

KEW HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT

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Mr Ken Capes

SECRETARY

Mrs Joy Stewart

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Members are reminded that all present office-bearers, and committee members will retire at the Annual Meeting. For your nominations of the following offices, for the ensuing twelve months, please fill in the enclosed form and return to the Hon. Secretary by 7.45pm on Wednesday, October 10th 1979.

President	Hon. Secretary
Two Vice Presidents	Ass. Secretary
Archivist	Hon. Treasurer
Two Committee Members	Hon. Auditor

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Mrks → Mrs. Judy Mall has always been a dedicated worker and as well as earning a living and bringing up her family of one daughter and two sons, she has devoted much of her life to making the world a better place to live in.

Amongst many other activities, she has worked to improve the lot of Civilian Widows and during the Second World War worked to entertain Servicemen and women who were on leave. Since joining the Society, Judy has been a regular attender at meetings, has always promoted the Society's cause and whenever there was a job to be done was one of the first to volunteer.

For services rendered to the Society, Judy was unanimously voted, at the June General Meeting, an Honorary Life Member.

NEW MEMBERS

The Society extends a warm welcome to the following new members;

Miss Joyce Adamson.	Mr Norman Gales.
Miss Cheryl Benson.	Mr Peter Koulouris.
Mrs Judy Schreiber.	

DRAFT CONSTITUTION

The Draft Constitution will be the main topic of discussion at the September General Meeting. We would like the Final Draft to be ready for ratification at the Annual General Meeting. If any members require a copy to study, prior to the meeting, please contact the Hon. Secretary.

Anyone who has anything of interest that they think might warrant a mention in the next newsletter, can send their items to the Editor.

N.B. It doesn't have to be a Literary Masterpiece!

(Ed.)

DONATIONS TO ARCHIVES

We gratefully acknowledge the receipt of the following donations during the last quarter;

- Mr Dudley ; 2 typed copies of Thanksgiving Services, commemorating the late Alan, Dudley and Alfred Carey.
- Mrs Mackie ; The Morrisy family history and coloured snapshots of their former home 'Mandalay'.
- Joy Stewart ; 19 coloured slides, old homes and buildings in Kew 1979.
- John Collins ; 9 photographs of Kew Homes and interiors 1979.
- Nita Green ; 1 photograph, entrance to Booroondara Cemetery
- Mr G. Lean ; 2 photostats, early tram in High St, 1 snapshot early Railway Station - Kew, handwritten reminiscences when he was stationmaster there.
- Mrs Murchy ; 1 M.M.B.W. publication, typed synopsis on an Outstanding Australian - Dr Howitt.
- John O'Neill ; Author, 5 copies of Church on the Hill.
- Sister Margaret Costello ; 1 Framed photograph, official opening of Peel St, Health and Childcare Centre 1930.
- Eva Grant ; 1 Framed certificate presented to her sister a member of the Young Workers Patriotic Guild 1917.
- Peter Noonan ; Large photograph of 'Mandalay', 3 Molesworth Street,.
- Mrs Fraser ; early Kew Bandstand and War Memorial.
- Mrs H. Johnston ; 1 century old, self patchwork quilt made in England for the Denbeigh family who live in 'Wimbor' from the 1860's.
- Miss June Henty ; 1 container to hold tape collection.
- Mrs Greer ; Handwritten notes on Kew Bowling Club by Gordon Greer her late husband.
- Mrs I. Wade ; An article from the Age 1958. History of the Robinson family. Their home 'Kings Bromley' once on the site, 300 Cotham Rd.
- Mrs Ryan ; 1 book, 'Hawthorn Peppercorns' presented in memory her late husband and former life-member John Leo Ryan.
- Mr Harrison ; Donation of printing costs for envelopes.
- Mrs Ivory ; Collection of articles which belonged to her late mother - Mrs Albert Watkins. nee Amy Grigg. 1 Sunday School Examination Certificate; 1 Lawn veil, worn 1895 at Holy Trinity Confirmation. 4 certificates issued by Kew Floral Industrial and Art Society 1889. Cuttings from the Kew Mercury. 1 first prize award for handwritten article 1889. 3 publications and brochures, issued by Highbury Grove Methodist Church to commemorate its Jubilee year 1932. 1 jubilee souvenir booklet Holy Trinity Church 1913. 2 Photographs of Mrs Ivory's father and 1 snapshot of her grandfather 'John Watson' and early pioneer of Kew. 1 Loyal Lodge Syllabus card and ladies ticket for a presentation evening to honour Albert Watson - 1909. 1 certificate of Exemption from Compulsory School Attendance issued by the Education Dept. to Amy Grigg 1891.
- Mavis Rolley ; Photostats of early newspaper items and photographs. A synopsis on the founding of the National Bank of Australasia 1857 and the local residents who were associated throughout its history. A comprehensive handwritten draft for an all day tour guide of Kew, for publication at a later date.

