

NUNAWADING & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 2 OCTOBER 1998, IN LOCAL HISTORY ROOM, SCHWERKOLT COTTAGE MUSEUM COMPLEX, DEEP CREEK ROAD, MITCHAM.

Members present: Barbara Keene (President), Barbara Rogalski (Treasurer), Valda Arrowsmith, Anne Jones, Joy Kenny, Rae Matthews, Peter Simmenauer (Minutes), Frances Warren

Apologies: Barbara Gardiner, Judith Fry, Bruce Reynolds.

Accepted. Moved: P Simmenauer. Seconded: B Rogalski

Minutes of previous meeting have been distributed and received.

Approved. Moved: F Warren. Seconded: J Kenny

Business arising:

Letter re Old Letter Box held up for research purposes
General Meeting must confirm appointment of Vice President
Advertisement in Victorian Probus News arranged for \$130
Meeting on 15 October with Nunawading Primary School re display
Council arranging banner for Wisteria Party - not yet received - B Keene to check with Lois Binnie
Mayor has agreed to speak to our February meeting
Painting of the Cottage by B Rogalski to be presented to Bette Jones at next General Meeting
Computer offer. V Arrowsmith will follow up report by Ian Armstrong on Monday (5 October)

Correspondence In:

Victorian Casino and Gaming Authority
Thanks and cheque (\$16.50) from Michael Cannon
Receipts from Box Hill Hist. Soc. for sale of books
City of Whitehorse
 Stephen Wright - Steering Committee Heritage Study - see President's Report
 Peter Seamer - Cheque for \$2000
 Bruce Manks - re errors in Whitehorse Report - explanation and request for information for next report,
 and for Yellow Pages Community Directory - B Keene to respond, using modified version of
 earlier advertisement for Cottage, + hours of opening
 Geoff Pascoe - Spring Festival
 Michelle Nowlam - 3 Benares Street - invitation to planning forum on 6 October
 Graeme Stephenson - Community Festival
Annual report - Museums Australia Inc.
VicRoads - confirming speakers for next week
Bruce Atkinson - Entry Form Victorian Community and Local History Award
Kidstar Castles - Wisteria Party
Valda Arrowsmith - Thank You
Vison Passion - Thank You
Margaret Eklund - Thank You
Pat Traveston - Thank You
Joan and Greg Castle - history of house
The Victorian Probian - readvertisement
Norma Jamieson
Museums Australia Inc Vic - Icom Regional Museums Reception

Newsletters

Doncaster-Templestowe Historical Society
Royal Historical Society
Box Hill Historical Society

National Community Link
Surrey Hills Historical Society
Community News from Special Interest Group of Museums Australia
Australian Family
Triad News
Ringwood Historical Research Group
Australian Family Tree Connections

Correspondence out:

Jenny Thomas - Nunawading Primary School
National Bank Committee Link Awards (support of AIGS application for \$15K grant)
Michael Cannon - thanks
City of Whitehorse
 Lois Binnie - Whitehorse Report
 Alison Egan - Annual report
 Planning Permit Delhi/Benares Street
 Peter Seamer - Old Strathdon
 John Lovell - maintenance of Barn and Smithy (advice on Borer infestation)
John & Rose Vincenzi - new members
Cathy Riddle - Probian Advert. (2)
Mrs M Miller - thank you
Mrs Joyce Suto - thank you
Mrs J Williams - thank you
Ken Barelli - thank you
Letters sent to 8 primary schools re Wisteria Party

Accepted/Approved. Moved: J Kenny Seconded V Arrowsmith

Treasurer's report

Balance at Bank as at 25.9.98: \$6353.06

Paid out:

Office of Fair Trading	32.00
B Gardiner - Stat., Bolts	46.49
B Keene - Frame, Stat.	14.30
Museums Aust. - Subs.	65.00
Ians Museum Display Case	30.00
Victorian Conservation Centre	
Conservation Report	2000.00
B Gardiner (misc)	228.79

Accepted. Moved: B Rogalski. Seconded J Kenny

B Rogalski asked to draft Budget outline for consideration by future Committee meeting eg provision for stationery, conservation, heating, etc.

B Rogalski asked to keep running total of conservation items to track those parts of grants earmarked for this purpose.

Priorities for future expenditure mentioned included \$500 for restoration of samplers; possibility of interpretive panels/signs for machinery items (estimates being obtained by B Keene); other conservation items will be identified through examination of Conservation report recommendations.

Some concern expressed over growing expenditure on Wisteria Festival items - to be regarded as advertising expense.

