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*Preserving our Heritage for the Future*

## Last Meeting

What a wonderful meeting we had last month.

We were thoroughly entertained by Harry Gardner and his entourage of musicians, dancers and puppets. Of course there was some history thrown in and Harry set up a wonderful display of photographs.



Certainly some of our members found it very humorous, as seen in the photo.

## The Next Meeting

**Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> August, 8pm, Federation Estate, Greenwood Ave.**

### History of Eastern Suburb's Railways

John Hurst, an ex-East Ringwood resident, can remember the activity in the area back in the 1950s.

Since then, his interest in railways has blossomed. He is an associate professor at Monash University and teaches about computer systems and software engineering.

He is also associated with the Glen Waverley Uniting Church choir and is an active photographer.

He is concerned about the environment and has solar and water storage at his home.

Finally, his railway's photograph catalogue is one of the best in the country.

This will be a fascinating evening from an extremely knowledgeable railway enthusiast.

### Australian Comforts Fund

The Australian Comforts Fund provided extra clothing, food, tobacco and other 'comforts' for our troops in WWI.

Our vice-president, Ian Austin, will take us through this very important "home" volunteer organisation.

Ian is an avid collector of military material so we're in for a great cameo to start the evening.

## Wanted

Our society has a database of our pioneer families. It was originally started by Joan Walker and is a very useful tool for enquiries and research. In the early days, there were strong connections between families.

We require a person, who has an interest in family history, to take control of the database. It is computerized but we will supply a computer and all the information that is needed.

This is a fascinating project and, no doubt, you will learn a lot and form close ties with the folks at the local library's genealogical section.

The Bloods, Falconers, Wilkins, Maggs, Plummers and other families are waiting for your assistance.

Please mark this evening in your calendar! The opening of Ringwood's Goods Shed was a major event in our history and cemented the move of Ringwood from East Ringwood, to be centered around the station. Bring a group of friends and have some fun!



The Victorian Folk Music Club Inc  
*Registered number A2511Y*

# WOOLSHED BALL

CELEBRATING THE 120TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RINGWOOD  
RAILWAY GOODS SHED OPENING BALL IN 1887

**SATURDAY 11TH OCTOBER 2008**  
**8:00 TO 12:30 PM**

*With*

## HARVEST MOON

*bush band*



**ADMISSION:**  
PRE-PAID \$20, \$25 AT THE DOOR.

**HALL OPENS AT 6:00 PM FOR  
SOCIALISING AND TEA. TEA AND  
COFFEE PROVIDED. BYO SUPPER,  
TEA MUGS, DRINKS AND GLASSES.**

**St Brigid's Hall**  
378 Nicholson Street  
Fitzroy North

*Melway 2c A4*

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## What's On

A number of historical organisations have lectures open to the public:-

### **Grave stories of Queen Victoria Market**

29th August, noon, RHSV, 239  
A'Beckett St, Melb., Book 9326-9288

### **Drugs: a social history**

Until 5 Oct 2008  
Melbourne Museum, Nicholson St,  
Carlton, 1300 130 152  
Plus other exhibitions

### **Pumping Station Tours**

### **Collection Store Tours**

Daily tours, phone 9392 4800  
Scienceworks, Booker St, Spotswood

### **City of Whitehorse Heritage Weekend**

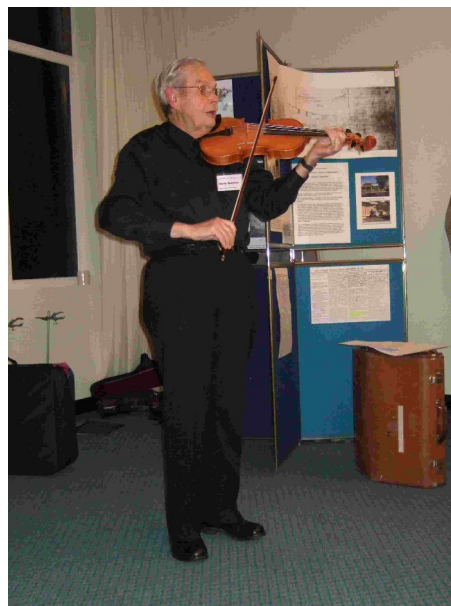
14<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> September

- Schwerkolt Cottage Open Day
- Whitehorse Walkabout of Box Hill
- Bus Tour of the Streets
- Box Hill Cemetery Tour
- Steam train Shuttles
- Walkabout Mitcham
- Various Exhibitions at the libraries and town halls

Contact the Whitehorse Council or the Historical Society for further details.



## More Photos from Last Meeting



*“The Victoria Railways Department, which was established in 1836, was jointly administered the following year by the Surveyor General and the Commissioner for Public Works, but from April 1857 until 1883 the control was vested in the Board of Land and Works.”*

### **The Start of Victorian Railways**

## RINGWOOD & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Archives: North Ringwood Seniors  
building (ring Russ to gain access)

### Preserving our Heritage



### Supper Roster

Please mark these in you diary. Bring milk and biscuits/cake. All the rest supplied. Others to assist.

**August** McKeons  
**Sept** Smart  
**Oct** McKeons  
**Nov** Ainslie Scott  
and Francis McLean

### Enquiries

#### Shell Service Stations

Shane is after any photos of the shell service stations, in Ringwood, that his father used to work for.

They were located in between Daisy's garden supplies and the hotel, and the other across the road from lake but had storage for car dealer. He can be contacted on 0418 128 193.

#### Eastland and the Dentist

Julie Self was after the opening date of Eastland, which I provided. She went on to say, "I remember my dentist, who I went to from the age of 2 till ummmmm not telling . He was Mr Lush and his dentist partner was Mr Peters."

She goes on, "One thing I would like to know was there a Kindergarten also on that land before Eastland was built ? I still remember looking out over the land and I thought there was a kindergarten or play area."

I suspect that may have been the Ellie V Pullin kindergarten.

#### Pines Hospital

Neil Wakeman was born in a private hospital in Ringwood in 1942. He believes this hospital was in Adelaide Street where Eastland now stands. He asks, "Do you have any record of this hospital to confirm this belief please? Any other alternative information about a private hospital in Ringwood during 1942 would be appreciated."

I provided Neil with some history of the hospital.

We had a similar request from Trudy Rhynsburger, on behalf of a monk friend who is at the Lily-

dale monastery. He later 'phoned, thanked me for the photo of the hospital, and recalled his life growing up in Ringwood.

#### Julius Grant

Murray Houghton is compiling a biography of Angela and James Booth who lived in Warrandyte during the 1920s and 30s. He believes they had a close association with Mr. Julius Grant, who was a prominent member of the Adam Lindsay Gordon Memorial Committee in the 1920s and early 1930s, and whose week-end residence was either in North Ringwood or Park Orchards during that period. He can be contacted via the Warrandyte historical Society, if you have any information.

#### Maroondah Nurses

Dr Bram Southwell is writing the history of doctors in the Maroondah area. He was based at Burnt Bridge surgery and can be contacted on 9753 2523, or Villa 43, 175 Kelletts Rd, Rowville, 3178, if you have any photos or other information.

### 2008-09 Committee

All committee positions become vacant at our September AGM.

Have a think about becoming more active. Certainly there are 4-5 vacancies as general committee members. Nominations can be made on the AGM night.

We wish to thank Stan Mathieson for the great service he has given. He will retire from the committee to spend more time with his family.