



# MARRICKVILLE HERITAGE SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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## OUR NEXT MEETING

Saturday June 28, 10.30 a.m. at the home of  
Dennis Condon, "Ampico Towers", 47 Station St, Newtown.

Dennis will demonstrate for us his wonderful collection of reproducing pianos. Members will have the opportunity to hear world famous masters via Dennis's unique collection of piano rolls. A limited number of visitors can be accommodated so it is essential to book if you intend to come along (contact Chrys Meader on 560-9333 Ext 282). A donation of \$1.00 towards the tuning of the pianos would be appreciated.

## FUTURE PROGRAMME (to be confirmed)

Saturday July 26 Guest speaker (to be announced)

Saturday August 23 Visit to Penfolds Winery and the Tempe Hotel

Friday September 19 Quarterly Evening Meeting, 7.30p.m. in the  
Aldermen's Room, Petersham Town Hall - a panel discussion on house  
renovation

Saturday September 27 Talk on Federation Architecture, Richard  
Apperly, School of Architecture, University of N.S.W.

Saturday October 25 Visit to St Stephens Church, Newtown, St Josephs  
School, Lewisham and the Carmelite Monastery, Marrickville

Saturday November 22 Guest speaker (to be announced) and Christmas  
Picnic

## THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: ELECTION OF THE 1986-87 EXECUTIVE

The Society's Annual General Meeting took place on the morning of Saturday May 24. The Aldermen's Room was graced with our new banner proclaiming the Society's name in white lettering on a blue background and imparting a sense of unity and identity appropriate to the start of our third Society year. Our thanks to Anne and Robert Thompson for providing the banner.

As most members will know, our President of two years, Barbara Little, did not stand for office this year. Vice President, Eve Sharpe spoke for all Society members in her speech thanking Barbara for the hard work and dedication which have given such impetus to the Society. The Society now welcomes Robert Thompson as our new President.

Other members of the 1986-87 Executive elected at the A.G.M. are as follows:

Vice Presidents: Eve Sharpe, Richard Cashman  
Secretary: Chrys Meader  
Assistant Secretary: Andrea Loder  
Treasurer: Anne Cherry

Also serving on the Executive are the chairpersons of the sub-committees.

All members are welcome to attend Executive meetings. Contact Chrys for dates and times.

### THE SOCIETY'S SUB-COMMITTEES

**CLASSIFICATIONS** - to identify and record features and structures in the area worthy of preservation: Terry Hicks (chair), Andrew Blankensee, Anne Cherry, Joan Francis, Bruce Welsh, Carolyn Whip. The Classifications Sub-committee is keen to hear the ideas of the general membership on what should be preserved in the Municipality.

**HERITAGE WEEK** - to plan and coordinate the Society's activities for Heritage Week 1987: Verona Rothwell (chair), Barbara Little.



**SOCIAL** - to organise the Society's social functions for the coming year: Anne Carolan (chair), Verona Rothwell. The Social Sub-committee invites Society members to comment on last year's Annual Dinner and Picnic and to put forward suggestions for functions during 1986-87, contact Anne Carolan on 406-4862.

**PUBLICATIONS** - to undertake the publication of the Society's monthly Newsletter and any occasional publications and to provide support and assistance to the editor of **HERITAGE**: Jan Pittard (chair), Robyn Appleton, Anne Carolan, Bob Erwin, Joanna Mendelssohn, Bruce Welsh. A motion that the Newsletter be published quarterly was withdrawn at the A.G.M. after a discussion of the Newsletter's role in advising members of forthcoming meetings and functions. To help strengthen this role, the editor of the Newsletter, Jan Pittard (516-3332), would appreciate early advice of all news and announcements.

Members will note that the editorship of **HERITAGE** no longer rests with the chair of the Publications Sub-committee but is the responsibility of a separate editor serving on the Executive. However, initially meetings relating to the Newsletter and to **HERITAGE** will coincide.

Members interested in serving on any of the sub-committees should contact Chrys Meader (Phone 560-9333 Ext 282).

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## **CRICKET TRIVIA BUFFS**

Try out this question next time you're playing Trivial Pursuit. Has there been a cricket club in Petersham for 170 years? The answer, guaranteed to dismay your opponents, is YES! A book has recently been published: "One Hundred and Seventy Not Out: A History of Ham and Petersham Cricket Club". It's a history of cricket in our English sister village. If you want to see the book, there's one member of the Society crazy enough to have forked out £5 for it - ask Richard Cashman.

## **CENTENARY OF AUSTRALIA'S FIRST DEACONESSSES**

Next month it will be exactly 100 years since Australia's first deaconesses, Mary and Selma Schleicher, came to this country. Mary and Selma were the daughters of Caroline and Reverend Theophilus Schleicher who worked as missionaries in India and Africa. The family first settled in Hunters Hill but returned to England and Germany for the girls' education. Selma trained to become a deaconess, as her mother had before her, at Kaiserworth, Germany and Mary developed an interest in parish and slum work. When the family returned to Sydney, Selma served as Deaconess of St Phillips, Hunters Hill for forty years. Mary worked for thirteen years in the thickly-populated Newtown Parish where she married Robert Taylor, Rector of St Stephens, Newtown.

### **MEMBERSHIP MOTION DEFEATED**

A motion to introduce fixed year membership, to replace rolling membership, of the Marrickville Heritage Society was defeated at the A.G.M.

### **NEW MEMBERS**

Ms P.A. Cross, Mr J. Bailey, Ms B. Shore, Michael Spartalis, Lillian Bachell, John, Carolyn and John Junior Watkins, Robyn Appleton.

**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**, the Society's annual journal. You don't have to wait for the A.G.M. or the beginning of the financial year. The Society's "rolling membership" means that you are a financial member of the Society for a full twelve months from whenever you join. Post subscriptions and subscription renewals to Chrys Meader at Marrickville Library, Marrickville Town Hall, 2204. Phone enquiries: 560-9333 Ext 282.

The Society meets on the fourth Saturday morning of each month in the Aldermen's Room, Petersham Town Hall, unless otherwise notified. Details of our meetings and excursions appear in the monthly Newsletter.

**VOLUNTEERS TO DELIVER THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER ARE ALWAYS WELCOME. IF YOU ARE PREPARED TO DELIVER TO SOCIETY MEMBERS IN YOUR AREA PLEASE CONTACT ANDREA LODER ON 517-1442**