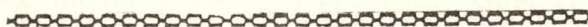




MARRICKVILLE HERITAGE SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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OUR NEXT FUNCTION

Saturday June 22

Excursion to Mastertouch Piano Roll Company,
Petersham. Meet outside Petersham Town Hall at 10.30 a.m.
It's just a short walk to Mastertouch. A donation of \$1
(towards this unique Australian enterprise) would be
appreciated.

SPECIAL Annual General Meeting

FEATURED INSIDE ARE:

President's Report
Elected officers 1985-86
Our New Committee Scheme

IDEAS FOR THE FUTURE suggested by members at the AGM

An annual dinner at a reasonably-priced restaurant within the Municipality possibly to celebrate an important event in Marrickville.

Garden inspection of winning entries in the Council competition (subject to the approval of the respective householders).

An enlarged edition of Heritage in December 1985 of up to 40 pages, with a greater proportion of illustrations than last year. Members **do not have to pay** for **Heritage**, it's part of the membership fee. Because of the enlarged scope of **Heritage**, individual copies will sell for at least \$5.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Society has enjoyed a very successful first year with membership now standing at 140. The Society, which built on the foundations of the earlier Marrickville Historical Society, is proud to draw on a diverse membership, within and outside the Municipality and including some of the families which founded our part of Sydney.

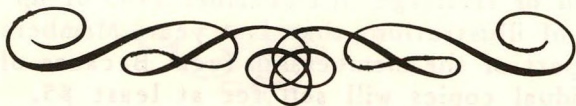
The Society has undertaken a wide range of activities: regular monthly meetings in Petersham Town Hall; quarterly evening meetings for those not free to attend on Saturday mornings; and outings to important historic houses and places of local interest, such as the Petersham graves at Rookwood. Meetings have been addressed both by Society members and by some outstanding visiting speakers, including Nick Vine Hall of the Australian Society of Genealogists and Anne Watson, a Curator from the Power House Museum. During Heritage Week the Society undertook an ambitious programme of organ concerts at Marrickville Town Hall and St Brigid's Catholic Church which added to the Society funds and gave everyone who attended a great deal of pleasure. The Society issued two publications during the year, ten issues of the 'Newsletter' and the journal, *Heritage*, with articles on different aspects of Marrickville's past.

The Society has involved itself in important outside activities relevant to heritage including community projects such as the Bicentennial Stall at the Marrickville Street Fair. We have also made representation to the appropriate authorities about issues such as the brick paving in Juliet Street, the new signs on Stanmore Station.

The President thanked the many people within the Society who have contributed to a successful year, paying a special tribute to Secretary Chrys Meader, who was the focal point for all Society business, enquiries and research. Special thanks were also addressed to Marrickville Council and Marrickville Rotary Club.

The President appealed for continued strong participation in our second year so that we can keep alive an appreciation of all aspects of our local heritage.

[This is an edited transcript of the President's Report at the Annual General Meeting. The original copy has been deposited in the Society records and is available for public perusal. Ed.]



OUR EXECUTIVE FOR 1985-86

President: Barbara Little

Vice Presidents: Eve Sharpe, Richard Cashman

Secretary: Chrys Meader

Asst Secretary, Robert Thompson

Treasurer, Anne Cherry

It was decided that additional Executive Members would be drawn from the Subcommittee Chairpersons or their nominees. This amendment to the constitution will be presented to the next meeting for ratification.

THE COMMITTEE SYSTEM

In view of expanding horizons and activities the Society has formed five Subcommittees three of which are new. It is pleasing to report that so many of our members 'volunteered' (agreed to election) to join the committees. The Subcommittees are:

CLASSIFICATIONS: to identify heritage sites and objects within the Municipality.

Andrea Loder (Chairperson), Andrew Blankensee, Joan Francis, Joanna Mendelssohn, Gregory Robertson, Robert Thompson.

COMMUNITY HERITAGE: to promote an understanding of the diverse cultural traditions of the Municipality.

Gregory Robertson (Chairperson), Gus Bernardi, Richard Cashman, Gary Nicholls, Joanna Mendelssohn, Jan Pittard.

HERITAGE WEEK:

Verona Rothwell (Chairperson), Anne Carolan, John Fenton-Smith, Paula Gard, Dawn Thompson.

PUBLICATIONS: Richard Cashman, (Chairperson), Anne Carolan, Chrys Meader, Gregory Robertson, Joanna Mendelssohn, Jan Pittard. The work of this Sub-Committee will be assisted by the following persons who have volunteered to deliver the 'Newsletter': Edna Andrews, Lou Bell, Geoffrey Francis, Paula Gard, Andrea Loder, Mary Tait. Thankyou to all these persons for helping to relieve some of the pressure of work on our Secretary. [Ed.]

SOCIAL: Anne Carolan (Chairperson), Ken Henderson, Robert Thompson.

FOWLER PROPERTIES CONSERVATION ORDER

Planning and Environment Minister Carr recently issued conservation orders on the two Fowler properties in Australia Street, Camperdown: 'Cranbrook' (no. 14) and no.10. We don't know whether the Minister was moved to do so by our article in **Heritage** no.1 but we will accept the credit for publicising the great worth of these properties. It may well be our first scoop! You cannot now afford to miss Fowler Potteries Part II which will be written by Gary Nicholls of 'Cranbrook' and published in **Heritage** no.2 (December 1985).

150 YEARS OF CIVIL PARISH OF PETERSHAM: CELEBRATION SERVICE.

A special service was held at St Peter's Church of England on Sunday, May 26, to celebrate this event. St Peter's, built soon after, was the first church in the parish. Commemorative spoons are being sold at \$2.50 each and are available from St Peter's Church. We hope that some spoons may be available at our next meeting **providing they have not been sold out.**

SUBURBS AND RAILWAY STATIONS will be continued in a future issue. The next feature will be on Petersham.

New Members: Richard Barrett, Gordon and Leanne Bartik, Lou Bell, Mrs Cox, Shirley Hilyard, Ian Lamond, P.S. and M. Manidis, Joanna Mendelssohn, Geoff Ostling, A. Sharpe, Carolyn Whip, Mrs Gwen Whitie.

HOW TO JOIN THE SOCIETY: It's only \$7 for individuals, \$10 for households and institutions, \$2 for pensioners and students. In addition, you will receive copies of the monthly Newsletter and **Heritage**, published annually each December. The first issue was appeared in 1984 and a few copies are still available at \$2 a copy. Post your subscriptions to Chrys at Marrickville Library, Marrickville Town Hall, 2204. (Phone 560-9333 Ext 282). You don't have to wait until the AGM or the end of the financial year. Our 'rolling membership' enables you to remain financial for twelve months from the time you join.

