.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Saturday 12th August at 1.30pm in the
Local History Room**

*Come and see the 1970 film of life in the
former City of Nunawading*

Museums Australia (Victoria)

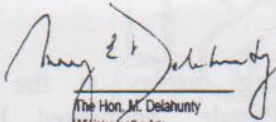
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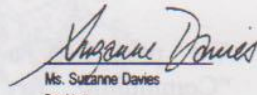
Schwerkolt Cottage Museum Complex

This certifies that Schwerkolt Cottage Museum Complex has been independently appraised and meets appropriate standards of museum practice in accordance with the Museum Accreditation Program requirements.

Accreditation demonstrates a high level of commitment to the future of the museum and its continual improvement.



The Hon. M. Delahanty
Minister for the Arts



Ms. Suzanne Davies
President
Museums Australia (Victoria)



Museum Accreditation Program

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The Minister for Arts, the Honorable Mary Delahanty presenting our Accreditation Certificate to President, Valda Arrowsmith



The Accreditation Working Party proudly display our Accreditation Certificate. (from left) Frances Warren, Peter Simmenauer, Barbara Gardiner, Barbara Keene and Valda Arrowsmith.

On the left is Australia Post returning the Post Office Receiving Pillar Box which had been on loan and located at the Eastern Mail Exchange in Rooks Road until it was closed down recently. This Pillar Box, thought to be from the Victorian era, was purchased by the Society in the 1970's

WORKING BEE

Saturday 30th September, 2000 at 9.30 am.
This is our Spring Working Bee to ready the Complex for the Wisteria Party



Tact is the art of building a fire under people without making their blood boil -Franklin P Jones

NOTES FROM THE SECRETARY

A warm welcome to new members, Jill and Harry Richards of Blackburn. We look forward to seeing them at our future activities and hope that they will enjoy being members of our Society.

We were delighted to welcome many visitors to our June Meeting when Nick Fry shared his research on his own family members involvement in World War One as well as giving information on other names on the Mitcham War Memorial in Halliday Park. The memorabilia also created great interest. Our thanks to Nick for a very interesting talk.

Our good wishes to members who are not well at the moment - Jess Barnes is in Knox Hospital following a fall and there has been some improvement in Bruce Reynold's health. Joyce Suto is recovering at home after a short stay in hospital.

Our Annual General Meeting will be conducted on Saturday 12th August at 1.30 pm. After the formal part of the meeting, we will have a "show and tell". Bring along one of your family treasures to show members - it can be a photograph of your great grandmother, your mother's wedding dress, your great uncle's cricket bat or your own 21st birthday memorabilia. These occasions are very enjoyable and we look forward to seeing you all. We will also see a film made in 1970 of activities in the former City of Nunawading.

Barbara Gardiner

RAE MATTHEWS

It is with regret we record the passing of Rae on 28th May. Rae was a regular and long time contributor to the Wednesday working group. She was a Committee member of long standing, always willing to give of her local knowledge and support when needed. She had lived in Mitcham since a small child.

A gathering of Rae's family and friends took place on the 8th June where fitting tributes were given. The Society arranged and catered for this occasion at Rae's request.

HERITAGE TRAIL - Can you help?

Do you know where the local blacksmiths, early motor car garages and petrol bowsers were located in this Municipality and the names of the owners. If so please let us know.

Dates for your diary

Sunday, October 8th October, 2pm - 4pm
Annual Wisteria Party.

Saturday, October 14th - Magdelan Bogner will show her collection of Hungarian embroidery.

Saturday and Sunday October 21st - 22nd, 2000
The Royal Historical Society of Victoria will conduct its State Biennial Conference at historic Williamstown. The theme will be "Plains, Ports, Planes". The Main Venue - Mechanics Institute, 5 Electra Street, Williamstown

Saturday 21st. 9 am. Registrations
& Morning Tea
10 am Welcome

Guest Speakers include the Premier of Victoria, the Hon. Steve Bracks, M.P.
Conference Dinner at Williamstown RSL
Guest Speaker, Dr. John Lack "McKay Sunshine Harvester"

Sunday 22nd October, - Choice of Bus Tour to Pt. Cook and other places of interest or Passenger Ferry from Williamstown to Maribyrnong River.

