

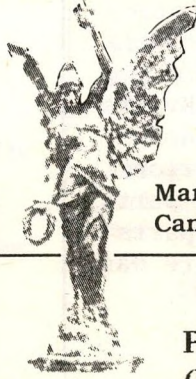
MARRICKVILLE

HERITAGE

SOCIETY

Covering Dulwich Hill, Enmore, Lewisham,
Sydenham, Tempe and parts of Newtown,

Marrickville, Petersham, St Peters, Stanmore,
Camperdown and Hurlstone Park.

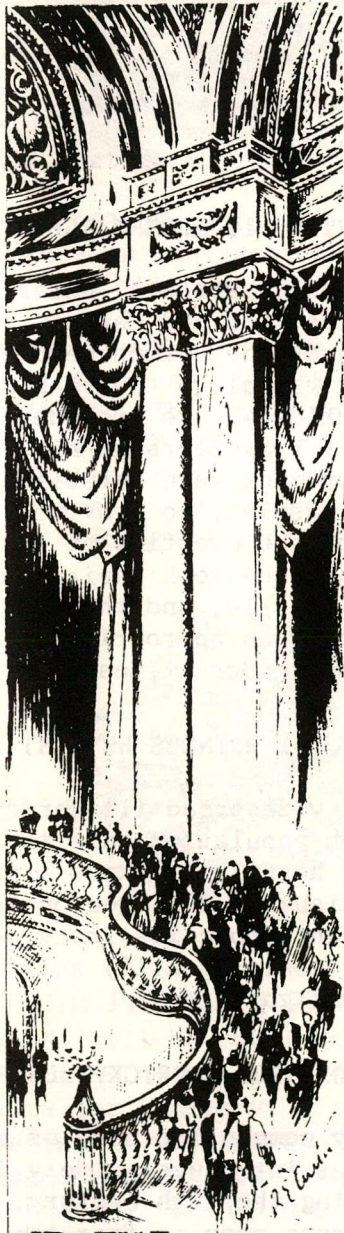


STATE

THE EMPIRE'S GREATEST THEATRE

Market Street—at the Crossroads of Sydney
Direction: Union Theatre Ltd
By Mrs. Edwin Leach, W. A. Gibson, and Stuart F. D. C.

GALA OPENING FRIDAY NEXT



THE
PATRIOT
with
LEWIS STONE & FLORENCE VIDOR

PICTURE PALACES OF AUSTRALIA (BUT MOSTLY SYDNEY)

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 26

SESSION STARTS 10.30AM

AMENITIES ROOM, PETERSHAM TOWN HALL

At our first meeting for 1994 Professor Ross Thorne of Sydney University Architecture Department will give us a nostalgic look at the theatres where we "went to the Pictures".

In his book *Picture Palace Architecture of Australia*, Ross Thorne remembers being "as much agog at the sweeping curves of indirect light and the plaster troughs that dived towards the proscenium as I was at Walt Disney's *Snow White*".

Hopefully we will relive, with the help of slides, a time when Australians flocked to the cinemas; to the plush and luxurious State Theatre, the Liberty and the Regent. And the Prince Edward (Theatre Beautiful) whose Wurlitzer organ came to Marrickville Town Hall when the cinema was facing demolition (See Marrickville's World Famous Wurlitzer *Heritage 6*). Or did you prefer the exotic Spanish style of the Plaza or the garish Rapallo? Even if you did not know these picture palaces you will be fascinated.

Bring along any picture palace memorabilia - programs, posters, photos etc, -on the day. ✓

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SATURDAY MARCH 26

LUNA PARK JUST FOR FUN

See the progress of refurbishment and restoration of Luna Park first-hand with a site visit conducted by architect Sam Marshall, who was our October 1992 guest speaker.

SATURDAY APRIL 23

MHS 10TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Guest speaker to be announced.

SATURDAY MAY 28

FRANCIS GREENWAY'S CITY BUILDINGS.

A walking tour led by Clive Lucas, Sydney's leading conservation architect.

