

New Radar Speed Device For Kew Police

The Mayor of Kew, Cr Tom Indovino, last month presented the Kew Police with a radar speed device for use by Kew members within the municipal boundaries of Kew.

The Kustom Falcon radar device was purchased by the City of Kew at a cost of \$3,650 following discussions between police and Council.

It will be used on roads and streets throughout Kew in accordance with priorities established by Kew Police and those requested by Council, and will enable increased enforcement of speed limits on local streets.

"The radar will make an important contribution to Council's traffic management strategy," said Russell



The Mayor of Kew, Cr Tom Indovino with Senior Sergeant Bill Thomas of the Kew Police.

Fairlie, Council's Executive Officer of Transport.

"With the impending enactment of new State Government legislation later this year to reduce urban speed limits on local streets from 60 km/h to 50 km/h, speed enforcement will become an increasingly important demand.

"It is hoped that the introduction of these lower speed limits, together with increased enforcement and publicity, will help to create safer streets and improved residential amenity for Kew residents. In that context it is a very good investment compared to the cost of constructing other traffic management devices."

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Council's 1993/94 Budget

When Councils adopt their Budget, they need to forecast all their costs for the next year, taking into account expected CPI increases.

Despite the Federal Government forecasting a CPI increase for 1993/94 of 3.5%, the City of Kew is about to adopt a Budget which will result in an increase in total income from rates and charges of less than 1%.

This has been achieved, mainly through the implementation of efficiencies which have resulted in substantial savings in some areas of Council's operations.

The increase of 0.82%, comprises a decrease of total rate revenue of 0.4%, a decrease of \$9.30 in the Waste Services Charge from \$96.80 to \$87.50 and a \$25.00 increase in the Municipal Charge from \$25.00 to \$50.00.

In previous articles in *Kewriosity*, I have described how Council is required by legislation to completely phase out minimum rates by 1996/97 and how Council is replacing the revenue lost from this requirement, by increases in the Municipal Charge. This approach continues to maintain an equitable distribution of rates contribution. The cost of the phase out of minimum rates for 1993/94 results in a loss of approximately \$252,000 from this source.

As a result of the phasing out process, minimum rate A (for properties with a site value of between \$35,000 and \$80,000) has been reduced from \$450.00 to

\$375.00. Minimum rate B (for properties with a site value of less than \$35,000), has been reduced from \$325.00 to \$250.00. Therefore with the inclusion of the Municipal Charge and Waste Services Charge, these properties will receive a total decrease in rates and charges of 10.37% and 13.27% respectively.

However, whilst these properties receive a significant decrease, the cost of these decreases will have a varying impact in terms of the total amount payable for the remaining properties in the municipality. Therefore it is not possible to state that for every ratepayer, the increase will only be 0.82%.

The amount will vary according to the valuation of each property. It is again worth noting that the requirement to phase out minimum rates is a decision of the State Government and is beyond the control of Council.

Therefore, when we refer to a total increase of 0.82%, it is the level of total revenue received by Council from rates and charges which is being measured.

In that context, the budget result is pleasing despite a continuing decrease in Government funding and a decrease in other forms of income arising from the depressed economy.

The recent ratepayer survey conducted through *Kewriosity*, showed overwhelmingly the wish by residents to have more works undertaken on the City's footpaths.



Chief Executive Malcolm Hutchinson

Consequently, the allocation for footpath works within the 1993/94 Budget has been increased threefold.

Council continues to seek to minimise the level of contribution to its operating expenses required from rates and charges, and to this end, it is concentrating upon its core business services and conducting reviews of those services to ensure that the maximum efficiencies are obtained at the minimum cost.


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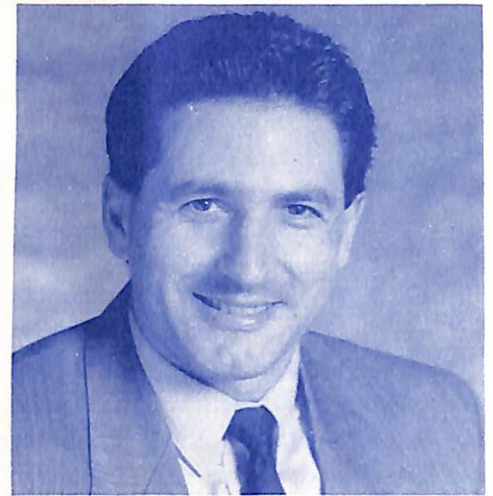
During October the new rate for the 1993/94 year will be struck by Council. This follows a long and detailed examination by Councillors and Council Staff of our existing services and commitments.

