

STORAGE SPACE SOARS!

At the 2018 Planning meeting it was agreed that the storage of the collection was ready for reorganisation. An option considered at the time was the installation of a Compactus; however, upon investigation, the cost of that style of system was considered unjustifiable.

Vicki Evans Jones and Patty Boxhall drew up a draft floor plan using the current shelving and cabinets and found what they considered a good solution to improve access and isolate much of the storage from the general working area. The plan also gave a more professional look to the storage area and would bring together similar materials and activities of the group.

Harley Hall was consulted and he went to work with his measuring tape and confirmed that the plan would work out. Over a three-week period starting on February 14 the larger parts of the move and changes took place.

Day 1: Harley had a solid, well thought out plan for the order in which the shelves could be emptied, reorganised and restacked. Helpers on the day worked methodically to achieve

the first stage of the changes in the main storage area.

Day 2: Shelving and cabinets against the stone wall were either relocated to the other side of the room or brought together in a uniform manner.

Day 3: Computers in the lunch area were relocated closer to the other computer stations at the other end of the room, creating a visually more appealing zone which also enabled improved communication. At the same time we were mindful of Richard Conn's valuable work photographing the collection and that a suitable space should be kept for this project.

Over the following weeks more refining has gone into the back store room by relocating a table from there to the front entrance, removing a redundant cupboard and exhibition fittings. This has made room for some new shelving, sourced by Harley from Bunnings. A similar shelf has also been installed in the main storage area. To cap it off Harley demonstrated his amazing skills by reducing the size of the wooden bookshelf so that it dovetails against shelving in the main storage area, also reducing the size of the box resting table to suit the size of the aisles.

Judging from the positive response by the volunteers – and after ironing out some minor issues – the room is now working happily and smoothly.

Patty Boxhall



(ABOVE): Harley installs new shelving;
(BELOW): Some of the extra space created



NEXT MEETING

**Annual General Meeting 1pm Saturday
17 August 2019**

Patty Boxhall: Collecting our History



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Dear Members

ON Friday 14 June Rachael and I attended the memorial service and burial of Ray Meagher. It was a fitting tribute to a family man and a gentleman.

The AOEHS Regional Conference was held at Karralyka in June and the theme was 'The Times They are a Changin''. A number of excellent speakers, including Dr Andrew Lemon, Ken Briscoe from Ringwood Historical Society and our own Rachael Cottle, identified challenges to historical societies and small museums and how to deal with them. Goals included ways to engage with your community, plus ensuring historical societies and museums be sustainable, affordable and relevant into the future.

Our first July Working Bee for a few years was well attended. We cleaned everything that was on the list and had a delicious

morning tea thanks to Kathy and Patricia. Our September working bee, on Saturday the 7th, will be in preparation for our Heritage Family Day on the 15th.

The theme for Council's Heritage Week is "A Healthy Heritage" and it is fast approaching. If you are able to help with setting up, packing up, or any of the duties helping out on our BIG DAY then please contact me. Our display on "Potions and Pills" is in the Museum.

Thank you to all the Committee for their work this past year. I would like to thank Yvonne, who is retiring from Committee, for all her hard work on publicity and for finding all our interesting speakers. Yvonne has been training up Margaret Graham who I am sure will carry on her excellent work.

Vicki Jones Evans

VALE **Raymond Victor Meagher** 22 January 1927 – 6 June 2019

ON a sunny but cold morning in June Ray was warmly farewelled by his family and friends at Lilydale Memorial Park.

Ray grew up on his parents' dairy farm in Thomas Street Mitcham. Ray gave us some written memories of these early years for our Collection. He was a builder and when we asked if he could tell us which houses he had built he said he couldn't remember them all.



Elected to council in April 1972 Ray served until August 1979 and was Chairman of Works Committee for 1974-75 and 1975-76. Ray served as Mayor for City Of Nunawading In 1976-77 and the current Mayor of the City of Whitehorse, Cr Bill Bennett attended the service.

After the moving service in celebration of his life we followed a lone piper and Ray's coffin to where he was laid to rest beside his wife Dorothy. Ray was a true gentleman with an Aussie sense of humour.



