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# KEWRIOSITY

EDITION

CITY OF KEW MUNICIPAL OFFICES, CHARLES STREET, KEW 3101. PH 853 2466

## Commemorative Issue



22 June 1994  
 City of Kew ceased as a separate municipality after 134 years and  
 became part of the City of Boroondara.

MAGAYLEYS' BOAT HOUSE, KEW



## 1994 COUNCILLORS



Cr Tom Indovino (Mayor)

### PROSPECT WARD

Cr Joan Lamb  
Cr Allen Martin (Former Mayor)  
Cr Michael Montalto (Former Mayor)

### STUDLEY PARK WARD

Cr John Murray  
Cr Philip Slobom  
Cr James Tutt (Former Mayor)

### SACKVILLE WARD

Cr Paul Vallis  
Cr Gerard Petrie (Former Mayor)  
Cr Phyllis Hore (deceased) (Former Mayor)

### WILLSMERE WARD

Cr Tom Indovino (Mayor)  
Cr Daryl Oldaker (Former Mayor)  
Cr Roger Streeton (Former Mayor)



*(From left to right back row) Mr Peter Huggins, Cr Allen Martin, Cr Philip Slobom, Cr Roger Streeton, Cr James Tutt, Cr Daryl Oldaker, Cr Gerard Petrie, Mr Ian Poulter.*

*(From left to right front row) Mr Neill Hocking, Cr Michael Montalto, Mrs June Dugina, Mr Malcolm Hutchinson, Cr Tom Indovino, Cr Joan Lamb, Cr John Murray, Cr Paul Vallis.*

### CORPORATE MANAGEMENT

Mr Malcolm Hutchinson, Chief Executive Officer  
Mr Ian Poulter, Deputy Chief Executive-Director Technical Services  
Mr Peter Huggins, Director Corporate Services  
Mr Neill Hocking, Director Physical Services  
Mrs June Dugina, Director Community Services



## MAYOR'S MESSAGE



This special commemorative edition of Kewriosity is also our last. It is only fitting that as the City of Kew as we know it ceases to be, that we take a special look at Kew's past and recount all that we have achieved as a community.

It is with a sense of sadness, and some irony, that I look back over 134 years of municipal life, since our forebears determined that they would no longer subsidise Camberwell, and broke away from the Boroondara Roads Board to establish the separate municipality of Kew.

It was on the 18th December 1860 that the strong sense of community we pride ourselves on today really united for the first time. On that day the Municipal District of Kew was founded with a total population of 1,400.

Kew's 220 ratepayers elected seven Councillors to serve them, and under their vision Kew continued to grow and flourish. In those days Council had to lobby hard for many of the services we now take for granted. Having the water and gas service extended to Kew was hailed as a great accomplishment.

Kew was proclaimed a Town in 1910, and on 9 March 1921 we became a City. On the following day, a crowd of over 5,000 gathered in the Alexandra Gardens to hear this historic proclamation read.

In the years that followed the Council achieved much and worked hard to build a strong sense of community for our City. Many

community services were established and fostered. Maternal and child health centres, kindergartens, the library, Senior Citizens Centre, Citizens Advice Bureau and many others were all brought to fruition through the vision and determination of Council's close liaison with the community.

Throughout its history Kew has been a leader in local government and has continued to develop innovative and far sighted facilities and programs for its community. The City of Kew has always had a strong commitment to involve its citizens in local issues. We were among the first Councils to introduce open committee meetings. Council has also taken great care to foster and develop the spirit of our community with facilities such as the Recreation Centre and the establishment of a comprehensive waste management system attuned to the environmental pressures of today.

Our history as a City may not have been as long as we would have liked, but we have accomplished much to be proud of. True to our motto - 'Cresco' meaning 'I Grow' - we have developed into the flourishing community our forefathers envisaged.

Kew is a municipality in which all of us can take pride. The sense of community and heritage in Kew which we enjoy today will continue and contribute a special foundation to the new City of Boroondara.

