

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.

MAY MEMBERS MEETING – WED, 8 MAY

This month we have vintage fashion author and collector Nicole Jenkins presenting an illustrated talk about Melbourne's women's fashions of the 1950s. She will cover the styles and fabrics popular at this time - from swim suits to ballgowns, home-made to haute couture.

Nicole is an award-winning author and owns a significant private collection of Australian fashion.

As usual, the meeting will be at 8pm, in the Phyllis Hore Room at the back of the Kew Library. The talk will be followed by supper.

TAX DEDUCTION OPPORTUNITY!

The Society is seeking donations from members and friends to raise funds for the purchase of an oil painting of the *River Yarra, Studley Park* (c.1892) by the British-Australian artist Herbert J Woodhouse (1854-1937). The cost of this impressive, 127 year old, original oil painting is only \$380. We think it will make a great addition to our collection.



Woodhouse was born in Essex and arrived in Australia with his family in 1857. A painter-lithographer, he exhibited in South Australia, Victoria and New South Wales Arts Society, with his work represented in the collection of the State Library of Victoria.

Donations towards the purchase of this painting for inclusion in our collection, are tax deductible. If you would like to donate towards its purchase, please contact our Treasurer, Robert Romanin, via email at (<treasurer@kewhistoricalsociety.org.au>).

COURT HOUSE EXHIBITION

Our new Court House exhibition: '*Railways in Kew: The Outer Circle Railway and the Kew Branch Line*' is well worth a visit. Lots of interesting photos of old steam engines as well as photos of some of the, albeit modest, former train stations of Kew. The exhibition also includes some fascinating artefacts including rare 'Kew' train tickets and even a piece of the Outer Circle railway track. As always, the exhibition is open Fridays and Saturdays, 11am to 1pm at the Kew Court House in High Street. Many thanks to our roster of volunteers who staff the exhibition each month.

APRIL MEMBERS MEETING

Special thanks to Les Littlechild who was our speaker at last month's meeting. We were all fascinated by his detailed knowledge of the period detail of some of the 1920 and 30s homes in Kew East, many of which are now sadly being demolished. It was a well-prepared talk with a huge array of slides helping us gain a wonderful insight into the skills of past interior decorating tradesmen.

FEDERAL ELECTION 2019

The Society is affiliated with the Federation of Australian Historical Societies (FAHS). Prior to elections they invite the major parties to present them with their history and heritage policies. In addition, the FAHS sought support for a community history grants program (similar to existing arts and community environmental programs). As at the commencement of pre-polling, there has been no commitment for a grants program, nor has any of the major parties responded with advice of their history and heritage policies.

MAY BOOK SALE – SUNDAY, 19 MAY

Our second book sale for 2019 is scheduled for Sunday, 19 May, 1 to 4pm. Please let all your friends, relations and neighbours know. As always, we would love to have lots of volunteers to help set up on the Saturday (from 10am, and especially from 12noon) and to help during the sale on Sunday and to pack up on the Sunday (from 4pm). If you can help, please let our co-ordinator know (<dwarch@ozemail.com.au>) or put your name down at the May member's meeting.

FOR YOUR DIARY

- The 'A Spanner in the Works' exhibition at the Hawthorn Arts Centre closes 12 May 2019. Free.
- Talk: 'Bookies, Punters and the Richmond Racecourse'. Studio 1, 22 Bendigo Street, Richmond (the ex-Channel Nine building), 2pm, Sunday, 19th May. Free, but bookings required (9427 1800).