



MARRICKVILLE HERITAGE SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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OUR NEXT MEETING

Saturday May 24 - Annual General Meeting
at 10.30 a.m., the Aldermen's Room
Petersham Town Hall

It's that time of year once again when we review the past and elect our new Executive. This year's election will be an important one because some of our Executive members are not standing for re-election. Please consider carefully whether you can help the Society on the Executive itself, serve on one of the Subcommittees, or, as a distributor of the Newsletter.

NOMINATIONS FOR THE EXECUTIVE

Nominations open on May 14 for the following positions: President, Vice Presidents (2), Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, General members (3). Nominations may be made (preferably in writing) to the Society's Secretary, Chrys Meader, at Marrickville Library, Marrickville Town Hall, 2204, or at the Annual General Meeting itself.

FUTURE PROGRAMME (to be confirmed)

Saturday June 28

Dennis Condon will organise a musical morning

NOTICES OF MOTION

Robert Thompson will move the following motions at the Annual General Meeting:

1. 'That, effective immediately, the financial year of the Society will commence on March 1 each year and will end on the last day of the following February. So as not to disadvantage new members, any member who joins between September 1, 1985 and March 1, 1986 will be held financial until the end of February 1987.'
2. 'That the Newsletter of the Society be published quarterly.'

BARBARA LITTLE, SOCIETY PRESIDENT, RETIRES

Regrettably, our inaugural President who has held office for the past two years has decided not to continue as President. I am sure that all members will wish to thank Barbara for her wholehearted effort in working for heritage in this area and congratulate her for the very high profile of the Society. I doubt whether many members fully realise how much time and energy Barbara has devoted to the Society and the wide range of her activities: from chairing meetings to smoothing over troubled waters; from setting foot on Fatima Island to attending an auction to rescue the old Stanmore Station sign. I'm sure all Society members will want to wish Barbara best wishes for the future. [Ed.]

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Do you wish to contribute to **Heritage 3**? Do you have an idea, some research material, or an article? If you don't feel confident writing an article yourself, there are writers who can help you. Please submit your ideas as soon as possible to any member of the Publications Subcommittee. Those who are planning to write articles should observe the following: Submit a brief plan of your article to the Subcommittee (someone else may have the same idea!). Pick up a style and procedures guide which will be available at the May meeting. Hand in your article before the deadline of September 1 to allow plenty of time for possible revisions. If your article is received after this date, it may be considered for **Heritage 1987**.



HERITAGE WEEK 1986

Congratulations to Verona Rothwell and her hard-working Heritage Week Subcommittee (Anne Carolan, John Fenton-Smith, Paula Gard and Dawn Thompson) for a very successful week. Others prominent in organising this week were Barbara Little, Chrys Meader, Gregory Robertson and Robert Thompson.

CHORAL AND ORGAN CONCERT AT ST BRIGID'S

A large crowd of several hundred enjoyed a varied and interesting programme featuring many local and nearby groups under the expert direction of St Brigid's Musical Director, Connie Cloran. Society member, organist David Pitt-Owen performed with his Phoenix Consort. In introducing the programme, Geoffrey Little and Lyn Collingwood outlined the rich musical heritage of Marrickville: Sister Gabriel inaugurated the Hyde Park Carols by Candlelight; Bela Dolesko, the Hungarian composer, settled here after 1945 and his great cantata was composed to celebrate the coming of peace; Father Stanislaus Cross of St Brigid's had a great dedication to musical scholarship. There are many other contributors to this tradition including Richard Meale (composer of the Australian opera, **Voss**) who grew up in Marrickville. Special thanks must also go to Father Terence, parish priest of St Brigid's, who welcomed us for the second year and organised supper after the concert.

LOCAL BUSH DANCE

There were some stiff joints the morning after but everyone who danced to the music of our Society member Lionel Swift's Diamantina Bush Band voted the evening a huge success, especially a large number of young people who attended. Under Lionel's expert direction, some of the young at heart who had not graced a dance floor for 20 years were soon kicking up their heels effortlessly to the music. Plans are now afoot to hold more dances, perhaps even on a regular basis, leading up to a Grand Colonial Ball in 1988. Special thanks must go to Tony and Tina who came all the way from their Northbridge Delicatessen to provide light refreshments, and to Marrickville Council who generously granted the use of the Town Hall.

LOCAL AUTHOR HONOURED

Petersham resident Gerard Windsor was an official Australian participant at the Adelaide Writers' Week 1986. Gerard has published two volumes of short stories, **The Harlots Enter First** (Hale & Iremonger, 1982) and **Memories of the Assassination Attempt** (Penguin, 1985). The second volume, which was short listed for the 1986 National Book Council Award, includes several stories based on the area, including 'The Sad Music of Men' which is based on Armon Nursing Home located on the corner of Croydon and Palace streets, Petersham.

THE PUBLICATIONS TEAM

During 1985-86 it has been a pleasure to be part of a team which has worked together harmoniously to produce ten Newsletters and an expanded issue of **Heritage**. Richard Cashman, Joanna Mendelssohn and Jan Pittard have taken it in turns to edit the Newsletter. Jan has also contributed significantly with layout and art work. Anne Carolan, our official proof-reader, has not only improved our style immeasurably but has also prevented us falling flat on our faces on a number of occasions. Chrys Meader has continued to serve the Subcommittee in numerous ways providing a continuing flow of information and liaising various activities. Thanks are also due to Robert Thompson and his team - Edna Andrews, Lou Bell, Geoffrey Francis, Paula Gard, Andrea Loder and Mary Tait - who have delivered Newsletters. [Ed.]

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. Post your subscriptions to our Secretary Chrys Meader at Marrickville Library, Marrickville Town Hall, 2204. (Phone 560-9333 Ext 282).

MEMBERS - ARE YOU FINANCIAL ? ? ?

