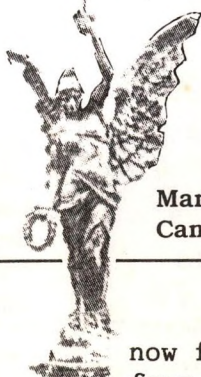


MARRICKVILLE

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 FRANCIS GREENWAY- A WALKING TOUR OF HIS SYDNEY BUILDINGS SATURDAY JULY 23 1994

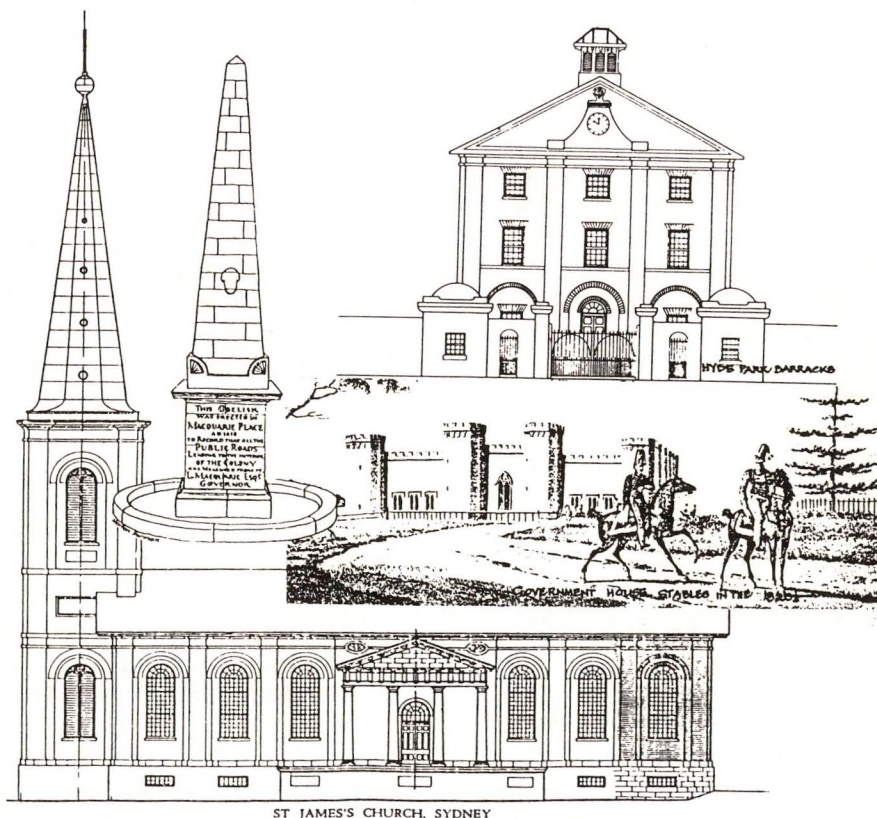
MEET ST JAMES CHURCH PORTICO, QUEENS SQUARE, SYDNEY AT 10.15 AM for 10.30AM DEPARTURE

"Francis Greenway, who wore ill-luck like an old shirt swiftly fell into disfavour after the departure of Macquarie. The things that happened to that man! His eldest son was drowned, dogs bit him, footpads bashed and robbed him, his wife died, he was driven from his house. Ruined and miserable, he died in 1837 in East Maitland and is buried in a grave

now forgotten. His one memorial aside from the mutilated remains of his buildings is a tablet in the north porch of St James Church."

So wrote Ruth Park in 1973, and now in 1994 we have come to appreciate and conserve Greenway's buildings. With Clive Lucas to lead the walk we are assured of gaining a greater insight into the architect and the buildings he designed.

We will visit St James, Old Supreme Court, Hyde Park Barracks, Government House Stables, (the conservatorium) ending the tour at the Obelisk, Macquarie Place, where we can have a picnic lunch. Cost is \$5, \$3 (concession) to cover Hyde Park Barracks entrance.



ST JAMES'S CHURCH, SYDNEY

PRESIDENTS REPORT 1993-94

These are the tenth Annual Reports of the Marrickville Heritage Society, which will reflect our successes and our shortcomings. Recently there has been much in the media of the Australian Constitution. So perhaps we should look at the constitution of our Society, and see how we have measured up in terms of our objects stated therein.

Our constitution states that we should *"encourage and promote the study and research of the heritage, history and conservation of the environment of both the Marrickville area and Australia"* To this end we visited Susannah Place, The Rocks, and took in a corner shop, a terrace of four tenements and through the layers we saw continuous occupancy of working class families and their environs, a church, two pubs, and a village square all built in the 1840s. We toured the green spaces of Marrickville on the Spring Gardens tour, and a site visit to see the progress of the restoration of Luna Park. We recently took a detailed look at Federation houses in Marrickville with Trevor Howells, an expert on the subject of Australian's national architectural style.

