

# KEW HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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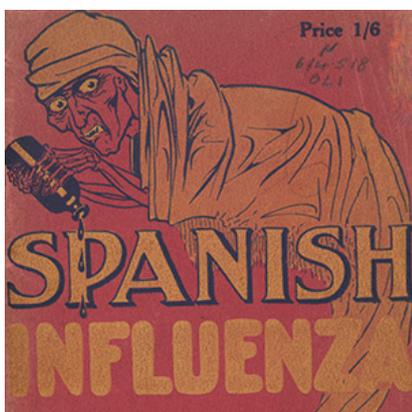


## e-BULLETIN

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.

## THIS MONTH'S MEETING – WED, 13 JUNE

The 'Spanish flu' pandemic emerged at the end of the First World War, killing more than 50 million people worldwide, including around 15,000 who died as the virus spread through Australia.



At the June meeting of the Kew Historical Society, Andrew Frost will describe how the epidemic affected Kew, as well as the neighbouring Cities of Hawthorn and Camberwell. Andrew's talk will explore the number of cases involved, groups that were most susceptible to infection, the response of local state and national governments, the treatment of the infected, and the impact of the epidemic on the activities of local institutions such as churches, schools and clubs.

Following the talk, supper will be provided. Visitors are welcome to attend. Our meeting will be, as usual, in the Phyllis Hore Room, at the rear of the Kew Library, at 8pm.

## JULY MEETING – MEMBERS 'SHOW AND TELL'

It is over to you for our monthly meeting in July (July 11<sup>th</sup>). The plan is for members to bring along something that is related to Kew to display. Or you might have a collection of something that could be of interest to others, well that would be good too. We will put out some trestles to display your treasures and there will be plenty of time for people to wander around and talk to you about your items. It should be fun, so start thinking about what you might bring.

## JOHNSTON COLLECTION VISIT

Our first outing for many years and what a terrific day it was. The Johnston Collection was as amazing as we were led to believe. We were transported to an East Melbourne mansion by mini-bus and then, following an introductory talk and morning tea, divided into small groups and led on a tour of the house and displays by volunteer tour guides. The stories we were told of the nature and source of the furniture, paintings, and object d'art people were as amazing as was the life of their eccentric collector W.R. Johnston. In all 14 people attended and it was agreed that it was most worthwhile.

The Committee has subsequently decided to organize another outing next year, so let our President know of any ideas you may have.

## 'TRADERS IN KEW' EXHIBITION

Our Curator has decided to extend our current exhibition for a month and it now closes on June 30<sup>th</sup>. So, if you have not yet dropped down to say hello, there is still time. As always, the exhibition is open 11am to 1pm, Fridays and Saturdays.

## MAY BOOK SALE

Many thanks to all those who helped out. Once again, we made nearly \$2000, of which half goes to the Kew Library and half to the Society.

## 60th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Make sure September 12<sup>th</sup> September is in your diary – not only our AGM, but it is going to be a celebration of sixty years of the Kew Historical Society.

## SNIPPETS

- View items from our collection at [www.victoriancollections.net.au](http://www.victoriancollections.net.au). Some of them featured in advertising for the recent Museums Week.
- Xavier College Archives – Lecture by Dr Barry Kennerk of Ireland on 'Reconciled Antipodeans', at Xavier College Wed, 20 June, 4.30pm for 5pm. RSVP to [xavier.archives@xavier.vic.gov.au](mailto:xavier.archives@xavier.vic.gov.au). Gold coin entry.
- Camberwell Historical Society – 'Enriching the Past by Capturing the Present', talk by film maker Dr David Smith, 25 Inglesby Rd, Camberwell, 2pm, Saturday, 23 June. Info: [enquiries@chs.org.au](mailto:enquiries@chs.org.au). Free event.
- Balwyn Historical Society – Richard Peterson to talk on the rapidly disappearing Californian Bungalows in Balwyn, 8pm, Thursday 8 August. Free. More information: [balwynhistory@gmail.com](mailto:balwynhistory@gmail.com).