

## Membership Application

Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Other .....

First Name(s) .....

Family Name .....

Address .....

..... Post Code .....

Phone (H) .....

Mobile .....

Email .....

I/we apply to become a member/s of the Whitehorse Historical Society (WHS). In the event of my/our admission as a member, I/we agree to be bound by the rules of the Association for the time being in force.

.....  
Signature of Applicant

.....  
Date

### Annual Membership Categories

Individual	\$25.00
Household (2 adults + children under 18)	\$35.00
Newsletter only	\$15.00
Donation	\$ _____
Total	=====

**Payment:** Cash, cheque or EFT.

**Bank Details:** BSB: 063 146

**Account Number:** 1026 9092 **Reference:** Surname

☐ I consent to my name appearing in publications of the WHS.

☐ I consent to the WHS disclosing my personal contact information to others in the WHS.

**Return to:**

**The Treasurer**

**Whitehorse Historical Society Inc.**

**PO Box 272**

**Mitcham VIC 3132**

## Interested in Joining?

We welcome new members who would like to be involved with the preservation of the history of the area, and who may have skills in computing, DIY, fundraising, publicity, research or other skills needed by the Society to help care for our heritage. Our membership year is 1 September to 31 August however members joining after 1 June will be granted membership until the end of the following year.

## Society Activities

Members can be involved in a range of activities, including:

- **Meetings** with guest speakers 1st Saturday in February, April, June, October and December at 1pm. Annual General Meeting is held in August as advised
- **Managing** and maintaining the collection of artefacts, photos and documents
- **Oral history** interviews
- **Assisting** local and family history researchers
- **Preparation** of museum displays and events such as the annual Heritage Family Day
- **Researching** the background of museum exhibits
- **Photography**
- **Digitising** photographs and documents
- **Working bees**

For further information contact the Society by ringing (03) 9873 4946 on a Wednesday between 10am and 3pm.

# Whitehorse Historical Society Inc.



## Local History Room

Schwerkolt Cottage & Museum Complex  
Deep Creek Road, Mitcham 3132



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## About the Society

Formed as the Nunawading Historical Society in 1965, early initiatives included the collection and display of historical items following the restoration of Schwerkolt Cottage and the development of the Museum Complex.

*Mission Statement: "To foster historical interest and knowledge; to collect, document, research, preserve and exhibit items that show how people have lived and worked in the development of the Whitehorse area".*

*Acknowledgement of Country: "In the spirit of reconciliation Whitehorse Historical Society Inc. acknowledges the Wurundjeri people as the traditional owners of the land now known as the City Of Whitehorse and pays respect to its elders, past and present".*

Its scope is the suburbs of Blackburn, Blackburn North, Blackburn South, Burwood East, Forest Hill, Mitcham, Nunawading, Vermont and Vermont South.

Collections include items relating to domestic life, education, local families and identities, religious, recreational, social and working life and local business, industry and agriculture.

The Local History Collection includes books, maps, periodicals and newspapers, oral and written histories, photos, slides, audio and video tapes and ephemera, available for research by the public on Wednesdays 10am to 3pm or by appointment. A catalogue may be viewed at the Society website or via the Whitehorse Manningham Regional Library Corporation site at [www.wev.vic.gov.au](http://www.wev.vic.gov.au)



## Schwerkolt Cottage & Museum Complex

The Complex is located on part of the land acquired in 1861 by the German pioneer immigrant family of August Schwerkolt. It includes:

- a three-roomed stone cottage built of local materials completed in 1888, which has been restored and furnished in the style of the period
- an original wine cellar which has also been restored and contains wine-making equipment of the period
- reconstructed outbuildings include a barn and blacksmith's shop, and a replica of a smokehouse used by the Schwerkolt family
- a Museum and Visitors' Centre that contains textiles and costumes, photographs, domestic implements, heritage craft items, hand tools and other implements. An orcharding shed houses a collection of agricultural machinery which includes many items used in local orchards
- the Local History Room, which is the meeting room of the Society, and houses its collection of documents, photographs and artifacts.

The Complex is fully accredited by Museums Australia as complying with their criteria for good museum practice.



## Can you help?

- If you know of any business records, diaries, letters, photographs or artifacts that people may be willing to donate to the collection, please let us know. These may be of great interest to researchers or visitors to the Cottage and Museum.
- The Society has been compiling information on the origins of street names for some time, but many of the streets remain unrecorded. Again, this is of great interest to others – we would appreciate any information you can supply.

## Wednesday Working Group

Members interested in volunteering their services are welcome to join our happy team of workers each Wednesday in the Local History Room between 9:45am and 3pm.



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