

**WHITEHORSE HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.**

**COMMITTEE MEETING 2 APRIL 2012**

**AGENDA**

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- 2. Apologies**
- 3. Minutes of previous meeting**
- 4. Business Arising**
  - Membership recruitment
  - Schwerkolt 150 project
  - Conservation of Barn and Smithy
  - Museum Plaque
  - Copyright
  - Photos - local – reaccreditation not yet met
  - Rebinding Books
  - UV Protection for museum
  - Paper shredder
  - Strathdon House
  - Oral histories
  - Pricing of research and copies
- 5. Reports**
  - President
  - Treasurer
  - Displays
  - Membership
  - Environmental
  - Speakers
  - Grants – 2012 Exhibition
  - Heritage Week – Meeting

- Council – Helen Laffin re doing

Schwerkolt brochure

Cleaning Schedule

Facebook

Doors (strips)

## 6. Correspondence

### *Inwards*

- Noelene Duff CEO, CoW – Strathdon House and Grounds
- Ken Turner – Box Hill Brick Works
- Dr Linda Young – Deakin Students visit
- Helen Laffin – Hazardous chemicals checklist
- Joyce Suto – book launch
- Rachel Perry, Communication & Ministerial Services – GVESHO grant
- Russ Haines – Mt Evelyn War Memorial Plaque
- Russ Haines – Crank-Up Event assistance required
- FAHS – The Future of Heritage and of the GVESHO
- POD – contact details update

### *Newsletters, notices*

- National Library of Australia – Community Heritage Grants 2012
- GSoV – brochures
- Hawthorn HS – Newsletter February 2012
- Whitehorse Manningham Library newsletter – Autumn 2012
- National Trust of Australia Update March 2012
- NLA – Digitising grant
- Ringwood HS – Newsletter March 2012
- Yarra Ranges Council – Exhibition invitation
- FAHS – Heritage week registration invitation
- Camberwell HS – general meeting invitation

### *Outwards*

- Khing Tan – new member
- Chris Gray – new member

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### MINUTES

1. **Present:** V. Jones-Evans (chair), R. Gardiner, B. Gardiner, P. Simmenauer, V. Arrowsmith, J. Ventouras, J. Fry, R. Cottle (minutes)
2. **Apologies:** V. Marshall, W. Standfield
3. **Minutes of previous meeting**  
Accepted (V. Arrowsmith/B. Gardiner)
4. **Business Arising**
  - Membership - Khing Tan has joined the Wednesday working group.
  - Schwerkolt 150 project – Plan has been revised, requesting one photo and memory now.
  - Conservation of Barn & Smithy – They have been treated.
  - Museum plaque – in progress.  
VJ-E suggested including Kaele Way on the honour board. Could all members consider this.
  - Copyright – ongoing.
  - Photos – local – ongoing.
  - Rebinding books – PS taking the final 3 to binders, Thursday 5/4/12.
  - UV Protection for museum – has been completed, Council paid \$1280 plus GST. Film protection not to be touched or cleaned for 2 months.
  - Paper shredder – ongoing.
  - Strathdon House – BG reported that B. Rogalski said Council has been to property and cleaned up.  
VA is still trying to organise a meeting with Council to discuss property.  
WHS to continue to push for proper usage of building.
  - Oral histories – VA has completed one since last meeting. Aim for one per month between VA and BG.
  - Pricing of research and copies – Email enquiries to include invoice.  
PS suggests users send stamps or uses own discretion for complimentary scans.  
Submitted list dated March 2012 accepted as new charges.  
(V. Arrowsmith/J. Fry).
  - Deakin students – Visit went well. WHS thanked twice by Dr L. Young.  
Dr Young on our list of speakers for 2013.

## 5. Reports

### President:

On Saturday 31/3/2012 VJ-E attended the Yarra Ranges Sampler Exhibition opening. They have included 3 1950s samplers from the WHS collection. AOEHS was on same day at Croydon, report submitted.

Shayne Price was impressed with Eastland magazine and display, and has thanked WHS for supplying the photos. VA suggested we thank Eastland for including the cottage.

Blackburn Station upgrade – Council previously asked for history of the area so they could design street furniture. VJ-E received email from architects requesting info on a flower species representative of Blackburn. VJ-E suggested the Brown Boronia (Chandler property) and referred them to Gary Presland's book or Blackburn lake Committee. They replied they will look into the Brown Boronia.

### Treasurer:

General account balance \$11,070.12

Income \$249.28 includes B.Rogalski talk sales of \$95.00.

Expenses \$149.04

Investment account balance \$28,041.48

Accepted (R. Gardener/P. Simmenauer)

VA queried whether Yvonne's soaps would be sold in museum shop. RC & RG explained the current stock and system is still being reviewed.

RG stated that the RHSV Insurance is due. Cost has gone up 40c per member. This year  $81 \times \$4.90 = \$396.00$ . (Last year \$292).

Contents policy covered for \$18,000 last year, \$70. Cover increased to \$20,000 this year at a cost of \$108.00.

(R.Gardiner/V. Jones-Evans).

