



**Heritage
Week**

1950s the Suburban Dream

9–16 September



Whitehorse City Council, Heritage Week 2021

Step back in time to discover the post-war boom and popular culture of the 1950s as it happened in the City of Whitehorse. Join us for Heritage Week from 9-16 September.

Please note: events may be subject to change due to Victorian Government restrictions.

Check for updates at www.whitehorse.vic.gov.au/heritage-week

PROGRAM OF EVENTS

'The Suburban Dream' — Schwerkolt Cottage Museum Exhibition



When: 3 July – 28 November

Where: Schwerkolt Cottage and Museum Complex, Deep Creek Road, Mitcham

Cost: Free

The 1950s was a popular time when the suburban dream was a reality in the City of Whitehorse. In a visit to our newly updated museum, you will see 1950s wedding dresses, clothes and domestic items that were a part of that dream.

Image: Green bathers with elastic ruching from the 1950s. Image courtesy Whitehorse Historical Society Inc.

'May I present, Ladies and Gentlemen...' — 1950s Debutante Photographic Display



When: 9-16 September

Where: All Nations Foyer, Box Hill Town Hall, Whitehorse Road, Box Hill

Cost: Free

Preparing for a 1950s debutante ball was a year-long process of dance lessons, elocution, perfecting a curtsy and practicing the long walk to be introduced to local dignitaries while the community looked on.

Image: Debutantes and Partners 1954, City of Nunawading, 9th Mayoral Ball. Image courtesy Box Hill Historical Society Inc.

These events will be available from 9-16 September on the Heritage Week webpage.

Cost: Free **Visit:** www.whitehorse.vic.gov.au/heritage-week

Mini Virtual Tour of Schwerkolt Cottage and Museum Complex



Hear about the history of Schwerkolt Cottage and the lives of the people who built and developed the surrounding land. This wonderful homestead allows us a glimpse into times gone by and the artefacts that have been restored from this era.



'Being a Kid in the 1950s' — Digital Presentation



Enjoy taking a look at what it was like to be a kid in the 50s. Fun was playing in the backyard and streets, making your own billy cart or playing under the sprinkler. Toys were made from things like tin cans and string and elastic from mum's sewing basket. And who can forget street cricket?!

Image: Backyard Fun.
Image courtesy Whitehorse Historical Society Inc.

'The Changing Nature of Our Backyards' — Digital Presentation



In the 1950s the western portion of what is now known as the City of Whitehorse was already mostly residential, while the eastern portion was still largely farmland and orchards with some still quite large areas of bush. These two vastly different areas meant that the animals and birds that lived there also had differences. This talk will look at some of the differences between now and then and what this has meant for our local wildlife.



'1950s Shopping in Box Hill' — Digital Presentation



Enjoy virtual shopping in Box Hill in the 1950s with the aid of photographs and advertisements from the Box Hill Historical Society's collection.

Image: Whitehorse Road Box Hill n.d. Image courtesy Box Hill Historical Society Inc.

School yard fun in the 1950s' — Digital Presentation



Remember the old school days when elastics and swap cards were the 'must haves' during playtime? Join us as we take a trip or a skip down memory lane.

Image: Grade 1 C 1954. Blackburn Primary School. Image courtesy Whitehorse Historical Society Inc.



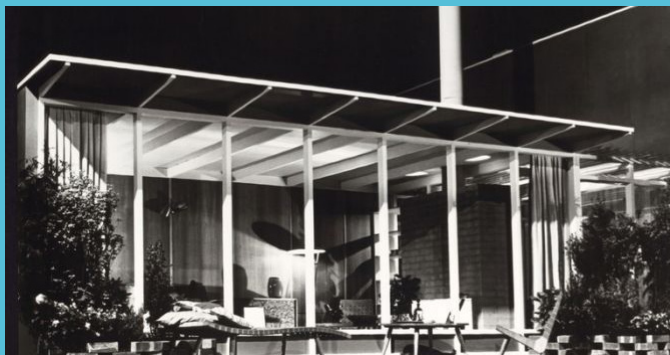
'Conquering Trove' — Researching your family history through newspapers



How did we live and what did we do? Newspapers and magazines on TROVE allow us to look back, not just for our ancestors but for our own life as well. This presentation by Lesle Berry from Family History Connections will be pre-recorded.

Image: The Melbourne Argus 1848. Image courtesy National Library of Australia.

