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

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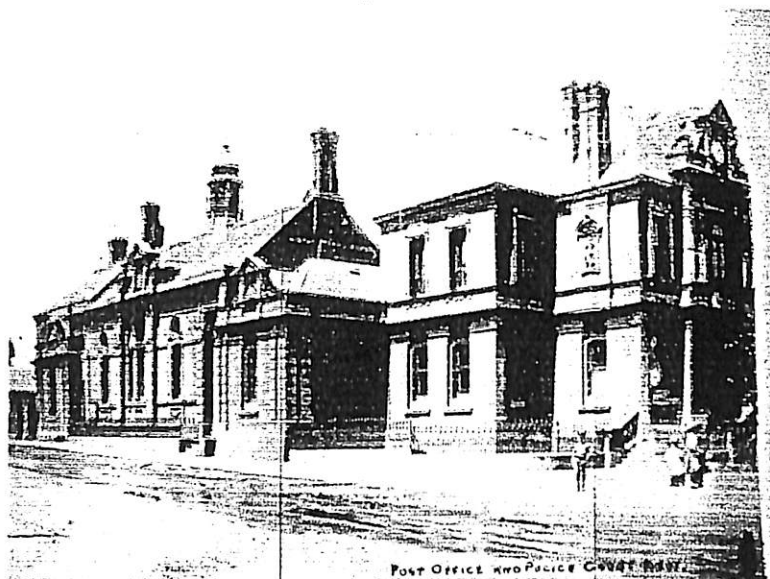
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KEW COURT HOUSE ARTS ASSOCIATION INC.
In conjunction with THE KEW HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

PRESENT

“MYSTERY WALKS”

(The Court House opens its Doors to the Past)



Step back into the past at the Kew Court House.

(Located at 188 High Street Kew. Cnr High St and Cotham Rd Kew)

*Opened in 1888 and closed in 1970's this precinct is now
earmarked to become a Performing Arts Complex.*

*To support the project the
Kew Court House Arts Association is
staging “Mystery Walks” on Sundays at 2pm & 4pm.
from 11th February '07 through to the end of March '07.*

*Assemble at the QPO Bar & Bistro and
finish the Guided “Mystery Walk” with Coffee and Cake
(All inclusive cost of \$10 per person- cash only)*

*Hear stories of crimes of the past, walk the path of
Prisoners from the cells and more
... this really did happen in Kew!*

All proceeds to the Restoration Appeal kewcourthousearts@hotmail.com

MEMO from our PRESIDENT

The Court House and Police Station have been very much in our minds during these past weeks. Members of the Boroondara Council and Council Officers have continued to give their support, as have the staff and Board of the East Kew Community Bank, the various committees, volunteers and friends of the KHS.

Current results of the campaign can be seen on the 'thermometer' outside the building. We still have a very long way to go. Grant applications have gone unrewarded until now, but more submissions have been made.

Our thanks go to all of you who have shown faith in the project and given so generously. Those who have not yet made a personal contribution, we would urge you to do so. (Your donation will be tax deductible through the Community Enterprise Foundation)

We still need further support to enable us to reach our goal. There are plenty of jobs to be done, particularly with the running of the Mystery walks and Kew Festival. One of our most ardent supporters has been Cr. Phillip Healey, who is our new Mayor. We were delighted with his appointment in December, and congratulate him.

By now most of you will know we have another honour to celebrate. Our own Archivist, Dorothy Benyei is joint winner of Citizen of the year for Boroondara for 2007. Our congratulations to both of these members.

The coming months will be busy with the Court House and the Kew Festival arrangements, as well as our Book Sales. Please take an active part in these activities, and a big thank you to all who have helped so far.

Dione McIntyre January 2007

KEW FESTIVAL

Our participation in the Kew Festival is as follows:

FRIDAY	23rd March	1pm	Set up Heritage Display in the Phyllis Hore Room
SATURDAY	24th March	10am-4pm	Display opens Plant and Haberdashery stalls open Helpers needed in room
		11am	Participate in Street Parade. We need members to march in the parade. It is fun! To volunteer, please ring our secretary Thea Sartori, Ph:
SUNDAY	25th March	2-4pm	Historic Bus Tour of Kew Meet at 1.45pm Bus leaves Civic Drive outside Phyllis Hore Room
		2-4pm	Cemetery Tour - comfortable walking shoes needed Meet at Gates to Boroondara Cemetery at 2pm NOTE. Bookings required for both Tours Contact: Dorothy Benyei PH:
		2pm & 4pm	Mystery Walks of Kew Court House & Police Station See front page for details
MONDAY	26th March	9am-3pm	Group activities with school children Volunteers and ideas for group activities appreciated
		3pm	Dismantle display and return items to storage

We need - Plants
- Fashion accessories
- saleable preloved items
Gourmet preserves

Members will be asked to Indicate
where and when they are available to
help at the March meeting.

