

KEW HISTORICAL SOCIETY Inc.

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Dear Members,

Happy New Year to you all. The Bicentennial Year was a busy one for all Australians. There were so many projects to attract our attention, and I suggest that one of our early meetings could include the thoughts of our members on what they observed and heard.

I was happy to attend the hanging of the first two panels of the Kew Bicentennial Tapestry by the Mayor of Kew on December 18th. The artist who designed the eight panels, Joy Stewart, made a special trip from Cairns to be present. Our thanks go to her and to Dorothy Benyei and all her helpers for their endeavours to have them ready before the Bicentennial Year closed.

I am sure all members who made the trip to Williamstown on Melbourne Cup Day enjoyed the hospitality extended to us by the Williamstown Historical Society. Our tour was one of great interest, as there is so much of the early days of Victoria preserved in that area.

A sad note was to learn of the death of one of our members, Isobel Sillcock, just before Christmas. I am sure all join me in extending our condolences to her husband and family. I attended the Memorial Service at Holy Trinity Church on December 23rd on behalf of our Society.

It seems a long time from our break-up in November until we all meet again in February, so I hope we have a well-attended first meeting for 1989.

Kindest regards,

GWEN STEELE
President.

DIARY NOTES:

Wed. 8th February First meeting for 1989 - a film night.

Wed. 8th March The History of St. Hilary's Anglican Church.

Sat. 18th March Kew Festival - we will be having a stall in the Gardens for the day.

Wed. 22nd March Bus tour of Kew (No. 2.) leaving from outside the Library at 2 p.m.

Wed. 12th April Mr. Ian Poulter, Kew City Engineer.

Wed. 10th May An Ikebana evening with Thea Sartori and Elizabeth Angel.

MEMBERSHIP:

At our October 1988 Annual Meeting, it was agreed to alter the due date for payment of annual membership subscriptions to 1st July in order to comply with the rules of incorporation. If your newsletter has a yellow sticker, please forward your subscription to the Treasurer as soon as possible. (\$5 individual member, \$8 family, or if you wish to do so \$50 to take out life membership.)

GIFTS TO ARCHIVES:

1. "Violet" cup, saucer and plate, c. 1860, from Miss Jean Woollard.
2. 100 year old French embroidered evening bag from Mrs. T. Phillips.
3. Video tape, "Exploring Trinity Grammar School, 1988", from Councillor and Mrs. J. Tutt.
4. Booklet, two small and three large photos of "Fairyland" per Mr. A. Dowling.

PERSONAL NOTES:

Rev. Aubrey Quick has retired and has left Melbourne to work in the Kimberleys. We thank him for all his help and support, and wish him every success in the future.

Kindest "Get Well" wishes are extended to Rev. Morris Watson (now at home after hospitalisation for an operation and progressing slowly), Mr. Alva Allen (also at home recovering from a heart attack and two visits to hospital), and Miss Marian Blatchly (recovering from a bad bout of bronchitis). We look forward to seeing them when they are fully recovered.
