

Kew Historical Society Inc

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President:

Miss Lisa D'Acri

Secretary:

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear friends,

Following our Annual General Meeting in October there were a couple of changes to your Committee. Dr. Laszlo Benyei has completed his four-year term as Honorary Treasurer. However, he is willing to be Assistant Treasurer. Thank you Laszlo for your outstanding work and the way in which you have filled the role of Treasurer, it has been an honour and privilege to be able to work by your side.

We are also currently without a Secretary. Miss Betty Huston has completed her term as Secretary but it is hoped that one of you will come forth and fill the role for this coming year. I want to thank Betty for all her hard work through the years, we appreciate all your effort in preparing the Agenda and recording the Minutes of each meeting.

Mrs Dione McIntyre and Mr Raymond Vaughan-Smith will continue to serve as Vice-Presidents and I thank them for the marvellous work they have done. The knowledgeable and indispensable Mrs Dorothy Benyei will once again be the society's archivist. Mrs Jill O'Brien continues as our consultant and will be joined by Professor Emeritus Peter McIntyre. Mr Ken Sillcock has retired as the society's chief

Editor of Publications. However, he will continue in the role as Co-Editor. On behalf of the Society I want to thank Ken for all his hard work and dedication throughout the years. Ms Margaret Robinson joins the Committee as the other Co-Editor of Publications. Last but definitely not least, Mr Graham Lindsay, Miss Joan Simms, Mrs Rosemary Vaughan-Smith and Mrs Rosemary Smart continue as the members of the committee. Mr Max Sartori was re-appointed as Honorary Auditor. On behalf of the Society 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.

Since our October meeting we have enjoyed some interesting talks beginning with Dr. Ray Marginson, who gave an interesting and informative presentation about his passion – the history of jazz. Miss Betty Huston spoke at our November meeting and the talk concentrated on her journey down the Amazon River. Through the slides shown and Betty's description of the river and its people, we were able to imagine that we were on the journey with her. The December Christmas party was once again a wonderful success and the atmosphere created was one of joy and closeness. There were many memorable moments during the night, including the quiz

that was compiled by Mr Rodney and Mrs Emeritus Peter McIntyre for the work on the Joan Fernald. The quiz was enjoyed by all Conservation Plan. Let us hope that the Society will receive positive information about Fernalds for their terrific effort. A Christmas party would not be complete without a Santa Claus and Mr Bill Reeve did a fabulous job as the jolly fellow in red, and once again all members contributed to the fabulous dinner that evening.

Thank you to all those of you who attended our meetings on a regular basis. We hope to see all your faces during this coming year. The year 2003 I am anticipating to be another successful year with an interesting program of speakers and events being created. I look forward to working and sharing ideas with you all.

Yours in Friendship
Lisa D'Acri

During the coming year your Committee will continue to work towards the acquisition and preservation of the old Kew Court House and Police Station Building. A special thanks goes to Dionne McIntyre for her tireless and diligent work on this issue, and to Professor

KEW FESTIVAL

Saturday 15th., Sunday 16th., and Monday 17th. March.

FESTIVAL HERITAGE DISPLAY

Again we will set up in the Phyllis Hore Room a display of selected items from our large archival collection, depicting the way of life and customs of earlier generations. The Display will be open from 10 am to 4 pm on Saturday, 15th, Sunday, 16th. and Monday, 17th. March.

Some of the local schools in Kew have been invited to bring groups of their pupils to visit the display at rostered times on Monday, March 17th. to be conducted to the various stands in succession for demonstrations and hands-on experience of the use of items on show.

FREE HISTORIC BUS TOURS

On Sunday, 16th. March

Courtesy of Boroondara City Council

Bookings are essential. Phone , and be there, outside the Phyllis Hore Room, Civic Drive, to board the buses at 1.45 pm for a 2 pm departure. Returning about 4 pm. One bus will go directly to the Boroondara Cemetery for an extensive walking tour of its historic graves and monuments, with commentary. The other bus will make a short, guided tour of historic homes, then take the party for a shorter guided tour of the Cemetery.

JOBS TO BE DONE. CAN YOU HELP ?

We will need all the help we can muster to carry out all these tasks:

1. **Setting up** the display on the afternoon of Friday, March 14th.
2. **Manning** the display stands, some of which will display rare and very valuable items from our collection, and **offering informed comment** on the life in earlier times portrayed on the stands.. Members will be asked to indicate what times they are available to serve.
3. **Dismantling** the display and returning the items into storage after 4 pm on Monday, March 17th. And the morning of Tuesday, March 18th.

Last year we had the help of two students from Trinity Grammar School after classes on the Friday as part of their social work for the Duke of Edinburgh Award. We hope that, similarly, young, able-bodied men can be found to help after school on the Friday and the Monday.