Members have attended openings of our restored heritage during the year. Petersham Park Rotunda (first opened in 1902 by the Governor Sir Harry Rawson before a crowd of 10,000) was the subject of a submission from this society to council in 1989. We were delighted to see it so superbly restored. More recently members were guests at Clarens Gardens on the site of HMAS KUTTABUL, Potts Point, to hear the Governor, Peter Sinclair commission the beautifully restored gardens, first opened in 1868 but destroyed during the construction of Garden Island in 1942.

Will we be able to say the same when the refurbishment of Petersham Railway Bridge is finally completed? This classic iron railway structure carries every conceivable heritage classification, hence the attention this society and in particular Peter McLaren, pays to the work of State Rail.

"To promote interchange of information by lectures", the society has been fortunate to have some excellent speakers during the year. Professor Ross Thorne on Picture Palaces, Chris Pratten's engaging talk on H.E.

Pratten - Teddy the Jam Man and Judith O'Callaghan, a curator of the Powerhouse Museum on design in the 1950s, jogging our collective memories. At this talk nostalgia for our recent past was highlighted with items brought along by members. Chrys Meader uncovered Marrickville's treasures held in the Local Studies Collection and members donated photos, documents, labels etc. for safe keeping and for use by the wider community.

The constitution requires us *"to provide social intercourse for members"* - so we arranged a Christmas Picnic in Petersham Park, a pot luck Christmas Dinner at the Lewisham home of members Rob and Liz Muir and a harbor cruise with evening picnic on historic Clark Island arranged by Anne Carolan. We went to the races at Rosehill with Brian and Susan Nugent and 'plunged' on the Heritage Stakes. A night of much hilarity was enjoyed by the MHS team at the National Trust Heritage Quiz where we almost won. Dinner was held at Parliament House, Macquarie St, with our host Dr Andrew Refshauge, member for Marrickville. This was not just a social occasion but a painless way to absorb some history. But dinner at Mrs Top restaurant was purely social and gastronomic. And of course the tenth Birthday celebrations at Trethaway Gardens at Petersham brought many members together.

The constitution states that *"we should promote the society in the local community."* On two occasions we have taken stalls at the Rotary Fair and the Newtown Festival, each time gaining new members. In fact, 52 people have joined the society during the year. Last week Maureen Diehl of the Azores Islands (Portugal) in the North Atlantic became a member!

I thank all members who have given their time and skills, many not on the various committees but always ready to help when needed. *"The administration of the society shall be in the hands of the Executive Committee"* who deserve our thanks - Senior Vice President Geoff Ostling, Treasurer Lindsay Smyth, Secretary (until December 1993) Sue Miller, four committee members, Brian Nugent, Richard Blair, Mabelle Smyth, and Richard Hughes, Membership Secretary Mary Tait, but especially to

Pamela Stewart, Junior Vice-President who undertook a variety of tasks and was a great support to me.

"To promote the preservation, restoration, conservation... of buildings, monuments, relics, ruins.. of historic significance, both locally and nationally"

the Classifications, Heritage Watch Chairman Rob Muir and his committee, Barbara Gibbons, David Hilyard, Judith Matheson, Sue Miller, and Shirley Hilyard are to be thanked.

(Their work will be reported later).

Thanks to Jeannette Hope, Editor of Heritage No 8, just published and to be launched, July 13 at the White Cockatoo Hotel just opposite the Petersham Railway Footbridge. The newsletter, which is the voice of the society, has been edited this year by Judith Matheson and we are indebted to her for a fine publication. Thanks to Tom Pavlakis and all the runners who distribute the newsletter. With the journal and the newsletter we fulfil another of our constitutional responsibilities - *"to document, publish and circulate such journals, and other publications as may be conducive to our objectives"*. We are pleased to see an Index prepared to cover Journals 1-7 which will be an invaluable resource for the study of our area.

The Amy Needham Prize, to encourage young people to research and write an article on local heritage will hopefully be ready to go to high schools in early 1995.

We are grateful to Marrickville Council for its support, the free use of this meeting room and as sponsor for the journal, the index and other projects.

We continue to grow, we have a firm financial base and new members on the executive committee can only bring fresh ideas. I have enjoyed my two years as your president and thank you for your support during that time. Shirley Hilyard.