PICTURES: (left) NP2398 School photo with Ray in back row, 4th from left; (above) Ray at the last WHS meeting that he attended, 2/2/2019.

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Back to the '60s

OUR speaker this month was George Cox. George is a former City Councillor Nunawading, MLA member, founding Schwerkolt Cottage Development committee member and President Blackburn Tree Preservation society, so his involvement and achievements in the local community are many and various. George has also resided in Masons Road, Blackburn since 1958, so his concerns and perspective have always been that of one who has the interests of his own community at heart.

George chose for the subject of his talk “A Walk through the 60s”, during which he recalled anecdotes of his time serving the community at the time. Using a PowerPoint presentation, George started with pictures of Blackburn Village of the time, extracting choruses of recollection from his audience.

A story that made us chuckle was about the opening of the Nunawading Library:

“When the day came for the opening of the library by Mayor Cr Walsh, he stood out front in his robes with the other notables and said ‘I had a dream last night – this key wouldn’t open the door.’ And guess what happened: it didn’t open the door! So the engineer had to rush round to the back door and go through to let him in”.

Another story of his time on the City Council involves the conversion into a doctor’s surgery of a house on the corner of Blackburn Road and The Avenue. For the conversion, the engineer wanted to put the entrance off Blackburn Road; George intervened, saying that this was a bad idea because of traffic congestion. Also, he was concerned, in his capacity as member of the Tree Preservation Society, that a large tree in the grounds would be damaged. Fortunately, council was persuaded to adopt his proposal. Parking opportunities were provided – and the tree is still there.

Many other subjects, such as the forming of the Blackburn Lake Reserve, were covered in George’s talk, which concluded with an interesting Question time, and a special Thank You from Rosalie for George’s involvement in the purchase and restoration in the early sixties of Schwerkolt Cottage. In her words:

“... you became heavily involved in its restoration and I believe served for twenty years on the committee of management. You not only restored all the donated furniture, I believe you were the person who discovered the tile floor in the end room which had been hidden for years under three or four layers of linoleum. After the linoleum was prised up, I believe you were the one, on hands and knees, who tackled the goo underneath with caustic soda which revealed a beautiful tile floor. How you found time to do all that you did is simply mind-boggling, but you set the stage for us to follow on in your footsteps to work to ensure the Cottage and Museum Complex will be enjoyed for generations to come”.

Chris Gray



PICTURES (from top): NP152 Blackburn Road Blackburn; NP1366 The house (c1888) that became the doctor's surgery; Rosalie thanks George for his work restoring Schwerkolt Cottage.

HORRIBLE OUTRAGE IN MITCHAM.

A SWAGMAN TREATED WITH GREAT INHUMANITY

Rumors of a murderous outrage on a swagman (says Monday's Age) committed by a party of young ruffians, have been current in Box Hill during the last few days. The police have experienced considerable difficulty in investigating the affair, and the facts now elicited show that the injured man was driven into the bush, and that a cool audacity rarely equaled; and his assailants spread the report that he was a most dangerous character. They actually had a warrant for his arrest issued, so that he was precluded from obtaining either food or assistance from residents, and compelled to lie out terribly injured and without food for two days, until the police found him and removed him to the Box Hill police station. Oscar Larson, the injured man, aged about 45 years has recently been wood cutting at Oakleigh. He came to the Box Hill district at the beginning of last week, looking for a job. On Wednesday at noon he called at Amery's Hill Hotel, Mitcham, a township on the Lilydale line, some few miles beyond Box Hill, and a comparatively lonely locality. About the hotel were a number of young men, respectably connected and well known. One of these, a man named Wilson had a horse in the yard, and some words arose between him

