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CORRESPONDENCE

At Cliff Skinners suggestion, the Society emailed the New York and Boston Historical Societies expressing sympathy for the recent terrorist attacks. Boston has replied:

"Thank you very much for your message of support. I have forwarded it to the entire staff here at the Bostonian Society. This is indeed a terrible time, but it is truly moving to know that people around the world are grieving with us. it is a powerful reminder of our common humanity, and a beacon of hope for the future.

Thank you again, and all best wishes,

Sincerely,

Megan Tracy

Communications Coordinator Bostonian (Historical) Society"

THE COLLECTION REPORT

The Management Committee has released a **SKHS Collection Plan Discussion Paper** (ATTACHED). Comments on the paper should be forwarded to Meyer Eidelson 18 Wright Street Middle Park 9690 9584 or other Committee members. Our first recommended task is, after consultation with all members, to commence a survey of all the holdings in 2002 before moving on to a full catalogue.

THE CHRONICLE REPORT

Contribute to the historic Special 30th Year Edition of the Chronicle. Articles should be approximately 300 - 1000 words and mailed to 'The Chronicle, PO Box 177 Balaclava. Inquiries to Prue Grieves 9534 7128. Vida Horne is working with Don Taggart to record highlights of the Society over the past 30 years. We have received a number of articles already including from Andrea Larcombe, Simon Smith and Joan Charlton.

FUND RAISING REPORT

Promote our Calendar for funds for cultural heritage

The Society has recently released its Historic calendar for 2001 with a marvelous early photo of St Kilda Junction. It is now on sale for \$12.50 and makes an excellent Xmas gift. We need every members your assistance to promote the calendar to raise badly needed funds for your Society. They are available at General Meetings and from the library community room on Monday mornings. Information see Jet Trask 95259738 or Prue Grieve. Mailout is an additional \$1.60.

GENERAL MEETINGS REPORT

The October Meeting

At the October meeting, more than twenty members took advantage of Kay Rowan's invitation to trawl the treasures of the Local History Room and many are now keener than ever to get on with research using these aids. We are indeed fortunate to have an enthusiastic and knowledgeable Local History Librarian so willing to share her skills. Many thanks to Kay and also to our Vice President Tom for lending us a wind-up gramophone and records to enjoyed a nostalgic musical trip with these and some loaned by Prue. Meyer took visitors touring the Collection in 'the dungeon', some were given a taste of our website and the opportunity was offered to browse among our books and the text files collection, which is so ably being brought to heel by Barbara. Thanks to all concerned for a practical and highly successful workshop.

Next General Meeting 9 November 2001

Next meeting at 2.30 p.m. at the community room in St Kilda Library will focus on planning for the coming year 2002. To inform our plans, Melanie Eagle will present the outcome of the Evaluation Survey of the members. Simon Smith, will talk for 30 minutes on his recent book on the history and the St Kilda and Balaclava Kindergarten, a marvelous example of how a passion for local history led to a series of discoveries about the contribution by local people to our children.

MEMBERS EVALUATION

As previously advised the Committee has prepared an evaluation for members to express their views on current activities and future directions for the Society. The results of this evaluation will be discussed at the **General Meeting 9 November**. We will also be using this meeting to plan activities for 2002.

MEMBERSHIP

Bonus Offer for New Members!!!! Join Now!!!

'Lurking In Lanes. A Back Fence History of the Lanes and Little Streets of Port Phillip'

This publication prepared by Melissa Hayes of CoPP for a 1998 Exhibition is an essential introduction to the less known side of our city. It covers the back streets and lanes and their historical role in issues such as sewage and sanitation, the milk trade, slum clearance stables and garages, bottle collection and prostitution. Originally for sale at \$12.00 it is free as a special offer to members of the Society who have joined since the AGM. Members are also eligible for discounts on Society activities such as heritage walks during 2002.

New members also receive free copies of :

- The Chronicle
- Foundation of Melbourne
- Half price on Walks in Port Phillip (\$5.00)

NEWSLETTER REPORT

Please provide your details to the Secretary if you wish to have your newsletter emailed to you. Many thanks to Barbara Kennedy, Jet Trask, Joan Charlton, Irving Silver and others who hand-deliver many of our newsletters. Those members who currently use post office boxes may wish to avail themselves of this historic hand delivered service, save money and chat to the messenger.

