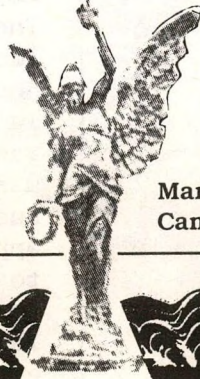


MARRICKVILLE

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

MARRICKVILLE HERITAGE SOCIETY CELEBRATES 10 YEARS

OUR MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO
A CELEBRATION BRUNCH

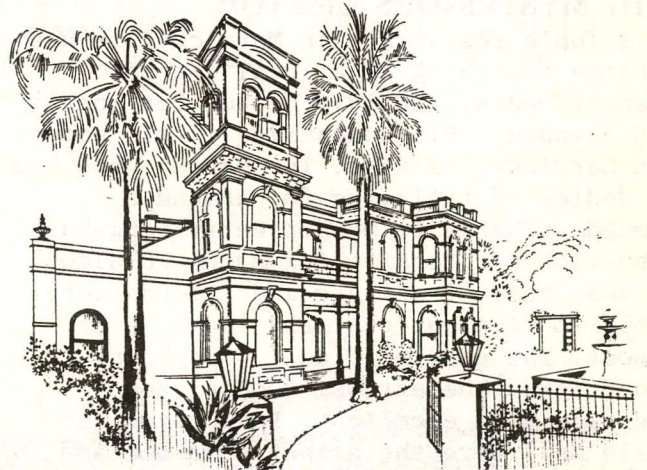
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MARRICKVILLE HERITAGE SOCIETY CELEBRATES 10 YEARS

In Heritage Week 1984 a Heritage Study for the Marrickville Municipality was launched. The Study was commissioned by the Department of Environment and Planning and Marrickville Council. At the launch the Chief Town Planner, Peter Arnett invited those interested to meet again to form the Marrickville Heritage Society. That meeting took place on April 28 1984 at Petersham Town Hall and a committee was formed with Barbara Le Maistre as foundation president. The society was affiliated with the Royal Australian Historical Society. The new society's constitution listed its aims as to protect, conserve and document our heritage - natural, built and cultural.



Trethaway House, which appeared in the original Heritage Study, is the venue for our 10th birthday celebrations. The large two-storey Italianate villa was built in the 1890s for the Briton family of Briton's Brewery at a cost of 8000 pounds. The house is now a wedding reception centre.



Parliament House Sydney

MEMBERS EVENING

DINNER AT PARLIAMENT HOUSE

WEDNESDAY APRIL 13

PARLIAMENT HOUSE, MACQUARIE STREET.

TOUR 6.30PM, DINNER 7.30PM

At the invitation of Dr Andrew Refshauge, member for Marrickville and Deputy Leader of the Opposition, the Society will dine in the Strangers Dining Room, Parliament House, Sydney. The evening will include a three course meal plus drinks and coffee and a tour of the vestibules and chambers of the house. Cost is \$25 per person inclusive and numbers are strictly limited. Meet on the steps of Parliament House. Bookings to Shirley on 569 1768.

THE MYSTERIOUS MRS TOP

Mrs Top's restaurant in Marrickville has become something of a local legend in recent years. Solidly booked for months in advance, this unassuming little eatery in Marrickville Road, The Warren, has had a dedicated following for around a decade. Thanks to member Betty Langshaw, who made our booking for March 10 almost a year ago, 22 members and friends were able to find out what all the fuss is about. The evening didn't disappoint. Food (from the extensive menu) and service were excellent. Favourites for main meal were the atlantic salmon and the venison. Desserts included a wonderful frozen grape construction and a rhubarb crumble served with custard and cream and ice cream, which was enjoyed by our president Shirley Hilyard. Thanks to our hosts. - Judith Matheson.

HERITAGE ON THE MOVE

The theme for this year's Heritage Week from April 17-24 is Heritage on the Move. According to the National Trust, "this is a week when the community discovers, rediscovers, explores and interprets in many ways our unique heritage.

Australians are increasingly prepared to appreciate, become involved with and act to save our heritage and in this sense, it is really 'on the move'." The focus is on cultural tourism and we are encouraged to actively seek out heritage - walks, trips and tours and old means of transport on land, sea and air. The Marrickville Heritage Society's Heritage Week activities include a trip to Parliament House, a table at the National Trust's Heritage Quiz, and our 10th birthday celebrations.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY APRIL 13

PARLIAMENT HOUSE DINNER

Details this page.

