

# KEW HISTORICAL SOCIETY

*Serving the community, families, schools, students, historians and other researchers*

**e-BULLETIN : AUGUST 2019**



## **e-BULLETIN**

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.

## **WED, 14 AUGUST : A MAGIC LANTERN SHOW**

In August, at our monthly member's meeting, we will be experiencing: 'By Limelight in Winter : A Magic Lantern Show'. In 1863 the children of Kew were treated to a magic lantern show in the Athenaeum to celebrate the marriage of Queen Victoria's eldest son, Prince Albert Edward to Princess Alexandra of Denmark. We will relive this event as John Semmens introduces his magnificent magic lantern, cutting edge of 19<sup>th</sup> Century entertainment, and takes us back for a glimpse of the Victorian world. Commences 8pm, Phyllis Hore Room, Kew Library.

## **KHS BOOK SALE – SUNDAY, 18 AUGUST**

Make sure this is in your diary, 1-4pm, 18 August, in the Phyllis Hore Room at the Kew Library. As always, we need volunteers to help set up on the Saturday (17 August, from around 10am) as well as on the day during the sale and afterwards to pack up. Let David White know if you can assist (<dwarch@ozemail.com.au>).

## **VALUATIONS DAY – SUNDAY, 25 AUGUST**

A new initiative of the Boroondara Historical Societies Association – of which we are a member - is being held Sunday, 25 August, between 1pm and 4pm at the Hawthorn Community Precinct (next to the Hawthorn Library in Glenferrie Road). The idea is for people to bring along a item or two to be valued. Cost \$5 for two items and afternoon tea. More info at <www.hawthornhistoricalsociety.com.au>.

## **COURT HOUSE AND LIBRARY EXHIBITIONS**

Our current Court House exhibition 'The Poetic Home', showcases the exceptional interiors of three great 1880/90s Kew mansions. Not only are there images of the gorgeous hand-painted ceilings on display, but actual pieces salvaged from the wreckers can be seen. The exhibition is at the Court House, 11am to 1pm, Fridays and Saturdays. Our current Kew library display features photographs of the Kew Children's Cottages. It can be viewed whenever the Kew library is open.

## **JULY MEMBERS MEETING**

Our 'Show and Tell' meeting in July was a great success, with many members bringing along some old

memorabilia to share. We had everything from a Mouse Trap game to rare Japanese costumes, as well as sculptures, certificates, paintings and even a milk bottle! A photo feature is on page 2.

## **OPEN HOUSE MELBOURNE**

Once again, members of the Society staffed the Open House venue being run by the Council at the Kew Court House. Thanks to the volunteers who helped on the day and kept our exhibition open – Felicity Renowden, Judith Scurlfield, Debbie McColl-Davis, David White, Janet White and Desley Reid and, special thanks to Brad Miles and Robert Baker who led tours each day. Well over 200 people attended the Court House over the weekend, with around 70 participating in the tours. It was a great opportunity to not only show off the Court House but also the work of the Society.



## **WHAT'S ON ELSEWHERE**

- 17-18 Aug. Victoria History Showcase. History displays, research resources, door prizes and showbags! Gold coin entry. Prahran Mechanic's Institute, 39 St.Edmunds Road, Prahran. Info from <library@pmi.net.au> or 9510 3393.
- 21, 28 Aug, 4 Sept. Heritage Public Lectures (by Dr Chris Johnson, Prof Sowerwine + Prof Graeme Davidson) – University of the Third Age Deepdene. 10.30am to noon, Balwyn Park Centre, 206 Whitehorse Road University. Bookings: <u3adeepdeneinc@gmail.com> or 9817 7736.
- 2 Oct. All day bus trip to HMAS Cerberus, includes bus, lunch and band performance. Camberwell H.S. \$45. Need to book via <enquiries@chs.org.au> or ring 9885 9927.

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A photo gallery of our 'Show and Tell' member's meeting in July – courtesy of, and with thanks to, Noel Kelly.

