



Shire of Eltham Historical Society

NEWSLETTER

NO. 60 MAY 1988

P.O. BOX 137 ELTHAM VICTORIA 3095

NEXT MEETING

8 PM. WEDNESDAY 11 MAY, 1988

ELTHAM SENIOR CITIZENS' CENTRE

MAIN ROAD, ELTHAM

(ENTER FROM SHIRE OFFICE DRIVEWAY)

GUEST SPEAKER: KEVIN PATTERSON

SUBJECT: THE TALL SHIPS

POWELLTOWN BUS TRIP

SUNDAY 15 MAY, 1988

LEAVES ELTHAM SHIRE OFFICE 9 AM.

WORKSHOP MEETING

8 PM WEDNESDAY 25 MAY, 1988

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MAY MEETING:

Kevin Patterson, Secretary of Nillumbik Historical Society travelled to Sydney and back on the "Alma Doepel" one of the Bicentennial fleet of tall ships. His trip and the Bicentennial celebrations in Sydney are covered by an extensive set of slides. Kevin will show some of the slides and talk about this unique experience.

This meeting is one of several Society activities spread throughout the year and with Bicentennial themes.

As usual, new members and visitors are most welcome and supper will be available after the meeting.

SOCIETY EXCURSION:

Our bus trip on Sunday May 15th is planned to take in the following places:

- The sawmill town of Powelltown
- The museum at Yarra Junction
- Lilydale Historical Society's museum

Please be at the Shire Offices by 8.45 a.m. so that we can leave promptly at 9 o'clock. Bring a picnic lunch

The intention is to have lunch near Powelltown and allow time for walking along one of the timber tramline routes. These routes contain relics from former timber hauling and sawmilling operations. Walks can be as short or long as you can manage in the time available - or perhaps you would rather have a long lunch. Wear suitable shoes if you intend walking.

The museums will be visited on the return trip.

Cost of the bus trip is \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. There will be an extra charge for admission to the museums. Bookings should be made by completing the attached form and sending with your payment to the Society's Post Office box or returning it to the May Meeting. Non-members are welcome to book for the trip.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

At the Annual General Meeting the following office bearers were elected for 1988:

President	: Sue Law
Vice Presidents	: Neil Blair Kath Stephenson
Secretary	: Russell Yeoman
Treasurer/Membership Secretary	: Opal Smith
Committee Members	: Phyllis Macdonald, Doug Orford, Jock Read, Mary Regan, Blanche Shallard.

Bruce Ness has resigned from the Committee after many years service. We thank Bruce for his important contribution to the functioning of the Society over this period. Bruce and his wife Joy remain actively involved, particularly in the storage of many of the items owned by the Society.

Members enjoyed a most interesting talk by Andrew Lemon on the wreck of the "Cataraqui" on King Island in 1845. Andrew is also involved with the committee managing the Research Primary School Centenary next year. He requested that any information on the history of the school or Research generally, be passed on to the committee.

SUBSCRIPTIONS:

Subscriptions for 1988 are now due. Members who did not pay at the Annual General Meeting should forward theirs as soon as possible with a completed renewal form (attached).

Subscriptions have remained unaltered and are as follows:

Adults	:	\$5.00
Students	:	\$1.00
Family	:	\$6.00

WORKSHOP MEETING:

The last workshop meeting was a failure with no members attending. Unless there is a significant improvement for the proposed May workshop we will have to consider whether these meetings should be held. Work proposed at this meeting includes:

- Filing of recently acquired material including items for Heritage Week display
- Cataloguing of Society book collection
- Mounting of photos of Society Activities

OTHER BRIEF ITEMS:

The Heritage Week/Bicentennial display held in Eltham Shire Offices was well received and quite successful. The display featured items on people who have contributed to the character of Eltham and its Shire - some well-known and others not so well known.

A large number of members contributed to the success of the exhibition which required supervision over a period of eight days. Thanks are extended to all who helped. We are also grateful for the funding for this exhibition from Bicentennial Authority funds through the local Bicentennial Community Committee. Many of the items on display were loaned and the owners of these have all been thanked individually.

The Society has purchased two glass display cases, one from display funds and the other from a donation by the Eltham Rural Group. We thank that group for their generosity.

After lying dormant for some time, the Bronze Sculpture Project has reappeared. Advice has been received from artist Maggie Fooke that our "pothole" has been cast and will be available for inspection at the Eltham Shire Offices in the next week or so.

We now have to arrange a suitable location for installation of the sculpture.

Books recently acquired by the Society include:

- Henry Dendy and His Emigrants by L. A. Schumer
- Matilda Waltzes with the Tommies by Dr. Mary Kent-Hughes
- University Children by Audrey Cahn

The first two were purchased for the Heritage Week Display, the third was kindly donated by the author.

Russell Yeoman,
Secretary.
439-9717

Sue Law,
President.
439-9520

Opal Smith,
Treasurer/Membership Secretary
439-8209

SHIRE OF ELTHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

POWELLTOWN BUS TRIP

SUNDAY MAY 15TH 1988

Name: _____ Phone No.: _____

Number of adults: _____ @ \$8.00, children _____ @ \$5.00

Amount enclosed: \$ _____

Return with payment to May Meeting or send to P.O. Box 137, Eltham 3095

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

1988

NEW MEMBERSHIP _____ RENEWAL _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: HOME _____ BUSINESS _____

ADULT \$5.00 _____ STUDENT \$1.00 _____ FAMILY \$6.00 _____

OTHER MEMBERS (For family membership)

OCCUPATION: _____

OTHER INTERESTS/SKILLS _____

HISTORICAL SOCIETY INTERESTS:

HISTORY GENERALLY _____ LOCAL INTEREST _____ HISTORICAL RESEARCH _____

PEOPLE/SOCIAL HISTORY _____ PLACES/PHYSICAL HISTORY _____

HISTORICAL OBJECTS/ANTIQUES _____ SOCIAL/MEETING PEOPLE _____

OLD DOCUMENTS _____ PRESERVATION, BUILDINGS ETC. _____ MUSEUMS _____

NATURAL ENVIRONMENT _____ INTER-SOCIETY ACTIVITIES _____ EDUCATION _____

TOURS, OTHER AREAS _____ WRITING _____ SPEAKING _____

OTHER (Please specify): _____

Please tick appropriate squares.

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