We are very aware of the delicate balance between providing essential and compassionate services and the need to provide adequate future reserves. The Council recognises the hardship experienced by residents, especially those on fixed incomes during these times of economic downturn.

All ratepayers will be pleased to know that the Council has kept the total general rate and charges increase to 0.8%. This is substantially below the 3.5% increase in Consumer Price Index, forecasted by the Federal Government. Most other charges have been kept at the 1992/93 level.

One of the most pleasing aspects of this budget is the obvious increase in efficiency in some area's of Council's operations. These efficiencies are the main reason that Council increases are less than CPI.

The new Waste Management Strategy is an example of how improved Council services and community involvement combine to reduce costs. Decreased volume in waste being tipped, and increased participation by residents in recycling programs has produced savings. These savings are being directly reflected in the Waste Services Charge, which over the past three years has decreased from \$104.30 to \$96.80 to \$87.50.



Mayor of Kew Cr Tom Indovino

One of the exciting projects included in this year's budget is the extension to the gymnasium and aerobic area of the Kew Recreation Centre. This will enable more access to facilities at the Centre which are ever increasing in popularity.

The Council also plans to inject \$200,000 into the ongoing development of Kew Junction. This is in keeping with our commitment to the Main Street Program and the upgrade of services and amenities in the area.

Raoul Wallenberg Monument

Kew residents are familiar with the statue on the corner of Princess and High Streets, but how many people are aware of the history behind it?

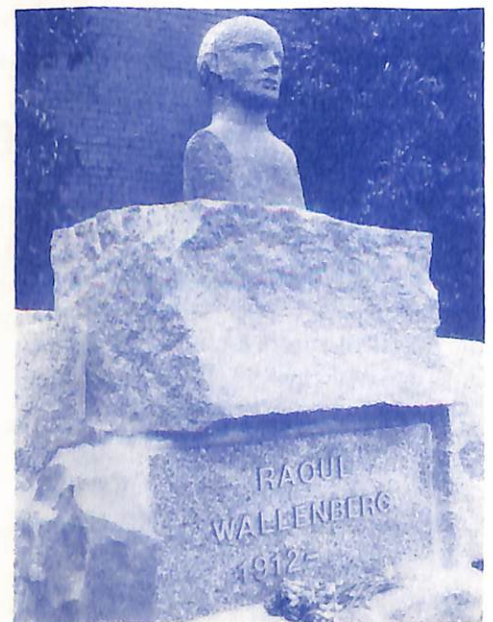
The statue was unveiled in January 1985 as a monument to missing Swedish diplomat, Raoul Wallenberg, on the fortieth anniversary of his disappearance in Budapest.

Wallenberg is credited with saving the lives of thousands of Jews during World War 2. He was last seen in Budapest in 1945, when he

was captured by Soviet troops. The Soviet Union claims he died in a Moscow prison in 1947, but Free Wallenberg Committees around the world believe he is still alive in jail.

The bronze and rock statue was commissioned by the Melbourne Free Wallenberg Committee, headed by Dr Frank Vajda. Funds for the statue, by Melbourne artist Karl Duldig, were raised by public subscription.

For more information contact Eva De Jong-Duldig on 885 6839.



DIARY DATES

SEPTEMBER

8 Wednesday 8.00pm, Kew Historical Society in Hall No. 3. The speaker will be Kew artist, Mrs Jean Jeffrey. Visitors welcome.

11 Saturday & Sunday 12, 10am-5.00pm, Burke Hall Art Show in the Great Hall at Xavier College, Barkers Road, Kew. Admission \$5 adults, children free.

8.15pm, Camberwell Music Society presents Euphonium Soloist, James Brice, at St John's Hall, 552 Burke Road. Paintings by well known and emerging artists, sculpture and ceramics. Admission \$15 adult, \$10 concession. Enquires 822 3156.

