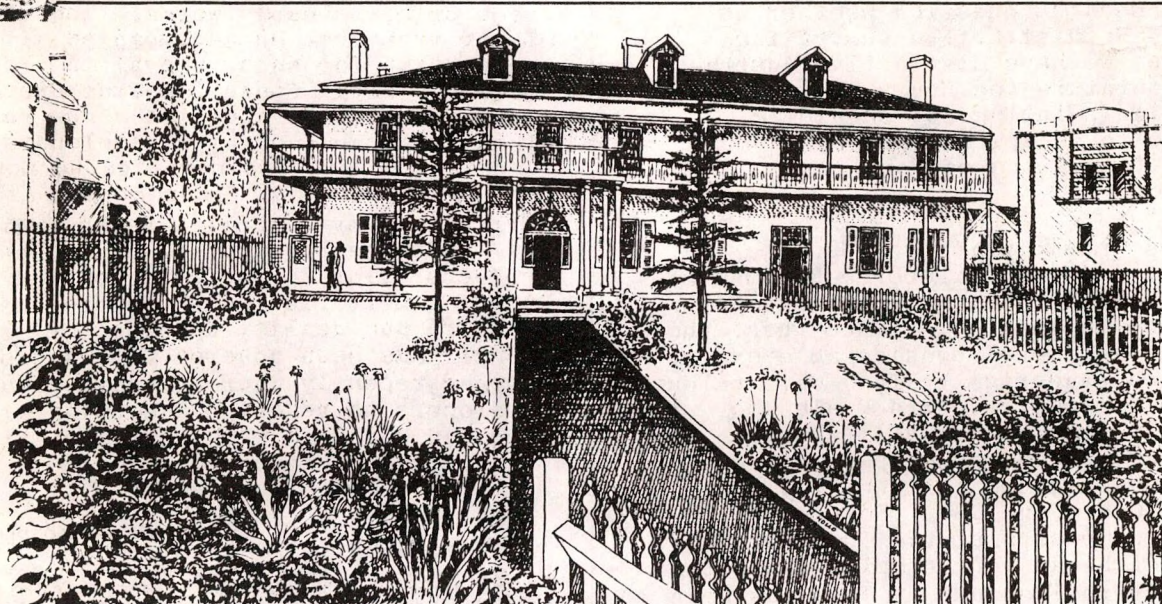


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The beautifully restored gardens of Juniper Hall, Paddington, which we visited recently. This month we take a tour of outstanding gardens in Marrickville.

OUR NEXT MEETING A Spring Garden Tour

SATURDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 9.45 a.m.
MEET AT PETERSHAM TOWN HALL

The Society ushers in spring time with a garden tour of the district. We'll be travelling in a lovely old bus courtesy of the Bus and Truck Museum at Tempe. Along the way we will be visiting some prize-winning gardens in Stanmore, Newtown, Marrickville and The Warren as well as taking in other points of interest. There will be plenty of opportunities for photographs so bring your camera. The cost is \$5 (or donation) and includes morning coffee in a local garden famous for its display of heritage roses. Depart from Petersham Town Hall at 10.00 am sharp. The bus will return to the Town Hall or drop people off along the way (whichever is convenient). For bookings, please ring Paula at 569.9928.

Meeting Dates for 1989

- *SATURDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 9.45 a.m.
Garden Tour of Municipality
- *SATURDAY 25 OCTOBER 10.30 a.m.
Mastertouch Piano Roll Company Tour
- *SATURDAY 25 NOVEMBER 10.30 a.m.
Clive Lucas, restoration architect to speak on restoration of Tempe House and other buildings. Followed by our Christmas Picnic in Petersham Park.
- *TUESDAY 12 DECEMBER
Pot Luck Christmas Dinner
- *SATURDAY 30 DECEMBER
End-of-Year Harbour Cruise

The Third Runway: Environmental Impact

The government has just released draft "guidelines" for the Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed third runway at Kingsford Smith Airport. They will be open for public comment for one month.

It is essential for the community in the affected area to have input into this process. These guidelines determine what issues are addressed in the Environmental Impact Statement. For further information contact the Second Sydney Airport Coalition, (phone 569.0605 (A.H.))

