

Minutes of Whitehorse Historical Society Committee Meeting held at the Schwerkolt Cottage Complex on June 2nd 2008 at 2.00 pm

Present; J. Fry. [Pres.] V.Marshall [Sec] R.Gardiner [Tres] B. Gardiner , I Nethercote, W. Standfield, J. Ventouras, V Arrowsmith, K Way, J. Plehn, V. Jones-Evans.

Apologies; Nil

Minutes of the Last Committee Meeting May5th with amendments.

Heritage Week -- 14thSept. 2008

Acquisition - Refer to Accreditation Committee.

Moved I. Nethercote Seconded J. Plehn. Carried.

Business Arising. -

Library Displays; Nunawading. 30thJuly—26thAugust

Vermont South—27th Aug.—30thSept.

Box Hill 45th Ann. 26th July 9 attending.

Pens - Any progress?

Grants- Received \$3500 from Council for Textiles.

Received from the Commonwealth for Office Equipment. \$1500.

Need to form a sub-committee to keep track of Grants that are available.

Moved B. Gardiner, seconded V. Jones-Evans, that B.Gardiner, [Conv.]

Vicki, June, Ian, be appointed to keep track, and to apply, for any grants

That may be available, that are suitable. Carried.

Mullum- Mullum. Nothing at present. Difficult to contact people involved

In the proposal.

Annual Report; P. Simmenauer agreed to coordinate- need to have all reports

To Peter by 2nd July Nomination Forms to go out with the Newsletter, plus

Notice of A,G,M. Leaflet about Open Day 14th September, may need to go

Post out at the beginning of September

Insurance; R.H.S. Robert Gardiner. Moved that Insurance for Equipment at

\$10.000, cost of \$38.50 per annum. Seconded B. Gardiner

Reports;

Treasurer's Report Attached to minutes. Moved R. Gardiner, Seconded

I.Nethercote. Carried.

Membership; No change.

Orchard Shed. One of the Banners to be replaced.

Acquisition {See attachment} Report by Vicki.

Accreditation; Nil

Newsletter; Well set out.

Housekeeping; J.Plehn to continue for several weeks.

Working Bee; Next W.B. September 6th. I. Nethercote reported that a

Reminder to be in next Newsletter
Costume Restoration; Vicki spoke to Felicity Martin- maybe finished soon, definitely by the end of the financial year.
Speakers; June 14th Helen Harris "Pioneer Suffragist" To be presented with Cards and flowers.

August 9th; Lyn Ford Mitcham Primary School

October 11th Linda Collier The Collier Family.

December 13th H. Walker – on the Walker Family.

Heritage Day; Sunday 14th September B. Gardiner All under control.

Heritage Week Commencing 24th September

P.R.O. Report. From P. Richardson and I. Nethercote.. On the meeting at Ringwood.

Eastern Region Report; Next Meeting 26th July Ambleside Fern Tree Gully

All Reports Accepted; Moved. Nethercote Seconded W. Standfield. Carried.

General Business;

