

ELTHAM DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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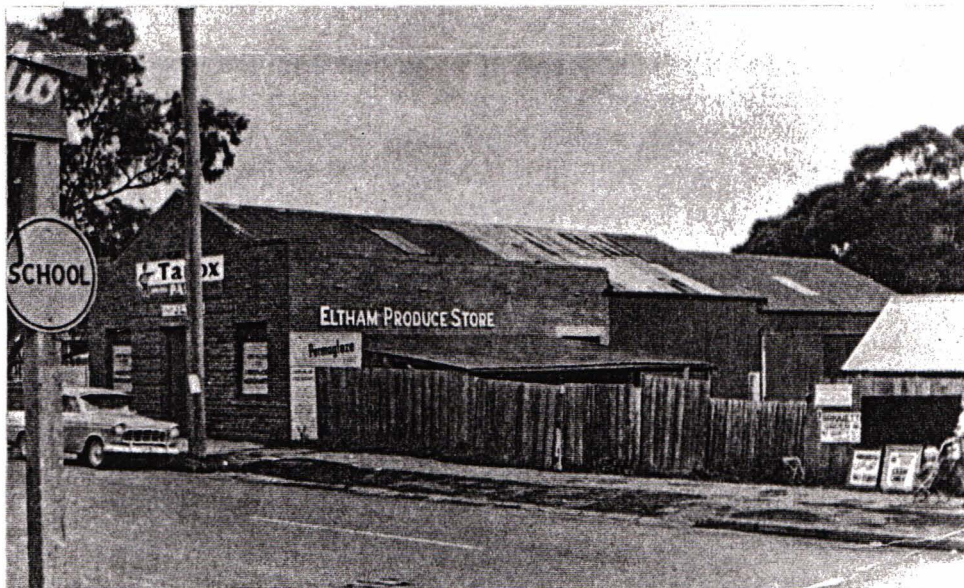
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NEXT MEETING

8-00 PM WEDNESDAY 12TH FEBRUARY

**GUEST SPEAKER: ROSEMARY AITKEN
ELTHAM COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE**

**ELTHAM SENIOR CITIZENS' CENTRE
903 MAIN ROAD ELTHAM
(ENTER FROM OLD SHIRE OFFICE DRIVEWAY)**



Eltham Produce Store c1960. The Eltham Community Health Centre now occupies this site.

FEBRUARY MEETING

The Eltham Community Health Centre has operated as a community managed and publicly funded primary health care agency since 1985. It grew from the Eltham and District Welfare Committee which commenced operations in 1972. It provides a wide range of services to the aged, disabled and homeless members of our community. It also offers children's services and other health related programs for the general community. The Centre operates from modern premises at 917 Main Road in the Eltham business centre.

The Centre has adopted a program of publicizing its various functions and, with this in mind, we have invited its President, Rosemary Aitken, to talk to the Society. Because we are a historical society Rosemary has structured her talk to deal with the history of the organisation as well as providing information about its current operations. She will also deal with the history of health care organizations in Victoria. A case in point would be the evolvement of the present day Maternal and Child Health Service from the original Infant Welfare Centres.

Rosemary's talk will provide practical advice about the centre which may be of great value to some members and will also provide an interesting insight into the evolvement of this important local organisation.

2003 PROGRAM

Best wishes for the new year to all our members. We have arranged a varied program of activities right through the year and details are included with this Newsletter.

At the Annual General Meeting Max Dimmack will talk about his interesting little book "We Will Remember Them – An illustrated account of Eltham R.S.L. Sub-Branch Inc. 1919-2001". We are grateful to Peter Bassett-Smith for providing a copy of this book for the Society.

Speakers and other activities for our other meetings this year have been arranged to cover a range of topics including local history, general local interest and one is an historical project elsewhere in Victoria by a local resident.

We are continuing with our records workshops, including establishing a computer database using our new computer and DB/Text Works program. Next dates for workshops are Monday 17th February at 9.30am and Tuesday 4th March at 7.30pm. Members are encouraged to come to the Local History Centre at these times to assist with this work or to use our collection for their own research or enjoyment.

Any additions or changes to our program will be notified in Newsletters through the year.

