

Kew Historical Society Inc

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*Still serving the community, families, schools,
students, historians and other researchers.*

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NEWSLETTER NO. 60.

Ye Olde Presidentes Letters

Dear Friends,

It was evident at recent Members' Nights that many of you have been hiding your lights under a bushel when it comes to recounting such subjects as ancestors, hobbies and the like. You have a great deal to contribute at our meetings and we would like hear a lot more from you all in the future.

It is my hope that some of you will begin by nominating for office when all of the official positions in our Society are declared vacant at the coming Annual General Meeting in October!

We have enjoyed yet another happy and successful year with a variety of activities, most of which have gone according to plan and, even when they did not, alternative solutions have generally been found. Like the arrival of Chris Hawthorne at the August meeting, who ended up becoming our stand-in speaker for September.

During the year we have missed a few familiar faces and welcomed some new ones. There is still room for new members, and I urge you to bring along at least one visitor in the coming year and help

boost our membership as most of the regulars are now long time Members.

Allison Fotheringham and Margaret Frigard are among those who have been unable to attend meetings in recent months and we miss them and wish them both the best of health.

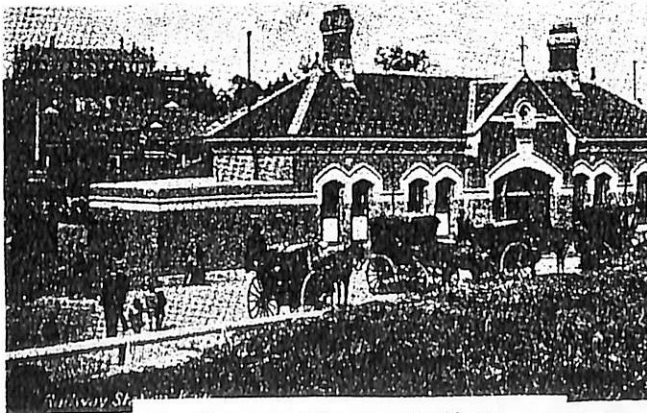
We were all saddened by the recent loss of Helen Reeve, and extend to Bill and all the members of his family our love and sympathy. Helen was an integral member for many years and she will be remembered for her creativity and her cheerful presence which enriched so many of our activities.

We will be rounding off a year of varied and interesting guest speakers with our Mayor, Cr. Keith Walter at the Annual General Meeting in October, and for a

special treat in November we will have John Patrick, the renowned Landscape Gardener, author and TV personality, whose subject is to be the Restoration of Old Gardens.

These past two years as President have been most rewarding for me. I have enjoyed getting to know you all and have learned a lot about Kew, its history and its people.

Yours Sincerely,
Dione McIntyre.



Kew railway station

OUR END OF YEAR PARTY

Our end of year party will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, 10th. December in our usual meeting place, the Phyllis Hore Room. Again it will take the form of a Shared Light Evening Meal, to which everyone is welcome.

Members are **asked to indicate**, on lists at the October and November meetings, **what items of food they propose to contribute**, or to

ring this information on or

Heating facilities for food are now available. Santa Claus asks that we all bring a small **wrapped and labelled gift**, (not over \$2), men to bring one for a man and ladies to bring one for a lady.

OUR MANY RESOURCES

When Dione, our President, invited all of us to afternoon tea on Mothers' Day (later changed to June 15th.) there was much more in store for us than a pleasant get-together over a social cuppa.

There was a tour of the beautiful, historic home, "Swinton", with an account of its history and its architecture, and an opportunity to examine its interesting contents, many of which have been handed down by earlier generations of gracious living - which we then sampled in the form of a sumptuous afternoon tea. We are most grateful to Dione for making us so welcome in her beautiful home.

Early in the year Raymond Vaughan-Smith shared with us his extensive knowledge of botanical classification. He is still active in this work, part time, at the Herbarium, where he worked for many

years.

Throughout the year Dorothy, our Archivist, has given freely of her extensive knowledge of local history, not only to us but to many students and other enquirers who have sought the help of the Society. There are, too, the hidden talents of members who do not regard themselves as capable speakers. How well they all disproved that fallacy when they contributed so capably on Members' Night! We should never be short of ways to fill in a meeting. We all have long memories - some 40 years longer than others. Perhaps we should have interested younger members to ask us the questions; for young people are truly interested in our history and in our way of life in earlier times..

WHAT IS YOUR TASTE IN FONTS?

Fonts, in printers' jargon, are styles of type. This item and the one above are in Century Gothic 12. The top item on this page is in Arial 12. The President's Letter (page 1) is in Arial 10, at her request to make it fit into that page. By the way, she suggested the heading, which is in French Script 28. Which font would you like us to use next time? **Of course you may like us to use two**, like the church (not in Kew) which had a second font installed in the chancel "So babies can be baptised at both ends"!

DID YOU DO THAT HOMEWORK?

(Answers to questions in previous issue)

1. From the terminus (Post Office) to St. Kilda via Cotham and Glenferrie Roads.
2. Gas lamps were moved to the sides to make way for tramway overhead gear.

3. The Yarra was both a barrier and the only water supply for settlers and stock.

4.&5. Roads to Willsmere, Studlley Park, Hawthorn station and Gippsland were added to "The Bulleen Road" as the need arose, meeting at the Junction.

