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PRESIDENTS REPORT

To all our members I would wish you and your families a Happy and Healthy New Year in 2009.

This year looks as though it will be memorable due to a number of groups who are having significant anniversaries that will be celebrated during the Kew Community Festival.

These include :

1. A re-enactment of the first burial at the Boroondara (Kew) General Cemetery on the 12th March at 7 pm and organised by the Friends of Boroondara (Kew) Cemetery
2. 150th Anniversary Celebrations of Boroondara General Cemetery organised by the Cemetery Trustees from 1.30 pm to 3.30 pm and taking place on the 14th March
3. 100th Anniversary of Scouting in Kew with the establishment of 1st Kew Troop.

Permission has also been given by the City of Boroondara to open the Kew Court House for tours. These tours will need to be conducted in part by the Kew Court House Arts Association due to our need to man the Heritage Display in the Phyllis Hore Room over a number of days.

A separate listing of all the events of interest to members that are happening during the Kew Community Festival will be issued so everyone is familiar with the details.

Congratulations to Brad Miles on his election as Ward Councillor for Belleview Ward.

As you may be aware Brad was our Assistant Secretary but has had to resign both this position and his membership as a result of his new position. We are therefore looking for a new Assistant Secretary and would invite anyone interested in taking on the role to contact the Committee.

Looking forward to catching up at the next meeting

David Benwell

Invitation:

We are invited to a special event with Hawthorn Historical Society Inc., at 7:30 pm on Wednesday 18 February 2009. This will be held in the Hawthorn Library Meeting Room, rear of Hawthorn Library 584 Glenferrie Road, Hawthorn

The speaker will be John Dean, a Hawthorn collector, talking about collectables.

Bookings are required. Please call Hawthorn Library

KEW FESTIVAL

Our participation in the Kew Festival is as follows:

- FRIDAY** 13th March 1 pm Set up Heritage Display in the Phyllis Hore Room
HELPERS NEEDED
- SATURDAY** 14th March 10 am-4 pm Display opens
Plant, preserves, bric a brac, antiques, haberdashery and
book stalls open
HELPERS NEEDED
- 11 am PLEASE participate in Street Parade. It is fun!
Our Theme: 1880'S COURT HOUSE.
Dress in 1880 style and Join the happy 'Court House' crowd.
For help contact: Dione or Margaret
- 12 - 4 pm Devonshire teas
- SUNDAY** 15th March 11 am-4 pm Display etc. HELPERS NEEDED for stalls
2-4 pm Historic Bus Tour - Meet at 1.45 pm
Bus leaves Civic Drive outside Phyllis Hore Room
2-4 pm Cemetery Tour - walking shoes (not suited to sticks or frames)
Meet at Gates to Boroondara Cemetery at 2 pm
NOTE. Bookings required for both Tours
Contact: Dorothy PH:
- MONDAY** 16th March 9 am-3 pm Schools Activity Program
Group activities with invited school children
HELPERS NEEDED
3 pm Dismantle display and return items to storage
HELPERS NEEDED

WE NEED

- ◆ Gourmet preserves
- ◆ Plants
- ◆ Books
- ◆ Fashion accessories
- ◆ saleable preloved items
- ◆ Antiques & bric a brac
- ◆ lucky dip items

Wednesday March 11th meeting:
Members will be asked to indicate
where and when they are available
to help during the Kew Festival

Please bring any of above items to 11th March meeting so they can be priced. To arrange collection
phone Dione or Margaret and leave message

RELATED ITEMS - KEW FESTIVAL

Kew Court House Arts Association:

Kew Court House Walk/Cell Tour
Cost \$5 per family/couple for guide book
Saturday 14th 1 pm to 4 pm
Sunday 15th 1 pm to 4 pm
Saturday 21st 1 pm to 4 pm

Kew Court House Walk/Cell Tour
Schools /Community Groups
Tuesday 17th March 10 am to 3 pm
Wednesday 18th March 10 am to 3 pm

