

# Shire of Eltham Historical Society

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P.O. BOX 137 ELTHAM VICTORIA 3095

## NEWSLETTER

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

8 PM WEDNESDAY 13 MARCH, 1991

ELTHAM SENIOR CITIZEN'S CENTRE

MAIN ROAD ELTHAM

(ENTER FROM SHIRE OFFICE DRIVEWAY)

GUEST SPEAKER: MAX SPENCE

"MY ELTHAM"

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HERITAGE WEEK 7-14 APRIL

"WATER AND WETLANDS"

SEE DETAILS OF LOCAL EVENTS BELOW

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### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The agenda for the Annual General Meeting was included in our January Newsletter and we do not need to repeat it here but we do urge members to think carefully about the business of this important meeting. In particular, consider the election of office bearers and committee members. This is an opportunity for members who want to make a contribution to the Society to make themselves available to assist with our administration. We would welcome new committee members, particularly those with special areas of expertise or those prepared to take an active role in the Society's activities.

At the Annual General Meeting in 1990 we established a speaker series on the subject "My Eltham" with Eltham of course being taken in its widest sense - that is the whole of the Shire. We continue the series this year with a talk by Max Spence, former Eltham Councillor and long time resident of Montmorency and Briar Hill.

Max came to the area in 1923 as a child. He attended Briar Hill State School and Eltham Higher Elementary School. After service in World War II he returned to the area and became involved with various community groups. This eventually led to his election to the Eltham Shire Council where he served for six years between 1957 and 1963.

Max has many memories of his schooldays and the subsequent years which he can share with us. His community activities have kept him in touch with many people and fostered an awareness of local happenings. This, combined with his entertaining speaking style, will ensure that this section of the meeting will be most enjoyable.

New members and visitors are always welcome at our meetings.

#### HERITAGE WEEK - "WATER AND WETLANDS"

The centenary of the Maroondah Aqueduct on February 18th ties in well with the theme that the National Trust has set for Heritage Week 1991. We have organized a display in the Eltham Library based on the aqueduct and the associated Maroondah water supply system. Heritage Week runs from 7th to 14th April but the display will remain for most of April.

We have also arranged a guided walk along part of the aqueduct at Research for 10:00 am on 7th April. This is a public event but Society members are welcome to participate. Bookings are necessary. Ring Russell Yeoman if you want to participate.

The Shire of Eltham has organized a Heritage Week display in the Shire Offices called "Bridging Eltham's Streams". This will comprise photos, plans and paintings of old and new bridges of the Shire.

The displays will be open during the normal hours of the Library and Shire Offices respectively.

#### 1991 PHOTO PROJECT

The Committee has agreed to a project that all members can take part in over the rest of this year. The proposal is to take photos of everyday occurrences or special events that occur around our local area during the year. These could include household or public activities. The intention is to record this year for posterity so even quite commonplace happenings which may change in the future would be worthy subjects.

Each member is asked to join in this project by taking at least one roll of film. The photos will be placed in albums and retained as part of the Society's collection. There will be a viewing and discussion of the year's efforts at our end of year break-up in December.

#### ELTHAM R.S.L.

The Eltham branch of the R.S.L. is researching its history and hope to produce it as a small book. They are having difficulty obtaining reliable information and are seeking assistance. Anyone who can help or who can suggest sources of information should contact Harry Powlesland, Eltham R.S.L., Post Office Box 27 Eltham 3095.

#### SOCIETY PROGRAMME

Our programme for this year is enclosed with this Newsletter. There are likely to be additional activities and there may be some changes. These will be notified along with details of the scheduled activities in future Newsletters.

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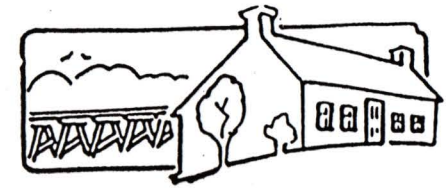
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Visitors are most welcome at  
General Meetings

Any additions or changes to this  
program will be advised in the  
Newsletter.



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**Programme**

**1991**

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MARCH

Wednesday 13th

8:00 pm - Annual General Meeting  
Election of Office Bearers  
and Committee Members

Guest Speaker

Max Spence - "My Eltham"

APRIL

Sunday 7th - Sunday 14th

Heritage Week

"Water and Wetlands"

Displays:

Maroondah Aqueduct Centenary  
Bridging Eltham's Streams

Sunday 7th - 10:00 am  
Aqueduct Walk

Wednesday 10th

8:00 pm - Committee Meeting

MAY

Wednesday 8th

8:00 pm - General Meeting

Board of Works Centenary  
MMBW Speaker

Sunday 26th

Local Excursion

"Dunmoochin"

JUNE

Wednesday 12th

8:00 - Committee Meeting

JULY

Wednesday 10th

8:00 pm - General Meeting

Shire Heritage Study

Guest Speaker

Consultant Historian

AUGUST

Wednesday 14th

8:00 pm - Committee Meeting

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday 11th

8:00 pm - General Meeting

Members Discussion Evening

OCTOBER

Wednesday 9th

8:00 pm - Committee Meeting

Sunday 27th - Spring Excursion

Mornington Peninsula

NOVEMBER

Saturday 9th - Eltham Festival  
Parade

Wednesday 13th

8:00 pm - General Meeting

Guest Speaker

Victorian Archaeological Survey

DECEMBER

Wednesday 11th - End of Year  
Function

1991 Photo Project  
Display

1992

FEBRUARY

Wednesday 12th

8:00 pm - General Meeting

Film Night