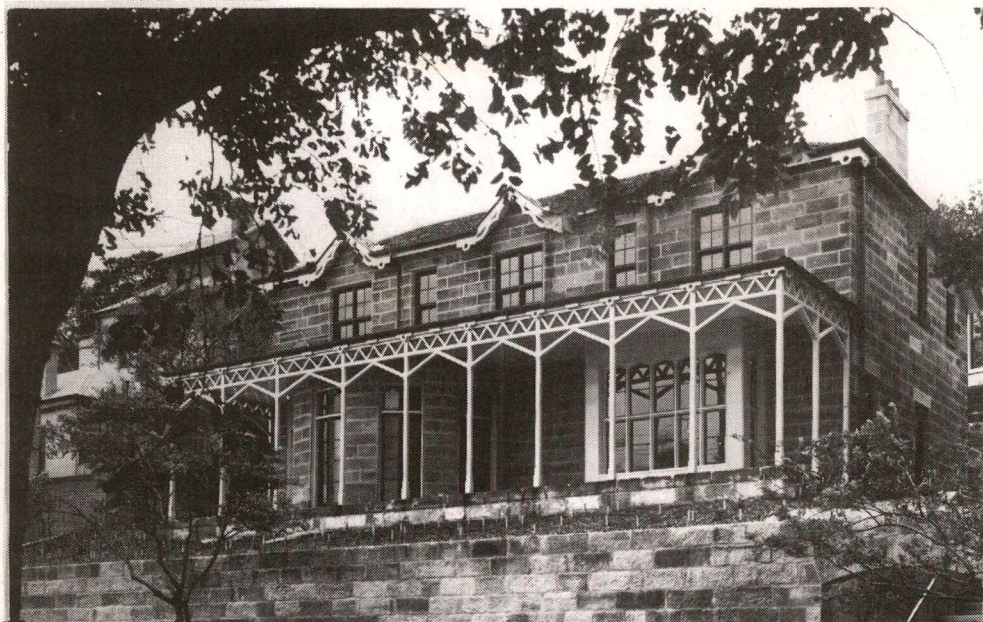


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Richmond Villa, home of the Society of Australian Genealogists.

OUR NEXT MEETING A Tour of Richmond Villa

SATURDAY MAY 26, 9.15AM
RICHMOND VILLA
120 KENT STREET, CITY.

All members interested in family history or any aspect of local history should come along to find out about the Society of Australian Genealogists. Established in Sydney in 1932 the society now has more than 8000 members and its extensive library contains not only books, manuscripts and pictures but also many thousands of index cards. The society's headquarters is Richmond Villa, a fascinating building with a rich history of its own. It was erected in 1849 by the Colonial Architect Mortimer Lewis, as his private home facing the Sydney Domain. It was dismantled in 1976 to make way for additions to Parliament House and was rebuilt on its present site.

After visiting Richmond Villa we will walk to St Brigid's school and chapel, built in 1833 and probably the oldest surviving Catholic Church property in Australia and then to the house of Michael Gannon, an early Tempe builder and innkeeper, in Argyle Street. Tea, coffee or wine and cheese platter will be available here. Meet at 9.15AM on the footpath outside Richmond Villa, 120 Kent St, City. Walk north from Wynyard (York St) Station then along Kent St (either via Margaret St, or through the underpass near St Philip's Church). The Villa is a few steps past the fire station. Bookings to Anne on 406 4862.

COMING EVENTS Trash or Treasure

FRIDAY JUNE 1, 7.30PM-10.30PM
NEWINGTON INN
292 STANMORE ROAD, PETERSHAM

Bring along your treasures for what is sure to be an entertaining evening. A variation on our previously successful Show & Tell nights. Sue and Tony Miller, late of Odds & Sods, Newtown, will tell you what they can about your particular treasure. Fossick out a small antique, bric a brac, collectible or a bit of old junk (it may not be!) that you've always wondered about and bring it along. Or just come along and join in the fun. Please contact Anne on 406 4862 if you are planning to bring along an item. Drinks will be available from the bar. A light supper will be served (Cost \$6).

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
SATURDAY JUNE 23, 10.30 AM
AMENITIES ROOM, PETERSHAM TOWN HALL

Members are encouraged to attend the Society's Annual General Meeting to hear what has been achieved over the past year and to decide future directions. Executive elections will be held at this meeting and nominations are called for the positions of: President, two Vice-presidents, secretary, treasurer, and three additional executive members. A recommendation will also be put to the meeting that annual subscription rates be increased.

Covering Dulwich Hill, Enmore, Lewisham, Marrickville, Petersham, St Peters, Stanmore, Sydenham, Tempe and parts of Camperdown, Hurlstone Park and Newtown

OUR LAST MEETING Magical Mystery Tour

Marrickville became less of a mystery for about 50 members and friends who attended our last meeting but all agreed it was a magical morning. Our magical mystery tour on an old double decker bus took us all over the municipality and provided a few surprises. Here are the highlights.

