

MARCH 1983

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MONDAY 28

Interview No 23

John Logeman

52 Miranda Rd Nth

31/8/88

MIRANDA

Interview: 2 hrs

Indexing: 1 1/2 hrs

: 3 1/2 hrs.

- 1 - Introduction
- 5.15 8 n: John Logeman
- b: 7 June 1911 Amsterdam Holland
- father: Dirk Johann Logeman Post Office Civil Servant
- 17 Came to Shire July 1952 Post war migration
- 28 Rented house Oyster Bay then bought land Heathcote where lived until 1981.
- 39 No job waiting, sponsor without work. After 12 days found job. Read English but did not speak it. First lived Wentworthville, worked Lakemba, Public transport 2 1/2 hrs each way. 8 mths.
- 76 Started work for himself, on £100 saved. Also deposit on block of land. Built house £3300 loan from St George Building Society.
- 86 Heathcote 1953. Friendly neighbours.

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JEWISH PASSOVER

TUESDAY 29

- 98 Numbers of Dutch people in Shire 1955
- 108 Wife's experience: learning English
- 116 1953 Establishment of Dutch Association in Sutherland Shire. Activities: drama club, choir, car rallies, picnics, fish fries.
- 152 Establishment of Juliana Village. John's heart attack 1959. Hospitalisation. Talking with other patients in ward. Lack of common experience with Australian people of past life. Realisation by John old people want to talk about old times. John brought up matter of old people's homes at meeting of Netherlands Society. Started with \$47. Now worth \$5 million. Lack of knowledge, but realised need for money. Gave out money boxes.
- 206 Choice of Name "Juliana". Raising money: raffles of donated goods. Group travel to Holland.

242 Mardi Gras at member's property Illawong. Seven, raised \$30,000.

Inflation meant need to buy land.

257 Market garden Miranda Rd Nth adjacent railway line available \$96,000. 1 acre 10 1/2 perches, 1975. Bank loan, 11%. Interest-free loans from 60 people \$1,000 each. Working men rather than rich

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290 Consul general's lunch to get donations, Phillips Industries' contribution, Help from Queen Wilhelmina Fund of Holland. \$10,000 American dollars. Dept of Social Security subsidy.

371 Built village. Plenty of applicants, not all Dutch. Majority were mothers of migrants, 17 Dutch, 34 Aust. at first. Now, 45 Dutch, 57 Australian, No trouble mixing. Language.

440 Architecture: Awards for disabled access and building

449 Comparative prices in villages.

475 Government Departments. Other ethnic groups

523. Advisability of old people living with children in extended family.

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VIGIL OF EASTER

EASTER SUNDAY

545 Nursing home Vs retirement village or hostel. Subsidies.

615 591 Staff. Personal care staff speak Dutch for emergency assistance. Part time work

8:50 653 Doctors. in the district: one Dutch. Emergencies. Ambulance, hospital.

683 Comparison Juliana Village and other villages. Voluntary labour.

757 END SIDEA

760 Church administration of villages

774 Rules for residents. Residents mixing

818 Activities: bus trips, picnics

837 Sutherland Council. Need for new street light.

855 Food

864 John Logeman honoured by Dutch Government 1980 — knighthood. Ambassador.

890 Extension: Logeman court. No more additions planned for Sutherland Shire. Private developers.

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