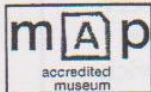


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From the President

It is Annual general meeting time again, and it will be held on Saturday 13 August at 1.30pm in the Local History Room. After a short meeting and Committee elections, Joseph Borg from the Maltese Society will be our special guest as speaker.

This is a time for changes at the Committee level as two current members have signaled their intention to retire: Barbara Keene, a former president, who has also organised many speakers and events for us and Barbara Rogalski, a longstanding Treasurer for the Society and current Vice president. Barbara R. has produced many beautiful paintings of our Schwerkolt Cottage and some of these have been reproduced as the very popular series of greeting cards which generate much needed income. We thank both of these people for their dedicated contributions and look forward to their continuing support as members.

In the busy life of the society we are working towards the October Heritage Day, the theme of the week will recognize sportspeople from the City of Whitehorse. Details of our day can be found inside this newsletter on page 3. As usual we need as many members as possible to assist in any way they can.

At the June meeting Sharron Dickman from the Atheneum Library, Collins Street, provided us with an interesting history of one of the oldest public Institutions in the State, commencing in 1839 with Captain Lonsdale as Chairman. The land purchased then cost 285 pounds sterling and the first movie was shown in the theatre of the later two storey building in 1896.

Please note the important inserts in this Newsletter with regard to renewal of membership and a form for members interested in joining the committee. We are very friendly! Find out more at the AGM.

Judith Fry

Its official - Schwerkolt Cottage & Museum complex is a POD



Peter Simmenauer, WHS and MR David Brown, the Senior Manager, PROV with the State MP for Gembrook, Tammy Lobato. photographer Kate Morris

A few issues ago, it was reported that the Complex had been visited and inspected by officers of the Public Records Office of Victoria, who assessed whether we provided suitable facilities and services to act as a **Place of Deposit (POD)** for Victorian Public Records. We are pleased to report that we passed the test! When recently notified that our status as a *POD* had been approved, we were invited, along with 16 other Societies, to receive our official PROV *Certificate of Appointment*.

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Next Meeting Saturday August 13th, 1.30, Local History Room Guest Speaker

Mr. Joseph Borg
Maltese Historical Society, will speak
on Maltese migration and brief history
of Malta

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

Historical Society Memories

Recently I was awarded 1st prize (watercolours) at the combined Whitehorse Arts Association and Box Hill Art Group Exhibition held at the Box Hill Town Hall.. It was a small painting of one of my favourite subjects, the Point Lonsdale Lighthouse. It was a tremendous thrill as after 35 years or so of using oil paint, I'm at last having some success with my watercolours.

I originally joined the Historical Society about 15 years ago because of my love of History and painting. An old building such as Schwerkolt Cottage which is quite close to where I live is such a wonderful subject.

But....! My links to the "Cottage" go back even further to the day it was officially opened by the then Governor of Victoria Sir Rohan Delacombe.

Together with my husband Roy, son David and his brother Nick in a pusher, we all witnessed the official ceremony.

After a tour of the grounds the Mayor, Cr. Walter Terry led the Governor and invited guests into the big marquee where a delicious afternoon tea was served by my Father, Glyn Francis of Ford Catering Co, Windsor.

With the eventual addition of another son, named Martin and with husband Roy, I have lived very happily in Nunawading for 41 years - enjoying both painting and contributing to the Society .
Barbara Rogalski

Back page caption:

*Mr Glyn Francis, proprietor,
Ford Catering Co of Windsor at a Marquee door leading
to a "delicious afternoon tea"*

*Note the Bush tucker man-style hats worn by the boy
scouts!*

Cont from page 1 POD

The POD Certificates were presented by the PROV Director's senior representative, Mr David Brown, Senior Manager, Record Services, and the State MP for Gembrook, Ms Tammy Lobato, at the home of the Berwick and Pakenham Historical Society, at Pakenham on 12 May. The Society premises are based in a restored former Municipal Chambers and Courthouse, a very stylish venue for this important presentation.

The significance of being a POD is that we are eligible to receive on permanent loan, public records relating to our areas of interest that, for various reasons, are more appropriately stored outside the North Melbourne PROV office.

We look forward to receiving the new records, as they will add to the information held in the Local History Collection of the Society and be more readily available to local researchers.

Appointments outside our usual open hours can be made by calling the society or emailing us, see back page for contact details.

More on our new Showcases

Visitors to the Museum will notice our two 'new' showcases, one with a new display of clothing, hand made and early machined 19th C underwear, and in the other case a display in progress.

Formerly used to house the NGV Decorative Arts collection the show cases were surplus to requirements after the major re-furbishment of the NGV International building in St Kilda Rd.

Barbara and Bob Gardiner put in a lot of work and liaised with Gallery staff to select the two cases of suitable dimensions and design and most important, arrangements were made for the cases to be delivered courtesy NGV.

