

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

*Synopsis of President's Report to the 24th Annual General Meeting of the members of The Hunter's Hill Trust held at the Villa Maria Hall on Wednesday, 13th May, 1992.*

The major event of significance in 1991-92 has been the gazetting of the major part of Hunters Hill as a Conservation Area in late 1991. With this step one of the main aims of the Trust has largely been achieved. However, a large part of Hunters Hill is not covered by this plan, and with State Government moves to reinforce the principles of urban consolidation and increase housing densities throughout Sydney, it is clear that the Trust still has a significant role to play.

Treasurer Rob Pillans reports the total accumulated **funds** of the Trust decreased from the previous year by \$912 to \$18,592. These funds are represented by cash and receivables of \$11,405 and books and other items held for resale of \$7,552. Income for the year was \$8,400 and expenses \$9,312.

Jenny Thompson reports that for the last financial year the **membership** records showed the following financial members; Life members 56; Family members 134; Single members 100; Pensioner members 16. Total 306. This is a reduction of 94 members from the previous year. Membership fees received, at \$3,342 were significantly lower than the previous year of \$5,473. The largest expense for the Trust is the printing and distribution of the journal and other correspondence. Membership fees have not covered this expense for some years. To ensure that the Trust retains sufficient funds to serve the interest of members the annual membership fees have been increased.

Under the chairmanship of Rae Hensley detailed examination of the **foreshore** reserves identified and reported on last year was commenced, with the large and central Mornington Reserve (Serpentine Road and Brookes Street) being used as a pilot for this important task.

An **Archives** sub-committee was re-constituted, under the chairmanship of Diana Temple, to evaluate and catalogue the extent of material held by the Trust and by various members, and to liaise with other community groups who also have archival requirements, with a view to a consolidated approach to Council to assist in the provision of space.

## **Community/social activities:**

The Trust had a successful stall at the Moocooboola festival to sell Trust merchandise and promote the Trust generally. At the Hunters Hill Primary School Fete, the Trust mounted a large photographic exhibition, part of which is now on permanent display at Vienna Cottage. The Trust was honoured to be the recipient of a Rotary award for the community group which has contributed most to the heritage and townscape of Hunters Hill.

## **Vienna:**

Trust Committee members and others attended a full day seminar discussing the future uses of Vienna Cottage. During his chairmanship of the Vienna Committee, Philip Jenkyn emphasised the commitment by the Trust to Vienna.

## **Minister for Planning:**

The Trust hosted a visit to Hunters Hill by the Minister, Robert Webster, giving us a unique opportunity to reinforce our views on the special nature of Hunters Hill and its preservation. The Minister spent two hours touring Hunters Hill with committee members, the Mayor, and others, looking at the full range of areas of interest and concern to the Trust. The visit received a mention on Channel 9 Sydney Extra and was extensively reported in the North Shore Times. The Minister reaffirmed his understanding of Hunters Hill as a historic area worthy of preservation.

## **Riverglade Development:**

A member of the Committee has attended all the meetings of the steering committee regarding the proposed re-development of this area, and the Trust is expected to formally submit comments after evaluating the plans. It is expected that the draft plans will be put on display shortly.

The Trust has spoken and corresponded with Council to seek clarification regarding notification of amendments to development applications, to ensure neighbours are not disadvantaged or unable to comment when applications are altered.

## **Honorary Life Member:**

The Trust was pleased to present Sheila Swain with the first honorary life membership of the Trust.

## **Conservation Advisory Panel Committee:**

The Trust continues to support the activities of this important and highly qualified body which advises Council on heritage matters. The Trust is represented by Roslyn Maguire.

## **Kelly's Bush:**

The Trust has approached Council, following a surprise exercise by the Australian Trust for Conservation Volunteers conducting a bush regeneration programme, with a view to forming a group to assist Council in the maintenance of this unique resource in Hunters Hill. Discussions are continuing.

## **Council Meetings:**

The committee resolved during the year that all Council meetings would be attended by a member of the committee.

## **Christmas function:**

An extremely successful and well-attended function was held at The Priory in the Gladesville Hospital grounds, with Roslyn Maguire giving an illuminating talk on the architect William Weaver and the identification of his work around Hunters Hill.

IAN KELLEY  
President

# GARBAGE

## DISADVANTAGES OF LARGE OTTO BINS

Hunters Hill is rightly proud of its place in the municipal recycling stakes, but this should not blind us to the overall problem. In spite of a great increase in citizen interest, the total amount removed from the Sydney metropolitan waste stream by recycling is 5.3%. Overseas, "model" large communities sometimes reach about 30%, but the rest must be disposed of by increasingly expensive methods.

