

KEW HISTORICAL SOCIETY

P.O. Box 170, Kew, 3101

NEWSLETTER NO. 5SEPTEMBER 1978President:
Miss Winifred HallHon. Secretary:
Mrs. Joy Stewart,PRESIDENT'S LETTER TO MEMBERS

Dear Members,

Mr. G. McInnes is to be the guest speaker at the September meeting, and after we have heard his account of life in the Antarctic, perhaps we shall feel that the Melbourne winter has not been so cold after all.

The October meeting, as you know, is the Annual Meeting and as it should not be unduly prolonged this year, we propose to arrange for the second half of the evening to consist of a sit-down Supper Party, to celebrate the 20th Birthday of the Society. I hope you like this idea.

On Sunday, 17th September, members are invited to visit Ruyton Girls' School from 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m., to inspect the old Henty house, among other things, and afterwards we are to be entertained to afternoon tea by Miss McRae, the Headmistress.

On September 23rd, Mrs Stewart and I, and probably another Committee member, will be attending the Annual Conference of the Eastern Region of Historical Society, to be held this year in the Upper Yarra area. The Conference will occupy the afternoon to be followed by an informal Dinner, and we are hoping that sufficient time will be made available for us to hear interesting reports from other Historical Groups. An interchange of ideas seems to me, to be the most important reason for the grouping together of neighbouring societies.

Opening an office at 3 Walpole Street from noon to 3 p.m. on the Fourth Thursday of each month has been rewarding in several ways, and last month we had a call from the Hon. Secretary of the Dandenong Historical Society, who works in Kew and described to us the excellent house that has been made available, by the Dandenong Council, to members of the Society, for meetings storage and displays to the public.

Good wishes to you all,

WINIFRED HALL

NEW MEMBERSMr. Cliff White
Mr. John Marshall
Mrs. Gwen Gee
Rev. C.R. MilesMrs. E.M. Vollmer
Mrs. A. Glasson
Mrs. Anne Riseborough
Mrs. Jenny Yunghanns

The first two Student Members to join the Society: Michael Bollman and Danny Iacuone

RUYTON VISIT

Would all members wishing to take advantage of Miss McRae's kind invitation to visit Ruyton, please let Hon. Secretary know by September

13th

A TRIBUTE TO THE FOUNDER

Born in 1888, William Henry Schorey Dickinson M.B.E. lived a long, active and useful life. He was a man of many parts, and for his contribution to the community, which covered a wide span, he was awarded in 1956, the Order of the British Empire.

Serving in the First World War, Mr. Dickinson went to Gallipoli with the A.N.Z.A.C. 5th Battalion, then to France and Belgium rising to the rank of Lieutenant. Back home again he became a Captain in the Military forces and drill Commander of the Kew Company. During the Second World War he served as a Major.

After the war, working with the Red Cross, he became chief accountant of the Australian Society and for a while, Secretary General. In recognition of his work for this organization he was awarded the Red Cross Distinguished Service Medal.

Mr. Dickinson was active in Local Government being a Councillor from 1940-50 and from 1953-65. He was twice Mayor of Kew, first in 1946-7 and again in the Centenary year of the City, 1960-1.

His interest in politics led him into the Liberal Party and he was, for 8 years, Chairman of the Kew Liberal Electoral Committee and played a significant role in the Robert Menzies era.

He had wide-sporting interests which included Golf, Boxing, Wrestling and Amateur Athletics, and for a number of years wrote a sporting column for the Melbourne Herald. He also found time to help with education and sat for many years on the Council of Ruyton Girls' School.

Finally, his great love for the City of Kew, resulted in his calling, 20 years ago on September 16th, 1958, the Inaugural Meeting of the Kew Historical Society. He was elected President and remained in that Office until his death in 1974.

Mrs. Dickinson was always a loyal supporter of all her husband's activities and members who attended over the years, the meetings in their home, will for ever remember her warm hospitality and on cold winter nights the fire burning brightly with Mr. Dickinson presiding over the Society he had founded.

He was truly a remarkable man.

DONATIONS

- Mrs. J. Ivory - Early photograph of Kew Cricket Club.
- Mrs. L. Dean - Photographs of Grimes re-enactment.
- Mr. J. O'Neill - " " " "
- Mrs S. West - " " " "
- Mr & Mrs A.R. Richardson - "Popular Educator - 3x Editions, Royal Family Story, Coronation Book of George IV, "The Gallery of Scripture Engravings" - 2 x Editions
- Mrs. Rolley - "Lovely Old Homes" and "Saga of Two Hundred Years" by Dorothy Rogers.
- Mrs. Ekberg - Trunk and Box for storage purposes.
- Mr. Harrison - Printing Costs.
- Mr. Greer - Trunk for Storage.
- Mr. Heward - "All About Kew" 1954, Physical Education Certificate presented by Duke and Duchess of York 1927, Photographs of Kew Boy Scouts 1926 and Classes of Kew Primary School from 1919-25 "The Kookaburra" 3 x copies.

