



**Shire of Eltham
Historical Society**

Incorporated

P O Box 137, Eltham, Victoria, 3095

**NEWSLETTER
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NEXT MEETING

8 P.M. WEDNESDAY, 10 NOVEMBER, 1993

ELTHAM SENIOR CITIZENS' CENTRE

MAIN ROAD, ELTHAM

(ENTER FROM SHIRE OFFICE DRIVEWAY)



SLIDE PRESENTATION

ELTHAM'S SIGNIFICANT TREES



CHRISTMAS FUNCTION

6.30 P.M. WEDNESDAY, 8 DECEMBER, 1993

ELTHAM SENIOR CITIZEN'S CENTRE

BUFFET DINNER

MORE DETAILS BELOW



NOVEMBER MEETING

As reported in the July Newsletter the Shire of Eltham has produced a Significant Tree Register which lists 41 trees or groups of trees throughout the Shire. It contains a wide range of naturally occurring and planted trees. They have been assessed according to eleven criteria including size, age, rarity, historical value and the like. The list includes large old Red Gums at Lower Plenty, historic Oaks at Kangaroo Ground and Mountain Ash at Kinglake.

The register includes a set of slides showing each tree and these will be shown at the meeting. Commentary will be by Garry Bartlett of the Council's Parks and Environment Section and Faye Shepherd. Both Garry and Faye have been extensively involved in establishment of the register.

According to our programme the agenda item for this meeting was to be the Regional Fauna Study. Cam Beardsall's study of the fauna of the north eastern metropolitan area is not yet completed and we have deferred that until next year.

CHRISTMAS FUNCTION

This will be in the usual format of a buffet dinner at 6.30 followed by an informal "show and tell" type meeting. The main dinner course will be pizza and salad with cakes or sweets for later. As usual Harry Gilham is arranging wine and other drinks.

The cost will be \$8 per person to be paid on the night. For catering purposes we need to know who is coming. Please tell Gwen Orford at the November meeting or by phone if you are coming.

Members are asked to bring items such as old toys, games, dolls or children's books for display and discussion at the meeting. In addition if you have photos, newspaper cuttings etc of any events during the year please bring them along for display or discussion.



Hal Peck

ELTHAM, ENGLAND

We have received a post card from our friends at the Eltham Society. It shows the new Eltham Town Sign installed by the Society and we thought it was worth including the picture in this newsletter. The sign is installed in Passey Place, Eltham and features St. John's Church, Avery Hill Winter Gardens, Eltham Palace and Bridge, Tudor Barn and Severndroog Castle. The sign was designed by Paul Cookson.



ELTHAM

ANDREW ROSS SCHOOLHOUSE MUSEUM.

The matter of the future direction of the museum has been the subject of a number of meetings over recent months. The Society's Committee has agreed in principle to the setting up of a Board of Management for the museum. Detailed arrangements have been discussed in meetings involving the committee, museum sub-committee members and representatives of the Kangaroo Ground School. The proposal now under consideration involves a board being set up under the umbrella of the School Council. It would contain representatives of the Society, School Council, Shire of Eltham and the "Friends of the Andrew Ross Museum". By our November meeting we hope to have a draft proposal acceptable to all parties. It is proposed that the matter be dealt with by the Committee on behalf of the Society. However input from other members is encouraged. A report on the current situation will be presented to the November meeting and there will be the opportunity for discussion. Anyone wanting information prior to the meeting or who is unable to attend the meeting should contact Harry Gilham or Russell Yeoman.

OTHER NEWS

The idea of occasional buffet dinners followed by a speaker panel has proved to be a successful method of conducting meetings.

At our September meeting we enjoyed a most pleasant meal prepared by a group of members. Thank you to those who helped with this. Speakers in the panel were all local artists in fields other than painting and they were introduced by Leigh Carbines of the Eltham Wiregrass Gallery. All provided interesting comments on their particular art form and their personal careers. Each artist showed examples of their work either as the original works or by slides.

Our Spring excursion got off to rather a damp start but fortunately the rain stopped at the right part of the day. This enabled us to explore Steiglitz and nearby wildflower areas, and later to wander through the extensive gardens of Point Cook Homestead.

A small group of members represented the Society at the opening of the picnic ground at the historic Wilks Creek Bridge at Marysville. The event included the launching of a booklet by our friend Ann Thomas on the history of the bridge which was located on the old Yarra Track coaching route between Eltham and Woods Point. Ann has donated a copy of the booklet to our Society.

A number of members attended the public workshop sessions to provide input to Shire of Eltham Cultural Heritage Map. The result of this is a poster sized colour map of the Shire painted by artist Megan Evans. It depicts many of the well known heritage locations and some not so well known features. Prints of the map will be on sale at the Eltham Community Festival or later from the Eltham Shire Office.

Advice has been received from the National Trust that the 1994 Victorian Heritage Festival will be held from 10th to 24th April. The theme will be "Heritage on the Move" which could include transport, changing fashions, movement in engineering (machinery etc), sport, natural movement (rivers etc). The list is extensive. Contact Russell Yeoman if you have any ideas for the festival.

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SHIRE OF ELTHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

SPRING EXCURSION

SUNDAY - 9TH OCTOBER 1994

BOOKING FORM

Please make a booking for the Spring Excursion on Sunday 9th October 1994 as follows:

() at \$17 each Total \$

Name: Phone No.:

Enclosed is payment for \$

Booking Form and payment may be returned to Gwen Orford at the September Meeting on 14th September or forwarded to Gwen Orford at:

125 Napoleon Street
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