12 Sunday 2.00-3.00pm, Parents for Music present Paul Williams and his Elastic Band, a family concert with stories, music and variety. Suitable for 2-12 year olds. \$8 family (members), \$12 (non-members). Bookings: Fiona Biss on 859 9398.

13 Monday 7.15pm, Neighbourhood Watch G176 present a guest speaker from the Safety Centre (Child Accident Prevention), Royal Children's Hospital. All welcome. Adults \$3, Children & Concession \$2, Families \$5. Enquires 853 1418.

15 Wednesday 10.30am, Kew Arthritis Self Help Group Meeting in Hall No. 3. Fay Greenfield will demonstrate yoga techniques. Contact Ada Davey on 853 1409 or Dorothy Turner on 853 2021.

11.00am, Kew Legacy Widows Club meet at the Kew RSL Hall, 63 Cotham Road. There will be a showing of fashions by Danny Blum. All Legacy

widows welcome. Enquires 853 7049.

7.45pm, Camberwell Film Society presents 'The Miracle Worker' with Anne Bancroft at the Camberwell Library Theatre. Telephone 882 4655 or 808 6299.

16 Thursday 8.00pm, Penguin Club of Australia, Group 4 Kew. Meeting in Hall No 3 next to the Kew Library. Group for women who wish to become more proficient in the art of public speaking and meeting procedures. Contact Barbara on 817 1778 or Angela on 890 2660.

17 Friday 7.30pm & 18 Saturday 2.00pm & 7.30pm, Track Players Children's Workshop presents "Ali Berber and His Magic Carpet Snake", a colourful musical comedy performed by 45 local children aged 9 to 14 at the Kew High School Renaissance Theatre. Tickets \$10, \$5 concession. Bookings: 885 5603.

18 Saturday 10.00am to 3.00pm, Carnsworth Spring Market Fair at Carnsworth Nursing Home, 10 A'Beckett Street, Kew. Lots of goodies and bargains including cakes, crafts, pottery, jewellery and patchwork. Contact Pam Pratten on 853 2011.

19 Sunday 2.00-5.00pm, Friends of Kew Library Book Sale is held in the lobby of the Library on the third Sunday of each month. Proceeds go to help the Library.

24 Friday 10.00am, Nursing Mothers Association will hold a coffee morning. All welcome. Enquires 853 2792.

26 Sunday 1.00-3.30pm, Carols by Candlelight pre-loved toys

collection for needy children. Keith Shaw will be in the Old Library complex on the second and last Sunday of each month to collect the toys. Or telephone 853 6132.

27 Monday 1.30pm, Kew Afternoon Garden Club meet in Hall No 3 to hear guest speaker Merryly Johnson from 'Wensley Farm'. Visitors welcome. Enquires 859 2977.

30 Thursday 6.00pm, The Arthritis Foundation is holding a four week Osteoporosis Prevention and Self Management Course. Contact Beth Banks on 853 2555.

OCTOBER

1 Friday & Saturday 2, 9.30am-4.00pm, Community Aid Abroad Canterbury Group Book Fair at St John's Parish Centre, Burke Road, Camberwell. Over 15,000 paperback and hard cover books. Also stamps and vintage postcards.

11 Monday 7.30-9.30pm, Kew Council will conduct a Public Waste Management Forum, in conjunction with Mina Sirianni of the Worldwide Home Environment Network. The Forum is a community event to be held in the Old Library area (underneath the Municipal Offices). For more information refer to the article on page 5 or telephone the Physical Services Department on 854 5277.

13 Wednesday 8.00pm, Kew Historical Society Annual General Meeting in Hall No 3. The Mayor of Kew, Cr Tom Indovino will be the guest speaker. Visitors welcome. For more information please contact Miss Lex Allen on 853 9003.

Waste Collection Services

The introduction of Council's **weekly** rubbish and recycling collection has been very successful. However, since its implementation in mid July, some residents have expressed confusion about the new services.

Domestic Rubbish Collection

Your new Mobile Garbage Bin is now collected **once** a week. Your household may have a new collection day and you might find your bin is emptied later in the day. The new collection days are specified on the back page of Council's brochure *Your Guide to Total Waste Management*. If you do not have this brochure, or require further information, please telephone the Physical Services Department on 854 5277.