We began from Petersham Town Hall and headed for Marrickville Town Hall, passing the former Petersham Girls High School in Gordon St, where the WWII air crash occurred. At the Library, Chrys Meader, the Local Studies Librarian, gave us a rundown on the Local Studies Collection. Then we moved on, passing Marrickville Park, formerly Porters brickpit, and Booth House before travelling along Wardell Rd. Our next stop was Dibble Ave and the waterhole. Then we made our way to Richardsons Lookout, the site of The Warren.

A stop for morning tea and then we passed the facade of Vicars Mills, now part of Marrickville Metro and then we made our way along Stanmore Road back to Petersham Town Hall. Our thanks to Chrys Meader for devising the route and providing an information-packed commentary, to Geoff Ostling for the 'upstairs' commentary, to Evelyn Watkins for morning tea and to the Bus & Truck Museum and to its drivers John Graham and John Ward,

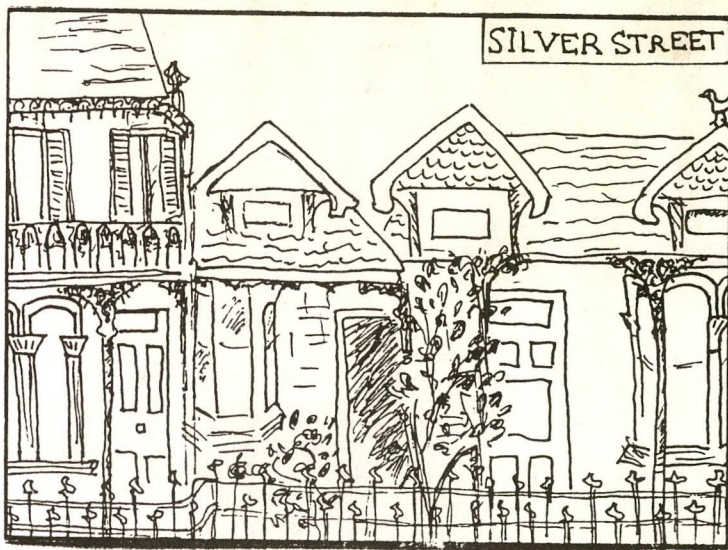
Airport Information Kit

The Second Sydney Airport Coalition has produced an information kit which will be sent to politicians, councils, community groups, environmental groups and the media. The kit lists those areas affected by the proposed third runway at Kingsford Smith Airport; councils and community groups opposed to the third runway, a fact sheet and suggestions for ways in which local residents can voice their opposition. The SSAC claims that "a population in excess of 600,000" would be affected by a third runway at Mascot. To make donations or to find out more information contact the SSAC on 569 0605.

Stained Glass and Stone

A new book published this month - Stained Glass and Stone by Bertha MacKenzie - celebrates the grandeur and rich history of the Sydney University Gothic buildings. The buildings designed by Edmund Blacket reflected the Perpendicular Gothic style of Oxford and Cambridge Universities. Built in the 1850-60s, the buildings dominated the young city with their immense size and commanding position on the hill at Grose Farm. They show a city's pride in its public buildings which we are unlikely to ever see again. This book in more than 300 photographs highlights the long forgotten skills of stained glass and wood and stone carving. The book, designed and produced by society member Mark Matheson, was printed by Marrickville company Southwood Press.

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Above, a postcard produced by the residents of Silver Street, Marrickville who are opposing a Council proposal to demolish houses on the west side of Silver Street to make way for a car park. More information next newsletter.

Copies of Heritage

Copies of our annual Journal Heritage Nos 1,3,4,5 are available at all Society meetings. No 2 is currently out of print but copies of individual articles can be obtained at a small cost. The contents of Heritage 1 (1984) are: Early Land Grants in Marrickville, Richard Cashman; 'Up the Street' or 'Down the Street' - Shopping Locally, Barbara Little; Fowler's Pottery 1837-1975 - 1. The Potteries at Glebe and Camperdown c1837-1919, Gary Nicholls; Cemeteries of Marrickville - St Stephen's Church of England Cemetery, Camperdown Petersham Cemetery, Chrys Meader; Mapping the History of St Peters and Tempe, Robert Thompson; The Gannons of Tempe 1. Frederick Gannon Senior, Anne Carolan. Heritage 2 contents next issue.

Mudgee Fair at Parramatta

The Pipeclay Performers, with our Mudgee member Norman McVicker, will be among the performers at the Mudgee Wine & Oz Food Fair at Old Government House, Parramatta on Sunday May 20 from 10AM to 3PM.

New Members

Stan & Phoebe Bales, Petersham; C, Brady, Petersham; Pamela A. Dixsan, Blacktown; Alec & Susan Dzida, Marrickville; Gwen Eyre, Earlwood; Lyndall Kelly & Brian Dale, Enmore; Betty Langshaw, Caringbah; Sandra Lloyd & family, Petersham; Bernard Sharah, Arncliffe; Beres Shore, East Lismore; James Young, Marrickville.

How to Subscribe

It's 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 12 months from the date of joining. Write to P.O. Box 415, Marrickville 2204. For inquiries phone Geoff on 568 3029. The Heritage Society holds regular meetings on the fourth Saturday of every month.