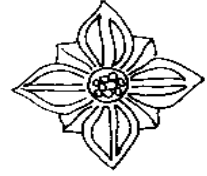

CEMETERY CONVERSATIONS

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Latest news of the Friends

2001 was a very busy year for the Friends of St Kilda Cemetery. Apart from running a series of Federation tours, we also ran a number of theatrical tours and published our book "Nation Builders". Already in 2002 we have spoken to a number of local historical societies and commenced tour planning for the forthcoming year.

"Nation Builders"

"Nation Builders – Great Lives and Stories from St Kilda General Cemetery" was successfully launched by the Member for Melbourne Ports, the Hon. Michael Danby MP at a function at the cemetery in December 2001. Also participating in this launch was the General Manager of The Necropolis, Mr Russ Allison as well as the Prime Minister of Australia, the Right Honourable Alfred Deakin (played by Meyer Eidelson). Copies of "Nation Builders" may be purchased at any of our tours or activities or by completing the Order Form enclosed to this newsletter.

Wanted – Assistance with this Newsletter

The last five issues of "Cemetery Conversations" have been brilliantly put together by Cemetery Friend, Susan Hudson. We thank Susan for her skilful dedication to this task but now seek the services of another budding journalist or editor. If you are interested in assisting the Friends with this task, please contact the Secretary, Geoff Austin on 9527 2387. Access to and proficiency with a Personal Computer would be desirable.

Trish Hulskamp

We were saddened by the passing in March 2002 of Trish Hulskamp, wife of John, our Treasurer. Trish did much behind the scenes to quietly support the Friends in its work and was a great help with the launch of "Nation Builders" last December. We express our heartfelt sympathy to John and Tania. ■

Book now for Full Moon Tour

Saturday 27 April 2002 at 7.30 PM



Come and appreciate the cemetery in a different light - the light of the Full Moon. The tour will be held on Saturday 27 April 2002 at 7.30 PM. Numbers are strictly limited and pre-booking is essential. Contact 9531 6832 or 9534 9192 as soon as possible to guarantee your place on this tour. Cost of this tour is \$10.00 for adults. Members of the Friends of St Kilda Cemetery and children (under 18) are free. Please bring a torch. ■

Diary Dates for 2002

Put the following 2002 dates in your diary now. To cover expenses, a nominal charge will be made for tours and other activities in 2002. This charge is either waived or reduced for members. Tours of St Kilda Cemetery leave from the Dandenong Road entrance gates.

Sunday 23 June 2002 at 2.00 PM

Notable Malvern People

St Kilda Cemetery served a wider population than just St Kilda with many residents of Malvern and Prahran choosing it as their final resting place. Come and learn more about the Malvern connection. Tour led by the Malvern Historical Society. Cost of this tour is \$5.00 for adults. Members of the Friends of St Kilda Cemetery and children (under 18) are free.

Sunday 25 August 2002 at 4.30 PM A slide tour of European Cemeteries

Join Geoff Austin as he takes you on an illustrated walk through the fabulous Novodevichy Cemetery, Moscow and the Zentralfriedhof (Central Cemetery) in Vienna. Novodevichy Cemetery is the resting place of Nikita Khrushchev, Anton Chekhov, Andrei Gromyko and Raisa Gorbachev. Ludwig von Beethoven, Franz Schubert and the Strauss family are buried in Vienna. Numbers are limited for this event and pre-booking is essential. Contact 9531 6832 to confirm your attendance. Cost of this activity is \$5.00 for adults. Members of the Friends of St Kilda Cemetery and children (under 18) are free. Venue to be advised.

Sunday 27 October 2002 at 2.00 PM Horticultural Tour

Join horticulturist and Committee Member John Hawker for this tour which focuses on gardeners, botanists and the horticultural features of St Kilda Cemetery. Cost of this tour is \$5.00 for adults. Members of the Friends of St Kilda Cemetery and children (under 18) are free.

Sunday 24 November 2002 at 2.00 PM Notable Women

Join the Friends on this tour which focuses on notable women buried in St Kilda Cemetery and the contributions that they have made to the community and the nation. Cost of this tour is \$5.00 for adults. Members of the Friends of St Kilda Cemetery and children (under 18) are free. ■

Join the Friends

An invitation is extended to join the Friends of St Kilda Cemetery if you are not already a paid-up member. Annual membership is a modest \$10.00 per annum and includes the following benefits:

- ✓ A waiver, or reduction, in the cost of tours and activities in 2002.
- ✓ A discount on the price of "Nation Builders" (reduced from \$15.00 to \$10.00 for members).
- ✓ Continued receipt of this newsletter.
- ✓ A say in the running of the organisation.
- ✓ Membership through to 30 June 2003.
- ✓ The knowledge that your contribution is directly assisting with the work of the Friends. ■

Mailing List

Over 200 people receive this newsletter and the cost of postage is therefore quite significant. In order that you should continue to receive this newsletter, we ask that you consider joining the Friends by completing the enclosed membership application form if you are not already a member. ■

Box Hill Cemetery Tours

Our friends at Box Hill have a number of tours planned during 2002 of the Box Hill Cemetery. Tours are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children (includes refreshments). Bookings are essential – contact 9897 4167.

Sunday 5 May 2002 – Our Sporting Legends

This tour of Box Hill Cemetery includes some of the great and not so greats of motor racing, golf, football, rugby, cricket, boxing, horse racing - the owner of the 1942 winner of the Melbourne Cup.

Sunday 2 June 2002 – General Tour

This tour of Box Hill Cemetery includes prominent business and professional people such as Sidney Myer; C J Dennis; William Angliss and others. ■

Wanted—stories, photographs

The Friends are constantly looking out for interesting stories and historical photographs of the cemetery for use on tours and in publications. If you have any interesting stories or are in possession of historical photographs (which can be copied and returned), please contact Pearl Donald on 9531 6832. ■

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