



and Hills Historical Society

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- Couple -** \$25
- Single-** \$20
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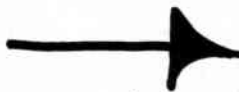
News update for February 1997

* The Society is feeling very optimistic that this year we can really start to achieve big things, building on the faithful work of members over the last 8 years. We've moved into our new "club rooms" in the old Glen Forrest Station Master's House (nicely renovated by the Mundaring Shire) and can now make our members and friends feel very welcome with a cuppa and the chance to browse through our growing collection.

IF YOU HAVEN'T YET SEEN OUR ROOMS IN THE OLD HOUSE, PLEASE CALL IN. WEDNESDAY MORNINGS WE ARE USUALLY THERE (RING A COMMITTEE MEMBER TO CHECK) .. THEN OF COURSE THERE ARE OUR REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS, FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

*NEXT MEETING..... WED. FEB 5TH
7.30 P.M.*

Old S.M's House, foot McGlew st Glen Forrest.



A great welcome assured to you and any interested people who would like to come.

* It is specially important that we have as many members as possible because in April of this year we expect the Shire to complete the return of the Old Mundaring Schoolrooms to their original "school" appearance. We will be sharing these rooms with the Mundaring Tourism Association, for joint displays of our area's history and tourist attractions. You may recall that our Society virtually began with vigorous efforts to save these turn-of-the-century buildings, which may have been demolished in the shopping centre's construction. We wrote huge numbers of letters, conducted a petition-signing and never gave up!

So it is a great delight to us that now we can use them to showcase the story and attractions of the Hills.

We plan that some of our displays will be permanent ones (e.g. The Story of Mundaring Primary School, The Old York Road (now G Eastern Hway), The Story of Timber Cutting, Railway History, Communications and Agricultural Activities) and some will be put up for special occasions such as Foundation Day, the Centenary of Glen Forrest's Octagonal Hall in April, Chidlow Primary School's Centenary in June and Celebrate W.A. Week in October). We have been collecting photos, written records and artefacts for eight years - so we have some of what we need.

But this is where our supporters come in - if you have things (or you know others who may have them) which you know would be important to show at least (or to donate into the Society's care) - please come along to our meetings and tell us about them!

We are going to need people to put up displays, to caretake the displays and to talk to the public about them!

* In 1996 we made quite a few efforts to get out and about in the community to both show something of our history and also to receive more information, photos and artefacts. Such efforts included our prize-winning display of police artefacts at the April Mdg. Arts Festival, walking/history tours around local places of interest (e.g. Hillston - Padbury Boys' Home, odd rock formations in Darlington), collection of stories of old times (e.g. from Barry Buckley of Wooroloo, from old residents of Darlington) and acquisition of five paintings of local landmarks from our generous member Ted Quicke.

It is beginning to be a case of people now contacting us with information, photos and artefacts, instead of our having to chase them up always. So we are beginning to need more members who will undertake a definite task for us - e.g. to interview an old resident (we have made up a questionnaire to guide you!), to call in and pick up an article (and fill in a donor form with all the information about the article) or accession our acquisitions. We have an interesting oral history tape waiting for a transcriber. We have 3 display cabinets donated by a friend of the Society- but they are in need of a home-handyman's attention to smarten them up for the Old school Room displays. Please contact our secretary if you feel you could do a specific job for us, even if you don't want a permanent work-load. It would greatly relieve the office-bearers.

In May we are planning a guided along the old Mundaring Weir railway line (now a walk-trail-reserve) and will need helpers to wait at the old stations to give walkers information. We have the information- just need people who are good at telling it to others . Perhaps you can help here.

* In 1998 Mundaring Townsite will celebrate its Centenary and we are already hard at work with plans to do this in style. Maureen Tie has been collecting information on the old families and activities of Mundaring for many years. She has generously donated all this information, plus a valuable photo collection, to be written up into an exciting book for Mundaring's 100th. She plans it to be a warm readable, human record, with local anecdotes as well as the facts, which local children and families will want to read to find out what went on in Old Mundaring. A sub-committee of our society, including valuable new members with writing skills (John McKenzie and Mary Heath) has been formed to edit the book and we should be presenting a trial chapter to the appropriate Shire Committee in the next few weeks to seek financial aid to get the project launched. This will be our second publication.

* In addition, Maureen and her brother Max Bending, are our Society's representatives on the Working Party for the Centenary Celebrations for Mundaring Townsite. There are Shire Councillors, business people, representatives from Tourism and the Arts on this committee, and our member, Councillor Frank Lawrence is the Chairman.

* So I hope you can see that our Society is doing some worthwhile things -- and can do even more with your support. If it can only be financial, that will be very much appreciated.

(Mrs) Judy Love, Hon. Sec.