

Construction at Willsmere to Commence

Construction of the Willsmere residential development was officially launched by the Premier of Victoria, the Honourable Jeff Kennett, on 27th October with the unveiling of a plaque.

The Mayor of Kew, Cr Tom Indovino, and other Councillors and Council Staff, also attended the opening along with the Minister for Major Projects, the Honourable Mark Birrell and the Minister for Planning, the Honourable Rob Maclellan.

In his speech the Premier congratulated the Kew Council on its efficiency in assessing the project. He said the Council had played a positive role in the development.



The Mayor of Kew, Cr Tom Indovino, with the Premier of Victoria, the Honourable Jeff Kennett, at the official launch of the Willsmere project.

The Mayor of Kew, Cr Tom Indovino, said "Council has always been aware of the need to balance a satisfying long term result for the wider community and the new residents of Kew. Council's Planning Scheme stipulates that the site be developed in a way which ensures minimal

detrimental impact on the existing character of the area and retains significant historical sections of the building."

Redevelopment of the site is also being carried out in close consultation with the Historic Building Council, the Victorian Ministry of Planning and Yarra Bend Park Trust.

Construction of the Willsmere project is expected to cost Central Equity close to \$30 million, and the company's directors estimate that work associated with the development will create 500 construction jobs and more than 1,000 indirect jobs.

For information on Central Equity's planning application currently before Council for stage two of the development, see the Chief Executive's Column on page 2.

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Changes Occurring in Kew

Old Library

Council is currently carrying out improvements to the "Old Library" area of the Municipal Offices. This area has been largely unused since the Library was relocated to the old Civic Hall approximately seven years ago.

During this period, the only regular uses have been for health immunisation sessions and the annual Rotary Art Show. Because neither of these uses have generated any income, no work has previously been carried out to this area.

The current works are dividing the area into a leaseable office space and improving the remainder of the area by making it into an attractive public meeting area.

The office space has been leased out at market rental rates to the Waste Management Council. This is a new authority created under the Environment Protection Act to undertake research and assist all metropolitan Councils with waste management.

The public meeting space is also being improved with new decor. When completed, it will be of a standard which will be attractive for uses such as conferences, seminars and other similar functions.

Due to Kew's location close to the central business district, easy access and the availability of car parking, our market research has shown that the space should be well utilised.

Therefore the space will not only

start to generate some income for Council but also provide a good facility for use by our community. The new public meeting space will be available in early 1994. Bookings for its use can be made with Chris Moutafis on 854 5203. The Waste Management Council will be moving into the offices in December this year.

Recreation Centre

A new carpark has just been completed at the Kew Recreation Centre. The carpark is constructed in the northwest area of the Recreation Centre and will provide in excess of 40 carparking spaces. The construction of the carpark has been undertaken so that when the extensions to the Recreation Centre are completed mid next year, adequate parking will continue to be available.

McDonalds

The Council had earlier this year issued a Notice of Decision to grant a town planning permit to McDonalds restaurant chain with extensive conditions, for the construction of a McDonalds Restaurant on the south east corner of High Street and Highfield Grove. Since granting that permit, the owner of the property applied for, and has now been granted, a town planning permit for the construction of 34 apartments on the land.

It is understood that many of these apartments have been "sold off the plan" over the last few weeks and



Chief Executive Malcolm Hutchinson

thus it now appears that the site will be used for apartments rather than a McDonalds Restaurant.

Willsmere

Central Equity Limited, following its purchase of the residential land component at Willsmere, has now submitted a town planning application to Council for subdivision of that land.

Under the application, Central Equity propose to subdivide the land into 105 allotments, of which three allotments are proposed to be for medium density housing development.

The formal application was received by Council on 27th September and it is currently being publicly advertised. Once the period of public notification and period for receipt of any objections has elapsed, Council will then consider the application. At this stage, that will probably be in November.

