

**Eltham District
Historical Society
Incorporated**
PO Box 137, Eltham, Victoria 3095

**NEWSLETTER
No. 106 JANUARY 1996**

NEXT MEETING

8.00 PM WEDNESDAY 14TH FEBRUARY 1996

ELTHAM SENIOR CITIZENS' CENTRE

MAIN ROAD ELTHAM

(ENTER FROM OLD SHIRE OFFICE DRIVEWAY)

ELTHAM ENGLAND

AUDIO-VISUAL PRESENTATION BY

THE ELTHAM SOCIETY

ELTHAM, ENGLAND

In 1988 we received a Bi-centennial present from our friends from the Eltham Society in England. It comprised a slide "tour" of that other Eltham with a taped commentary. We quickly arranged a showing of this important acquisition at our Christmas break-up. Some members missed this meeting and we always intended to have a repeat performance. It came as a surprise when the suggestion was made to find that seven years have passed - doesn't time fly.

This excellent programme shows the many historic locations around Eltham including Eltham Palace, the Tudor Barn and Eltham High Street. It will bring back memories for those who have been there, provide a preview for those planning their trip to England and for others, we can recommend this armchair travelling around the original Eltham.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

To satisfy the requirements of the Society's rules, notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Eltham District Historical Society Incorporated will be held at 8.00 pm on Wednesday 13th March 1996 in the Eltham Senior Citizens' Centre.

The Agenda of the Annual General Meeting is set out below in accordance with the rules. Further details will be given in the March Newsletter.

Agenda

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of 1995 Annual General Meeting.
3. 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 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.

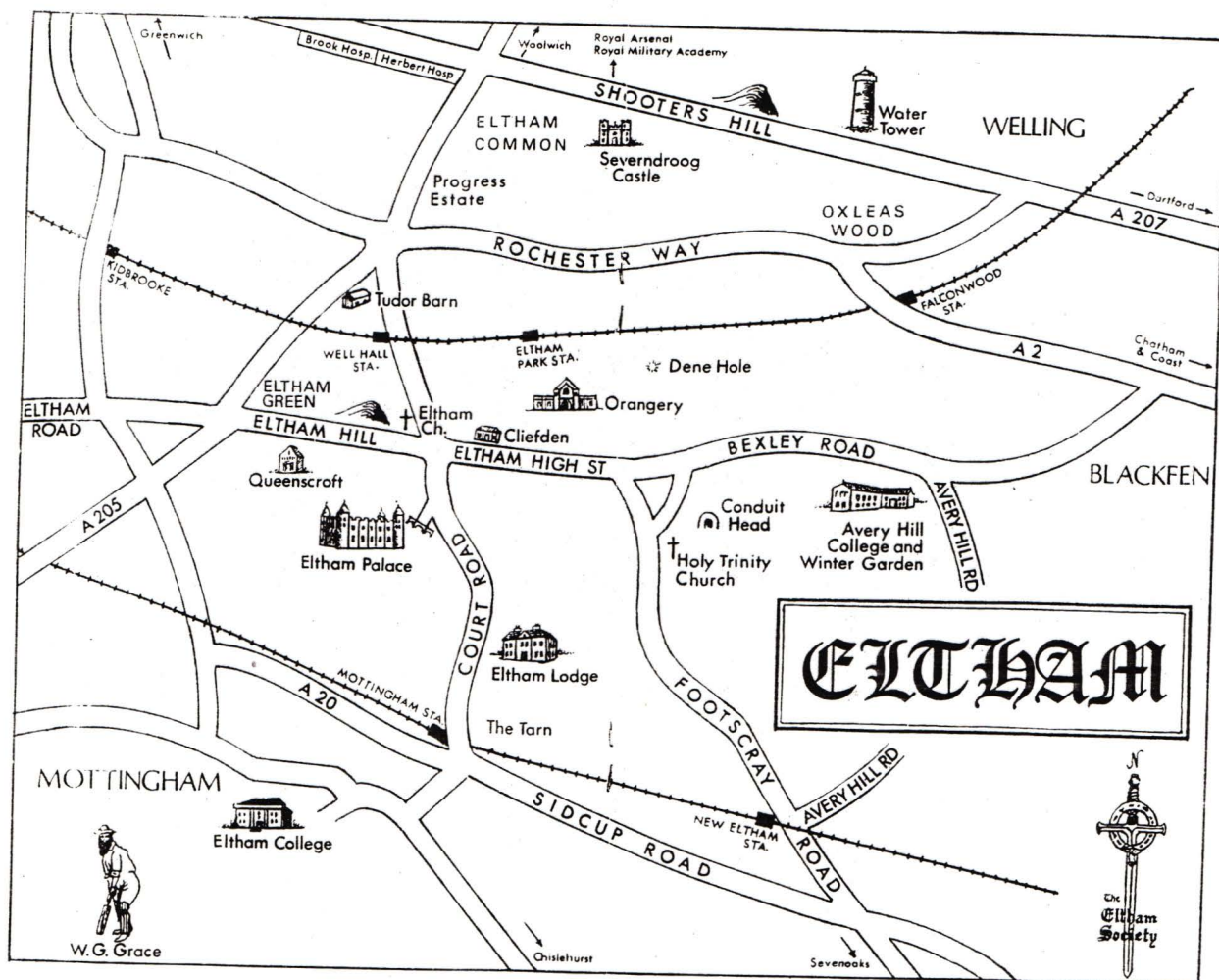
NOTICE OF MOTION - SUBSCRIPTIONS

Treasurer Gwen Orford has given notice that she intends to move the following motion at the Annual General Meeting:-

1. That annual subscriptions become payable on 1st July each year;
2. That 1995 subscriptions be continued until 30th June 1996 after which the 1996/97 subscription will become due

The current arrangement of fees being payable after the Annual General Meeting has caused some confusion. If payment is not made at that meeting then notices are sent out with the May Newsletter. They are then sometimes not paid until June or July. The proposed motion would formalize a date for payment and align it with the financial year thus making arrangements simpler.