'Suburban Modern: Housing in Box Hill and Nunawading in the 1950s' — Digital Presentation



Explore the post-World War II suburban housing boom that exploded through the cities of Box Hill and Nunawading in the 1950s. See illustrated examples of the housing types that proliferated through the municipalities at the time and get tips for identifying and exploring your home's history.

Image: 'House of Tomorrow', at the Modern Homes Exhibition, October 1949, Melbourne Exhibition Building. Designed by Robin Boyd, Photograph by Wolfgang Seivers. Image courtesy State Library of Victoria

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

'The Famous and the Unusual!' — Box Hill Cemetery Tour



When: Saturday 11 September, 10.30am – 12.30pm

Where: Box Hill Cemetery, Middleborough Road, Box Hill

Cost: Special Heritage Week price of \$15

Bookings essential: www.trybooking.com/BSSVK

Box Hill Historical Society members will lead the tour, and visit the graves of prominent business and professional people such as Sidney Myer, C.J. Dennis and William Angliss, as well as some of those who died in tragic or unusual circumstances.

Image: Sydney Myer Memorial Box Hill Cemetery n.d. Image courtesy Box Hill Historical Society Inc.



'From Blossoms to Brick Veneers' — Box Hill Historical Society Walk



When: Saturday 11 September at 2.30pm

Where: Manningham Uniting Church, 147 Woodhouse Grove, Box Hill North

Cost: \$20 includes afternoon tea at a local café

Bookings essential: Book online at www.trybooking.com/BSSVP

Led by members of the Box Hill Historical Society, attendees will take a walk from the 1850s to the 1950s, discovering some of Box Hill's pioneer history, and the development of new housing on former orchardist land.

Image: Looking north, Cameron Road and Kerrimuir Street, Box Hill North 1950s. Image courtesy Box Hill Historical Society Inc.



Trivia Night



When: Saturday 11 September at 7.30pm

Where: St Peter's Church Hall, 1038 Whitehorse Road, Box Hill

Cost: \$15

Bookings essential: Book online at www.trybooking.com/BSSVF

Come along and test your trivia knowledge with our quiz master Rev. Shane Hubner, and support the Box Hill Historical Society. Share a memento of the 1950s for the chance to win a special prize; team and individual prizes also to be won.



Schwerkolt Cottage and Museum Complex tours



When: Sunday 12 September,
2pm – 5pm

Where: Schwerkolt Cottage
and Museum Complex, Deep
Creek Road, Mitcham

Cost: Free

Bookings essential: Bookings
open on Wednesday 1
September at
www.whitehorse.vic.gov.au/heritage-week

Further enquiries: Phone
Council on 9262 6026

Nestled amongst bushland,
visitors can wander through this
1880s cottage and experience
the lifestyle of our early settlers.

Now preserved as a reminder
of the area's history, the
property includes the cottage,
a barn, smithy, smokehouse
and orchard shed. Visitors will
be able to take a tour of the
property with one of our guides.



Circa 1950s Fashion, a Nicole Jenkins presentation



When: Wednesday 15
September, 2pm – 3pm

Where: Nunawading
Library, 379 Whitehorse
Road, Nunawading

Cost: Free

Bookings essential: Online at
www.wml.vic.gov.au/Library_Events
or phone 9872 8600

Join Nicole Jenkins, fashion
historian and award-winning
writer, educator and retailer,
author of two books and
curator of perhaps the largest
collection of Australian
fashion in the world, as she
showcases the best and
worst of 1950s fashion.

*Image: 1950s American-
style prom dress (nylon
tulle and acetate taffeta).
Photograph by Tira Lewis*



Writing your life stories workshop with Sue Gunningham



When: Thursday 16 September,
10am – 12pm

Where: Vermont South Library,
Pavey Place, Vermont South

Cost: Free

Bookings essential: Online at
www.wml.vic.gov.au/Library_Events
or phone 9872 8600

Writing a life story is about
preserving memories. It is a
way of telling loved ones and
future generations what it's
like to be you, the lessons
you've learned and the
knowledge you've gained.

This friendly, informative session
by author Sue Gunningham
is ideal for anyone wanting to
begin writing their life stories.



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Acknowledgement of Country

Whitehorse City Council acknowledges the Wurundjeri and
all peoples of the Kulin Nation as the traditional custodians
of the land. We pay our respects to their Elders past,
present and emerging.

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