



Shire of Eltham Historical Society

NEWSLETTER

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P.O. BOX 137 ELTHAM VICTORIA 3095

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
8 PM WEDNESDAY 11 MARCH 1987
ELTHAM SENIOR CITIZEN'S CENTRE
MAIN ROAD ELTHAM
(ENTER FROM SHIRE OFFICE DRIVEWAY)

GUEST SPEAKER - DR. CHARLIE FOX
SUBJECT:- "BOOSTERS, BODIES AND BUILDINGS"
(EXHIBITIONS AND THE PUBLIC BATH)

WORKSHOP MEETINGS
8 PM WEDNESDAY 25 MARCH 1987
ELTHAM SHIRE OFFICE LUNCHROOM
SUBJECT: ELTHAM QUESTIONNAIRE BY DR. BRUCE HULL

8 PM WEDNESDAY 22 APRIL 1987
ELTHAM SHIRE OFFICE LUNCHROOM
SUBJECT : SOCIETY, RECORDS.

5TH -12TH APRIL 1987
HERITAGE WEEK DISPLAY
ELTHAM LIBRARY
" HERITAGE INFORMATION"

MELBOURNE CITY BUS TRIP
SUNDAY 12 APRIL 1987
LEAVES ELTHAM SHIRE OFFICE 9.30 AM.

MORE DETAILS BELOW

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of 1986 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 1987. 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. 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).

GUEST SPEAKER:

Dr. Charlie Fox from Melbourne University is a historian more inclined to social history than the history of places and buildings. His talk deals mainly with the Royal Exhibition Buildings and the City Baths. There may be some reference to architectural styles, building statistics and the like. However, the main emphasis will be on the major happenings and the everyday uses associated with these buildings. The title that Dr. Fox has chosen for his talk tends to indicate that this may not be a conventional treatment of the subject. This talk will be a prelude to the city bus trip referred to below.

As usual, new members and visitors are 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, such as the banner project which took up the majority of these meetings last year.

The first workshop for this year will be based on the "Eltham Project", a joint study being carried out by Melbourne University and the Shire of Eltham. As part of the project, Dr. Bruce Hull of the University is conducting a survey with various local groups on issues relating to the natural environment of the area. The technique is that participants are asked to complete a questionnaire based on slides to be shown at the meeting.

The location is the lunchroom of the Eltham Shire Office which is at the lowest level at the extreme rear of the building. We have agreed to participate in this survey because of its value to the Shire and because we think it will be an interesting exercise for members. To make the evening worthwhile we should have at least fifteen members there. Please come along and support this project.

MELBOURNE CITY EXCURSION:

The city and nearby areas contain many historically important buildings. Some of these we see regularly but without thinking too much about their history; others are hidden away in less frequented locations. On this trip we will visit a number of these buildings and drive past many more. This trip coincides with the last day of Heritage Week and we are waiting for the programme to be printed before finalizing locations to be visited. We may be able to take advantage of special property openings. One building we intend to visit is the Royal Exhibition Building to gain full advantage from Dr. Charlie Fox's talk at the Annual General Meeting.

Cost of the bus trip is \$8.00 for adults and \$4.50 for children and students. There may be additional charges for entrance to the properties visited. The bus will be departing from the Eltham Shire Offices at 9.30 a.m. You should be there by 9.20 a.m. Bring a picnic lunch to eat in one of the city parks.

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 it is programmed for April 5th - 12th. The week includes many displays, property inspections and similar events.

As usual, we will be participating by arranging a display in the Eltham Library. The theme is "Heritage Information" and the display will cover information sources on local history and other aspects of the local heritage. It will concentrate on books but also feature other published and un-published material, photographs and maps. As well as the more readily obtainable books on Eltham Shire, lesser known works, including collectors items will be on display.

It is likely that the display will continue after Heritage Week for the rest of April. The Eltham Shire Council is to make funds available which will be used to purchase books and other items for the display.

SOCIETY PROGRAMME:

The Committee has made final or tentative plans covering all meeting dates and other activities for 1987. 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 Newsletters.

SHIRE OF ELTHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MELBOURNE CITY BUS TRIP - SUNDAY, APRIL 12TH 1987

Please reserve the following seats:

Adults _____ @ \$8.00

Children _____ @ \$4.50

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

NAME: _____

TELEPHONE NO: _____

Return this Form with payment to P.O. Box 137, Eltham 3095

SOCIETY INCORPORATION:

The Associations Incorporation Act requires that at least 21 days notice be given of a meeting to authorize incorporation and approve the proposed rules and statement of purposes. The May Newsletter will not be issued 21 days before the May Meeting. Therefore, formal notice is now given that a Special General Meeting of the Society will be held at 8.00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 13th 1987 in the Eltham Senior Citizens Centre, Main Road, Eltham. The purpose of the meeting is to consider and vote upon proposals as follows:-

1. That a person be authorized to incorporate the Society under the Associations Incorporation Act.
2. That approval be given to a proposed statement of purposes for the Society.
3. That approval be given to proposed rules for the Society.

Further details will be circulated with the May Newsletter.

TIME CAPSULE CERTIFICATES:

The long promised certificates from our time capsule project are now at the printers. They will be ready for the Annual General Meeting and will be handed out to members then. Members not able to attend the meeting may collect their copy by arrangement with the Secretary or, as a last resort, they will be posted on request.

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