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From the President

How blessed we are at the Historical Society with people willing to help out when needed. In the October newsletter, we announced the need for two more people on the committee. Barbara Keene and Ian Nethercote responded to our appeal and we warmly welcome them to committee meetings. Barbara has agreed to organize the speakers for our meetings, which is much appreciated. Norm Foun, one of our members, donated two early street directories and G.B.J. Art, of Whitehorse Road, Mitcham supplied some display materials. We thank them for their donations.

October found us organizing the Wisteria Party at the beginning of the month and watching the late blooming of the Wisteria. As usual, the children enjoyed the day and a new attraction was the "Target Ball Throwing", made and donated by Bob Gardiner. Thank you, Bob, for this fun game.

The animals, always popular, the Brumbies Band and other entertainment kept the children occupied all afternoon. A good time was had by all, and thanks to the helpers on the day.

The Whitehorse Spring Festival was on a very wet spring day, which encouraged any hardy visitors to inspect our interesting display in the cosy Council Chambers Foyer. Thanks to our helpers on this day.

In November, the Historical Society was invited to join the German Heritage Festival at Westgarthtown Reserve at Thomastown. On another wet day, Peter Simmenauer and Barbara Rogalski braved the elements and felt the experience was worthwhile. Our thanks to them.

Thank you to all who helped at the working bee to ready our premises for the Museum Accreditation Panel visit on the 25th of November. Fiona Salmon and Jude Fraser spent two hours, looking around, reviewing our policies,

and taking copious notes. We will need to purchase a data logger that measures temperature, humidity and light to qualify for re-accreditation. They enjoyed the traditional "delicious afternoon tea" and we look forward to receiving their report at a later date.

Those present at the October General Meeting found Marjorie Morgan's talk on the Prison Hulks of Port Phillip Bay, very interesting. The influx of the gold seekers and the rise in crime had caused overcrowding in existing prisons and the prison hulks were in use from 1852 to 1878. Women prisoners were allowed to have their children with them and prisoners were kept in chains for 12 months. An interesting fact which was revealed was that the prisoners' health was better than those imprisoned on land.

We look forward to seeing you at our December meeting and on behalf of the Committee, we wish all our Historical Society friends and their families a Blessed Christmas and New Year and promise you an interesting year in 2004.

Judith Fry

**Next Meeting December 13th
at 1.30 pm**

**Meet for lunch at noon
at the Local History Room
Please bring a plate of food to share.
A Musical Afternoon
will be provided by
Lyn Athan and her friends
singing well known songs.**

We may be able to join in some Carol singing.

MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of the Society is to foster historical interest and knowledge. To collect, document, research, preserve and exhibit items that show how people have lived and worked in the development of the Whitehorse area from human settlement to the present day.

From the Archives

From Society Newsletter April May 1977

Editor – Keith Patterson

Local Roads and Streets

Why they are where they are, and who made them.

Quarry Road, and Cook Street, Mitcham

Report by a Crown Land 1868 in the Public Record Office -

“The track to the quarry which runs diagonally through Cook’s 42nd holding is undoubtedly the best and nearest at present for the carters of stone, but it entirely spoils Cook’s land for cultivation or pastoral purposes.....This track leads out of Cook’s land into the sold land and therefore is only of use until the owner of the this land shall forbid trespass thereon.....The surveyed road through Cummin’s allotment is very good until it comes within a quarter of a mile from Marshalls Gully and there, it wants a hill cut down and a gully filled up. Cook offers to do this for 6 pounds – if this were done it would afford sufficient access to the quarry and be in my opinion the most serviceable road”.

The quarry mentioned here is situated where Yarran Dheran is now located, an area which was a quarry then a tip and in the 1960’s was transformed into a bush park by the City of Numawading.

A Visit to the Benalla Costume and Pioneer Museum, 14 Mair Street, Benalla

This Museum is an outstanding museum and for any members travelling up the Hume Highway, it is well worth a detour.

The new display is called “They Dared to Bare Their Legs” which covers the 1920’s, and has 19 models, all beautifully made up and with correct hairstyles, with gowns of the flapper era.

Other Displays are “Fabulous Furs” with elegant evening gowns, Weary Dunlop memorabilia, “Gentlemen’s Attire of the 19th century” and Ned Kelly artifacts.

These displays are all done by volunteers who are to be congratulated for their excellent work

Other attractions at Benalla are the Rose Garden, The Art Gallery and the poignant Weary Dunlop Sculpture.

Barbara Gardiner

From the Blackburn & Mitcham Reporter December 1934

From your Editor - These excerpts indicate a very different lifestyle to the way we live today. In the 1930’s, this district was still rural with most people getting their livelihood from primary industries, such as orchards, flower and poultry farms.

Protest against New Zealand Apples

Alarmed at the proposed lifting of the embargo on New Zealand apples, growers have wired the Minister for Commerce (Dr. Page), protesting against such action and strongly urging no alteration to the existing conditions.

Dr. Page replied that their messages would receive fullest consideration. Similar requests to State and Federal members have been replied to satisfactorily.

