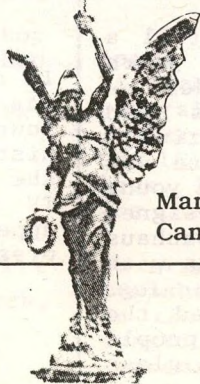


MARRICKVILLE HERITAGE SOCIETY

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

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



OUR NEXT MEETING TALKING HISTORY

**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 22, 10.30 AM
AMENITIES ROOM, PETERSHAM TOWN HALL**

In our understanding and appreciation of the past, *oral history* has become increasingly important. Not only can it give us first hand accounts of great events in history, it can also enliven our knowledge of everyday life - of how things used to be. So what is oral history exactly? At our next meeting Rosemary Block, Oral History Project Officer at the State Library of NSW, will tell us what oral history is and what it isn't and why it is important for our community to record our past in this way. She will also tell us about the wonderful collection of oral histories that the state library is compiling and of some of the 'gems' contained in that collection.

I would like this meeting to be the starting point for an oral history group within the society. If you are interested in oral history or if you know someone who has a story to tell please come along and find out what it is all about. Judith Matheson



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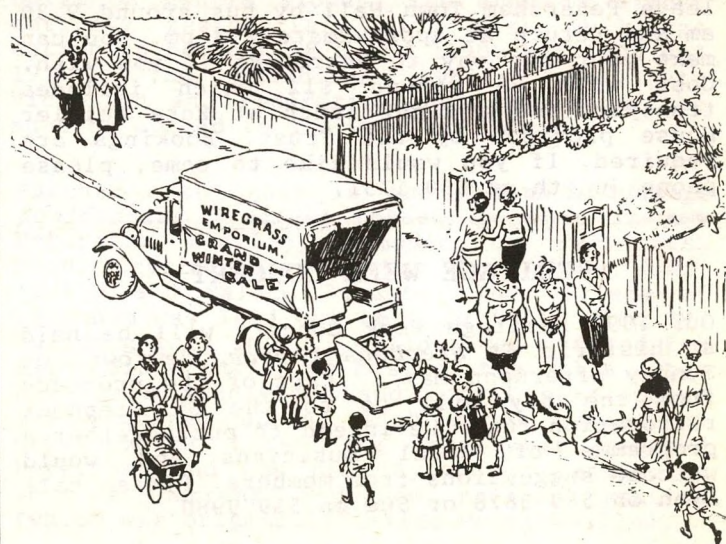
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BUS AND TRUCK MUSEUM

FUTURE UNCERTAIN

Tempe Bus Depot closed in January after 80 years of service. The site is to be sold for redevelopment as medium density housing. The depot opened in 1912 to house electric trams which were introduced to the Marrickville line in 1900. When the trams stopped running in 1957, it continued as a depot for the new bus lines.



Tempe Bus Depot is listed in the Marrickville Heritage Study as an item of state significance. The State Transit Authority of NSW has assured the Society that the office building at Tempe Bus Depot which is an attractive Federation brick building in very good original condition will be "a significant enhancement to any redevelopment of the site" and will be retained.

The future of the Bus and Truck Museum located in large brick sheds at the rear of the depot is uncertain. The museum must find another home but the State Government has yet to say where or when. The museum was set up several years ago by bus and truck enthusiasts and it has an outstanding collection of vehicles and transport memorabilia which attracts many visitors. Its departure would be a great loss to our municipality. We hope to organise a tour of the museum, possibly in May, before it moves on. Judith Matheson

Drawing by Percy Leason, from *Wiregrass A mythical Australian town*.

COMING EVENTS

TOUR OF ROSE SEIDLER HOUSE

Highly controversial in its day and still a remarkable example of modern design 40 years later, *Rose Seidler House* provides a fascinating insight into the ideas and attitudes - both radical and conservative - of 1950s Australia. The Wahroonga house was the first Australian Commission for the young Canadian architect Harry Seidler who designed it for his parents. Inspired by Bauhaus architecture, Seidler caused a sensation with his minimalist design. "*House with legs frightens Sydney home seekers*" screamed the newspaper headlines and for years people lined the driveway to stare through the glass walls.

