

# MARRICKVILLE

## HERITAGE SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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During World War I, Australian Artillery Officers trained at The Warren, Marrickville (above). Hear memories of the war at our next meeting.

### OUR NEXT MEETING Historic Gallipoli Visit

SATURDAY AUGUST 25, 10.30AM  
AMENITIES ROOM, PETERSHAM TOWN HALL

The moving scenes of Anzac veterans at the dawn ceremony at Gallipoli on April 25 this year touched us all. Among their number was Society member Commander Lesley Brooks RAN Ret who will speak to us about his trip for the 75th Anniversary of the landing at Anzac Cove.

Commander was born in 1900 and joined the navy at the age of 14, soon after World War I was declared but he was too young to fight on the Gallipoli peninsula in 1915. However, he was on board one of the ships which provided naval support and was at the signing of the Turkish armistice in Constantinople in 1918.

Also at this meeting, Mari Metzke, liaison officer of the Royal Australian Historical Society will speak to us on the subject of grants.

### Heritage 5 Sponsors

A number of local businesses have come forward to sponsor and/or advertise in our annual journal Heritage. We are, however, still interested to hear from individual members who would like to sponsor this quality publication. All donations will be gratefully accepted and all sponsors will be listed in the journal.

### COMING EVENTS Mountain Garden Tour

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 22

This will be a repeat of our enormously successful 1986 trip, and will be a relaxed day with visit to Gordon Falls, **Leuralla** (home of the Andreas/Evatt family), one of the Leura Festival Gardens and lunch at a 1939 holiday cottage. The day will suit all age groups and will go ahead rain, snow or shine. There will be a modest charge for transport, lunch and the garden visit. Bookings essential. Please phone Anne on 417-4862 for further details.

### COMING EVENTS Future of Botany Bay

The Botany & District Historical Society will be holding a one day seminar on August 25. The theme is Botany Bay's "Environment, Heritage and Future". The speakers are: Dr Paul Adam, botanist from the School of Biological Sciences at NSW University who will discuss the ecological heritage of Botany Bay; Noel Thorpe, historian and author of The History of the Botany Bay Water Supply; and Bernie Clarke, environmental authority on Botany Bay, who will discuss the impact of development on the area.

The seminar will be held in the hall adjoining the historic St Matthews Church, Botany Road, Botany, from 10.30am to 4pm. Cost is free, parking is available, tea and coffee will be provided and lunch will be available for a small charge. Bookings are required. Please phone Paul Smith on 667-2142 after 5pm, no later than August 18.

### Our Second Life Member

Following the awarding of the position of Patron and Life Member to our former Senior Vice-President Eve Sharpe, foundation member Maisie Cox has been awarded the honour of Life Membership.



Maisie Cox

Maisie has lived in Marrickville for many years and was previously a member of the Marrickville Historical Society. Now in her mid-80s, Maisie rarely misses a Society function. Her enthusiasm and her company are always greatly appreciated.

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

## OUR LAST MEETING

### Secrets of the Egyptian Room

Some of the myths and mysteries of Ancient Egypt were revealed to us on July 28, when close to 60 members and friends visited the fabulous Egyptian Room at the Royal Arch Masonic Temple in New Canterbury Road, Petersham. A room of astounding colour and beauty, it is one of only two in the world and is considered to be the best.

The magnificent frieze reproduces illustrations from the Papyrus of Ani, an Egyptian funerary text of about 1450 BC. We were ably guided through the text by master storyteller Ollie Cummins from the lodge who also explained the relevance of Egyptian philosophy to the modern Masons.

The Egyptian Room was originally built at the Scottish Royal Arch Temple in Sydney in 1927. It was moved to Petersham in 1977. Find out more about the Egyptian Room in Heritage 3 (not Heritage 2 as mentioned in last newsletter). Thanks to Ollie Cummins, Ray Spratt and Fred Ellis for their organisation, Joyce Ellis, Shirley Hilyard, Judith Matheson and David Hilyard for morning tea.

