



# MARRICKVILLE HERITAGE SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

Vol 2 No 8

March 1986

## OUR NEXT MEETING - Saturday March 22

Peter Arnett's Marrickville Mystery Tour Part II - Meet at 10.30 a.m. outside Petersham Town Hall. Don't miss this unique opportunity to discover hitherto unrevealed aspects of Marrickville! Those who participated in last year's tour will remember the thrill of the unknown, combined with the shock of recognition. Has this man no shame? Will there be any secrets left in this Municipality by the time Peter Arnett is finished? **Bookings are compulsory.** Phone Chrys Meader (560-9333 Ext 282)

## FUTURE PROGRAMME (to be confirmed)

### Saturday April 26

Paula Gard will speak on heritage roses

### Friday May 9 - Quarterly Evening Meeting

Heritage Society Review Night - Reports of activities, illustrated by slides

### Saturday May 24

Annual General Meeting

### Saturday June 28

Dennis Condon will organise a musical morning

## **HERITAGE WEEK 1986**

Following the success of last year's functions a number of events have been organised for this year's Heritage Week.

**CHORAL AND ORGAN CONCERT - FRIDAY APRIL 11 at 8.15 p.m.**  
at St Brigid's Church which is celebrating its centenary this year. The programme will include music and performance from both the old and new traditions of our Municipality. The Church grounds in Marrickville Road will be floodlit for this occasion and refreshments will be served.

Programmes: \$5 adults, \$3 concession, \$7 family. Enquiries: Paula Gard (569-9928)

**LOCAL BUSH DANCE - SATURDAY APRIL 19 - 7.30-11.30 p.m.**  
at Marrickville Town Hall for the young and the young at heart. Dance to the swing of Lionel Swift's Diamanta Bush Band. Refreshments will be available.

Tickets: \$4 single, \$10 family. Enquiries: Paula Gard (569-9928)

**STANMORE SOCIETY'S HOUSE INSPECTION**  
**SUNDAY APRIL 13 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 2-5 p.m.**

This is a unique opportunity to visit 8 historically important houses in Stanmore, all within easy walking distance of one another.

Cost: \$4. Tickets may be purchased from 122 Percival Road, Stanmore

### **COOK'S RIVER FESTIVAL CANCELLED!**

There will be no Cook's River Festival this year. The Festival Committee will concentrate their efforts on making the 1987 Festival bigger and better. New members are needed urgently. Those interested in seeing the Festival live again are urged to attend the meeting on Thursday April 10 at 8 p.m. at the Aldermen's Room, Petersham Town Hall.



Federation Cockatoo roof finial

## **OUR LAST MEETING - INNER WEST FEDERATION ARCHITECTURE**

Richard Apperly from the School of Architecture, University of New South Wales, was planning to survey local styles from c 1900 to the outbreak of World War II, but because of constraints of time the 1920s and 1930s will be dealt with at a later date.

The Inner West of Sydney is especially rich in Federation architecture, and many buildings which were familiar to members were placed in the context of related buildings in America and England. Marseilles tiles and verandahs in garden suburbs make Australian Federation style a particularly pleasant variation of the red brick style which was so popular over three continents from the late 19th century to the outbreak of World War I. All members present will look forward to another informative and enjoyable instalment on this subject.

## **ANOTHER LETTER FROM NORTH YORKSHIRE!**

This week we received another letter from Elizabeth Hodgson of Darlington, North Yorkshire which included a 63,000 word draft manuscript which, among other things, describes what it was like growing up in Marrick.

It is a colourful and evocative narrative of her family and their life in Marrick, including intriguing details such as the romantic-sounding names of the fields around Marrick such as Cansicks, Sykelands, Croft How and Fourteen Corners. Members of our Society will enjoy reading the manuscript when it is published (hopefully) and perhaps it might inspire a companion volume on growing up in Marrickville. Are there any senior scribblers in our Society?

The family of Elizabeth Hodgson has had an association with Marrick from at least 1740 and 'my great-grandfather', writes Elizabeth Hodgson, 'was the Parish Clerk for Marrick from 1821 to 1846 & would therefore be a contemporary of Thomas Chalder!'



## R.S.V.P.

Do you want to research your family history? Society member Anne Carolan (Phone 406-4862) can give you advice on how to proceed.

Did anyone out there ever know or hear anything of early residents named Chalder or Doble? There must be some octogenarians who knew these people when they lived in the St Peters area in the 1930s. Please pass on any information to Anne Carolan.

## ANNIVERSARIES IN 1986

One hundred years ago Lewisham Station was opened, the Parish of St Brigid's Marrickville was founded (October 17) and 125 years ago Marrickville Municipality was incorporated (November 1). During the year there will be some special features to mark these events including an article in **Heritage** No 3 on Marrickville in 1861. We would also be pleased to hear about any society, institution or building, which is 100 years old in 1986.

## NEW MEMBERS

Marte Sta Elena, Les Fairbairn, Jean Hardy, Sister Jeanne Hyland, Helen Loftberg, James Young

## 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 November. Post your subscriptions to our Secretary Chrys Meader 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.