Boroondara Cemetery Trustees Saturday 14th March

150th Anniversary of Boroondara General Cemetery
1.30 Demonstration of various stonemason
techniques
2 pm Music by Kew Band
2.30 pm Parade of horse and funeral carriage
2.45 pm Talk by Chairperson of Cemetery
Trustees
3 pm Commemorative plaque unveiling and tree
planting
3.20 pm 150th anniversary book launch with guest
speaker
Boroondara General Cemetery,
cnr Parkhill Rd & High St, Kew

KEW HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC. Elected MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE 2008-9

President	David Benwell	Public Officer	Thea Sartori
Vice Presidents	Dione McIntyre Margaret Robinson	Auditor	Max Sartori
Secretary	Philip Slobom	Archivist	Dorothy Benyei
Assistant Secretary	Brad Miles	Committee Members	Rosemary Smart Tony Michael
Treasurer	(Vacant)		

At our general meeting on the 12th November 2008, Graeme Lindsay accepted the position of Treasurer, Joan Simms returned to the committee, Margaret Robinson was appointed Newsletter and Publications Editor, and Rosemary Smart and Margaret Robinson were appointed our representatives on the Boroondara Historical Societies Association.

Upon his election as a councillor of the City of Boroondara, our Assistant Secretary Brad Miles was required to submit his resignation from our society.

Congratulations Brad and thank you for all the help you and your family have given us. Best wishes in your new position.

OUR 50TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION!



Those who attended our party

After 50 continuous years of operation we were delighted to be able to celebrate the 50th Birthday of the Kew Historical Society at our AGM in October. The Phyllis Hore room was decorated with golden balloons and streamers and enlargements of our inaugural meeting minutes in 1958 at the home of Cr. W.H.S. Dickinson.

Members and friends attended, and many were surprised to see a likeness of Dorothy Rogers seated in the front row. Dorothy attended the first meeting, as did our own Clarrie Thompson. A special party spread followed, featuring a 2 tiered birthday cake. A toast was raised to the Society, and to the incoming President, David Benwell



"Dorothy Rogers"

Photos by Tony Michael



Presidents + Hon Auditor



SUCCESSFUL APPLICATION

The Kew Historical Society Inc. gratefully acknowledges the receipt of a grant of \$1200, towards the upgrading of our digitisation of records program, from the Community Enterprise Foundation in partnership with the Kew East Community Bank .

BOROONDARA CITIZEN OF THE YEAR 2009

We wish to congratulate our new President David Benwell upon his appointment as one of the City of Boroondara's Citizen of the Year. The announcement was made at a Citizenship ceremony on Australia Day 2009. Congratulations David

2009 CALENDAR

Wednesday 8 pm

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

February 11th	DVD - KHS 50th Birthday party DVD - Dr. Ted Ryan 's talk " Dr Thomas Embling 1814 - 1893"
March 11th	Mr. John Doyle - honorary secretary KCC Kew Cricket Club
April 8th	Heritage speaker
May 13th	Conservation speaker
June 10th	Kew High School chaplaincy
July 9th	Members' night
August 12th	Kew Business speaker
September 9th	Royal Historical Society
October 14th	Annual General Meeting
November 11th	Speaker on Copyrights
December 9th	Christmas Party Note: 7 pm start

MEMBERSHIP FEES 2008-2009

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.

VILLA ALBA MUSEUM INC

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

Admission charges:

Adults \$10

Concession \$8

Children under 12 free

Sunday 22nd March is a Free

Family Day to coincide with the last day of Kew Festival

For further information

www.villaalbamuseum.org

2009 QUARTERLY BOOK SALES



The Sale Dates are:

15th February

17th May

16th August

15th November

These are held in the Phyllis Hore room from 1 to 4 pm on Sunday.

Setting up starts at 1:30 pm on the Saturday before the sale and continues until finished.

The sale starts at 1 pm on Sunday.

Clearing up starts at 4 pm on Sunday and your help would be very much appreciated

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

The proceeds from the book sales are shared with the Kew library

BOOK SALE

SUNDAY 15th February

(Setting up starts 1 pm Saturday)

SALE starts at 1 pm & stops at 4 pm

Clearing up starts 4 pm

Helpers are needed both days,
(Especially after the sale)

Please put this date in your diary
and come

All help appreciated