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★ TRASH & TREASURE ★ DAY

SUNDAY 19th SEPTEMBER 2004

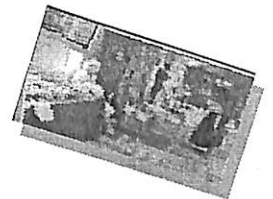
In the Phyllis Hore Room

Beside the KEW LIBRARY

1pm to 4pm

What's there

- Gourmet Preserves
- Plants
- Bric-a-brac
- Lucky Dip
- Accessories
- Music stall
- Collectables



"Do you have any saleable goods in the above categories that you would be prepared to donate for sale on the day?"

This event is being held to coincide with the monthly book sale by the Friends of Kew Library, so please come along and if you have goods to be collected, please phone either Thea Dione or Dorothy

Our next meeting

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

Our Guest Speaker will be:-

Maria McKean—Restoration of Photographs

VILLA ALBA - Sunday 21 March 2004

In 2001 the Villa Alba Museum Inc., appointed Sydney landscape architect and conservator, Dr James Broadbent, to develop a late 19th-century landscape plan which would enhance and complement the highly decorated house.

The design of Villa Alba's garden was known from surveyors' field notebooks of 1894 and 1911; 20th century aerial surveys; a 19th century Greenlaw family photograph; Fripp family photographs of c. 1945; PWD photographs of 1950 and transcripts of oral history interviews.

The plants have been selected from 19th century nurserymen's catalogues and other records, because they were popular at the time. They are a mixture of the ordinary and the special, consciously chosen to avoid the trap of improving on the evidence.

The installation of the iron gates at the entrance is imminent.



KEW BOROUGH 1888 - *Extract from the Victorian Municipal Directory*

KEW.-A prettily situated municipal township, suburban to Melbourne 4 1/2 miles E, with post, money-order and telegraph offices and savings bank. It is a favourite place of residence for the merchants and upper tradesmen of the city, and is dotted with their elegant houses, cottages, villas and well-kept gardens. Some parts of the locality are very elevated, from which fine views can be obtained. The township has over 950 dwellings, and substantial shops are being built on main road. The Metropolitan Lunatic Asylum, situated at the extreme north-western corner of the Borough on a reserve of 100 acres, is bounded on five sides by the Yarra Yarra river, and as little seen or noticed by the, burgesses as if it were in any adjacent municipality. The literary institute is a library of over 5000 volumes. There is a State school, Methodist Ladies' College Roman Catholic College, dedicated to St. Francis Xavier, and five churches. The Melbourne Omnibus Company run a line of buses from Kew to the Hawthorn bridge and from thence connects with the Richmond tramway line on to the metropolis.



Kew Cemetery circa 1880's Image supplied by Earl Mant

Waggonettes run frequently to the city, via Victoria street fare, 6d. The town hall and municipal offices is a handsome and substantial building. The new commodious Post and public offices being erected at the junction of Bulleen and Cotham roads, at a cost of £10,000, are to be finished early in April, 1889 and will be an ornament to the District. Studley Park reserve, the most picturesque in the colony within the borough, is bounded on both sides by the Yarra Yarra river. It is within easy distance of Melbourne, and very suitable for picnic parties. The railway line passes through the Hawthorn Borough, one mile distant, right into the centre of Kew Borough and was opened on 19th December, 1887, terminating in the recreation ground. Victoria bridge opens up a direct route to the city via Barker's road and Victoria street. There is a sub-surface cable tram line from Spencer street to the Victoria bridge, and thence a horse tram line to the corner of the Bulleen and Park Hill roads, Kew, now being constructed and will be opened about 1st January, 1888. The Boroon-dara General Cemetery is very pleasantly situated on the Bulleen road, and the grounds are very tastefully laid out with shrubs and flowers; the horse tramway line stops near the gates. The Outer Circle Railway will traverse the northern part of the Borough from east to west, and two stations are constructed and will be opened about 1st January, 1888. The Boroon-dara General Cemetery is very pleasantly situated on the Bulleen road, and the grounds are very tastefully laid out with shrubs and flowers; the horse tramway line stops near the gates.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Kew Historical Society will be held on **13th October 2004** 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 2004.

(2) **Election of office bearers** for the year 2004/2005. 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 *Thea Sartori* 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 seconder), 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 Thea Sartori.*

(3) **Subscriptions** for the year 2004/2005 became due on 1st. July 2004 and are payable **prior to the Annual General Meeting.**

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

CURRENT COMMITTEE

President	Mrs. Dione McIntyre	Consultant-Architect	Emeritus Professor Peter McIntyre
Vice President	Miss Lisa D'Acri	Co-Editor of Publications	Mr. Ken Sillcock
Vice President	Mrs. Jill O'Brien	Co-Editor of Publications	Ms. Margaret Robinson
Minute Secretary	Miss Betty Huston	Co-Editor of Publications	Mr. Tony Michael
Secretary	Mrs. Thea Sartori	& Digital Recording Officer	
Treasurer	Ms. Margaret Robinson	Committee Member	Miss Joan Simms
Assistant Treasurer	Dr. Laszlo Benyei	Committee Member	Mr. Graeme Lindsay
Archivist	Mrs. Dorothy Benyei	Committee Member	Mrs. Rosemary Smart

GUEST SPEAKERS REVIEW

April Speaker Julianne Bell
Topic: Royal Park Buildings

Julianne showed images of the former Royal Park Mental Hospital and described the battle to save the original buildings on site from Demolition.

