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The President's Report

No doubt 2007 will be as busy a year for our Historical Society as 2006 seemed to be. The enthusiastic Wednesday working group recommenced on Wednesday 17th January.

2007 is a special year marking 150 years of local government in the Whitehorse area. An exciting event at the end of last year was the transfer of the old Schwerkolt orchard by the State Government to the City of Whitehorse. This announcement by Minister for Planning, Mr. Rob Hulls took place at the Cottage and Museum Complex.

Mr. Hulls also announced a new initiative: *Hands on Heritage* to be run through the *Heritagecare* program. Member for Mitcham, Tony Robinson said this scheme would enlist volunteers to clear and restore the historic landscape on the Crown Land (i.e. orchard) abutting the Schwerkolt Property. The Dept of Sustainability and Environment and Conservation Australia Volunteers were to complete the work.

Some clues to usage have been found in an Aerial photograph taken in 1936 and these match up with the memories of Mr. Arthur Schwerkolt who drew a plan for the Society in the 1970s. The drawing mapped key features such as a residence, a well, and the orchard. Further clearing of the orchard by DSE and CVA may yield yet more clues to prior usage of the land and perhaps uncover remnants of the original cottage.

Our December meeting was well attended and the performance of the Glen Singers much enjoyed. All speakers for our meetings in 2007 will be drawn from the locality and will speak on local topics. Our first for the year will be a presentation on the Forest

Hill Community Gardens by Margaret Rackham.

Membership support will be needed on the 10th of March. Bunning's, Nunawading has generously allocated a day for the Historical Society to host a sausage sizzle. Volunteers from the membership are needed for this vital opportunity to raise much needed funds!

Those who can spare an hour or two setting up and taking down the stall are needed just as much as members with food handling and cash handling experience. If you can help on the day please contact us either on a Wednesday at the Museum, or phone any of the listed members.

Judith Fry

Next meeting of the Society
Saturday 10th of February 2006
1.30 pm
Speaker: Margaret Rackham on
The History of the Forest Hill
Community Gardens

Box Hill Town Hall - Community
Open Day
Saturday 31 March - 11am to 4pm
Open for viewing, Displays, Entertainment and
Refreshments

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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 & History news

Our mistake!

Please note that some December newsletters were issued with missing paragraphs and the author's references for the fascinating story of the Hoadley family by Yvonne Fitzmaurice. Our apologies to the author and if you received one of these copies please see below the final section reprinted which read with the last issue completes the story and the article – The editor

The Hoadley Family **by Yvonne Fitzmaurice**

The tenth child Charles Archibald Brookes Hoadley, born on 1 March 1887 at Burwood, became an explorer, educator and a scout leader. He completed mining engineering and science degrees at the University of Melbourne.

After spending two years with Broken Hill Proprietary Co Ltd and late in 1912, he joined (Sir) Douglas Mawson for a year in the Antarctic. He covered many hundreds of miles in Queen Mary Land and Kaiser Wilhelm Land where he met the German geologist, Drygalski for whom he had great respect.

In January 1916, as the first Principal of the Footscray Technical School he played a large part in developing the geology, metallurgy, science and surveying areas.

His association with the Boys Scout movement commenced in 1921 and when he became the chief commissioner for Victoria in 1928-37 he re-organised and revitalised the spirit and purpose of scouting.

References: WHS files, Shirley Westaway – newspaper cutting, Obituary, Melbourne University Department of Economic History 1891-1939, pp.312-3, History of Nunawading, N. Brennan, p. 79 Abel Hoadley

Membership news

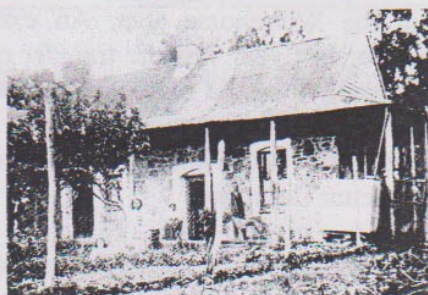
Just a reminder that all members are welcome to come along to the Wednesday working group. This is also a good time for people to drop in for self directed research.

From the archive

NHS Newsletter no 47 November 1973

Valuation of Schwerkolt Cottage

In 1927 the house and land of Schwerkolt Cottage were under the control of the Public Trustee as "Enemy Property", and Mr G. Morton was asked to make a valuation of the property, then occupied by Mr. A.L. Burns. His answer, a copy of which is in a letter book owned by Mrs Wainwright, described it as: "nicely situated, practically all cleared except for shelter trees with an old iron-roofed four room stone cottage in bad repair." He valued it at 430 (pounds?)



