

KEW HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER.

After a hectic flurry of activity during March and April, May settled into a respite of reflections. We can be justifiably satisfied with our endeavours during the working months of '84, but this by no means suggests a margin of complacency.

A headquarters for the Society is our most pressing priority. To be a creditable organisation in the public eye we desperately need a focal point from which we can display and have access to archival material, thereby creating a public awareness as to our activities.

Since our last Newsletter a compulsory move has taken place re our meeting location. Still very central to the heart of Kew; just three minutes walk from the City Hall please note our new address, very much an Historical Building - Manchester Unity Hall, Union Street, Kew. Time and night remain the same, 8 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month.

Although not quite as comfortable as bygone meetings (it is wise to be early to obtain a padded seat) our new venue has injected a feeling of togetherness and mingling of members.

It is with regret we mention the passing of Mr. Austin Marshall earlier in the year. To Feg and family we extend our sincere condolences.

Over a period we have asked members for suggestions of places that hold interest in which we could visit as a social outing. From these suggestions two such outings have been arranged. Firstly, the Planetarium in June and a guided tour of Ripponlea in August. The dates and meeting places are listed at the end of the Newsletter. Jot them in the diary, they should both be worthwhile.

Whilst on the subject of suggestions think about the worth of your Society; present your thoughts at general discussion. It is the thoughts of members that produce our working format.

Irene Stones appeared refreshed and eager for work after her recent trip (home) to Western Australia. One needs to be eager, the back log of assistant secretarial work is a little daunting.

Congratulations are extended to Barbara Giles, she has recently published her third children's novel "Alex is My Friend."

We enriched our membership during Festival and Heritage weeks and to our new members we say "Welcome" and trust you will enjoy newfound friends and activities.

The Historical Archives will be the recipient of an original oil painting of Adeney Avenue 1906. We gratefully receive this donation from Miss Lucy Hornby, the painter being William Nicholas Anderson. The donation has been made with the condition that it is to hang in the Mayoral Chambers until our Past President, Jill O'Brien, fulfills her Mayoral activities.

We are ever grateful of donations relating to Kew, be they large or small. History without documentation is very fragile, it is only by the generosity of donations that the Society can piece together many of the baffling perplexities and so help to preserve our natural heritage. If you are unsure of authenticity of verbal details or materials to hand, do not hesitate to ask for help in substantiating same. Dorothy Benyei, although a very busy lady, is always willing to follow any lead or give details of information already in our possession.

The sale of stationery and tour booklets make very pleasing gifts; all that is required is a phone call or enquiry at the meetings.

Do not hibernate for the winter. Feel exhilarated with the company of fellow members at the monthly meetings and outings.

For now,

RAEI BRUNETTE.

NEW MEMBERS:

Mrs. P. Condon	Rev. A. A. Quick
Miss M. Courtin	Mrs. S. Flere
Dr. & Mrs. I. Landlands	Mrs. K. Wheller
Mrs. Sue. Leong	

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

June 13th. General Meeting 8 pm. Speaker Mrs. Marjorie Morgan from the Genealogical Society of Victoria.

June 27th. Visit to the Planetarium. Members and friends are asked to meet at the Planetarium foyer (incorporated in the museum building entrance from either Russell or Swanston Streets), at 1.45 pm. Cost per person \$1.50.

July 11th. General Meeting.

August 1st. Trip to Ripponlea. Members are asked to meet at the Kew Municipal Library if they need transport at 12.45 pm. or alternatively meet at Ripponlea at 1.30 pm for a guided tour commencing at 1.30 pm. Cost is \$2.50. An indication of members who will need transport would be appreciated at the July meeting.

August 8th. General Meeting. Mrs. Gwen McWilliam (author of "Hawthorn Peppercorns"), Secretary of Hawthorn Historical Society.

September 12th. General Meeting. Speaker Mrs. Lade.

October 10th. Annual General Meeting. Speaker Mayor of Kew.

November 14th. General Meeting. History of Barnard Grove.

General Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month in the Manchester Unity Hall in Union Street, Kew, at 8.0 pm.