

ORAL HISTORY: BLACKBURN CLINIC



ABOVE (left): story collage at the Clinic; (right) Dr Neil Carson, founding partner

I recently interviewed Mrs Gwenyth Stone as part of a collection of oral history interviews about living in Blackburn in the 1950s and 1960s.

She related the following information about the Blackburn Medical Clinic, which she knew owing to her connection with the family who established it.

Dr Neil Carson bought the land which in 1952 had an old house on it and established a medical practice. Gwen remembers that in the early days of the practice she and her family were at the Carson's for dinner when a patient came to the front door. "We all had to keep our voices down" so that the patient wouldn't worry about their consultation being overheard. She said that the clinic was basically two rooms, the dining and lounge rooms. She remembers the Carson children going via an opening in the fence through to Blackburn Primary School, which is next door.

In 1992, the clinic was completely rebuilt to include a variety of complementary medical services such as pathology, pharmacy, dentist and x-ray.

Dr Carson was married to Bonnie, whose father was a city engineer with Box Hill Council. She and Neil had four children, Susie, Robert, Judy and Jeanie.

Gwen's brother, Bruce, was at Carey Grammar with Neil and remembers that they were good friends and played "a lot of cricket". Gwen and her husband Val (Percival) were also very good friends with the Carsons, often going on family holidays together.

Bonnie died a few years ago and Dr Carson, (aged 92), is in a nursing home in the Mornington area, near to where his daughter lives.

Louise Williams

NEXT MEETING

General Meeting 1pm Saturday 4 April 2020

CANCELLED OWING TO CORONA VIRUS
McMullin
Will Dyson, War Artist



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Dear Members

WE, The Committee and Wednesday Volunteers, seem to have, as they say, hit the ground running since our Planning Day in February. It was a very successful day and people enjoyed the camaraderie as well as the sharing of ideas. The presence of Councillors Raylene Carr and Prue Cutts and their contributions was very welcome.

Council have installed our new lighting in the Museum showcases and we took the opportunity to rearrange the cases. This all take time as it involves retiring items from display, adding new items and then recording all this activity on paper and computer.

We also achieved a milestone – our 5000th artefact catalogued. See the article on page 7.

On Thursday 19 March we will be meeting with the Council's new General Manager for Infrastructure along with other Senior Council Managers to discuss the various infrastructure and garden issues around the Complex that were identified at our Planning Day. These

issues were identified on the day as being unresolved and needing attention.

Kathy and I have attended the planning meetings for Whitehorse Heritage Week. This year it will be from September 10 to 17. Our Heritage Family Day will be on Sunday 13 September. We have applied for a Whitehorse Community Grant to fund the professional entertainers for the day.

Due to the corona virus situation the Committee has suspended future meetings and working bees until further notice in the interests of community health. We will keep you updated on the situation as needed.

Our Speaker for the April Meeting, Ross McMullin, has postponed his engagement with us so we hope to present his talk in the future. We have been advised that Camberwell Historical Society have also cancelled their meetings until further notice.

Vicki Jones Evans



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FEBRUARY MEETING REPORT



SO often when one sees old photos reproduced, one could be forgiven for believing that the world of the past was either faded, torn or badly printed in overlapping colours. Of course, this is not the case, and at our meeting this month we were shown by Richard Conn how the old and deteriorated image (monochrome) can be brought back to brightness and sharpness through the magic of Photoshop.

Richard had prepared a video that took us through the steps of restoring an image using a photo of the Walhalla Township c1945.

The steps to be followed were enumerated in order, beginning with the using of a good scanner that will scan to a high resolution, so that the pixels of the resultant image are small. Richard mentioned tricks that can be used to deal with (for example) matte photos – those with a textured surface. He showed us how, by selecting parts of the image and using Photoshop’s “layer” techniques, it is possible to deal with areas of the larger image in such a way that the enhancement is appropriate to the deterioration (a photo may need different treatment in different sections).

It is obviously not possible to do justice to Richard’s talk in the text of this report; notwithstanding, if you are interested in learning more, the video that Richard made can be seen through WHS.