A public display providing details of the application has been erected in the Municipal Offices foyer and anyone interested is invited to inspect that display.

One of the great pleasures of being Mayor is the opportunity to meet so many people in the community. I have been to the meetings of many different community groups since being elected, and am proud of the way each one of them serves our community.

I recently visited Kew Community House and was impressed with the range of programs they offer and the support they give to specific groups in the community. The House runs a number of educational activities such as literacy classes, English as a second language, computer skills courses, art and cooking classes.

It also offers other services which are useful to local residents. There is an occasional child care centre every Tuesday and Thursday, and each Wednesday a community lunch is provided for a special \$2.00 cost.

Community House is open to all the members of the community and I encourage people to take advantage of this friendly, informal environment to meet new people and discover new talents.

Another important resource in our community is 'Marriage Guidance Victoria'. The agency has had its headquarters in Kew for over 25 years and is the largest relationship counselling service in the state.

The work the agency performs has played an important role in our local community and neighbouring areas. Especially during the recession, the demand for MGV's specialist family services has increased.

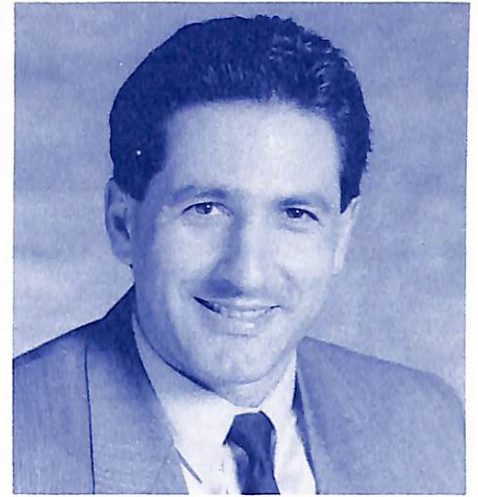
In a recent study on living standards for Melbourne couples with children, undertaken by the Australian Institute of Family Studies, it was found that marriage counselling was one of the community services couples most desired access to. The Kew community is fortunate for the important work

MGV does to promote the well being of family life in our city. The effects of its work are felt on many levels in our community.

A very special contributor to our community was Mother Teresa of Jesus, Prioress of the Kew Carmelite Monastery. I, together with Councillors and Council Staff, was greatly saddened by her death on October 13.

Born in 1906, Marie Josephine Teresa McGuire was the first young woman to enter the newly built Carmelite Monastery in July 1929. After Perpetual Profession in 1934, she was elected Sub-Prioress, and in 1938 was elected Prioress, although well below the canonical age.

Mother Teresa was endowed with an exceptionally warm, outgoing personality, great musical talents and a love of life. A path finder, Mother Teresa gave courageous leadership and inspiration not only to her religious community, but to the Church of Melbourne and to extensions of the



Mayor of Kew Cr Tom Indovino

Kew Monastery with foundations in Wagga Wagga, Canberra and Florence, Italy.

For the past seven years, I have been privileged to work with Mother Teresa preparing for the Ecumenical Gathering held each year at the Monastery as part of the Kew Festival. This event has become a celebration of her vision and love of life.

The Deputy Mayor of Kew, Cr Gery Petrie, Cr Phyllis Hore, Mr Alan Chung and Mrs Debbie Davis, President of the Kew Festival Committee, attended the Requiem Mass, together with an outstanding number of friends who mourn her passing and thank God for the gift of her life.

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DIARY DATES

NOVEMBER

6 Saturday 8.15pm, Camberwell Music Society presents the Melbourne Academy Boys' Choir at St John's Church, 552 Burke Road, Camberwell Junction. Tickets available at the door, \$15 and \$10 concession. For more information ring 822 3156.

9 Tuesday-Friday 10.00am-4.00pm, Saturday 10.00am-12.00 noon throughout the year, Kew Opportunity Shop at the Senior Citizens Centre. Come and do your Christmas shopping. Lots of Bric A Brac. Clothes to suit everyone.

