

Whitehorse Historical Society Inc.

Formerly Nunawading & District Historical Society Inc.



NEWSLETTER



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From the President

Christmas is just around the corner and the next general meeting of the Historical Society is on Saturday 11th December. We meet at 12 noon for lunch, please bring a plate of food to share. If you can't make the lunch please try and come to the afternoon meeting at 1.30pm with entertainment provided by the Scots Glen Singers. How quickly this year has gone! I would like to thank the dedicated Wednesday working group, who accomplish so much: dealing with queries from the public; indexing of photographs; cataloguing a variety of items; preparing for displays and a hundred and one other jobs. It is time for a break! Summer recess is from Wednesday 15 December to 19 January.

The Wisteria Party with its theme of a Teddy and Dolly party was a huge success with its display of teddies, dolls, the Brumbies Band and lots of fairy bread and cordial. The Whitehorse Spring festival was also successful and blessed with perfect weather. A big thank you to Barbara Rogalski for attending the display all day and to all the other helpers. Also a big thanks to all those who helped out at the Working bee on November 13th, special thanks to Ian Nethercote who organized us all.

At the October meeting John Waghorn, a member of the Whittlesea Historical Society and who worked for the Post Office for many years, presented an informative talk on the development of Postal services in Victoria. John, who has 47 filing cabinets of records at his home has become, through his interest, something of an unofficial resource. Remarkably it seems no PO records were kept between 1883 and 1913. John reminded us of the fact that Post offices over the years have played a major role in and for the communities of Australia.

On behalf of the Committee I wish you all a Happy Christmas and every blessing for the New year.

Judith Fry

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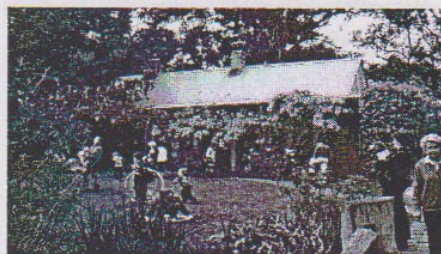
A reward for all our hard work...



**Museums Accreditation Program, MAP
has recently notified us that the
Whitehorse Historical Society has
successfully gained re-accreditation.**

Next accreditation due 2007

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*Schwerkolt
Cottage
and garden in all
its glory on
Wisteria Day
2004*

**Next Meeting December 11th
lunch at 12 noon
at the Local History Room
Please bring a plate of food to share.
Meeting at 1.30 followed by
The Scots Glen singers presenting well
loved songs and carols.**

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

Spot the familiar names in this extract from:...

Australian Home Beautiful

May 1, 1936, p. 50

“ The origin of L.L. Road”

G.A. Nethercote (Vermont) writes: Having been a resident in L.L. Vale Road, Vermont for nearly sixteen years I was interested to read the article “ Suburban Street names” by Richard Ross, in your April [1936] number.

The aged gentlemen resident’s version of the origin of this name “ L.L. Road” that it was named after Lewis Luxton is open to correction.

Mr Ross’s mention of the once celebrated Melbourne doctor is the correct answer.

The property on the north-east side of L.L. Vale Road (the road’s full name) between Vermont and the Dandenong Creek was owned by the late Doctor L.L. Smith and Vermont was originally known as L.L. ‘Vale Village.

The long hill on this road from the Dandenong Creek towards Vermont is still known to many as Smith’s Hill.

Finally I would say that this scheme (of naming) is definitely not worthy of emulation as the only way to explain to people your address is to write it down and explain the origin – a rather lengthy process!

With best wishes to The Home Beautiful”

NB - Don’t forget the Historical Society welcomes any stories or information about local street names

The Port Phillip Pioneers

Anyone who can trace their lineage back to arrival in the Port Phillip District between 1834 and Separation from New South Wales 1st of July 1851 is eligible to join the group known as the Port Phillip Pioneers.

To apply copies of documents are required for example: a shipping list, or birth, marriage or death certificate. After perusal of these the documents will be returned to applicants.

August Schwerkolt arrived on the *Emmi* in 1849 which qualifies his descendants to join if they desire. The group meets every 2 months at 2pm on a Saturday at St Andrews Uniting Church , Parish hall, corner of Burke and Malvern Roads Glen Iris.

About 60 people usually attend and some excellent speakers present talks. Recent meetings have covered topics such as :

- Our founding mothers
- Unearthing the secrets of Little Lonsdale
- Dating family photographs
- The Collins settlement
- Eliza Fawkner
- Charles Joseph Latrobe
- Georgiana McCrae

For further information contact:

Clare Bayne, President, 6 Ellindale Ave, McKinnon, ph 9578 3654

Rosalie Whalen

New Members of WHS

A warm welcome is extended to new members, John & Rose Vincenzi of Nunawading and to Abigail Butler of Forest Hill.

