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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Welcome, friends.

First, I would like to wish you all a belated Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

I hope this year is a happy and prosperous one for you.

It is an honour and a privilege to be elected as the new President for the beginning of a new millenium.

I will take this opportunity to thank Mr. Raymond Vaughan-Smith for his dedication and the wonderful work he has done for the Society. I am certain every member appreciates everything Raymond has done for the Society during the past three years, and we look forward to his continued work as one of two Vice-Presidents.

During last year's Annual General Meeting in October several changes were made to the Committee, but Mrs. Dione McIntyre will continue to serve as Vice-President, and I thank her for the marvellous work she has done. Miss Betty Huston continues as Secretary and Dr. Laszlo Benyei continues as Treasurer. The knowledgeable and indispensable Mrs. Dorothy Benyei will once again be the Society's Archivist, and Mrs. Jill O'Brien continues as our Consultant. The Society's Editor of Publications is Mr. Ken Sillcock, and I thank

him for continued hard work. Last, but definitely not least, Mr. Graeme Lindsay, Miss Joan Simms, Mrs. Rosemary Vaughan-Smith and Mrs. Rosemary Smart were elected as the other members of the Committee. Mr. Max Sartori was re-appointed Honorary Auditor. I would like to thank Max for the work he has done for the Society.

I look forward to working with all members during the coming year.

We have enjoyed some interesting events, including Councillor Judith Voce, who gave a presentation at our Annual Meeting. Mrs. Alison Goding spoke at our November meeting, and her talk on researching the life of Matthew Bowden was fascinating and displayed an intriguing side to Mr. Bowden.

The December Christmas party was once again a wonderful success. There were many memorable moments during the night, including the quiz that was compiled by Mrs. Millicent Lindsay. The quiz was enjoyed by all who attended the party, and we thank Millicent for her terrific effort.

A Christmas party would not be complete without Santa Claus, and Mr. Bill Reeve did a fabulous job as the jolly fellow in red.

All members contributed to the dinner. The entertainment for the evening was a play called "The Case of the Vanishing Pudding". It was very enjoyable and it had everyone laughing until they were in stitches. Thanks go to Mrs. Dione McIntyre, Mrs. Dorothy Benyei, Mr. Laszlo Benyei, Mr. Graeme Lindsay, Mrs. Rosemary Smart and Mr. Raymond Boothroyd for the marvellous production.

The year 2001, I am anticipating, will be another successful year, with an interest-

ing program of speakers being created. We made an impressive beginning in February with a discussion on the future use of the Kew Court House and Police Station building, led by our member, Mr. Philip Slobom.

I look forward to working and sharing ideas with you all.

Thanks,
.Lisa D'Acri
President.

WHO SAID, "THERE'S NO TWO WAYS ABOUT IT" ?
 Once again we will contribute in two ways to the annual

KEW FESTIVAL

Saturday 17th., Sunday 18th. and Monday 19th. March.

HERITAGE DISPLAY

Again we have been asked to stage an historic display in the Phyllis Hore Room as part of the Festival. It will be open from 10 am to 4 pm on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, March 17th., 18th., and 19th.

The Monday will be devoted specially to children from local primary schools to whom features of living in former times will be shown and demonstrated.

The special theme of the display will be life at the time of Federation, 100 years ago

FREE HISTORIC BUS TOUR

Courtesy of Boroondara City Council
Bookings are essential. Phone Jill O'Brien . And be there to board the buses at 1.45 pm for a 2 pm departure.

This year both buses will cover an overall view of Kew, with emphasis and commentary on Federation buildings, finishing with a 20 minute walk, with commentary, through Boroondara Cemetery.

JOBS TO BE DONE. CAN YOU HELP ?

For Kew Festival

Friday, 16th. March, 2.15 pm to 5 pm
 Helpers to set up the display in the Phyllis Hore Room.

Saturday, Sunday and Monday, March 17th. 18th and 19th. 10 am to 5 pm, to man the exhibits.

On the Monday to help with Federation school activities and to clear up finally.
If your name is not already on the rosters, please see where help is still needed.

For our Fair on Sunday, August 19th.

It sounds a long way off, but you can get a flying start by growing plants, making preserves, putting aside pre-loved clothing and bnic-a-brac, items for a White Elephant stall, and anything else saleable at such a fair.

We cannot accept cakes and some other home cooked foods, as we are unable to comply with Health Regulations governing their sale.

LATEST by email from friend "hvt": Burnley Tunnel, claimed to be the world's longest car wash, offers, "wash while you drive", for a modest \$5. billed conveniently and automatically to your eTag. Future enhancements said to be under discussion with the Aquarium.
This is real history — not just "water under the bridge".

**KEW BOROUGH COUNCIL
SOME EXCERPTS FROM MEETINGS OF
1901.**

Tues 29th. January

Present: The Mayor, Cr. W.C Ashton, Councilors Day, Jellis, Gardiner, Atkins, Kellest, Ridgeway, Cody, Ashton, Campbell, Wison..

Death of Her Majesty Queen Victoria.