13 Saturday 9.30am-4.00pm, Kew Cottages Parents' Association is holding their Annual Fete in the grounds of Kew Cottages, corner Wills and Princess Streets. The Mayor of Kew, Cr Tom Indovino, will officially open the fete at 9.45pm. Along with the usual stalls there will also be a glass blower, Just Jeans, merry-go-round, bands and an animal farm.

14 Sunday 10.00am-4.00pm, Genazzano Family Fair. Fun for all the family with pony rides, trackless train, jumping castle, craft stalls, action of new and antique furnishings and lots of international food.

1.00pm, Kellet Grove Street Gathering at the Kate Campbell Reserve. Bring something to BBQ or whatever you like to eat or drink, utensils, rug/chairs. Family and friends welcome

1.30pm, Kew Tennis Club Open Day, Adeney Avenue, Kew. Events to suit all players, no charge.

Group coaching, and a sausage sizzle. All welcome.

1.00am-4.00pm, Trinity Grammar Founders' Day Fair, main school oval in Charles Street, Kew. There will be craft stalls, books, toys, cakes and produce, spinning wheel, entertainment, and plenty to eat. Amusements will include a large rotating machine and 'The Fly', the latest craze for the brave. There will also be a chance to win a trip to Spain.

11.00am, Bird Observers Club of Australia are holding a Bird Walk along the Yarra. The bird walk leader will identify local birds, followed by an informal social luncheon at Studley Park Receptions, Kew. Meet in the Reception car park at 11.00am. Price \$28 for 3 course luncheon includes wine or orange juice. Non members welcome. Enquires and bookings to Ellen McCulloch or Zoe Wilson on 877 5342.

16 Tuesday 7.30pm, Area G98 Neighbourhood Watch Annual General Meeting at Kew East Primary School. An election of committee members for the ensuring year will be held for this East Kew Neighbourhood Watch Area. All residents are welcome. For more information ring 859 8740.

20 Saturday 9.00am-12.00 noon, Garage Sale at East Kew Uniting Church Hall, 142 Normanby Road. White elephant stall, plants, books etc. Enquires 859 1229.

22 Monday 1.30pm, Kew Afternoon Garden Club meet in Hall No 3. The Guest Speaker for the last meeting of the year will be Claire Banhas on Decorations. Visitors welcome. For more information please ring 859 2977.

23 8.00pm, Kew Philharmonic Society presents an orchestral and choral concert at Holy Trinity Church, corner High and Pakington Streets, Kew. Works will include Beethoven's Symphony No One. Admission \$8 and \$5 concession. Enquires 817 1881 or 817 3186.

27 Saturday 10.00am-12.00 noon, Parents for Music Association are holding a Baby and Pre Schooler Music Workshop with Jenny Fogarty. 0-2 years 10-11am, 3-5 years 11am-12noon. \$5 per family (members), \$8 non members. Bookings Chris Polack on 859 5236.

DECEMBER

19 Sunday 8.30am-4.00pm, Sunday Market to be held in the School of Early Childhood Studies car park on the corner of Studley Park Road and Carson Street, Kew. People interested in booking a stall space to sell trash, treasures, crafts etc should ring 854 3380 during business hours. The cost of a stall space (car park size) is \$25.00, with proceeds going to the Australian Conservation Foundation.

Volunteers Needed At Karana Baptist Home for the Aged

Do you have an hour to spare once a week, once a fortnight or once a month?

We need volunteers to help wait tables in the dining-room (either at midday or 5.00pm), to serve in the kiosk, to take someone for a walk, or just offer an arm to lean on.

Please ring Phyl Taylor on 853 5407 (before 9.30am or after 6.00pm)

Time Well Spent

by Kew High School Student Vera Samardzic

This July I was one of 17 year ten and eleven students to complete the very worthwhile 1993 Youth Leadership and Personal Development Course. The course was presented by the Cities of Kew and Doncaster/Templestowe and ran for five days in the second week of our term two break.

