On October 7th 1958, Mrs A H. Perry convened a public meeting to discuss the formation of a committee to establish a pre-school play centre at Kangaroo Flat

After thanking those present for attending the meeting, Mrs Perry asked Cr. A Danson to chair the meeting.

Cr Danson welcomed those present — Mesdames Doyle, Fry, Johanson, Morvell, Murray, Baldiston, Cumming, Jones, Wright, Schleiger and Perry, and Mr W. Clark and Mr. T Hellwege. A special welcome was given to Mrs A Rogers of Bendigo Kindergarten Committee and Mrs Thomas of Neale St. Play Centre.

* Cr. Danson asked Mrs Perry to outline steps she had taken regarding the establishment of a centre. She read correspondence from Dr. B. Meredith of the Material and Child Hygiene Dept., and from Dept of Health Inspectors and from the R.S.L executive of the Kangaroo Flat Sub-Branch regarding the use of their hall for such a centre.

Mrs Rogers then presented the advantages to be gained by having such a centre in the community, and answered numerous questions. Mrs Thomas then outlined the financial set-up of the Neale St Centre.

* Apologies were received from Mesdames Browning, Barone, Bennett, Williams, Kirby, Clark, Dwyer, Rowell

The people present decided to form a committee and nominations were called for the position of President. Mr T. Hellwege, nominated by Mrs Perry was elected.

Vice presidents Mr W. Clark (nominated by Mrs Jones) and Mrs W. Baldiston (nominated by Mrs Johansen) were elected.

Mrs Perry, nominated by Mrs Doyle was elected Honorary Secretary.

The position of treasurer was left in abeyance.

Mr R. Schleiger was appointed Honorary Auditor on the motion of Mrs Perry.

The executive was appointed to meet the R.S.L. executive to discuss details of the use of their hall.

A waiting list was begun of children of those present, and those who sent apologies.

Mrs Murray moved, and Mrs Cumming seconded the motion "That all children's names to be put on a waiting list be submitted by the children's parents at a committee meeting until the centre is opened.

The next meeting to be on October 21st.

Mrs Perry thanked Mrs Rogers and Mrs Thomas, who then left.

Cr. Dawson expressed the hope that the committee would eventually have its own building.

Mrs Perry thanked Cr. Dawson for acting as chairman, and as Mr Hellwege had to leave early, Mr W. Clark closed the meeting.

A meeting of the Pre-School Committee was held in the R.S.L. hall at Kangaroo Flat on Oct 21st 1958.

Mr. T Hellwege was in the chair and welcomed all members.

Those present were Mesdames Wells, Smith, Marnell, Allen, Lee, Schleiger, Cumming, Baldiston, Salathiel, Jane, Doyle, Bennett, Fry, Bennett and Perry and Mr. S. Williams and Dr. M. Clark and Mr. T Hellwege.

Apologies were received from Mesdames Kirby, Murray, Jones, Hands, Wright, Harvey and Dwyer.

Minutes were read and confirmed on the motion of Mrs Marnell, seconded by Mrs Baldiston

Discussing business arising from the minutes, Mr Hellwege gave a report on the executives conference with the R.S.L. executive. He told how a firm decision could not be made until after the next R.S.L. general meeting.

The door-to-door canvass was discussed, and it was decided to organise this after Mrs Doyle moved a motion and Mrs Allen seconded a motion to this effect.

The waiting list, started at the first meeting was discussed, and Mrs Smith moved the motion and Mrs Marnell seconded it "That persons sending an apology and attending a subsequent meeting may have their children's names placed on the list from the night of the committee receiving the apology."

A complete list of the necessary equipment was presented, and committee members promised much of the material.

~~Mrs Perry~~ The correspondence was received on the motion of Mrs Allen, seconded by Mrs Cumming.

Mrs Perry told of a young woman prepared to take charge of the centre. As Mrs Perry had written to Dr Meredith, no further steps could be taken until a reply was received. However, a group was nominated to interview the prospective teacher, should the reply be favourable, this group being Mesdames Schleiger, Bennett, Doyle and Cumming.

