

KEW HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Our monthly e-Bulletin is for members of the Society and describes some of our past and future activities to keep everyone informed and encourage participation. It supplements our quarterly newsletter. Please pass it on to friends who may be interested.

60th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Well, what a fabulous night! Sixty years of the Kew Historical Society! We had a bumper attendance – nearly 50 people, including our mayor, Cr Parke and local Kew Councillor, Cr Healey. And our very own patron, Sir Gus Nossal, officiated at the cake cutting ceremony – and what a colossal cake it was too. Our archivist gave a short slide show presentation of some of our historic milestones and the collections group had a selection of Society memorabilia out on display. And yes, lots of bubbly flowed, delicious food eaten and good conversation had. Many thanks to all of those who came along to help make it a special occasion and, of course, special thanks to the band of nice people who organised everything for us.



DICKINSON LECTURE – WED, 10 OCTOBER 2018

We are pleased to announce that Dr Gary Presland will present our Dickinson Lecture for 2018. His topic is 'FGA Barnard: naturalist, historian and committed Kewite'. Barnard was born in Kew and lived and worked (as a pharmacist) in Kew for most of his life. He helped start the Field Naturalists Club of Victoria in 1880 and the Historical Society of Victoria in 1909. He was a mayor of Kew and wrote Kew's first history. A fascinating man and it promises to be a fascinating talk. The lecture is being held at the Just Theatre at the Kew Court House – 7.30pm, Wednesday, 10 October. The \$20 entry fee covers pre-lecture drinks and nibbles and supper. Bookings are required – ring 9278 4770 or online via <www.hawthornartscentre.com.au>.

NEW COURT HOUSE EXHIBITION

Our new Court House exhibition is titled 'Historic House of Kew' and features paintings of cottages and mansions painted by the late Joy Stewart. A story has been prepared to accompany each painting, exploring the featured building and its occupants.

The new exhibition opens on the 12th of October and, as always, can be visited 11am to 1pm on Fridays and Saturdays (at the Kew Court House, 188 High Street, Kew, on level 1).

2018 AGM

This was all quite painless. We heard of some of the past year's activities from our Vice-President and our Archivist. The Treasurer presented the audited accounts and informed us that we still have good reserves in the bank. Our Patron, Gus Nossal, made presentations to our three outgoing bearers – Don Garden, David Benwell and Brad office Miles and we filled all of our positions on the Committee for the new year. The mayor said some kind words and before we knew it, it was time for the 60th Anniversary birthday party and supper.

The Committee for 2018/19:

President – Judith Voce
Vice-President – Brad Miles
Secretary – Desley Reid
Treasurer – Rob Romanin
Archivist – Robert Baker
Curator – Judith Scurfield
Ordinary Committee Members:
David White
Jan Walker
Mary Kelleher
Debbie McColl-Davis
Richard Bowen.

Thanks to them all for volunteering to serve our Society.

OTHER THINGS OF INTEREST

- RHSV: 'History Week Victoria'. There are lots of things organised and happening, between 7 – 14 October 2018. Details can be found at <www.historyweek.org.au>.
- The Boroondara Council is calling for nominations to its Town Hall Gallery Collection Advisory Committee. For more info visit <www.boroondara.vic.gov/arts>. Applications close Monday 8 October.
- Behind the scenes tour of the Stonnington History Centre, 10am, 3 October. Bookings required – phone 8290 1360.
- Did you know that there was 'Free Gardeners Lodge' formed in 1912 that met in the Canterbury Theatre?