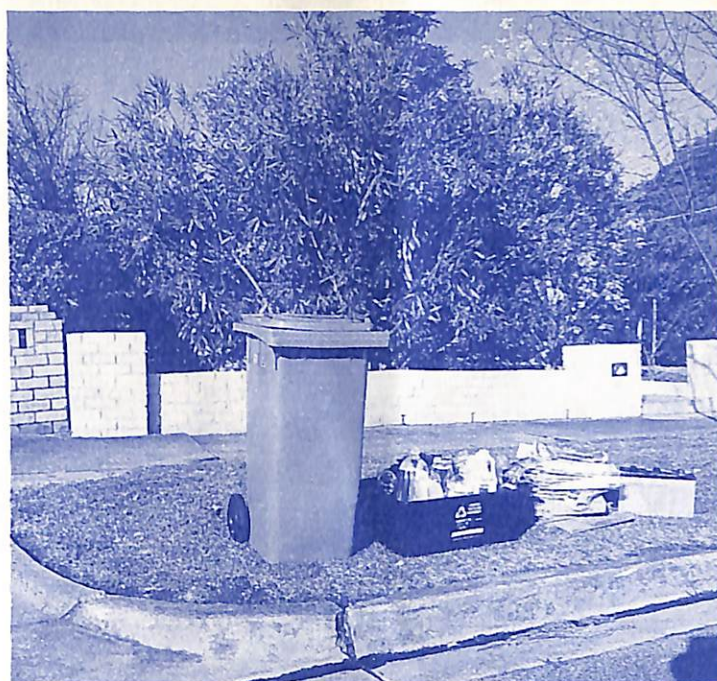
Dustbins are no longer collected, nor are loose bags placed beside your mobile bin. The lid of your new bin should always be fully closed.

Please place smaller and lighter bags of rubbish in the bottom of the bin and bulky items at the top. You should not try to force awkward items into the bin. Bags of rubbish can become lodged in the bottom and are difficult to empty even when the bin is turned upside down.

Kerbside Recycling Collection

Your recycling crate is emptied on the **same day** as your mobile garbage bin. However, since a separate truck is used, the collection occurs at a different time of the day.

If you do not have a recycling crate, recyclables can be put in a plastic shopping bag and placed beside your mobile bin. Please place your recycling crate approximately 1/2



metre away from your bin to give the truck easy clearance.

Pre-Booked Hard Rubbish & Pre-Booked Garden Waste Services

The twice yearly Hard Rubbish Collection has been replaced by two separate pre-booked collection services: Pre-Booked Garden Waste Service and Pre-Booked Hard Rubbish Service.

From September you can ring the Physical Services Department and arrange for your garden waste or hard rubbish to be collected at a nominated time. Each household is entitled to two free garden waste and two free hard rubbish collections per year.

For more information about any of these services please contact the Physical Services Department on 854 5277.

Community Waste Management Forum

The City of Kew is holding a public waste management forum as part of its ongoing community education program in waste minimisation.

The forum is being assisted by Mina Sirianni, a representative of the Worldwide Home Environment Network, and is an opportunity for residents to hear about the many ways in which they can reduce domestic rubbish and increase recycling.

Speakers from both Council and private industry will present waste reduction options available to residents,

and will form a discussion panel at the end of the forum to answer questions. Topics to be covered include Council's waste management strategy and services, composting and the Recycle 2000 Strategy.

The forum will be held in the Old Library complex (underneath the Municipal Offices) on Monday 11th October from 7.30 to 9.30pm.

For further information please call Robyn Pearce at the Physical Services Department on 854 5277 or Mina Sirianni on 817 1317.

COUNCIL NEWS

New Community Guide

The City of Kew 1993 Community Guide has now been delivered to each property in the municipality. It provides details of the wide range of services, facilities and activities available within our city.

If your household has not received a Guide please contact Katina Brighton at the Council on 854 5204.

The Guide is your entry into Kew's information network. Now is the perfect time for local organisations to fill out the update form in the back of the Guide and send it into the Council.

1994 Kew Festival

Due to the late Labour Day long weekend in 1994, next year's Community Festival will be held one week later than previously advertised. The new dates for the Festival are from Saturday 19th to Sunday 27th March 1994. As with previous years, the Family Fun Day will take place on the first day of the Festival. For more information, or to join the Festival Committee, please contact Bruce Schroder on 854 5276.