### Displays:

BG is looking for materials to line the map cabinets. VJ-E suggested polyester. \$30-50 to purchase. 2 draws to hold interesting documents (copies).

BG is concerned the 50s display is still empty. This is an ongoing project.

RG is looking at purchasing a rail for in the laundry to hang things from. Upmarket track is about \$400. Curtain rods or curtain track are cheaper at about \$120. PS suggested picture rail moulding.

RG stated that the shelving from Port Melbourne HS is too narrow for folios so will be used in the grilled area for pottery etc. RG moved WHS offer Port Melbourne HS \$100 for the shelving. The committee voted for \$50. (R. Gardiner/R. Cottle).

### Membership:

101 paid members. Committee approved new members Chris Gray and Khing Tan (B. Gardiner/J. Fry).

**Environmental:** PS stated reports should be taken every 3 months. Next in June. PS suggested we move monitor from LHS to cottage. Yvonne is doing the reports. VJ-E queried whether we update the environmental software or apply for a grant.

**Speakers:** Lambis Englezos – Fromelles – April  
Keith Rooney – local history – June  
Gerry Robinson – value of history – August  
Anne Dickson – Costumes – October  
JV to contact Dr Linda Young to see if she can speak at December meeting.  
Gift for L. Englezos, copy of Schwerkolt and Till.  
VA suggested publicising the April meeting in the local papers and with the local RSL.

**Grants:** RG applying for \$2000 for open day 2012 from Council.  
PS has obtained one quote for the display exhibition application and is waiting on 2 others. Unable to contact Louise Blake re powerpoint presentation. The grant is almost ready to complete and is due 13<sup>th</sup> April 2012.  
VA mentioned that Russ Haines has stated there are many grants are around and they are difficult to find.

**Heritage week:** Next meeting 5 May 2012.

No progress on Vermont Bus Tour. VA needs to prepare a blurb preferably before the next meeting.

**Council:** Schwerkolt brochure – Helen Laffin wants photos of cottage.  
VJ-E suggested council has better photographers.  
Cleaning schedule – WS absent  
Facebook – waiting on Helen Laffin  
Door strips – have been done but not properly.  
Laundry ceiling – fixed  
Chemical list – finished  
Laptop for attendants – CoW to provide.  
WHS to provide read-only database.  
Council in favour of ADSL internet access. VJ-E to discuss.  
Trees – David Stewart emailed – routine maintenance and one tree needing extra attention.

Reports accepted (V. Jones-Evans/B. Gardiner)

## 6. Correspondence:

Late mail in: David Stewart CoW – Tree maintenance  
FAHS e-Bulletin No 97  
Burwood Cemetery Tour brochure  
Royal Historical Society Vic – Insurance  
Robyn Doble Box Hill HS – donation thank you  
Dee Ryall MP – Victoria Award nominations  
Inside History Magazine – March/April 2012 (featuring WHS)  
Eastland Magazine (featuring Schwerkolt Cottage)

Late mail out: 2012 open day request to attend:  
KO Blacksmiths  
Box Hill Spinners & Weavers  
Lace Makers Guild  
Koonung Wood Turners  
Rotary Club of Box Hill  
Art in Bark  
Yarra Valley Machinery Preservation Society  
Vermont Lioness Club  
Melbourne Méccano Club  
Tip Top Tom  
Jamieson's Run Animal Farm

Correspondence received (R. Cottle/J. Fry)

## 7. General Business

- Annual report – PS to collate. RC to do layout.
- Shelving – PS has sketched a plan for new shelving in storage area and LHR. PS would like committee to pre approve expenditure on second hand shelving up to \$3000.  
VA disagrees with just 3 people planning this, and suggests it should be the whole committees responsibility. JF agreed the committee needs to be involved in all things. VJ-E suggests a sub committee (PS, RG & VJ-E) to review the shelving layout and present at next committee meeting.  
JV would like the plan to be explained to Wednesday working group.  
VA moved the approval of \$3000 cap in principle with final plan to be approved by committee. (V. Arrowsmith/R. Gardiner) Voted 7 for, 1 against.
- AOEHS meeting Saturday 30/3/2012 – VA attended and was very impressed with speaker Mick Woiwod who gave a history on the Aboriginal people of the area. He is hoping society's will included some articles from his book in their newsletters.  
Russ Haines has utilised scanning services via PROV at \$35 an hour for digitised maps etc.  
VA suggests WHS should be more involved with "Friends of the Burwood Cemetery".

**Meeting closed: 3.47 pm**

**Next Meeting:**

Whitehorse Historical Society Inc.

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Treasurers report for Committee meeting

Mon. 2/4/12

General acc. balance -                      \$11,070.12

Income

Bank interest	\$	0.28
B Rogalski sales	\$	95.00
LHR sales	\$	55.00
Museum sales	\$	79.00
Chris Gray - Subs	\$	10.00
Hooi Khing Tan - Subs	\$	10.00

Total    \$ 249.28

Expenditure -

Cartridge refills	\$	63.00
Origin - gas	\$	71.04
Modem	\$	15.00

Total    \$ 149.04

Total

Investment acc. balance                      \$ 28,041.48

R. Gardiner  
Treasurer