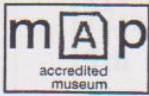


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Formerly Nunawading & District Historical Society Inc.



NEWSLETTER



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From the President

2005 has commenced with a disastrous Tsunami in Asia, the extent of which has never been witnessed by the world before. We sympathise with all the thousands who have lost loved ones. Keep them in your prayers and help financially whenever you can.

This year our Historical Society celebrates the 40th anniversary of establishment and we will acknowledge this milestone with the usual variety of the activities and events that are planned for 2005.

Coincidentally it is also the 150th anniversary of the birth of Frederick McCubbin in 1855, a significant Australian artist and one of several who painted at artists camps circa 1885 in Box Hill, Blackburn and later at Heidelberg. The group later came to be known as the Heidelberg School.

Two excellent pamphlets to tell you more are "The Box Hill Artists' Camp" initially compiled by the Box Hill Historical Society in 1987 and later updated and re-issued in 1998 by Council, and "The City of Whitehorse Artist's Trail" both available at our Society, libraries and Council service centres.

To start the year off for the Society our February meeting will be on Saturday 12th, at 1.30pm and members will get a chance to hear our new Mayor of Whitehorse, Cr George Droutsas

At our December meeting members shared a wonderful lunch together and were then entertained by the Scots Glen Singers with carols, seasonal readings and anecdotes. As a group they commenced some 40 years ago as a group of young mums and some of the foundation members still perform.

On Saturday, 20th March, between 12 noon and 5pm, we are holding a "Family Heritage Day". (see back page for details) All hands will be needed on deck, so be prepared to offer your services at the February meeting. Other important dates for your diary are also listed in this newsletter. Please take note of these. Elsewhere in this newsletter we list some of the benefits that current members feel they gain as members of WHS.

I look forward to catching up with you at the first meeting for the year. *Judith Fry*



Acknowledgement of contributions to the community was made on 28th January with presentations of a 2005 Deakin Community Australia Day Award by Phillip Baressi M.H.R. at the Karralyka Centre, Ringwood. Pictured above President and Vice president of WHS Judith Fry and Barbara Rogalski with their awards and on the left Cr. Sharon Partridge, & centre, Whitehorse Mayor Cr. George Droutsas - Editor

Next Meeting Saturday February 12th

at the Local History Room

Meeting at 1.30

**Guest speaker, Mayor of Whitehorse
Cr. George Droutsas.**

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

How did you celebrate the Victoria 150? Twenty years ago interest in the past and things historical was perhaps fired up for some members by the 150th Anniversary of the founding of Victoria. The following article from a local paper may bring back memories of this and other activities.

" Bush ball celebrates our past

Mrs Renee Luscombe of North Blackburn and her daughter Rosemarie Vischer of Vermont have tried out their costumes in preparation for Nunawadings' Colonial Bush Ball on Saturday March 16.

More than 400 people are expected to attend the Ball which has been organised by the Nunawading Arts Council and Nunawading Council to commemorate Victoria's 150th celebrations.

Attractions include colonial and modern dancing to the sounds of the Dennis Farrington band, a performance by well-known gumleaf musician, Robert Haley, and competitions and prizes.

Period dress is optional but organisers hope couples will wear appropriate outfits to help set the atmosphere of a ball in the 1800's.

Tickets cost \$30 a double and guests will be treated to sherries, a three course smorgasbord with spit roast, red and white wines, and soft drinks.

Proceeds from the ball will go to the Arts Council to assist its Art centre project .

Tickets are still available for the Ball which will be held in the Burwood Heights High School in Mahoney's Road, East Burwood.

For More information phone ticket secretary Ella Pearson ... or Jean Abbott..."

Eastern Standard, Tuesday March 12, 1985 – page 3

Membership of the Whitehorse Historical Society – what's it all about?

The Wednesday working group are a committed group of members who together with the committee and other volunteers have given their time to help make the Whitehorse Historical Society what it is today, an accredited Museum!

