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**Introducing the 2008-2009
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**New venue for our meetings
in 2009 —**

The Leo Baeck Centre
37 Harp Rd East Kew.
Enter via rear Car Park

Our first meeting will be at 8pm on 25th February and continue every 4th Wednesday of the month after that.

PARKING:

There is a large car park at the rear (entrance to car park at 31 Harp Road),
NOTE: Parking is NOT allowed in Harp Road after 8pm.

BY TRAM:

Tram routes 24 and 48 pass nearby at Harp Junction, a two minute walk up Harp Road.



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CEMETERY INC.**

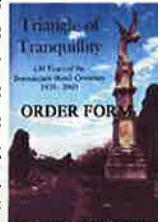
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A word from the President ...

I am pleased to announce that copies of our recently released book—'Triangle of Tranquillity' - are now available from the Cemetery Office., or to order from our web site. The cost of the book is \$20.00 (plus p&h) and as well as a history of the cemetery it contains around 100 vignettes of interesting and famous people buried within. This book has been published to coincide with the 150th anniversary of the Cemetery in March 2009.



We would love to see you all on 14th March 2009 when we help the Trustees celebrate Boroondara Cemetery's 150th birthday. Come along at 1.00pm to the Cemetery and join in all the activities! (No bookings necessary).

Unfortunately due to circumstances beyond our control, we have had to vacate the Kew Baptist



Church Hall where we had been having our meetings for two years. Nevertheless, next year we will be having our meetings at The Leo

Baeck Centre 31-37 Harp Rd East Kew, the surroundings being very comfortable with carpet and air-conditioning and heating in winter!! The Leo Baeck Centre is a synagogue - one of two in Kew. Leo Baeck (1873 - 1956) was a German rabbi and religious thinker, and is considered to be the founder of Progressive Judaism. He felt it was his duty to stay in Germany during WWII and in 1943 was deported to Theresienstadt concentration camp where he continued to encourage and to support people as far as possible. He survived and in July 1945 he moved to London where he eventually died.

The founders of the Leo Baeck Centre were German refugees and named the synagogue after a righteous person when the congregation was established in 1948. See www.lbc.org.au for further information or better still, come along to one of our meetings and see it for yourself! We thank Kew Baptist Church for allowing us to use their hall for all that time.

Looking forward to seeing you throughout 2009.

TANYA WARMS
President

**150th Anniversary of
Boroondara (Kew)
Cemetery**

Did you know that in 1858, land was set aside for the Cemetery and on the 14th March, 1859 the first burial occurred?

To assist in commemorating these events and the role that Boroondara Kew Cemetery has played in Melbourne society, here are some of the activities have been planned:

30th November, 2008

Cemetery Walk -

"BEST OF THE BEST"

—see *Upcoming Events* on Page 2

1st to 6th December, 2008

Display of funerary attire of last century at Trinity Grammar School, Kew—for details see *Upcoming Events* on Page 2

12th March 2009

- Re-enactment of the first burial—7:00 pm—details to follow

14th March 2009

- Stone masonry demonstration
- Unveiling of plaque

More details to follow in the lead up to the Anniversary.

For more details go to
www.fobkc.org.au

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Our November Meeting
will be held at:

Kew Baptist Church Hall
20 Highbury Grove, Kew
26th November
8pm



NEW CRYPTS in HIGH ST
T. Michael

Back in 2001 the Cemetery Trustees built the Peace Haven Mausoleum near the main gates, which raised funds for cemetery operations. Still facing financial shortages, the Trustees sought another opportunity with some unoccupied land at the bottom of High Street. Fence. In an area adjacent to the paupers' graves and between the Cypress trees, some vacant land has been designated to become self-contained outdoor crypts. They have been designed by noted Kew architects McIntyre Partners, led by its principal Peter McIntyre. They will have a maximum of 3 tiers high and staggered between the trees or extend into the cemetery like fingers protruding from the brick fence.

