

Kew Historical Society Inc

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**SPECIAL ISSUE
ANNOUNCING TWO IMPORTANT EVENTS**

THE FAIR IN AUGUST

THE A. G. M. IN OCTOBER

HEIGH HO COME TO THE FAIR

On SUNDAY AFTERNOON
15th. AUGUST
1 PM TO 5 PM, in the
**PHYLLIS HORE ROOM,
KEW LIBRARY BUILDING**

**STALLS INCLUDE *Bric a Brac* *Greenery* *Gourmet preserves*
Music *Pre-loved clothing* *Face painting*
Jelly bean estimation competition. etc. etc.**

SOMETHING FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

so

be there, and bring all your friends

Please, members, we need any of the above items to sell. Goods may be brought to the August 11th. Meeting, or collection can be arranged by phone to or

IMPORTANT: See note overleaf re restrictions on types of food goods.

The Fair (continued):

In accordance with the Food Act 1984, Boroondara City Council has issued guidelines for selling food to the public.

Jams and preserves must be labelled with the name of an organization selling (Kew Historical Society), initials of the person preparing the food, list of ingredients, and date the food was prepared. We hope this will not deter you from preserving.

Cakes require all the above information **plus the following:**

All cakes must be **wrapped**, and **ingredients which may cause allergies** (e.g. nuts), and **raw ingredients containing preservatives** (e.g. apricots) **must be listed.**

We feel that we cannot handle or sell cream cake, custard tarts etc., as further conditions such as holding temperatures at every stage apply to them.

For further information. Phone _____ or _____.

OUR END OF YEAR PARTY

Our end of year party will be held at 7.00 pm. on Wednesday, 8th. December in our usual meeting place, the Phyllis Hore Room. Again it will take the form of a Shared 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.

And who knows what else might happen — Christmas carols, anything. All good fun !

Don't be like Silas Slocatchon. When the party invitation said, "bring a plate" he didn't know that it meant "bring some food". His plates weren't very presentable. Of those he had washed lately, most were chipped or cracked. But he solved that problem. He brought his dental plate, which nobody would see clearly.

CURRENT SUBSCRIPTION RATES

Due now

Annual Subscription:

Ordinary member	\$10.00
Family membership	\$12.00
Student member	\$ 2.00

Life Subscription:

\$50.00

Note: Some local schools have taken Life Memberships. This enables them to receive our Newsletter, and to send teachers or students to meetings of interest to them.

From time to time we provide special day-time programs for an entire school class, and can do so by special arrangement..

AUSTRALIA REMEMBERED DARWIN AIR RAIDS

Well, what has that to do with Kew history ? Two people, the writer of the article and the Bishop, took all their secondary education as boarders at Trinity Grammar School. And, during and after World War 2, the Bishop's father, the Rev. Ernest T. Leslie, was Vicar of St. Paul's Church, East Kew.

According to the article in "The Superannuant", all Australians have cause to commemorate the first air raid on Darwin on 19th. February 1942, the beginning of a dire threat to our nation which continued until mid-1944. As the writer says, **"a nation which forgets its history takes the risk of again suffering similar danger, perhaps with even more painful consequences."**

He continues that he and his friend Rolf were at the Shrine of Remembrance ceremony last February although they were nowhere near Darwin at the time of the raids. He was in Lebanon, and Rolf was on Timor with a Commando unit thought to be captured by the enemy until they stole enough radio parts from the Japanese to give them contact with Australia.

The two were there to meet Bishop Leslie, the third member of a trio which were student mates in the 1920's, and have remained so at their combined age of 264 years. The Bishop was Anglican Rector of Darwin at the time of that and many subsequent raids on that city and on other centres on our northern coast from Port Hedland to Townsville. In the 10 minutes allowed him, he gave a stirring account of the heroism of so many men and women who did their duty regardless of risks to themselves.

The writer goes on to comment on "our scattered war history", fragments of which appear in books by many writers, and asks, "How will future historians know where to find it ?" For instance, would they expect to find much more about the Darwin raids in

"The Bishop Who Walked", a biography of Ken Leslie by his son Simon? Would they know that Jack Bleakley's, "The Eavesdroppers" gives a concise account of the entire war against Japan in a "war update" at the beginning of each of 18 chapters ?

And would they know that "Coomalie Charlie's Commandos" by Kenneth Neal McDonald (who grew up in Hawthorn) tells the story of a Beaufighter squadron based near Darwin which was mainly occupied in destroying Japanese aircraft and other airfield facilities and supplies on Timor in raids planned on the basis of information supplied by the Commandos on the island ? Those airfields were within flying range of bases in Australia, and were a threat to our shipping in the area.

On a topical note, would future historians discover how indebted Australia was to the people of Timor who risked their own lives to help our Commandos and who refused to be tempted by Japanese bribes to give information about them ?

The writer concludes with a suggestion that history departments of some of our universities should research and compile bibliographies for the various theatres of war before some of the publications vanish and are forgotten.

"That way we will preserve more than the bare military facts, and will let our descendants know how we, the last generation to have the experience, thought, felt and acted in those times."

Could we, the Kew Historical Society, begin the project (if it has not been started already) by making a list of all works of this kind known to members, and then presenting the list to an interested university, or perhaps to the Royal Historical Society. Better still, would the other Historical Societies in Boroondara care to join us? The time to act is NOW, while the events are still within living memory.

1999 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 p.m. unless otherwise notified. Members are free to invite guests to the meetings, and members of the public, especially students, are welcome.

NOTE: Changes of program sometimes become necessary during the year. If this happens we do our utmost to ensure that the usual high standard is maintained..

Wed	Aug	11	Members' Night.
Sun	Aug	15	THE FAIR, 1 pm to 5 pm. Details on Pages 1 & 2.
Wed	Sep	8	.D'estaville: Early Kew Home.
Wed	Oct	13	Annual General Meeting. Guest Speaker: The Mayor of Boroondara, Cr. Loreto Davey.
Wed	Nov	10	Joanna Anderson: "Historical Garments".
Wed	Dec	8	Christmas Party ,7.00 pm. Details on page 2.

The Society goes into recess from Dec. 9th. until its next meeting on Feb. 8th., 2000.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Kew Historical Society Inc. will be held on Wednesday, 13th. October 1999 at 8 p.m. in the Phyllis Hore Room, Kew Library, Civic Drive, off Cotham Road, Kew. The business to be transacted at the meeting will be:

(1) Reports of office bearers for the year ending 30th. September 1999

(2) Election of office bearers for the year 1999/2000. 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.*

(3) Subscriptions for the year 1999/2000 became due on 1st. July 1999 and are payable prior to the Annual General Meeting.

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

Please find enclosed a few copies of our advertising poster. We hope members will be willing to place these in letter boxes in their streets or in local shops.

Last word ! The flow-on of the food article from page 5 to page 31 included, "before you look for something to eat, look for someone to eat with." The Editor cut out part of page 5, causing "flow back". Page 5 then ended with, "look for someone to eat".