

# APRIL MEETING

## THE WEIRS OF PRINCESS STREET



*Illapa* at 90 (later 84) Princess Street, Kew was built for Henry Hedderwick in c.1890. It is now part of Rylands of Kew. From 1917 until 1950, 84 Princess Street was the home of George and Edith Weir and their five children. George Weir was initially manager of the North Broken Hill Mine and General Manager from 1917 to 1926.

In 2017, the Society was gifted a large and important collection of Edith Weir's clothing by her granddaughter, Jillian Rigby. These are historic and aesthetically significant items of women's clothing, which complement our existing costume collection. The donation includes clothing from every decade, from the 1890s to the 1940s.

At the April meeting, Jillian Rigby will provide some family background, Robert Baker will explore in what ways the donation complements our costume collection, and Suzanne McWha will examine and describe a number of the costumes in detail.

Following the talk, supper will be provided. Visitors are welcome to attend.

**Date: Wednesday 11 April 2018**

**Time: 8.00pm**

**Venue: Phyllis Hore Room, Kew Library,  
Cotham Road, Kew 3101**