This does not require any alteration to the Society's rules but because it is a change of procedure it is to be put to members at the Annual General Meeting.



COUNCIL MEMORABILIA

Banyule City Council has established a joint task force with Nillumbik Shire Council to establish procedures for dealing with memorabilia items of the former councils, Eltham, Diamond Valley and Heidelberg. It includes former Councillors, officers from both Councils and the Yarra Plenty Library and representatives of historical societies. Our society is represented by Russell Yeoman and Harry Gilham. Diana Bassett-Smith represents the Andrew Ross Museum.

The task force will make recommendations for the identification, recording, retention, storage and display of Council memorabilia. Items relating to the Councils held by historical societies and museums will also be identified.

The task force is proposing to organize a series of displays of memorabilia, hopefully as part of the Victorian Heritage Festival between 14th and 28th April.

Any member seeking information or wanting to pass on information on this subject should contact Russell or Harry.



We did not have photos in time to accompany Bettina Woodburn's article in November about our Upper Yarra Excursion. Bettina and Peter Bassett-Smith have provided photos for our records. This photo by Peter shows members (with umbrellas) crossing the Henley Bridge over the Yarra.

OUR 1996 PROGRAMME

The Committee is currently assembling another round of interesting activities for the Society in the coming year. The full programme will be published with the March Newsletter. Anyone with activities they would like included should contact a Committee member as soon as possible.

The programme will include events at the Andrew Ross Museum. On 17th May it is proposed to unveil a plaque at the Museum comprising a "Furphy" tank end. This has been donated by the Furphy family of Shepparton and will be unveiled on the anniversary of the death of the child Judith Furphy at Kangaroo Ground in 1851. Later in the year, probably in October, we will visit the museum as part of a local excursion with a bus to be provided by courtesy of Bruce Nixon.

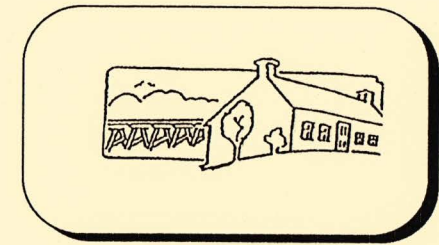
Our major excursion will probably be in May rather than later in the year and plans are being made to follow part of Hume and Hovell's route across Victoria.

Harry Gilham
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Russell Yeoman
Secretary
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Visitors are most welcome at
General Meetings



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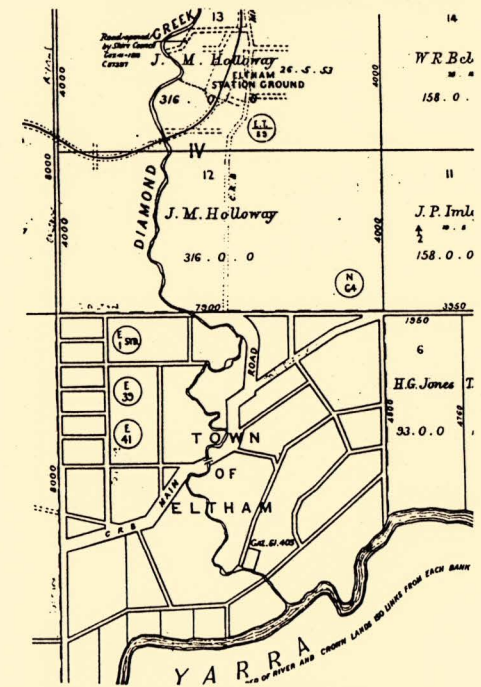
Unless otherwise advised,
General Meetings are held at
the Senior Citizens'
Clubroom.

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

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**Programme
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FEBRUARY

Wednesday 14th
8:00 pm - General Meeting

Slide Presentation
Eltham England

MARCH

Wednesday 13th
8:00 pm - Annual General
Meeting

Election of Office Bearers
and Committee Members

Speaker
Jock Read -
"My Eltham"

APRIL

Wednesday 10th
8:00 pm - Committee Meeting

Sunday 14th Victorian Heritage
to Festival
Sunday 28th Council
Memorabilia Display

MAY

Wednesday 8th
8:00 pm - General Meeting

Russell Yeoman
Hume and Hovell's
Victorian Trip

Sunday 12th

Autumn Excursion
Hume and Hovell

Sunday 19th Andrew Ross Museum
2:00 pm Plaque Unveiling

JUNE

Wednesday 12th
8:00 pm - Committee Meeting

JULY

Wednesday 10th
8:00 pm - General Meeting

Regional Fauna Study

AUGUST

Wednesday 14th
8:00 pm - Committee Meeting

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday 11th
6:30 pm - Buffet Dinner

8:00 pm

Discussion Panel
Eltham
Architecture

OCTOBER

Wednesday 9th
8:00 - Committee Meeting

Sunday 20th

Spring Excursion
Kangaroo Ground
and
Gulf Station

NOVEMBER

Wednesday 13th
8:00 pm - General Meeting

Guest Speaker
Robert Wuchatsch
"Westgarth Town
The German Settlement at
Thomastown"

DECEMBER

Wednesday 11th
6:00 - Buffet Dinner

Christmas Memories