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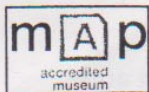
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### Working Bees for 2007

To keep our premises clean and in good order Working Bees are held from 9.30am to 12 noon each month, with the exception of the cold winter month of July. The date of the next one is 1st September when we make sure all is bright and shiny in preparation for Heritage Day.

There are seven or eight willing workers who come on a regular basis, but we would welcome more help. Between Working Bees I attend to other maintenance such as changing pest strips and removing all the rubbish each Wednesday. For information ring 9725 9163.

Ian Nethercote  
Working Bee Co-ordinator.

### Speakers for General Meetings

**Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> August**

Dorothy Bullen on T. R.B. Morton

**Saturday October 13<sup>th</sup>**

Pat Richardson

Orcharding Family Ancestors

**Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**

Ms Dorothy Hall on the Salvation Army,  
Box Hill

### Membership News

A warm welcome to new member, Filomena Ciccheli, of Donvale. We hope she enjoys her time with the Society and we look forward to her participation in our activities.

### Cataloguing the Collection - Current Status

Artifacts	3961	Items catalogued
Documents	6052	Items catalogued
Photographs	3397	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

## Visit our treasured Heritage Site for the Heritage Open Day 2007

**Schwerkolt Cottage Museum  
Complex\* (Mel 49 D7)  
Deep Creek Road, Mitcham**

**12 Noon - 5 pm  
Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September**

### *Demonstrations by*

The Lacemakers Guild of Victoria  
Box Hill Spinners and Weavers  
Koonung Wood Turners

Yarra Valley Machinery Preservation  
Society (with stationary engines)

K. O. Blacksmiths

Art in Bark

Melbourne Meccano Club

Circus World (miniature circus)

Pergamano (Parchment Craft)

&

A Whip -cracking Entertainer!!

### *Activities for the Children*

Animals on the Move

Animal Farm 2 - 4 pm

Hula Hoops

Games

Bubbles

### *Refreshments*

Sausage Sizzle,

(Rotary Club of Forest Hill Inc)

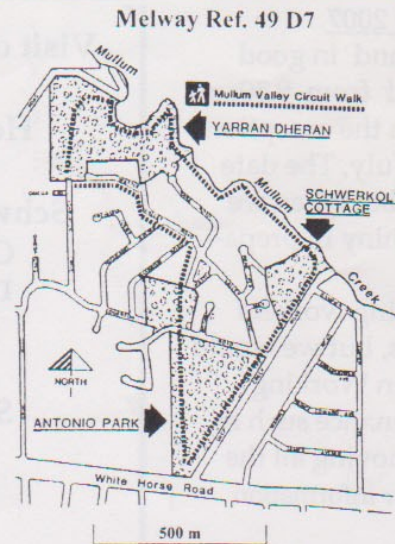
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### Wattle Park

In June 2007 Mr Ray Peace, author of the book "*Eliza's Vision: a History of Wattle Park 1838 - 2006*"\* was our guest speaker at the General Meeting. For those who could not attend here is a brief summary. The talk was recorded so if you would like to listen to it at the WHS rooms visit us on Wednesdays between 10 and 2.

Ray noted that Wattle Park was subdivided in 1853 but the first person to 'own it' was Eliza Welch of Ball & Welch, a well known haberdashery store in Melbourne. Eventually Eliza sold the land to the Hawthorn Tramways Trust which opened the Wattle Park in 1917. A pine tree was grown from a seed brought back from Gallipoli and there is also a memorial clock tower. In 1928 a Chalet was built with recycled materials which is still there and is thought to be haunted. During World War 2 the eastern oval was used as an army base and the Chalet

was an American Military base. In 1940 a Wattle Park Tramways band was formed and still plays during the summer months. The Friends of Wattle Park formed in 1990

\* "*Eliza's Vision: a History of Wattle Park 1838 - 2006*" pub: Prahran Mechanic's Institute, 2006.

**City of Whitehorse Spring Festival**  
**Sunday 7th October 10 am - 4 pm**  
*Come along and enjoy the activities and while you are there, please spend an hour or two staffing our display at the Civic Centre. We value your help.*

**Don't forget we will need your help on Sunday 9th September, at the Heritage Day!**



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