Australia Day Award

Congratulations to our member Dymrna Coleman for her well-earned Australia Day award of an OAM for her work in helping restore bushland, especially as a founding member of Friends of Walmer Street Bushland, and her service to the Kew Community.

POLICE STATION AND COURT HOUSE APPLICATION

We are still awaiting further information from the State Government about future use of the Police Station and Court House. Our latest information is that there have been several suggestions for public use of these historic buildings.

We now have a detailed architectural assessment provided by our Consultant, Peter McIntyre, and our Business Plan for use of the building is in process of being completed. We hope that all this detailed work will help the authorities to see the merit of our proposal.

BOAT TRIP PLANNED FOR APRIL IN LIEU OF EVENING MEETING.

There will be **no evening meeting** on Wednesday, April 9th. Instead, we plan to take part in a trip on the Tramboat organised by the Boroondara Historical Societies Association, of which our member, Margaret Robinson, is the current President.

From the lower Yarra berth at Docklands, near the Docklands sports stadium, the route takes us through the junction and up the Maribyrnong River, a wide and impressive waterway with many places of interest along its banks. Much work has been done to make the surrounding landscapes tidy and attractive to the view, and there are historic buildings.

Those taking part to meet at 10 am at 9 Victoria Harbour, Docklands (Melways ref. 2E F5)

Car parking at Central Pier. Tram stop Cnr. La Trobe St. and the Harbour Esplanade.

Cost per person \$26. This includes tea or coffee, sandwiches and assorted slices served on board. Return approximately 1.30 pm.

Bookings are essential.

For information and booking, ring Wendy Baden-Powell on

LONG TERM LIFE MEMBERS, the Committee suggests should be invited to make voluntary contribution in lieu of greatly discounted subscription fees. For example, a Life Membership fee of \$50 paid in 1980 would mean that the member has had 20 years for \$2.50 per annum. What do you "lifers" think ?

COMMITTEE FOR OCT. 2002 to SEP 2003

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President	Miss Lisa D'Acri
Vice President	Mrs. Dione McIntyre
Vice President	Mr. Raymond Vaughan-Smith
Secretary	Vacant
Treasurer Elect	Vacant
Assistant Treasurer	Dr. Laszlo Benyei
Archivist	Mrs. Dorothy Benyei
Consultant	Mrs. Jill O'Brien
Consultant-Architect	Emeritus Professor Peter McIntyre
Co-Editor of Publications	Mr. Ken Sillcock
Co-Editor of Publications	Ms. Margaret Robinson
Committee Member	Miss Joan Sims
Committee Member	Mr. Graeme Lindsay
Committee Member	Mrs. Rosemary Smart
Committee Member	Mrs. Rosemary Vaughan-Smith

2003 CALENDAR

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	Feb	12 Ken Sillcock: Wartime letters. As we saw things 60 years ago.
Wed	Mar	12 Dr. Richard Gillespie, Head of Programs Research & Collection, Museum of Victoria.
Sat, Sun, Mon	Mar	Kew Festival Heritage Display in Phyllis Hore Room, 10 am to 4 pm Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Details on page 2. Free Historic Bus Tours to depart from Civic Drive at 2 pm on Sunday. Prior booking essential. Details on page 2.
Wed	Apr	9 NO NIGHT MEETING. Instead, we go on a Maribyrnong River Cruise on the Tramboat in conjunction with the Boroondara Historical Societies Association. The Tramboat leaves Docklands at 11 am., return journey 2.30 pm. Light lunch provided. Bookings essential. Phone Wendy Baden-Powell on
Wed	May	14 Rodney Fernald: Music of the Big Bands of the '30s and '40s.
Wed	Jun	11 Lisa D'Acri: Working With People.
Wed	Jul	9 Members' Night. Theme: "How I Came to Live in Kew".
Wed	Aug	13 Speaker to be confirmed
Wed	Sep	10 To be arranged.
Wed	Oct	8 Annual General Meeting. Speaker: The Mayor of Boroondara
Wed	Nov	12 To be arranged.
Wed	Dec	10 Christmas Party. Details in later issue.

OUR MODEST MEMBERSHIP FEES

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

AN INVITATION TO JOIN US

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.

We also welcome teachers of subjects such as history, human geography, and social sciences in local schools and tertiary colleges.

THE JOYS OF AN END OF YEAR PARTY

Herb looked anxious. His 15 friends would soon be served their meal, but he had an uncontrollable fit of sneezing so couldn't give the waiter his order.

He called the busy waiter over and asked,

"Would you please take my order".

"But, sir, I already have your order."

"Are you sure?" asked Herb, a bit edgily.

"Yes. When I came, you said 'Cashew' so I put you down for the veal with the cashew nuts. It will soon be served."