Nonetheless Rose Seidler House contains many design ideas that we now take for granted, such as open plan living, built-in wardrobes and modern appliances like the dishwasher! Harry Seidler, now internationally renowned, donated the house to the Historic Houses Trust in 1988 and it has been faithfully restored to its early '50s vintage.

The Trust has invited us to view the house and grounds on Saturday March 28. We will leave Petersham Town Hall by bus around 9.30 am and return at approximately 3 pm. You can make your own way to Wahroonga if you wish. Cost will be around \$12 which includes transport and a light lunch at Rose Seidler House provided by the Trust. Bookings are required. If you would like to come, please phone Judith on 560 1751.

HERITAGE WEEK CONCERT

Our 1992 Heritage Week Concert will be held at historic *St Stephens Church*, Newtown, on Sunday afternoon May 3. Part of the proceeds from the day will go to the St Stephens restoration fund. We intend to put together a programme of local musicians and would welcome suggestions from members. Please call Lynn on 569 3878 or Sue on 519 9980.



PAST EVENTS

HARBOUR CRUISE

The annual harbour cruise on the *Sea Spray* on 30 January 1991 was booked out as usual. Cruising the harbour on a small sailing ship such as the *Sea Spray* is much more fun than travelling on a ferry or large cruiser, even though you get wet when it rains, as it did on the night of the 30th.

It was an unusual sight to see the city lights and skyscrapers through a fine hazy mist. The light rain did not spoil the evening, however, which included a cruise round the foreshores with lots of informative gossip about the houses of the rich and famous, and dinner on Clarke Island. A highly recommended excursion, so mark your diary for 30 December 1992.

NEWINGTON COLLEGE TOUR

In spite of unseasonably cool weather, there was a large turnout for the *Newington College* tour on 30 November last year. The range of historic buildings was impressive, as were the facilities at the school which include a TV studio and a rifle-range. Santa Claus appeared on schedule and handed out chrissey presents to all present.



HERITAGE ITEMS IN PETERSHAM

The following individual items are listed in the Marrickville LEP.

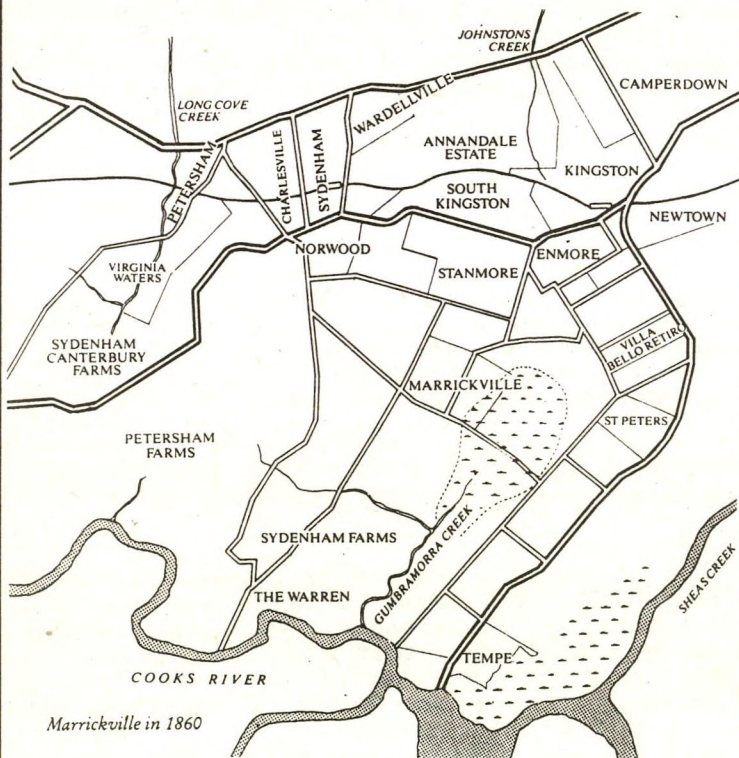
135-137 Albany St	Victorian semis
16 Brighton St	Victorian shop
107-123 Crystal St	Terrace housing
125 Crystal St	ANZ Bank
56-58 Douglas St	Two Victorian villas
1-5 Fisher St	Victorian houses
17-17A Fort St	"Valencia" flats
46-48 Livingstone Rd	Victorian house
55-67 Livingstone Rd	Former Salv.Army College
323 Livingstone Rd	"Laurel Bank"
58-62 Margaret St	Edwardian villa
13 Middleton St	Victorian terrace
23-25 New Canterbury Rd	Victorian villa
	Egyptian Room,
	Scottish Royal
	Arch Temple



