

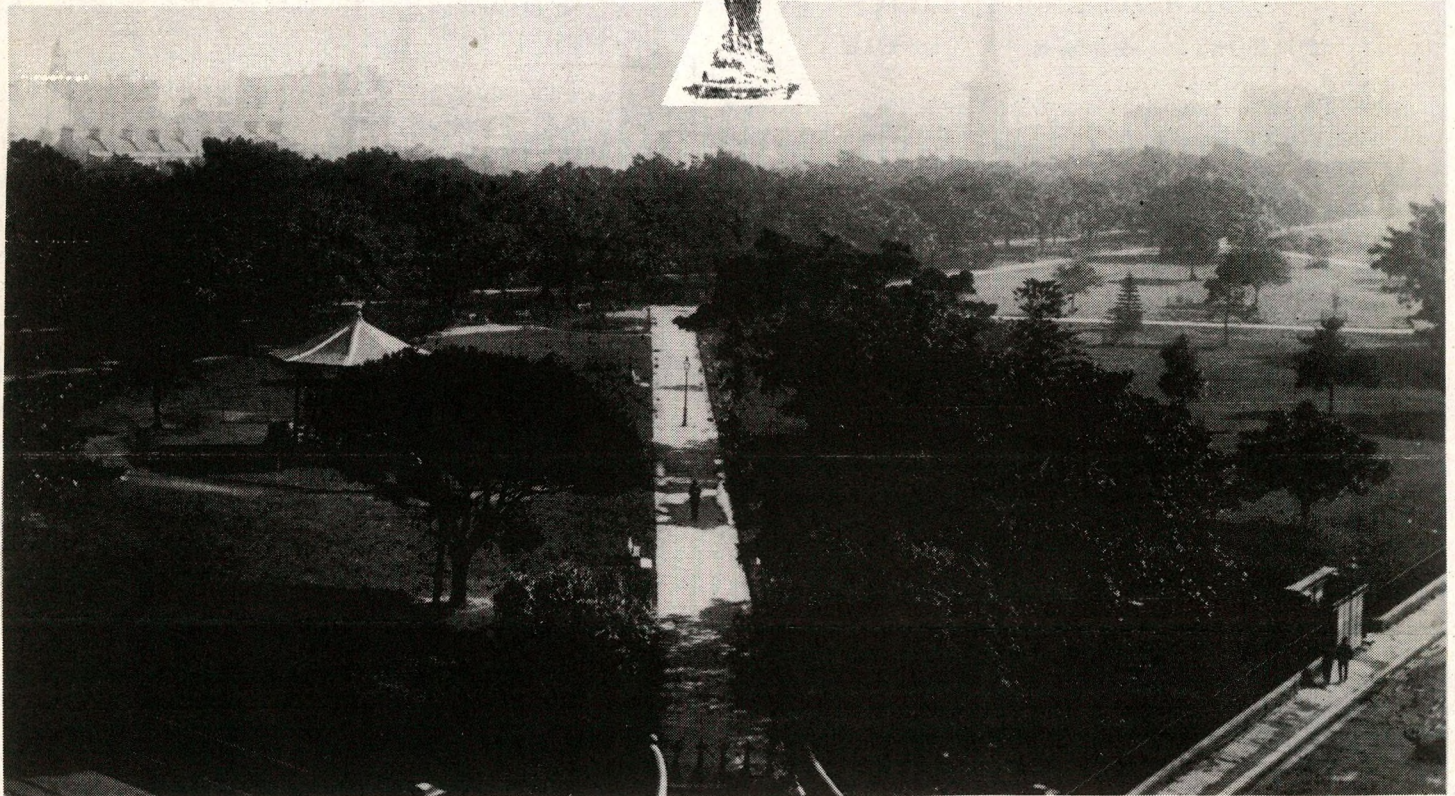
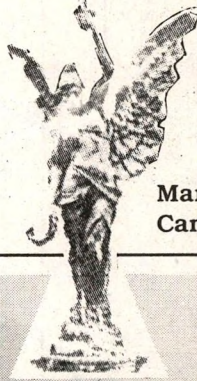
MARRICKVILLE

HERITAGE

SOCIETY

Covering Dulwich Hill, Enmore, Lewisham
Sydenham, Tempe and parts of Newtown,

Marrickville, Petersham, St Peters, Stanmore,
Camperdown and Hurlstone Park.



Camperdown Park's Band Rotunda began life in Sydney's Hyde Park where this photograph was taken late last century. It was moved to its present site in 1911.

OUR NEXT MEETING Annual General Meeting

SATURDAY JUNE 22, 10.30AM
AMENITIES ROOM, PETERSHAM TOWN HALL

All members are urged to attend the Society's Annual General Meeting. This is your chance to have a say in the direction of our Society and to hear what has been achieved over the past year. Please make every effort to come along. Executive elections will also be held at this meeting. Nominations are called for the positions of: President, Senior Vice-President, Junior Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, and three Executive Members. We will also be calling for volunteers for our various committees including Heritage Watch, Classifications and Publications and runners for our Newsletter.

After the meeting at approximately 12.30pm we will adjourn to nearby Maundrell Park (weather permitting) for a luncheon of champagne and sandwiches. All members are welcome. Members who are able to bring a plate should phone Geoff on 568 3029.

