



# Shire of Eltham Historical Society

## NEWSLETTER

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P.O. BOX 137 ELTHAM VICTORIA 3095

### NEXT MEETING

8 PM. WEDNESDAY, 10 FEBRUARY, 1988

ELTHAM SENIOR CITIZENS' CENTRE

(ENTER FROM SHIRE OFFICE DRIVEWAY)

TOPIC: DISCUSSION EVENING & VIDEOS

Our first meeting for 1988 will be an informal discussion evening at which members can introduce topics they feel others should know about or about which they require information. It is suggested that the topics be of local interest or have a Bicentennial theme. Bring along any objects, photos, maps or other documents which might generate discussion.

Some matters which may be dealt with are:-

- Showing of videos on local topics including Montsalvat and Eltham Copper Butterfly
- Bicentennial Historic Records Search
- History of local churches

This last topic is listed in response to a request from the organizers of a combined Bicentennial church service for information on this subject.

The format and content of the meeting is quite flexible. The success of the evening will depend on members doing a little preparation and coming with at least an idea for a discussion item.

### Recent Activities:

There was a busy and varied round of Society activities in November and early December. It started with a most successful entry in the Eltham Community Festival Parade. Our float with its colonial washing day theme won the trophy for the best display. Bruce Ness arranged items from the Society's collection on his truck. Joh Ebeli and Russell Yeoman set up further items on the trailer loaned by Denis McKay. An important part of the event was the members who came along in their "old gear" to complete the picture. As usual musicians from the Victorian Folk Music Club helped us out with their lively music.

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At the November Meeting David Cameron spoke and showed slides on the wildflowers of the area. After some delays at the start of the meeting, members were treated to some excellent slides and were impressed by David's knowledge and enthusiasm on this subject.

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Both the bus trip to Churchill Island and the Christmas Break-Up were well attended. Members of the Victorian Folk Music Club again provided music at the break-up.

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Our involvement in the Bronze Sculpture Project is now almost complete. A suitable pot hole was located in Ryans Road and a casting has been made. It now remains for it to be set in place in a location to be selected generally in the Wingrove Park area.

Other Brief Items:

It appears that the Society's Walter Withers display will be cancelled. Unfortunately, and due to circumstances beyond our control, the major items for the display are now not available. We should now consider some other project as a Bicentennial effort.

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Members will be sorry to hear of the recent death of former member Vera Jackson. Mrs. Jackson lived at Kangaroo Ground for many years. She was a descendant of the pioneer Bell family and carried out a significant amount of research into the family and the history of the area generally. More recently she lived at Albury. Our sympathy is extended to her husband Ernest.

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The Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 9th. More details will be provided in the next Newsletter.

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Secretary.

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Sue Law,  
President.

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Opal Smith,  
Treasurer/Membership  
Secretary.

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Any alterations to this Programme will  
be notified through the Newsletter.

# Programme

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FEBRUARY

10th Wednesday :8.00 p.m.-Senior Citizens Hall  
General Meeting  
General Discussion Evening  
24th Wednesday :8.00 - Committee Meeting

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MARCH

9th Wednesday :8.00 p.m.-Senior Citizens Hall  
Annual General Meeting  
Election of Office Bearers and  
Committee Members for 1988  
Guest Speaker : Andrew Lemon  
'The Catarqui  
Australia's Worst Shipwreck'  
23rd Wednesday : \*Workshop Meeting

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APRIL

13th Wednesday :8.00 p.m. - Committee Meeting  
17th Sunday :Heritage Week Exhibition  
to "The Eltham Tradition"  
23rd Saturday Venue - Shire Offices

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MAY

11th Wednesday :8.00 p.m. - Senior Citizens Hall  
General Meeting  
Guest Speaker : Kevin Patterson  
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"The Tall Ships"  
15th Sunday : -Lilydale - Yarra Junction -  
- Day Trip -  
Including visits to local Historical  
Museums  
25th Wednesday : \*Workshop Meeting

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JUNE

8th Wednesday :8.00p.m. - Committee Meeting

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JULY

13th Wednesday :8.00 p.m. - Judge Book Village  
General Meeting  
Guest Speaker on  
- Aboriginal History-  
27th Wednesday : \*Workshop Meeting

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AUGUST

10th Wednesday :8.00 p.m. - Committee Meeting

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SEPTEMBER

13th Wednesday:8.00 p.m. - Senior Citizens Hall  
General Meeting  
- Film Night -  
27th Wednesday : \*Workshop Meeting

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OCTOBER

12th Wednesday :8.00 p.m. - Committee Meeting  
30th Sunday : "Spring Garden Tour"

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NOVEMBER

9th Wednesday :8.00 p.m. - Senior Citizens Hall  
General Meeting  
Guest Speaker from  
The Genealogical Society of Victoria  
12th Saturday :Eltham Festival Parade  
23rd Wednesday : \*Workshop Meeting

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DECEMBER

14th Wednesday :End of Year Function

\*Workshop Meetings: The subject and location will be  
announced in each Newsletter and  
at the relative General Meeting.