and Larson over the animal, and Wilson then administered a severe flogging to the swagman with his stock whip. Three or four young fellows then followed him into the hotel, and evidently bent upon having some rough fun with him, seized and held him, while one of their number burnt a cork and with it blackened his face. They then produced some whiting and finished off his nose in white. This, however, was fun of two [sic] mild a character for them, and they followed it up by setting fire to the seat of his trousers. When he had been sufficiently roasted, according to their ideas, they extinguished this fire with a glass of ale. A new device was hit upon, and one Gus Hansen, obtaining a pine apple, cut in pieces and began forcing them down Lawson's throat. The struggling swagman had, however, his opportunity here, and bit through Hansen's finger. This appears to have infuriated the party, and their brutal fun was changed into brutal earnestness. They knocked the man down, jumped upon him, kicked and hammered him until he was one mess of injuries. On his back was a wound extending from his shoulder to the waist, the ball of the right eye was broken, his under lip entirely cut through, and his whole face and body

covered with bruises. Thus injured and in an almost insensible condition the party took him across the road laid him down by a fence and left him. It is stated that the landlord at the hotel was about at the time, but did not interfere. Larson lay under the fence the whole night, and in the morning was visited by some of the party, who warned him to make himself scarce or he would be severely punished. The man then wandered about the bush until Friday evening. Meanwhile Hansen, whose finger had been bitten off, had obtained a warrant, for the purpose, at least it is believed by the authorities, of making it appear that the swagman was really the aggressor. Intelligence however, reached the police of the true nature of the affair on Thursday, and a vigilant search was kept up that day and during nearly the whole of the night. It was continued on Friday when Constable Murray found Larson by the side of a waterhole near Mitcham, painfully washing the blood from his wounds. He had been without food or shelter. The officer conveyed him to Box Hill, where he now lies, recovering. It is believed that a determined effort will be made to burke a full inquiry, but the police are already in possession of a large quantity of evidence in the case.

BACKING SOUGHT FOR PROBE ON BOARD

● By SIMON KINCH

Nunawading's bid for a public inquiry into the operations of the Board of Works will trigger debate at all Melbourne metropolitan councils in the next few weeks.

Nunawading will now seek the backing of the majority of the 52 councils for the probe.

If more than 26 councils say "yes" there is certain to be strong pressure on the Premier, Mr Hamer, to agree to an inquiry.

First move for the public inquiry came from Cr Gavan Oakley at last week's Nunawading Council meeting.

He gained the support of all his 11 council colleagues except Cr C. L. Willis, who is Nunawading's Board of Works commissioner, and Cr S. Athan.

Cr Willis interjected sharply to say "that's unfair comment" when Cr Oakley said some people wondered whether the board had put some of the money from its overquoting on some projects into building its big Melbourne headquarters.

Cr Oakley claimed the board and its wide-ranging powers had become unwieldy and in need of constructive and objective review.

Time for a review SAYS OAKLEY

The board was established many years ago and the changing nature of Melbourne's urban development and

its needs made an inquiry into the best means of handling planning, water supply, sewerage, drainage logical.

Cr Oakley said the quest for the probe should be subject to a majority of metropolitan councils supporting the inquiry proposed by Nunawading or a similar one.

Following the passage of Cr Oakley's motion, Nunawading will send



● Cr OAKLEY details of its inquiry proposal to all metropolitan municipal councils for comment and decision.



Andrew Adamson (left) could not resist taking his own picture of a special occasion at Blackburn Lake Primary School last week.

It was the moment when the efforts of 384 of the school's girls and boys in the recent Mediwalk

around Blackburn Lake and their other fund-raising, enabled them to hand over a cheque for \$3094 to

the Royal Melbourne Hospital.

The students' walk helped to equip the special procedures room.

Andrew received a special commendation for the biggest single fund-raising effort with 552 points, and Regan Carr, another with 436 points.

They received special awards, as did Anne La Fontaine, who raised most among the infant pupils.

In the group being photographed by Andrew are (from left) school principal Miss Nancy Jones, school captains Jackie Morgan (standing) and Gary Melody (kneeling), the Mayor of Nunawading, Cr Bryan Baulch, who presented the fund-raising awards, and Royal Melbourne Hospital representative Mr Gerald Lyons.



● Cr WILLIS

JANET DOES IT AGAIN..

Janet Monk, one of Blackburn's top hockey players, has done it again . . .

Two years ago, at 13, she was the youngest player in the Under 16 state girls' team.