Links to Royal Park Protection Group
<http://www.royalparkprotect.org.au>
<http://www.protectorsofpubliclandsvic.com/>



July Speaker John Lancaster
Topic: 19th Century Exhibitions

John had a fascinating collection of memorabilia to support his talk on the Great Exhibitions of the 19th century.



June Speaker Peter Lynch - Parks Victoria
Topic: Yarra Bend Park

Peter a park ranger at Yarra Bend described the park, its geological formations, flora and fauna and his involvement in maintaining and protecting the park.



August Speaker Brad Miles
Topic: Kew Scouting Movement

Brad, a new member, presented an informative history of scouting in Kew supplemented by photographs and lots of scouting paraphernalia.



OUR END OF YEAR PARTY

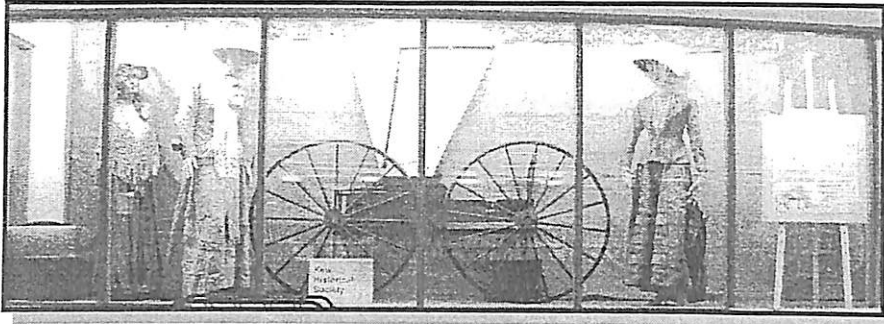
Our usual party will held at **7.00 pm on Wednesday, December 8th**, taking the form of a Shared Evening Meal. to which everyone is welcome. At our meetings, or by phone to
or , **please indicate what items of food you propose to contribute.**

Food can be heated if desired.

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

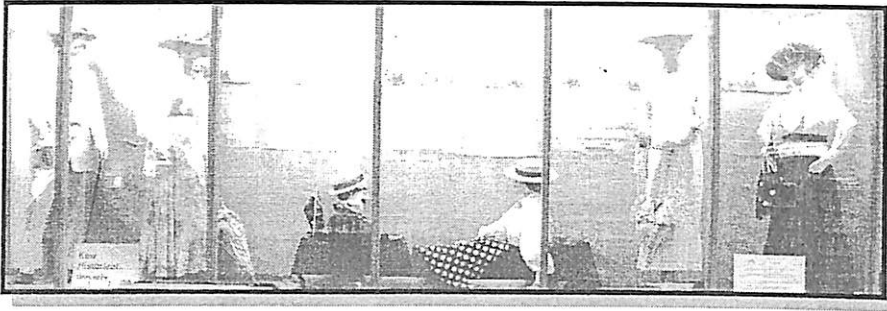
And what else - Christmas carols, anything might happen. - **AND, INDEED, IT WILL.** There is as surprise in store for you ! All good fun and fellowship. Don't miss it. Note the date in your diary.

Window Displays



APRIL
/JUNE

The Horse



JULY/
AUGUST

Henley on
the Yarra

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

TRAMBOAT TRIP

"NEXT STOP WILLIAMSTOWN"

We cruise downstream along the Yarra through the port of Melbourne, past Swanson Dock under the Westgate Bridge out into Hobsons Bay where we turn into the historic seaport of Williamstown. We dock alongside Gem Pier for one hour, where you can take the opportunity to stroll around Williamstown. Includes cruise, delicious gourmet sandwiches, slices and a complimentary tea or coffee.

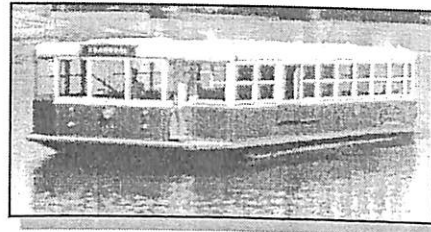
COST \$28.00 per person

DEPARTS Victoria Harbour.

WHEN 15 September 10am

DURATION 3.5 Hours

ORGANISED BY Boroondara Historical Society Association



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.

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

2004 COMING MEETING DATES 8pm

September 8th Maria McKean -
Restoration of photographs

October 13th AGM - Guest speaker,
Mayor Cr Judith Voce

November 10th David Freeman-
"Australian Paintings" .

At the conclusion of 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.

December 8th Christmas Party

OUR MODEST MEMBERSHIP FEES

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

NEW MEMBERS

- Brad Miles
- Dr. Jocelyn Clarke
- Mrs. Beth Brodribb
- Ms. Margaret Clyde

GIFTS & DONATIONS

We always appreciate your contributions to our collection of memorabilia

- Mrs Yvonne Stannard - Ladies garments
- Earl Mant - Photos inc Howard Bacon & Boroondara Cemetery, 1920's wedding photo
- Tony Michael - 1986 City of Kew election materials
- Marjorie Orr - Art déco handbag
- Ann Ranson - Wood working tools, garments & old slide projector
- Betty Houston - Booklet & cards from her mother's school days in Kew