In Sydney the available land-fill sites are expected to be full by about the end of the decade. Costs of garbage disposal will then rise even more steeply than they have done in recent years. Everything possible should therefore be done to reduce garbage by waste minimisation. Citizens put more pressure on waste-producers (packagers, stores, etc.) if disposal options reflect the true costs.

Ordinary garbage bins have a capacity of about 55 litres. The Australian Environment Council did a thorough study of the impact of "big bins" (also called Otto bins or wheeled bins) on waste management and recycling, and clearly showed that the introduction of 240 litre Otto bins was followed by a steep increase in garbage collected, often of about 30%. People fill their bins. It seems to be a case of garbage abhorring a vacuum.

A recent survey of Hunters Hill residents showed that 75% would prefer wheeled bins. We understand that Council is considering introducing smaller wheeled bins (120 litres), to be collected once a week, instead of the twice-weekly collection of 55 litres, with allowance for 240 litre bins at extra charge. The arithmetic which shows that the allowable weekly volume remains the same should not

divert us from the need for the volume to be decreased, so as to exert more pressure for waste minimisation. Manly Council already has one 55 litre collection per week, so the constraints should not be unbearable.

One of the claims made for the 120 litre wheeled bins is that they might reduce the amount of material now going to the transfer station from other Council pick-ups, such as the special Wednesday collections. It is astonishing to realize that the garden waste such as small branches too tough for home-composting, etc. now goes to the transfer station and then to landfill, just as if it were old refrigerator and mattresses. It could be turned into useful mulch and other garden products, and the technology for doing this is already well developed. Campbelltown Council is conducting a small trial scheme for garden waste, and Concord Council hopes to introduce one soon.

Estimates of the amount of garden waste available vary. In leafy suburbs it is about 25% of domestic garbage. If Council could nominate selected "Wednesday collections" for garden waste only, this material could be separated at source. Council should be strongly encouraged to explore joint action with other Councils, for chipping and marketing the available product. This single move could reduce our contribution to landfill by as much as our laudable recycling. In the meantime, Council should be discouraged from introducing 120 litre wheeled bins, pending a review of the total waste management policy. To satisfy everybody, the policy could include wheeled bins of, say, 60-80 litres, collected once a week, with special provision for individual cases if needed.

CONNIE and ARNOLD EWALD

## ADVANTAGES OF THE LARGE OTTO BINS

The Municipality of Ryde has been using the large Otto bins for a number of years. There seems to me to be four advantages they offer over a conventional bin:

- large capacity
- ability to withstand attacks by dogs and vermin
- durability
- convenience

The large capacity of these bins means that rubbish collection can be once per week rather than twice per week and there is a lower frustration level for households having a greater rubbish output than the conventional bin can handle.

The ability to withstand attacks by dogs should not be undervalued. Hunters Hill has a large number of dogs who are keen to examine the contents of any bins which can be easily opened. This leads to an unsightly mess which can be a health hazard. The Otto bins are not susceptible to this problem as they are very stable and too large for a dog to knock over.

Although there is an initial outlay to be made for the Otto bins they have proven to be extremely durable. I am

aware of many bins used for the last 8 years which show no signs of wear. It would seem that a life of 15 years would be a reasonable expectation. Conventional bins have a much shorter life, particularly the plastic ones.

If set up properly the Otto bins offer far more convenience than a conventional bin. Their capacity means you don't need to stop to try to squash things in and their simple lid-operation is easier than conventional bins, some of which have awkward handles or catches.

In addition, it may be possible to have the bin stored in a position which means the housholder is not required to move it for collection to take place. Imagine it – never having to take the bin out again! This is particularly relevant to units where in the Ryde Municipality many blocks have the bins stores at the front, relatively close to the road or driveway (covered by a structure with plants growing on it to make it look reasonable) and the rubbish collector accesses the bins directly.

Based on these advantages I believe this system is worthy of serious consideration for Hunters Hill.

ROB PILLANS

## NEW COMMITTEE

As nominations were within the number laid down by the Constitution, no election was necessary at the A.G.M. At a subsequent meeting of the new committee, the following office bearers were elected:

<b>President:</b>	Ian Kelley .....	879 6640
<b>V. President:</b>	Patti Mackenzie .....	816 2728
<b>Secretary:</b>	Len Condon .....	816 2796
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Rob Pillans .....	816 2971
	Jenny Thompson .....	817 4440
<b>Members:</b>	Rae Hensley .....	816 1543
	Diana Temple .....	817 4941
<b>Journal</b>		
<b>Editors:</b>	Patti Mackenzie and Jenny Thompson	

Ewan Cheyne-MacPherson (a former President), and Peter Pinson (former Editor), retired from the Committee, and their sterling work for the Trust and for Hunters Hill is greatly appreciated.

