

Kew Historical Society Inc.

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KEW FESTIVAL PARADE 2004

Saturday 13th March

What an excellent day; the weather superb and our members participating in their period costumes, making an impressive sight in the parade.

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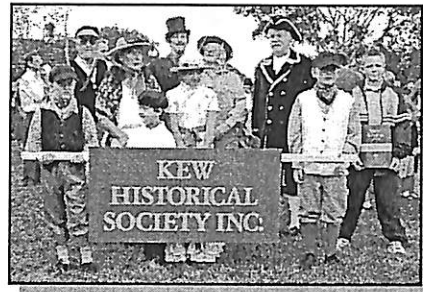
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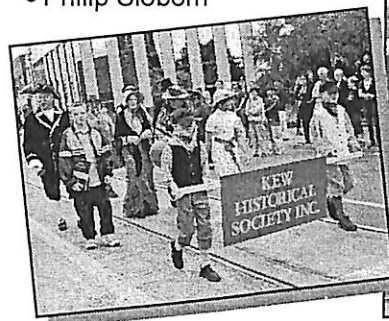
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Still serving the community, families, schools, students, historians and other researchers



Members marching in the parade

- Graeme Lindsay
- 3x Lindsay grandsons
- Mrs. Sera D'Acri
- 2x D'Acri grandchildren
- Mrs. Muriel Watson
- Kym Sullivan
- Ray Boothroyd
- Philip Slobom



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FESTIVAL HERITAGE DISPLAY Phyllis Hore Room 13-15 March



Proceeds from our fund raising efforts

Jams	\$296.50
Plants	\$175.70
Lucky dip	\$217.00
Afternoon tea	\$ 35.00
Kew Living (book)	\$ 40.00
TOTAL	\$764.20

Our next meeting

Wednesday, May 12th. at 8 pm in the Phyllis Hore Room
(next to Kew Library)

Our Guest Speakers will be members Tony Michael showing a video & Ray Boothroyd will be making a presentation on Scienceworks.

CHRISTMAS PLAY 2003

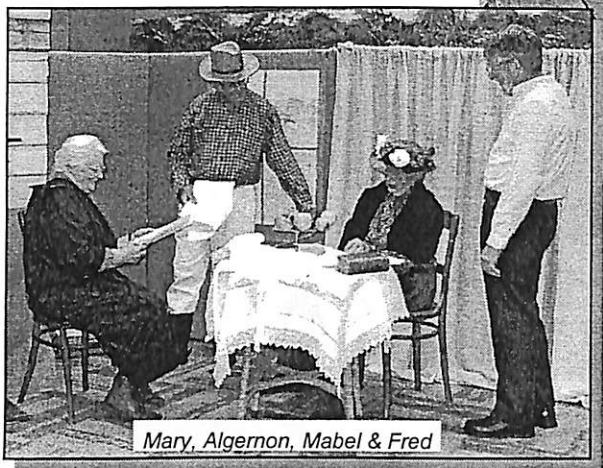
FRED & MARY 'GO BUSH'



Our cast



The Wedding



Mary, Algernon, Mabel & Fred

Mary & Fred

THE CAST

- FRED SNODGRASS Gaeme Lindsay
- MARY SNODGRASS Dorothy Benyei
- MABEL SMITH Rosemary Smart
- DAVE SMITH Ray Boothroyd
- ALGERNON Rodney Fernald
- DAISY CROUCH Joan Fernald
- The MINISTER Trevor Fiander
- SOUND EFFECTS Joan Simms

MARCH GUEST SPEAKER

Speaker Professor Weston Bate
Topic: Court Houses in Victoria

We were delighted to have such an eminent historian to address the Kew Historical Society Inc.

Prof. Bate gave a very interesting talk on court houses in Victoria and often referred from his book. At the conclusion he answered many questions.



Prof. Weston Bate is the President of the Royal Historical Society of Victoria and chair of the Museums Advisory Board of Victoria. He is a former professor at Monash University and Melbourne University and the foundation chair of Australian Studies at Deakin University. He is the author of A History of Brighton and Life After Gold.



Link to Royal Historical Society
www.historyvictoria.org.au

CHRISTMAS SUPPER 2003



A visit by Santa



Ken on his cornet

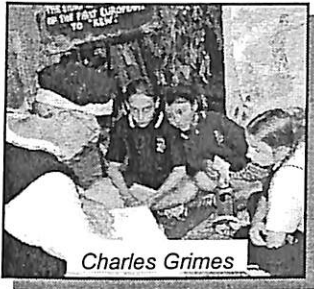
THE NATIONAL ANTHEM OF THE ANCIENT BRITONS

What's the use of wearing braces,
 Vests and pants and shoes with
 laces, Hats and spats you buy in places
 Down in Brompton Road?
 What's the use of shirts of cotton,
 Studs that always get forgotten?

PRIMARY SCHOOLS EDUCATION DAY

Monday 15th March

On the Monday following the Kew Festival we invited children to come in to our display to learn about the history of Kew by participating in the activities of days bygone.



