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NEXT MEETING

8PM. WEDNESDAY - 9TH FEBRUARY, 1983

WAR MEMORIAL HALL

905 MAIN ROAD, ELTHAM

TOPIC: BOOK REVIEWS

VISITORS AND NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

Over recent years we have seen the release of many books on historical subjects and similar topics. It is pretty much an impossibility for any person to read all the books which look like being of interest.

For this meeting we have assembled a group of books which we think will be of interest to members. They include books of local and general historical interest and many others, generally on Australiana. One of the most important titles is the recently published Atlas of Victoria which includes a number chapters on the history of the state.

The majority of the books are of the "coffee-table" type although some of more local interest are not in this category. Most are relatively recent publications but some older books are included.

The idea of the meeting is that members can examine and discuss books which interest them. The meeting environment is not really conducive to serious reading so what is intended is browsing through the books with a view to later examination in more detail of those found to be most interesting.

Sufficient books will be provided but if you have any books which you think may be of interest to members, please bring them along.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The A. G. M. will be held on Wednesday 9th March 1983. Further details will be given in the next Newsletter.

KYNETON TRIP.

For some time now we have had a standing invitation to visit Kyneton. Irene Turvey has offered to show us the many interesting historic sites of the town. It is hoped that we can take advantage of the offer in the near future and this will be discussed at the February meeting.

DONATIONS TO THE SOCIETY.

Local resident, Phillip Leenman noticed 1860 documents on construction of the Eltham Court House while working in the State Archives. He has provided the Society with copies including photo-copies of the original plans.

Amongst the items acquired by David Wilkinson when collecting material for his thesis on the early history of this area, was a set of books of Victorian Statutes from the former Queenstown (St. Andrews) Court of Petty Sessions. David has kindly donated these books to the Society.

Thanks are extended to these people for their thoughtfulness.

FALKINER HOUSE, ELY STREET.

For some time we have been aware of the Council decision to demolish this cottage. However we have now been officially advised of the decision and invited to remove any salvagable material. This will have to be done in the near future and members will be required to assist with the work. Arrangements will be made by personal contact but by all means advise the Secretary if you are able to assist.

YARRA VALLEY METROPOLITAN PARK.

The Melbourne and Metropolitan board of Works has invited quotes from historians for preparation of a report on aspects of the history of the Yarra Valley Metropolitan Park. Quotes and accompanying submissions are required prior to 21st February 1983. A copy of the job brief has been given to the Society and is available from the Secretary.

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