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OUR NEXT MEETING History of St Peters

SATURDAY MARCH 18th, 10.30 am
AMENITIES ROOM, PETERSHAM TOWN HALL

Society member Laurel Horton will give an illustrated address on the history of St. Peters. Laurel is an authority on the area, having co-authored the book St. Peters Anglican Church Cooks River 1838-1988, a fascinating look at the church, its reverends and parishioners. She also organised the popular Bicentennial walk in St. Peters.

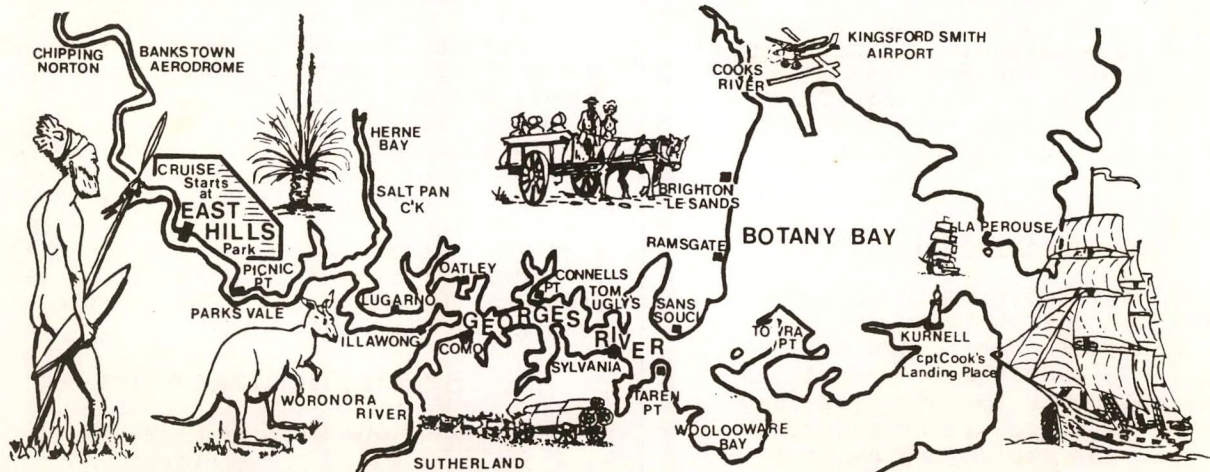
Ever? Cruising the Georges River

SATURDAY MAY 27th, 10.00 am - 3.00 pm

Welcome aboard the M.V. Mirabel for a scenic cruise upon the beautiful Georges River to historic Botany Bay. There will be an historic commentary as we go along. See map below for route.

The ferry M.V. Mirabel, which members will remember from the Botany Bay First Fleet trip, will leave the wharf of the Georges River Ferry Co. Henry Lawson Drive, East Hills, promptly at 10.00 am returning at 3.00 pm. Lunch will be at the St. George Motor Boat Club at Sans Souci. Cost: Adults \$14; School-children \$9; Pre-schoolers Free. Lunch (not for the pre-schoolers) is included. Directions: Transport will be discussed at the time of making your booking. If taking your own car, proceed along Henry Lawson Drive until you reach the East Hills Park. About half-way along, stop opposite Cook Crescent and park off the road. Walk to the ferry down the centre of the park. It is not far from the station if you wish to go by train.

Bookings, with payment strictly in advance, to Anne Carolan (406.4862) or Chrys Meader (560.9333 Ext.282)



COMING EVENTS Annual Heritage Concert

FRIDAY APRIL 21, 8.15 PM
ST BRIGID'S CHURCH, MARRICKVILLE



Once again our annual Heritage Week concert will be held at the magnificent St Brigid's Church, corner of Marrickville and Livingstone Roads, Marrickville. St Brigid's musical director Connie Cloran (pictured) will present an inspiring wealth of musical talent for your enjoyment. Members and friends are welcome. Featured in the concert will be John

Brosnan, bass; Paul Goodchild, trumpeter extraordinaire; Christian Brothers Lewisham Band, Crivici String Ensemble; the Tongan Choir; and the delightful Danebank Handbell Ringers. We invite you to conclude the evening with a friendly 'cuppa'. Phone for bookings 569 9928 or after 6pm 569 2043. Family \$8, single \$6, concession \$4.

