

# SHIRE OF ELTHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

P.O. BOX 137 ELTHAM VICTORIA 3095

## NEWSLETTER

NO. 47

MARCH 1986

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
8 PM. WEDNESDAY 12 MARCH 1986  
ELTHAM SENIOR CITIZENS' CENTRE  
MAIN ROAD ELTHAM  
( ENTER FROM SHIRE OFFICE DRIVEWAY)

GUEST SPEAKER - ARTHUR HOWARD  
SUBJECT:- YARRA RIVER HISTORY

- " THE RISE AND FALL OF  
RUDDER GRANGE "

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WORKSHOP MEETINGS  
8 PM WEDNESDAY 26 MARCH 1986  
ELTHAM WAR MEMORIAL HALL  
SUBJECT:- SOCIETY RECORDS

8 PM. WEDNESDAY 23 APRIL 1986  
ELTHAM SENIOR CITIZENS' CENTRE  
GUEST SPEAKER - TRACEY NAUGHTON  
SUBJECT: - SOCIETY BANNER PROJECT

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GEELONG BUS TRIP  
SUNDAY 27 APRIL 1986  
LEAVES ELTHAM SHIRE OFFICE 8.30 AM.

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MORE DETAILS BELOW

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of 1985 Annual General Meeting
3. Annual Reports:
  - (a) President's Report
  - (b) Secretary's Report
  - (c) Treasurer's Report
  - (d) Other Reports
4. Election of Office Bearers 1986.  
All office bearers retire and are eligible for re-election. Nominations for all positions may be submitted in writing to the Secretary prior to the meeting or will be accepted at the Meeting
  - President
  - Vice Presidents (2)
  - Secretary
  - Membership Secretary
  - Treasurer
  - Committee Members (4)
5. Fixing of Annual Subscription
6. Consideration of appointment of Auditor.
7. Any other business which may be considered by the Annual General Meeting.  
(Details of any business should be supplied in writing to the Secretary prior to the meeting.)

## ARTHUR HOWARD

The recent restoration and re-opening of the old Fairfield Boathouse has focused attention on this section of the Yarra River and on the boating and canoeing activities which are part of the history of the river. These activities once supported a number of boathouses including "Rudder Grange" just upstream from the Fairfield Boathouse.

Arthur Howard is a member of Northcote Historical Society who has carried out considerable research on the history of the Yarra. He has specialized on the section of the river around Fairfield. His talk at this meeting will concentrate on that area; particularly the now demolished "Rudder Grange". Slides from Arthur's collection will be used to illustrate the talk.

As usual, new members and visitors are most welcome

## RECORDS/RESEARCH WORKSHOPS

These working evenings, to be held on the fourth Wednesday of each month, are to be continued this year. Their aim is generally to maintain and improve Society records and, with appropriate notice, to carry out any type of local history research. Particular projects will be announced from time to time. One such project is listed below.

## SOCIETY BANNER PROJECT

Tracey Naughton is the Shire of Eltham's Community Artist. She has developed a programme called "As We Are" with the aim of encouraging local groups to produce their own banners.

Preliminary consideration has been given to this matter and the Society's Committee supports the proposal. Some discussions have taken place on a suitable design.

The Workshop meeting on April 23rd will be devoted to this project. Tracey will talk about the project generally and our project in particular. She will show slides of other group's banners. We will then be in a position to discuss our involvement and develop a suitable programme.

All members are welcome to attend. Those interested in participating in the project are especially urged to be there. Participation is not just limited to those with "sewing" skills. In a positive anti-discrimination statement Tracey has encouraged men to become involved in the project.

## GEEELONG BUS TRIP

The Geelong area contains many buildings and other places of historic interest. A few were briefly seen on our trip to Queenscliff in 1984. It has been decided that our next trip should concentrate on the Geelong area and will include visits to the National Trust properties "The Heights" and "Barwon Grange". Other visits are being arranged.

