

# MARRICKVILLE

## HERITAGE SOCIETY NEWSLETTER



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### OUR NEXT MEETING Musical Miscellany

SATURDAY OCTOBER 28, 10.30AM, MEET  
AT 112 CRYSTAL STREET, PETERSHAM,  
JUST DOWN FROM THE TOWN HALL.

Harpsichord maker Hugh Jones is the only full-time professional maker in Sydney and he has been working in Petersham for the past three years. A skilled woodworker, Hugh began his business in 1983 after he was apprenticed to an organ builder. Hugh will show us his workshop and demonstrate some of the beautiful instruments he has made.

There's only two major manufacturers of piano rolls left in the world and one of them is in Petersham! This is our second visit to the Mastertouch Piano Roll Company and owner Barclay Wright will show us how piano rolls are made. We'll also see an historic collection of pianolas. The company began as G.H. Horton & Co in 1919 at the height of the piano player craze. During the 1920s the company produced up to 6000 rolls a day on 23 cutting machines. Mastertouch moved to Petersham in 1975 to premises that were formerly a church. Now the output is around 30,000 rolls a year from a catalogue of 2000 titles. Morning tea will be provided.

### COMING EVENTS Clive Lucas to Speak

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 25, 10.30AM,  
PETERSHAM TOWN HALL

We are delighted that respected architect Clive Lucas will be guest speaker at our November meeting. His practice is well known for its specialisation in building conservation and his major projects include Elizabeth Bay House and Vaucluse House. Clive Lucas has been appointed by Qantas for restoration work on Tempe House. We will be inviting representatives of Qantas and members of other societies to attend this meeting. All members and friends are urged to come along.

### Airport Protest Motorcade

If you would like to show your opposition to the third runway development at Sydney Airport, join the Motorcade organised by the Second Sydney Airport Coalition on Saturday October 14. The Motorcade will be headed by a decorated semi-trailer and will follow the flight path from Hunters Hill to Mascot. Meet at Boronia Park (Princes Street). Motorcade departs 10AM. Follow to Memorial Park, Mascot, for a picnic and forum. Bring placards and lunch.

### Back To St Peters Week

Back to St Peters Week this year will kick off with a special service to mark the 150th anniversary of the licensing of the church for public worship to be held on Sunday 19 November at 10AM. Reverend Tom Halls has invited members to come along to this and other events planned for the week. They include a senior fellowship on November 24 at noon and open day on November 25 from 1.30PM with an organ recital at 2.30PM. For further information contact 51 2332.

### Heritage 5 Out Soon

Heritage 5 is on its way! There have been unavoidable delays in the production of this year's Journal but copies will be going out with the November newsletter. There's a great collection of articles from family and sports history to religion, art and even the local hamburger shop.



Society members board the double-decker bus during our spring garden tour. See back page.

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



## OUR LAST MEETING Glorious Gardens on Show

Local gardeners opened their gates to reveal some beautiful gardens, both large and small, in a glorious spring display that delighted and inspired us. This was our best attended excursion to date with more than 50 members and friends enjoying the September sunshine. We boarded our historic double decker bus, courtesy of the Bus and Truck Museum, at Petersham Town Hall and set off for Stanmore. Our first stop was Gordon Crescent and a look at some impressive houses facing the railway. Then we went to Helen and Gus Sharpe's, who began working on their garden nine years ago by removing one large rubber tree and 30 tonnes of concrete. The garden is a mix of native and exotic plants with a canopy of tall trees. We noted the severe pruning of trees along Salisbury Road before stopping at the home of Ian Rouse and Barry Enkelmann whose tiny but exquisite garden is a past winner of the Marrickville Garden Competition.

From Stanmore we headed for Marrickville and the home of Jacqui Isles, a very pretty example of a small front garden. We passed along the Winged Victory statue outside Marrickville Town Hall and paused for a "top level" view before moving on to Peter and Laurel Adriaansz garden, which is dominated by a huge camphor laurel tree and is being developed as a "green refuge". Next stop was Tony and Judy Deguara's where the feeling of a Victorian garden has been recreated with a winding path and circular garden beds. The Norfolk Island pine is 90 years old.

We passed historic Ferncourt School on the way to our next stop, a cottage style garden that was planted only a year ago. Two mature camellia trees were transplanted here after being saved from the bulldozer. We noted the fig trees and Canary Island palms in Carrington Road before stopping at the Turnbull's garden, a past winner of the Sydney Morning Herald garden competition. Our last stop was Bruce Welch and Paula Gard's, another cottage style garden with an award winning collection of heritage roses. Here we enjoyed morning tea (at 1PM!) after a thoroughly enjoyable morning. Thanks to Bruce and Paula and all the garden owners. Thanks also to the Bus and Truck Museum of Tempe.

## Eucalyptus Turns 200

While we're in a gardening mood, vice-president Shirley Hilyard tells us that this year marks the 200th anniversary of Eucalyptus as a name (a few species were described earlier under other names). It was Charles-Louis L'Heritier de BRutelle, who in 1879 published Eucalyptus in which genus he named just one species, *E. obliqua*, says director emeritus Dr Lawrie Johnson, a world expert on Eucalyptus. L'Heritier found his specimen in Joseph Banks herbarium, and, in fact, never saw a living tree. Eucalyptus, from the Greek, "well covered" refers to the lid of the flower. Source: Friends of the Royal Botanic Gardens Newsletter.



Top: Society members stroll through Tony and Judy Deguara's delightful garden.  
Above: (from left) Ian Rouse, Barry Enkelmann and Paula Gard compare gardening notes.  
Left: Bruce Welch and son Henry clean up after the society drops in for tea.

## New Members

Mrs Wheatley, Marrickville; Peter and Susan Hanrahan, Sydenham; F. Knight and N. Mulvenna, Petersham; Libby Gleeson and Evan Tovey, Petersham; Jeanette Hope, Hurlstone Park.

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