Mr Kellwege volunteered to do the plan to be sent to the Health Dept. This offer was accepted on the motion of Mrs Schleiger

A meeting of the Pre-School Committee was held in the R.S.L. Hall at K Flat on November 14th 1963.

Mr. T. Hellwege was in the chair and welcomed all members, but particularly new ones.

Those present were Mesdames O'Brien, Cumming, Kelly, Browning, Cue, Murray, Jones, Salathiel, Doyle, Wright, Weeks, Baldiston, Johansen, Bennett, Snell, Bennett, Connelly, Smith, Kirby, Bourke, Finn and Perry, and Mr T. Hellwege and R. Browning.

Apologies were received from Mesdames Brooks, Morvell, Wells, Schlieger, Dwyer and Williams.

Minutes were read, and confirmed on the motion of Mrs Doyle, seconded by Mrs Bennett.

From the minutes the door-to-door canvass was discussed. Two areas still to be done, made a final total impossible.

Also arising from the minutes was a discussion of the plan of the play area as drawn up by Mr Hellwege.

Regarding the teacher, Mrs Perry told of a fully trained play leader — Miss Barbara Williams — who would almost certainly be ready to take charge at a salary of £9.10 per week.

Correspondence was accepted on the motion of Mrs Wright and seconded by Mrs Kelly. Mrs Cumming moved and Mrs Weeks seconded that Mrs Perry talk over 3.30.

Business for the night included a discussion on the banking of the committee. Mrs Salathiel moved, and Mrs Murray seconded that the executive approach Mr Maple, of the manager E.S and A bank in Kangaroo Flat, and discuss with him our banking methods.

Mrs Bennett moved and Mrs Cain seconded that the centre be known as "Kangaroo Flat Pre-School Centre."

The Kangaroo Flat R.S.L. Committee asked the executive to spend a short time at their meeting to discuss the use of their hall. On their return, the executive reported the generous conditions under which the R.S.L. would allow the use of their hall. These conditions were:-

(1) A legal agreement between the two committees with a minimum rental to legalise it.
(2) Breakages to be the responsibility of the P.S. Centre
(3) Any additional structures to receive the sanction of the hall committee
(4) The Pre-School Centre to pay ½ S.E.C power bills (This to be renewed in 6 months)
(5) The R.S.L. to have the right to reserve a day in any week at a week's notice.

These conditions were accepted on the motion of Mrs Bolderston, seconded by Mrs Johansen.

Preliminary plans were begun for a Pleasant Sunday Afternoon at the Domain Reserve on December 14th

A meeting of the Kangaroo Flat Pre-School Centre Committee was held in the R.S.L. Hall on Nov. 18th 1958.

Mr. T. Hellwege was in the chair and welcomed all members.

Those present were Mesdames Gee, Murray, Fry, Weeks, Browning, Schleiger, Smith, Bennett, Cumming, Hellwege, Kelly, Jones, Snell, Jane, Harvey, Wright and Perry and Mr Moyle, Browning and Hellwege.

Apologies were received from Mesdames Allan, Connelly, Williams, Morwell, Baldiston, Wells, O'Brien.

Minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed on the motion of Mrs Kelly and seconded by Mrs Harvey.

Business from the minutes. On the motion of Mrs Schleiger, seconded by Mrs Murray, Mr Moyle was elected treasurer

General Business.

Mrs Schleiger moved and Mrs Jones seconded that a 'Pleasant Sunday Afternoon' be held on December 14th.

Mrs Harvey moved and Mrs Smith seconded that £2 be passed for payment to * purchase a trike.

A working bee was organised for Sun. 30th.

The next meeting was arranged for Dec. 11th.

Details for the Pleasant Sunday Afternoon were then arranged.

* Mr Browning moved and Mrs Bennett seconded that 22/6 be passed for payment to R.S.L.

At a meeting of the K.T.P-S.P.C, held in the R.S.L Hall on 11th Dec. 1958, Mr. T. Kellwege was in the chair. Those present were Mesdames Smith, Wells, O'Brien, Jones, Kellwege, McMeekin, Bourke-Finn, Kelly, Bennett, Priest, Brewster, Weeks, Bennett, Williams, Allan, Lee, Jane, Salathiel, Harvey, Johanson and Perry and Mr Kellwege.

