

# MARRICKVILLE

## HERITAGE SOCIETY NEWSLETTER



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### OUR NEXT MEETING A Tour of Mt Tomah Gardens

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 24, 9 A.M. SHARP MEET AT PETERSHAM TOWN HALL.

If you want to visit Mt. Tomah Botanic Gardens it is advisable to contact Chrys Meader as soon as possible as the seats in the bus are filling rapidly.

We will leave from Petersham Town Hall at 9 A.M. sharp and return by 5 P.M. Please bring a jacket or a jumper as it can be cool even on a sunny day. You can either purchase sandwiches and hot drinks at the garden restaurant or take advantage of the barbeque at the gardens (20 cents for 20 minutes). It is essential to make a booking with our Secretary Chrys Meader on 560-9333 Ext.282. The cost, which includes the cost of entry and bus hire, is \$10.

### COMING EVENTS

Here is the Society's programme to the end of November plus some important Bicentennial events.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 22, 10.30 A.M. Terry Hicks on Marrickville architecture.  
7 P.M. Marrickville Bicentennial Ball.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 29, 10 A.M. Historical walk in St. Peters.

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 5. Special morning preview of the Winged Victory statue.  
2 P.M. Official Opening of the Archival Reference Centre.

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 11, 11 A.M. Re-erection of the Winged Victory Statue.

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 26, 10.30 A.M. Don Fraser on Engineering heritage, with special reference to Marrickville. Followed by the Heritage Society Annual Picnic.

### Winged Victory Preview

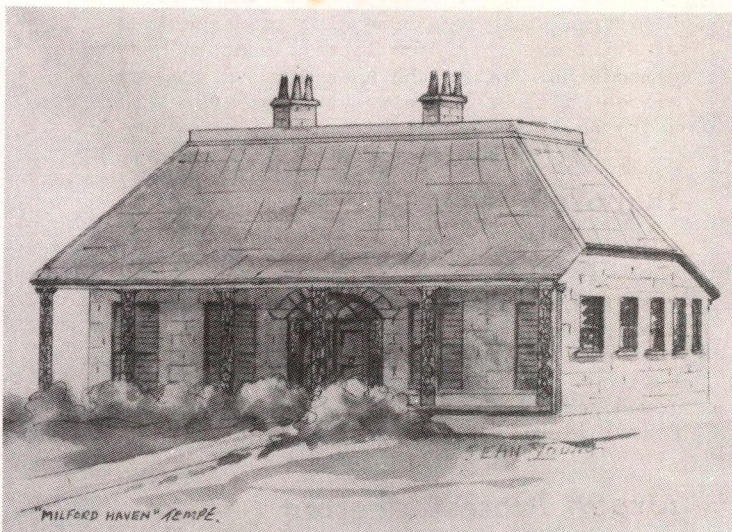
Before the Winged Victory Statue is re-erected there will be a special preview of the statue, at a location to be announced. Members of the Society will be informed about the details of this very important project and the various artistic problems confronted in the re-erection.

### A Walk in St Peters

Members are invited to join an Historical Walk in St. Peters on October 29 organised by the St. Peters Anglican Church History Committee. Meet at St. Peters, 187 Princes Highway, St. Peters at 10 A.M. The walk will stop at points of interest along the way.

### Wanted: Society Auditor

Do we have an auditor in the Society? The Executive is looking for someone who can audit the books of the Society. Our thanks to Society member Joan Swain who has offered to type the Newsletter.



Milford Haven, built for publican William Wells in 1858, is one of the historical sights to be seen in St. Peters. Sketch by Jean Young for the Marrickville Art Society, 1970.

### Stanmore House Update

An Interim Conservation Order (under Section 26 of the Heritage Act, 1977) has been placed on Stanmore House, Enmore Road, Enmore. The order was gazetted on August 19, 1988 and will remain in force for a period of 12 months unless objections are lodged. Stanmore House, which was featured in our July Newsletter, is listed as "one of the few surviving examples of large two storey 'mansions' of the early colonial (Georgian) period in Sydney. Its original features are of high quality and are largely intact which increases its rarity value." Stanmore House is also featured in the Historic Houses Trust of NSW Exhibition "Demolished For the Public Good" with the comment, "converted to flats and shorn of its verandah, its front garden is now a liquor store".