The Mayor moved, "That the Council place on record their grief at the death of their revered and beloved Sovereign Queen Victoria and their loyal and devoted allegiance to His Most Excellent Majesty King Edward VII" Seconded Cr. Clements and carried.

Cr. Atkins moved that in consequence of the death of Her Majesty, the Council adjourn for a fortnight. Seconded by Cr. Kellest and carried.

Tues. 12th. February

(Crs Greenhill and Smith also present). **Matters dealt with included:**

Drainage, roads and rates. Report on case of typhoid in Foley Street and 2 cases of diphtheria in Mary Street.

The Public Works Committee recommendation on matter of drainage to Foley Street was received. Also plans to construct Mount Street east of Brougham Place.

Tues. 18th. February.

Appeals against valuations were heard.

Tues. 26th. March

The Public works Committee recommended that a letter be written to the Hawthorn Council asking whether they would be willing to contribute towards the cost of erecting and maintaining an incandescent gas lamp at the intersection of Barkers Road and Glenferrie Road similar to a lamp erected in Burwood Road.

The Committee recommended that the Chinese gardener in Bakewell Street be notified to remove the wooden bridge over the street channel and put in proper pitched crossing. Also that the cleansing contractor be reminded that the new sanitary wagon promised by him has not yet been provided.

Thursday 11th. April

Electric Lighting and Traction Co. of Australia's Notice of Intention to lay overhead and underground cables was received.

Tuesday 23rd. April

Public Works Committee report recommended that the attention of the Police be drawn to the practice of the Ferryman camping in the Reserve.

With reference to the Electric Light Co. re-erecting poles in Studley Avenue, the committee recommends that they be informed that the

street is still in the hands of the contractor.

Tuesday 21st. May.

Cr. Cody moved that a letter be written to the Chief Secretary with reference to the services of the Police during the Commonwealth celebrations.

Tuesday 4th. June.

Diphtheria reported in Sackville Street.

The Public Works Committee recommends that the cleaning contractor be notified to provide a sufficient number of pans to carry out the work properly.

The Mayor moved that notices "Keep to the right" be put up in Denmark and High Streets,

Tuesday 18th. June.

The Public Works Committee recommends that Tenders be called for the supply of brooms when advertising the annual contracts.

Lighting Committee's Report recommends that cluster lamps be erected in Barker's Road in the centre of the roadway, one at the intersection of Glenferrie Road and one at High Street intersection. Total cost 40 pounds. Cost of lighting 16 pounds each per annum, each council taking half the cost.

The Mayor stated that Mr. Lane was willing to act as a Trustee of the proposed cab shelter at Kew Railway Station, and it was suggested that another 2 trustees be appointed.

Cr. Campbell gave notice of his intention to move at the next meeting that the By-law numbered 38 amending By-law 37, respecting the registration of Dairymen, cowkeepers and purveyors of milk, be made and passed by council.

Tuesday, 2nd July 1901.

Cr. Ridgeway presented a petition signed by a large number of ratepayers requesting that the Council provide a suitable Recreation Ground in the Borough, and urging the desirability of disposing of the present Reserve to the Cemetery Trustees.

Tuesday, 24th. September.

Assassination of the President of the U.S.A., President McKinley, was recorded.

Tuesday, 19th. November.

The Lighting Committee advised that the lamp at the intersection of Sackville Street and Burke Road be moved to the intersection of Burke and Cotham Roads, provided that the Boroondara Shire pay half the cost, and that the light be maintained in each lamp until sunrise.

2001 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	Mar	14 Speaker on Boroondara General Cemetery.
Sat, Sun, Mon	Mar	17,18, 19 Heritage Display and Historic Bus Tour in conjunction with Kew Festival. Display in Phyllis Hore Room, 10 am to 5 pm Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Bus Tour to depart from Civic Drive at 2 pm on Sunday. Prior booking, and punctuality, essential. Details on page 2.
Wed	Apr	11 .Janis Oakley: "Contribution of Friendly Societies to Health and Welfare".
Wed	May	9 Rosemary Smart: "Turinville" History.
Wed	Jun	13 .Gwen McWilliam, Historian
Wed	Jul	11 Dorothy Simpson: Iron Houses.
Wed	Aug	8 Overview of Kew East Community Bank, by a member of the Steering Committee.
Sun	Aug	19 Kew Historical Society Fair , in Phyllis Hore Room. 1 pm to 5 pm. Details in next issue..
Wed	Sep	12 Speaker from University of the Third Age (U3A).
Wed	Oct	10 Annual General Meeting. Speaker: The Mayor of Boroondara.
Wed	Nov	14 Claire Gervasoni, Historian: Local History Research, including Ballarat.
Wed	Dec	12 Christmas Party. Details in next issue.

AN INVITATION TO JOIN US

OUR MODEST MEMBERSHIP FEES

Individual	\$10 pa
Family	\$12 pa
Student	\$ 2 pa
Life	\$50 pa

We invite all interested people to join our Historical Society and enjoy our speakers and our discussions on local history in a warm and friendly atmosphere.

Students are especially welcomed at a low annual subscription, and we are glad to help them if they need information for projects on local history.