Christmas Sustenance

Sustenance workers in the Shire will receive additional help at Christmas time in the form of orders for groceries issued on the old schedule in use before work for sustenance was started. A single man, in addition to working for 12/- will receive an order for 6/- making the total 18/-.

A married man’s usual 22/6 will be made up to 34/- with an additional order. The extra money will not be worked for.

Mother’s Club Bazaar

Forest Hill Mothers’ Club held a very successful bazaar on Saturday last, proceeds amounting to ten pounds 14 shillings. Cr. Tainton performed the opening ceremony. In the evening, a concert was given by the children, and this was well attended. As well as children’s numbers, items were contributed by Mrs Gleadow (song), Mrs. Plain and Mr. Gray (duet) and Miss Lorna Plain (recitation)

For Sale

Arsenate of Lead, Bluebell, Elephant, Aero, Vallo, Ortho, And Coopers Arsenate, White Oil. Obtainable from G.S Grover, Doncaster WX1526

Drummond English Roller Lawn Mower, 12 in. perfect condition, suitable tennis courts, bowling greens. Cost 12 pounds 12 shillings. Will Sell for 5 pounds.

F. Haywood, 2 Wellington Ave. Blackburn WX 2771

Firewood, 1 foot box blocks, perfectly dry, equal to grey box – one pound per ton delivered.
Hugh Mullens, East Burwood

Eleven Prime Ducklings and Drakelings, 5 months
160 Whitehorse Road, Blackburn

Raleigh Motor Cycle, good order, reg. Eight pounds, ten shillings. Pape’s Blackburn Garage, WX 1633

Puddings, S & A, Xmas cakes, Cordial, Nuts, etc.
Ray & Ricketts, Blackburn

Membership Subscriptions

If you have a red sticker here, it indicates that your subscriptions for 2003/04 are well overdue.

The rates are:

Newsletter only	\$12
Single	\$18
Family	\$25

Subscriptions can be forwarded to the Treasurer, Barbara Rogalski, at P.O.Box 272, Mitcham 3132. A Membership Form is enclosed.

We have appreciated your membership over the years and regret that this will be the last newsletter for those who remain unfinancial.

City of Whitehorse Events for your Diary Sunday 14th December

Carols at Civic Centre, with free carnival rides at 6pm for the children – Carols and Nativity Procession at 8 pm.

January 26th, 2004 - 6pm

Australia Day Twilight Concert, with the Peter Sullivan Big Band, Wilbur Wilde, Frankie J. Holden, Doug Parkinson and Spectacular Fireworks from 9.45 – 10 pm

COMPUTERS

We thanked Vicki Jones-Evans for the donation of her computer in our last newsletter. This time we thank Valda & Ted Arrowmith's daughter and son-in-law for the donation of their recently replaced computer. Dan Jones again checked it through and we now have it in operation.

We now have four good computers which fulfil the needs of our database entry, society research, newsletter, etc. with another older computer available for visiting researchers and in the future will be adapted for showing our photo collection at displays and in the museum when the opportunity arises.

Dates for your 2004 Dairy

Saturday 14th February – Our Guest Speaker will be the Mayor of City of Whitehorse, Cr. Jessie McCallum who will speak on her year as mayor.

Saturday 3rd April

Speaker – Mr. Stephen Clifton

Subject – Wedgewood China

Saturday, 5th June

Speaker – Mr. David Crowe

Subject – Parks of City of Whitehorse

Saturday, 14th August

Speaker – Mr. Jock Ryan

Subject – Crooks, Cranks and Chaos in Early Melbourne

Saturday, October 9th

Speaker – Mr. John Waghorn

Subject – Early Post Offices

Working Bees – From 9.30 am.

Saturday March 13th

Saturday May 8th

Saturday July 10th

Saturday September 11th

Saturday November 13th

(these dates allow for holiday weekends)

Cataloguing the Collection - Current Status

Artifacts	3358	Items catalogued
Documents	4696	Items catalogued
Photographs	2926	Items catalogued

THANKS:

for the provision to the Society of space to display our photographs.

John Cybula, Estate Agent, 108 Canterbury Road Blackburn South.
Stockdale & Leggo, South Parade, Blackburn

REMEMBER

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

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

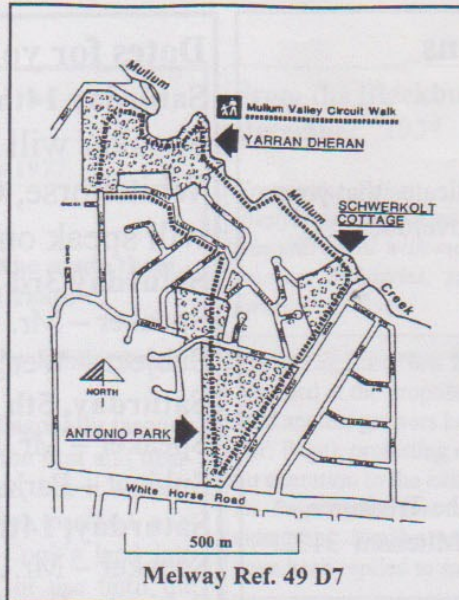
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**Tunstall (Nunawading)
 Primary School
 1923?**

Can you identify any of the students.
 Photograph donated by Raymond Brash

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