Now she has been selected for the Victorian Under 19 team to play other states in Brisbane, from August 11 to 22. And again she's "baby" of the side at 15.

Last year Janet, a utility player, was vice-captain of the Under 16 state team.

Janet, who lives in Fuchsia St., Blackburn, plays with Nunawading Women's Hockey Club. She is a student at Tintern C.E.G.G.S., Ringwood.

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HERITAGE FAMILY DAY 2019



"Healthy Heritage"

Sunday 15 September 11am to 4pm

Schwerkolt Cottage Museum Complex
Deep Creek Road, Mitcham (Melway 49 D7)

Free activities include face painting, animal farm, story-telling tent, demonstrations by working-dogs trainer Jack Briscoe, Meccano and electric train displays and old-fashioned picnic races on the Cottage lawn. Enjoy the music of Brumbies Bush Band, Devonshire tea and cake stall by the Whitehorse Historical Society, coffee from Vivere Coffee and a sausage sizzle by the Mitcham Rotary Club. Wander through the cottage, museum and



orchard display shed or take a guided tour. The Studebaker Car Club will provide interest for car enthusiasts, and wonderful craft and trade demonstrations include lace-making, spinning, weaving, basket weaving, Chinese brush painting, woodturning and blacksmithing.

**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS ON THE DAY.
PLEASE CONTACT THE SOCIETY
(WEDNESDAYS)**

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DIARY DATES

Meetings are held at the Schwerkolt Cottage and Museum Complex

Saturday, 17 August

1.00pm Annual General Meeting

Patty Boxhall

Collecting our History

Saturday, 5 October

1.00pm General Meeting

Dr Gary Presland

The Economics of Aboriginal Society

Saturday, 7 December

1.00pm General Meeting

Wendy Lee

Tivoli Girls

2019 WORKING BEES

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

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

Saturday 7 September

Saturday 9 November

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

PLEASE NOTE

AS CONFIRMED AT OUR LAST AGM, MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS FROM 1 SEPT. 2019 ARE \$25 (single) and \$35 (Family)

STATISTICS

Photographs catalogued	-	4273
Artefacts catalogued	-	4887
Documents catalogued	-	7566
Museum visitors June-July		372



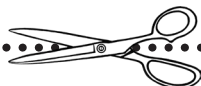
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The 2019 Annual General Meeting of the Whitehorse Historical Society Inc. will be held at the Visitor Centre, Schwerkolt Cottage & Museum Complex, Deep Creek Road Mitcham commencing at 1.00 pm on Saturday 17 August 2019

AGENDA

- 1. Welcome & Apologies
- 2. Minutes of Previous Annual General Meeting August 2018
- 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 2019–2020
- 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/Public Officer
 - Treasurer
 - Ordinary Members of the Committee (7)
- 8. Close of Annual General Meeting

Please advise apologies to Secretary Kathy Innes 9870 9044



**Whitehorse Historical Society Inc. AGM 2019
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, 17 August 2019.

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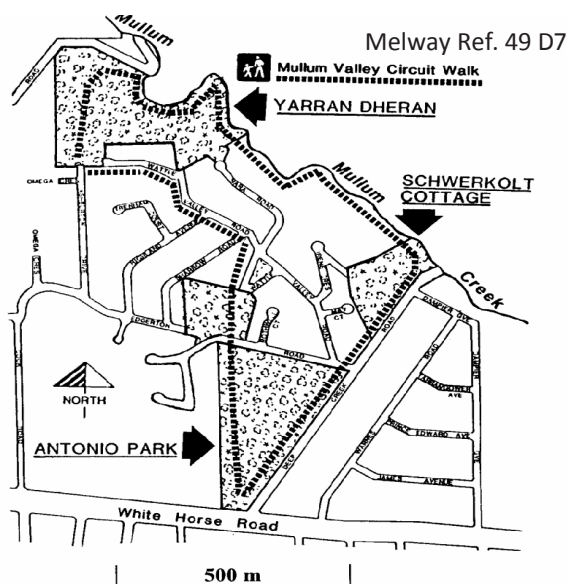
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