



TOWN OF  
VICTORIA PARK

# LOCAL HISTORY AWARDS

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## Backyard Views

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At the bottom of the garden  
The humble "Dunny" stood  
Constructed in bricks and mortar  
Though sometimes built in wood

Was a magnet for the Blowflies  
Big Spiders and the like  
An edifice with a purpose  
Referred to as a "Dike"

Subject of many ribald jokes  
Was this back yard "Dunny"  
Some of which were quite Risque  
Most were just damn funny

For family convenience  
Each home did have its 'loo  
Needed for the daylight wanders\  
And those at midnight too

The aroma that came from there  
Could wrinkle up your nose  
'Twas definitely not a place  
That one would choose to doze

Then progress made ideas change  
Dunny's there were no more  
Put a stop to those backyard treks  
When bare bums went indoor

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