

# MARRICKVILLE

# HERITAGE SOCIETY

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

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



## COMING EVENTS

### TOUR OF NEWINGTON COLLEGE SATURDAY NOVEMBER 30

By popular request we will be repeating our tour of Newington College, conducted by Society member Peter Swain. Please note that this meeting falls on the fifth Saturday of the month, not the fourth as was previously advertised. Following the meeting we will hold our Christmas picnic in the beautiful Newington grounds. All members and their families are welcome.

### POT LUCK CHRISTMAS DINNER TUESDAY DECEMBER 17

Our annual members' dinner to celebrate Christmas. Come along, bring a plate and enjoy the fun.

### EVENING HARBOUR CRUISE MONDAY DECEMBER 30

One of the highlights of the society's calendar, our annual harbour cruise will once again be held aboard the Silver Spray. At \$20 the cost is even more reasonable than the \$25 we incorrectly advertised last month. Anne is taking bookings on 417 4862.

## Marrickville Citizen of The Year

Society member Mary Tait was among seven people honoured in the Marrickville Rotary Club's inaugural Marrickville Citizen of the Year. Mary received the accolade for her volunteer work at Eversleigh Hospital and the remedial reading class at Marrickville West Public School. Another recipient was Jim Raby, a member of St Brigid's Seniors, for his volunteer work at St Brigid's and the St Vincent de Paul Society. Congratulations to both.

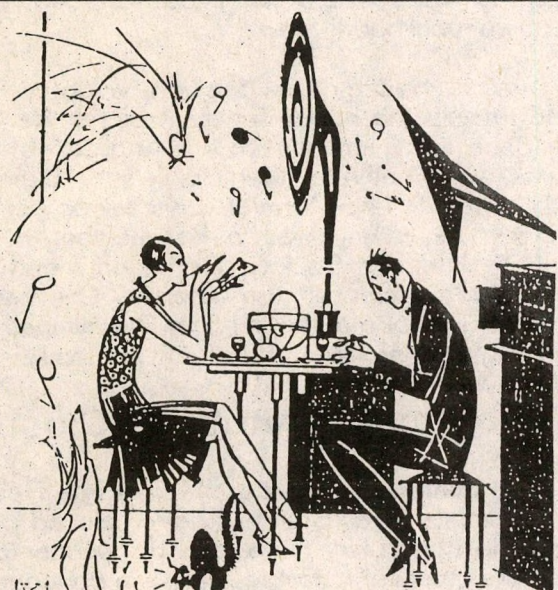
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## OUR NEXT MEETING ART DECO SYDNEY

SATURDAY OCTOBER 26, 10.30AM  
AMENITIES ROOM, PETERSHAM TOWN HALL

Did you know that the Sydney city area has at least 50 major Art Deco buildings and monuments? These include BMA House (1930) in Macquarie Street; the AWA Building (1934), the State Theatre (1929) and the Anzac Memorial (1934), Delfin House (1940)

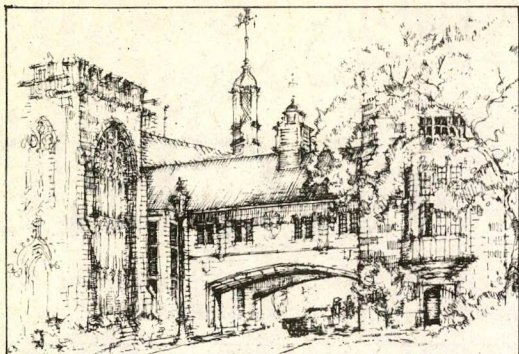
At our next meeting Carol Paterson, vice-president of the Art Deco Society will give a talk and slide presentation on Art Deco Sydney and some of its treasures. The society was formed in 1990 to encourage public awareness and appreciation of all things Art Deco and to help preserve our Art Deco heritage. As well as some of the fine examples of Art Deco in the city, we'll also look at some local gems, which include the Petersham Town Hall, and some wonderful 1930s pubs, factories and homes.

