

Shire of Eltham Historical Society

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NEXT MEETING

8 P.M. WEDNESDAY, 11 FEBRUARY, 1992

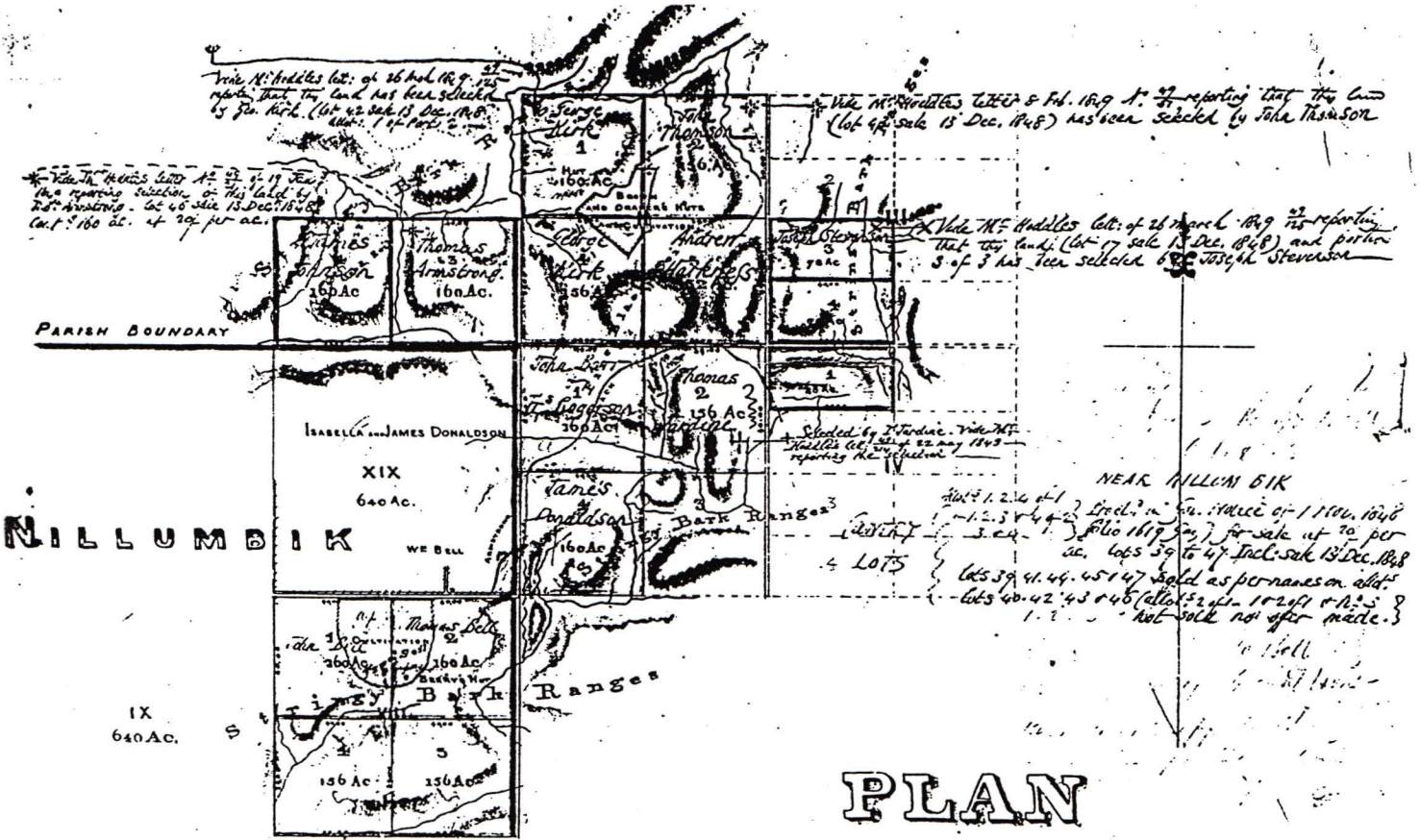
ELTHAM SENIOR CITIZENS' CENTRE

MAIN ROAD, ELTHAM

(ENTER FROM SHIRE OFFICE DRIVEWAY)

SUBJECT : KANGAROO GROUND FIRE BRIGADE CENTENARY

SPEAKER : BRUCE BENCE



PLAN

OF
SUBDIVIDED SECTIONS
IN AND
ADJOINING
THE
PARISH OF NILLUMBİK

SURVEYED AND DRAWN
BY
WE WESTON HOWE

FEBRUARY MEETING:

Kangaroo Ground Fire Brigade celebrates its centenary this year and the main celebrations will be from 7th to 9th February. On Sunday 9th there will be a family afternoon at the Kangaroo Ground oval and our Society will be providing a display for the occasion.

Bruce Bence from the Warrandyte Historical Society has done a great deal of research on local fire brigades and bushfires. He has previously written a book on the subject as well as a number of other small books on various aspects of Warrandyte's history. He has recently completed a book on the history of the Kangaroo Ground Fire Brigade. As one would expect, it includes a great deal of other information about the history of the district.