Donations cont.

Further items placed in the Archives have been newsletters from ; National Trust, Royal Historical Society of Victoria and affiliated societies. Posters issued by the Dept. of Science and Environment. Books purchased by the Society for reference and their historic interest. 2 tapes; 1 recording the Society's contribution to the 'Festival of Kew' (Grimes reenactment, and the other the pioneer service read in Xavier Chapel during the schools Centenary 1978. We thank Mr O'Neill for the taping of these two events.

21st BIRTHDAY DINNER

This is just a reminder to let members know that there are still some seats available at \$11.00 per head for our 21st Birthday Dinner, which will commence at approx. 6.30pm on the 20th September 1979. The venue is , Kew. If you would like to attend and haven't as yet made the necessary arrangements, please send your remittance (made payable to the Kew Historical Society Social Fund) to the Hon. Secretary as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. Hope to see you there, its sure to be a good night.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Your subscription is - Due () Paid for 1980 ()
The Society would like to thank all members for their support during the past year and would like to remind them that the Annual renewal of membership is due and payable on the 1st October. To help cope with increased costs, it was passed at the May general Meeting that the Annual Subscription be raised to \$3.00 with a Family Membership of \$5.00.
An appropriate form is enclosed at the end of the Newsletter.

VISIT TO STATE APARTMENTS OF GOVERNMENT HOUSE

Date - Wednesday 17th October 1979

Time - 1.55pm

Place - Main gate of Government House

Because of the difficulty of parking in the gardens adjacent to Government House, it has been decided that members who would like to have lunch together, prior to the tour, will meet at 12noon in the Alexandra Gardens. We will then proceed to the Main Gate of Government House where we will be directed to the State Entrance (Parking no problem)

Cost will be \$1.00 donation to Society Funds and names with money to handed to the Hon. Secretary before Wed. 3rd Oct.

BIENNIAL CONFERENCE

On Friday 12th and Saturday 13th October 1979, the Royal Victorian Historical Society will be holding its Eighth Biennial Conference on the theme 'The Colonial Child'.

If any member is interested in attending, more information is available from the Hon. Secretary or the R.V.H.S. Dont leave it too late as enrolments close on Friday, 28th Sept.

THANK YOU - KEW CITY COUNCIL

I think all members realise that finance is an essential part of the functioning of any Society. All donations are put to varied uses and help keep the Society in a solvent situation. The Kew Historical Society extends its thanks to the Kew City Council for its grant of \$200.00

EXTRACT FROM ROYAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF VICTORIA NEWSLETTER

" 'Strolling around Kew', a combined walking and car tour compiled by the Kew Historical Society 1979.

This is a slim typescript publication worthy of note by other Historical Societies, for the way in which it makes the local area come alive with the brief historical facts about numbers of buildings and sites.

The tour starts at the Municipal Offices, Charles St, and encompasses Grammar and other notable schools, Churches, Fine old homes, finishing in Princess St. A map showing the route is included."

Our congratulations to Mavis Rolley and Joy Stewart for the extensive research that went into the compilation of the publication. This booklet is available from the Hon. Sec. \$1.00 - 50c members. Also worthy of purchase is 'The Heritage of Kew' - 30c

(Ed.) (Order form attached)

HON. TREASURER NOT STANDING FOR RE-NOMINATION

Mr. Geoffrey Clark has decided not to stand for re-nomination as Hon. Treasurer, at the forthcoming elections.

We would like to thank him for his many years of devoted service to the Society, firstly as Hon. Auditor from 1965 - 1970, then as Hon. Treasurer for the past nine years.

Mr Clark was a foundation member of the Society and in November 1976, was made an Hon. Life Member.

STREET STALL - 1980

The Annual Street Stall has become a practical and necessary way of raising funds for the Society. All members are asked to make a contribution to its success particularly members not involved in any other way throughout the year.

