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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Fellow Members

It seems only moments ago that we were at this point last year and now I again would like, on behalf of the committee and myself, to wish you and your families "A Happy and Healthy New Year".

We have now planned our programme of speakers, with several yet to be confirmed, and our involvement in events such as the Kew Community Festival is being developed. It is anticipated that our participation in the Festival will be along the lines of last year. Our archivist Dorothy Benjei has agreed to again coordinate these activities which will be happening in mid-March. We are looking forward to what we hope and trust will be another successful year.

This will be the year of the opening of the Kew Court House and Police Station, an event which I have no doubt we are all awaiting with some anticipation. We will be keeping you all up to date with what is happening as it comes to hand. This will include any arrangements we come to with Council on what space is available to the Society.

A Community Enterprise Grant has been received from the East Kew Bendigo Bank for audio equipment. They also offered us display space in their proposed new premises opposite Woolworths in Kew. This was used to make a presentation for the 150th anniversary of the foundation of Kew. The Bank provided the funds for the seven A1 size posters outlining important dates in Kew's Municipal history, set up by Margaret and Judith and produced by Simon Phipps of Philips and Father. The Bank also provided frames to display the posters. This proved to be a successful event with our local ward councillors, Phillip Healey, Brad Miles and David Bloom attending and the Mayor Nicholas Tragas making a speech along with our State Member of the Legislative Assembly the Hon. Andrew McIntosh. Many thanks to Judith and Margaret in making this day such a success.



Cutting the birthday cake

I look forward to seeing you all at our February meeting,

David Benwell

CHRISTMAS PARTY 2010

Photos from Janelle and Margaret



KEW FESTIVAL

Our participation in the Kew Festival is as follows:

FRIDAY	18th March	1pm	Set up Heritage Display in the Phyllis Hore Room
SATURDAY	19th March	10am-4pm	Display opens. Market Stall - Jams, preserves, fresh produce, plants Devonshire teas 10.30am - 3.30pm
		11am	Participate in Street Parade. We need members to march in the parade. It is fun! Dress in Carnival Costume
SUNDAY	20th 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 Bookings essential for both tours Ring
MONDAY	21st March	9am-3pm 3pm-6pm	Group activities with children from invited schools Dismantle display and return items to storage

February meeting :
Members will be asked to indicate where and when they can help

We need

- Jams and preserves
- Fresh home grown produce,
- plants

KEW HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

As elected on 14th October 2010

MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE 2010 - 2011

President: David Benwell
 Vice Presidents: Dione McIntyre
 Philip Slobom
 Hon. Secretary: Judith Vimpani
 Assist. Secretary: Margaret Robinson
 Hon. Treasurer: Graeme Lindsay

Archivist: Dorothy Benyei
 Committee members: Joan Simms
 Rosemary Smart
 Re-appointed:
 Public Officer: Thea Sartori
 Auditor: Max Sartori

QUARTERLY BOOK SALES

In the Phyllis Hore Room 1 to 4 pm.
 Dates for 2011 are:

SALE DATES	SET UP DATES
<u>20th February</u>	19th February
<u>15th May</u>	14th May
<u>21st August</u>	20th August
<u>20th November</u>	19th November

All help welcome especially setting up Saturday and after 4pm Sunday. Donations of good clean books can be left at the Kew library - clearly labelled KHS book sale.



NEW MEMBER

We extend a warm welcome to our new member
 • Kerry Fairbank

HELP WANTED

This year we are working with Boroondara Library Services to preserve our photos.

This involves preparing an information sheet for each photo.

We need you!
 Coffee, Tea & Biscuits provided.

See Margaret or Judith
 Or ring

KEW'S 150TH BIRTHDAY 18th DECEMBER 2010

It was exactly 150 years ago on the 18th December 1860 that Kew was proclaimed a municipality.

On Saturday 18th December 2010 at Bendigo Bank East Kew's new premises opposite Woolworths Kew, there was a party to celebrate the 150 birthday of Kew. The Mayor, Cr. Nick Tragas, announced the 150th birthday and blew out the candle, Crs. Phillip Healey, David Bloom and Brad Miles jointly cut the cake which was washed down with soft drink or champagne courtesy of Woolworths. Of interest was the local MLA Andrew McIntosh's comment that the Mayor took precedence over him at such functions. All five said they were delighted to be there on such an occasion.



St Hilary's choir and friends, singing carols as part of the celebration



Photographs from Paula Davey, Janelle Benwell & Margaret Robinson

2011 CALENDAR**Wednesday 8pm**

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

February 9th	Speaker: Nigel Lewis Topic: Houses in Kew
March 9th	Speaker: Anne Cotter Topic: Andale Special School
April 13th	Speaker: Bill Pritchard Topic: Servicemen from Kew
May 11th	Speaker: To be confirmed
June 8th	Speaker: Prof. Ham - Hand Tools Assoc. of Vic. "Men at work - hand tools"
July 13th	Speaker: To be confirmed
August 10th	Speaker: To be confirmed
September 14th	Speaker: To be confirmed
October 12th	AGM Speaker: Mayor of Boroondara
November 9th	Speaker: To be confirmed
December 14th	Xmas Function

**MEMBERSHIP FEES
2010-2011**

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.

**REMINDER
BOOK SALE
SUNDAY**

20th February
1 pm to 4 pm

Phyllis Hore Room
Rear Kew Library

Please put this date in your diary
All Help Appreciated