Chris Gray



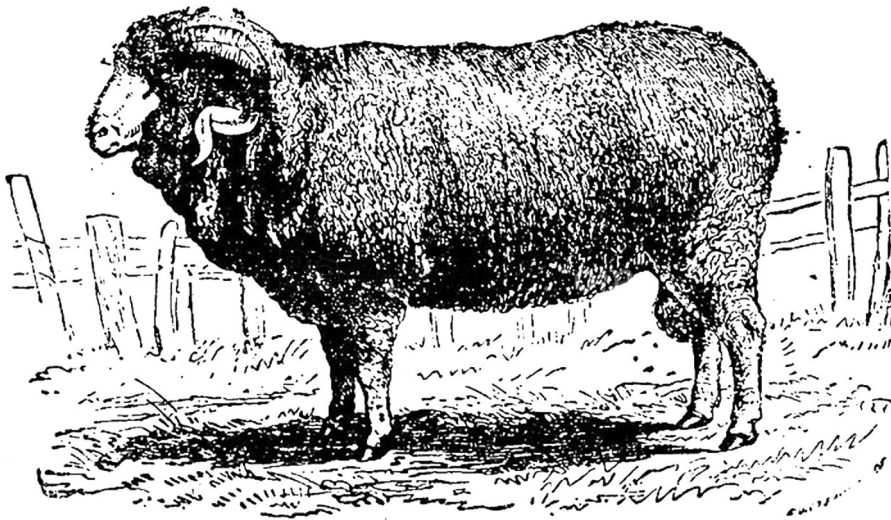
RIGHT: Richard answers question about his talk; BELOW (left): The Walhalla picture before enhancement; (right) The picture after Richard has restored it it.



*** Do you have any memories of your past that we could share in the newsletter? We would love to receive anecdotes that paint a picture of how things were in days gone by – not just what has changed, but actual living memories!**

SHEEP FEEDING IN NUNAWADING.

WHS Newsletter, 1978. Anon



DURING 1902 Victoria had one of the worst droughts known and sheep owners had to use every means they could to keep their flocks alive. One way was to send them around the countryside, feeding on road-side grass or on areas reserved for men who were camping with their travelling flocks and herds.

Nunawading, although it was close to Melbourne, had its share of travelling sheep. However, these tended to be in defiance of the rules stating they must travel a certain distance each day to find new areas of grass.

On 3 April 1903 Cr C. Norman and others wrote to the Council about the number of sheep feeding for months on open land and asking to have the nuisance abated.

The Council became involved when Cr Collier said the complaint was quite justified, as the sheep were a perfect nuisance and were continually trespassing on private property, as well as being unfair that they should be allowed to consume the grass owned by the ratepayers. He moved that a committee be appointed to find out what power the council had in the matter and see it was enforced.

24th April. The committee reported and recommended that the council's solicitor be asked for his opinion.

1st May. The council received legal advice and the inspector was instructed to report cases where mobs of sheep did not travel the distance required by the Act.



Your Committee in Action

ONE of the many projects that has been undertaken by WHS is to replace old and/or outmoded museum presentations. The walls of the front room of the museum have for some time been given over to a historical "time line" of the local area; this now needs, it is felt, a "face lift". To this end a series of posters is being prepared, and in the photo on the left, the first of these to be finished is shown off by Prue Cutts, Vicki and Patty at the Planning Day on February 17 this year.

THE REPORTER.

CIRCULATING IN BOX HILL, SURREY HILLS, CANTERBURY, BALWYN, CAMBERWELL, DONCASTER, BURWOOD, BLACKBURN, MITCHAM AND RINGWOOD
FERN TREE GULY, BAYSWATER, CROYDON, MOOROOLBARK, VERMONT, EMERALD, SCORESBY, SASSAFRAS, TALLY HO, BLACK FLAT, &c.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 1901.

ONE PENNY.

Doncaster and Box Hill First Annual Show.

Box Hill will be *en fete* to-day, on the occasion of holding the first autumn show under the auspices of the Doncaster Fruit-growers' Association and the Box Hill Progress Association. The show will be held in the Recreation hall, in a spacious marquee, and in the saleyards of Messrs Morton and Coghill. The opening ceremony will be performed at 1 o'clock by the Minister of Agriculture, assisted by a large parliamentary party and the councillors of Nunawading and Doncaster. A light luncheon will be served to the judges and visitors at the Federal hall at 2 p.m. The show will remain open to the public from 1 to 5, and from 7 to 10, and entrance will be by White Horse road only. All who pay for admission in the afternoon will get a pass-out ticket to enable them to attend the evening session, but these tickets will be strictly non-transferable. The show promises to be a gigantic success, nearly 600 entries having been received, every class being well represented, and there should be some keen competition. All the schools in the district will be closed for the day, and the business places will be shut at noon, and as the show has excited widespread interest there should be a very large crowd of spectators. Music will be supplied by the Star of Doncaster brass band; while Mr Fred. Mellor's orchestra will play inside, and there will be promenade concert in the evening.

123 & 125 SWAN STREET, RICHMOND



PRICES TO MEET THE TIMES.

Trousers to order from 9s. 6d.

Suits to order from 37s. 6d.

THE FEDERAL ELECTIONS. To the Electors of the State of Victoria.

GENTLEMEN,—

Having already announced myself as a Candidate for one of the six seats, in the Senate, I now beg to ask for your vote and support.