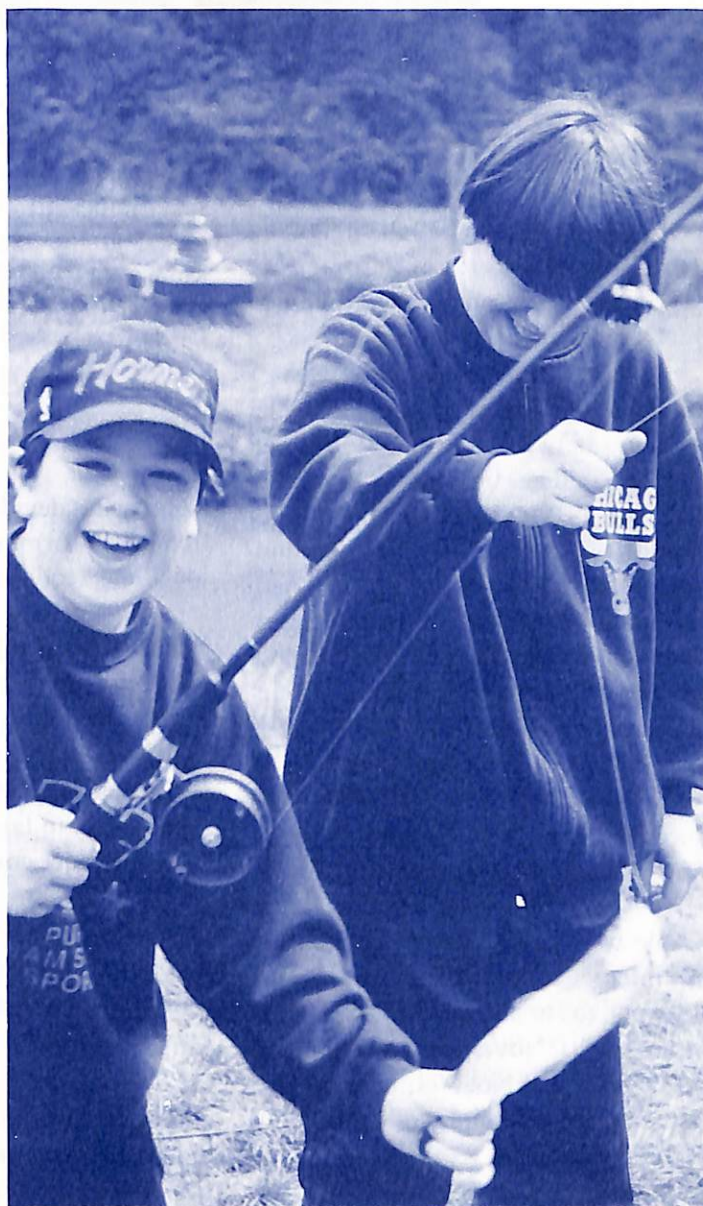
Participants explored issues such as self-expression, communication, values, motivation and leadership. We were challenged and have learnt life long skills.

After completing the course we were expected to undertake community service, which provided us with an opportunity to 'give back' to the community what we had learnt from the course. I became one of six Kew High School students who volunteered as junior leaders for Kew Council's Teenage Holiday Program.

Fresh with new skills and abilities to offer we agreed that the holiday program would be a perfect chance to put these talents to good use, learn new activities and have some fun. The holiday program gives teenagers a chance to be independent, meet new friends, improve communication skills and work as a team to learn new activities such as abseiling, horse riding, tobogganing and trout fishing.

Everyone who participated in the program enjoyed the great atmosphere. It was a delight to see so many energetic and enthusiastic teenagers participating, and I found giving up my time to be a part of the program extremely beneficial.

