

KEW HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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NEWSLETTER NO. 7MARCH 1979President:
Miss Winifred HallHon. Secretary:
Mrs. Joy StewartPRESIDENT'S LETTER TO MEMBERS

Dear Members,

With the New Year already on its way we look ahead to coming events.

We can confidently expect the Street Stall, on Friday 2nd March, to be as successful as the last one. It all depends on the quality and quantity of the goods received for sale.

Mrs. Stillwell is opening her gracious old house, "Ross House", to us on Sunday 4th March from 3 - 5 p.m.. I am looking forward to this occasion with particular interest, as years ago I was a frequent guest at "Charleville", as it was called, when it was the home of the Donaldson family.

During the 1979 Festival of Kew, the Society is committed to putting on an Exhibition of "Family Treasures", on Sunday 25th March, in the Auxiliary Room at the Civic Centre. This event should attract the public, as the 1979 Festival appears to put the emphasis on the family theme.

The Conference of Eastern Region of Historical Societies, to be held at Hawthorn on 24th March, should be interesting and varied with a late afternoon film session, followed by a dinner and the Conference.

It is sad to realize that Gordon Greer has died suddenly and that we have lost a popular and loyal member of the Society. At least five of us were present at his Memorial Service at Holy Trinity Church on the 12th February.

Mrs. Joy Stewart has announced her resignation as Hon. Secretary of the Society, but she most thoughtfully offered to remain in office for the first quarter, a gesture that is greatly appreciated.

Mrs. Stewart has made a contribution towards the development of the Society of inestimable value and on behalf of us all I wish to express in this Newsletter our gratitude for all the time, enthusiasm and talent that she has so generously given in all circumstances.

WINIFRED HALLRESIGNATION OF HON. SECRETARY

The rapid growth of the Society in the past 2 years has resulted in the ever growing demands being placed on the position of Hon. Secretary, taking a minimum of 20 working hours per week to efficiently implement.

RESIGNATION OF HON. SECRETARY (continued)

Joy Stewart could no longer give this amount of time and as insufficient support had come from within the membership, it was with reluctance she handed in her resignation as Hon. Secretary and Editor of the Newsletter to take effect as from the 1st May 1979.

She would like to sincerely thank those members who helped and encouraged her during her term of office.

STREET STALL

A final reminder about the Street Stall, to be held on Friday 2nd March from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Location, High Street 30 yards down from Walpole Street on the North Side.

If at all possible, will members please get items they have for sale to Mavis Rolley or Joy Stewart prior to Friday 2nd or bring goods to the stall, marked with a suggested selling price, between 8.30 and 9 a.m..

Suggestions:-

- Established shrubs and plants in small containers
- Sewing, knitting, records, books, artifacts
- Jams, pickles, fruit, flowers, vegetables
- Home Baking - always a best-seller

For further information please contact Joy Stewart or Mavis Rolley

"FAMILY TREASURES"

The Display being arranged by the Society as part of the 1979 Kew Festival, will only be a success if members participate fully. Look through your 'family treasures' and let Mrs. Rolley or Mrs. Stewart know by the March General Meeting, what you can contribute to help make the Exhibition as interesting and varied as possible.

Helpers will be required to set up the Display and be attendants during the afternoon.

The Venue will be the Auxiliary Room at the Civic Centre from 2 - 6 p.m..

At 2.30 p.m., 3.30 p.m., 4.30 p.m., and 5.30 p.m., the Con Brio Orchestra will supply musical items, with the possibility of extra items on the hour.

WHAT IS THE FUTURE ROLE OF A LOCAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY?

In my capacity as researcher for the Society, over the past 2 years, it has become obvious to me that a local Historical Society is now very much a Community Reference Centre. Members of the public are taking a greater interest in their heritage, as are students from all levels of education.

Information is being sought for such subjects as Architecture, Sociology, Economy, Recreation and Conservation, and this is being used in the assistance of the compiling of data for archives, publications and genealogical studies.

BUS TOUR OF WILLIAMSTOWN

The Society has been asked to join Nunawading Historical Society in a bus tour of Williamstown on Sunday March 18th, 11.15 a.m., to 4.30 p.m. approximately - cost \$3.50 per head.