We thank Jay for the alert but especially thank the generosity of the National Gallery of Victoria and particular thanks go to William Wan, designer with the Gallery and to their Gallery transport staff, Wayne and Tony whose expertise made the whole installation process easy for us.

WHS Dates for your Diary

Speakers for meetings in 2005

13th August – AGM

8th October

John McKernan on the history of Point Nepean

10th December - Christmas meeting

Working Bees for remainder of 2005

Normally 9.30 am – 12.30 pm

- **Saturday 10th September**
- **Saturday 12th November**

Dates for your diary City of Whitehorse Heritage week 2005

various events planned for the week of :

Saturday 1 October – 8th October

**Wisteria Day, Schwerkolt
Cottage – on 2nd October**

now transformed into our new

Heritage Day

With many old favourites :

- **Animal Farm**
- **Lace makers**
- **Parchment craft**
- **Blacksmiths**
- **Bark Artists**
- **Spinners and Weavers**
- **Little Athletics**

**Heritage week closes at Whitehorse
Spring festival, Sunday 9th October.**

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Membership Renewals & Subscriptions

With the arrival of the AGM we would like to remind members and readers that it is also time to organise renewal of your membership.

Our membership subscriptions are deliberately kept as low as possible and in the main used for all the unavoidable expenses such as insurance, printing, postage, administration, and a few purchases for the Local History Collection.

All contributions we receive are directed towards maintaining our services and collection at least to the current level.

Donations of documents, photographs, or artifacts for the collection are evaluated for suitability and accepted as per the acquisitions policy and criteria.

Cash donations are also appreciated- and don't forget that gifts amounts of \$2 or more are now recognised as tax deductible by the ATO.

Membership renewals can be paid in person at the AGM meeting or forwarded by post attention the Treasurer.

Bequests are another way to contribute, naming the Society in a will as recipient of an item of value, or a sum of money, or as recipient of interest derived from a trust fund established for the purpose.

From time to time people have enquired about wording of such bequests and for this reason we have included a section on our renewal form with a sample of the wording suggested by several non-government agencies and charities. Provision in a will is a good way of ensuring that your wishes are carried out. It is advisable however to always check with a legal adviser the best way this can be achieved .

WHS Committee members are happy to talk with anyone who has further questions.

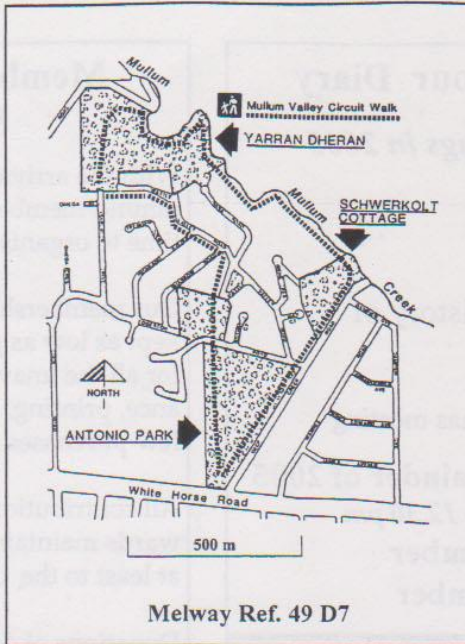
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**Whitehorse Historical Society
Local History Collection**
*open 10.30 am to 2.30 pm Wednesdays. Visitors welcome.
Ring 9873 4946 for an appointment at other times.*

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


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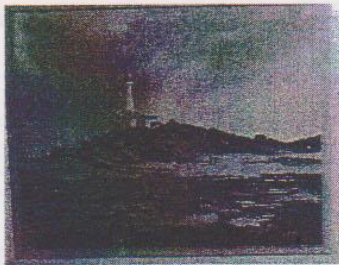
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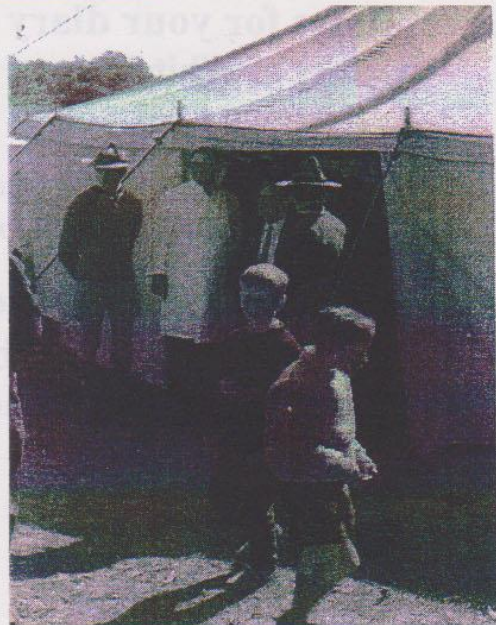
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Guess the connection between...

Above –
A prizewinning Watercolour Landscape
“Pt Lonsdale Lighthouse”
 2005
& right
A photograph from 1965 – see page 2
For all to be revealed



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