Cost of the bus trip is \$9.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children and students. Please note that there will be additional charges for entrance to the properties visited. The bus will be departing from the Eltham Shire Offices at 8.30 a.m. You should be there by 8.20 a.m.

As with most of our tours the itinerary will be flexible. There is likely to be the opportunity to purchase the odd cup of coffee or ice cream, but it is best to come prepared with a picnic lunch and the right facilities for a quick "cuppa" stop.

Please complete the attached Form and return at the Annual General Meeting or post to the Society's Post Office Box to reserve your seat on this trip. The bus fare should be included with your Form.

## HERITAGE WEEK

Heritage Week is now a regular event held each April under the auspices of the National Trust. This year the theme is "Living with Heritage" and it is programmed for April 13th - 20th. The week includes many displays, property inspections and similar events.

We will be participating by arranging a display in the Eltham Library based on interesting and historic houses of the area. The display will run for most of April rather than just for Heritage Week.

It appears likely at the time of writing that the Eltham Shire Council will provide funds to enable a high standard of presentation for the display.

## SOCIETY CALENDAR

The Committee has made final or tentative plans covering all meeting dates and other activities for 1986. A copy of the programme is attached to this Newsletter. This is to be taken as a guide for members and others interested in the Society's activities. There may be changes from time to time and these will be notified in forthcoming Newsletters.

Sue Law,  
President,

439-9520

Russell Yeoman  
Secretary

439-9717

Opal Smith,  
Treasurer/  
Membership Secretary  
439-8209

\* Records and Research Workshops are held in the War Memorial Hall, starting at 8.00 p.m.  
Society Members are most welcome to attend and assist in sorting, collating, indexing or researching Society records.

Any alterations or additions to the Calendar will be notified through the Newsletter.

General Enquiries to Russell Yeoman  
439-9717  
Membership Enquiries to Opal Smith  
439-8209

# SHIRE OF ELTHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## calendar

1986

MARCH

12th Wednesday : Annual General Meeting  
 Speaker - Arthur Howard,  
 Northcote Historical Society  
 'Yarra River-Fairfield Area'

26th Wednesday : \*Records/Research Workshop

APRIL

9th Wednesday : Committee Meeting  
 13th Sunday : Heritage Week-'Living with  
 to Heritage'  
 20th Sunday } Display in Eltham Library  
 23rd Wednesday : Speaker - Tracey Naughton -  
 'Historical Society Banner  
 Project'

27th Sunday : Bus Trip - Geelong

MAY

14th Wednesday : General Meeting - Speaker -  
 Mrs. Harley - National Trust  
 Womens Committee -  
 'Bessy Wingrove - Her Times'

28th Wednesday : \*Records/Research Workshop

JUNE

11th Wednesday : Committee Meeting

25th Wednesday : \*Records/Research Workshop

JULY

9th Wednesday : General Meeting - Film Night

23rd Wednesday : \*Records/Research Workshop

AUGUST

13th Wednesday : Committee Meeting

27th Wednesday : \*Records/Research Workshop

SEPTEMBER

10th Wednesday : General Meeting - Speaker  
 Caroline Phillip - Historian  
 Gulf Station - Yarra Glen

24th Wednesday : \*Records/Research Workshop

OCTOBER

8th Wednesday : Committee Meeting

22nd Wednesday : \*Records/Research Workshop

26th Sunday : Bus Trip - Possible Venue  
 - Gulf Station - Yarra Glen -

NOVEMBER

8th Saturday : Eltham Festival Parade -  
 Historical Society Float  
 Participating

12th Wednesday : General Meeting - Speaker  
 Author of book 'Yarra Track'  
 - Ann Thomas -

26th Wednesday : \*Records/Research Workshop

DECEMBER

10th Wednesday : Society Breakup - 6.30 p.m.  
 Buffet Tea  
 Folk Music Group to entertain.

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GEELONG BUS TRIP - SUNDAY, APRIL 27TH 1986.

Please reserve the following seats:

Adults \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$9.00

Children \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$5.00

Total amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

Return this form with payment to P.O. BOX 137, Eltham 3095