



Shire of Eltham Historical Society

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

8 PM WEDNESDAY 8 MARCH, 1989

ELTHAM SENIOR CITIZEN'S CENTRE

MAIN ROAD, ELTHAM

(ENTER FROM SHIRE OFFICE DRIVEWAY)

FOLLOWED BY SLIDES

FROM OUR LOCAL COLLECTION

HERITAGE WEEK

APRIL 16-23, 1989

LOCAL EVENTS

ELTHAM HERITAGE WALK

ORAL HISTORY EXHIBITION, HURSTBRIDGE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Formal notice of the Annual General Meeting and the agenda were included in the January Newsletter and it is not necessary to repeat the details here. The meeting will include election of office bearers and committee members for 1989. All members, including newer members, are encouraged to take an active role in the Society, including standing for one of the available positions. We especially need to encourage members who can:-

- a. Represent a particular sphere of historical interest or a particular local area within the Shire

or

- b. Take responsibility for a particular sphere of the Society's operations or a special project.

Please give this matter careful thought prior to the meeting.

Following the formal part of the meeting we will screen slides from the Society's collection. Whilst the collection contains a number of slides which have been previously featured, it has recently been significantly expanded with:-

- Slides taken from historic photos in the collections of the Society and the Shire of Eltham.
- Current slides of local subjects of historic and environmental interest.

Ian Toohill of Wattle Studios, Eltham has been of considerable assistance in copying old photos onto slides.

Russell Yeoman will provide a commentary on the slides.

SOCIETY PROGRAMME

A programme of activities for the year has been arranged and details are included with this letter. As with all long-term planning of this nature, there must be some flexibility. Further items may be added and there may be some changes. Details of all activities will be provided in the Newsletter closer to the date.

The Committee has decided that this year should be substantially devoted to matters of local interest. A glance through the Programme will show that although the subject matter is wide ranging it largely achieves the Committee's objective.

ELTHAM HERITAGE WALK

The Society's contribution to Heritage Week this year will be a guided walk around Eltham featuring a number of buildings and locations of historical and environmental interest. Three dates are listed as official Heritage Week events, Sundays 16th and 23rd April and Saturday 22nd. In addition, there will be a walk on Saturday 15th for Society Members. All walks will start at 1:00 p.m. in Panther Place near Shillinglaw Cottage. Each will take about four hours and the distance is about 5km. Old photos of locations visited will be available for viewing.

The numbers that can be accommodated on each walk is limited. Members should try to attend on Saturday 15th but if you can't then book for one of the other days.

Advise Russell Yeoman as soon as possible if you intend going.

ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

As part of its Bicentennial programme, the Shire of Eltham allocated funds to employ an artist to undertake an oral history project. The artist, Duncan King-Smith has recorded interviews with 28 older residents of the Shire. He has also made stereo recordings of local environmental sounds, mainly from bushland and farms and made these into "soundscapes" as background for the interviews.

The project has now been completed and is being set up for listening through headphones. The entire recording runs for about two hours but it is possible to select separate parts for listening over a shorter period. The project will be set up at various locations around the Shire. The first location is at Allwood House, Hurstbridge where it will open on April 10th. It will remain there for three to four weeks including Heritage Week. Other dates and locations have not yet been finalized.

Duncan King-Smith is scheduled to speak on the project at our May Meeting. It would probably provide more interest to Members attending that Meeting if they were able to listen to the recording beforehand.

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