

# KEW HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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e-BULLETIN : AUGUST 2018



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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.

## AUGUST MEETING - FAIRYLAND

Fairyland. For more than 20 years, Grace Tabulo and her husband Jim had made their 1860's Kew house a tourist attraction for children in the local area and beyond. Their home became known as 'Fairyland'. Local author James Nicolas will talk about his new book on the Tabulos and Fairyland. As always, it is on the second Wednesday of the month – 8<sup>th</sup> August, at 8pm, in the Phyllis Hore Room at the rear of the Kew Library. James will have discounted copies of his book available for sale at \$25.

## MEMBERS 'SHOW AND TELL'

Well, what fun we had at our July meeting. Amongst an amazing array of items, we had the illustrated story of Les and Sue's house, Richard's childhood home movies and Margaret's ship horn. And we now know all about the stained-glass window in 228 Cotham Road and recall that the first mobile phones weren't so mobile! Thanks to those who brought along something.



## COURT HOUSE EXHIBITION

Our new Court House exhibition features 'Water H<sub>2</sub>O'. Not only does it include some historic photos of people in and about the Yarra, but some ancient bathing costumes are on display, as is a collection of water samples taken from all over Kew. The exhibition is open for viewing at Level 1, Kew Court House, 188 High Street, Kew, 11am to 1pm on Fridays and Saturdays. Look for our new A-frame advertising board out front. Concurrently with the court house exhibition, Les, Brad and Judith have put together a new water-themed display in the Kew library.

## AGM & 60th ANNIVERSARY

Our monthly meeting for September, on the 12<sup>th</sup>, takes the form of our AGM as well as a celebration of sixty years of the Kew Historical Society. Our mayor has been invited to speak and there will be lots of memorabilia on display and a birthday cake.

As all committee positions are declared vacant each year, please consider nominating for next year's committee. Nomination forms (and proxy forms) will come out in the September newsletter – scheduled for release next week.

## OPEN HOUSE MELBOURNE

At the City of Boroondara's invitation, we once again participated in Open House Melbourne by way of opening up the Court House. It was fabulous to see so many people come along and learn a little about the history of this significant building complex of 1888 and, of course, be impressed with our current exhibition. In all, around 170 people visited over the weekend, of whom nearly 50 participated in one of our two tours. Thanks to everyone who volunteered for a shift and special thanks to Robert and Brad for leading the tours.



## MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR 2018/19

The June 2018 Newsletter included a membership renewal form (also available from our website <[www.kewhistoricalsociety.org.au](http://www.kewhistoricalsociety.org.au)>). Once again it is only \$20 for individual, \$30 for household and \$10 student memberships – due 1 July. Thanks to those who have already paid, and, if not, please pop it in the mail or bring it along to the August meeting.

## WHAT'S ON ELSEWHERE

- Warrandyte Historical Society. Talk on local remnant gold mines, 12 August. Details at <[www.whsoc.org.au](http://www.whsoc.org.au)>.
- Malvern Historical Society. Talk: Conserving your family photos. Bookings: 8290 1360.

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