

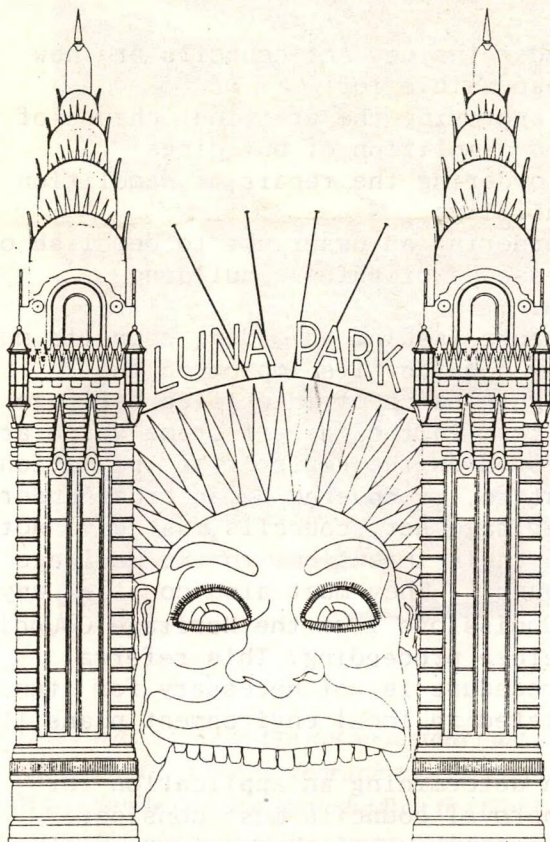
MARRICKVILLE

HERITAGE

SOCIETY

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

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



OUR NEXT MEETING LUNA PARK SITE VISIT MILSONS POINT

SATURDAY MARCH 26 1994

MEET AT LUNA PARK ENTRY TOWERS AT 10.30AM

Come and see the progress first hand of the restoration and refurbishment of Luna Park. Architect Sam Marshall, who was our October 1992 guest speaker, will conduct a site visit and show us the work so far. Concrete Constructions is finalising the first stage of the park - installing services, restoring the heritage buildings Coney Island and Crystal Palace (also known as the Dodgem Building), repairing the sea wall and rebuilding the wharf and installing a new boardwalk around the site. There is a lot to do before Luna Park opens at the end of this year and the smile returns to the face of Sydney.

Luna Park is a short walk from Milsons Point Station. Wear your walking shoes.



STATE RAIL AUTHORITY OFF THE HERITAGE TRACK

Having degraded the amenity of Lewisham Station, and having failed to implement good heritage practices in the refurbishment of Petersham Station footbridge, the State Rail Authority has turned its attention to Stanmore Station.

The brick retaining wall along Trafalgar Street, which is leaning precariously outward, is to be demolished, and State Rail intends to use the bricks to rebuild a lower wall, which will be topped with a "Federation style" fence.

The society agrees with the need to repair the existing wall, which will eventually collapse into the street, but

argues that the proposed solution significantly compromises the integrity and visual character of the buildings and platforms. The Classifications and Heritage Watch committee has written to State Rail, asking why the wall cannot be rebuilt to the previous detail, maintaining the station's fabric.

Stanmore Station is included in the Marrickville Heritage study. The existing buildings date from 1886, and the subway and associated brickwork, including that affected by this renovation, was constructed at the turn of the century. -David Hilyard

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY APRIL 24TH

MHS 10TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

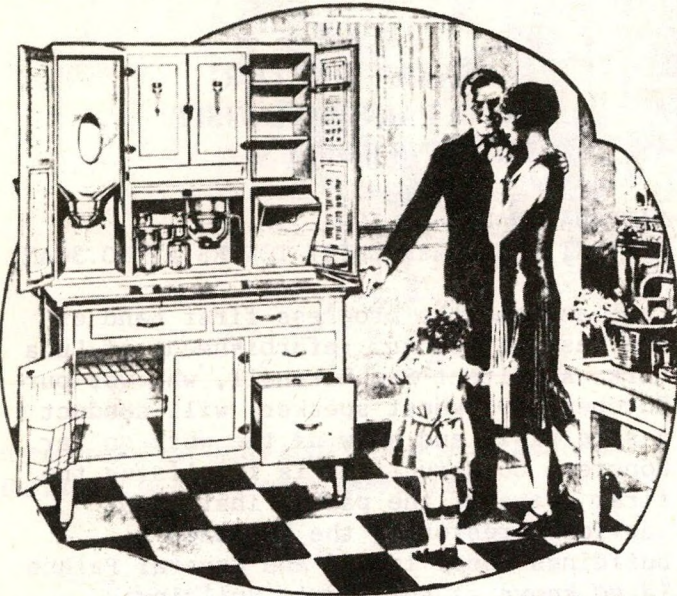
Guest speaker to be announced.

SATURDAY MAY 28

Our advertised walking tour with Clive Lucas has been postponed and an alternative excursion will be announced.