SATURDAY JUNE 25

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ✓

TRADITIONAL INN NAMES IN MARRICKVILLE

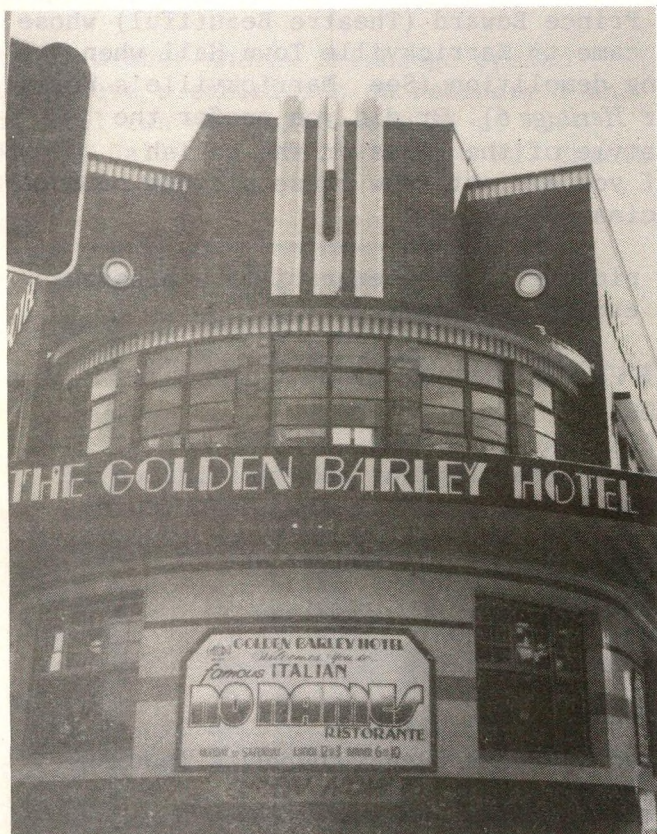
Most of the old hotels in the Marrickville Municipality have English names. This is despite the fact that a large proportion of the settlers here were from other parts of the British Isles and from other parts of the world, and that innkeeping here was a favourite occupation of the Irish!

THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH, 148 ENMORE RD, ENMORE

The custom of naming a hotel after an English aristocrat also originated in the Middle Ages. The Medieval inns operated under the patronage of their feudal lord. They were often named after him, or after his coat of arms.

THE GOLDEN BARLEY, 167 EDGEWARE RD, MARRICKVILLE

A traditional inn name, derived from pre-industrial times, when the innkeeper often tended his own barley fields and the innkeeper's wife brewed the beer for her guests. There are a number of traditional English inn names which refer to barley or the brewing process.



THE CARLISLE CASTLE, 19 ALBERMARLE ST, NEWTOWN.

In the Middle Ages in Britain, under the Feudal System, the lord had certain obligations towards the common people, in return for their vassalage toward him. One of the lord's duties was to provide accommodation for travellers at his castle. Gradually inns were established around Medieval castles, to provide accommodation for the overflow of travellers. These inns took their name from their local castle, and the custom of naming an inn after an appropriate castle has continued into modern times.

THE WHITE HORSE, 161 PRINCES HWY, ST PETERS

In former times, widespread illiteracy among the British population made it convenient for a hostelry to have a name which could be visually depicted on the inn sign which hung above its front door. Then a traveller could identify an inn by the image on the sign.

THE ROYAL EXCHANGE, 205 MARRICKVILLE RD, MARRICKVILLE

This was a fairly common inn name of old London, and it was introduced widely into this country during the 19th century. The name may have become popular from the money changing services which were provided by the old London inns. - Barbara Gibbons.

THE FESTIVE SEASON

POT LUCK DINNER

Our 1993 Christmas party was held at the magnificent Victorian-era home of Rob and Liz Muir in Lewisham (at last, our first foray out of Petersham!) Rob, our Heritage Watch committee chairman, and Liz were host to 50 members and family. The Christmas fare was superb as usual and one of the evening's highlights was a "spirited" history trivia quiz led by team leaders Geoff Ostling, David Hilyard and Lindsay Smyth. President Shirley Hilyard framed the first set of questions and it was no doddle. For instance, which early NSW citizen was known as Jack Bodice?

(Answer: next newsletter). Thanks to Rob and Liz Muir and Liz's mother Joan Wooley and the regular MHS helpers. In our raffle, Fred Ellis won the leg ham and Richard Hughes won the book *Dear Dear Betsy*.

- Judith Matheson

EVENING HARBOUR CRUISE

Passengers on the yacht Silver Spray report that the light on the harbour was gorgeous on the evening of December 29 for our annual harbour cruise. As usual members picnicked at dusk on historic Clark Island. This year we missed our regular skipper Boy Messenger who was not well. The skipper was Gino Coia and crew Tony Messenger. Our thanks to Anne Carolan who organises this annual event. ✓



CONTRIBUTIONS FOR HERITAGE

Heritage 8 will be published soon and the Publications committee is now calling for articles for *Heritage 9*. If you are interested in writing an item of local heritage interest, be it a personal recollection, the history of a local organisation, company or group, architectural history or any other topic of interest, please contact president Shirley Hilyard or publications committee chairperson Jeannette Hope.