Special community events such as



*Mayor of Kew, Cr Tom Indovino.*

the annual Kew Festival will continue. Planning is already well underway for 1995, which will see the popular Family Fun Day held on Saturday 18th March. The Festival will continue to provide a focal point for Kew residents to come together and enjoy themselves and see the fantastic talents contained within our community.

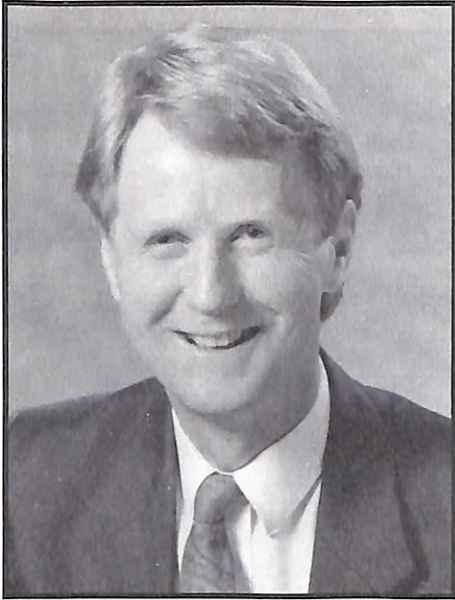
My vision for the City of Boroondara, and that of my fellow Councillors, is that it will continue to be a City where there is richness of life, landscape and cultural diversity, and most importantly, a strong and uniting sense of community.

The past is an important part of Kew's future. We must not only preserve it but build on it.

*Cr Tom Indovino  
Mayor of Kew*



## CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S MESSAGE



Chief Executive, Malcolm Hutchinson.

### THE END OF THE CITY OF KEW

History has repeated itself with the re-creation of the Boroondara Roads Board as the City of Boroondara.

This result was opposed by the Council of the City of Kew throughout the municipal boundary review process, due to a wish to not see the problems which were encountered by Kew with the Boroondara Roads Board being repeated, 134 years later.

It is difficult to see that those problems of the district of Kew being dominated by the district of Camberwell, to the neglect and detriment of the Kew district, will not be repeated in future years.

Regardless of these sentiments, it is a passing of an era in Kew's and Victoria's history. It will be of no advantage to the people of the

district of Kew to be negative towards the establishment of the new City of Boroondara, but instead they should seek to work with that new City to ensure that the best result is achieved for this area.

It is important to ensure that the district of Kew is well and ably represented on the new Council when it is elected. It is also important to ensure that the ratepayers of the district of Kew quickly establish new networks to enable their opinions and concerns to be articulately provided to the commissioners and interim administrators.

Whilst it is easy to lament the benefits which this community has had through the luxury of having its own Council, such as a strong community of interest and ability to influence decisions made for this area, that luxury is no longer afforded to this community.

The history of the City of Kew over 134 years is a very large proportion of Victoria's and Australia's recent history. That period of time equates to more than five generations of Kew ratepayers. It is hoped that those five generations believe that they have been well served by the Council of the City of Kew and that history will record this fact.

It is a strange feeling to preside over the ending of such a long era of local history. However life will continue in a way which this community has the ability to direct and benefit from. Whilst the savings mooted from some sources as being derived from the creation of the new City of Boroondara may

never fully eventuate, it is undeniable that significant savings should be derived. To some extent, these savings are achieved at the cost of community participation in decision making, but they represent the removal of a luxury which in today's economic reality, is difficult to justify.

It is my belief that the Council of the City of Kew has left this district in good order both in terms of finances and provision of facilities. This may be judged from the last Annual Report of the City of Kew. It is hoped that this situation will hold in good stead the future of this district under the administration of the new City.

The continuation of *Kewriosity* as a community newsletter provided by community groups is being considered. I hope that this concept receives support because the greatest loss from the municipal changes would be the loss of the sense of community which exists in Kew. The continuation of *Kewriosity* would go a long way towards ensuring that this does not happen.

