

# Kew Historical Society Inc.

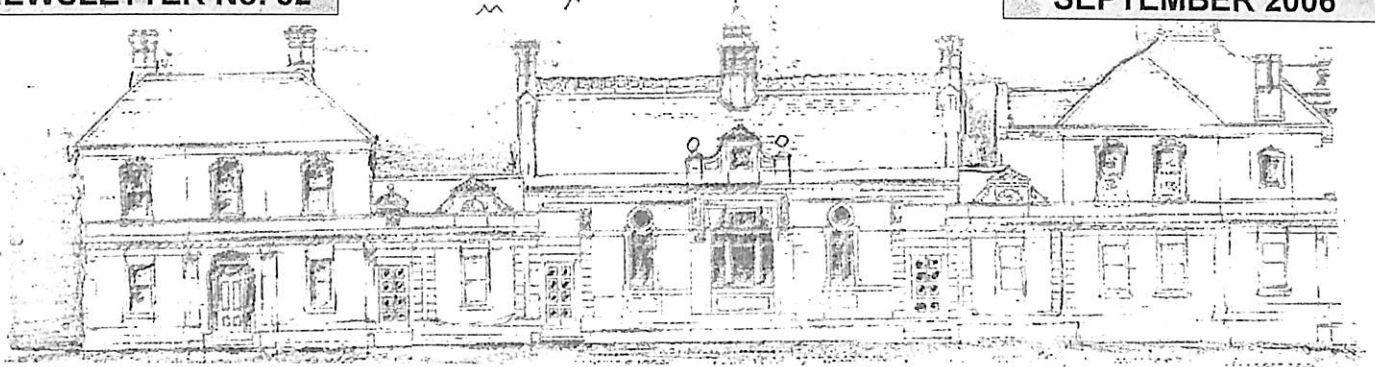
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After weeks of uncertainty, agreement has been reached between the State government and the Boroondara Council about the Conditions of sale of the Former Kew Court House and Police Station, and the Contract Documents have now been finalised.

This follows months of hard work by our President Dione McIntyre and her husband Peter, and our members, who have been instrumental in persuading the two parties to get together for the benefit of the local community.

The serious act of fund-raising is now about to begin. Perhaps you would be able to pass on the enclosed pledge form to a friend if you do not need it yourself. Our Society has accepted the responsibility for raising the shortfall of money needed for restoring the buildings. Boroondara Council has applied for Community Support and Heritage Grants, and major sponsors are to be sought, but there is a deadline of March 2007 for the money to be raised. Otherwise the buildings will revert to the State Government.

Please assist in whatever way you can to help us realise our dream of making these important buildings, located as they are at the very heart of Kew, a viable venue for the arts, and for the use of the Boroondara Community as a meeting place.

All correspondence to:

**Kew Court House Restoration Appeal**  
P.O. Box 175 Kew VIC 3101.

## THE OLD KEW MUNICIPAL OFFICES IN WALPOLE STREET

Under the heading "Historic Meeting of Kew council" an article from the Free Press dated 21st of December 1971 records that on Tuesday the 14th of December 1971 the Kew council met for the last time in the council chambers in Walpole Street. "President of the Historical Society, ex-Cr. Dickinson gave a summary of events leading up to the first council, conducted early December 1960."

"Safeways purchased the ...offices ..for \$200,000 and plan to build a \$1 million supermarket on the site."



### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

2006 has been a remarkable year. It began with our first Book Sale in February. This was untrodden ground for most of us, but with the help of some of the experienced people from the Friends of Kew Library, the event did well and has since been followed by two more, held quarterly.

The Kew Festival in March kept us all on our toes. A grant of \$400 and the provision of a tour bus encouraged us to put on a good show. Once more we were awarded the prize for 'The Best Interpretation of a Theme' in the Street Parade, and we provided an Historical Display of the theme "Moving in Kew", an Historical Bus Tour of Kew, and two guided tours of the Boroondara Cemetery. Everyone who took part did an outstanding job once again.

Events in May were overshadowed by the loss of our dear friend and Treasurer Laszlo Benyei AM, the husband of Dorothy, our Archivist. Laszlo served our society over many years as President and then as our quietly efficient Treasurer. Together in their quiet and unassuming way they organised our affairs. Dorothy has been carrying on Laszlo's duties as well as her own, and we extend to her our love and thanks.

Kym Sullivan returned from overseas to take over the running of the May Book Sale. It proved to be a very large one, due to a flood of old library books from Camberwell. There are many books unsold and we ask any members or friends who wish to become involved in the selling of books to volunteer their services for the 2007 Quarterly Book Sales.

In June our efforts turned in earnest to the Saving of the Kew Court House and Former Police Station. We organised a Protest Rally over the Impending Sale of the buildings, and lobbied the Boroondara Council to get together with the State Government to acquire them for Community use. (see article on page 1)

On a more familiar level, we have held our meetings in the Phyllis Hore Room, been entertained by some remarkable young and erudite speakers and some older ones with remarkable memories of life in Kew. Most of these have been recorded for our archive.

We have had several new members this year and sadly remembered some older ones, no longer with us.