My long and active connection with the Defence Forces of Victoria, and the fact of my having when Minister of Defence in 1884 re-organised the whole of the Naval and Military Forces, and established THE CADETS, THE RIFLE CLUBS, and the MOUNTED RIFLES are a guarantee that THE ALL IMPORTANT QUESTION of the Defence of the Commonwealth will receive my earnest attention.

I fully endorse the opinion of the Right Hon. Edmund Barton, that the only way to ensure the financial stability of the Commonwealth and of the several States is to deal with the Tariff in a fair and practical manner by imposing moderate duties, which, while certain to produce the required large Revenue, will not be unjust to existing interests.

Most careful consideration must be given to the encouragement and development of our important Agricultural, Pastoral, Mining and Industrial resources.

Legislation for the prevention of Industrial conflicts by means of an equitably-framed Conciliation and Arbitration Act will receive my warm support, as also measures dealing with Federal Old Age Pensions and the restriction, so far as possible, of the admission of alien races to any part of the Commonwealth.

The existing unsatisfactory condition of affairs in the Islands of the Pacific demands prompt action to protect Australian interests.

Other subjects, such as the taking over by the Federal Parliament of the State Railways and State Debts, the Improvement of our Postal, Telegraphic and Telephonic services, and the very important question of the Federal Supreme Court will require early consideration.

During my residence in Victoria of over 50 years I have been actively engaged (in all the States) in Commercial, Pastoral, Mining and Manufacturing pursuits. I was for years a Commissioner of the Savings Bank and a Commissioner of the Melbourne Harbor Trust, while for 27 years I have had the honor of being one of the representatives for the Central and South Yarra Provinces in the Legislative Council.

Should you return me as a Member of the Federal Senate I shall (as in the past) devote my time and energies to promote the progress and welfare of the Commonwealth, in which I have lived so long and to which I owe so much.—Yours truly,

F. T. SARGOOD.

"Rippon Lea," Elsternwick,
12th February, 1901.

The Reporter.

*"Unswayed by prejudice,
Unbiased by faction,
Irrespective of nationality or creed,
Justice mete we out impartially to all."*

SHIRE OF NUNAWADING.

Notice is hereby given that the Council of the Shire of Nunawading, in pursuance of the powers conferred by the Local Government Act, did at the Meeting held on Monday, the 4th March, 1901, whereof SPECIAL NOTICE had been given, make a "Special Order" adopting the proposal to borrow the sum of Two thousand pounds on the security of a Special Improvement Rate (made by "Special Order" on the twenty-sixth day of November, 1900, and confirmed on the seventh day of January, 1901) by the issue of forty Debentures of £50 each, bearing interest at the rate of 4 pounds per centum per annum.

That such Debentures be payable on the first day of July, 1910, and interest thereon by half-yearly instalments on the 1st day of January and the 1st day of July in each year, at the English Scottish and Australian Bank, Box Hill, or at the Council's bankers for the time being.

That for the Liquidation of such Loan an amount equal to 10 pounds per centum per annum of the principal sum be invested in Victorian Government Stock every year, until the amount so invested shall be sufficient to repay such principal sum.

That the works and undertakings on which the said loan is to be expended are as follows:—

1. Pitching, forming and metalling, &c., Watts street, Box Hill, from White Horse road, north 1100 feet, to the northern boundaries of Lots 31 and 67 on plan of subdivision of the Box Hill Township Heights estate £267
2. Pitching, forming, &c., Hamilton street, Mont Albert 73
3. Pitching, forming and metalling, &c., Leopold crescent, Surrey Hills 342
4. Pitching, forming, metalling, &c., Nelson street, Mont Albert (part only), from Wolseley street to the eastern end of the said street 164
5. Pitching, forming and metalling, &c., High street, Mont Albert .. 224
6. Pitching, forming and metalling, &c., St George's avenue, Mont Albert 261
7. Pitching, forming and metalling, &c., Balmoral crescent, Surrey Hills (part only), from Windsor crescent to the eastern boundary of Lot 50 on plan of subdivision of Windsor park, section B, and Myrtle street, Surrey Hills (part only) from Station road to a point 16 feet south from the northern boundary of Lot 62 on plan of subdivision of Windsor park, section B 293
8. Pitching, forming, metalling, culvert, &c., Ashted road, Box Hill 376

£2000

And notice is further given that the council will at a meeting to be held at the Shire Hall, Box Hill, at 7 o'clock p.m. on the 29th of April, 1901, proceed to confirm the above "Special Order."

By Order of the Council,
JOHN R. KEFFORD,

Is this where you live?



ND6615
Attorney-General
Fellows

FELLOWS STREET is only a few minutes walk from Mitcham shops and railway station. It runs from Victoria Avenue to Ormond Avenue – between, and parallel with Deakin Street and Hanes Street. Before subdivision in October 1902 the land was owned by Robert Beckett of Essex Road Surrey Hills. It was an area of about 36 acres 23 perches (approximately 15 hectares) or thereabouts, being part of Crown Portion one hundred and nineteen at Mitcham Parish of Nunawading, County of Bourke.

