



Shire of Eltham Historical Society

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P.O. BOX 137 ELTHAM VICTORIA 3095

NEWSLETTER

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NEXT MEETING

8 PM. WEDNESDAY 14 SEPTEMBER, 1988

METZNER HALL

JUDGE BOOK MEMORIAL VILLAGE

DIAMOND STREET, ELTHAM

FILM NIGHT

VISITORS & NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

SPRING GARDENS BUS TRIP

CASTLEMAINE AREA

SUNDAY 30 OCTOBER, 1988

DEPARTS ELTHAM SHIRE OFFICE 8.30 A.M.

SEPTEMBER MEETING

Members should note that this meeting will again be held at the Judge Book Village and not the Senior Citizens Centre.

We have arranged for an interesting selection of films and videos from the State Film Centre. They include:

- : "The Singer and the Dancer"
a short story by Alan Marshall
- : "Golden Summers"
a video produced for the National Gallery exhibition on the artists of "the Heidelberg School".
- : "Cleans, Whitens, Brightens"
a video on Australian television advertising from the 1950's to the 1970's.
- : "Matcham Skipper, Metal Sculptor"
a short film on the work of this local Eltham identity.

SPRING GARDENS TRIP

On this trip we will be visiting gardens which are of historic interest or of old world character. The date has been selected to coincide with the time when the gardens are likely to be at their best. The Central Victorian Goldfields area has been selected because it offers a wide range of gardens open to the public. From this range we have chosen three gardens which we think will be of great interest to members and their families and friends.

These are the gardens:

: "Buda", Castlemaine

One of Victoria's most famous historic gardens. The mansion which was the home of the Leviny family for 118 years is also open for inspection.

: "Badger's Keep", Chewton

This is a cottage garden (complete with 100 year old cottage) with a great diversity of plants.

: "The Springs", Sedgwick

A country garden also with a great array of plants

The cost of the bus is \$9.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. There is an additional charge for entry to the gardens, \$2.00 each for "Badger's Keep" and "The Springs"; for "Buda" it is \$3.00, \$1.50 for pensioners and \$1.00 for children.

Each of the gardens has plants for sale. Bring your own picnic lunch. Please be at the Eltham Shire Offices by 8.15 a.m. so we can leave promptly at 8.30.

To book for this trip complete the attached form and return with the appropriate fare.

OTHER FORTHCOMING ACTIVITIES

As usual we intend participating in the Eltham Community Festival Parade. The date this year is Saturday, November 12th. Full details will be given in the next Newsletter but that will be not long before the event. We have decided to adopt an old hospital theme so give some thought to an appropriate costume.

We are proceeding with arrangements for the Walter Withers plaque mentioned in the last Newsletter. This is a further Bicentennial project and we hope to have it completed by November. Unveiling details should be announced in the November Newsletter.

One of the Society's showcases will be used for an on-going display in the Eltham Library. The first display will be to mark the 60th anniversary of the Kinglake National Park. The duration is uncertain but will be for at least the next few weeks.

Due to the poor attendance at recent workshop meetings, the meeting listed for September 28th has been cancelled. The future of these meetings will be reviewed.

OTHER BRIEF ITEMS

As the letterhead of this Newsletter indicates, we are now an incorporated society. This has been the result of rather lengthy efforts by the Committee. Whilst some may deplore the excessive formality involved, it does provide necessary protection for members in the future. The rules of the Society are identical with those circulated to members in 1987 as proposed rules. Additional copies will be provided on request.

At our July meeting we had a substitute speaker on Aboriginal cultural heritage. Chris Hogarth is a curator at the Museum of Victoria and is particularly responsible for the forthcoming "Koorie" exhibition at the Museum. Her talk and slides covered preparation for the exhibition and general interest matters.

Shillinglaw Cottage has been used "temporarily" as a craft sales outlet for many years. It has recently been renovated by the Shire of Eltham for use as tearooms, craft sales and an information centre.

The cottage is an important part of Eltham's heritage which has been preserved by the interest and efforts of local residents. Although the original intention to establish it as a museum has not eventuated, the present use is considered quite appropriate. The cottage is open on weekends and public holidays.

A research group from Gippsland has written asking for information on "lone" graves. We are able to provide information on the Hurst family graves at Hurstbridge. If you know of any other graves outside established cemeteries, please advise Russell Yeoman.

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439-9520

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30TH 1988

Name: _____ Phone No.: _____

Number of Adults: _____ @ \$9.00, Children: _____ @ \$5.00

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Return with payment to SEPTEMBER MEETING or send to

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