A similar holiday program will run in January. For more details contact Kate Laing on 854 5221.



Kym and Carey Everitt enjoy a fishing trip as part of the teenage holiday program.

New Automated Loans System for Kew Library

The Kew Library has become even more 'user friendly' with the introduction of a new automated loans system. The Data Library System, which became operational on 3 November, will enable the Library to offer a range of new and improved services.

Library patrons now have the added convenience of being able to extend the period of their loans by telephone. They can also request details of items they currently have on loan. Another advantage of the new system is maximising the availability of books and other resources to the general public. The status of items (on loan, in process, or on the shelves) is listed on a public access catalogue, and the

system will ensure reserved items are more promptly received by borrowers. Patrons will receive more prompt notification of overdue items. The automated system will also help provide Library Staff with detailed information on use of the books and other items for loan, so that they can be more closely matched to public needs.

In order to avoid any problems during the change over period, the Council has declared an amnesty of overdue items until Sunday 5th December 1993. This is an opportunity for patrons to return overdue items and start with a fresh slate.

For more information please contact the Library on 853 6745.

COUNCIL NEWS

New Playground for Outer Circle Reserve

The Council has allocated \$40,000 in its 1993/94 budget for the development of a new playground at the Outer Circle Reserve.

The existing play equipment along the reserve between Burke Road and Argyle Road has become isolated and outdated. It will be removed and replaced by a centralised playground within the vicinity of Normanby Road and Campbell Street. It is envisaged that the new playground will be developed to suit a wide age group ranging from toddlers to 12 year olds.

Council is seeking the community's input into the planning and design of the playground, and encourages those people who will be using the area, or are interested in contributing to its planning, to attend a public meeting on Saturday 20 November at 2.00 pm in Meeting Hall No. 3 (situated at the rear of the Municipal Library in Cotham Road).

Design options for the playground site will be discussed, which are both affordable and meet the needs and desires of those using the area.

Interested parties may also write to Bruce Schroder, the Executive Officer Parks and Recreation, with any specific design ideas which could be raised at the meeting. Write C/O Municipal Offices, Locked Bag 2, Kew 3101.

No Ban for Tin Shakers

Council has decided not to ban charity tin shakers from collecting money at local intersections at present.

Pending the outcome of a state government working party review of highway collections, Council stipulated that recognised charities will still be able to seek approval but will be required to take out a \$10 million joint insurance cover with the Council.

Council will review its policy once the recommendations of the working party are released, and after consultation with the community.

Anyone interested in expressing an opinion on this matter should contact the Executive Officer of Administration, Alan Chung, on 854 5202, or write to the Municipal Offices, Locked Bag 2, Kew 3101.

Community Group to Back Waste Minimisation



Following an encouraging turn out for the recent Community Waste Management Forum held at the Municipal Offices, some local residents have decided to form a waste minimisation group to address these issues on an ongoing basis.

The group will be supported by Council and will meet regularly to promote and coordinate a waste minimisation education program at a grass roots level within the community.

Anyone interested in joining the group should contact Mina Sirianni, Worldwide Home Environment Network on 817 1317 or Robyn Pearce, at Kew Council, on 854 5277.

COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Tuesday 16 November 7.30pm	Review Committee / COUNCIL MEETING 8.15pm
Tuesday 23 November 7.30pm	Operations/Planning & Development Committees
Tuesday 7 December 7.30pm	General Purposes Committee

Meetings are held in the Committee Rooms and Council Chambers at the Municipal Offices. Entrance is via the main portico off Cotham Road. All these meetings are open to the public. Copies of the agenda are available for inspection at the loans desk of the Kew Library.

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WRITE TO THE EDITOR, KATINA
BRIGHTON, CITY OF KEW,
LOCKED BAG 2, KEW 3101.

Whooping Cough and Measles on the Rise

A recent report by the State Government on preventable diseases indicates that the incidence of whooping cough and measles in young children is increasing. The best method of ensuring children are protected against these diseases is to have them immunised.