Coming Events

- *MARRICKVILLE LIBRARY
The opening of the new Marrickville Children's Library, The Local Studies Room and Libraries Department Offices will be held at Marrickville Town Hall on Saturday 16 September from 2pm.
- *MUDGE WEEKEND
Sat, Sun, 14, 15 October. At the time of publication, motel accommodation is still being finalised. (For further details, please ring Geoff at 568.3029 or Andrea at 560.8096)
- *KIRRIBILLI HOUSE
Sunday 22nd October, Open Day at Kirribilli House.
- *HERITAGE ROSE SHOW
Sat, Sun, 4, 5, November. Heritage Rose Show, Elizabeth Farm, Parramatta, (For information ring Paula or Bruce on 569.9928).

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

OUR LAST MEETING

Distinctive Australian Music

At our September meeting we were very privileged to have one of Australia's leading composers and musicologists, Nigel Butterley (who also is a member of our Society) speak about the history of Australian serious music. Since 1973 he has been Lecturer in Contemporary Music at Newcastle Conservatorium.

Nigel posed the question whether we should have distinctive Australian music, as we have distinctive Australian literature (eg Henry Lawson) and Australian painting, or should we continue to follow the European musical traditions of Bach and Beethoven?

The first music which sounded 'Australian' was Corroboree by John Antill, written in the 1930s but not performed until 1946. Since then, there has been a time of considerable experimentation (and risk taking) with talent such as composer Richard Meale who grew up in the Marrickville Municipality and whose opera Voss was performed most successfully by the Australian Opera in 1986. Some of the younger composers of the 1960s wrote music which was very complex and often difficult to listen to. This has been followed by a trend to more melodic and approachable music.

Nigel concluded his talk by playing music from his opera Lawrence Hargrave Flying Alone which was premiered last year by the NSW Conservatorium Opera School.

- Geoff Ostling

Newington College History

"A Quarter Past the Century" - A History of Newington College 1863-1988 by Peter L. Swain and published by the College. 264 pp, cost \$35, and it is available at the General Office, Newington College, 200 Stanmore Road, Stanmore, 2048.

This is a thoroughly researched history of the College outlining events in each decade with references to outstanding world events. A truly great book for the library of anyone.

- Leslie Fairbairn

Sydney's Colonial Immigrants

The Kuring-gai College of Advanced Education is holding a one-day course for family and local historians on Sydney's Colonial Immigrants on Friday 6th October from 9 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. The course looks at life in Sydney in the 1800s through the eyes of an immigrant: disembarking from a ship, settling down to daily living and work, pursuing leisure activities and, ultimately, dying. Throughout the day, guidance will be given on the location and use of sources, to provide practical aid to family and local historians in their research. The cost is \$30 including lunch. Free parking in college grounds. Bookings by Friday, 22nd September. Enquiries : 413.8220.

Tree Preservation Concerns

The Society recently wrote to Marrickville Municipal Council expressing concern about breaches of tree preservation regulations within the municipality and calling for a greater public awareness of the need to preserve our natural environment. For the interest of our members here is the council's reply: "All development applications for new developments and refurbishment are required to submit a landscape proposal indicating locations of existing trees prior to early works. The removal of any tree must be accompanied with an application for such removal in order to comply with Council's Tree Preservation Order. In addition a new revised landscape code for developers is currently under consideration by Council for implementation. Inspections are carried out by Council's Parks Engineer/Landscape Designer of landscape projects prior to the issue of the Building Certificates to ensure the standard and quality demanded by Council has been adhered to. A case emerged recently where Council required developers to redesign a section of the proposed building such that a significant tree could be retained.

TREE PRESERVATION ORDER.



In the interests of the preservation of the amenity of the Municipality of Marrickville, a Tree Preservation Order has been made by resolution of Council on the 16th November 1972. This Order prohibits the ring-barking, cutting down, topping, lopping and/or wilful destruction of trees except with the consent of Council. Any person contravening the provisions of the Order shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding \$2,000. The co-operation of all residents is sought in the preservation of trees within the Municipality.

"Unfortunately the history of convictions in court arising from the Tree Preservation Order is such that Councils seldom have emerged the victors. The Order is generally regarded more as a bluff relying upon the average persons sense of good will and common decency, and lacks the "teeth" to pursue most cases through the court system.

"However, Council is currently developing a brochure on tree preservation within the Municipality that will, hopefully properly inform residents about the planting and removal of trees. This brochure will eventually be available in approximately six different languages.

"I hope this relieves some of your present concerns regarding tree preservation within the Municipality. Should you have further questions or suggestions, please contact Council's Parks Engineer, Mr Ackermans on 560.9333 during normal business hours."

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