1. Remaking of the Car Park.. As requested Valda contacted the Councilors, hoping to Obtain plans. Council still waiting for them from Eastlink.
K.Way to follow this up as the Schwerkolt Complex Does not want the car park Replaced, Moved B. Gardiner Seconded I Nethercote Carried.
2. Moved That the Collection not be insured for the current year, but to be reviewed. Seconded B. Gardiner.
3. Purchase of book "Ladies Vintage Accessories"- Moved that it be purchased from Borders, at the cost of approx. \$65.00. by B. Gardiner, Seconded V.Jones-Evans' Carried.
- 4 Periodicals, Hold for one year and one month, then discard. Moved W.Stanfield, Seconded, B.Gardiner Carried.
- 5.Moved Valda That W.H.S. join the Costume S.I.G. Museum Aust. At \$16.50 per Year. One member to be nominated as representative. V. Jones-Evans, Appointed Seconded J.Plehn.
- 6.Storage;A written submission by P. Simmaurin; Committee to read. And, discuss The ideas at the 7th July Meeting
- 7.Proposal from B. Gardiner That theMonaash and Nunawading Rotary Club be Given permission to photograph the Complex, as it may be possible to use the Photos on our Website. B.Gardiner removed this and J.Plehn Seconded Carried
8. Fund Raising; Pres. J Fry made a suggestion of Wedding Dresses be used to Raise some funds, with entrance fee be a donation. Project for the future. Sub-Committee to be activated by the incoming Committee, at their Sept. Meeting
- 9.Whitehorse News. An article on suffragists made no mention of the W.H.S Moved B.Gardiner, to contact the paper, to inform them that we were disappointed Maybe they could do a follow up article on our displays as featured in the Newsletter, in the future. Seconded K.Way Carried [Valda will email them]
9. Community Grants;V.Jones-Evans and V. Arrowsmith, will apply for the Victorian Heritage Grant.

Errata—Acquisitions. Asked at the last meeting that the Acquisition Sub-committee That they refer to Accreditation Committee that they look at some of these items Moved Vicki Seconded Valda. Carried.

1. Collection Policy be tightened.
2. Look at creating an Interpretation Policy.
3. Deaquisition Policy should be separated from the Collection Policy.

[Need for Sub-Com. To promote future extensions to the Museum, and to determine Whether the Committee wishes to proceed with this] Decided to leave this report To July meeting Moved Valda that a Sub-Com. Be formed to review the latest Conservation Report on the condition of the out buildings of the Complex, and their Repositioning Seconded B. Gardiner. Carried.

Recommended by the President, that the Committee Members consider the Acquisition Report for a month and then discuss at the July 7th meeting Moved by Valda That a Sub-Com. [Working Bee] be appointed, to review the Costume Collection in the next month. as set out by the Acquisition Committee Seconded Vicki. Carried.

Furrows; J.Fry reported, after speaking to Steve Day, that the public are trampling All over the furrow area. Moved B.Gardiner that a letter be written to the C.E.O Noelene Duff, [Copies to Ward Councillors] Recommending a sign be erected to Explain about the furrows and protection be placed at the area. Seconded J. Plehn. Carried.

Conservation Volunteers. R.Gardiner reported that Erin Schroder, from Heritage Care, Asked W.H.S. to sign Volunteer Project Agreement with Julie Jones from the Council To provide a Certificate of Public Liability, regarding Insurance etc.

Additional Correspondence;

Victorian Heritage Grant. Department of Planning and Development. Vicki to follow Up.

Museums Aust.Magazine 2008.

Queries on Correspondence; Friends of Cerberus , letter to be tabled at the General Meeting.

Next meeting July 7th at 2.00pm [K.Way asked for Website to be placed on agenda]

Meeting Closed at 4.15p.m.

Speakers; J. Plehn June 24th Helen Harris
 August 26th Lyn Ford.

Heritage Day; Sunday the 14th Sept.

Heritage Week Starts 14th September

Report from Ian and Pat. Visit to the PRO. Ringwood {see attached}

Eastern Region Report; Next Meeting at Ambleside Fern Tree Gully. Workshop
26th July at 1.30 Disaster Plan.

All Reports Accepted. Moved; Seconded;

General Business;

1. Remaking of the Car Park- Valda.
2. Purchase of book; Ladies Vintage Accessories. **B.Gardiner.**
3. **Periodicals. How long to hold.**
4. **W.H.S.to join Costume S.I.G. Museum Aust. Vicki.**

Correspondence In; Knox H.S. Change of Address.

Newsletters. Eastern Region

Now and Then; May 2008

Eltham and District May 2008

Hawthorn May 2008.

Place Of Potential Interest; 10 Canora St Blackburn

Friends of Cerberus

Registrar of Geographic Place Names in Vict,

Cancer News.

