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NEXT MEETING

8 P.M. WEDNESDAY 10TH FEBRUARY, 1982

WAR MEMORIAL HALL

905 MAIN ROAD, ELTHAM

TOPIC: DISCUSSION EVENING

Our first meeting for 1982 will be an informal discussion evening based on subjects selected by members. This format was used successfully for the February meeting last year. The idea is that you come along prepared to speak about some local history subject - it may be a pet topic, something you think members should know more about or just a question regarding something you want to know more about.

One topic which will be the subject of brief discussion will be the history of Williamstown and this is intended as a prelude to the trip to that area referred to below.

Facilities will be available for showing slides. If you have some interesting slides of local subjects or your recent overseas or interstate trip, please bring them along.

As usual the meeting will be concluded with coffee and biscuits.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Society's 1982 Annual General Meeting will be held on 10th March and will include election of office bearers for the ensuing year. Further details will be given in the next Newsletter.

WILLIAMSTOWN VISIT

The Society will visit Williamstown on Sunday 21st March (not 7th March as previously discussed). The Williamstown Historical Society will provide a guide to the historic buildings and locations of the area. Williamstown has an important place in early Victorian history; so much so that in his book "Port of Many Prows," Wilson P. Evans has written:-

"Both by accident of geographical location and geological occurrence the settlement of this small area and the facilities it offered shipping grossly influenced opening up of the western hinterland, distribution of population, and progress of the entire tract of land which was to eventually become the State of Victoria."

Transport is likely to be by private car but bus transport will be considered if enough interest is shown. Final details will be given in the next Newsletter.

This promises to be one of the most interesting excursions conducted by the society and members are urged to keep this date free.

PROCESSION AWARD

In the last issue of this Newsletter we mentioned the award won by the Society for its entry in the Eltham Community Festival Procession. We neglected to mention the award won by member and long-time Eltham resident, Jock Read for the "Best Eltham Theme." Jock and his horse have been a feature of Eltham parades for years and in particular have established a local tradition in leading Anzac Day parades.

In recent years Jock, often with horse, has become a well known figure as the school crossing attendant at the corner of Main Road and Dalton Street.

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