Rose's Emporium, 524-532 Parramatta Road, Petersham, more recently BSA Textiles, was listed in the 1986 Heritage Study. In spite of a National Trust classification and a protective Section 130 Order, it was demolished in August 1986. Sketch from Cashman and Meader: Marrickville, rural outpost to inner city.

2-4 New Canterbury Rd	Petersham Police Station
2 Gordon St	Petersham Girls High
27 Crystal St	Petersham TAFE
Terminus St	Petersham Railway Station
49-59 New Canterbury Rd	Former Orion, Majestic theatre
19-25 Palace St	Victorian villas (21-"Zanobi" villa and stables)

74 Palace St	Corner shop
386 Parramatta Rd	Petersham Inn
48 Phillip St	Singl.st.corner shop
50 Phillip St	Doubl.st.corner shop
2-12 Phillip St	Flats
2-4 Railway St	Glenthorn, Glenrock
	Vic.villas
15-19 Railway St	Flats
23 Railway St	Victorian villa
45 Phillip St	Victorian shop
18 Shaw St	"Trethaway House"
	Vic.Italianate villa
2 Gordon St	Presbyterian Church,
	Parish Hall
32A Railway St	Petersham Uniting
	Church
105 Crystal St	Petersham Town Hall
(355) Trafalgar St	Horse trough
29 West St	Lewisham hospital,
	convent, grounds
Stanmore Rd	Maundrell Park
	pergolas, stone
	steps, seating,
	boundary wall
West St	Park, walls,
	pergolas, gates



From Cashman and Meader: Marrickville rural outpost to inner city.

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LEWISHAM AND PETERSHAM

HERITAGE PRECINCTS

Apart from these individual items, the Marrickville Heritage Study identified several *historic precincts* and *urban conservation areas*. These are not included in the LEP so it is unclear what protection they have. In the Lewisham - Petersham area there are three major adjoining precincts.

Petersham Village, located just west of Lewisham Station, was subdivided as a village in the early 1850s and laid out around the junction of Old Canterbury Road and Parramatta Road. The precinct is bounded by Old Canterbury Road, Thomas Street, Parramatta Road and Long Cove Road, Lewisham. Although the village layout was disrupted by the construction of the railway line and the realignment of Old Canterbury Road in the 1850s, and was extensively redeveloped in the early 1900s, the area still contains a number of original cottages.

Just to the east lies the **Petersham North Urban Conservation Area**, bounded by Thomas Street, the railway line, Palace Street and a line roughly paralleling Parramatta Road. Built on gentle slopes, the area is almost entirely residential, with most buildings dating to between 1870 and 1890, and 1900 and 1914.. The buildings typify the Late Victorian and Federation development as the suburbs spread to the west of Sydney.

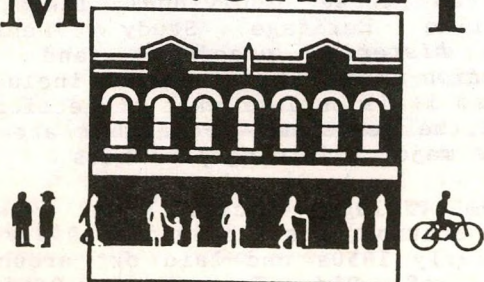
Further east again is the **Sydenham Village Residential Precinct** (based on what is now Petersham Station) bounded by Parramatta Road, Crystal Street, New Canterbury Road, Audley and Palace Streets. The village of Sydenham was laid out here in 1854, with 295 building lots and 127 villa sites offered for sale. Since that time most of the villa sites have been subdivided and infill development has occurred during each major period of development. Later the area was renamed Petersham and the name Sydenham transferred to the current Sydenham railway station (which was originally called Marrickville).

