

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.

IT IS KEW FESTIVAL TIME!

A much abbreviated Kew Festival this year but our Society will be there joining in with the rest of the Kew community. The festival runs from 6 March through to 17 March and we will be hosting two events: the opening of our latest court house exhibition and the 2019 McIntyre lecture. The full festival programme can be found at <www.kewfestival.org>.

McINTYRE LECTURE – WED, 13th MARCH

Our 2019 lecture is titled: 'From the Corkman to Fed Square: Heritage Protection Reconsidered for the 21st Century' and our speaker is Charles Sowerwine, the Chair of the Royal Historical Society of Victoria's Heritage Committee, and Emeritus Professor of History at the University of Melbourne.

Professor Sowerwine will describe the historic and current challenges to heritage and conservation in Melbourne and cover current significant heritage campaigns, from the Queen Victoria Market and Federation Square to local issues. He will focus particularly on the increasing tension between development and heritage overlays, typified by the Corkman Hotel affair.

This is a ticketed event. Tickets cost \$20 which includes supper. Key details: Wednesday, 13th March, 7.30pm for 8pm, Just Theatre, Kew Court House, 188 High Street, Kew. Tickets are available via the Kew Festival website (www.kewfestival.org) or at the venue on the night.

EXHIBITION OPENING – FRI, 15th MARCH

We are pleased to announce the official opening of an exciting new Court House exhibition titled: 'Railways in Kew: The Outer Circle Railway and the Kew Branch Line'.

The opening night is Friday, 15 March and goes from 6pm through to 9pm. Everyone is invited and admission is free!

The primary focus of the exhibition will be on the 'Outer Circle' railway, with pictures and objects relating to the Kew Branch Line also exhibited.

Photographs of construction, infrastructure including railway stock, and the line's destruction, as well as a collection of timetables and tickets dating from 1898 to the 1950s and, believe it or not, a section of the original railway track!

Like all of our court house exhibitions, it will be open on Fridays and Saturday's, 11am to 1pm for the next couple of months.

FEBRUARY BOOK SALE

Many thanks to all of those able to help out at our first book sale for the year last month. With a team of keen volunteers, the set up went smoothly and with lots of ex-library and donated books the sale was most successful, raising \$1730. As usual, we split this with the Kew Library.

MEMBER'S MEETING IN FEBRUARY

Associate Professor Don Garden OAM pulled in a bumper crowd for our February meeting. We were all interested to hear him speak of the historical societies around Australia and of some of their successes as well as the challenges facing the sector. We were also delighted to learn that when speaking to historical societies he often highlights our success in saving the court house.

FOR YOUR DIARY

- Camberwell Historical Society – Talk: Dr Sybil Nolan - Robert Menzies: Bastion of Middleclass Liberalism. Tues, 26 March, 8pm, Camberwell Library Meeting Room. Free.

- Royal Historical Society of Victoria – Exhibition: 'Cold War Games', a perspective of the 1956 Olympics. Opens 7 March, 239 A'Beckett Street, Melbourne. Free.

- *David Clark* Reunion – The *David Clark* was the first ship to bring assisted immigrants direct to Port Phillip in October 1839. Reunion to be held on 27 October at Gulf Station. Info from davidclark1839@gmail.com.

DON'T FORGET

Our monthly members meeting for March is the McIntyre Lecture at the Court House. There is no meeting at the Phyllis Hore Room at the Kew Library in March.



And the mystery photo we published in the last eBulletin? (reprinted nearby) It turns out that it is a former mosque at Broken Hill maintained by the local historical society.