In concluding this final Chief Executive's column for the City of Kew's *Kewriosity*, I thank the community of Kew, the Council of the City of Kew and especially the employees of the City of Kew, for their cooperation, friendship and support provided to me as the City of Kew's last Chief Executive Officer.

Malcolm Hutchinson  
Chief Executive Officer



## HISTORY OF KEW



*Kew Junction  
as it was in 1891.*

**1803** White people first came to the area now known as Kew. The Surveyor-General of New South Wales, Charles Grimes, came up the Yarra River by boat until he was barred by Dight's Falls. He landed in Studley Park and made a brief survey of the country to the east.

**1856** Kew Post Office established.

**1836** Explorers led by John Gardiner crossed the Yarra near Dight's Falls and established the first cattle station in the Port Phillip District, on the eastern bank of the river embracing areas of land now in the cities of Kew and Hawthorn.

**1858** Johnston Street Bridge opened, providing Kew residents with easier access to Melbourne.

**1845** First land sale in Kew was 91 acres from the northern portion of Willsmere Estate sold to Mr H. Wills for 69 shillings per acre.

**1860** Municipal District of Kew was founded on 18th December, a break away from the Boroondara Roads Board. The total population of Kew was 1,400.

**1851** Commissioner of Crown Lands, Mr N. Fenwick, purchased 122 acres of land extending east from the corner of High and Princess Streets, which he called the Kew Estate.



**1852** One of Kew's first houses was built in Charles Street by Mr Morgan, whose family lived there for more than 100 years.

*The Kew Children's Library in Walpole Street, 1945.*

1923 Flood near the corner of Kellett Grove and Willsmere Road.



**1861** A public meeting held on 11 January by Kew's 220 ratepayers decided seven Councillors should be elected to serve without payment.

**1863** Borough of Kew was created and residents were now entitled to elect nine Councillors.

**1865** Council lobbied for the Yan Yean Water Service to be extended to Kew. In November a water main was brought along Church Street, Hawthorn to Bulleen Road (High Street), and terminated at the Cotham Road junction.

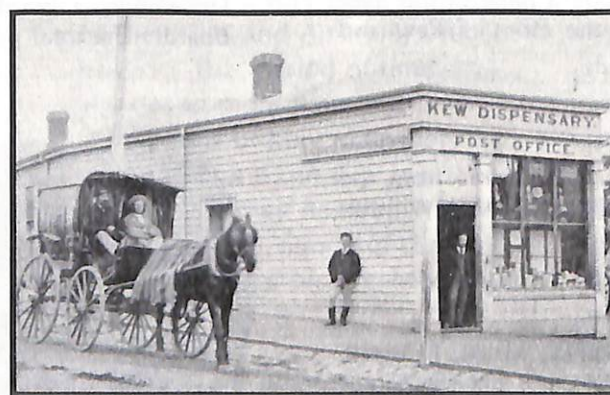
**1869** Gas service was extended by the Metropolitan Gas Company to cover Kew.

**1880** Kew Recreation Hall was opened and provided a venue for social events.

**1884** Victoria Street Bridge opened.

**1887** Public transport flourished with the opening of the Kew railway line and a horse drawn tram service.

**1892** Borough of Kew was subdivided into five wards. The change involved the retirement of all nine Councillors and the election of a Council of fifteen members. At that time the population was 8,459 and there were 2,430 ratepayers on the roll.



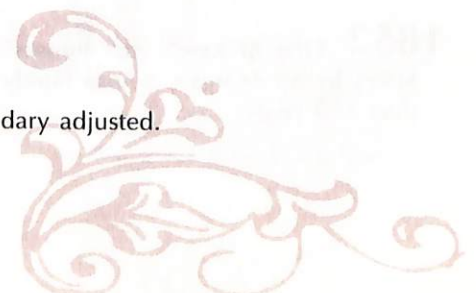
*Kew Pharmacy and Post Office (circa 1880), on the site of the old Kew Post Office.*

**1908** Alexandra Gardens were opened after Council paid 2,500 pounds to acquire the land for public use.

**1910** Kew proclaimed a Town.

**1921** Kew proclaimed a City on 9 March. The following day a crowd of 5,000 gathered in the Alexandra Gardens to hear the proclamation read.