Both tours will arrive at "The Living Museum of the West" for a tour and Lunch. All sessions will cost \$25 each. Please contact Barbara Gardiner if you are interesting in attending - an enrolment form will be forwarded.

Saturday December, 9th - Arthur Tonkin will share his knowledge of the Riverboats of the Murray River.

From the Archives

This ad appeared in "The Courier", circulating in the Shire of Blackburn and Mitcham of 5th June 1931.

Phone: WX 1625.

Your Satisfaction Means Our Success,
IT ALSO MEANS THAT CUSTOMERS RETURN TO

• Inglefinger's Up-To-Date Shop

South Parade, Blackburn,

And, Like Oliver Twist, "Ask for more" of his specialties.

HUTTON'S BACON KEPT IN STOCK.

Try Our Perfection Potted Meat

COOKED CORNED BEEF

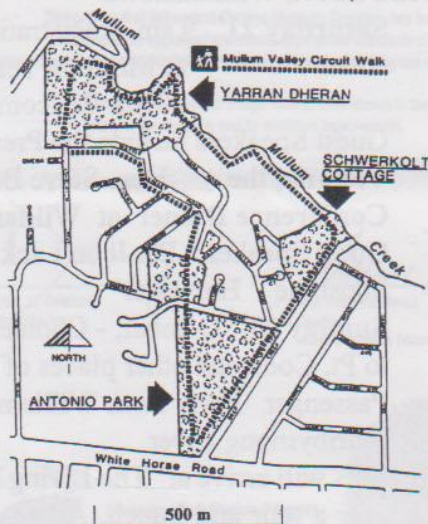
ROAST & BOILED PORK HUTTON'S BRAWN

Mixed Sausages Fresh Daily.

Cataloguing the Collection - Current Status

Artifacts	2753	Items catalogued
Documents	3076	Items catalogued
Photographs	2178	Items catalogued

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REMEMBER

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 appeared in the May/June Newsletter, 1979. The comments by the Editor then are still valid today.

HAVE YOU EVER NOTICED HOW SERIOUS PEOPLE LOOK IN OLD PHOTOGRAPHS? WONDERED WHY?

The absence of smiling faces was because photographers discouraged that sort of thing. Perhaps it's a comment on the difficulties in the young colony but people found it impossible to maintain a smile for the time it took to take photographs and when the smile slipped the picture blurred. To make sure that would not happen the photographer would demand a serious expression and just to make doubly sure of no movement, hidden neck braces and clamps were often used.

Freedom Studios of Sydney were leading photographers of the Australian colonies. Established in 1848, just 9 years after the invention of photography, the business was still operating in 1976, making it possibly the oldest photographers in the world.

Photography in Australian colonies 100 years ago got its greatest boost from Bernard Otto Holtermann, a young German who struck it rich on the Hill End Goldfields in 1872. Holtermann decided to use some of his fortune to assemble a collection of photographs of the chief gold-mining areas and the principal cities of New South Wales and Victoria. Some 3000 photographs were assembled and Holtermann took them to the American Centenary celebrations in Philadelphia in 1876 with the idea of attracting immigrants to his adopted country. The exhibit won awards in Philadelphia and at the Paris Exposition in 1878

Holtermann returned to Sydney, where among other things, he introduced German-style lager beers. The photographic collection of some 3000 negatives was lost for some years, then rediscovered by Holtermann's grandson in 1951. It was presented to the Mitchell Library, Sydney. *Remember our society is always interested in photographs of the district. Of people who lived here; of schools; buildings; transport or perhaps just a photo of the street you live in. Things and places change so quickly, we need to be ever aware that today's happenings are indeed tomorrow's history. You may donate photos to the society or we would willingly have any photo of interest copied at our expense for our records.*