Community Grants.

Community Relations Funding; Mike Symons

OUT

Expression of interest. Whitehorse Festival.

MEETING CLOSED;

NEXT MEETING; July 7th 2.. 00 pm.

WHAT IS OFFERED AT THE PUBLIC RECORDS OFFICE?

On Thursday 8th May, Ian Nethercote and I attended a free Public Records Office Victoria (P.R.O.V.) seminar at the Ringwood Council Chambers, where we were given a taste of the immense variety of records held in the P.R.O.V.'s climate-controlled premises in Sheill Street, North Melbourne. (A very large free car park adjoins the complex and food can be purchased nearby)

The P.R.O.V. record collection comes from both State and Commonwealth sources, and includes birth, death and marriage registers, criminal trials, directories, treasury correspondence, probate and administration of wills, inquests, land selections, assisted immigration, schools, maps, plans, photographs, glass negatives, an extensive library, and so much more. Similar to our own collection but on a massive scale.

You can view the indexes to their collection by going to web site - www.prov.vic.gov.au.

If, like me, the web site initially overwhelms you, never fear. By ringing toll free number 1800 657 452, you will be able to talk with experienced volunteers, who "Have been there a lot longer than we have and know exactly where everything is and how to access it!" said our presenter.

Years ago, when I was using the P.R.O.V Shipping Indexes it meant a trip into the city to find the information in a catalogue or on microfiche, then back again when the item had arrived at the P.R.O.V. for me to read.

Now, if you find information after perusing the indexes on the web site, you can ring up and order the item/s and they will be ready for you to study by the next working day.

The other interesting venture is the P.R.O.V's new Indigenous section. At present there is some information on website www.prov.vic.gov.au/about/kru/ or through the normal web site. We were told that at the moment, most of the collection is on paper in a series of boxes. Aboriginal people were subjected to huge amounts of paperwork. There were forms if they left an area or institution, if they entered an area or institution, if they were given food or clothing vouchers, sent to school, had police records etc. They could hardly move and it was noted down.

Volunteers are presently sifting through this information in order to bring each Aboriginal person's documents together under their name. Obviously this initiative is aimed primarily at those Aboriginals from the stolen generation who are trying to contact family, but will eventually form the information for a database that all can use, similar to our Pioneer Index.

The P.R.O.V. has exhibitions at the Sheill Street premises. At present they are concentrating on the Centenary of Women's Suffrage. They are the keepers of that huge 1891 roll of 30,000 signatures from Victorian women determined to get the vote. We have been doing our bit in that regard, and I hope you have been reading the articles that Valda Arrowsmith and I have been producing for the Whitehorse News.

I didn't know that we could have the use the P.R.O.V's exhibitions after they had finished with them, but this is the case. We have to pick up and return the exhibitions ourselves (and find room to display them) but there is no charge. On my wish list is a lovely big open room behind the museum where we can put on special exhibitions, or have school groups in for study. Maybe in the future.

We were given quite a few hand-outs at the seminar and I have filed these in our own archives for the use of our members or visitors.

Pat Richardson

Whitehorse Historical Society Inc.

Treasurers report for Committee meeting Mon. 2/6/08

General account balance at 2/6/08	\$8761.68
Accountable grants – balances	
Oral history grant	1206.92
Costume grant 2006	383.44
Costume grant 2007	<u>3500.00</u>
Total -	5090.36 <u>\$5090.36</u>

Available general funds -	<u>\$3671.32</u>
Other grants –	
11/7/07 -Federal operating grant	\$1500.00
21/12/07 -C of W/horse oper. grant	\$620.00

Income 5/5/08 to 2/6/08

Heritage day walks	108.75
Sales	<u>99.10</u>
Total -	<u>\$207.85</u>

Expenditure

General	216.00
Origin gas	<u>61.78</u>
Total	<u>\$277.78</u>

R. Gardiner
Treasurer