**1928** Kew boundary adjusted.



**1958** Kew Railway service closed.

**1960** City Hall built in Cotham Road to provide a community facility for meetings, dances, exhibitions and other public functions.

**1972** Kew Civic Centre, including Municipal Offices, Council Chamber and Library, opened in Charles Street.

**1974** First Kew Community Festival was held in the Alexandra Gardens. 20 years on the Festival continues to provide a focal point for the community to come together and enjoy a Family Fun Day Parade, entertainment in the gardens and many other events held throughout the Festival week each March.

**1983** Hamer Court Hostel for the Aged was opened to provide a facility for Kew's senior citizens in retirement.

**1985** Council Depot was moved to Princess Street, releasing land at the old High Street site for development and building of the Kew Recreation Centre.

**1987** Kew City Hall was converted to the City Library, providing more space for books and patrons.

**1988** City of Kew was re-subdivided into four Wards and Council was reduced from fifteen to twelve members.

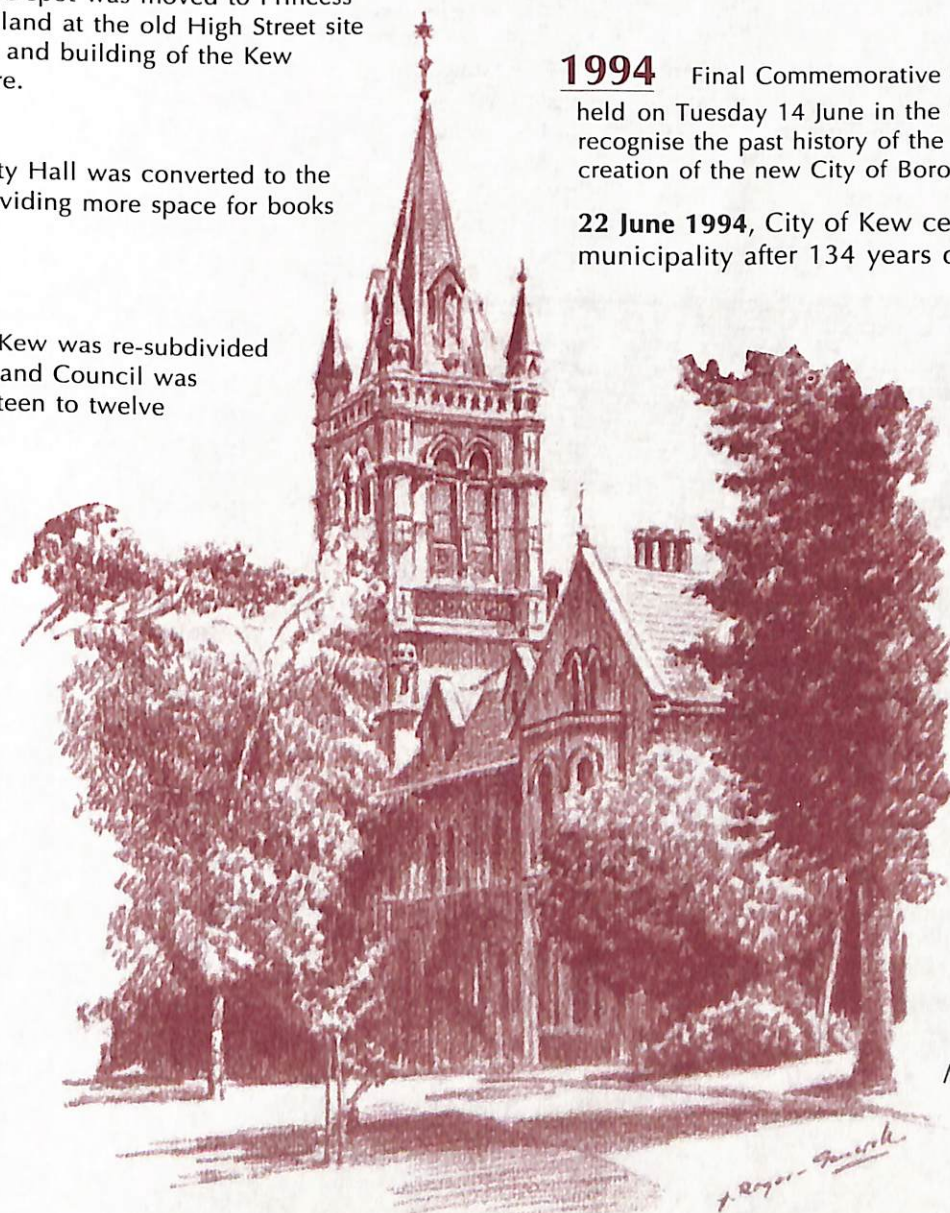


*Old Fire Station in Walpole Street.*

**1989** Kew Recreation Centre was opened to provide a comprehensive recreation facility for the community.

**1994** Final Commemorative Council Meeting was held on Tuesday 14 June in the Council Chamber to recognise the past history of the City of Kew and creation of the new City of Boroondara.

**22 June 1994**, City of Kew ceased as a separate municipality after 134 years of municipal history.



*Methodist Ladies College  
in Barkers Road.*



