

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 TOUR OF ST STEPHENS, EDMUND BLACKET'S GEM

**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 28, 10.30AM
MEET AT THE CHURCH,
189 CHURCH ST, NEWTOWN**

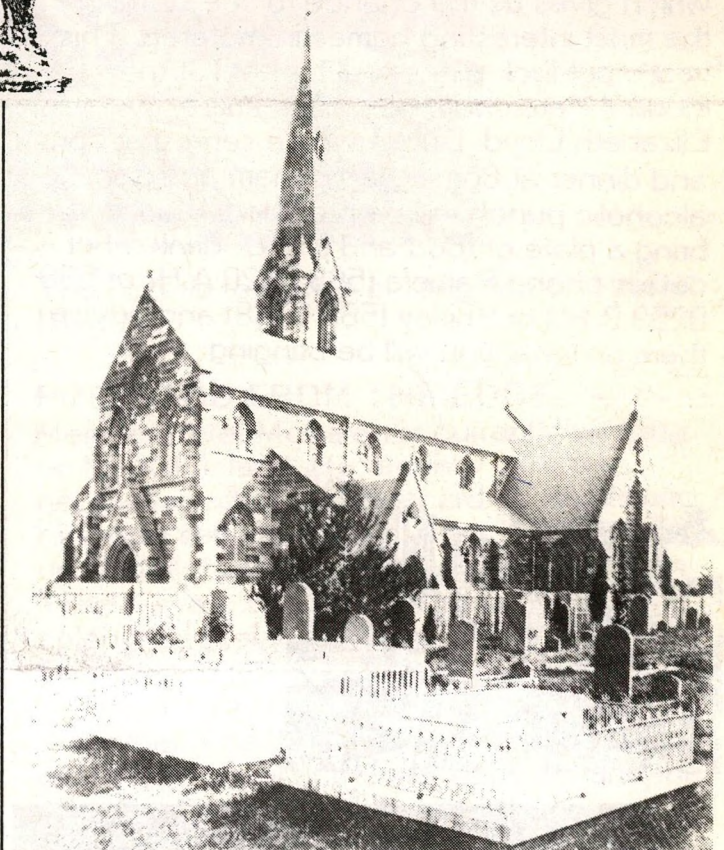
Don't miss this rare opportunity to tour St Stephens Church with Dr Joan Kerr, respected art and architecture historian and Blacket enthusiast. Dr Kerr is Associate Professor of Fine Arts, Sydney University and her knowledge of church architecture is unrivalled.

An earlier St Stephens Camperdown (1844-5) was also designed by Blacket, on land given by Governor Bligh's wife Elizabeth. It was in a nearby street and was replaced by St Stephens Newtown in 1874. An Act of Parliament had to be passed to allow a church to be built in Camperdown Cemetery. St Stephens is built in the Decorated Gothic Revival style and is considered one of Edmund Blacket's finest parish churches. However, it is in need of urgent repairs, particularly to the spire.

Our tour of church and cemetery is by courtesy of the rector, Rev Don Saines. A donation to the Spire Restoration Fund would be appreciated. Don't forget to bring lunch for the picnic after the tour.

SOCIETY CHRISTMAS PICNIC AFTER THE MEETING IN THE GROUNDS OF ST STEPHENS

Members and their families are invited to attend our Christmas picnic in the grounds of St Stephens about 1pm after the tour. Bring along a picnic lunch and the Society will provide soft drinks, entertainment, Christmas cakes, games and a visit from Santa with his bag of goodies. We would love to see members old and new on this festive occasion.



St Stephens Church Newtown c.1880. From Our Great Victorian Architect Edmund Thomas Blacket by Joan Kerr (National Trust).

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COMING EVENTS

TAKE POT LUCK AT OUR CHRISTMAS DINNER

TUESDAY DECEMBER 15, 7PM

It has become a society tradition to hold our annual pot luck dinners in members' homes, which gives us the chance to see some of the most interesting homes in the area. This year's pot luck dinner will be held at the elegant Petersham home of member Dr Elizabeth Lloyd. Drinks will be served at 7pm and dinner at 8pm. A leg of ham and non-alcoholic punch will be provided. Please bring a plate of food and B.Y.O. drinks. For details phone Pamela (569 0820 A.H. or 568 0259 B.H.) or Shirley (569 1768) and advise them on what you will be bringing.



CELEBRATE NEW YEAR ON THE HARBOUR

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 30,

MEET AT 5.45PM SHARP.

MAN-O-WAR STEPS, OPERA HOUSE

Once again on the yacht Silver Spray, and still only \$20. We cruise the Harbour and have an evening picnic on Clark Island. Bring your own refreshments. The yacht leaves Man-o-war steps on the east side of the Opera House at 6pm sharp. Our captain cannot berth for long enough to wait for stragglers! The bookings are filling fast. Phone Anne Carolan on 417 4862

OUR LAST MEETING LUNA PARK MEMORIES

How many times can you ride the Big Dipper without getting off? Member Michael Pearce told us at our last meeting that he had done it 13 times! Such endurance. Michael's was just one of many shared reminiscences when some 35 members heard Sam Marshall's talk on the fun park. Sam, an architect, is a member of the Luna Park Trust, which has been entrusted to rebuild the park. Sam is also writing a book on the history of Luna Park which will be told through the words of its users and he has invited members to share their memories with him.