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

As your new newsletter editor I would like to encourage all members to contribute items for publication. In the past the newsletter has provided a lively forum for views and issues related to heritage and I would wish to see this continue. All contributions are welcome, be they news items, opinions or reminiscences. Please send all contributions to PO Box 415 Marrickville.
- Richard Blair.



Former President Shirley Hilyard at the society's 10th anniversary celebrations at Trethaway Gardens in Petersham, surrounded by some of the society's younger members. Shirley has been the society's president for the past two years during which time the society has grown and prospered. She has been a very active and dedicated president and we are pleased to report that Shirley will continue to be involved with the executive committee.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY JULY 13, 6.30-8PM

DRINKS PARTY TO LAUNCH HERITAGE 8.

White Cockatoo Hotel, 30 Terminus St.

Opposite Petersham Station. Phone Shirley 569 1768.

SATURDAY JULY 23, 10.30AM

FRANCIS GREENWAY WALKING TOUR.

Led by Clive Lucas, see details this newsletter.

SATURDAY AUGUST 27, 10.30AM

HATCHED, MATCHED AND DISPATCHED!

Society member Shirley Doolan will look at the humorous side of years of researching the Birth, Death and Marriage Registers.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 24

VISIT TO NUTCOTE, NEUTRAL BAY

Home of May Gibbs, creator of the Gumnut Babies.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 22

SYDNEY'S HERITAGE IN SANDSTONE

A talk with slides by George Proudman, NSW's former master banker mason and Anne Morris, co-ordinator of the Stonework Program, NSW Public Works Department.

CLARENS GARDENS REOPENED

Members of the society were guests at Clarens Gardens, on the site of HMAS KUTTABUL, Potts Point, on Sunday June 19 to hear the Governor Peter Sinclair commission the beautifully restored gardens, first opened in 1868, but destroyed during the construction of Garden Island Dockyard in 1942.

Jack Gibbs, civilian foreman of KUTTABUL, and driving force behind the restoration is to be congratulated. His research through books, photographs, paintings and contacting former residents, has led to Sir James Martin's classic Greek inspired garden to once more grace the Harbor foreshore; a part of our heritage reinstated by the navy. Our gift for the gardens on the day, was the rose, Zephirine Drouhin, that was introduced in 1868, the year the public were admitted to Clarens. - Shirley Hilyard.

THIRD CONCERT IN THE PRESCOTT SERIES. NEWINGTON COLLEGE.

VENICE IN THE GOLDEN AGE.

The Paul Goodchild Brass and The Sydney Chamber Choir will perform works for brass and choir from the Great Churches of Venice - Monteverdi and the Gabrielli family - on Sunday August 7 at 3pm at Newington College Chapel.
\$20, \$12 concession.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Kay Doolan, Newtown; Allen Outlaw and William Reader, Petersham; Jan McClelland and Tom Andrew, Stanmore; Tim Gartrell and Kerry Sanderson, St Peters; Cheryl Flynn, Marrickville Library; Trevor Howells and Chi-Liang Chen, Marrickville; Old Newingtonians Union, Newington College, Stanmore; Sandy McTaggart, Earlwood; R.F. Paris, Dulwich Hill; Rhoda Sutton, Stanmore.

And a special welcome to Maureen Diehl who lives on the Island of Terceira in the Azores (mid north Atlantic belonging to Portugal). Readers will remember Maureen's letter published in newsletter (August 1993) seeking information on Warrant Officer Neville Vincent RAAF who is buried in a Commonwealth War Graves cemetery on Terceira. Maureen is Honorary Supervisor for War Graves in the Azores.



OUR LAST MEETING WHO'S WHO ON THE EXECUTIVE

About 40 members, including our patron Eve Sharpe attended the Annual General Meeting of Saturday June 25. Outgoing president Shirley Hilyard presented the 10th annual president's report in which she outlined this year's achievements. The elections followed, conducted by returning officer Brian Nugent. The new executive is:
President, Lindsay Smyth; Junior Vice President Pamela Stewart; Treasurer, Harold Welsh; Secretary Pat Mullen; Assistant Secretary Gwenda Welsh; Committee members, Ed Jones, Lesley Jones, Mabelle Smyth, Shirley Hilyard. The position of Senior Vice President was not filled.

Other positions accepted were membership secretary Mary Tait; Chair of Heritage Watch/Classifications Rob Muir; Newsletter Editor, Richard Blair; Journal co-Editors Geoff Ostling and Mark Matheson.

Presentations were made to members of the Executive, and to Judith Matheson, outgoing Newsletter Editor and Shirley Hilyard, outgoing president, as thanks for their work for the society. The meeting concluded and members were invited to join the new executive for champagne and sandwiches in Maundrell Park.

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