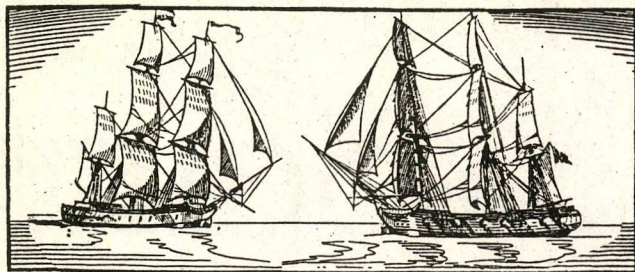
Newly Restored Camperdown Rotunda Opens

SATURDAY JUNE 22 FROM 1PM,
CAMPERDOWN PARK, MALLET STREET,
CAMPERDOWN

After the AGM and lunch members are invited to attend the official opening of the Camperdown Park Band Rotunda following its recent restoration. Bands will be playing from 1pm onwards and the official ceremony will be at 2.30pm. The restoration is a terrific inspiration to all local heritage and resident groups. Just three years ago the rotunda faced an uncertain future. Read more about the history of the Camperdown Rotunda on the back page.

COMING EVENTS Visit to Rouse Hill House

Our July excursion will be to the magnificent Rouse Hill House, recently acquired by the Historic Houses Trust of NSW but not yet open to the public. The rural homestead and farm buildings date back to the early days of the colony and retain much of their early detail. The house also demonstrates the trust's philosophy of preserving and conserving what remains rather than attempting to restore the property to its original state.



OUR LAST MEETING Flinders' Wreck Uncovered

Some 38 members and friends gathered at the Petersham Town Hall on election day to hear Logan Apperley tell the story of his discovery, late last year, of the *Cato*, one of the three ships wrecked while travelling back to England with Matthew Flinders. On board was his valuable collection of maps and charts after his circumnavigation of the Australian coastline in 1806.

First Logan described the adventure to be found in scuba diving and how some of the Spanish wrecks found in the Bay of Mexico have provided treasure worth several billion dollars, because of the gold they carried. However, most of the Australian wrecks carry 'treasure' of a different kind. The *Cato* smashed into a previously unmarked reef about 200 miles off the Queensland coast but the cargo and all the crew were saved. Flinders then made an heroic journey back to Sydney in an open boat where he completely surprised Governor King who thought Flinders and his crew would have been halfway to London.

Another boat was procured and Flinders managed to collect all the crew still marooned on the sand bar near where the *Cato* went down, and then proceeded on his most unhappy way to London. The story of his imprisonment on the island of Mauritius is told in the book *My Love Must Wait*. -Geoff Ostling.

Mutiny on the Bounty

The Mutiny on the Bounty exhibition at the State Library of NSW centres on Captain William Bligh's journal of his famous voyage after the mutiny, but also includes drawings, paintings, and other items from Bligh's time as Governor of New South Wales. Bligh named his Sydney estate Camperdown but he also had land in the Petersham area, not far from Colonel Johnson's Armandale estate. It was Johnson, one of our municipality's most famous early settlers, who led the NSW Corps when they went to arrest Bligh on January 26 1808, the 20th anniversary of the arrival of the First Fleet. There is a great deal more of local interest in this excellent exhibition. Entry fee is \$5 (\$2.50 concession). The exhibition closes on June 23. - Geoff Ostling.

THE BIRTHDAY SUIT

Mary Reibey Gallery celebrates its first birthday with a collection of paintings, drawings, etchings, lithographs and sculptures of nudes.

Ann Cape, Sidney Fort, Judith Bennett, Donald Friend, Dawna Thomas, Pamela Griffith, Arthur Boyd, Peter Hickey, Gloria Allport, Rhonda Polster, Frederick Chepeaux and Thompson Renton, B. Gordon.

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Camperdown Rotunda Gets a New Lease of Life

The Camperdown Park rotunda began its life in Sydney's Hyde Park in about 1888, the iron work and pillars being cast by Souter & Martin at the Globe Foundry in Ultimo. When the rotunda was built, Hyde Park was a place where sheep still grazed in an effort to reduce grass mowing costs. Sydney City Council took control of the park in 1905. At the time, band performances were a regular event, especially through the summer months. Electric lights were installed in 1908 as part of the welcome for the American Fleet.

By 1910, however, the council decided that the rotunda was "very much out of date" and should be replaced with a new bandstand "of a character different to anything existing in this part of the world". At the instigation of Charles Mallett, alderman and former Mayor of the Camperdown Municipality, the old rotunda was re-erected in Camperdown Park in 1911 with "necessary alterations and additions". Band performances were held on Sunday afternoons and evenings with the Newtown Band, Marrickville Band and the Camperdown Model Band performing on alternate weeks during the summer months. Band performances continued into the 1940s but gradually ceased as public tastes changed and local brass bands disappeared.

The management and staff of Bond's factory in Mallett Street made the first bid to save the rotunda from demolition with a petition to Marrickville Council in the late '70s. By 1988, however, the rotunda was in need of major repairs. A fundraising effort by Jenny Thompson and the Camperdown Residents Action Group plus a heritage grant and funds from Marrickville Council saw the restoration of the historic rotunda this year.

Regiment's 75th Anniversary

March 1991 marked the 75th anniversary of the formation of the 7 Field Regiment at 'The Warren' in Marrickville. Laurie Hindmarsh of the Royal Australian Artillery Association reports that the occasion was celebrated in grand style with a commemorative service at the Garrison Church, The Rocks, during which a memorial tablet was unveiled. The tablet mentions 'The Warren'. Following the service the Regiment fired a *feu de joie* at Dawes Point and then hosted a luncheon at the Artillery Centre, North Head.

Laurie writes: "The original enlistments at 'The Warren' in 1916 established a record second to none as evidenced by the award of 128 decorations for valour in the 1914-1918 war. The price paid to establish that record was 132 deaths and 578 wounded or gassed. The 7th today is alive and well and is justifiably proud of its contribution to this country's history."

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