President's Report

Attended **ALUM Steering Committee Heritage Study Meeting**. Information of process regarding Interim report of consultant Lovell on "overlay study" of 108 sites within Box Hill and Nunawading - of crucial importance, as will be used as guidance to developers by Council. Further meeting on 27 October, after which list of proposed sites will be released for public comment. Opportunity for comment by NDHS and general public, also for objections to be lodged, which will be considered by a panel. Report intended to be submitted to Council Meeting in April/May 1999, after consideration of comments and objections.

Draft "Thematic" report issued as part of main report - exact status still unknown. So far seen by B Keene and V Arrowsmith; some errors detected, and thought to have too little content on the former Nunawading area, emphasising Box Hill. Believed that compilers did not take all available sources into account; did not consult NDHS. Anne Jones to examine report, then with VA and BK, make a detailed report and recommendations to the NDHS Committee, with a view to correcting and balancing content.

Attending meeting with Cr. Kaele Way on **historic markers in Whitehorse** (an initiative of Box Hill H.S.) which is preparing a submission for part of Federal grant - 10 projects to be funded from the total of \$200,000.

VCCCM Conservation Report - generally very favourable, indeed enthusiastic praise of maintenance and presentation of cottage, cataloguing, collection management and other aspects. A number of conservation and signage aspects noted for improvement, and NDHS advised to take advantage of advice, workshops etc. B Keene, Valda and Ted Arrowsmith are preparing detailed comments on recommendations of the report to be considered by a future Committee meeting.

Child's Rocking Chair. Considered that there would be enough opportunity to sell raffle tickets to Wednesday Group, Wisteria party, Spring Festival, Walkers and possibly Vic. Antique Collectors so that \$200 cost could be reimbursed to B Reynolds and a reasonable profit made. Raffle to be undertaken.

Moved: J Kenny. Seconded R Matthews.

Wisteria Party : members listed for various functions. (B Rogalski has list)

Rocking Chair surplus to requirements. Authority to sell privately.

Moved: F Warren. Seconded J Kenny.

Committee of Eastern Historical Societies - no report; AGM not yet held.

General Business

Anne Jones: Authority to purchase **Inmagic software program** to enable input of worksheet data to additional and other computers in batches of 50 at cost of \$25.00.

Approved. Moved: B Keene. Seconded P Simmenauer.

Valda Arrowsmith: Authority to have "**Clay Industry**" plan for display in Museum framed at a cost of \$70.00. (Key to features to be added separately).

Approved. Moved: V Arrowsmith. Seconded R Matthews.

Valda Arrowsmith: **Suburban photo albums**. Noted in the course of compressing descriptive labels in Mitcham album that some plastic housing sheets had yellowed, and that labels were not acid-free. VCCCM report commented that album housing was not adequate, but without specific detail. Suggested consideration of replacement with "Photo-safe" albums which are recommended and used by Box Hill HS, available for \$10 each in minimum quantity of 20 from manufacturer. B Keene to investigate composition of existing albums with Gunz distributors; alternatively VCCCM, to determine whether albums are likely to present risk to photo preservation, and report to next Committee meeting. Cost of additional "Photo-safe" pages also to be determined, so that cost of replacement can be estimated. Some members expressed interest in purchasing albums if necessary to make up required quantity for discounted price.

Valda Arrowsmith: **Nunawading Memorial Pool**. Letter to be written to Peter Seamer proposing erection of a suitable information marker to indicate its significance as a memorial as that part of the structure which currently indicates this is to be demolished.

Approved. Moved: V Arrowsmith. Seconded A Jones.

Valda Arrowsmith: **"Tractor"**. Reported on repeated conversations with CR. Bill Bowie on the location of a vintage tractor held by Council and intended for location in the Schwerkolt Complex. As there is currently no area suitable to house the tractor out of the weather, B Keene, B Gardiner and V Arrowsmith will prepare a submission to Council for an extension to the complex to relieve pressure on storage display and working areas which might allow the tractor to be suitably housed as well. V Arrowsmith will inform Bill Bowie of this action.

Valda Arrowsmith: suggested that Keith Rooney be asked to distribute NDHS and Schwerkolt brochures at his speaking engagements.

B Keene: will ask B Gardiner to design a brochure intended to inform (walking) "History Groups of the availability of refreshments at the Cottage by arrangement.

B Keene: reported that Keith Bowker had informed her that the Valley of the Arts Association was opening a tourist office in Warrandyte. NDHS literature can be included in their tourist brochure range.

Meeting closed 3.30 pm

Next Meeting: Friday 23 October at 1.00 pm