During the coming months, our efforts will be largely directed towards bringing the Court House Buildings back to life, and we hope that many of you will join in the Campaign. If you are unable to give your physical help, any financial donation will be of value in the daunting task to which we have committed ourselves.

Thank you to all who have served on committees. A warm welcome to our new members, and may the coming year bring about the realisation of our dreams.

*Dione McIntyre*



The artwork above comes from an article about Kew in the Salvation Army's The War Cry dated June 14 1894 which states that "Kew is a pretty and fashionable suburb lying directly behind Collingwood and adjoining Hawthorn, and is the residence of a great many people of independent means and heads of big mercantile houses"

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting Of the Kew Historical Society Incorporated will be held on Wednesday 11th October 2006 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 2006
- (2) **Election of office bearers** for the year 2006/2007.

According to our Rules approved under the Associations Incorporation Act 1981, **all positions become vacant.** The elected Committee positions are a president, two vice-presidents, a secretary, minute secretary, a treasurer & public officer, an archivist, and two committee members.

Any member wishing to nominate a member for any position on the Committee should obtain a nomination form from the Secretary.

**Please contact 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."

(3) **Subscriptions** for the year 2006/2007 become due on 1st July 2006 and are payable prior to the Annual General Meeting.

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

The committee for 2005/2006 of elected and co-opted members was:

Dione McIntyre - President;

Jill O'Brien -Vice President & Villa Alba Museum Inc. rep.;

Margaret Robinson - Vice President, Co-Editor of Publications, Newsletter Editor & B.H.S.A. rep.;

Thea Sartori - Honorary Secretary;

Kym Sullivan - Minute Secretary;

Laszlo Benyei - Honorary Treasurer & Public Officer;

Dorothy Benyei - Archivist;

Ken Sillcock - Co-Editor of Publications & committee member;

Tony Michael - Co-Editor of Publications, Digital Recording Officer & committee member;

Lisa D'Acri - immediate past President & committee member;

Graeme Lindsay - committee member & Kew Festival rep.;

Ian Simms - committee member & hospitality co-ordinator;

Rosemary Smart - committee member & B.H.S.A. rep.

### BOOK SALES

Our final book sale for the year will be held on SUNDAY 19th NOVEMBER, 1pm to 4pm, in the Phyllis Hore Room

This is the same day as the Trinity Grammar School Founder's Fair so there should be a lot of people in the area on that day, and we hope to move a lot of the backlog of books

These Quarterly Book Sales have been a new experience for us, and members who have taken part in running the sales have found the experience most rewarding.

The co-ordinator of the sales is Kym Sullivan. He can be contacted on

Kym would appreciate a call from you if you would like to assist with setting up on Saturday 18th November (6pm - 9pm) and/or assist on the day of the sale, particularly after 4pm. .



### BOOK SALE

SUNDAY 19th November

Setting up starts 6 pm Saturday

SALE starts at 1 pm & stops at 4pm

Clearing up starts 4 pm

Helpers are needed both days,  
Especially before and after sale

Please put this date in your diary  
and come

All help appreciated

## 2006 CALENDAR

Wednesday 8pm

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

<b>September 13th</b>	Guest Speaker - Simon Phipps Phillips & Father Printers cnr. Charles and High Streets Kew
<b>October 11th</b>	Annual General Meeting Guest Speaker - - Andrew McIntosh MLA, Member for Kew
<b>November 8th</b>	Guest Speaker - to be advised
<b>December 13th</b>	Christmas Party <b>Note: 7pm start - see below</b>
<b>1st meeting 2007 - 14th February</b>	N.B. There is no meeting in January

## MEMBERSHIP FEES

2006-2007

DUE 1ST July 2006

- Individual \$15
- Family \$17
- Student \$5

## NEW MEMBERS

We extend a warm welcome to the following new members

- Christine Gray
- Slavka Jelovac
- Sheila Pitt
- John Samson
- Janet Walker
- Carole Hooper

**OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY** is on Wednesday 13th December, at 7.00 pm in the Phyllis Hore Room. Please bring a plate of finger food, heating facilities available.

Santa Claus asks everyone (members and guests) to bring a small wrapped gift, (about \$3-\$5) labelled for man or lady accordingly. This will be an entertaining evening for all..

## RECENT ACQUISITIONS

We always appreciate your contributions to our collection of memorabilia

- Dress-up costume from Debra McColl-Davis
- 2 clock stamps and 11 tables stamps from Sue and Les Littlechild
- An English Allerton "Seville" pattern porcelain tea set of 6 cups, 9 saucers, 11 b&b plates and 2 cake plates, and a Continental porcelain coffee set of 5 cups, 6 saucers, a coffee pot, sugar bowl & lid and matching tray from the Dodds family
- A book "Carey missionary and botanist" from Carey Grammar School Archives per Alf Mellor honorary archivist
- World War 2 army shirt from Mrs. Margaret Livingston
- A book "Peggy Sager, Prima Ballerina" by John Hood, donated by the author
- A book "No Run-of-the-Mill: A Biography of Henry Beaufort Somerset" by Jane Mayo Carolan, donated by the author.

## CURRENT WINDOW

