

KEW HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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A monthly e-Bulletin for members and friends of the Society, describing some of our past and future activities. The e-Bulletin is intended to supplement our quarterly newsletter. Please pass it on to friends who may be interested.

NOVEMBER MONTHLY MEETING

Topic: Alfred Fuller: Brewer and organ builder

Presenter: John Maidment OAM

Believe it or not, once upon a time there was a brewery in Kew. This was managed by an interesting chap called Alfred Fuller. In 1880 he gave up brewing and commenced making organs (as you do); something he was incredibly good at. John Maidment OAM, who retired last year as the inaugural Chairman of the Organ Historical Trust of Australia, will examine Alfred Fuller's career and show images of many of the organs built at his premises in High Street South, Kew.

The meeting is at 8pm, Wednesday, 8th November, in the Phyllis Hore Room at the rear of the Kew Library.



One of the beautiful organs created by Alfred Fuller.

COMMITTEE NEWS

The Hon Andrew McIntosh has recently resigned as our President. Andrew has served with distinction and we are grateful for his service to the Society. He will continue as a member and supporter. The Committee invited Judith Voce to serve as our president and we can announce that she has accepted. She is a long-term resident of Kew East and is currently involved with Villa Alba and the Boroondara (Kew) Cemetery Trust. Judith can be contacted on <president@kewhistoricalsociety.org.au>.

COURT HOUSE EXHIBITION & LIBRARY DISPLAY

The Society has recently opened its final exhibition for 2017, titled 'Theatre & Music in Kew: 1950s & 1960s'. The exhibition features a series of images taken at various performances at the old Kew Recreation Centre, as well as programmes of the era and reviews written up in contemporary newspapers. Definitely worth a look.. The exhibition will be open to the public at the Kew Court House until the end of February next year. A complimentary display on the same theme has been installed at the Kew Library.

END OF YEAR DINNER – WED, 13 DECEMBER

Don't miss this one! Our end-of-year dinner is always a good night and we hope everyone can come. This year it is at a different venue – QPO, 186 High Street at Kew Junction. Lots of stairs at the front, although a ramp is available at the back of the building accessible from Cotham Road. The dinner replaces our normal December meeting ie is on Wednesday, 13 December. 6.30pm for 7pm.

The cost is \$46 per person and includes two courses (a choice of four different mains and a choice of four different desserts) and tea and coffee. Drinks are at bar prices, although the Committee will cover the cost of soft drinks and a bottle of wine at each table. By popular demand, the after dinner entertainment will be a trivia quiz on all things Kew. It should be fun.

Bookings are essential – to (preferably) <secretary@kewhistoricalsociety.org.au> or by phone to 9489 7815 – by Wednesday, 29 November. Guests of members are also most welcome.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

- The Boroondara Historical Association (of which we are a member). 'Mapping Boroondara's History' exhibition. We contributed three historic maps from our collection. Until 30 November. Camberwell Library, 340 Camberwell Road.
- The next KHS booksale is on Sunday 26 Nov.
- Balwyn Historical Society. Talk: Salvation Army Films (they made 200 films in the early 1900s!). 8pm, 9 November at Balwyn Evergreen Centre, 45 Talbot Avenue. <balwynhistory@gmail.com>.
- Royal Historical Society of Victoria. 'Secret Codes and the Cable Girls of West Block' (WW2 intrigue!) by Dr Peter Dowling. Thursday 23 November, 12.30pm for 1.00pm. 239 A'Beckett Street, Melbourne. \$10. <www.historyvictoria.org.au>.

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