Apologies were received from Mesdames Schleiger, Wright, Murray, Browning, Baldiston and Cumming.

Correspondence was read and accepted on the motion of Mrs Bennett, seconded by Mrs Browning.

An account of 18/9 to the Advertiser" was passed for payment, moved by Mrs Smith, seconded by Mrs Jones.

Minutes were read and confirmed on the motion of Mrs Harvey, seconded by Mrs Jones.

Business from the minutes - final details were determined regarding the Pleasant Sunday Afternoon.

General Business. It was suggested that when the prospective teacher was interviewed, the period of 1 month be given as notice by either party.

Next meeting to be Jun. 6th 1959.

T. C. Doyle.

A meeting of the K. Tat Pre. School Centre was held in the R.S.L. Hall on 6th Jan. 1959. In the absence of the president and vice-presidents, Mrs J. Doyle was elected chairman on the nomination of Mrs Allen.

Those present were Mesdames Wright, Doyle, Harvey, Bennett, Doyle, Bennett, Perry and Allan, and Mr Mullins and Mr Browning.

Apologies were received from Mrs Schlueger, Weeks and Johanson and Mr Hellwege.

Correspondence was read, and accepted on the motion of Mrs Bennett, seconded by Mrs Harvey.

Minutes were read and confirmed on the motion of Mrs Allan, seconded by Mrs Wright.

Business Arising from the minutes.

Mrs Harvey moved and Mrs Bennett seconded that a donation of £2-2 be made to the Marching Girls, and a letter of thanks be sent to all other participants.

General Business.

Mr. Mullins was nominated as treasurer by Mrs Wright, and was unanimously elected

Mrs Wright moved and Mrs Allen seconded that Feb 3rd be the annual meeting and that nominations be in at that meeting.

Mrs Harvey moved and Mrs Wright seconded that a lighting fair be held (tentative date - Feb. 28)

A working bee was arranged for Jan. 18th

Mrs Bennett moved and Mrs Harvey seconded that these accounts be passed for payment

Toppa - £10-11-6, Insurance 5-11-10, Mikans 10/-, Homecrafts £2-9-0

ANNUAL MEETING. 1959

The first annual meeting of the Kangaroo Flat Pre-School Centre was held on Feb. 3rd 1959 in the R.S.L. Hall.

Officers vacated their positions and Mrs Smith acted as chairman.

Nominations for president were called, and Mrs Doyle nominated and Mrs Murray seconded Mr. T. Hellwege who was unanimously elected.

Senior Vice-President — Mrs. W. Baldiston nominated by Mrs Harvey, seconded by Mrs Johanson.

Junior Vice-President — Mrs Doyle, nominated by Mr Hellwege seconded by Mrs Allen.

Mr R Schleiger was appointed auditor on the motion of Mrs Smith seconded by Mrs Priest.

Honorary Secretary — Mrs A. H. Perry nominated by Mrs Browning seconded by Mrs Allen.

Treasurer — Mr E. Mullins — nominated by Mrs Harvey, seconded by Mrs Priest.

Mr Hellwege resumed the chair and thanked members for electing him again.

Members present included Mesdames Williams Bennett, Cree, Baldiston, Marvell, Murray, Priest, Johanson, Allan, Harvey, Doyle, Smith, Browning Bowery, Jane, Salathiel, Perry.
and Miss Williams and Messrs Mullins, Hellwege, Priest and Bowery.

Apologies were received from

Mesdames ~~Gattis~~ Cummings, Jones, Kelly, Wright Bourke-Finn and Wells.

The Constitution under which the K.F.P.S.C. would operate was discussed, and the final copy attached here was accepted on the motion of Mrs Williams seconded by Mrs ~~Baldiston~~ Baldistone, there being dissenting vote.

According to this constitution a committee of 10 was elected - Mesdames Smith, Browning Jane, Salathiel, Priest, Murray, Marvell, Williams, Harvey and Allan.

The electing of trustees was deferred.

These were the conditions under which children would attend the centre.

