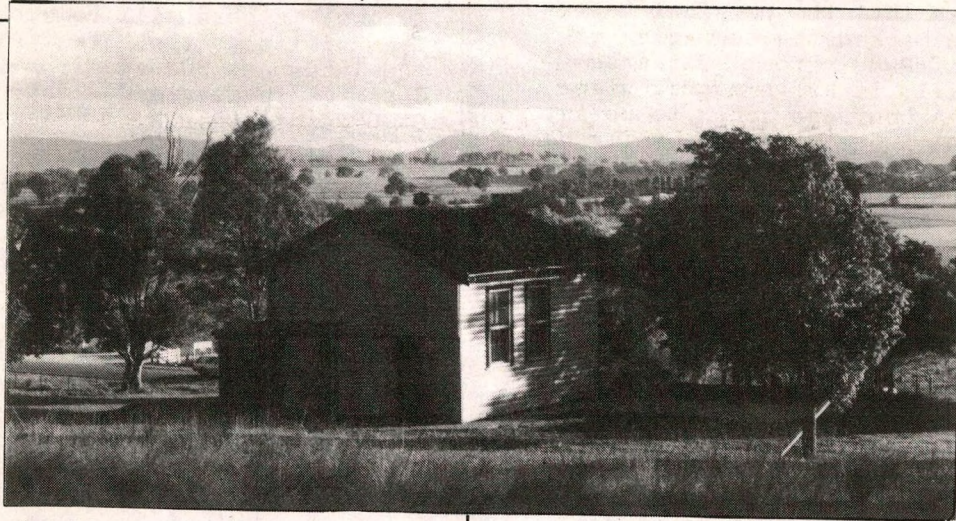


# MARRICKVILLE

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Eurunderie schoolhouse in Mudgee, the site of Henry Lawson's Old Bark School, has old and new links with Marrickville.

### OUR NEXT MEETING Top Composer to Speak

SATURDAY AUGUST 26, 10.30 am, AMENITIES ROOM, PETERSHAM TOWN HALL.

Nigel Butterley is a member of our Society and is also one of Australia's leading composers of serious music. He will play recordings of some of his compositions and speak on the history of Australian music. Nigel's reputation was established at the 1964 Adelaide Festival with the first performance of *Laudes*. Since then his put has included major orchestral works. In 1985 he was awarded the Australia Council Fellowship to work on the opera *Lawrence Hargrave Flying Alone*. Nigel is also well known as a pianist and is a producer and programme planner for the ABC.

### Tempe House Assurance

Following the announcement that Qantas has acquired Tempe House and grounds from the Sisters of the Good Samaritan at a cost of \$8.25 million for a computer centre and office accommodation, the Society expressed its concern that the historic John Verge-designed house and the view of the river be retained. Qantas has replied that 'we are very conscious of the need to retain Tempe House as part of the Australian heritage and any development will be carried out in such a manner as not to adversely affect the historic value of the building.' The latest news is that conservation architect Clive Lucas has been appointed to supervise the restoration of the house to its former splendour. Qantas should be congratulated.

### Marrickville at the Powerhouse

A special display illustrating the diverse life of the Marrickville Municipality is on show at the Powerhouse Museum, including items from Small's Club Chocolate factory, Vicars Woollen Mills, Fowlers Pottery, the Anzac Memorial Club and the Addison Road Community Centre. It is well worth a look and members who have not had the opportunity to visit the Powerhouse museum may like to join us after the meeting on August 26. Please ring Geoff Ostling on 568.3029 if you would like transport to the museum. We would be returning to Petersham Town Hall at approximately 4.00 pm.

### Constitutional Changes

As proposed at the AGM in June, the Executive unanimously supports the election of Eve Sharpe as Patron of the Marrickville Heritage Society. Eve has been Senior Vice-President since the formation of the Society and during that time only missed two of the 60 executive meetings! It is also proposed that the retiring president be made an ex-officio member of the committee for the following twelve months. These two decisions will need to be ratified at a short general meeting of members on August 26 before Nigel Butterley's talk.

### New Members

Roger Cameron and Lee Marshall,  
Jean Fisher, Marilyn Kelly,  
Marrickville Public School,  
Mrs S. Philpott, Beverley Purkis,  
R.B. Sawkins, T. Twigg and S. deJong,  
Mary West, Noel Fay and family,  
Kay Kocarovska, Mr & Mrs L. Davis.

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



## OUR LAST MEETING Visit to Juniper Hall

Sydney businessman Robert Cooper promised his third wife Sarah "the finest house in Sydney" when he built Juniper Hall in 1824 from the profits of a gin distillery. Around 40 members and friends of the Society who visited Juniper Hall on Saturday July 22 would agree that it is still a very fine house indeed; now beautifully restored by the National Trust.

