



MARRICKVILLE HERITAGE SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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OUR NEXT MEETING

Saturday August 24, 10.30 a.m.

A MYSTERY TOUR OF THE MARRICKVILLE MUNICIPALITY
- leaves from Petersham Town Hall at 10.30 a.m.
Let us know if you need transport by contacting
Chrys at Marrickville Library (560-9333 Ext 282)

A QUARTERLY EVENING MEETING:

Friday September 13 - Chris Pratten of the National Trust will speak
7.30 p.m. on 'Life and Death in the Inner West'.

FUTURE PROGRAMME

- Saturday September 28 - Annette Green will be giving a talk with slides
on the Marrickville Heritage Study, Stages I and II.
- Wednesday October 2 - Marrickville Heritage Society Dinner - please
see Page 3 for details.
- Saturday October 26 - A visit to the Egyptian Room, Masonic Lodge,
Petersham.
- Saturday November 23 - Richard Cashman will give a slide show of his
recent trip to the village of Marrick in York-
shire, England. After the meeting we will be
having a Christmas picnic in Petersham Park-all
welcome! There will be special fun and games for
the children.

OUR LAST MEETING . . .

The July Meeting got off to a rather **confused** start when we found the Aldermen's Room at Petersham Town Hall locked. The members and guest speaker, Chris Pratten of the National Trust, crossed the street to the Council Chambers opposite and negotiated several flights of stairs in the semi-darkness only to find the alternate venue (the function room) temporarily without power. Then came the announcement that our usual room had been miraculously opened. So back we went.

Our warmest thanks must go to Chris Pratten for his good-natured acceptance of this nomadic start to the Meeting. Totally undeterred, he proceeded with a talk which was enjoyable and informative to all.

Chris is Environment Director at the National Trust; among the activities of his department are house inspections, bush management and the preservation of streetscapes. They also operate a real estate service which promotes the sale of historic properties to people who will both appreciate and preserve them.

We saw slides on the National Trust's successes, structures and sites saved for posterity, such as the M.W.S. & D.B. bridge at Oatley and the precious wooden breeding grounds on Lord Howe Island.

The National Trust encourages the 'recycling' of buildings so that their original character is retained and they also meet a current need in the community. Much attention is being focused on disused industrial buildings at present.

Chris Pratten gave us a glimpse of restorations in progress on his own home. The Trust is always happy to oblige its members with advice about restoring their homes and gardens, and , of course, always happy to welcome new members!

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INFORMATION ABOUT ANDREW TORNING (1814-1900)

Julian Faigan (work 241-2961; home 569-7741) is researching the life and work of Andrew Torning, a local artist, artisan and volunteer fireman. Torning worked as an 'art decorator'; he was involved in flag and banner decoration, sign writing, ecclesiastical decoration and fresco painting. He was also well known as a dancer and actor. Any information about this remarkable gentleman would be appreciated.

Society Dinner

The first Society Dinner for members of the Society and their friends is to be held at the Eidelweiss Inn, 88 Audley St, Petersham (near the post office) at 7.00 p.m. for 7.30 p.m.

It would be an advantage for us to know the numbers in advance, so please phone Anne Carolan on 406-4862 and make your booking. Payment may be made at the August and September Meetings. If you will need transport on the night please let us know when making your booking.

The Dinner will cost \$19.50 per person, and this includes soft drinks and table wines. The restaurant's bar will also be open for anyone wishing pre-dinner drinks.

COME ALONG AND ENJOY A PLEASANT EVENING AND
A CHANCE TO CHAT TO OTHER SOCIETY MEMBERS.



THE SUB-COMMITTEES : PROGRESS REPORT

CLASSIFICATIONS - Chairperson: Andrea Loder

Work is well under way on compiling a list of historic sites in the Municipality worthy of preservation. Among them are two local pubs; the Sandringham Hotel and the St Peters Inn. (A suggested inspection of these and other historic pubs in the area won quick acceptance from the members). The Classifications Sub- Committee will be consulting the Marrickville Heritage Study and the National Trust to avoid any duplication of efforts.

COMMUNITY HERITAGE - Chairperson: Gregory Robertson (560-9528)

This Sub-Committee will attempt to promote communication with and participation by the many diverse cultural groups within the Marrickville Municipality. Posters and broadsheets in several languages are planned. There will also be a stall at the Addison Road Community Centre for Carnivale '85 on Saturday September 21. Anyone interested in helping with this project, or staffing the stall should speak to Greg at the next meeting.

HERITAGE WEEK - Chairperson: Verona Rothwell (523-3750 after 6.00 p.m.)

As Heritage Week is still nine months away, this Sub - Committee's plans are understandably in gestation! Anyone who would like to contribute ideas should contact Verona on the above number.

PUBLICATIONS - Chairperson: Richard Cashman (569-6836, work 697-2338)

You will have noticed the Newsletter's elegant new heading and (at last!) we have our logo, the 'Winged Victory'. Rotating editorship has been introduced to bring a greater variety of style and content to the Newsletter. Contributions from members are most welcome and can be sent to Chrys at the Library or handed to any member of the Sub- Committee at meetings. A 40- page HERITAGE is projected this year, with a print run of 1,000.

SOCIAL - Chairperson: Anne Carolan (406-4862)

See elsewhere in this Newsletter for details of the forthcoming Marrickville Heritage Society Dinner and the Christmas picnic.



New Members

Ray Lawlor, Linda Nash, Doug Pereira, Harry and Joyce Pereira, Lorna McIvor, Joseph Casanova, Bob Erwin, Douglas Drummond and Barclay Wright (both from the Mastertouch Piano Roll Company).

HOW TO JOIN OUR SOCIETY

It's only \$7 for individuals, \$10 for households and institutions, \$2 for students and pensioners. You will receive copies of the monthly Newsletter and HERITAGE, published annually in December. The Society meets on the fourth Saturday of each month in the Aldermen's Room, Petersham Town Hall at 10.30 a.m. Post your subscription to Chrys Meader at Marrickville Library, Marrickville Town Hall, 2204. Our 'rolling' membership enables you to remain financial for twelve months from the time you join.

