



FINDING THE ONE: WEDDING DRESSES FROM WHITEHORSE

In this centrepiece exhibition, set against a backdrop of local landscapes from the Whitehorse Art Collection, wedding dresses are on loan from Whitehorse Historical Society. Featuring the 1910 wedding dress of Mary Schwerkolt, a woman who lived through two World Wars and experienced the government confiscation of her family home in Mitcham.

Despite the trials and hardships on our life journeys, these dresses and their settings hold the power to evoke universal happy moments.

When: 13 September to 25 October, Tues to Fri 10am to 4pm and Sat 12 noon to 4pm

Where: Whitehorse Artspace
Box Hill Town Hall, 1022 Whitehorse Rd, Box Hill

Cost: Free (No booking required)



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Acknowledgement of Country Whitehorse City Council acknowledges the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people of the Kulin Nation as the traditional owners of the land. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

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Changing Fashions

Heritage Week
14 - 21 Sep 2025

Fashions tell the stories of who we are! During Heritage Week 2025 we celebrate changing fashions in our local area through a range of activities showcasing tastes in clothes, books, research and more! Browse and book online.



SCHWERKOLT COTTAGE HERITAGE FAMILY DAY

The Whitehorse Historical Society invites you to enjoy a fun-filled day exploring heritage trades and crafts, old-fashioned games and races for the kids. There will be live music, giant bubbles, Australian animal display, sausage sizzle, an animal farm, Devonshire tea, home-made cake stall and coffee cart.

When: Sunday 14 September, 11am – 4pm
Where: Schwerkolt Cottage and Museum Complex
2-10 Deep Creek Road, Mitcham Vic
Cost: Free (No booking required)

How to Book

For all bookings and event information scan the QR code below:

如欲查询简体中文版的活动资料, 请浏览
文化传承周活动网页:



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HOME DÉCOR FASHIONS OF THE PAST

See images and objects showing 19th and 20th century kitchen and dining ware. View these private collections of members of Box Hill Historical Society.

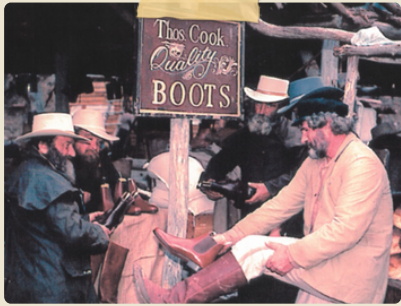
When: 27 August to 30 September
Where: Nunawading Library
379 Whitehorse Road,
Nunawading
Cost: Free (No booking required)



A HISTORY OF MELBOURNE RACEWEAR

In this lively illustrated talk with Nicole Jenkins, discover how Melbourne's race day fashion has evolved. It's elegant, bold, and sometimes wild.

When: Wednesday 17 September, 10:30am – 11:30am
Where: Nunawading Library
379 Whitehorse Road,
Nunawading
Cost: Free (Booking required)



THOMAS COOK: A CENTURY OF CRAFTSMANSHIP

Discover Thomas Cook's legacy of craftsmanship through historical archives, including film props from their *Man from Snowy River* // collaboration.

When: 6 September to 16 November, Sat & Sun 1pm – 4pm
Where: Schwerkolt Cottage and Museum Complex, 2-10 Deep Creek Road, Mitcham Vic
Cost: Free (No booking required)



CEMETERY TOUR

Join guides from Box Hill and Surrey Hills Historical Societies to explore how some of the fashions around caring for and farewelling the dead are reflected in the Box Hill Cemetery.

When: Friday 19 September, 2pm – 4pm
Where: Box Hill Cemetery 395 Middleborough Rd, Box Hil
Cost: \$15 (Booking required)



DRESSING WHITEHORSE

Drawn from the collection of the Box Hill Historical Society, as well as private collections, images and objects display a range of fashion items.

When: 13 to 27 September
9am – 5pm
Where: All Nations Foyer, Box Hill Town Hall, 1022 Whitehorse Rd, Box Hill
Cost: Free (No booking required)



BOX HILL HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS... BOOKS, BOOKS AND BOOKS!

The Society's Annual Book and Ephemera Sale is on again! Come along and find cheap, good quality, pre-loved books on a wide variety of topics.

When: Saturday 20 September, 10am – 1pm and Sunday 21 September 10am – 12 noon
Where: Lower hall, Box Hill Town Hall, 1022 Whitehorse Rd, Box Hill
Cost: Free (No booking required)



DNA TRENDS IN FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH

This session explores how science and traditional research come together to make genealogy more personal, accessible, and revealing than ever.

When: Monday 15 September, 10.30am – 11.30am
Where: Vermont South Library
Pavey Place, Vermont South
Cost: Free (Booking required)



WEDDING DRESS EXHIBITION CELEBRATION AND FLOORTALK

Join Whitehorse Historical Society to celebrate twelve of their special wedding dresses that have been adored, worn and stored through the decades.

When: Saturday 20 September, 1pm – 3pm
Where: Whitehorse Artspace
Box Hill Town Hall, 1022 Whitehorse Rd, Box Hill
Cost: Free (Booking required)



CHANGING FASHIONS – FROM THE KEW HISTORICAL SOCIETY COSTUME COLLECTION

Join Robert Baker, archivist at Kew Historical Society as he talks about changing tastes in fashion and design. Presented by Surrey Hills Historical Society.

When: Tuesday 16 September, 8pm
Where: Maling Heritage Centre
190A Canterbury Road,
Canterbury
Cost: \$5 (Booking required)



CHANGING ARCHITECTURAL FASHIONS

Council's Heritage Advisor, Ian Coleman, will speak on the changing styles and fashions in residential architecture in Whitehorse over the past 160 years.

When: Sunday 21 September, 2pm
Where: Bert Lewis Room, 1st Floor, Box Hill Library, 1040 Whitehorse Road, Box Hill
Cost: Gold coin (No booking required)



A VISIT TO NATIONAL ARCHIVES EAST BURWOOD REPOSITORY

Take an inspiring guided tour of the National Archives repository and view some of our important historical documents.

When: Wednesday 17 September 2pm – 3:30pm
Where: National Archives Storage Facility, 31 Vision Drive, East Burwood
Cost: Free (Booking required)



DEVONSHIRE TEA AT STRATHDON HOUSE & ORCHARD PRECINCT

Enjoy freshly baked scones plus tea or coffee, in a charming setting. Then take a guided tour and discover the site's rich history and orcharding heritage.

When: Sunday 21 September, 10am – 12pm or 1pm – 3pm
Where: Strathdon House & Orchard Precinct 449–465 Springvale Road, Forest Hill
Cost: \$10 (Booking required)