

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.

MEMBER'S OUTING TO THE JOHNSON COLLECTION – WEDNESDAY, 23 MAY

This is coming up very quickly. Bookings essential.

The extraordinary Johnson Collection in East Melbourne is one of Melbourne's must-see icons. Featuring a continually changing display of furniture, paintings, ceramics and object d'art people tell us that it is just amazing. It is almost always booked out, but we have been able to take out a booking for 20 people.

Nearly half of our places have already been taken, so don't miss out. Bookings are absolutely essential – please email Brad Miles at <secretary@kewhistoricalsociety.org.au> or let him know at next week's monthly meeting. Entry is \$20, payable next week or on the day.

To minimize traffic impact on the neighbours of the residence, we have to meet at an East Melbourne hotel at 9.45am and be bussed in to the house. Details will be provided to those who have booked. The tour and inspection will take about 1½ hours.



THIS MONTH'S MEETING – WED, 9 MAY

A presentation titled: 'Frances Derham : artist and teacher' is this month's talk. It is being presented by Felicity Renowden, an active member of our Research Group and is also a volunteer in the Preshil School archives. She will talk about the artist Frances Derham and how her interest in child art was triggered at Preshil and by her teaching experience at the school from 1935-37. Our meeting will be, as usual, in the Phyllis Hore Room, at the rear of the Kew Library, at 8pm.

'TRADERS IN KEW' EXHIBITION

Featuring images of a number of multi-generational businesses in Kew and East Kew businesses such as Joyce's Butcher, Toscanos, and Stewart's Clothing, our current exhibition is definitely worth popping in to see. Open Fridays and Saturdays, between 11am and 1pm, at the Kew Court House. Closes 26 May 2018.

A complementary display in the display window at the rear of the Kew Library features a number of artifacts related to Kew traders and is a bit of fun. It can be viewed during library hours.

BOOK SALE – SUNDAY, 20 MAY

Make sure you have our next book sale in your diaries. And, if you can help set up on the Saturday or help at the sale on the Sunday, please let our coordinator, David White, know at our Wednesday night meeting or by email <dwarch@ozemail.com.au>.

SNIPPETS

- Our Society features in the twitter feed of the 'Victorian Collections' (Museums Victoria), with an item on our postcard collection. You can find it at <<https://twitter.com/VicCollections>>.
- Our archivist and curator feature in a web article 'Century old mystery solved' that can be found at <media.bupa.com.au>.
- Kew library events as part of the Australian Heritage Festival include a talk on the 'Mystery of Fairyland' on 3 May. Details can be found at <www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/libraries>.
- Camberwell Historical Society talk by author Brenda Niall on her book 'Can you hear the sea'. 15 May, 8pm, C'well Library Meeting Room." Enquires 9885 9927.
- Royal Historical Society of Victoria Law Week guided history walking tour of Melbourne's legal precinct. Daily 14 – 19 May. Free, but bookings required: <www.trybooking.com/USPT>.

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