# KEW MAYORS 1861-1994



1861-62 Cr G. Wharton  
 1862-63 Cr J. Halfey  
 1863 Cr G. Lewis  
 1863-64 Cr J. Carson  
 1864-65 Cr W. Derrick  
 1865-66 Cr W. Stevenson  
 1866-6 Cr F. Barnard  
 1867-68 C.F. Bradley  
 1868-69 Cr H.J. Henty  
 1869-70 Cr R.M. Young  
 1870 Cr G.Y. Fishley  
 1870-71 Cr W.H. Wrixon  
 1871-72 Cr S. Kellett  
 1872-73 Cr J. Marshall  
 1873-75 Cr H. Hedderwick  
 1875-76 Cr A. Smart  
 1876-77 Cr H.F. Phipps  
 1877-78 Cr H.W. de Mole  
 1878-80 Cr D.R. McGregor  
 1880-82 Cr W.J. Runtng  
 1882-83 Cr H.W. de Mole  
 1883-85 Cr F. Barnard  
 1885-86 Cr H. Gray J.P.  
 1886-87 Cr E.A. Atkyns  
 1887-88 Cr G.W. Lilley  
 1888-89 Cr Sir Henry de C. Kellett  
 1889-91 Cr J.M. Campbell J.P.  
 1891-92 Cr H.A. Derham  
 1892-93 Cr J.M. Campbell J.P.  
 1893-94 Cr J. Smith J.P.

1906-07 Cr W. Wishart  
 1907-08 Cr W.W. Kerr  
 1908-09 Cr J.L. Carnegie  
 1909-10 Cr W.G. Hiscock  
 1910-11 Cr J.F. McCrea  
 1911-12 Cr W.G. Hiscock  
 1912-13 Cr J.S. Weir  
 1913-14 Cr W.R. Rucker  
 1914-16 Cr F.R. Ratten  
 1916-18 Cr E.P. Wynne  
 1918-20 Cr H.W. Tompkins  
 1920-21 Cr F.G.A. Barnard  
 1921-22 Cr H. Coleman J.P.  
 1922-24 Cr J.H. Woolcock J.P.  
 1924-25 Cr J.L. Carnegie  
 1925-26 Cr G. Ramsey  
 1926-27 Cr G.H. Cole  
 1927-28 Cr A.J. McConchie J.P.  
 1928-29 Cr P.C. Edwards J.P.  
 1929-30 Cr H. Coleman J.P.  
 1930-31 Cr J.R. Mathers J.P.  
 1931-32 Cr C.S. Parry J.P.  
 1932-33 Cr F.K. White  
 1933-34 Cr A.G. Gutteridge  
 1934-35 Cr J.L. Carnegie  
 1935-36 Cr H.A.A. Warner  
 1936-37 Cr H.L. Morgan J.P.  
 1937-38 Cr W.D. Vaughan J.P.  
 1938-39 Cr J.T. Gazzard J.P.  
 1939-40 Cr H.F. Mogg J.P.