After the meeting those who are interested can accompany us on a tour of Petersham Town Hall and a short walk to the Petersham Inn, a classic Art Deco pub which has been earmarked for demolition.

### BRING ALONG A TREASURE

Art Deco covers much more than just architecture. We would like members to bring along a treasured piece of Art Deco to display at the meeting, be it a vase, bakelite, jewellery, china or kitchenware.





Sketch of the University buildings by Allan Gamble.

## OUR LAST MEETING A University Education

Some 30 members and friends received a university 'education' when we explored Australia's oldest campus on September 28. Our tour of Sydney University began in the magnificent Great Hall. Designed by Edmund Blacket, colonial architect, it was the first university building to be opened in 1859. Since its earliest days it has been used for many purposes including examinations, graduations, banquets, concerts, plays, even weddings. Inspired by Westminster Hall in London, the Great Hall has sandstone walls, marble floors, fine stained glass windows and a splendid cedar hammerbeam roof.

A highlight of the tour was a look at the carillon and a climb up the narrow stairs of the bell tower to see the gothic-inspired gargoyles and stunning views from the top. MacLaurin Hall, another Gothic-style hall, was designed by Walter Liberty Vernon, NSW Government Architect, and completed in 1910. It was the University Library until 1962 when the library moved to its present site. In 1988 the hall had a major face lift. Its sandstone walls, fine woodwork and Art Nouveau lights were restored.

The Western Tower, designed by Professor Leslie Wilkinson, completed the main quadrangle in 1924, creating what must be one of the most impressive groups of buildings in Australia. Our thanks to volunteer guides June Lane and Joan Burcher

## STANMOREFEST

The Stanmore Society is holding a fun day at Weekley Park, Percival Road, Stanmore on Saturday October 26. The Stanmorefest will have stalls, craft, white elephant, historic bus rides, sausage sizzle and more. From 10am to 3pm.

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## OBITUARY AMY NEEDHAM 1890-1991

Amy Needham, long-time resident of Marrickville and the Society's oldest member died on September 12. She was 101. Amy was born in Maria Street, Petersham on May 3, 1890 and, except for a few years in the country early this century, lived all her life in the Marrickville area. In 1917 Amy married Ernest Needham and the couple bought a house in Livingstone Road where she lived, in recent years on her own, until her death.

Amy was a Sydney City Mission volunteer and worked to help the needy for most of her life. She had a deep involvement with the Anglican Church and was well known at Marrickville's St Clements Church, where a large funeral service was held on September 16. Amy was a life member of the Marrickville Heritage Society. Her good friend and another life member of the society, Commander Leslie Brooks, spoke at the service. Our sympathy to Amy's daughter Verona Rothwell and her family.

## Two Local Institutions Close

Two local community services, Marrickville Hospital and Stanmore Fire Station, have closed, after serving the community for a total of two centuries. Marrickville Hospital's closure, part of a controversial reallocation of hospital resources by the State Government, ends a history of medical services on that site dating back to 1894. Fire fighting operations at Stanmore Fire Station have closed after 105 years. It was Australia's oldest permanently staffed fire station. The station will continue to operate emergency monitoring services and will house breathing apparatus and a chemical fires and hazardous materials truck.

Both buildings are mentioned in the Marrickville Heritage Study, which especially notes the large leadlight fan light over the entrance to Marrickville Hospital.

## MARRICKVILLE ROTARY FAIR

Another fair, another stall, another chance to promote the aims of the society. We are grateful to the Marrickville Anzac Memorial Club for its sponsorship and to 'the team' who helped throughout the day and members who brought along goods to sell. Thank you Sue, Les and Joyce, Gwen, Frances, Mrs Wilson, Jean, Barbara, Margaret, Pamela, Mary, Paula, Geoff, Ian, Judith and Shirley.

## 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 1 July each year. The Society holds regular meetings on the fourth Saturday of each month. Write to PO Box 415 Marrickville 2204.