SATURDAY JUNE 25

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



THE DOMESTIC REVOLUTION

An exhibition that explores the history of the Australian kitchen from the bush campsite to the 21st century *Hyperkitchen* opened at the Greenway Gallery, Hyde Park Barracks on March 4 and runs until May 29. Cooking gadgets, the history of the humble billycan and kitchen slang are just a few of the topics explored.

OBITUARY

We learned at the end of January of the death of our member Laurel Livingstone of Dora Creek. Laurel grew up in Salisbury Road, Stanmore, and remained interested in the area after she moved to the Central Coast. Laurel was a valued member of several local history groups. Our sympathy goes to her family and friends.

HERITAGE QUIZ ANSWER

So which early NSW colonist was known as Jack Bodice? Give up? It was John Macarthur, who in the lampoons of the day acquired a nickname that referred to his apprenticeship to a stay maker before his enlistment in the New South Wales Corps and his subsequent arrival in the new colony.

NEW ACT BROADENS LOCAL GOVERNMENT HERITAGE POWERS

Local councils have been given increased power to control the demolition of buildings in their area through changes to the Local Government Act, which came into effect on July 1 1993. They have also been given specific directions on how to deal with proposals affecting heritage items.

Under the new Act councils are now responsible for:

- * approving the erection, change of use and demolition of buildings
- * ordering the repair or demolition of buildings
- * ordering an owner not to demolish or cease demolishing a building

Before issuing an order, councils must now consider its impact on the significance of identified heritage sites. In the case of items which are listed on the Register of the National Estate, or covered by an order under the Heritage Act, councils must give notice of their intentions to the Heritage Council. They must also consider any submissions from the Heritage Council before proceeding. This referral procedure is not necessary for items listed in local environment plans (LEPs).

In determining an application for approval councils must consider:

- * protection of the environment
- * protection of public health and safety
- * any items of heritage significance which might be affected

Councils can prepare local policies (with appropriate consultation) to guide their approval and order procedures, as long as the policies aren't tougher than the Act itself.

A report on the new provisions was discussed by the Heritage Council at its October meeting. The council is assisting the Department of Planning and Department of Local Government & Cooperatives to develop guidelines which will assist local councils to effectively interpret the provisions of the act.

From *Heritage NSW* January 1994, newsletter of the Heritage Council of NSW.



There was a time in the not so distant past when planes were considered a novelty in Marrickville Municipality. This photograph was taken in the 1930s and shows Fowlers Pottery in Fitzroy St, Marrickville (since demolished) on the right in the foreground. In the 1990s there is talk of the Federal Airports Corporation buying up sections of the municipality around St Peters and Sydenham for the "expansion of airport activities" and the third runway is scheduled to be in operation by the end of 1994.

MASCOT BEFORE THE JUMBOS

Pilot Len Carolan recalled the early days of flying in Sydney in an article in *Heritage 6* (Look Mum, It's a Flying Machine! Mascot Before the Jumbos)

He remembered: "A bunch of World War I pilots got together, and on Botany Road set up the Australian Aircraft and Engineering Company.... Searching for somewhere to fly their aeroplanes, they discovered Lord's Paddock - it was originally owned by Simeon Lord - and this became the original Mascot Aerodrome. They used to wheel the aircraft from Botany Road down Coward Street to the bullock paddock. A big canvas hangar was put up there to

house the aircraft. It lasted a few months, and then a storm came and blew it away.

"....On January 9 1920 the aerodrome was 'officially' opened. The occasion, described by Harry Broadsmith, was celebrated with public joy rides: On the first flip, Nigel Love had engine trouble, and landed in a Chinese market garden. However, the joy-riding went well, with plenty of passengers offering at four guineas a five minute flight. Incidentally, one of the chief activities of the caretaker was to herd the bullocks from the airfield into the scrub whenever an aircraft was to take off or land."

Heritage 6 is available at Society meetings



Usherettes and box office staff in their smart uniforms at the Liberty in Pitt Street, Sydney in 1948.

OUR LAST MEETING PICTURE PALACES OF SYDNEY

There were gasps of recognition as members and friends viewed slides of long lost Sydney picture palaces at our last meeting. Guest speaker Ross Thorne, author of *Picture Palaces of Australia* enthralled the audience of around 45 with a detailed description of the major city and suburban theatres and cinemas, most of which have been demolished to make way for shopping centres, hotels or residential developments. Ross showed us the beautifully ornate architectural features of these old "palaces", many of which were built in the Art Deco style.

There were social observations too. The old Theatre Royal in Castlereagh Street was built at a time when the different social classes did not mix. Patrons who had paid for dress circle seats entered through a lavish foyer. Those who could afford only gallery seats climbed a set of drab and unadorned stairs.

President Shirley Hilyard handed out Jaffas during the meeting but, as Ross pointed out, we lacked a stepped floor to roll them down. - Judith Matheson

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.

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.

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