

MARRICKVILLE

HERITAGE SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

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Mark down in your calender the fourth Saturday of each month which will be our regular meeting date:10.30 am (finishing by 12.30 pm), the Alderman's Room, Petersham Town Hall. We hope to provide you with a varied and interesting program: illustrated talks; discussions; guided walks; information sessions on sources for our history.

OUR NEXT MEETING

June 23rd,1984 at 10.30 am
in the Alderman's Room
(upstairs), Petersham Town
Hall.

OUR LOCAL HISTORY COLLECTION AND YOU

Chrys Meader will bring along a selection of pictures, files and index cards that form part of the local history collection and show you how you can make use of them.

Heritage covers a wide variety of environmental issues. At our second meeting on April 28, Susan Hoppe informed us that the Heritage Society of NSW not only classifies buildings but many other aspects of our habitat:plants, trees, ruins, old mines, and even shipwrecks.

INFORMATION SOURCES

- Why not pay a visit to the Heritage Society Library at 5th Floor, Remington Centre, 169 Liverpool Street, Sydney. There are an extensive range of free plans and individual guides which cover many aspects of home renovation. The Stanton Library, Miller Street, North Sydney is also a useful source.

-Also the Heritage Council has published a book which provides information about colour schemes, suggestions for appropriate plants, and many aspects related to renovating a Federation house (the most popular style of house built during the period 1895-1920). The book is entitled, "Conservation of Federation Houses" and can be purchased from the Heritage Society for \$6.

DID YOU KNOW ABOUT US

Some 45 residents met to form the Society on April 28 and we became 'official' on May 26 when the Constitution was adopted.

Among other things the Society will aim to encourage and promote the Heritage, History and Conservation of the diverse cultural heritage of Marrickville. It's an aim of the Society to appeal to all sections of the community so we'll be producing some future material in languages other than English to encourage wide community participation.

Don't miss our Newsletter, which will come out each month to tell you what is planned for future meetings, provide some information about aspects of our history and even some tips for home renovation. If you have any relevant information please pass it on to us:-

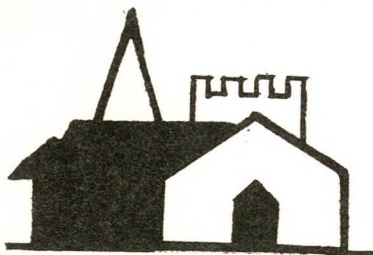
OUR OFFICIAL ADDRESS IS:

C/- Chrys Meader
Marrickville Heritage Society
Marrickville Library
Town Hall, Marrickville, 2204

The Committee for 1984 is: President: Barbara Little;
Vice-Presidents: Eve Sharpe, Richard Cashman;
Secretary: Chrys Meader; Asst Secretary: Ari Giovarris;
Treasurer: Judy Mackinolty; Members: Anne Carolan, Ken
Henderson, Terry Hicks, Gary Nicholls, Geoff Solomon, Ian
Tyrrell.

Founding Members: Peter Arnett household, Anne Carolan, Richard Cashman, Anne Cherry, Ari Giovarris, Barbara & Geoffrey Little household, Peter Mabey, John & Judy Mackinolty household, Chrys Meader, Laurel Richardson, Gregory Robertson, Verona Rothwell, Raymond Sowden, Wendy Stokoe, Mary Tait, Ian Tyrrell

Were you aware that the building of so-called Victorian terrace houses stopped well before the death of Queen Victoria in 1901. The depression in the mid-1890's was an important reason for the change from Victorian terraces to Federation cottages. Few terraces were built after 1895. Don't miss next month's Newsletter which will tell you where you can get free information about your Victorian terrace.



Each month we will plan features on the houses and streets of Marrickville. Here is our first instalment:

TOOTHMILL STREET, LEWISHAM

Toothmill Street acquires it's name because the Toot Hill was the point where the huntsman sounded his horn! Prominent citizen, Dr Wardell stocked his estate with deer so that the local gentry could enjoy regulat hunting parties. It's also said, though not verified, that some of the older houses of Petersham-Lewisham have a small turret room above the roof so that citizens on the hills could follow the progress of the hunt. The deer in the National Park are descendents from Dr Wardell's original stock!

R.S.V.P.

(A regular section of our Newsletter for anyone involved in family history or a project or a Heritage related public notice)

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Anne Carolan (406-4862), would like to hear from anyone in the community with the name of Gannon.

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Verona Rothwell (nee Needham) would like to hear from past members or patrons of the Metropolitan Musical Society (Marrickville) as she is planning to write a history of this society. Please write to Verona c/- the Society (address above).

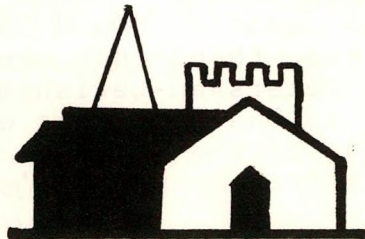


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Did you know that the Railway bridge, crossing Hawthorne Canal, at Lewisham is a very rare structure. It's one of only two examples in the state of a Whipple Truss bridge. Built in 1885/6 to replace the original stone arch viaduct, the Whipple Truss demonstrated that colonial engineers could build what was then a very technologically advanced structure. It's been classified by the Heritage Society of NSW and it's story has been written by engineer, Don Fraser. A copy of this interesting (illustrated) article, 'Two Whipple Trusses in NSW - An Engineering Heritage Case Study', is available at the Central Library. Ask Chrys.

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We'd like to receive reactions to our Newsletter. Please pass on your ideas and suggested items for future Newsletters to:- Anne Carolan (406-4862), Richard Cashman (569-6836 or 662-2245), or Chrys Meader (569 5632 or 569-1816).

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If you wish to join the Marrickville Heritage Society as an individual (\$7), Household or Institution (\$10) or Concession (\$2) for Students, Pensioners and Unemployed Persons, please send your payment to the Society C/- The Treasurer at the above address. Otherwise you may join in person at our next meeting-we would like to see you there!



Christmas Super Raffle - Drawn at pot luck dinner December 7th.

- 1st Prize Oil Painting Of Marrickville Cottage By Nancy MacAlpine (Artist). \$500
- 2nd Prize 1 dozen Premium wines. Donated. Valued \$120.
- 3rd Prize 1 bottle of scotch. Donated. Valued \$30.
- 4th Prize Hand painted Glass. Donated by M. Rumsey.
- 5th Prize Glass Bowl. Donated Stanmore Pharmacy.

Tickets – Book of 10 for \$10, 5 for \$7, 1 for \$2. Fill out stubs with Name address and telephone number and send cheque or money order to M.H.S, PO Box 415 Marrickville 1475. Tickets must be received by 29th of November. *If unwanted kindly discard tickets, there is no obligation. All Inquiries to Ian Rumsey (02) 9888-1409. Extra donations welcome, Extra tickets available. All proceeds help fund our societies community work. So offer your friends a ticket. Thank You.