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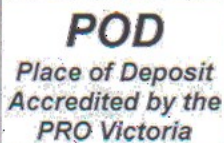
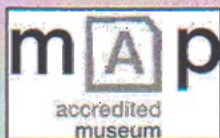
Mission Statement

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.

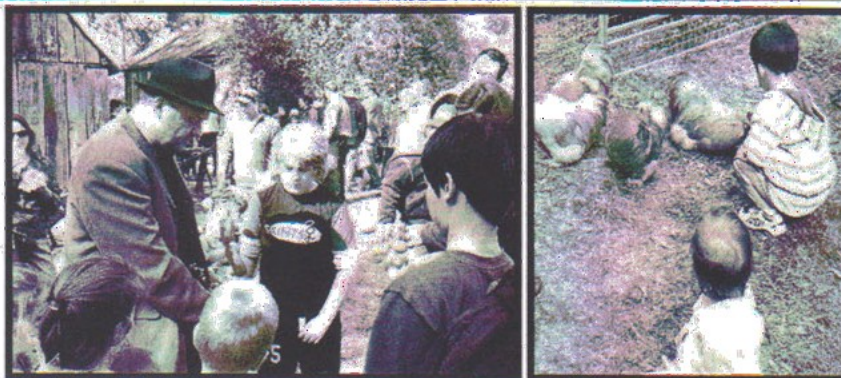
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The Whitehorse Historical Society, Inc. acknowledges the support of the City of Whitehorse

Heritage Family Day



What a Success!
1000 happy Visitors. Thanks to all our members, stallholders and dedicated volunteers. A great day.



Next meeting : Saturday 11th of October 2008 – 1.30pm

Speaker: Linda Collier on *The Collier Family*
Next Working Bee: Saturday 9th November-9-30am

From the President – Vicki Jones-Evans

Hello Dear Members

For those of you who missed the AGM, a new Committee was elected. I will be ably assisted by Peter Simmenauer as Secretary, Valerie Marshall Vice - President, and Bob Gardiner, Treasurer. Committee Members are: Valda Arrowsmith, Judith Fry, Barbara Gardiner, Kaele Way, Ian Nethercote and Wendy Standfield. We still have a vacancy so if you would like to join us or if you can help on a sub-committee or any other activity please phone me or a committee member.

Our Heritage Family Day is approaching as I write the editor has promised to "hold the press" to bring you photos – if you can't find yourself in a photo then perhaps you didn't come and join in which is a pity as Barbara Gardiner organised a great day for us. And you also missed out on a chance to win the raffle!

The Society is in need of some more people to help take history into the future. As you all know computer skills are vital to all organisations now. If you know anyone (or perhaps yourself?) who is passionate about computers including managing systems, setting up and maintaining websites or with library cataloguing skills please see if they can help us. They don't even have to like "history"!

I hope you had the chance to admire our recent displays at the Nunawading and Vermont South Libraries and our gowns at the Whitehorse Arts Space in the *Signature Stories* exhibition. One of these gowns was unveiled at the AGM having just returned from the Conservator. (See image at right) Our City of Whitehorse Community grant last year funded this important conservation work.

We have lots to do this coming year not least of which is applying for re-accreditation within the Museums Australia Program (MAP). We also will have some fun along the way. We look forward to working with Melissa Hayes who has replaced Mark Fawcett as *City of Whitehorse Leader of Cultural Facilities and Programs*.

The Committee is also appointing a sub-committee to make a long term plan for the Complex looking at the Lovell Chen Consultant's report of 2007 and at the Conservation Report of 2002. These include the extension of the museum and looking after the smithy and the barn.

I hope to see you at our next activity – the Whitehorse Spring Festival is still to come – any help welcome. Please join us at our General Meeting to hear our speaker or join our Wednesday Working Group, researching (it's a bit like being a detective) and cataloguing.

