



THE EPSOM & EDEN DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

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NEWSLETTER : JULY 2008

The next meeting of the Society will be the
Annual General Meeting

Monday 4 August 2008 at 7:30 pm

held in the *Epsom/Eden Room*, Epsom Community Centre, 202 Gillies Ave, Epsom
(cnr Gillies Ave/Kimberley Rd)

Light refreshments served before meeting.

Speaker: Eric Laurenson (Registered Architect)

Topic: *Preservation and Progress : The Perils of Planning*

Ample parking is available from either the Gillies Ave or Kimberley Rd **Guest**

Jeanette Grant will have receipt book available if you would like to pay your annual subscription at the AGM (Single \$25 – Double \$35).

Election of Officers

If you are interested in standing for the committee
(you would be very welcome) please complete and return the attached nomination form to the
Secretary, c/- 14 Corbett Scott Ave, Epsom.

PROSPECT : The Journal of the Epsom & Eden District Historical Society Inc.

Contrary to our previous hopes, due to unforeseen circumstances the 2008
edition will not be available until later in the year.

Jeanette Grant will report further at the AGM.

LIBRARY – All books available for loan have been transferred to Jeanette Grant's home, 662A Mt Eden Rd. A selection of books will be on display at future meetings thus giving you the opportunity, then and there, to choose a book/s. Please contact her (638 8566) if you would like her to bring any particular book/s.

JULY OUTING at Cornwall Park : Autumn & Winter Events : April–August 2008
The World War II Historical Re-enactment Society

On Sunday July 13th our Society took the opportunity to see this group at the Cornwall Park Visitors' Centre. There was an excellent display of photographs, maps and cuttings recording the role of Cornwall Park during WWII including the Home Guard unit that operated there and the 39th General U.S. Army Hospital.

Also, in the Learning Centre, members were addressed on the history and development of the ground defences of Auckland from 1939 and learnt that the WWII Society was formed in 1995 on the 50th anniversary of the end of WWII. The Society now appears regularly at air shows, military pageants, ANZAC DAY parades, exhibitions, film shoots and schools throughout NZ. Both Allied and Axis units are represented and there are now four units based on the 21st (NZ) Infantry Battalion, 100 Regt German Mountain Infantry, the 3rd Regt Fallschirmjager Paratroops and 505 Regt of the American 82nd Airborne. Members believe that military history is an important part of our heritage and attend events up and down the country – everywhere from Whangarei to Wanaka – they also visit approved rifle-ranges, testing both marksmanship and weapons safety.

The afternoon concluded with delicious hot scones baked in the coal range by Phillipa Price, Manager of the Visitors' Centre, which was greatly appreciated especially on a cold but sunny winter's afternoon.

AUCKLAND CITY COUNCIL : DISTRICT PLAN REVIEW

The Auckland City Council is in the latter stages of drawing up a new District Plan which will become operational in 1020. Your committee feels that we should try to make sure that nothing of historic significance in Epsom or Mt Eden have been left unprotected.

Could members please make a note of places they feel warrant protecting in the District Plan and either bring it to the AGM or phone Jeanette Grant on 638 8566.

The criteria are in general:

1. buildings which have unusual architectural merit and/or significant design;
2. archaeological sites and other places where historic events occurred;
3. streets, shopping centres or other areas with a "period character";
4. places where people lived who have made significant contributions to the city or some field of expertise.

Norma Bush is convening a subcommittee to work on this and Jeanette Grant (638 8566) and Valerie Sherwood (630 2927) are assisting. Those interested in making suggestions are welcome to email normabush@hotmail.com or phone her (630 1503).

She will post or email a copy of the list so that they can see what is already protected.