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e-BULLETIN : NOVEMBER 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.

NOVEMBER MEMBER'S MEETING – 14th NOV.

Our next member's meeting is coming up soon – on Wednesday, 14 November in the Phyllis Hore Room at the back of the Kew Library at 8pm.

Myra Dowling, Boroondara Council's Local and Family History Librarian, has kindly agreed to be our guest speaker for the night and will make a presentation on the 'History of the Boroondara Library Service'. Her talk will cover the development of library services from the mid-1800s to the vibrant community-focused present day. Myra has worked in public libraries for more than 30 years - first with the former City of Camberwell and now with the City of Boroondara.

It should be an interesting talk. Hope to see you there.

CHRISTMAS DINNER – 12th DECEMBER

Following the successful formulae of the last few years, our December meeting will take the form of a Christmas dinner. This year's dinner will be at the Green Acres Golf Club at 51 Elm Grove, Kew East.

The price is $52 per person which includes two courses and soft drinks (alcoholic drinks at bar price) – and an outlook over the Yarra River floodplain and golf course. The dinner is always an enjoyable night and all members and partners and friends are welcome. Prior bookings and pre-payment are a must. Please contact Mary Kelleher on Wed night or at <maryrkelleher@gmail.com> for details. The evening commences at 6.30pm, with dinner at 7pm.

DICKINSON LECTURE

Early last month, a room full of people gathered to hear Dr Gary Presland present our Dickinson Lecture for 2018. We learnt of the fascinating life of F.G.A. Barnard who not only was a long-time pharmacist, resident and sometime mayor of Kew but a mover and shaker in a number of Victorian institutions. It was a well-received talk complimented by pre-lecture drinks and nibbles and supper.

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

Our newsletter editor advises that the latest edition of our newsletter will be available at the November Member's meeting. For those who receive their newsletters by email they will go out soon after, as will newsletters to those who like hard copies but are unable to get to the November meeting.

BOOK SALE – 25th NOVEMBER

Our last book sale for the year is coming up soon – on Sunday, 25th November – from 1pm to 4pm, in the Phyllis Hore Room at the back of the Kew Library. As always donations of good quality books are welcome – please bring to the Phyllis Hore Room on the Saturday (24th Nov) between 11am and 1pm.

The book sales are an important fundraiser for us, so please let your friends and neighbours know that it is on. We also need lots of volunteers to set up on the Saturday and help on the Sunday. Let David White know if you can assist (<dwarch@ozemail.com.au>).

OTHER THINGS OF INTEREST

- Kew RSL - Remembrance Day commemoration, 11 Nov, 11am at the Kew War Memorial, cnr High Street and Cotham Road. Launch of the Armistice Day centenary research undertaken by Kew Rotary to follow at QPO.
- Boroondara (Kew) Cemetery - Death Café event (to increase the awareness of death and promote the enjoyment of life). Fri, 16 Nov. 3.00pm. Limited places. Bookings: <info@kewcemetery.com.au>.
- Kew Festival Committee – AGM, Thur, 22 Nov. 7.30pm, Hawthorn Arts Centre. RSVP to <admin@kewfestival.org>.
- Camberwell Historical Society –The Mysterious Henry Elgar (original owner of the 'Elgar Special Survey') 8pm, Tues, 27 Nov at C'well Library. Free. Info: George Fernando 9885 9927.
- Royal Historical Society of Victoria. Guided historical walk through the Flagstaff Gardens – every Monday 11am and 2pm. $10. Bookings: 9326 9288.