Vicki Jones-Evans



Above President Vicki Jones-Evans at the AGM describes the beautiful conservation work on one of our latest acquisitions. This gown is one of two from our collection on loan to the *Signature Stories* exhibition at the Whitehorse Art Space celebrating the Centenary of Women's Suffrage.

Below Frances Warren & Valda Arrowsmith add their signatures to the Centenary of Women's Suffrage banner. WHS Members attending the AGM were invited to sign their names on the banner in celebration and recognition of the Centenary of women's right to vote in Victoria.



2008 COMMUNITY SURVEY

Every year, Whitehorse residents are asked to indicate their satisfaction with Council services in a range of areas including leisure and culture. We were very pleased to see that the rating for Schwerkolt Cottage and Museum Complex this year had risen to 98%, an all-time high. Both Council and the Whitehorse Historical Society have contributed to this result.

Council owns and maintains the Complex, and funds staffing for its opening on weekends and public holidays. Last year, after extensive consultation and discussion, a new display shed, designed to house heritage orcharding machinery, was built by Council. Council also organises educational visits to the Complex by school students. The Society organizes, preserves and displays its collection of historical artifacts, photographs and documents in these premises, as well as providing assistance to researchers and participating in community events. A most productive partnership.

Peter Simmenauer

Have you got a story to tell?

The Historical Society has taken on a new research project. We are compiling a book of stories on the people who lived in the Mitcham, Vermont, Blackburn, Forest Hill, Vermont South or East Burwood areas (i.e. the old City of Nunawading).

If you are a long-time resident of the above areas and have a story to tell about how it once was for instance before TV – grandparents tales, stories around the table etc. or about :

- Parents and siblings.
- Housing.
- Schooling.
- Hardships.
- Surroundings (land, housing, state of roads, shops).
- Entertainment.
- Employment.
- Marriage and own family.
- Changes over time.

We would really appreciate you writing your story down and sending it to us for posterity to:

Whitehorse Historical Society

P.O. Box 272 Mitcham or email to address on back page.

Or if easier bring your written story along and visit our Local History Room at the Schwerkolt Cottage Museum Complex at Deep Creek Rd on a Wednesday, any time between 10 am and 3pm.

Any accompanying photographs that help tell the story would be very much appreciated.

Whitehorse Historical Society Dates for your Diary

2008 Meetings

Meetings are held at the Local History Room
Schwerkolt Cottage & Museum Complex

11th October 1.30pm

Speaker: Linda Collier

The Collier Family: Anne & Emma

Suffragist list for 1891—City of Whitehorse

13th December 1.30pm

Speaker: Harold Walker grandson of E.E Walker will speak on The Walker family & the Tessellated Tile company.

Introducing: Jenny Walker Volunteer Heritagecare (Vic)



Raised and educated in Wollongong, Jenny is studying for a Master of Cultural Heritage, with Deakin University Burwood. Jenny travels all the way from Windsor to Heatherdale via public transport on each Wednesday to help us.

In particular Jenny has assisted Valda with the many articles produced this year on Women in Business and Women in Sport and featured in the *Whitehorse News*. Jenny is enjoying her time in Melbourne, especially the galleries, the museums, the cafes, and her work with the Wednesday group. We greatly appreciate Jenny's many skills and contribution to the Society.

Diary Note: City of Whitehorse Spring Festival Sunday 19th October

Cataloguing Statistics

Photographs	-	3475
Artefacts	-	4076
Documents	-	6115

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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In the museum's tile display you will see a brown glazed traditional Toby Jug. This is of interest because it was made by White Bros., a pottery and tile maker once located in Springfield Road, near the corner of Middleborough Rd.

The property is now a housing estate. After initial manufacture the jug was then glazed and fired by the Australian Tessellated Tile co. and was presented as a unique wedding present to Mr T.G. Luke, an accountant with the Company. The jug was generously donated by Mr Luke's daughters. This ceramic is an interesting product of the collaboration between local clay product manufacturers and surely a mark of respect for Mr Luke and his bride.

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