Charles Grimes



Tools



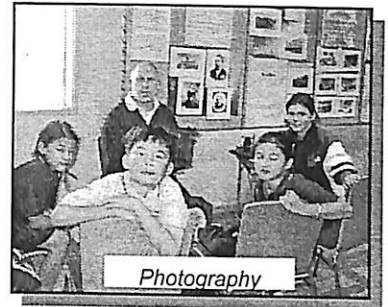
Sewing

Schools from which the children attended

- Kew Primary
- Kew East Primary
- Sacred Heart Primary

Activities the children participated in

- | Activity | Leader |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| • Sewing & stitching | → Margaret Robinson & Kath Gervasoni |
| • School activities with quills & blue ink | → Dorothy Benyei |
| • Photography 100 years ago | → Tony Michael |
| • Playing "jacks" | → Agatha Grey-Wilson |
| • Making damper | → Rosemary Smart |
| • Charles Grimes and exploration of the Yarra River | → Graeme Lindsay |
| • Tools | → Trevor Fiander |



Photography



Making damper



School activities

FESTIVAL HERITAGE DISPLAY

MLC 13-15 March

Heritage display by Methodist Ladies College - Our thanks go to MLC archivist Robyn Scott who organised a wonderful display of interesting photographs and images from their earliest days, spanning the years until today.

Also of interest was a MLC uniform only recently made redundant. It is amazing how quickly we forget the past as we assimilate the new.

It is our aim each year to feature one of the many schools of Kew.



A SPECIAL NOTE OF THANKS

The Kew Festival is our most important calendar event. We thank all our members who assisted with setting up, manning displays, cleaning, prop making and their removal.

Thanks also to the Kew Festival Committee for sponsoring the highly popular tour of 'Historic Kew'. The bus was full to capacity and people were wait listed. Without doubt, a most popular event.

STOP PRESS

Lisa D'Acri our immediate past President and current Vice President is on her way back to Australia.

We should see Lisa sometime after Easter and welcome her happy presence once again at our monthly meetings.

Perhaps we may entice Lisa to speak of her travels to Italy and Scotland?

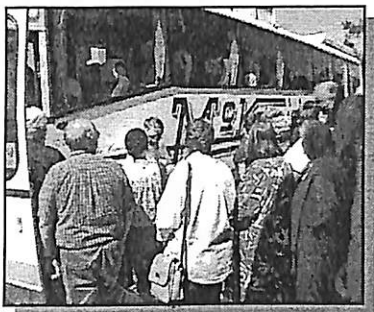
KEW FESTIVAL - BUS & CEMETERY TOURS

Sunday 14 March

Over the years, our popular historic tours have attracted many residents, often filling the bus to capacity. Many participants return each year as the routes vary. Some are long term residents of Kew; others having more recently moved into Kew, who are keen to learn more of their new suburb.

In the past, the bus tour covered both the Boroondara Cemetery and a drive around our wonderful suburb of Kew.

Interest has grown to a point that we now offer the choice between an afternoon walk with commentary through the cemetery learning about some of the graves of people who had been noteworthy citizens; or a narrated bus tour to historic places of Kew including points which offer extensive views across the Yarra Valley. Our guests are always reminded of how the development of Kew was so greatly influenced by the Yarra river.



← Bus tours led by
Graeme Lindsay &
Philip Slobom

Cemetery tours led by
Dorothy Benyei,
Margaret Robinson &
Kym Sullivan →



OUR MODEST MEMBERSHIP FEES

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

VALE

We are saddened by the passing of member

- John Orr

VALE

Sir Rupert Hamer, who has been a friend and advisor to our Society for many years.

GIFTS & DONATIONS

We always appreciate your contributions to our collection of memorabilia

- Mrs Netta Fuller
- 19th century clothing
- Mrs Marjorie Orr
- Hair crimping tongs

THE PROGRAM FOR 2004

We meet monthly in the Phyllis Hore Room at 8 pm on the second Wednesday of each month unless otherwise announced.

We are plan to have Guest speakers talking on a range of interesting topics such as storage and care of old photos and photo restoration, the Great 19th. Century Exhibitions in Melbourne and Sydney, and Yarra Bend Park.

The full program will be continually announced as arrangements have been finalised.

Be assured that you will not be disappointed with the Committee's efforts.

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 an atmosphere of warm friendship .

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.

COMING MEETING DATES 2004

May	Members' night
June	Peter Lynch - Parks Victoria - 'Yarra Bend Park Trust'
July	John Lancaster - Great Exhibitions of the 19th Century
August	Dr. Christine Williamson - "The Dig" - Lt. Lonsdale St
September	Maria McKean - Restoration of photographs
October	AGM
November	TBA
December	Christmas Party

February Window Display

Dedicated to the Woollard family



'Please view the current display at the east end of the Kew Library'
Design & dressing—Dione McIntyre & Dorothy Benyei