OTHER NEWS

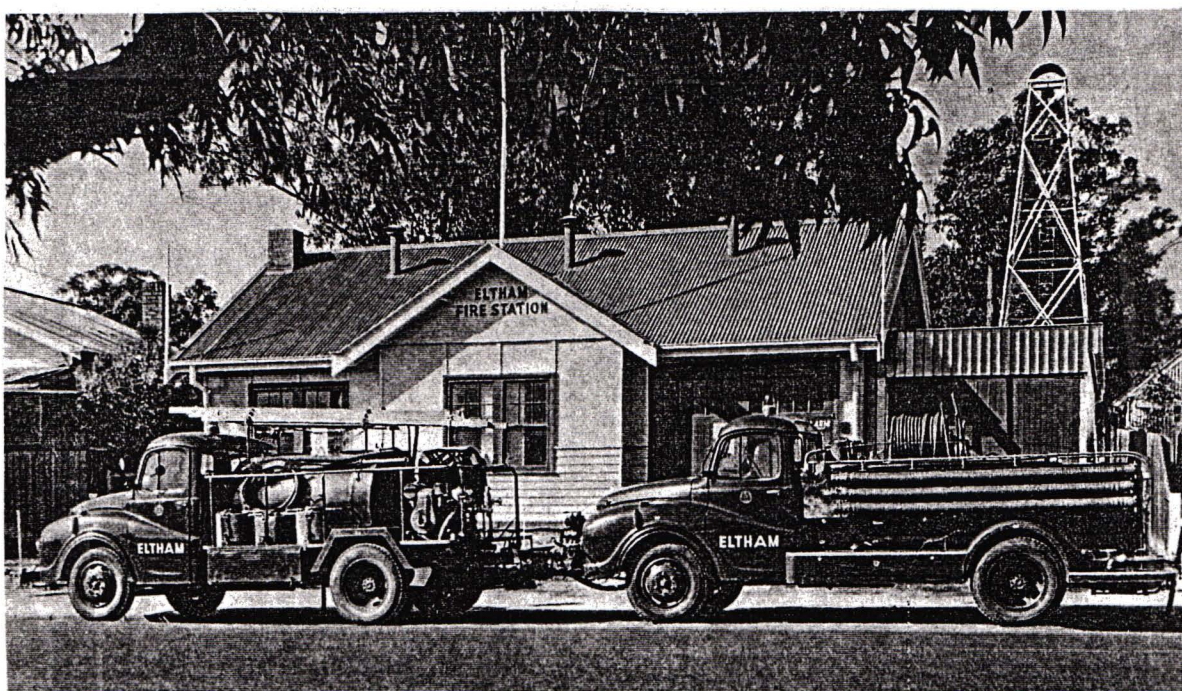
Nillumbik Shire Council has advised us that our applications for a Community Development Grant and a Community Group Support Grant have been successful. The first will assist with the production of a further version of our local chronology. The support grant will cover most of the cost of operation of our Local History Centre for the year. We are grateful to the Council for this continuing assistance.



The garden at the Local History Centre has so far survived this summer of water restrictions. Marion Yeoman has found that the most efficient way of keeping the plants going is hand watering and any assistance with this would be most welcome. There is a hose kept at the back of the building which may be taken around to the front tap.



We have received from the Federation of Australian Historical Societies the FAHS Heritage Handbook: A Guide for Historical Societies. This useful little book provides a summary of the relevant legislation and statutory criteria for heritage work as well as a summary of the relevant standards. It also gives help in finding useful sources of expertise and places of similar interest.



Eltham Fire Station in the 1950s. This building was removed in the 1970s to make way for the Eltham Village shopping complex. It was relocated in Research Park as a scout hall.

Late last year it was destroyed by fire. Photo by Eltham photographer Hugh Fisher

BLANCHE SHALLARD MEMORIAL

At our Christmas breakup we planted a tree in the back garden of the Local History Centre in memory of Blanche Shallard. Opal Smith unveiled a commemorative plaque and Blanche's daughter Margaret assisted in planting the tree, a Eucalyptus macrandra or Long Flowered Marlock. In a letter to the Society Margaret says:

"Thank you all for inviting me to the tree planting in honour of Mother. It was a lovely thing to do and I think your choice of tree was most appropriate. I remember in the 40s, when Montmorency had a lot more trees than it does now, our house was often decorated with "gum tips" that Liz and I had been sent to pick."

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 12 March 2003.

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

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of 2002 Annual General Meeting
3. Reports:
 - a. President's Report
 - b. Treasurer's Report
 - c. Any other Reports.
4. Statement by the Society in accordance with Section (3) of the Associations Incorporation Act 1981
5. Election of office bearers and ordinary members of committee positions to be filled as follows:
 - a. President
 - b. Senior Vice President
 - c. Junior Vice President
 - d. Treasurer/Membership Secretary
 - e. Ordinary Committee Members (not less than three and not more than six)
6. Fixing of entrance fee (if any) and annual subscription
7. Consideration of a report by the Society's Committee on membership matters.
8. 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 for 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.

The guest speaker at the Annual General Meeting will be Max Dimmack who will talk about his recent book on the history of the Eltham R.S.L.

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