

# Kew Historical Society Inc

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students, historians and other researchers.*

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Miss Lisa D'Acri

**Secretary:**

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We have come to the end of another financial year. It provides us with the perfect opportunity to reflect upon the year that has passed and the accomplishments that have been made. Many exciting events have occurred and the introduction of new members has made it a successful year.

a timely reminder about the importance of recording and preserving Kew's history for future generations. Finally, I want to thank all members who contributed to the March meeting, when the topic of that night's discussion was 'why I live in Kew' which had many members reminiscing about their lives and loves during that period.

During the past year we have been entertained by a number of interesting guest speakers. They have included Mr David Benwell, President of the Kew Festival Committee, who spoke about the organisation required for the running of the annual Kew Festival. Dr Richard Gillespie, Head of Programs, Research Collection, Museum of Victoria, gave a fascinating talk about the four treasures of the Museum, which are the stained glass window, the Yarra Yarra canoe, the regulator clock and the Great Melbourne Telescope. It is with overwhelming pride that I state that the remaining guest speakers were our own members of the Society. Mr Ken Sillcock spoke about wartime letters sent during those difficult years and the way they saw life 60 years ago. Mr. Rodney Fernald gave a very entertaining presentation on the music of the Big Bands of the 30's and 40's. Mr. Tony Michael's speech on 'Preserving Kew Historical Items digitally' is

There were two exciting events that occurred during the past year. Firstly, in place of the April meeting, many of our members enjoyed a tramboat ride along the Maribyrnong River. By all accounts given, it was an enjoyable and relaxing day. Thanks go to the Boroondara Historical Societies Association, and especially Margaret Robinson for that memorable day. The other exciting event was the Kew Historical Society's involvement in the Kew Festival. A wonderful heritage display was created and the theme for this year was the celebration of Grime's arrival and journey along the Yarra River to Dight's Fall. In honour of their 100th anniversary Trinity Grammar School also contributed to the display. They depicted the lives of Trinity students throughout the 100 years. The society was once again given the honour of running the bus trip, which took people on a tour of historical Kew, and in addition, a

walking tour of Boroondara General Cemetery was also organised. Both of these tours were hugely popular and enjoyed by many people. Personally, the highlight of my year was marching in the Kew Festival parade behind the Society's banner. I hope the number of members marching will continue to grow throughout the coming years. There are so many people to thank for their assistance during the Kew Festival period, they include, Mrs. Rosemary Smart, Mrs. Agatha Grey-Wilson, Mr. Trevor Fiander, Mrs. Kath Gervasiono, Ms. Margaret Robinson, Mr. Ken Sillcock, Mr. Phillip Slobom, Mrs. Dorothy Benyei, Mrs. Dione McIntyre, Mrs. Rosemary Vaughan-Smith, Miss Raquel D'Acri, Master Joshua D'Acri, Mrs. Sera D'Acri and Mr. Graeme Lindsay and his grandchildren.

The petition for the Kew Court House and Police Station building continues. A business plan is being created for the Court House Museum Project, and we require the support and assistance of all members for this very important issue. At present, we

continue to wait for communication from both the State Government and the City of Boroondara regarding this issue.

Finally, on behalf of the Society I would like to thank the Office bearers and Committee members for their dedication and hard work throughout the year. It has been a privilege to work with these amazing individuals and it has made my job as president very enjoyable. Thanks go to Mrs. Dione McIntyre, Mr. Raymond Vaughan-Smith, Dr. Laszlo Benyei, Mrs. Dorothy Benyei, Emeritus Professor Peter McIntyre, Mr. Ken Sillcock, Ms. Margaret Robinson, Miss Betty Huston, Miss Joan Sims, Mr. Graeme Lindsay, Mrs. Rosemary Smart, and Mrs. Rosemary Vaughan-Smith. Special thanks goes to my mother Sera D'Acri for supporting me during my time with the Society.

Thank you everyone  
Lisa D'Acri

### **Kew Library Refurbishment**

The committee members of the Kew Historical Society were invited to the function celebrating the refurbishment of the Kew Library. We noted that the Customer Service Office is now interconnected with the library. Another innovation is that bookings for the Phyllis Hore Room are now done through the library. It is great to see the library improvements

### **Emergency Evacuation Plan from Phyllis Hore Meeting Room**

In compliance with safety instructions from Boroondara Council, the following forms part of our Minutes of General Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> November 2002: "The two exit doors on the South-East and South-West corners of the room are to be used. Everyone is to assemble on the car park. It is important that the list of members attending the meeting always be completed, and that the Attendance book be taken to the car park so that everyone can be accounted for."

## **OUR END OF YEAR PARTY**

Our usual party will held at 7.00 pm on Wednesday, December 10th., taking the form of a Shared Evening Meal, to which everyone is welcome. At our meetings, or by phone to  
or , please indicate what items of food you propose to contribute. .  
Food can be heated if desired.

**Santa Claus asks everyone (members and guests) to bring a small wrapped and labelled gift , (about \$2), men to bring one for a man, ladies one for a lady.**

And what else - Christmas carols, anything might happen. - AND, INDEED, IT WILL There is a surprise in store for you ! All good fun and fellowship. Don't miss it.

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Kew Historical Society will be held on 8th. October 2003 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 2003.
- (2) **Election of office bearers** for the year 2003/2004. 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. **See Margaret Robinson for nomination forms.** 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 second), with 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 2003/2004 became due on 1st. July 2003 and are **payable prior to the Annual General Meeting.**
- (4) Any other business of which prior notice has been given.

### CURRENT COMMITTEE.

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

We owe special thanks to Margaret Robinson who, at various times, did the duties of Correspondence Secretary and Minute Secretary in the absence of the usual incumbents, in addition to her elected posts as Treasurer and Co-Editor.

## 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.

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| <b>Wed</b> | <b>Oct</b> | <b>8</b> Annual General Meeting. Speaker: The Mayor of Boroondara, Cr. Judith Voce.  |
| <b>Wed</b> | <b>Nov</b> | <b>12</b> Guest speaker <b>David Freeman</b> , whose topic will be "Australian Painting". At the conclusion to the talk, David is happy to appraise any Australian paintings members bring, for a modest fee of \$2 a painting. This goes into our Society's funds.. |
| <b>Wed</b> | <b>Dec</b> | <b>10</b> Christmas Party. Details on Page 2..   |

**First meeting in 2004** will be held on Wednesday, February 11th. At 8 pm.

### **Extract from our then President's (Councillor Jill O'Brien ) report to Annual General Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> October 1982**

"It is obvious that the need for an appropriate home, in this city of some historic note, is sympathetically recognised – as a recent letter from the City manager demonstrates. In this, Ian Fell offered to arrange temporary storage of the society's collection, if necessary, but also outlined the future possibility of permanent headquarters in the existing Post Office, in the event that Kew Council gains possession of that building. This presents an exiting prospect and one which we will all follow closely."

We hope for greater success with our Court House application to Boroondara Council !

### **DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE**

**We must receive ALL ITEMS** for our January 2004 issue by Friday, January 16th.  
**We MAY** be able to include late information **FOR THE 2004 CALENDAR ONLY** up to Friday, January 23rd.

**We need that flexibility, as this Newsletter sometimes clashes with other pressing duties and unexpected events.**

### **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.

**OUR FEES ARE MODEST:** Individual, \$10 pa; Family, \$12 pa; Student, \$2 pa.

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