



# Shire of Eltham Historical Society

**NEWSLETTER**

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NEXT MEETING  
8PM WEDNESDAY 9 JULY 1986  
ELTHAM SENIOR CITIZENS' CENTRE  
MAIN ROAD ELTHAM  
(ENTER FROM SHIRE OFFICE DRIVEWAY)

FILM NIGHT FEATURING FILMS ON  
HISTORIC HOMESTEADS AND  
OTHERS OF HISTORICAL & LOCAL INTEREST

Peter Bassett-Smith has assembled an interesting collection of films for this meeting. Most of the films were produced for the National Trust and many were shot by Peter.

The films deal with notable Victorian houses, mainly country homesteads including:-

"Warrock" near Casterton, a unique complex of thirty six buildings commenced in 1844.

"Ercildoune" near Ballarat, owned by Sir Samuel Wilson and founded in 1838.

"Bishopscourt", East Melbourne, home of the Archbishop of Melbourne.

"Murndal" in the Wannon Valley, Western Victoria, founded by Samuel Pratt Winter in 1837.

"Bannongil", near Skipton. This property is noted for the daffodils propagated by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fairbairn.

The remainder of the programme will include local films from Peter's own collection and films on historical subjects from the State Film Centre.

Film nights generally prove popular with our members. These interesting films should maintain the interest in this type of meeting. Visitors and new members are welcome. Supper will be served after the films.

SOCIETY BANNER PROJECT:

A small enthusiastic group of members has now been meeting on a regular basis for some weeks in connection with this project. The base material for the banner has been prepared by members of the Shire's Community Arts Section. Society members are preparing individual pictures of interesting features of the Shire to sew on to the banner.

Scheduled workshop meetings have been supplemented by additional meetings which have been held on a weekly basis.

Any additional members wishing to become involved in the project would be welcomed. Meetings are held at Meruka House, generally commencing at 7.00 p.m. Dates are fixed to suit group members but are usually a Tuesday or Wednesday. Please note that for July and August this project is to take the place of the workshop meetings listed in the Society's Calendar.

Please check with Sue Law or Russell Yeoman regarding dates if you wish to become involved.

SOCIETY LOGO:

This Newsletter features a new letterhead design incorporating a sketch of Shillinglaw Cottage and the nearby railway trestle bridge. The Committee has agreed to this sketch being the Society's logo and it will be featured on all future correspondence and Newsletters. It is proposed to use it on the banner also.

Art work for the logo was produced by Society member Joh Ebeli.

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President.

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