Over a well earned morning tea Barbara Gardiner asked June Ventouras, Vicki Jones-Evans and Wendy Standfield how they came to join the Society and the Wednesday group and what they felt they enjoyed most about being involved. June came via the Eastern Volunteer group, Vicki joined the



June, Wendy & Vicki with member Bob Gardiner in 1960s, 70s and 80s mode – all volunteer mannequins at the 2004 Fashion Show

Society after demonstrating lace-making at our Open days for a couple of years and Wendy came after her retirement. Wendy was a member for some time and as a near neighbour feels that Schwerkolt Cottage has been part of her life for 40 years.

So what have they gained from their involvement? A few words sums it up – Friendship, fun and laughter! And great satisfaction in gaining more skills and knowledge of subjects such as conservation, cataloguing, the art of display and more familiarity with local history.

"It's a good feeling to know we are helping to care for and preserve textiles, artifacts, photographs and documents that tell the story of the City of Whitehorse – and we have a good time too!

Barb Gardiner

Anyone who can Volunteer to help out at our Family Heritage Day will be most welcome. See back page for details

WHS Dates for your 2005 Diary

Meetings in 2005 Saturdays

12th February

9th April

11th June

13th August AGM

8th October

10th December

Watch your newsletters for details on speakers!

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

City of Whitehorse Events for your Diary

Sunday 30th January – Music at **Blackburn Lake** – 3.30 Whitehorse Musical Theatre and all that Jazz followed at 6pm by the Society Syncopators & Yvette Johannsen.

Sunday 20th February
Whitehorse Soundshell
Big Bands come out to play
4pm Wasabi Big Jazz band & Box Hill City Big Band. And at 6pm City of Whitehorse Band and guest artists

Sunday 27th February
Box Hill Gardens
Swing Swing Swing!
4pm Box Hill Salvation Army Swing band
6pm JW Swing band

THANKS!

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Dates for the diary further afield

Association of
Eastern Historical Societies
will meet on
Saturday 19th February at 1.30pm
Hosted by Knox Historical Society
Ambleside Homestead
3 Olivebank Road,
Ferntree Gully 3156

The Association of Eastern Historical Societies Annual Conference
will be held on
Saturday 30th April
Hosted by the
Box Hill Historical Society

Membership

New Members of WHS

A warm welcome is extended to new member Mr Stephen Loveluck-Davies of Nunawading.

VALE

Our sincere thoughts and sympathies are extended to Val Riches and family on the recent death of husband and father
Ed Riches.

Cataloguing the Collection - Current Status
No activity during holiday period

REMEMBER

Whitehorse Historical Society
Local History Collection
open 10.30 am to 2.30 pm Wednesdays. Visitors welcome. Ring 9873 4946 for an appointment at other times.

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

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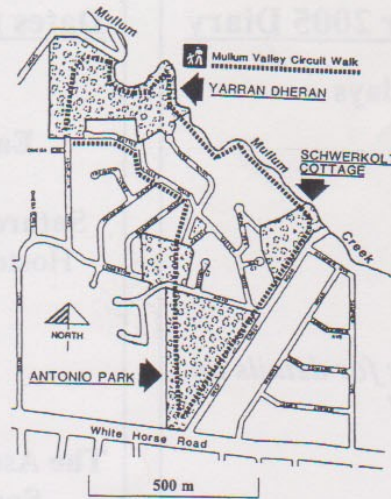
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Our Society on the Internet.

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Family Heritage Day 2005

Visit our treasured heritage site at Schwerkolt Cottage and Museum Complex, Deep Creek Road, Mitcham (Melways 49 D7)

Sunday 20th March 2005 at 12 noon – 5pm

Free Admission courtesy of the City of Whitehorse

Demonstrations

Blacksmiths
Tatting
Wood Turners
Lace Makers
Permagamo
Spinners & Weavers

Activities

Games for Children
Brumbies Bush Band
Sausage Sizzle
Rotary Club of Forest Hill
Tea Coffee & cordial by the Whitehorse Historical Society

Displays

Stationary Engines
Patchwork Quilts
Austin 7 Vintage cars
Historic Cottage & Museum

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Schwerkolt Cottage and Museum Complex.

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