1950-51 Cr V.M. Luke J.P.  
 1951-52 Cr C.H. Simpson  
 1952-53 Cr W.E.R. Hope MBE  
 1953-54 Cr A.S.G. Stevens J.P.  
 1954-55 Cr M. Dalley OBE J.P.  
 1955-56 Cr C.J. McCarthy J.P.



*City Hall Foundation Ceremony  
1 June 1959.*

1956-57 Cr W.A. Comeadow  
 1957-58 Cr J.T. Gazzard J.P.  
 1958-59 Cr F.E. O'Brien LLB J.P.  
 1959-60 Cr H.G. Ferguson J.P.  
 1960-61 Cr W.H.S. Dickinson J.P.  
 1961-62 Cr W.D. Vaughan J.P.  
 1962-63 Cr R.D. Kennedy J.P.  
 1963-64 Cr A.S.G. Stevens J.P.  
 1964-65 Cr G.O.S. Greer J.P.  
 1965-66 Cr A.G. Grace  
 1966-67 Cr G.P. MacKenzie LLB J.P.  
 1967-68 Cr W.E.R. Hope MBE  
 1968-69 Cr H.E. Wiltshire J.P.  
 1969-71 Cr I. Wade J.P.  
 1971-72 Cr L.F.I. Hawkins J.P.  
 1972-73 Cr J.D. Ryan J.P.  
 1973-74 Cr G.F. Petrie J.P.  
 1974-75 Cr R.J. Cremin J.P.  
 1975-76 Cr A.L. Hutchinson J.P.  
 1976-77 Cr P.N.V. Wallinga J.P.  
 1977-78 Cr N.J. Whiting J.P.  
 1978-79 Cr J. H. Gervasoni J.P.  
 1979-80 Cr K. Cole J.P.  
 1980-81 Cr P.N.V. Wallinga J.P.  
 1981-82 Cr M.J. Solomons J.P.  
 1982-83 Cr J.L. McCue J.P.  
 1983-84 Cr S.J. O'Brien J.P.  
 1984-85 Cr R.E. Saunders J.P.  
 1985-86 Cr P.C. Hore J.P.  
 1986-87 Cr J. Ormando J.P.  
 1987-88 Cr J.L. Tutt J.P.  
 1988-89 Cr A.A.B. Martin J.P.  
 1989-90 Cr M. Montalto LL.M J.P.  
 1990-92 Cr D.G. Oldaker J.P.  
 1992-93 Cr R.A. Streeton  
 1993-94 Cr T. Indovino



*Council Meeting in the Walpole Street Chambers, 1955.*

1894-95 Cr W.H. Wilson  
 1895-96 Cr C. Gardner J.P.  
 1896-97 Cr A. Wills  
 1897-98 Cr A.W. Day  
 1898-99 Cr T. Greenhill  
 1899-00 Cr J.W.R. Clements  
 1900-01 Cr L.H. Ussher  
 1901-02 Cr W.C. Ashton  
 1902-04 Cr S.S. Argyle  
 1904-05 Cr J.K. Merritt  
 1905-06 Cr T.G. Jellis

1940-41 Cr W.J. Price B.A. J.P.  
 1941-42 Cr G.J. Pedersen J.P.  
 1942-43 Cr H.E. Brehaut  
 1943-44 Cr D.S.M. Norris  
 1944-45 Cr F.J. Sands M.M. J.P.  
 1945 Cr A.J. McConchie J.P.  
 1945-46 Cr F.K. White  
 1946-47 Cr W.H.S. Dickinson J.P.  
 1947-48 Cr W.D. Vaughan J.P.  
 1948-49 Cr W.J. Hambley J.P.  
 1949-50 Cr F.W. Dods

