

KEW HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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President:
Miss Winifred Hall.

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Hon. Secretary:
Mrs. Joy Stewart.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER TO MEMBERS

Dear Members,

Feeling regretful that yet another year is coming to it's end, I looked through my diary for 1978, and said to myself, "What a lot of Happenings". A surprising number of these events have concerned Kew Historical Society - in fact, I doubt if there has been a more active year. Starting with the Street Stall on 3rd March and ending with the Members' Dinner on 23rd November.

Holding a sit down dinner in a public place was an experiment, and I for one, feel that it was a decided success, with every seat occupied and a very friendly and lively atmosphere. One enthusiastic diner described it to me as a 'fun night', providing members with an opportunity to foregather in a relaxed mood.

Just lately, I have been reading magazines, brochures and Newsletters, sent to us by other Historical Societies in various parts of the State and Metropolitan area, and I have found it absorbing reading. One thing we all appear to have in common, is a shortage of funds which limits the scope of activities such as restoration projects, and makes it difficult to acquire Historical Treasures that come on the market.

A few groups become discouraged, but most seem to carry on with remarkable optimism and resourcefulness, and do a most rewarding work in preserving Victoria's Heritage, from the past.

Turning to the future, I look forward to seeing you at the first monthly meeting for 1979, on Wednesday, 14th February.

In the meantime, I wish you all a Happy Christmas wherever you may be, and the best of health and good fortune in the New Year.

WINIFRED HALL

HON. LIFE MEMBERS

At the September Meeting Mr. John Crofts and Mr. T.H.Harrison were made Hon. Life Members of the Society.

John Crofts, a Foundation Member, was Hon. Treasurer for 12 years and has been Hon. Auditor for the past 8 years.

Mr. Harrison of Zenith Press, has been a good friend to the Society with his generous donation of printing costs.

ANNUAL MEETING

The 20th Annual Meeting was held in the Auxiliary Room, Kew Civic Centre on the 11th October. Our President, Miss Winifred Hall, welcomed distinguished guests and members, and thanked them for their attendance.

The minutes of the previous Annual Meeting were read and received, as were the President's, Secretary's and Treasurer's reports. These disclosed a busy and successful year.

The Mayor of Kew, Cr. Gervasoni, on invitation accepted the chair for the election of Office Bearers for the ensuing year. The following members were elected unopposed :-

President	- Miss Winifred Hall
Vice President (F)	- Mrs. Mavis Rolley
Vice President (M)	- Mr. Stuart Warmington
Hon. Secretary	- Mrs. Joy Stewart
Hon. Treasurer	- Mr. Geoffery Clark
Hon. Auditor	- Mr. John Crofts
Committee	- Miss Eva Grant
	- Mrs. Juanita Green

The business of the meeting duly concluded the assemblage adjourned to a party supper at which the pride of place was given to a cake suitably decorated, plus candles.

A very pleasant feature of the evening was the presentation of a painting to Miss Hall and an inscribed coffee mug to Mrs. Stewart. In making these presentations, opportunity was taken to acknowledge the time and effort, so generously given by the executive and committee, on behalf of the Society.

Our sincere thanks are extended to Miss Jenkins and Mrs. Dean who supervised the supper service, no small task. We also thank all who assisted with the domestic chores.

Mrs. Rolley has now sorted and recorded all the Society's possessions and some of these were placed on display. Their inspection revived pleasant memories for many present and provided a finale to an interesting evening.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Once again part of Kew's Heritage is about to be destroyed. The application to have the former Congregational Church in Walpole Street, put on the Victorian Historic Buildings Register was rejected. This means that the Oldest Church in Kew will soon be demolished.

One bright spot! Following the publicity in the local papers, the Society was contacted by many residents giving support to the efforts being made to preserve some of Kew's Historic Buildings.

NEW MEMBERS

Miss J. Henty	*	Mr. M.C. Smart	*	Mrs. E. Mackie
Mrs. M Wallinga	*	Mrs. T. Satori	*	

KEW RECREATION COUNCIL

On the 9th of December, 1878, the Kew Recreation Association was formed to provide accommodation for recreation, in the City of Kew. To commemorate this event, The Kew Recreation Council with the help of the Society, is holding a Display of "100 Years of Recreation in Kew", in the Municipal Library, Charles Street from 4th - 9th December.

A Family Barbecue will be held on Saturday 9th, in the Alexander Gardens, Cotham Road at 12 noon.
Everybody welcome. B.Y.O. everything.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

If your subscription is due, a yellow form will be enclosed in your Newsletter. Please return as soon as possible with your remittance.

EASTERN REGIONAL CONFERENCE

The Eastern Historical Societies Regional Conference for 1979 will be held on Saturday, 24th March, with the Hawthorn Historical Society acting as Host. More information in the next Newsletter.

OBITUARY

The Society wishes to report the passing of two of it's members - Miss V. Foley and Mr. John Ryan.

We extend to their families our deepest sympathy.

PROGRAMME - 1979

FEBRUARY 14th - 7.45 p.m. General Meeting. Mr. Jack Lyons, President of Kew Garden Club, Guest Speaker.
"The History of Trees and Gardens in Kew"

MARCH 2nd - 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Street Stall.
4th - Time to be fixed. Visit to "Ross House" as guests of Mrs. B. Stillwell.
14th - 7.45 p.m. General Meeting. Showing of the Society's Slide Collection.
24th - Eastern Historical Societies Regional Conference. Start of Kew Community Festival.
25th - Time to be fixed. Display - "Family Treasures".

APRIL 11th - 7.45 p.m. General Meeting. Mr. Don Taggart, President of St.Kilda Historical Society, Guest Speaker.

All General Meetings will be held in the Auxiliary Room at the Kew Civic Centre, Charles Street, on the 2nd Wednesday of each month February to November, inclusive.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL THE MEMBERS
