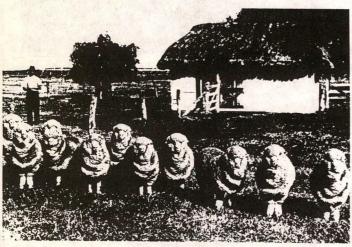
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Stud merino rams in front of a thatch roof shed at Big Willandra Station c1930, now Willandra National Park.

OUR NEXT MEETING Heritage in National Parks

SATURDAY OCTOBER 27, 10.30AM AMENITIES ROOM, PETERSHAM TOWN HALL

The responsibilities of the National Parks and Wildlife Service encompass a great deal more then the native flora and fauna under their care. At our next meeting conservation architect Geoff Ashley will talk about some of the historic sites that are managed by the NP&WS.

"We look after a range of sites," says Geoff, "from stockman's huts and mining sites to pastoral properties and convict roads." Other historic sites such as Sydney's Quarantine Station and Cadman's Cottage are also under NP&WS care.

Together with an archaeologist and an historian at the NP&WS, Geoff provides advice statewide on the conservation of historic places and historic land - scapes. He will also discuss some of the issues involved such as: what happens to an historic site in a wilderness area? Is it maintained or left to deteriorate?

COMING EVENTS

SUNDAY DECEMBER 30

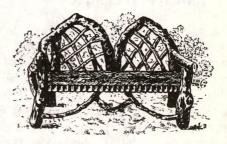
A highlight of the society year, our evening harbour cruise is an eagerly awaited event. We will sail leisurely around the harbour and stop for a twilight picnic. The evening will suit all ages but bookings are strictly limited. More details next newsletter. Advance bookings to Anne on 417 4862.

Public comment Sought on Third Runway Proposal

The critical time to voice your opinion on the proposed third runway at Sydney Airport has arrived. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement prepared by consultants Kinhill Engineers for the Federal Airports Corporation was released for public review on September 20 and will be available for examination and comment for a three-month period ending December 20 1990.

The FAC has established four community access centres located at 126 King St, Newtown; Shop 6, 1205-1207 Botany Rd, Mascot; Marrickville Library, Corner Marrickville and Petersham Rds, Marrickville; and 457 Princes Hwy, Rockdale. Copies may also be purchased for \$20. The Draft EIS will be supported by displays of maps and diagrams. Sets of the working papers which document specialist studies undertaken will also be available.

Interested persons and organisations wishing to comment on the Draft EIS are invited to make written submissions by December 20 1990 to:
The Secretary, Department of the Arts, Sport, and the Environment, Tourism and Territories, GPO Box 787, Canberra ACT 2601. Attention: Kasandra Tzafaris, Environment Assessment Branch.
If you would like to take a more active role, contact the Second Sydney Ariport Coalition.
Phone: 569 0585. Fax: 660 6112.



Garden Festival

SATURDAY & SUNDAY NOVEMBER 27 & 28
GARDENESOUE

This theatrical garden event will be staged at Vaucluse House, which has one of Sydney's great 19th century gardens. Explore the history of gardening through exhibitions, displays, demonstrations and guided tours of the estate. Specialist garden suppliers will sell period gardenware including plants, pots, furniture and books. The house will be open for inspection and will be lavishly decorated with floral displays. Bring along a picnic and listen to the brass bands. Cost \$6.

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

A Feast of Music

Rain ... rain... and more rain! This year we postponed the annual Heritage concert at St Brigids church until September 14 in the hope that we might have better weather than in previous years but it was not to be. There was thunder, lightning, and even floods and many people who had planned to come were unable to get there.

For those who did attend, there was a feast of beautiful music. Concert artists included John Germain (by courtesy of the Australian Opera), Michael Cleary (trumpet), the St Brigids Tongan Choir, Babe Bridges (Irish harp), the Liverpool Teachers and St Johns Penshurst choirs conducted by Harry Billington, the Danebank orchestra of handbells and Kylie Woolnough (violin), and Larry Hammond (organ).

The concert was arranged by Connie Cloran and Paula Gard, with narration by our president Geoff Ostling and secretary Marilyn Kelly. An excellent supper was prepared by the ladies of St Brigids. Our thanks to all who helped make the concert a success.

Tour of Historic Glebe

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 11, 10AM ONWARDS INSPECTION OF HISTORIC GLEBE

The Glebe Society has invited members to the ninth Inspection of Historic Glebe, a major event of Glebe Week celebrations. For just \$10 per person (\$5 concession for students and pensioners) you will have a chance to view a varied selection of the most historically significant buildings in the Glebe area. Your ticket includes a map of Glebe, entrance to the open buildings, and a description of major buildings you will pass or inspect on this self guided tour. Tickets are available on the day from Linden, 56 Wigram Road, Glebe. For further information phone Neil Macindoe 660 0208 or Val Street 660 4721.

Family Treasures

Are you unwittingly harbouring a 'treasure' in your family? The Historic Houses Trust of NSW will unlock the secrets of your family treasures when they hold an appraisal day at historic Elizabeth Farm on Sunday November 18 from 10am-4.30pm. Noted Sydney antique dealers and experts will appraise and provide conservation advice for your treasured objects. So Venue: Elizabeth Farm, 70 Alice St, Parramatta. Cost: \$5 (includes one appraisal and entrance to Elizabeth Farm.



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Roslyn Yeomans, Shirley Hilyard, enjoy a day in the mountains in spring.

OUR LAST MEETING Spring in the Mountains

In spite of overcast skies and just a hint of rain, 36 stalwart mountaineers (including some new members on their first society outing) left Petersham Town Hall by bus on September 22 for a tour of Blue Mountains gardens. At our first stop at Gordon Falls Lookout, we were treated to the eerie sight of the mist rising from the valley. Highlight of the day was the visit to Leuralla, the mountain retreat of the Andreas and Evatt families. Andreas Street, Petersham, commemorates the family whose mansion, Waratah, once stood on the site of Fort Street High School on Taverners Hill. Their mountain retreat is a huge two-storey house with exquisitely carved interior woodwork. It was rebuilt after an earlier house on the site was destroyed by bushfire and passed to the Evatt family when Marjorie Andreas married Clive Evatt.

Leuralla is set in a seven—acre garden and contains 'Australia's best and biggest collection of toys, trains, and railway memorabilia', but I was more interested in the display of dozens of photographs of Dr HV Evatt with royalty and world leaders such as Churchill and Nehru. Opposite the house overlooking the valley, an outdoor Greek amphitheatre is being built in slate and sandstone.

Our next stop was a guided tour of Pine Crest, with its rhododendrons, azaleas, weeping cherries, bulbs and annuals, conducted by Kath Curtis. We enjoyed a barbecue lunch of sausages, salads and brioche at anther pretty spring garden in Leura. On our way home we detoured to see the luxurious Fairmont Resort and caught a glimpse of the wildlife at Wentworth Falls Lake. Our thanks to Anne Carolan for the organisation of the day and to Peter Mabey who cooked the barbecue.

—Geoff Ostling.

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.