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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Kew Historical Society Incorporated will be held on Wednesday 12th October 2011 at 8pm in the Phyllis Hore Room, rear of Kew Library, Civic Drive, off Cotham Road, Kew.

The business to be transacted at the meeting will be:-

- (1) Apologies.
- (2) Minutes of last AGM.
- (3) **Reports** from President, Treasurer and Archivist for the year ending 30th June 2011.
- (4) **Election of Committee Members** for the year 2011/2012.
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, an Assistant Secretary, a Treasurer, an Archivist, and two Committee Members.
Any member wishing to nominate a member for any position on the Committee should use the enclosed nomination form.
All nomination forms should be in the hands of the secretary (Judith - [REDACTED]) by **5pm Wednesday 5th October 2011.**
- (5) Appointment of Auditor.
- (6) Appointment of Public Officer.
- (7) Any other business of which prior notice has been given.

The committee for 2010/2011 of elected members was:

President	David Benwell
Vice Presidents	Philip Slobom Dione McIntyre
Secretary	Judith Vimpani
Assistant Secretary	Margaret Robinson
Treasurer	Graeme Lindsay
Archivist	Dorothy Benyei
Committee Members	Rosemary Smart Joan Simms

Public Officer Thea Sartori Auditor Max Sartori

Subscriptions for the year 2011/2012 become due on 1st July 2011 and are payable prior to the Annual General Meeting.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Fellow Members,

We have now completed our involvement in the successful opening of the Kew Courthouse and Police Station and this was an occasion that I hope was enjoyed by everyone that attended. It was great to see our members dressing up and entering into the spirit of the occasion.

Congratulations have been well deserved by each and everyone who contributed to the setting up of the display in our room and the upstairs lift foyer area. This display has been well received and continues to be open to the public and members on Tuesdays from 10am to 4pm and Saturdays from 10am to 2pm. So if you have not been along yet please do come.

The Quarterly Book Sale continues to break all records with our first \$2000 in sales. A record attendance. This was a fantastic result and our thanks go out to Val Bourke for getting us such great publicity and the other members and volunteers who put in the hard yards to make this possible.

At the September meeting proposals to alter the Constitution are being put to remove the restrictions on the office bearer's length of service, which will allow for continuity where necessary. Also we need to alter the provisions for disposal of assets on the event of winding up the Society in order to accommodate our application for DGR status which will mean all donations over \$2 are tax deductible. Further information on these issues is contained in the September meeting papers.

Over the past three months we have had interesting speakers ranging from Prof. Frank Ham from the Hand Tools Association to a representative from the Yarra Riverkeepers giving an update on the state of the river and Philip Slobom hosting a member's forum. This month the Rev Dr Ken Manley will be talking on the Kew Baptist Church and in October the Mayor Cr. Nicholas Tragas will be our speaker at the Annual General Meeting.

Keep well and I look forward to seeing you all at our A G M.

David Bennell

President

RECENT ACQUISITIONS

Recent visitors to our room at the Court House have donated the following

- Jane Dubsy - donated a copy of "Running with the ball", co-authored by her sister Gillain Hibbins, which tells the story of H C A Harrison's involvement with Australian football. also a print out of family group sheet for Henry Colden Antill Harrison, the brother of her great grandfather.
- Brenda and Bob Johnson - donated a large number of pharmaceutical items relating to Barnard's pharmacy including one with the label "F. Barnard, Chemist, Post Office Kew".
- Mary Dean - donated her mother Lorie Dean's 1934 wedding dress
- Kathleen Murphy - donated a printout of the history of the Carrucans of Kew

VILLA ALBA VISIT

Andrew Dixon, President of the Villa Alba Board, has invited friends and members of the Kew Historical Society to a special viewing of the house and the recent conservation work. The tour which includes afternoon tea, will be on either 15th or 22nd of October. The date will be finalised at our September meeting.

Please ring either Judith or Margaret if you are interested.

NEW MEMBERS

We extend a warm welcome to the following new members

- Brenda & Bob Johnson
- Felicity Rentos

KEW COURT HOUSE

With all the Court House opening celebrations over, this gives us a chance to acknowledge all the work done by members and friends over the years.

Key people to the success of the project were Peter and Dione McIntyre with their total commitment, and the Project Manager for the City of Boroondara, Norman Jackson, who "fell in love with the building".



VALE

Raymond Vaughan-Smith 1923-2011



Raymond, President of the Kew Historical Society from 1996 to 1999, was a very active member, who, along with his wife Rosemary, joined our society in 1979. For years they undertook the role of collecting and filing Kew real estate notices with meticulous attention to detail. His career at the Royal Botanical Gardens reflected his lifelong interest in botany. His plant identification skills were greatly valued

Muriel Watson 1923-2011

Muriel and her husband, Rev. Morris Watson, joined our society in 1987. Muriel supported Morris when he was our President from 1993 to 1996. She loved dressing up for the Kew Festival Parade and encouraged others to do so. Her gift of her academic gown was greatly appreciated, and her smiling caring face will be greatly missed.



Alison Goding

Alison was a descendant of early Kew pioneers and a fine historian. Her book relating to the Lake Tyer's settlement was widely acclaimed. She joined our society in 1985 and attended meetings until she moved to live in the Old Colonists Settlement. She continued her interest in Kew and greatly appreciated our Christmas greetings.

Margaret Clyde

Margaret was a quiet achiever. She was deeply interested in the history of Kew and among the most enthusiastic supporters of our efforts in saving the Court House for community use.

2011 CALENDAR

Wednesday 8pm

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

October 12th	The Mayor of Boroondara Cr. Nicholas Tragas
November 9th	
December 14th	Christmas Party Note:- 7PM start - for details see ↗
First Meeting 2012 February 8th	N.B. There is no meeting in January

OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY
Wednesday 14th December
at 7.00 pm in the Phyllis
Hore Room


Please bring a plate of finger food. Heating facilities are available.

Santa Claus asks everyone (members and guests) to bring a small wrapped gift. (about \$5) men something for a man, ladies for a lady. Please label and place in correct basket.

This will be an entertaining evening for all

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Kew Historical Society Inc.
Established 1958 Incorporated 1987

*"Preserving Kew's History
for future generations"*

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

Membership Fees:- due on 1st July each year
Individual \$15 Family \$17 Student \$5

All enquiries: Kew Historical Society, P O Box 175, Kew VIC 3101

BIG QUARTERLY BOOK SALE

1 pm to 4 pm

SUNDAY

21ST NOVEMBER

Phyllis Hore Room
(Rear Kew Library)
Civic Drive, Kew

Lots of Bargains

Please put this date in your diary

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