The caravan, by courtesy of Kew City Council and Kew Lions Club, will be situated in High St on the 7th March 1980 for our use. The theme will be a 'Market Fair' concentrating on home and garden produce. The demand for homebaked cakes, biscuits, scones, preserves, jams, pickles, lemon butter, fruit and vegetables always exhausts the supply very early in the day. Seedlings, cuttings, indoor plants, bulbs, herbs and rock plants (small container please) found in our gardens are much sought after by the flat and new home owners

A stall convenor is required, Have we got a Volunteer? Surely there is someone who is prepared to take on this task Dont rely on your friends - they may be relying on you
(Ed.)

KEW CURIOSITY NEWS - SHEET

Members would realise that each edition of the News-sheet includes a short article on Historical aspects of Kew. Research is required to collate facts into a resume of a particular area or building in Kew. These articles are also incorporated into our Archives. This is another example of the work that is being done to promote the Society's views towards preservation of our Historical Heritage. A volunteer is required to take on this job ???

(Ed.)

THE ORIGINS OF STREET NAMES IN KEW From the Early

From the Early 1840's to 1880

by Mr. G. Stuart Warrington

(Part 2)

I have chosen to give this talk a chronological frame-work and to include in its title "Part 1 ; from the early 1840's to 1880, otherwise we would have a miscellaneous collection of heterogenous facts. And we have a map specially prepared to illustrate the growth of the City in terms of the ever-expanding network of streets: firstly, the original Government roads (coloured olivegreen on the map), and secondly those which were existing in 1880 (coloured grey on the map). Part 2 will deal with the streets which were created since 1880.

As far as I can gather from a Map prepared about 1910 by the Borough Surveyor of the day H. C. Crouch. the original Government roads would have been :-
High St, the then Bulleen Rd, Studley Park Rd, Princess St, Denmark St, Cotham Rd, Harp Rd, Kilby Rd, Belford Rd, Willsmere Rd, Glenferrie Rd, Barkers Rd, Burke Rd.

It was only a decade since the founding of John Batman's village on the banks of the Yarra when Robt. Hoddle the Surveyor-General for the Colony of N.S.W. ordered the survey of the Booroondara area east of the River. What is now Kew was cut up into about 30 blocks varying from 30 to 196 acres. These are all shown on the map, with the names of the purchasers. Half of the lots were sold at the first land sales of 1845, 46, 47 and all the remainder in 1851. The earliest purchases were for establishing farms on the rich river flats, but the later ones were mostly investments, from which fortunes were amassed in many cases. The mind boggles at the investment opportunities: the average price of the land was about 5 pounds per acre, and much of it leased at the same figure per annum or resold at many times the purchase price!

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PROGRAMME

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| September | 12th | - Wednesday, 7.45pm
General Working Meeting.
Main topic of discussion -
Constitution. |
| | 20th | - Thursday, 6.30pm
21st Birthday Dinner. |
| October | 10th | - Wednesday 7.45pm
21st Annual General Meeting
Guest Speaker - Allan Hutchinson
"One mans Musings on 11yrs in
Council" |
| | 12th-13th | - Friday and Saturday
The Eighth Biennial Victorian
Historical Conference
"The Colonial Child" |
| | 17th | - Wednesday, 1.55pm
Visit to Government House |
| November | 10th | - Saturday, 5pm
Dinner at Emu Bottom |
| | 14th | - Wednesday, 7.45pm General Social
Meeting. Guest Speaker -
Weston Gate "The History of
Ballarat" |

Kew Historical Society
SUBSCRIPTION

Hon Treasurer,
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Please find enclosed \$..... covering : -
Ordinary Membership \$3.00 { }
Family Membership \$5.00 { }
Student Membership \$1.00 { }
Life Membership \$20.00 { }

NAME - MR
MRS
MISS (Please Print)

ADDRESS =
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TELEPHONE.....POSTCODE.....

N.B. To save costs - Unless required earlier receipts will
be forwarded with your next newsletter.

NOMINATION FOR OFFICE BEARERS

To be returned to the Hon. Secretary by 7.45pm 2nd.Oct.10th

I wish to nominate.....

for the position of.....

Signed.....

Seconded.....

Make application to the Hon. Secretary.

Please supply me with:-

..... copies of 'Strolling around Kew'
...../or copies of 'The Heritage of Kew'

N.B. Add 50 cents
for postage.

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....POSTCODE.....

Amount enclosed

Prices in guide article page 4.