At this meeting Bruce will talk to us about Kangaroo Ground and its Fire Brigade and probably a few other related subjects as well. Copies of his book will be available for purchase.

As well as the main subject of this meeting we have arranged two other items. Isabel Ellender is a consultant archeologist currently carrying out an Aboriginal heritage study for the Shire of Eltham. We plan to have her speak to a meeting when the study is finished but at this meeting she will briefly introduce herself to members and explain the nature of the study. The purpose is to seek information from members on potential areas for assessment in the study.

Doug Orford will bring his camera and photographic equipment to the meeting for the purpose of copying members' photos. Anyone with photos suitable for copying for Society records is asked to bring them along. They can then be copied and returned immediately.

As usual we will have supper at the end of the meeting and also as usual any interested non-members are most welcome to attend.

SOCIETY PROGRAMME:

We are currently drawing up a programme of activities for 1992. There are a number of interesting projects currently in progress and we hope that these can generally form a theme for our programme for the year. They include the Shire's Heritage Study and Aboriginal Heritage Study and also its Environmental and Heritage Strategy. Melbourne Water (MMBW) currently has projects dealing with the Yarra Valley and the Lower Plenty River which have history components.

The Heritage Festival (Heritage Week) in April has as its theme "Hidden Heritage" and we intend to arrange a display based on some of the lesser known places identified in the Heritage Study. We propose also that this study form the basis of a local Society tour.

The programme for the year will be circulated with the March Newsletter. If you have any helpful ideas please contact a committee member as soon as possible.

PHOTO PROJECT:

The Society's 1991 photo project was promoted as the subject matter of our Christmas function as somewhat of an unknown quantity. Nobody was quite sure what would turn up. As it turned out we were presented with some rather original views of 1991 and some previously unknown older photos were displayed as well.

There were two excellent collections presented which no doubt involved a considerable amount of time and effort. One was an album of photos by Doug Orford showing the main road entrances to the Shire of Eltham. The other was an album of photos recording a year of activities by the Bassett-Smith family. Also presented was a series on Eltham restaurants by Sue Law and some views of construction of local bridges by Russell Yeoman. Overall the project provided some significant additions to our photo collection. The display of older photos prompted the proposal for copying of photos at the February meeting.

This project has great potential as an annual event and so we will try it again this year. Keep it in mind throughout the year and take photos of any local event or even everyday happenings. We will remind you from time to time but don't leave it all till the last week in November.

OTHER BRIEF ITEMS:

Plans to produce a book of Andrew Ross' reminiscences of Kangaroo Ground from the Evelyn Observer are now well advanced. We had hoped to have it available in February but we have had to delay that a little. For background on the project see Newsletter No. 81 or for further information ring Mick Woiod on 712 0563.

There was a change of programme for the November meeting because our speaker from the Victorian Archaeological Survey was unavailable at short notice. Instead we viewed some video films including an interesting interview with the late Alan Marshall. We plan to replace this cancellation later in the year with a talk on the Shire's Aboriginal Heritage Study.

Unfortunately, we have not progressed far with our plan to set up a museum in the Kangaroo Ground School residence. We have not yet set up a working sub-committee but we have recently arranged a small group of members to seek advice from the Ministry for the Arts. We will need someone to convene this sub-committee. Contact Russell Yeoman if you can help.

Later this year there will be a celebration of the 150th anniversary of settlement at Christmas Hills. If you have any information or historical items connected with that area please contact Mick Woiod on 712 0563.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

To satisfy the requirements of the Society's rules, notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Shire of Eltham Historical Society Incorporated will be held at 8:00 pm on Wednesday, 11th March 1992 in the Eltham Senior Citizens' Centre. Whilst further details will be given in the March Newsletter, the Agenda of the Annual General Meeting is set out below in accordance with the rules:

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of 1991 Annual General Meeting
3. Annual Reports:
 - a) President's Report
 - b) Secretary's Report
 - c) Treasurer's Report
 - d) Other Reports
4. Statement by the Society in accordance with Section 30 (3) of the Associations, Incorporations Act 1981.
5. Election of office bearers and ordinary members of committee. Positions to be filled are as follows:
 - President
 - Senior Vice President
 - Junior Vice President
 - Treasurer/Membership Secretary
 - Secretary
 - Ordinary Committee Members (not less than three and not more than six)
6. Fixing of entrance fee (if any) and annual subscription
7. Any other business of which at least two weeks notice has been given to members.

It should be noted that under the Society's rules nominations of office bearers should be made in writing to the Secretary not less than seven (7) days before the meeting. Nominations should be signed by two members of the Society and accompanied by the written consent of the candidate. If insufficient nominations are received further nominations shall be received at the meeting. However, it should be noted that where a valid prior nomination is received it will have priority and no nomination for that position can be accepted at the meeting.

Russell Yeoman	Sue Law	Gwen Orford	Joan Ackland
Secretary	President	Treasurer	Membership
Secretary			
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