1. 3 groups of 15 children.
2. Youngest group - Thur and Fri mornings
   Middle age group - Mon., Tues and Wed mornings
   Oldest children - 4 afternoons.
3. An open waiting list now to be started immediately after the notice appears in the paper, names to be entered strictly in order of application.
4. Miss Williams to draw up tentative lists of children.

These conditions were accepted on the motion of Mrs Jane, seconded by Mrs Williams.

Feb. 23rd 1959 was moved as the opening date by Mrs Smith, seconded by Mrs Bennett.

Mr Mullins presented a financial statement showing a credit balance of £171 10s

On Feb. 3rd 1959 a general meeting followed the annual meeting.

Minutes were read, and confirmed on the mation of Mrs Allan seconded by Mrs Bennett

Details of the hightime Fair were arranged

Correspondence was accepted on the mation of Mrs Murray seconded by Mrs Doyle.

Accounts passed for payment on themation of Mrs Priest seconded by Mrs Maxwell were £5 - Northern Radio, £10.15.4 - B.C.X. and £1.2.6 for R.S.L.

The next meeting was arranged for 3rd March.

On Mar 3rd 1959, a general meeting was held in the R.S.L. Hall.

Mr Hellwege welcomed all members, and apologies were received from Mesdames Cue, Jones, Johnson, Wright, Williams.

Minutes were confirmed on the motion of Mrs Doyle, seconded by Mrs Priest.

Correspondence was received on the motion of Mrs Harvey, seconded by Mrs Priest.

A report was given on the lightning fair, from which approx. £51 was raised.

The next meeting will be April 7th.

Norma V. Robertson

On April 5th 1959 a meeting was held in the R.S.L. Hall with Vice president + Mrs W. Baldiston in the Chair. Mesdames Bacon, Lawkin + Fisher were welcomed as new members.

Apologies were received from Mesdames Johansen, Murray, Jones, Nellwege + Mr Nellwege.

Minutes were confirmed on the motion of Mrs Browning seconded by Mrs Doyle

Correspondence was received by Mrs Smith, seconded by Mrs Wright

Mrs Smith moved and Mrs Doyle seconded these accounts for payment

Baltons	7/6	Sutton	£2..5..3
Milnes	£11..12	Tappa	£1..8..6
T. Nellwege	£14..6..0	Mickan	15..0
Emery's	£2..9..1	Barrowed	£22..10..0
Hunter	£6..0..0	N.Z. Ins.	4..9..0
Cumings	5..10..0	Perry	19..5.

General Business:

Mrs Rowell moved and Mrs Salathiel seconded that Miss Williams + Mrs Perry receive £5 petty cash each.

Mrs Doyle offered to do the weekly envelopes and Mrs Baldiston to do the monthly rosters.

Arrangements were made for the cake stall on 1st May

Mrs Rowell moved + Mrs Allen seconded that enquiries be made regarding a film night 5th May

Next meeting

In May 3rd 1959, Mr T. Kellwege was in the chair, at the meeting held in the R.S.L Hall. Apologies were received from Mesdames R Browning, Jones Johanson, Kelly, Wright, Harvey, Baldiston and Mr Mullins.

Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted on the motion of Mrs Jane, seconded by Mrs Doyle.

Business from Minutes. It was reported that £24..0..4 was cleared from the street stall in Bendigo.

General Business.

Mrs Perry reported on enquiries regarding a picture night but it was decided to enquire further.

Mr Kellwege gave a report on the conference with the R.S.L. men.

The Health Inspector's visit, and Miss Bastow's visit were discussed, and suggestions made for meeting all requirements.

Mrs Perry was instructed to make enquiries regarding the state of the room on some mornings.

Miss Williams volunteered to speak over 3BO during the time allotted to our committee.

Mrs McMeekin moved, and Mrs Cuming seconded that fly-wire doors and screens be purchased. Mr. Drake indicated the probable willingness of the R.S.L to meet the same of the cost.

For this months effort, Mesdames Williams, Kellwege, Weeks, Cummings, McMeekin, Schleiger, Rowell, Jane, Salathiel, Doyle & Perry volunteered to have private parties aiming at raising £.

Mr Kellwege's resignation was with regret that the members accepted due to his impending transfer.

Next meeting is June 2nd