Work on this new project commenced mid August. The first sign was with a panel of the historic brick fence being removed so the builders could access the site with their equipment and supplies. Permission was given by Heritage Victoria. Whilst work is quickly progressing, the finished crypts will not be ready until early 2009. To aid access, some of the old paths have been re-laid with bitumen.



Photo: T.Michael

Grave robber earns stern rebuke from outraged magistrate

Steve Butcher
 The Age—November 19, 2008

A SENIOR magistrate has expressed outrage on behalf of the community at a man who robbed from graves at a Melbourne suburban cemetery. Deputy chief magistrate Jelena Popovic said the community would be "very disheartened by offences of this nature". She said there would be "moral outrage" at the graves of "loved ones being interfered (with) in this way".

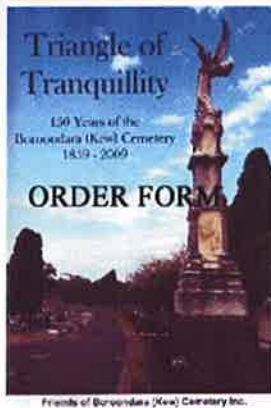
Melbourne Magistrates Court heard yesterday that Jefferey Leticq and another man arrived at Boroondara General Cemetery to repair a monument on May 29. The prosecutor, Senior Constable Lachie Natoli, said the men drove a work truck into the rear of the cemetery and removed 12 rails from the ground and grave sites.

Senior Constable Natoli said at 2.30pm they loaded the rails and the damaged monument onto the truck and tried to conceal them under wood and plastic bags.

They then collected 20 copper and brass vases, three crushed copper flower boxes and three crushed flower boxes, he said. Leticq, arrested after a cemetery staff member watched them, told police he had been stupid.

Defence lawyer Sam Norton told the court Leticq, 39, was sacked immediately, but was reinstated after it was accepted he had played a minor role. Mr Norton said Leticq, a father of four, with a lengthy criminal history, had been a heroin user but was now drug free.

Leticq, of Nunawading, pleaded guilty to theft and possessing the proceeds of crime. Ms Popovic jailed him for two months, suspended for three months.



Triangle Of Tranquillity

Secure your copy of this wonderful publication now as copies are limited.

Cost = \$20.00
 (+ postage & handling if applicable)

Available from info@fobkc.org and/or the Cemetery office by ringing 9853 7025



Friends of Boroondara (Kew) Cemetery Inc. gratefully acknowledge the assistance of the Leo Baeck Centre in making their hall available for our meetings

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Cemetery Walk:

BEST OF THE BEST

In the lead up to the cemetery's 150th Anniversary Celebrations in March 2009, we will be conducting a very special walk highlighting the most interesting and significant monuments and will include the Springthorpe and Syme Memorials as well as other fascinating and extraordinary people who are buried in our cemetery.

Date: Sunday, 30th November
 Time: 2:00 pm
 Cost: \$15:00 (members \$8:00)

Meet at Cemetery Gates
 Bookings essential: Call Gail on 9762 5543 or Pauline on 9817 1829.

FUNERARY FINERY ON VIEW IN KEW

As part of its celebration of 150 years of Boroondara (Kew) Cemetery which will take place on 14th March 2009, Friends of Boroondara (Kew) Cemetery is holding



a costume display of mourning clothes from the 19th century such as black bustles and bows, mourning cards, fans, muffs and high heeled shoes. The exhibition will take place in the

Daley Gallery,
Peter Crawley Centre for the Arts,
Trinity Grammar School,
Cnr. Cotham Road & Charles St Kew
 (enter via Charles Street)

Dates:
Wednesday 3rd & Friday, 5th December -
 11:00 am – 3:00 pm
Thursday 4th & Saturday 6th December -
 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Ann Dixon, the curator of the exhibition will be giving a talk at 2:00 pm on Saturday, 6th December.

Cost: Gold coin donation