It was named for Attorney-General FELLOWS. Although never a Premier, Thomas Howard FELLOWS was a prominent figure in contemporary Victorian politics. He was born in England in October 1822 at Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire, the son of solicitor, Thomas Fellows and his wife Mary née Howard. Educated at Eton, he was called to the bar in England in 1852, then sailed on the Kent for Melbourne, arriving April 1853. He was admitted to the Victoria Bar in the following May.

Fellows was elected to parliament in 1854 and by 1855 was Solicitor-General. He was a staunch conservative, defending the role of the Legislative Council throughout the 1860s. He built a profitable law practice, and in 1872 was appointed a judge of the Supreme Court. Among his interests were rowing and football, the Church of England, and his summer retreat at Queenscliff, where he was Mayor in 1865.

He died aged 55 years on 8 April 1878 at his home in South Yarra and was buried at St Kilda. He was survived by his second wife Jane née Hemmons.

*Yvonne Fitzmaurice
9 February 2020*

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Further reading: *Australian Dictionary of Biography* Vol. 4 (MUP) 1972

DIARY DATES

Meetings are held at the Schwerkolt Cottage and Museum Complex

Saturday, 4 April

1.00pm General Meeting
NOTIFICATION

All future General

Meetings and
Working Bees are
suspended owing to
the Corona Virus.

We will provide
updates as the
situation develops.

2020 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 2 May

Saturday 4 July

Saturday 5 September

Saturday 7 November

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

STATISTICS

Photographs catalogued	-	4343
Artefacts catalogued	-	5000
Documents catalogued	-	7691
Museum visitors January–February		N/A



Facebook New Page 'likes' to date 844

FROM THE COLLECTION . . .

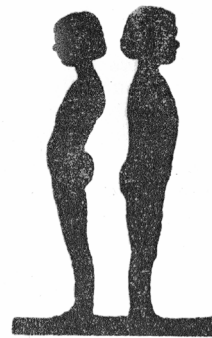
We reach 5000 artifacts!

OUR 5000th artifact is a manual on Child Care published by the Victorian Department of Health in 1952.

It covers all aspects of child care and development, from infancy to school age – and, indeed, undoubtedly includes many observations that would still hold sway. It has, of course, many instances of what we might consider "quaint" presentation and its Foreword, by George Cole (Chief Health Officer 1949–1952), includes the following advice to readers:

"Readers of this volume will find some apparent inconsistencies and may deem it a defect in a Departmental publication that what appears at first sight to be contradictory advice is given. I would remind them that medicine is not an exact science, but that it is an art based on science. Medical practitioners, while agreeing on basic principles, frequently hold divergent views on the best methods of application of these principles. It is not possible to achieve unanimity of opinion on all aspects of a subject such as Child Care, nor is it desirable that a Government Department should set itself up as an arbiter of what is right or wrong in all details. For this reason, it has been thought advisable to publish this volume in its present form."

PICTURES: (top) the cover of the book; (right) one of the illustrations included for the aid of parents.



Figs. 31 and 32.—You notice poor posture in animals. Look at your child's.

After 10 years, the wife starts to think their kid looks kind of strange. So she decides to do a DNA test. She finds out that the kid is actually from completely different parents ...

Wife: Honey, I have something very serious to tell you.

Husband: What's up?

Wife: According to the DNA test results, this is not our kid!

Husband: Well, don't you remember?? When we were leaving the hospital, we noticed that our baby had pooped. You said: "Please go change the baby, I'll wait for you here." So I went inside, left the dirty one there and got a clean one.

Moral:

Never give a man a job that doesn't belong to him.

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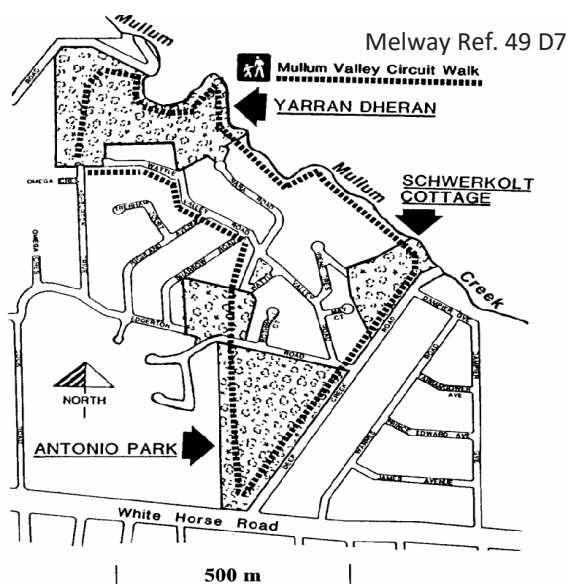
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