We learned that the original Georgian building marked the beginning of the suburb of Paddington. Situated high on a hill, it had sweeping views across the harbour and south to Botany Bay. Some of those views can still be glimpsed today from the upper balconies. The reception rooms feature copies of the original wallpapers used by Sarah Cooper. After the Coopers moved on Juniper Hall became Ormond House, important in the 19th century as a child welfare institution. It was during this stage that two Victorian wings were added to the building. They are now restored using the "institutional" style of the era. During the 1920s Juniper Hall became Hillside Flats and a row of shops was built along the Oxford street frontage. These have since been demolished and the garden restored.

Juniper Hall now houses the Australian Museum of Childhood, a collection of 19th and 20th century books, toys and illustrations. Members marvelled at the childhood diversions of a bygone era including dolls houses, tricycles, rocking horses, board games and books. Many of us remembered the comic strips of Ginger Meggs, which formed part of a special exhibition. We enjoyed morning tea of home-made biscuits, cakes and coffee in the old kitchens before walking along Oxford Street to explore Paddington Markets.

### Properties for Classification

Here is a list of properties considered by the Classifications committee over the past year.

1 Myrtle Street, Marrickville  
"Cherry" House, Albany Road, Petersham  
Petersham Picture Theatre  
5 Fisher Street, Petersham  
171-177 Victoria Road, Marrickville  
99 Wardell Road, Dulwich Hill  
"Penzance" Wardell Road, Dulwich Hill  
101 Wardell Road, Dulwich Hill  
"Marie-Louise" 135 Enmore Rd. Enmore  
17/19 Sebastopol St. Marrickville  
Queen Victoria Hotel, Enmore Rd. Enmore  
61 Warren Road, Marrickville  
48 Cary Street, Marrickville  
161-165 Livingstone Rd. Marrickville  
171 Livingstone Rd. Marrickville  
6/8/10 Wardell Road, Marrickville  
294 Livingstone Road, Marrickville  
40 Excelsior Pde. Marrickville  
329 Livingstone Road, Marrickville  
13 Beauchamp St. Marrickville West  
298 Livingstone Rd. Marrickville  
Globe Woollen Mills, Marrickville  
Methodist Sunday School, Marrickville  
"Valencia" Fort St. Petersham  
29 Croydon St. Petersham North  
19 Palace St. Petersham North  
11 Fort St. Petersham

- Terry Hicks

## From the President

It was particularly gratifying to see so many members at the Juniper Hall excursion and at the National Trust tour of Arncliffe and Tempe House and I am hoping the Society activities of the next twelve months will be of interest to members.

During the last school vacation I had the pleasure of interviewing Norman McVicker who for many years ran the Pocket Playhouse at St. Peters and who now lives in retirement in Mudgee. Many Society members will remember McVicker from visits to the Pocket Playhouse in the 1950s and 60s and from the splendid Christmas pageants presented in St. Brigid's Church, Marrickville.

His latest project, with the help of his friend Brendan Dunn, has been raising the \$15,000 needed for the restoration of the Eurunderie schoolhouse, just out of Mudgee, which is on the site of the Old Bark School attended by Henry Lawson and which is described in a number of Lawson's stories and poems. Marrickville has a special link with the Lawson family, because Louisa Lawson, Henry's mother, opened a boarding house in Renwick Street, Marrickville, after she left the farm in Mudgee. Henry Lawson was a frequent visitor to our municipality.

As a result I would like to propose a weekend bus trip to the Mudgee district, staying overnight at a motel, and visiting the restored schoolhouse, the Lawson homestead, the honey farm and some of the wineries of the district. Please ring 568.3029 and leave a message on the answering machine if you are interested in this weekend activity.

Members will be saddened to hear of the recent death of Mrs Moore of Sadlier Cres, Petersham, wife of well-known local identity and Society member, Mr Robert Moore. Mrs Moore has been ill for a number of years and Mr Moore has lovingly cared for her at home throughout her long illness. We pass on to 'Young Bobby' and to all members of Mr Moore's family our deepest sympathy.

Finally, on Bastille Day Pekka and I had the pleasure of having some 25 members at a 'pot luck' dinner when everyone brought something either to eat or drink. Unfortunately not everyone could be invited because the 'presidential palace' is a very small terrace house and the Society has some 250 members! However I am hoping that we will have the opportunity to have other 'pot luck' afternoon teas and dinners in the next twelve months. - Geoff Ostling

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