## TRUST PUBLICATIONS

<i>Heritage of Hunter's Hill</i> .....	\$17.50
<i>The Vision and The Struggle</i> - The Trust's first 20 years. By Reg Martin and Richard Temple .....	\$ 5.00
Hunter's Hill Walk Leaflets .....	\$ 1.00
Keeping Hunter's Hill Alive .....	\$ 1.00
Coffee Mugs .....	\$6.00 or 4 for \$20.00

Available from:  
Box 85, Hunter's Hill Post Office or at "Vienna".

## TRUST MEMBERSHIP 1992-93

**MEMBERSHIP** fees are due on March 1 each year.

Types of membership:

Single \$15.00; Family \$25.00;  
Pensioner/Student \$5.00);

**SPECIAL OFFER!** Individual Life Membership is being held at only \$100.00 until 1993.

Please post to:

Hunter's Hill Trust, Box 85, Hunter's Hill 2110.

## NOW AVAILABLE

**HUNTER'S HILL TRUST  
WHITE COFFEE MUGS  
WITH THE TRUST LOGO,  
IN COLOUR**

**\$6 each  
or Four for \$20**



Enquiries:  
**Diana Temple 817 4941**

## HUNTER'S HILL TRUST PICNIC

SUNDAY, 1st NOVEMBER, 1992

## EXPLORE KELLY'S BUSH

and then join the Trust for a picnic  
at 12.30pm on the Foreshore



access from Alfred Street

Enquiries: Patti Mackenzie 816 2728

# VIENNA EVENTS FOR 1992

Saturday, 29th August  
(11 a.m. to 4 p.m.)

Sunday, 30th August  
(11 a.m. to 4 p.m.)

Saturday, 26th September  
(2 p.m. to 4 p.m.)

Sunday, 27th September  
(11 a.m. to 4 p.m.)

Sunday, 18th October  
(10 a.m. to 4 p.m.)

Saturday, 31st October  
(2 p.m. to 4 p.m.)

Sunday, 1st November  
(11 a.m. to 4 p.m.)

Friday, 27th November

Saturday, 28th November

Sunday, 29th November  
(11 a.m. to 4 p.m.)

## The Craft Makers of Hunters Hill

Local crafts for display and sale. Enquiries Ross McBride 817 5632.

## Barrie Drake – A Retrospective Exhibition

Watercolours and drawings, by local artist Barrie Drake, of Hunters Hill and nearby areas produced over the last decade. Enquiries Sheila Swain 817 2510.

## House Inspection in Hunters Hill

A magnificent day involving inspections of historic houses associated with the Jouberts, the original developers of Hunters Hill. By ticket only for National Trust and Hunter's Hill Trust members. Enquiries Phil Jenkyn 817 2677.

## Special Exhibition on Vienna's History

An exhibition dealing with various aspects of the cottage and its inhabitants. Enquiries David Macdonald 816 2255.

## Annual Christmas Boutique

A wide variety of superb National Trust gifts and local crafts for sale. A must for the discerning Christmas shopper. Enquiries Gloria Jenkyn 817 2677, Alysoun Ryves 816 1741 or Jenny Lockyer 816 4922.

Also open, the Historical Society Museum at the Town Hall, Alexandra Street on the above Sundays (2 p.m. to 4 p.m.), and All Saints Church (Ferry Street) open Sundays (2 p.m. to 4 p.m.) co-inciding with the above events.

# HUNTERS HILL OPEN DAY

## SUNDAY, 18th OCTOBER

### 10 a.m. to 12 noon or 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The National Trust Vienna Committee invites Hunter's Hill Trust members and their friends to inspect the following charming Victorian stone houses on Sunday, 18th October.

“OATLANDS” – built as an 1850's villa on land once owned by Didier Joubert.

“WINDEN” (c1860) – considered to be designed by the colonial architect William Weaver.

“BLAIR ATHOL” (c1877) – today evoking the feeling of an old farm house.

Also open, **Vienna Cottage** (c1871), **All Saints Church** (c1888), the **Congregational Church** (c1878) and the Historical Society Museum at the **Town Hall** (c1866).

**STRICTLY BY TICKET ONLY. – Cost: \$10 members, \$12 friends.**

Please complete the attached ticket application form and return (together with a cheque made payable to the National Trust Vienna Committee) to Philip Jenkyn, Vienna Committee, 30 Woolwich Road, Hunter's Hill, 2110.

Early bookings advised. Stamped self-addressed envelope appreciated.

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HUNTERS HILL OPEN DAY – VIENNA COMMITTEE

SUNDAY, 18th OCTOBER

..... HUNTER'S HILL TRUST MEMBERS \$10 \$ .....

..... HUNTER'S HILL TRUST FRIENDS \$12 \$ .....

PLEASE STATE ORDER OF PREFERENCE –

..... 10 a.m. to 12 noon ..... 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

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