Schwerkolt cottage 1914 just 13 years prior to Mr Mortons' valuation

The Immigration Bridge Australia Lake Burley Griffin: An invitation

Last year Genealogical and Historical Societies were notified by Mr. Andrew Baulch of a new project planned for Lake Burley Griffin, in Canberra ACT

The project proposes the construction of a footbridge linking the Acton peninsula where the National Museum of Australia is located to the Lennox gardens and "...the Parliamentary triangle". This plan for a bridge is consistent with Walter Burley Griffin's original vision and recreational plans for the Capital.

For more information about the plan visit the Website at the following address:

www.immigrationbridge.com.au

Some WHS Dates for your Diary

More 2007 meeting dates and speakers will be confirmed in the April issue

Wednesday working group
started: 17th of January at 10am.

First general meeting
Saturday 10th of February.

Fundraising day
Saturday 10th March,
At Bunnings Nunawading

Heritage Day

The Society will not hold a Heritage Day in March this year but will join with the City of Whitehorse in September when A Heritage week will promote the History of our City .

We will have a Heritage Day and official opening of the new Implement Shed on Sunday 9th September.

A bus tour, walking tours and cemetery tours are being organized between 8th and 15th September.

To celebrate 150 years of Local Government in our municipality, the Council will hold other commemoration which started with the delivery of the historic calendar to every resident.

We look forward to your support for these celebrations

Cataloguing the Collection - Current Status

Artifacts	3911	Items catalogued
Documents	5534	Items catalogued
Photographs	3320	Items catalogued

REMEMBER

Whitehorse Historical Society
Local History Collection & Place of Deposit
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

A History Quiz for summer*

- * Sir Roland Delacomb opened the Schwerkolt Cottage and garden in what year ?
- * How did Wilhelmina Schwerkolt earn her income?
- * Gardiner's creek is named after which famous explorer and surveyor?
- * How long did it take 19th C day trippers to reach Blackburn Lake by rail from Melbourne?
- * When was the Burwood East Primary school built?
- * Name the historic heritage orchard on Springvale Rd
- * What is on the site of the Tally Ho Boy's home today?
- * Where was the Reverberatory incinerator and when was it built?
- * Where is Pioneer Park?

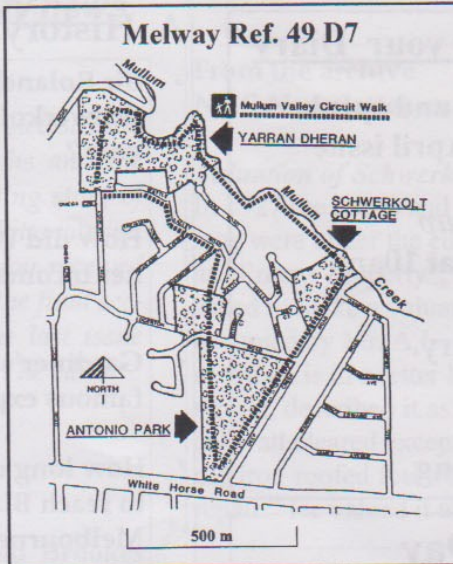




What was this building known as ?

*Quiz answers can be found in these publications

- *Schwerkolt Cottage & Museum* by Ted Arrowsmith
- *Heritage Trails in Whitehorse Box Hill* brochures
- *Heritage Trails in Whitehorse Burwood & E. Burwood*
- *Walking in Whitehorse*
- *Schwerkolt Cottage & Historical Museum* brochure
- *WHS newsletter* December issue 2006 of the

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Celebrating 150 years of Local Government in Whitehorse



A vintage photograph from 1986 with the City of Nunawading councillors.

Front row: Centre Cr Wendy Reid, (first female Mayor 1986-1987) on left Cr Jan Plummer, on right Cr Valda Arrowsmith

Back row: Crs, Bruce Atkinson, William Coyne, Peter Dempsey, Robyn McAnn, Peter Allan, Dorothy Smith, John Madden, Tony Bowden and Wal Riddell

Deadline for notices relating to heritage or any other activities for inclusion in the newsletter need to be supplied to the editor usually by the 12th of the month preceding the next meeting.



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