KEW HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

As confirmed and Co-opted on 3rd November 2006

MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE 2006-7

President	Dione McIntyre	Publications Consultant	Ken Sillcock
Immediate Past President	Lisa D'Acri	Technical Committee	Tony Michael Graeme Lindsay Les Littlechild
Vice President, Editor of Newsletter & B.H.S.A.Rep	Margaret Robinson	Supper Co-ordinator	Joan Simms
Hon. Secretary & Public Officer:	Thea Sartori	Membership (labels etc)	Margaret Robinson & Jill O'Brien
Assist. Secretary:	Kym Sullivan	Committee Member & B.H.S.A.Rep	Rosemary Smart
Hon. Treasurer: & Villa Alba Rep	Jill O'Brien	Kew Festival Rep	Graeme Lindsay
Archivist:	Dorothy Benyei		

BOOK SALES

These will be held in the Phyllis Hore room from 1 to 4 pm on Sundays

Sale Dates are: 18th February 20th May 19th August 18th November

Set up dates are: 17th February 19th May 18th August 17th November

Setting up starts at 1 pm on the Saturday before the sale and continues until finished.

The sale starts at 1pm on Sunday.

Clearing up starts at 4pm on Sunday

We welcome your donations of good saleable books which can be left at the Kew Library.

The Library will continue to be involved and the proceeds from the book sales will be shared.

We would also welcome your help in setting up from 1 pm on Saturday, or help in selling, and/or packing up if you are available anytime between 12 noon and 5.30 pm on Sunday.

Extra helpers would be greatly appreciated on Sunday 17th February as some of us are also involved in the Mystery Walks (see Frontpage)



BOOK SALE

SUNDAY 18th February

(Setting up starts 1 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

MINI BOOK SALES

Many thanks to Kym Sullivan for his wonderful work with his mini book sales at the Kew Library entrance most Sundays. These sales add to the funds and save recycling any books left over from our quarterly book sales.

KEW COURT HOUSE website

Many thanks to Tony Michael for donating to the Court House Restoration Appeal the cost of this year's maintenance of our website
www.kewcourthouse.com

VILLA ALBA MUSEUM INC

Villa Alba Museum Inc. is open on the first Sunday of every month from 1pm to 4pm.

Admission charges:

Family \$25

Adults \$12

Concession \$9

Children under 12 free

Sunday 1st April is a Free Family Day to coincide with the last day of Kew Festival

For further information www.villaalbamuseum.org

2007 CALENDAR

Wednesday 8pm

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

February 14th	Mr. Don Gear - Senior Registrar, Ringwood Magistrates Court - "Magistrates courts"
March 14th	Members' Night
April 11th	- to be advised
May 9th	- to be advised
June 13th	Sister Fran Baum - "St Joseph's Tower"
July 11th	Mr D Young - East Kew businessman
August 8th	Mr. L Savige - Sir Stanley George Savige of Legacy
September 12th	- to be advised
October 10th	Annual General Meeting The Mayor Cr. Phillip Healey
November 14th	- to be advised
December 12th	Christmas Party Note: 7pm start

MEMBERSHIP FEES 2006-2007

These are due on 1st July each year

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

We invite all interested people to join our society and enjoy our speakers and discussions on local history in an atmosphere of warm friendship.

NEW MEMBERS

We extend a warm welcome to the following new member

- Mrs Betty Shelton

VALE

We note with sadness the passing of our long-time supporter Yvonne Knight

RECENT ACQUISITIONS

We always appreciate your contributions to our collection of memorabilia

- a 1914 hand embroidered pink nightdress from Mrs Grace James. Also from Mrs James and her daughter Ceri Spain a collection of 1969-1988 garments designed and made by Mrs Grace.
- Letter scales restored by Ray Boothroyd

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