### Local Government—Local History

Marrickville has one of Australia's best collections of our own history from Local Government material housed in the Archival Centre at Petersham Town Hall. The Royal Australian Historical Society has published a book, titled as above, which lists the items that we hold, such as Rate, Valuation and Minute Books, together with those held for every other Shire and Municipality in NSW. The book is most helpful for anyone researching either local or family history. Copies are on sale for \$16 and the Society has presented a copy to Marrickville Local Studies Library for reference. See Chrys or buy your own copy from us.

— Ken Williams.

### Cliveas For Sale

To bolster society funds or towards the cost of printing Heritage 6, clumps of Cliveas may be purchased at bargain prices by members who would like to have these beautiful orange coloured flowers growing in a shady corner of their garden. Phone Anne on 417-4862.

### How to Subscribe

It's only \$12 for individuals, \$18 for households and institutions and \$6 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 valid for the Society year from July 1 each year. The Heritage Society holds regular meetings on the fourth Saturday of every month. Write to P.O. Box 415 Marrickville. Enquiries to Geoff on 568-3029.

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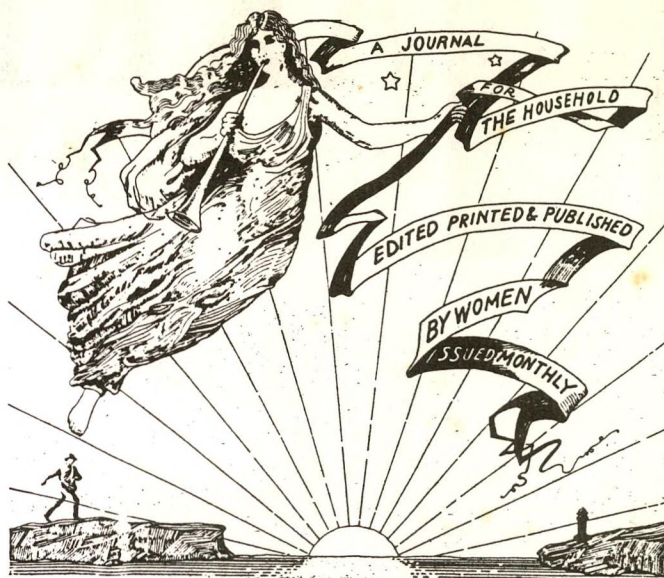


Illustration from the cover of the first issue of The Dawn on May 15 1888.

### Excerpts From The Dawn

Members will remember the fascinating talk given by Lorna Ollif, biographer of Louisa Lawson on the life of this remarkable woman. Recently released is a new book The First Voice of Feminism: Excerpts from Louisa Lawson's The Dawn 1888-1895, compiled by Louisa's great-granddaughter Olive Lawson. The Dawn was the first Australian journal produced entirely by women which actively campaigned for women's rights. Here are two excerpts:

"No mother can afford to be always tired and threadbare. No husband can afford the extravagance of such a servant in his household. The position is far too important..."

"Half a teaspoon of sugar will nearly always revive a dying fire and is perfectly safe..."  
Published by Simon & Schuster Australia.

### Heritage 3 Revisited

Copies of our journal Heritage 1,3,4,5, are available at all society meetings. Heritage 2 is currently out of print but copies of individual articles can be obtained for a small cost.

The contents of Heritage 3 1987 are:  
Fowler's Pottery 1837-1975 11. The Pottery at Fitzroy Street, Marrickville 1914-1975 (Gary Nicholls); Stead House: Frankfort by Another Name (Eve Sharpe); ST Clements Church: The Cathedral of the Western Suburbs (Florence Jones); The State Archives: Where Do I Begin? (Gregory Robertson); Transport in Stanmore (Tony Prescott); A Hidden Treasure: The Egyptian Room, Royal Arch Temple, Petersham (Gregory Tillet); O Christmas Tree (Megan Carter); The Great War 1914-1918 (Geoffrey Ostling).

### New Members

Mr & Mrs G. Blaschka, Stanmore; Richard Hughes, Stanmore; Janet Kossy, Tempe; Phyllis McCorquodale, Beverly Hills; Mary M. Stewart, Marrickville; Philippa Street and Philip Morgans, Stanmore; T. & J. Supit, Stanmore; Geoffrey Webb, Dulwich Hill.