COUNCIL NEWS

The work of the Society is expanding rapidly and we are grateful that Council has recognized this fact, and granted us \$250.00 to continue with our projects.

The Council's Planning, Policy and Resources Committee asked for names of people who have been prominent in the history of the City. A preliminary list has been submitted but further names are being forwarded when a more comprehensive list is compiled. Please contact Mrs. Stewart if you would like to submit a name worthy of commemoration.

MARIBYRNONG RIVER CRUISE

The trip is being arranged by the Committee of Eastern Historical Societies and is on Saturday 4th November, leaving No.3 South Wharf at 9 a.m. and returning at 1 p.m., cost will be \$5.50 per head. If you wish to take advantage of the opportunity to go on this popular cruise please register your name with Mrs. Stewart or Mrs. Rolley.

STREET STALL

Many of our prized possessions are still in a sad state of neglect. The cost of restoration is expensive, therefore, it is imperative that we continue our fund raising activities. To this end, we have booked the Caravan for Friday 2nd March, 1979. The most saleable goods are home-made cakes, biscuits, pickles etc., seedlings and cuttings from the garden also fresh fruit and vegetables. However, goods of any sort will be welcome. For further information please contact Mrs. Rolley, who has once again undertaken to convene this project - tel.

ANNUAL DINNER

The Annual Dinner will be held at the Clifton Hotel, cnr. High Street and Studley Park Road, on Thursday 23rd November, at 6.45 p.m. The cost will be all inclusive at \$5.50 per head. The number is limited strictly to 30, and if you wish to attend, please fill in enclosed form and return, with money, to Mrs. Rolley, no later than 8th November.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Your subscription is - Due Paid for 1979

The Society would like to thank all members for their support during the past year and reminds them that the financial year ends on the 30th September. Annual renewal of membership is due on that date, and it would be of great assistance if subscriptions which are due, are forwarded as soon as possible. An appropriate form is enclosed at the end of the Newsletter.

ANNUAL MEETING

Members are reminded that all present office bearers and committee will retire and are available for re-election. For your nomination of the following offices, for the ensuing twelve months, please fill in the enclosed form and return to Hon. Secretary by 7.45 p.m. on Wednesday October 11th, 1978.

President:

Two Vice Presidents - one man one woman

Hon. Secretary

Ass. Secretary

Hon. Treasurer

Hon. Auditor

Four Committee Members

PROGRAMME:

- SEPTEMBER 12th - 7.45 pm General Meeting. Slides and Talk on Antarctic by Mr. G. McInnes.
- SEPTEMBER 17th - 3 pm Visit to Ruyton as guests of Miss McRae.
- SEPTEMBER 23rd - 3 pm Eastern Historical Societies Conference at Upper Yarra Historical Museum, Yarra Junction.
- SEPTEMBER 28th - 12 noon - 3 pm Information Centre at Copy Shop.
- OCTOBER 11th - 7.45 pm Annual Meeting, 20th Birthday Party with Display of Society's Possessions.
- OCTOBER 21st-22nd - Yarram and Port Albert Historical Convention.
- OCTOBER 26th - 12 noon - 3 pm Information Centre at Copy Shop.
- NOVEMBER 4th - 8.45 am Maribyrnong River Cruise. No.3 South Wharf.
- NOVEMBER 8th - 7.45 p.m. General Meeting, "The Story of a River", Talk with films by Miss Eva Grant.
- NOVEMBER 23rd - 6.45 pm Annual Dinner at Clifton Hotel.

All General Meetings will be held in the Auxiliary Room at the Kew Civic Centre, Charles Street.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Hon. Treasurer,
Kew Historical Society,
P.O. Box 175, Kew, 3101.

Please find enclosed \$ _____ covering:-

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| Ordinary Membership | \$2.00 | |
| Student Membership | \$1.00 | |
| Life Membership | \$20.00 | |

Mr. _____
Name - Mrs. _____
Miss _____ (Please print)

Address: _____

NOMINATION FOR OFFICE BEARERS

To be returned by 7.45 p.m. Wednesday, October 11th, 1978.

Hon. Secretary,
Kew Historical Society,
P.O. Box 175, KEW 3101.

I wish to nominate _____
for the position of _____

Signed: _____

Seconded: _____

ANNUAL DINNER - To be returned by Wednesday November 8th, 1978.

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KEW, 3101.

Please find enclosed \$ _____ for the reservation of _____ seat(s)
at the Annual Dinner.

Mr _____
NAME: Mrs _____
Miss _____ (Please print)

ATTACHED