The Council provides a free immunisation clinic for adults and children on the first, second and third Wednesday of every month between 9.00am and 10.30am in the Old Library below the Municipal Offices. For more information please contact the Health Section on 854 5245.

Kew Philharmonic Society

The Kew Philharmonic Society is a long established local symphony orchestra and choir. The Society presents three or four concerts a year and participates in the annual Kew Festival Family Day, and in the Kew Music Makers Concert. From time to time, the orchestra joins with other societies in the presentation of operatic or choral works, and the choir performs on occasion for community service groups and institutions.

The group is currently seeking new members. The choir has vacancies for most voices and the orchestra would particularly welcome enquires from strings, oboes, horns, bassoons and orchestral brass. Rehearsals are held regularly on Tuesday evenings from 8.00pm to 10.00pm. Interested persons of all ages are invited to participate on an honorary basis. Enquires should be made to Bob Frecheville on 842 4075, Valda Fouvy on 817 1881 (orchestra) or Lola Stokes on 817 3186 (choral).

Homeworks Directory

The Homeworks Directory is a free local directory listing people who work from home producing hand-crafted original items or offering reasonably priced skilled services such as catering and typing.

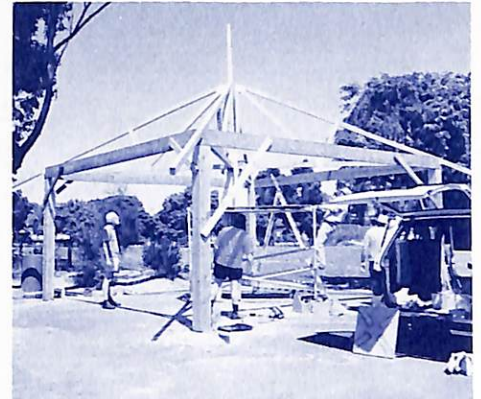
Copies of the Directory are available from the Kew Library or from Louise Poole on 509 0194 or Barbara Randall on 822 5186.

Box Hill Junior Chamber

Box Hill Junior Chamber could be for you. Junior Chamber (formerly Jaycees) offers personal and professional development programs to people between the ages of 18 and 40.

The group has a wide range of programs in leadership and personal development skills, including conflict and stress management, communication and assertiveness. Some of the activities organised this year include restaurant evenings, a car rally, personal dynamics course and reunion dinner. For more information contact Karen James on 650 2533 (w) or write to Box Hill Junior Chamber, PO Box 366, Box Hill 3128.


New Shelter for Kew Primary School




For the few past months parents of Kew Primary School students have been busy building a shelter to be used as an outdoor classroom and shady lunch area in the summer months.

The shelter was designed by Heritage Architect, Nigel Lewis (a Kew Primary parent) with engineering specifications completed by Trevor Huggard. The materials were funded through a series of fund raising activities including a school fete in late 1991 and other PTA activities.

Parents participating in the weekend working bees say they have gained a number of new skills and are proud to have been involved in this local community project.



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Kew's Community Bus

The Kew Community Bus is a personalised, door to door transport service for elderly people who are unable to access normal transport systems.

The mini-bus takes people to a variety of destinations including day centres, the library, and Senior Citizens Centre.

The service assists approximately 160 older people each year, and plays an important role in helping people to move around the community and participate in every day activities such as shopping and recreational activities.

The service is run by the Council with the help of volunteers. New volunteers are always welcome and your services would be most appreciated. Volunteer drivers are needed on a Thursday



Community Bus Driver, Joy Thomas, helps a resident onto the bus.

between 9.00am-11.15am and from 1.15pm-4.15pm. Jockeys, whose role is to assist older residents in and out of the bus, are also needed.

For more information please contact Wendy Rahaley in the Community Services Department on 854 5225.

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