

# The Whitehorse Historical Society NEWSLETTER

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## Spiders in the Loo book launch



**Next meeting:** Saturday 13th August 2011 at 1.30 pm

**Speaker:** Mayor Cr. Ben Stennett

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## From the President - Vicki Jones Evans

*Dear Members*

It is with sadness that I have to report that Kaele Way AM JP passed away on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July. At our last meeting in June she was responding well to the chemotherapy but her aggressive form of cancer then took hold. Kaele was an outstanding contributor to the community and will be sorely missed. Our thoughts are with her family.

The launch of "Spiders in the Loo" was very successful and we were delighted to welcome Neil Angus, Member for Forest Hill on his first visit to the Schwerkolt Complex. Mayor, Cr Ben Stennett was also a guest and we look forward to his next visit to address our AGM in August. Crs Philip Daw and Raylene Carr were welcome return visitors. Several contributors of the book and their families were guests too. Gerry Robinson gave the book a memorable launch with his talk on the importance of history. Gerry concluded with a challenge to the Society: as it is the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of August Schwerkolt's purchase of land, that we mark the occasion with a project. Gerry's suggestion was to collect from Whitehorse inhabitants a written piece titled "A Day in my life....". The aim of the project would be to collect information on life today for future historians.

Our General Meeting part of the day was most interesting as well. Graeme Plaw spoke about hand tools and Turner Industries/ Stanley Works. The audience enjoyed his talk and it was a great precursor to our book launch.

This month we have set up a Facebook page as part of a bid to be noticed by younger people who have an interest in history. You can find us at: [www.facebook.com/whitehorsehistory](http://www.facebook.com/whitehorsehistory)

The Museum extension has given us a few trials and tribulations but I hope that by our August AGM you will be able to see it for yourselves. It will take some time beyond that to finish re-organising displays but we will get there.

Melissa Hayes, Team Leader for Cultural Facilities at the City of Whitehorse is leaving and the Council is in the process of finding a replacement.

As this is our Annual General Meeting please consider standing for the Committee. As I have served three one-year terms as President, I am not able to stand again. I would like to thank all the Committee members I have served with for their friendship and help over the three years. I would also like to thank all the members for their support as well. I would particularly like to pay tribute to Kaele for her friendship, support, mentoring and dedication as a friend and Secretary over this time.

*Vicki Jones-Evans*

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## June Meeting

Mr Graeme Plaw - Vice President of the Hand Tools Society was guest speaker on Saturday 12th June 2011 and spoke about hand tools. Who would think such a topic could even be mildly interesting to the female members! Of course the males were, and fortunately so were the rest of us.

Man has been using sticks and stones as tools from prehistorical times and now we have screwdrivers, hammers and you name it in every home.

Graeme was first inspired with the subject when he was at Technical School and the class went on an excursion to Turners/Stanley factory in Nunawading. He went to work at Turners after leaving school. Then on retirement he found many other men loved talking about their tools, which often needed repairing and or spare parts. So about seventeen like minded fellows met to assist each other, so the Society was formed.

Nunawading was once the centre of the tool making industry, the biggest in Australia at the time.

Can you imagine that the humble Stanley Knife has fifty-seven models!

Graeme's special interest was measuring rulers of many and varied types of which he brought to show the fascinated members.

*Valerie Marshall*

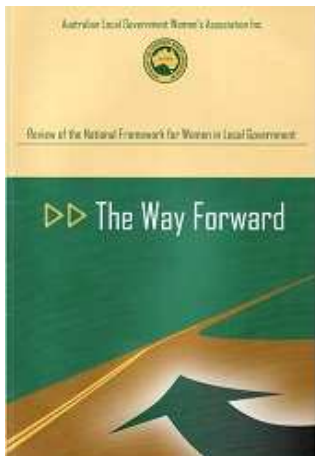
## Vale Kaele Way AM

We were all saddened to hear of the death of our Secretary Kaele Way AM. She was diagnosed with cancer only four months ago.

Kaele nominated for and was successful at the Whitehorse Council elections in 1997. She served six years as a Councillor representing Blackwood and Springfield Wards. She diligently represented and assisted residents of the wards and is fondly remembered by many people.

One of Kaele's endeavours was promoting Arts and Culture in the City and she was also concerned that our Heritage be recognized and protected.

In 2001 Kaele participated in the Museum of Victoria exhibition "Ordinary Women, Extraordinary Lives". This exhibition featured 263 Victorian women and toured the State.



Kaele was a member of the Local Government Women's Association Victoria and became their Secretary. She then moved on to be National President of the Australian Local Government Women's Association. As President she achieved success in obtaining grants to further the involvement of both elected and professional women and for them to participate and achieve in contributing to their municipalities. She coordinated a Review of the National Framework for Women in Local Government which has been adopted by many Councils through Australia.

In the Queens Birthday Honours in 2009 Kaele was made a Member (AM) in the General Division "For Service to the Community Through the Australian Local Government Women's Association".