Bicentennial on Video

SATURDAY APRIL 29, 10.30AM
MARRICKVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL

Ever?

Society member Marilyn Kelly, principal of Marrickville Public School, Chapel Street, has kindly made available video facilities so we can view two short Bicentennial videos. The first is our Heritage Picnic and the other is the Heritage Concert at St Brigid's. Marilyn will also give a short talk on the history of the school. Morning tea provided. Meet at the school.

NOTE: We are unable to visit Tempe House on this date as scheduled.

Lydham Hall Visit Prompts Call for Local Museum

SPEAKING PERSONALLY -
GEOFF OSTLING WRITES:

The recent excursion to Lydham Hall, the house museum maintained by Rockdale Council, emphasised the lack of such a museum in the Municipality of Marrickville. Lydham Hall has a warm and 'homely' feeling, as though one were visiting the home of one's favourite aunt. It is difficult to realise that when Rockdale Council acquired the property 18 years ago it was an empty shell.

Furniture, china, glassware, kitchen utensils and all the items that were in use between the time the house was built in 1860 and the outbreak of the First World War, have been donated or are on loan. Not all the items on display are valuable in monetary terms, but their interest comes from the fact they illustrate life in the Rockdale Municipality in times gone by. Many of the pieces have been donated when their owners have moved into smaller accommodation or into nursing homes. In our own municipality, such items are often sent to auction, simply because older residents think no-one



Maisie Cox, Leslee Isted and Edna Andrews are pictured with curator Miss B. Otton (second from left) on the verandah of Lydham Hall.

is interested in their treasures.

In the past year our Society has had to refuse at least one offer of valuable items, simply because we have nowhere to display or store them. Obviously any decision to set up a local history museum would require a great deal of voluntary work, but with Council help, it might just be possible. What do other members think of the idea?

Airport Watch Update

More than 700 people turned out for the Public Meeting organised by Marrickville Airport Watch at Marrickville Town Hall on February 21st, 1989. After a programme of speakers, a number of resolutions were passed. They were:

1. This meeting:
 - (a) opposes the easing of the curfew and calls on the Federal Government to restore the 11 pm to 6 am curfew.
 - (b) calls on the Federal Government to immediately introduce a proper system of access control to alleviate congestion at Kingsford-Smith.
 - (c) calls on the Federal Government to reaffirm its commitment that there will be no third runway constructed at Kingsford-Smith.
 - (d) calls on the Federal Government to start construction of Badgerys Creek Airport by June 1989 and commit funds to ensure that an International Airport, with adequate road-rail links, is operating there by 1994.
2. This meeting calls on the Second Sydney International Airport Support Group to organise and lead a major demonstration at Kingsford-Smith Airport within two months of the date of this public meeting.

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Tank Stream Overflow Tour

Did you miss out on the Tank Stream tour? In view of the response the Society has organised two more tours on Sunday April 9 at 10am and 11.20am. It is essential to book in advance through Chrys Meader on 560 9333 ext 282. The meeting place for both groups is at Curtin Place off Pitt Street, next to Australia Square. Look for the prominently displayed Water Board Tank Stream Tour signs. The time of meeting is 15 minutes before your tour: 9.45am and 11.05am. The cost is adults \$5, pensioners \$2; children under 15, free. The tour may have to be cancelled if there is heavy rain. If in doubt ring 516 2685 on the morning of the tour.

Heritage 5 Out Soon

Would you like to find out more about the Appa Teeza Hamburger Shop which operated in Enmore from 1939 to 1946. Did you know that Petersham Racecourse attracted crowds of up to 10,000 in the 1840's? Both these topics will be covered in Heritage 5, the latest issue of the Society Journal, which is due to be published shortly. Heritage 5 will not only contain historical items, it will also be a resource for the future. Articles will cover the setting up of the new archive centre as well as artworks commissioned for the Bicentenary and biographies of the artists. There is also a look at ballroom dancing from 1920 to 1950 and the story of the building of Marrickville Town Hall. And much more!

Special Heritage Offer

Now that Heritage 1 has been reprinted, we are selling sets of Heritage Vols 1-4 for only \$15, a saving of \$4. Why not buy an extra set for yourself or a neighbour? The special offer lasts until the end of June.