TUESDAY APRIL 19

NATIONAL TRUST HERITAGE QUIZ

We have a team of 10 hoping to bring glory to the society.

SUNDAY APRIL 24

10TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION BRUNCH

This occasion replaces our regular Saturday meeting scheduled for April 23.

SATURDAY MAY 28

FEDERATION HOUSES WALK

With Trevor Howells, author of *Towards the Dawn*, the definitive work on Federation architecture.

SATURDAY JUNE 25

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

All members welcome.

MUSIC AT NEWINGTON -

PRESCOTT SERIES OF CONCERTS

The second recital in Newington College's Prescott Series will be held on Sunday May 15 at 3pm. A delightful way to spend Sunday afternoon, "A French Affair" will feature David Saffir on violin and Jeanelle Carrigan on piano with the music of Debussy, Franck, Ravel and Faure. Cost is \$15, concession \$8, school children with adult free. Tickets at door.

Also at Newington, the Sydney Chamber Choir will sing sacred and secular choral works at Newington College Chapel on Saturday June 11 at 8pm.



Work in progress, the Luna Park site on Sydney Harbour. Members visited the construction site with architect Sam Marshall, (pictured top right) and saw the entrance towers (top left), the smiling face (bottom left), and Coney Island (bottom right).

OUR LAST MEETING SYDNEY'S FACE TO SMILE AGAIN

Luna Park Reserve is scheduled to open in December this year. On Saturday March 26, 43 members and visitors gathered at the site of the famous face for a guided tour of the construction site. Our guide was Sam Marshall, architect and a member of the Luna Park Reserve Trust which administers the Luna Park Reserve. Sam was the speaker at one of 1992's most successful meetings, and told us then of Luna Park's history and the plans to rebuild the park.

At our site visit, we were able to see the progress so far. The Art Deco entrance towers have been rebuilt, and Crystal Palace and Coney Island are well on the way to refurbishment. These three structures have already been painted and give a touch of fantasy to the mostly bare construction site. The highlight of the visit was our tour of Coney Island, which brought back memories for so many of us. One of our members told how the boys would wait to see the skirts of the girls blown up by the blasts of air on the "wonky walk".

Sam's enthusiasm and intimate knowledge of the project made this visit a most interesting occasion.- Lindsay Smyth.

LUNA PARK STORIES

Sam Marshall is still looking for Luna Park stories - reminiscences, mementos and souvenirs - for a book he is writing on Luna Park. Send your gems to Sam Marshall, PO Box 780 Darlinghurst 2010.

ANZAC DAY

Last year when the Society visited the Garrison Church, The Rocks, we discovered a plaque to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the formation of the 7th Australian Field Artillery Brigade AIF at 'The Warren' Marrickville on March 17 1916. Laurie Hindmarsh, our correspondent from the 7th Field Regiment Association writes, "The original enlistments at The Warren in 1916 established a record second to none as evidenced by the award of 128 decorations for valour in the 1914-1918 war. The price paid to establish that record was 132 deaths and 578 wounded or gassed."



Sydney Long was only 16 when he painted 'By Tranquil Waters', in 1894. It reputedly depicts Cooks River. Oil on canvas. Collection, Art Gallery of NSW.

BY TRANQUIL WATERS - COOKS RIVER 100 YEARS AGO

In 1894 Sydney Long was just out of Julian Ashton's Art School and exhibiting his painting 'By Tranquil Waters' at the annual exhibition of the Art Society of NSW. He was only 16, so it would have been very gratifying for him to have his first important canvas purchased by the Art Gallery of NSW.

Joanna Mendelssohn, art critic of *The Bulletin*, wrote about the painting and the location of the swimmers at Cooks River (although some say it depicts Wolli Creek) in *Heritage 2*.

According to H.E. Badham in *A Study of Australian Art* (1949) it is called 'The Bathers'. But the painting is labelled 'By Tranquil Waters' and for its centenary it is once again hanging in the old court of 19th century Australian art at the Art Gallery of NSW, along with Long's other decorative works. Badham credits the youthful Long's work with "refreshing fantasy, vigorous facility and spirit of adventure."
-Shirley Hilyard

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.

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