Kaele was nominated as Secretary of Whitehorse Historical Society in 2008 and we are indebted to her for the contribution and knowledge she gave to our Society.

Amongst her many achievements Kaele also contributed to the Australian Red Cross Blackburn Branch, The Order of Australia Association Regional Group and the Mitcham Residents Association. Kaele also served as a Justice of the Peace.

We extend to her husband Alan, her children and her mother Ruth our heartfelt sympathy at their loss.



# HERITAGE OPEN DAY 2011

Sunday 11th September from 12 noon - 5 pm

*Bring along family and friends to our treasured Heritage Site*

## Special attractions:



Working Dogs Demonstration

Tip Top Tom's Magic & Balloons 1 pm—3pm

Old Fashioned Picnic Races 3pm

Sausage Sizzle (Rotary Club of Forest Hill)



## Other attractions:

★ Face painting ★ Animal Farm ★ Fun with Bubbles

★ Games for Children ★ Electric Train Display ★ Lace Making ★ Meccano Club

★ Koonung Wood Turners ★ Yarra Valley Machinery Preservation Society

★ Spinners & Weavers ★ Vermont Lions Club ★ Art in Bark ★ Blacksmiths

Tea, coffee and cordial provided by the Whitehorse Historical Society Inc.

Raffle drawn at 4.00 pm.

## Whitehorse Historical Society Dates for your Diary

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

**Saturday 13th August 1.30pm**

**Annual General Meeting**

Speaker Mayor Cr. Ben Stennett

**Sunday 3rd September 9.30 am - 12 noon**

**Working Bee**

Please come along and lend a hand. This is an important working bee prior to our Open Day

**Sunday 11th September**

Heritage Open Day at Schwerkolt Cottage and Museum Complex 12 noon - 5 pm.

**Saturday 8th October 1.30 pm**

**General Meeting**

Speaker Alan Bunton - Brockhoff Biscuit Company

**Saturday 10th December 1.30 pm**

**General Meeting**

Eric Panther - Anecdotes

## Cataloguing Statistics

Photographs	-	3840
Artefacts	-	4377
Documents	-	6284
Visitors to Museum May/June	-	270

## WORKING BEES - 2011

**Please make a diary note and join us on the day**

July - None (too cold!)

September 3rd - Saturday

November 12th - Saturday



Working Bees commence at 9.30 am and finish around 12 noon with a great morning tea.

Please come and help even if you can only offer an hour of your time.

***The 2011 Annual General Meeting of the Whitehorse Historical Society Inc.  
will be held at the Local History Room, Schwerkolt Cottage and Museum Complex,  
Deep Creek Road Mitcham  
commencing at 1.30 pm on Saturday 13th August 2011***

**AGENDA**

1. Welcome & Apologies
2. Minutes of Previous Annual General Meeting August 2010
3. Business Arising from previous minutes
4. President's Report
5. Treasurer's Report
  - Presentation of Annual Statement
  - Auditor's Report
  - Appointment of Auditor for 2011-2012
  - Confirmation of Public Officer
6. Determination of Annual Membership fees
7. General Business
  - Election of Officers and Ordinary Members of the Executive Committee
  - Nominations are called for the positions of:
    - President
    - Vice President
    - Secretary
    - Treasurer
    - Ordinary Members of the Committee (7)
8. Close of Annual General Meeting

Please advise apologies to Acting Secretary Peter Simmenauer 9877 0141



**Whitehorse Historical Society Inc. AGM 2011  
Nomination Form**

As a financial member of the Whitehorse Historical Society I, \_\_\_\_\_  
Accept nomination for the position of:-

- ☐ President
- ☐ Vice President
- ☐ Secretary
- ☐ Treasurer
- ☐ Ordinary Committee Member (7 positions)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated by:- (name) \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
(Financial Member of WHS)

Seconded by:- (name) \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
(Financial Member of WHS)

- Please note all nominations must be signed by two financial members of the WHS and have the consent of the candidate
- As per the Constitution, Clause 22 (6) A candidate may only nominate for one office, or as an ordinary member of the Committee
- The completed nomination form must be received by the WHS Secretary seven days prior to the Annual General Meeting to be held on Saturday 13th August 2011.

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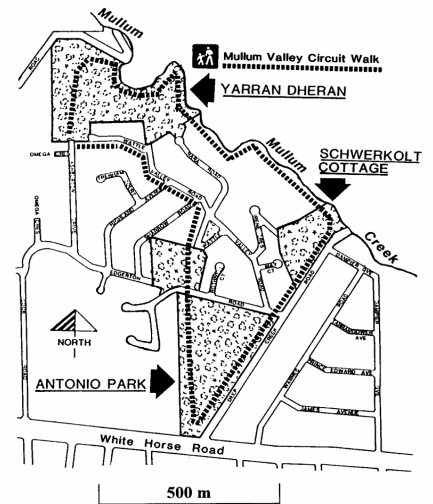
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**Copy deadline for next WHS Newsletter: Wednesday 7th September 2011**



### The Whitehorse Historical Society Inc.

#### 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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City of Whitehorse*



### 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



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