BACK TO OUR BEGINNINGS

Minutes of a Meeting held under the auspices of THE KEW CIVIC MOVEMENT Thursday, 16th September 1958 at 8 p.m. at the residence of Councillor W H.S. Dickinson, "Lanreath," 196 Cotham Road, Kew, for the purpose of forming an Historical Society for Kew. Those present were -Councillor Dickinson President of the Kew Civic Movement.

Mrs N.F.Vaughan Vice-President do.
Mr N.F.Vaughan Honorary Secretary do.

Miss B. Mackey Hon. Assistant Secretary do.

Mr A. Richardson Hon. Treasurer do

Miss Alma Figuerola

Miss Alba Zacutti

Miss E. Zacutti

Mrs M. C. Thompson

Mrs D. Rogers

Mrs J. Besley

Mr L.M. Chinner & Mrs. L. M. Chinner

Mr E L. Frazer

Mrs W.H.S. Dickinson

Mr.J. Crofts

Miss. H. Y. Daniell

Apologies were received from

Councillor W.D.Vaughan

Mr .Leigh Scott

Mrs. H.N. Riley ~

Miss A Grant -

Councillor Dickinson as President of the Kew Civic Movement took the chair : He informed those present that the meeting had been convened by the Kew Civic Movement as it was felt that with the approach of the Centenary of Kew which would be celebrated in December 1960 it was desirable to form an Historical Society for Kew to conduct research into the early history of the municipality, study such records as are available, contact the descendants of early Kew residents and bring together

those who were interested in the subject, having particularly in view the production of a History of Kew for the Centenary year.

It was then moved, seconded and carried unanimously that an Historical Society be formed and that its name be THE KEW HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

The following office bearers were elected -

President Councillor W.H.S.Dickinson M.B.E , J.P.

Vice-Presidents Miss H.Y,Daniell O.B-E., M.A. and

Councillor W D. Vaughan J.P,

Hon. Secretary (pro tem) Mr N.F. Vaughan

Hon.Treasurer Mr.John Crofts

Hon. Asst. Secretary Miss Judith Dickinson

Recorder Miss Alma Figuerola

Custodian Miss B. Mackey

Public Relations Officer Mr.L.M.Chinner

Librarian Mr E.L. Frazer BA

Hon. Auditor Mrs. N.F.Vaughan

It was agreed that there should be no written constitution.

It was resolved that the Annual Subscription be 5/-.

It was resolved that meetings be held monthly on the third Thursday in each month

It was resolved that the official organ of the Society be The Kew Advertiser.

The meeting closed at 9.50 p.m.

Signed as a correct record



President
16/10/58

SUCH GOINGS ON IN THE CAR PARK!

The computer's Optical Character Recognition program couldn't quite handle, "Plenty of parking for cars/buses", but it tries hard. It came up with "Plenty of parking for carousals"!

1997 CALENDAR of MEETINGS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES.

MONTHLY MEETINGS will be held in the Phyllis Hore Room on the second Wednesday of the month, commencing at 8.00 p.m. unless otherwise notified. Members are free to invite guests to the meetings, and members of the public are welcome.

Wed Oct. 8 Annual General Meeting. Guest Speaker: The Mayor of Boroondara.
Sat. and Sun, Oct 11 & 12 Villa Alba open (44 Walmer St. Kew) 10 am to 5 pm.
Admission \$5.00 towards restoration funds.

Mon Nov. 3 Annual Outing. This year it is the DAY BEFORE CUP DAY, as buses are not available for Cup Day. Destination and details of cost to be announced later.

Wed Nov.12 Mr. John Patrick, on "Restoration of Old Gardens".

Tue NOV, 18 Combined Meeting of the **Historical Societies of Boroondara** in the Phyllis Hore Room commencing at 7.30 p.m. A good attendance of our members, and some help with supply of supper, is requested. Let's repeat the success of the Combined Meeting last April. **Speaker:** Dr. Celestina Sagazio, of National Trust

Wed Dec.10 End of Year Party, 7.00 p.m. to 10.00 p.m. in Phyllis Hore Room.
 For details see item headed, "Our End of the Year Party" in this issue (page 2)..

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Kew Historical Society Inc. will be held on Wednesday, 8th. October 1997 at 8 p.m. in the Phyllis Hore Room, Kew Library, Civic Drive, off Cotham Road, Kew. The business to be transacted at this meeting will be:

(1) Reports of office bearers for the year ending 30th. September 1997.

(2) Election of office bearers for the year 1997/98. According to our Rules, approved under the Associations Incorporation Act 1981, all positions become vacant, and any member wishing to nominate a member for any position on the Committee should obtain a nomination form from the Secretary. Rule 20 (1) states that, "Nominations of candidates for election as officers of the Society or as ordinary members of the Committee:

(a) shall be made in writing, signed by two members of the Society (as proposer and seconder), by the written consent of the

candidate, which may be endorsed on the nomination form and,

(b) shall be delivered to the Secretary of the Society at least 15 minutes prior to the start of the Annual General Meeting." **Nomination forms are available from the Secretary.**

PLEASE NOTE NEW SUBSCRIPTION RATES:			
Single	\$10	Family	\$12
Student	\$2	Life	\$50

(3) Subscriptions for the year 1997/98 became due on 1st. July 1997 and are payable prior to the

Annual General Meeting.

(4) Any other business of which prior notice has been given.

TO OUR YOUNGER CITIZENS

You are most welcome to come to our meetings, either as members or as visitors. And, if you are doing projects on local history, or earlier life styles we could give you the benefit of our longer memories. Some of our members could help also on other subjects in which they have had experience. Also, we sometimes hold a helpful meeting with a whole school class - in school hours.