### Speaking Personally: Study Applauded

GEOFF OSTLING WRITES:  
Marrickville Council must be congratulated on the acceptance of the 1985 Heritage Study which identifies important buildings, street-scapes, and conservation areas within the Municipality. Residents living within these conservation areas have recently received a letter from Council pointing out that 'houses which retain original features and undergo sympathetic restoration achieve greater resale values than those houses where original features have been removed'. Already several houses sold at auction have achieved higher prices as a result of their inclusion within the Petersham North conservation area. Heritage Society members interested to see how their own street rates in the study may do so by writing to Marrickville Council, or by ringing Heritage Watch committee members Tony Deguara at 558-4726 or Bruce Welch at 569-9928.

## OUR LAST MEETING

### From Bakers to Brick Pits

Those who attended our meeting on Saturday August 27 were able to share snippets of family history with some of our members. Unfortunately some speakers were unable to attend but we were delighted that Les Fairbairn gave an impromptu talk on his ancestors. His great grandfather was a baker and his great grandmother conducted the Marrickville Post Office from the baker's shop. Les has now written a short history which will be included in the next newsletter. Chrys Meader spoke of her family, including a "missing" relative whom she recently discovered in the records of St. Peter's Cemetery. She also read some fascinating excerpts from letters sent to her grandfather during the Boer War and showed slides of the brick pits at Henson Park where he later worked.



Training Australian Artillery Officers at The Warren during World War I.

## Bicentennial Ball

Why not join the Marrickville Heritage Society table at the Bicentennial Ball on October 22 at 7.30 P.M.? Tickets are \$30 per person. Guests are invited to dress in any fashion between 1861 and 1988 and there will be prizes for the best costume. Contact Roma Curtis at 560-9333 for general details of the ball and Chrys Meader if you want to join our table.

## Airport Protest Meeting

2.30 p.m. SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 25 at Leichhardt Town Hall. If you're offended by the noise of aircraft flying over your house then come to this protest meeting, organised by resident groups from Botany, Rockdale, Kurnell and Leichhardt. If you believe Marrickville residents should also lobby the Federal Government, please contact Mark Matheson (559-5502) for information about the meeting and a proposed resident group.

## Back to Cobbitty Day

A Back to Cobbitty Bicentennial Day is being organised by the Cobbitty Church Committee for Saturday, October 29 from 9 A.M. at the Parish Hall, Cobbitty Road, Cobbitty. The day will include a sports programme, street parade, old time concert and history display. Enquiries contact Joyce Thorn on (046) 512.259.

## How to Subscribe

Its only \$8 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 P.O. Box 415, Marrickville, 2204, or phone 560-9333 Ext.282. Marrickville Heritage Society holds regular meetings on the fourth Saturday of every month.



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## What they Showed and Told

Our second Show and Tell by candlelight evening on Friday August 12 was a great success. A most informative and enjoyable programme was provided by the following members:  
-Octogenarian Maisie Cox brought along a Brazilian silver jam spoon used by her family (the Lowes of Lower Portland) in the early years of this century.  
-Laurie Hindmarsh told us of the forming of the 7 Field Regiment at "The Warren".  
-Paula Gard spoke of slipping roses in Marrickville.

-Mary Tait described her family home in Malakoff Street and brought along a sample from her lawn - grown from a small piece of grass taken from Riverside Park.  
-Ken Williams showed portraits and spoke of the Donney family. We were thrilled that several family members were present, including Ken's mother, Alice (Donney) Williams.  
-Peter Mabey, accompanied by a yellow plastic ram, showed a large cylindrical slide rule used by Golden Fleece, St. Peter's, until about 20 years ago.

-Anne Carolan presented examples of sculptor Gilbert Doble's smaller "bread and butter" works.  
-Michael Smith and Anne Carolan showed photos of both the original 1858 St. Peter and Paul's Catholic Church, Tempe, and the present church on Princes Highway.  
-Senior Vice-President, Eve Sharpe, spoke on women in local government, an area in which she has had vast experience.  
-Local collector Bill Kerameus showed some ceramic pieces found in Marrickville.  
-Geoff Ostling brought along a Fowler Pottery (Fitzroy Street) mixing bowl.  
-Richard Cashman spoke of his home in Fisher's Reserve and told of several generations of apothecaries.

-Anne Cherry and Tony Deguara both gave slide talks on the fine restoration work done on their respective houses in Albany Road and Carey Street.  
-Connie Cloran, who is organist and musical director at St. Brigid's Church, brought along some colourful editions of 60-70 year old pieces of music and also an original manuscript of a Musical Box piece.  
-Before adjourning for supper, Michael Smith played two items, from tapes he made at our 1988 Heritage Concert, performed by James Dibble and Connie Cloran and her Choir.

Anne Carolan

## New Members

Mrs Carder, Meg and Norman Beaver, Karilyn Brown, Tony Strachan, Patricia Stack, F.N. Cottee and Robert Faulkes of Burnie, Tasmania.