Pick up point will be Kew Civic Centre, Cotham Road, at 11.15 a.m..

Take your own lunch, but Williamstown Historical Society will provide a cup of afternoon tea.

If you are interested please contact - Mrs. A. Poole Tel.

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Money to be sent by 5th March.

TOUR TO ECHUCA AND TRIP TO "EMU BOTTOM"

Enclosed with the Newsletter is a proposed tour to Echuca, being organized by the Committee of the Eastern Historical Societies. If you are interested in taking part, please contact Miss Gray as soon as possible.

A trip to "Emu Bottom", in early November, is planned. The cost of \$15.00 includes the bus fare (leaving Melbourne at 4 p.m.) and the dinner (drinks not included - B.Y.O.). We would like some indication of any interest in this trip.

DONATIONS FOR ARCHIVES:

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| Mr. Hans Gielen | - 5 coloured photographs of Congregational Church |
| Mr. G. Greer | - Old Metal Candlelight
Water tap fixture for purifying water
Tape recordings of Society activities 1976-77
and talks with Mr. J. B. Scott, elderly Kew resident. |
| Mr. J. Collins | - 2 photographs of "Henty House" |
| Mrs. J. Ivory | - Illuminated address presented to her grandfather, Mr. Watson, in 1907, by Trustees of Kew Methodist Church |
| Rev. C. J. Miles | - A Family Story of his great grandfather, James Venn Morgan |
| Mr. S. West | - Photographs of Society members |
| Miss E. M. Robertson | - Swaggerstick owned by her Father
39th Battalion, Hawthorn 1927-29;
Baton issued to Special Constables during Police strike in 1926;
Sword used in Christmas Play in 1926;
Page of Tatler, 1898;
Page of Australasia, 1895. |

NEW MEMBER:

Mrs. Barbara Giles.

SUBSCRIPTIONS:

Some members have not yet paid their subscriptions for this financial year. The Hon. Treasurer would be pleased to receive these as soon as possible.

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

JUNIOR NATIONAL TRUST TOUR OF KEW

On Sunday 29th April, a Research Tour of Kew is being organized for the Junior National Trust. Details are not yet arranged but if any Member wishes to participate please contact Mrs. Rolley or Mrs. Stewart.

PROGRAMME

<u>MARCH</u>	2nd	- 9 a.m. to 12 noon - Street Stall
	4th	- 3 - 5 p.m., - visit to "Ross House"
	14th	- 7.45 p.m. - General Meeting - showing of Society's Slide Collection
	18th	-- 11.15 a.m. - 4.30 p.m. - Tour of Williamstown
	24th	- Eastern Historical Societies' Conference 1979 Start of Kew Festival
	25th	- 2 - 6 p.m. Display "Family Treasures"
<u>APRIL</u>	11th	- 7.45 p.m. - General Meeting Mr. Don Taggart, President of St. Kilda Historical Society "St. Kilda Heyday" slides and talk
	29th	- Tour of Kew by Junior National Trust
<u>MAY</u>	9th	- General Meeting - Mr. Stuart Warmington "Origins of Street Names of Kew"

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.

VISIT TO "ROSS HOUSE"

Society members have been invited by Mrs. B. Stillwell to visit her at "Ross House", 292 Cotham Road, on Sunday 4th March between 3 and 5 p.m. Members wishing to take advantage of this kind invitation please contact Mrs. Stewart or Mrs. Rolley 861 5154 not later than Tuesday 27th February.

DONATION FROM KEW RECREATION COUNCIL

In thanks for the help given by members of the Society, in setting up the Display in the Library for the Centenary of Recreation in Kew, a donation of \$100.00 has been received from the Kew Recreation Council. The Society is most grateful for this welcome addition to their funds.

NEWS ABOUT MEMBERS - Ex Vice President Betty Robertson has left Kew and gone to, at this stage, "parts unknown". We wish her every success in her new venture and hope she will keep in contact with her old friends of Kew Historical Society. JUDY MILLS is in Fairfield Hospital for 2 months; we wish her a speedy recovery.