Sam writes, "Amongst others I have met taxi drivers who claim to have been the first to ride the Big Dipper, a family whose boat sank in the River Caves, four bathing beauties who were Sweetie in the game 'Let's Duk Sweetie' and a person who claimed that the only reason to ride on the Rotor was to be able to spit on the person next to him (ie by centrifugal force). I am yet to find a married couple who met at Luna Park and particularly in the River Caves. I would be grateful if you would share your memories/anecdotes, even amateur photographs with me regardless of how trivial they may seem to you."

Write to Sam Marshall, P.O. Box 780, Darlinghurst 2010 and include your name, address and phone number.



PHOTOS OF ENMORE PARK

The Classifications Committee would like to hear from anyone who has old photos of Enmore Park, especially from the 1930s or earlier. Plans for restoration of the park are currently being prepared and any information about early plantings, pathways, and structures such as band rotundas would be useful. Please phone Judith or David on 560 1751 if you can help.

COOKS RIVER WASHOUT

Rain, rain and more rain - that was the Cooks River Festival. Our journals and books had to be packed away again and again but the plants and the jam were eagerly bought by the few people who braved the elements. Thanks to the team: Brian, Sue, Mary, Fred, Joyce, Lindsay, Mabelle, Margaret, Pamela and Shirley.

A DISCERNING EYE

The collection of Sir Rex Nan Kivell (1898-1977) is one of the finest collections of Australasian and Pacific history in the world, and a vital part of Australia's cultural heritage. It is a remarkable and comprehensive visual record of the European conquest. The exhibition from the the National Library of Australia is at the Hyde Park Barracks, Macquarie St Sydney, until November 29.

HOW OLD IS IT?

For those eagle-eyed readers who picked up the error in last month's newsletter, the old Marrickville town hall is not quite as old as we said. It was built in 1879, which makes it over 100 years old.

The historic township of Kingston on Norfolk Island.

POSTCARD FROM THE EDGE

Member Peter McLaren is currently working on Norfolk Island. He recently sent our newsletter editor this postcard of the historic Kingston settlement. He writes, "Here I am on Norfolk Island where settlement came in three waves. The first was as a convict colony, and relatively benign (1788-1814). The second (1825-1856) was as a penal settlement also, but appallingly degrading and cruel. The third settlement period began with the removal of the last convicts and the arrival of the Pitcairn Islanders, the descendents of the Bounty mutineers and their Tahitian wives." Peter has discovered a link between Norfolk and Marrickville and has promised to tell us about it at a future meeting.

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STRICTLY MARRICKVILLE

Did you know that Marrickville contains the world's most famous Hills Hoist? The clothes line on the roof of the shops at the corner of Marrickville and Victoria Roads features in scenes from the award-winning Australian film *Strictly Ballroom*, starring Paul Mercurio and Tara Morice. A Coca-Cola sign was added for the rooftop scene, with one long shot filmed from a cherry picker parked outside the Bi-Lo supermarket opposite. Location spotters may also be interested to know that the milk bar sequences were filmed on location in Pyrmont and the dance studio was a commercial film studio in Rosebery. - David Hilyard.

DIBBLE'S WATERHOLE TO BE RESTORED

Marrickville Council has been granted \$50,000 by the State Government for the restoration of the Dibble Avenue Duck Pond. The waterhole was formerly a brickpit. It is located close to Cooks River and is home to a variety of wetlands birds. At the moment it is secured from the general public and is heavily infested with weeds. The grant will enable council to develop the environmental, aesthetic and educational values of the site for a variety of groups including local residents, school groups and birdwatchers.

It is proposed to remove weeds and replant the area appropriately, construct a floating bird nesting island, and construct a short board walk and viewing platform. After consultation with residents and interested groups, work is expected to begin in April 1993.

DECOUPAGE LAUNCH

Members are invited to the opening of Decoupage, an exhibition by local artist Stephen Westgarth on 17th November, 6-8pm. At the opening Robert Holden will launch Laura Batalhas and Stephen Westgarth's new book *Decoupage Traditional Techniques and New Directions*. The exhibition runs until December 4 at Studio Massa Marble, 431 Elizabeth St. Surry Hills.

A ROOF OVER OUR HEADS: RESTORING OLD HOUSES

A seminar by Ian Evans, Australia's best known heritage author, and three specialists in restoration will provide practical advice on the cheapest, easiest and most effective methods of solving restoration problems.

Speakers include Michael McCowage, specialist in restoration techniques and traditional colour schemes, Stephen Chard, expert in floor and joinery finishes, and Aliya Porter, an authority on curtains, blinds, fabrics and wallpapers.

The seminar will be held 12.30-5pm on Saturday December 12 and repeated on Sunday December 13 at Turner Hall, Mary Ann Street, near Harris Street, Ultimo. Admission \$35.00 or \$60.00 for two. Afternoon tea provided. Bookings and information (02) 747 6751.



HOW TO JOIN THE SOCIETY

Membership is \$12 for individuals, \$18 for households and \$6 for students and pensioners. You will receive a monthly newsletter (except in January) and the Society's annual journal *Heritage*. Subscriptions are valid for the Society year starting 1 July. Regular meetings are held on the fourth Saturday of each month. Write to PO Box 415 Marrickville 2204.

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

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