



MARRICKVILLE HERITAGE SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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Popular Dance in Marrickville

Saturday 27th February Phyllis McCorquodale has studied the history of popular dance in Australia. In the 1930s Marrickville Town Hall resounded with ballroom dancing and spectacular 'swing' concerts, our Town Hall boasted the second-best sprung dance floor in Sydney after the Trocadero. Phyllis' talk - with slides - will be held in the Petersham Town Hall Amenities Room at 10.30am.



Rotary Fair

You are invited to visit - and assist - at our Society's stall at the Rotary Fair at Marrickville Road on Saturday morning 5th of March.



Pioneers and Residents Picnic Day



Do you know people who are descended from Pioneers and early local residents? Invite them to come and share their memories at a special Picnic Day to be held on Sunday 6 March, 11 till 4pm at Richardsons Lookout, Holt Crescent, The Warren, Marrickville.

You're invited to enjoy the music and festivities with our special master-of-ceremonies

John Germain O.A., the popular baritone. (John, a Dulwich Hill resident, appears by arrangement with the Australian Opera).

We will have a bound register of all those who attend and a mammoth birthday cake to celebrate those 200 years.

Please bring along a picnic lunch and try to come in colonial or National dress. If you are able to assist on this our endorsed Bicentennial Authority activity, please ring Bob Thompson (558 5352) or Richard Cashman (569 6836 mornings).

Stanmore Bicentennial Picnic

The Stanmore Society is organizing an endorsed Bicentennial Picnic in Weekley Park, Percival Road Stanmore on Sunday March 13th from 11am to 3pm.

All of you are invited to come, renew old acquaintances, trace your origins and celebrate your place in the nation. The picnic will bring together all those who have been involved in Stanmore's history.

You are cordially invited to bring a picnic and a group of family and friends. There will be an opportunity to register your interest in recording your family's part in Stanmore's history and to show photographs of past occasions in Stanmore. A record will be kept in a bound register of all those who attend the picnic and a video will be made to record how we celebrated 1988 in Stanmore.

A Visit to Eryldene

Eryldene is a fine example of a colonial revival house located at Gordon on the North Shore. It was built for Professor Waterhouse, a world-renowned expert on camellias, who embellished it with a splendid exotic garden.

Meet at Petersham Town Hall at 9.30am Saturday 26th March. You will be made welcome at Eryldene with a cup of tea and biscuit and a short talk about the house and gardens. There will be ample time to stroll around the grounds before we return to Petersham in the early afternoon.

A donation of \$2.50 (adult), \$1.50 (pensioner), 50 cents (big children - no charge for small children) will go towards the maintenance of Eryldene. (\$1 donation for the bus).

If you need transport, please contact Chrys Meader as soon as possible at 560 9333 ext 282.



Bicentennial Heritage Concert

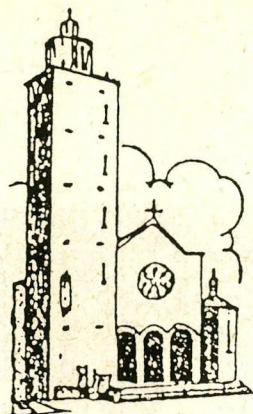
This will be the fourth in our annual series of concerts held in conjunction with St Brigid's Church, cnr of Marrickville and Livingstone Roads, Friday 29 April 1988 at 8.15pm.

We are honoured indeed that Mr James Dibble, a Marrickville "old boy" has kindly agreed to narrate the performance.

These concerts cater for all tastes - exploring old and new traditions of Marrickville music-making - but they also provide an opportunity to view this magnificent Romanesque building.

This year the programme will include Hugh Jones, local harpsichordist and musical instrument maker; the Crivici String Quartette; Simon Salter, flautist; Dan Prior, Tenor; Beryl Brownlee, Soprano and the St Brigid's and Tongan Choirs. Choirmaster at St Brigid's is Simon Salter and Musical Director is Connie Cloran.

This year a capacity audience is anticipated so we suggest you hurry to make advance bookings. Please contact Paula Gard (569 9928), Verona Rothwell (523 3750 after 6pm) to secure tickets which are very reasonable: Family \$8; Single \$6; Concession \$4.



Our Last Outings

46 Society members and their friends enjoyed a twilight harbour cruise on 30 December. Much nail-biting went on a few days before the event when our boat was sold and another vessel had to be found for us. Thank you to Boy Messenger for directing us to Bill Robbins of "Adams Executive Charters"; Bill and his coxswain, Reinhardt, were the friendliest of hosts, cruising "Sydney'sider" around the bays to a peaceful picnic interlude on Clark Island. There was a gentle cool breeze and as the sun went down and the light changed we came back under the bridge for a close look at moored shipping and colourful twinkling city lights.

A.C.

'But they're so small' . . This was one of the most common comments by members and their friends who attended the two consecutive morning cruises to see the First Fleet Re-enactment vessels anchored on Botany Bay in January.

As our ferry carefully circled each of the ships it was difficult to imagine how these tiny vessels had survived the voyage half way around the world, and easy to see why Captain Phillip found the area around Botany and La Perouse unsuitable for the penal colony. This was the best attended excursion that the Society has held and as usual we must thank Anne Carolan for organizing it for us.

G.O.

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CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Joanna Mendelssohn for gaining the C.H. Currey Memorial Fellowship. Joanna shared the award, given for writing in Australian history, with Newtown resident Richard White. Joanna will use the fellowship to help with expenses for her book on Jack and Norman Lindsay.

RAFFLE

The Christmas/NewYear Raffle was drawn on the cruise of December 30. The winners were:

Green and white D9, William Hopkins,
Yellow A27, Bob Poole,
Yellow A63, Robert Thompson,
Blue and white B58, Dorothy Harrison,
Green and white D26, David Cashman.
The raffle raised \$74.70

NEW MEMBERS

Peter, Rhonda, Leanne, Jane Chessell; Michael Smith; Bruce and Lyn Evans; Neita Wannell; Ida Hogarth; E. Camilleri.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

Proposed Amendment to Item 6 of the Constitution relating to the date of the Annual General Meeting of the Society.

The Executive recommend that 'May' be deleted and that 'June' be substituted in its place. At its December 1987 meeting the Executive of the Society resolved unanimously to recommend changing the date of the Annual General Meeting from May to June, thereby linking the Society year more closely with the financial year.

Members are hereby notified that this amendment will be put to the Quarterly Meeting on 6 May 1988 at the regular meeting place, Petersham Town Hall.

HOW TO SUBSCRIBE TO THE SOCIETY

It's only \$7 for individuals, \$10 for households and institutions, and \$2 for students and pensioners. You will receive copies of our Newsletter (either posted or delivered to your door) and our Journal Heritage. Your subscription is good for twelve months from the date of joining. Write to The Secretary, PO Box 415, Marrickville 2204. The editor would also like to hear from members with contributions to the Newsletter. Please contact Mark Matheson (559 5502) or Geoff Ostling (568 3029).