NEW BOOK RELEASE

'Linking Us Together. A History of Transport in the City of Port Phillip'

St.Kilda Historical Society members have been involved in some of the planning and research for a Federation publication created by Mary Mason and her mother Pat Grainger for Southport Daylinks and several attended the launching celebration. The book "Linking Us Together" provides a strikingly attractive and accessible history of transport in our local area, through text, pictures and maps. Copies may be obtained through Daylinks 96466362. We are liaising with Daylinks to obtain copies for sale to our members.

NEW EXHIBITION

Memory Packs at Linden and other venues round the City

A new exhibition at Linden, Jewish Museum and in Acland Street shops and other places. It exhibits 80 local people's written response to their personal items, a marvelous example of the potential for all people to create local history based on memory and emotion. Gillian Upton and Meyer Eidelson are included.. Meyer's exhibit consists of four small stones with his following written note:

"Four pieces of Earth: brick, cement, stone and clay.

A blue cement chip from the Berlin Wall: Stalin put my Dad into a labor camp in Siberia but it saved him from Hitler.

A red fragment of brick from the wall of the Warsaw Ghetto. Hitler walled up my father's family in the ghetto but two escaped to Australia.

A brown stone from the Aboriginal midden at Brighton. I am absolutely crazy about the Australian landscape..

An orange clay frog charm a thousand years old from the Moche Pyramids in Peru. I adore frogs and history.

I sn't it fantastic to be alive in Australia at beginning of a new millennium."

SPECIAL PROJECTS REPORT

The Society will advertise two tenders in November seeking applicant/s to complete a history of churches and their communities in St Kilda and a the history of key significant buildings and their inhabitants. The brief has been finalised by the Committee and sent to the Council for feedback. For further information contact Meyer Eidelson 9690 9584. The Committee is preparing funding applications to improve record keeping in the Collection.

STALL AT PORT PHILLIP COMMUNITY FESTIVAL

Sunday 25 November 2001 10.00 to 5.00 pm.

Alma Park East St Kilda (Melway 58 E9).

This annual festival at Alma Park celebrates the diverse cultures of the City of Port Phillip. St Kilda and Port Melbourne Historical Societies will be holding a joint stall to distribute information on both Society activities. We are not exhibiting a Display this year. Instead we are concentrating on information, memberships and selling calendars and books. If you can assist in the day please contact Jet Trask 9525 9738.

UNDER GLASS

The current display prepared by Jet Trask in the exhibition case at Kilda library is on **30 Years of the SKHS Society**. Jet has done a marvellous job as usual. Many thanks also to Don Taggart for his assistance. The exhibition on Charles Hall has been deferred to 2002..

YOUR COMMITTEE

President: Meyer Eidelson 9690 9584

Vice Presidents: Tom Imgram 9376 0752

Treasurer: John Hulskamp 9534 7692

Secretary: Jet Trask 9525 9738

Committee Members: Pearl Donald 9531 6832, Vida Horn 9867 1618, Melanie Eagle 9534 6866; Gillian Upton 95311519.

WEB SITE REPORT:

'www.vicnet.net.au/~hsok'

View an excellent article written by and recently added to our website by Prue Grieve on "Elwood House." The story is illustrated and has information on the fascinating past inhabitants of this building.

WHEN IS IT ALL HAPPENING?

Sunday 11 November 2001, 2.00 pm, St Kilda library community room: SKHS Planning Meeting for 2002. Also Simon Smith on his book on the history of Balaclava Kindergarten. **Also Sunday 9 December 2.45 pm, St Kilda Council Chamber:** Thirty Year Celebration of the St Kilda Historical Society. Sir Zelman Cowan, former Governor-General of Australia, is our guest speaker. All members are asked to wear an historical item of dress. Members are also asked to present a telegram to the Society in the guise of an historical figure. **Please invite any former members or any members of the public you wish to come.** Places are limited to 100 guests.

Sunday 11 November, 10.00 am Native Flora and Fauna Trail:

Meet at Fraser Street light rail Station, Canterbury Road opposite Fraser Street, West St Kilda. Free.

Sunday 25 November 2001 10.00 to 5.00 pm. Port Phillip Community Festival

Alma Park East St Kilda (Melway 58 E9). Meet jet Trask at our stall to assist.

Sunday 2nd December, 10.00 pm Aboriginal Trail

Meet at Cleve Gardens, corner Beaconsfield Pde and Fitzroy Streets, Free.

Sunday 2nd December, 2.00 pm Alfred Deakin Federation Cemetery Tour:

Meet at at Dandenong Road entrance to St Kilda Cemetery near Hotham Street. Gold coin donation. For other Cemetery Walks this year contact Pearl Donald 9531 6832.

Sunday 9 December, 10 am Foreshore Trail,

Meet at St Kilda Pier entrance. Free.