WELCOME HOME MARILYN

Society member and former secretary of the society Marilyn Kelly has returned from studies in Ireland. Welcome home. She has gained a M. Phil Irish Studies (Hons) at the National University of Ireland, University College, Galway. It was the inaugural course and Marilyn was the first and only one to graduate. Congratulations Marilyn. ✓



I DANCED WITH THE GIRL WHO DANCED WITH THE PRINCE OF WALES.

The 1920 Australian visit by the Prince of Wales was a vastly different occasion to the recent royal tour. Back in 1920 there was not even a whiff of republicanism. The Prince stayed for 10 weeks and captured the imagination of most with his charm. Prime Minister Billy Hughes said "The people of Australia see in you the things in which they believe. "One of the few dissenting voices was *The Bulletin* which wrote, "It's the Australia that works, that fights, that made the sacrifices, that conquered the wilderness, the Australia that is democratic, through and through, the Australia that is friendly and hospitable, but will lick no man's boots, that the Prince should be seeing." (From *Nostalgia Australia* by Alan Sharpe).

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

Send newsletter contributions to The Editor Judith Matheson P.O. Box 415 Marrickville 2204. Letters, suggestions, quotes, drawings, photos, cartoons, newspaper cuttings, coming events all welcome.

POSITION VACANT

Sue Miller, secretary of the society for the past 18 months, has resigned for personal reasons. On behalf of the society we thank Sue for her efforts. Is there any member willing to step into the breach for the remainder of the Society year (till June 1994)? Please contact Shirley on 569 1768. ✓



LOCAL ARTIST ON SHOW

Society member and Petersham resident Genevieve McCrea is holding her first solo exhibition at the Mary Reibey Gallery in Enmore. Genevieve, an art teacher at Abbotsleigh School for Girls, studied at the City Art Institute and the St George College of TAFE before establishing a co-operative ceramic workshop in Glebe. She now works from her home-based studio.

Her exhibition, titled *Flying Past*, is a collection of distinctive oil paintings with rich glazes depicting childhood memories of everyday objects - "The security of the kitchen and the devotion expressed in the patient preparation of food".

Local member Andrew Refshauge opened Genevieve's exhibition on February 1 and it will run until February 26 at Mary Reibey Gallery, 238-240 Enmore Rd, Enmore. Ph: 516 4902.

SHRUBS AND TUBS GARDEN CENTRE

130-136 Canterbury Road
Petersham • Tel: 560 3884

LEICHHARDT GARDEN CENTRE

346-350 Norton Street, Leichhardt
(Lilyfield Road end of Norton St)
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All Herbs
Terracotta Pots, Lattice
Everything to keep your garden healthy

FUNDING FOR LOCAL HERITAGE PROJECTS - OLD TOWN HALL

The Jessie Street Library Association is among the 1993 recipients of funding for heritage projects. The association has received \$30,000 for the rehabilitation of the former Marrickville Town Hall for use as its headquarters. It was one of 254 heritage projects granted a total of \$2.7 million in funding in NSW following recommendations by the Heritage Council. Other local projects to receive funding include \$50,000 each year for two years to Newtown Anglican Parish for restoration of St Stephens Anglican Church Newtown and \$2000 and \$45,000 next year to Marrickville Uniting Church Parish for restoration of Marrickville Uniting Church pipe organ.

The funds will also help conserve Aboriginal sites, publicly and privately owned buildings, natural areas, a ferry, churches, cemeteries and industrial heritage landmarks. Nearly one third of the funding has been allocated to heritage education and promotion projects. The Royal Australian Historical Society will receive \$44,000 for its small grants program for archive and local history projects. ✓

MAKING THE AUSTRALIAN HOME

The Historic Houses Trust of NSW is running a series of lectures examining the role of architectural pattern books and furniture catalogues in colonial NSW. Speakers are Dr James Broadbent and Dr Joan Kerr. The lectures will be held on Saturday February 19 from 10am-12.30pm at Elizabeth Bay House. Cost \$15 (includes morning tea). Bookings essential. Phone 692 8366.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Ray Smith, Sydenham; Margaret Downie, Marrickville; Brenda Pittard, Dulwich Hill; Patricia Mullen, Marrickville; Deborah Cernigoi, Petersham; David Young, Double Bay; Maureen Craig, Marrickville. ✓

HOW TO JOIN THE SOCIETY

Membership is \$12 for individuals, \$18 for households and \$6 for pensioners. You will receive a monthly newsletter (except in January) and the Society's annual Journal Heritage. Subscriptions are valid for the Society year starting July 1. Regular meetings are held on the fourth Saturday of each month. Write to P.O. Box 415 Marrickville.