HERITAGE ITEMS IN LEWISHAM

The following individual heritage items in Lewisham are protected under the Marrickville Local Environment Plan.

40 Hunter St	Morton House (Edwardian)
11-13 Old Canterbury Rd	Timber Victorian cottages
4 Summerhill St	Old shop, residence
13-15 The Boulevarde	Baptist Church, Church Hall
Thomas St	St Thomas' Catholic Church, Presbytery, school
Old Canterbury Rd near Summerhill St	Stoneterracing, steps
West St	Park, stone walls, pergolas, mem.
63-77 Denison Rd	Christian Brothers High
Hawthorn Canal	Adj. girder bridges

MAIN STREET



New South Wales

NEWTOWN MAIN STREET PROJECT

Several members of the Society attended a workshop on 17 November on the Newtown Main Street Project. This is aimed at revitalising *King Street* and *Enmore Road*. The workshop, held in the Erskineville Town Hall, was organised by Marrickville and South Sydney Councils in association with the NSW Department of Planning. The Department of Planning initiated the Main Street New South Wales program to encourage community involvement in a comprehensive approach to the improvement and revitalisation of urban and rural commercial centre.

The Main Street approach is based on five keys points: organisation, design, heritage conservation, business development and promotion. It is designed to manage change in a co-ordinated and incremental manner, and to help communities help themselves. At the workshop town planners from the Department of Planning explained the program, with examples from similar successful projects, such as Paddington, and consultants presented the proposed *Newtown Heritage Paint Scheme*.

The paint scheme is only part of the Main Street Project (another is reinstating the White Way lighting) but it is the one likely to have the most visible impact. It was made clear that there was no compulsion on anyone to follow the guidelines (which provide a range of choices) - the hope is that as the project gets underway, individual shop owners will see the benefits of the project and join in. Given this it was rather disappointing to read the somewhat negative article on the Main Street Project in the December issue of *Newtown Bridge*.

How can the Society contribute to the project? One possibility might be to "adopt" a building in King St or Enmore Rd and raise money to paint it in one of the heritage schemes, as an example to start the ball rolling. If combined with an advertising program (street signs, newspaper articles etc), it might draw sponsorship. Costs could be cut by having the painting done by volunteers, perhaps tying in with one of the unemployment training schemes.

NOT ORAL HISTORY!

— You were lucky to have a room. We used to live in a corridor.

— We used to dream of living in a corridor...

— We lived for three months in a paper bag in a septic tank...

— Luxury! We used to have to get out of the lake at six o'clock in the morning, clean the lake, eat a handful of hot gravel, work twenty four hour day at mill for tuppence a month...

— Well, of course, we had it tough! We used to have to get up out of a shoebox at 12 o'clock at night and lick road clean mit tongue... and when we got home our Dad would slice us in two with bread knife.

— Right! I had to get up in the morning at 10 o'clock at night, half an hour before I went to bed, drink a cup of sulphuric acid, work 29 hours a day down mill... and when we got home our Dad and our Mother would kill us and dance' about on our grave singing hallelujah! And you try and tell the young people of today that and they won't believe you...

'Four Yorkshiremen', Monty Python Live at the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane

From *Oral History A Handbook*, by Louise Douglas, Alan Roberts and Ruth Thompson. Come to Rosemary Block's talk and learn how to avoid the pitfalls!

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Send Newsletter contributions to Editor Jeannette Hope, PO Box 702, Marrickville, 2204, phone or fax 559 1431. Suggestions, notes, quotes, drawings, photos, cartoons, newspaper cuttings, coming events all welcome.

HOW TO SUBSCRIBE

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AT WORK AND PLAY PREVIEW

Society members are invited to a preview of the State Library of NSW's video disk of *At Work and Play* on Wednesday February 19 at 7pm at the Children's Library, Marrickville Town Hall. The video shows highlights of the exhibition, a bicentennial project that uncovered thousands of photographs of NSW country town life pre-1939. RSVP Chrys Meader 335 2170.