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KEW COURT HOUSE

OPENING PROGRAM 18-26 JUNE 2011

The Kew Court House is celebrating its opening as an arts and cultural centre with a range of activities in the week leading up to the formal opening on the 26th June.

Performances - including the Camberwell Youth Theatre's One Act Plays; a magic show by Elio Simonetti and Eva Salleh; Tim Mckew toasting Noel Coward; "Trial by Jury" by the Savoy Opera Co.; an acapella group the Sweet Adelines; and David Cotter with Crooney Tunes.

Exhibitions - Art displays from the Q ArtStudio, and the Boroondara Artists Travelling Show; the "First Century of Kew" by the Kew Historical Society; photographic displays from the Camberwell Camera Club, and Grace McKenzie; and Japanese floral arrangements by the Sogetsu School of Ikebana

Talks - Question and answer with the Kew Historical Society; Meet the Photographer with Grace McKenzie; and Photography Enjoying Your Hobby with the Camberwell Camera Club.

GRAND OPENING 26TH JUNE AT 2PM

Outdoor Stage - Entertainment from Georgia Fields & band; Dislocate Acrobatic Extravaganza; Deborah Conway & Willy Zygiar; and Christopher Genoux Trio.

Court Room - Performances from Xani; e.motion21; Camberwell Youth Theatre; Flare Dance Company; Melbourne Ballet Company; Kew Band; Emily Jane Purificato & David Kral; Bob Sedergreen; and Our Community Sings.

Roving Artists - Hosted by Alan Lovett and Carolyn Connors - Barking Spider Visual Theatre .

Brochure in letterbox will give full details.

Come and see our new room. It will be open Tues 21st June & Thurs 23rd June from 2.00 - 4.00 pm. Also on Sunday 26th June.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Members

We have just come out from our efforts with the Kew Festival, again running a 1910 replica tea room, and are now heading helter skelter towards the opening of the Kew Court House and Police Station.

Let me first thank everyone who took part in the Historical Society's fully operating display in the Phyllis Hore Room. It was a pleasant interlude in a busy period. The historical bus tour, cemetery tour and children's events were excellently presented and well received so again my thanks to all those who did such a magnificent job.

At the time of writing this we are getting ourselves in order to take part in the opening ceremonies connected with the Kew Court House and Police Station which will take place towards the end of June. This will provide ample opportunity for all those who enjoy dressing up in the clothes of bygone years to take an active part.

As you may be aware we now have been allocated a room in the old Police Station and this we need to populate with an exhibition as part of the opening celebrations. Our long term use of this room is under review by your Committee, as is the use of the new upstairs office we now have, which formed part of the old Camcare offices. These are exciting times and offer a wonderful opportunity for the Society to grasp with both hands and make the most of. This will include room for the digitisation of our records and more adequate storage facilities. Certainly we should look to the Police Station premises as, amongst other things, being a haven for members to visit and bring guests to enjoy light refreshments.

The Quarterly Book Sales continue to go from strength to strength with sales now exceeding \$1400 for the Quarter. This brings in a welcome return to both the Society and the Library who share the proceeds equally.

It is good to be able to report that new members continue to join, although in small numbers, but very welcome.

The speakers' programme remains a strong one for the rest of the year and I look forward to catching up with you all at our next meeting.

David Bennell

NEW ACQUISITIONS

The following items have recently been added to our collection:

- Metal Ceiling Rose and handmade nails from the former Kew Police Station - Recieved from Norman Jackson on behalf of the City of Boroondara.
- Album of 2011 Kew Festival photos and DVD, of "members in action" - taken and presented by Slavka Jelovic.
- "Peel Street" book of poems from the author Christopher Nailer who also gave us copies to sell for K.H.S. Funds.
- Biography of Pte. T.M. Carrucan, WWI soldier, compiled by his cousin F.W.Lynch.
- Various publications from Studley Park Modern
- Information on War Service of Kew Residents, especially in WWI, from Bill Pritchard.

MEMBERS NEWS

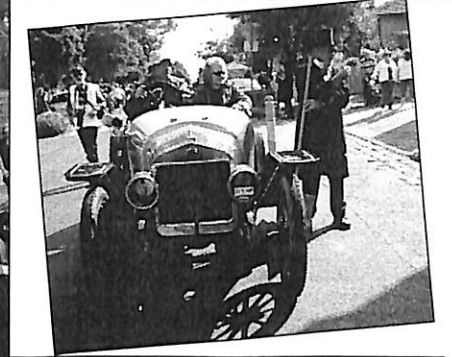
Graeme Lindsay took this lovely photo of Raymond and Rosemary Vaughan-Smith, and Ken Sillcock late last year when he was visiting Raymond and Ken at Broughton Lea



KEW FESTIVAL



Our participation in the Kew Festival was very successful. We had members walking in the Street Parade, and lots of members helping in the Phyllis Hore room selling preserves, plants and books, and serving Devonshire teas.



As well as our historical panorama, there were displays from VicRoads who were celebrating their 50th Birthday in Kew, and Studley Park Modern.



2011 CALENDAR**Wednesday 8pm**

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

June 8th	Speaker: Prof. Frank Ham - Hand Tools Assoc. of Vic. "Men at work - hand tools"
July 13th	Speaker: Ian Penrose - Yarra Riverkeeper "How the Yarra Flows"
August 10th	Members Forum
September 14th	Speaker: Ken Manley - Baptist Historical Society
October 12th	AGM Speaker: The Mayor of Boroondara, Cr. Nicholas Tragas
November 9th	
December 14th	Christmas Function

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Reminder
that

MEMBERSHIP FEES**for 2011 - 2012**

are due on the

1st July 2011

- 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 21st AUGUST - 1 pm to 4 pm

Phyllis Hore Room
Rear Kew Library

Please put this date in your diary All Help Appreciated

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