A Christmas event which may be of interest

The Austrian Choir

Osterreichischer Singkreis, Melbourne

Conducted by Dieter Bajzek

European Christmas Concert

At Toorak Uniting Church,

603 Toorak Road, Toorak

8pm Saturday, 11 December, 2004

WHS Dates for your 2005 Diary

Saturday 12th February

Our Guest Speaker will be the 2004 Mayor of the City of Whitehorse, Cr Robert Chong who will speak on his year in office

Speakers for meetings in 2005 will be announced in our February issue.

Working Bees for 2005

From 9.30 am - 1-2 or 3 hours

Saturday March 12th

Saturday May 14th

Saturday July 9th

Saturday September 10th

Saturday November 12th

(these dates allow for holiday weekends)

City of Whitehorse Events for your Diary

Sunday 12th December

Christmas Carols at Civic Centre,
Nunawading Free rides at 6 pm
Carols at 8 pm. Bring your own chairs.

Wednesday 26th January

Australia Day Celebrations at 6 pm
Fireworks at 9.45 pm

Guest stars -Wilbur Wilde, Frankie J.
Holden, Russell Morris, Peter Sullivan
Big Band, Wendy Stapleton, and Nicky
Nicholls.

Sunday 30th January – Music at
Blackburn Lake – 3.30 Whitehorse
Musical Theatre followed by the Society
Syncopators with Yvette Johannsen.

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VALE

On the 5th of November Wendy Rees-Harrison lost her fight with cancer. She and her family had lived in Wattle Valley Rd, Mitcham for more than forty years and she had been a member of this Society for ten years.

An original member of the Friends of Schwerkolt Cottage Wendy was instrumental in helping organise the first Wisteria Party.

A long standing member of the Whitehorse Arts Association (formerly Mitcham Arts Assoc), Wendy was also a successful artist who held many solo exhibitions at the Victorian Artists Society and other galleries. On behalf of our members we send our condolences to her family.

Barb Gardiner

Cataloguing the Collection - Current Status

Artifacts 3530 Items catalogued

Documents 5126 Items catalogued

Photographs 3095 Items catalogued

Membership Subscriptions

If you have a red sticker here, it indicates that your subscriptions for 2004/05 are well overdue. The rates are:

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

Subscriptions can be forwarded to the Treasurer, June Ventouras 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.

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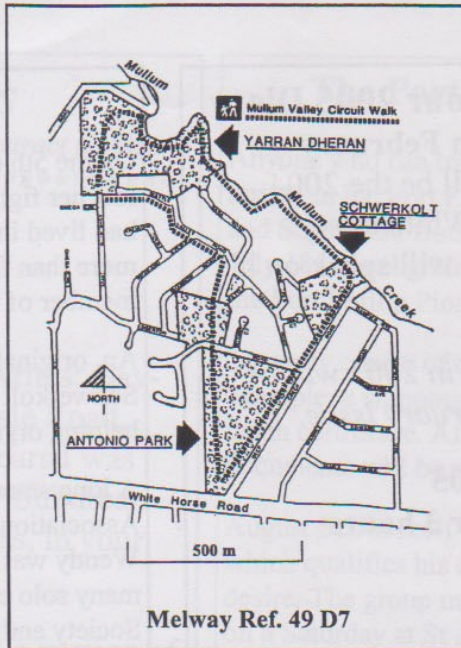
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Local History Collection**

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

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History in the making

Everyone seems to be carrying a camera these days –
 WHS member Barbara Gardiner was on the spot to capture this photograph of local resident and Athens Olympics swimmer Brook Hansen with Whitehorse Cr Peter Allen (acting mayor) at a Mayoral reception for all Whitehorse Olympians from 1956 to the present Day.

Moments like these captured on the spot are the kind of images that enrich the WHS collection maintained with a view to the record fifty years from now .

 2005 will mark the 40th anniversary of the establishment of our Historical Society and many lessons about capturing the moment have been learned in that time. It is only with the help of members, council, local media and Whitehorse residents that we can collect moments like these, steadily building a record of local events and local people who shape the character of the City of Whitehorse.

 So if you happen to snap such a moment consider donating a print of the event or occasion to your local Historical Society . They can advise you on preferred format especially if you only have a digital print. Contact us through the Internet or by ringing the Local History Room to find out more.

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