Parking in Kew

Parking resources need to be carefully managed to ensure that they work for the community. Consequently, in some areas of Kew parking restrictions apply. These are enforced to accommodate the conflicting expectations between different groups within the community: between residents and businesses; between parked cars and moving traffic; and between commercial and private vehicles.

Unfortunately at times parking can be an emotive issue and Parking Officers are subjected to verbal abuse. A person was recently convicted in the Heidelberg Magistrates Court for abusing a Parking Officer and was fined \$200 for the use of indecent language in a public place.

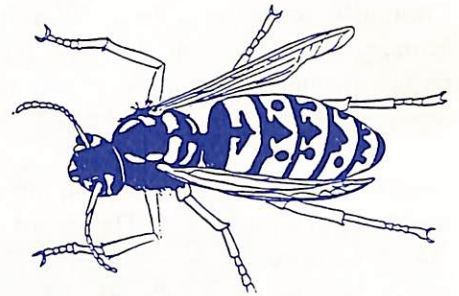
Parking Officers are employed to ensure that everyone has equal access to parking resources. They are only doing their job to protect the interests of the community.

Council has a strategic approach to parking which includes resident parking permits; visitor parking permits; yearly parking permits, retail

area parking (fee); control of private car parks; and requiring new developments to provide site parking.

For further information on parking and parking permits please contact the Local Laws Office on 854 5213.

Help Stamp Out European Wasps



Council's Health Section has produced a brochure aimed at encouraging residents to treat European Wasp infestation.

The brochure focuses on preventing a nest from being established, and effective and prompt treatment. It was developed following a 30% increase in nests reported last summer.

If you did not receive a copy of the brochure with this month's *Kewriosity*, please contact the Health Office on 854 5244.

COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Tuesday 14 September 7.30pm Operations/Planning & Development Committees

Tuesday 5 October 7.30pm General Purposes Committee

Tuesday 12 October 7.30pm Review Committee / COUNCIL MEETING 8.15pm

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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Are You Crafty?

Need to find some quiet time to finish those craft projects that never quite get done? If you're "crafty", you'll come to Kew Community House between 10.00am and 12.00pm each Thursday morning.

Each week a small group meets to work on their projects and chat over coffee and cake. You don't need to be an expert to join, and there's always someone with a good idea that you might like to try.

Child care is available on Thursday mornings with a qualified child care worker (\$6.00 per session).

To find out more about the group, or other classes and activities at the House, please contact Judy Tulloch on 853 3126.

Kew Bowling Club

The Kew Bowling Club has entered five sides in this seasons Men's Pennant (Divisions 1, 2, 4, 6 & 10) and two sides in the Ladies Pennant (Divisions B.1 & C.1). Anyone interested in becoming a member should contact Mr Saul Spielman at the Club at 14 Wellington Street, Kew or telephone 853 9650.

Kew Croquet Club

The Kew Croquet Club is looking for new members. Men and women, young and old, are invited to join and play association croquet. All coaching is free, with four lessons before deciding to join.

Club rooms are situated inside the main

School Holiday Program

Council's School Holiday Program will run from Monday 20 September to Friday 1 October.

Activities will include Steven Spielberg's Jurassic Park, roller skating, a visit to Luna Park, puppet shows, creating your own musical composition at the Alfred Brash Sound House and lots more.

All bookings need to be made and paid for in advance on the booking nights: Tuesday 14 September 6.00-7.30pm and Wednesday 15 September 6.00-7.30pm. These will be held at the After School Program building at Kew Primary School in Peel Street.



Holiday fun at Luna Park

For more information please ring the Outside School Hours Coordinator on Mondays and Tuesdays on 854 5223.


gate to Victoria Park, High Street, Kew. Games are held every Thursday and Saturday. For more information please contact Connie Perry on 817 3950 or Molly Thomas on 816 9638.

Volunteers Needed at Kew Cottages


Kew Cottages requires volunteers to

work with intellectually disabled adults. Do you have a couple of spare hours a week to assist with tennis, Saturday night dances and become a special friend? Bus drivers and people with endorsed licences are also required.

If you are interested in volunteering some time please contact Julia Cole on 854 1301.



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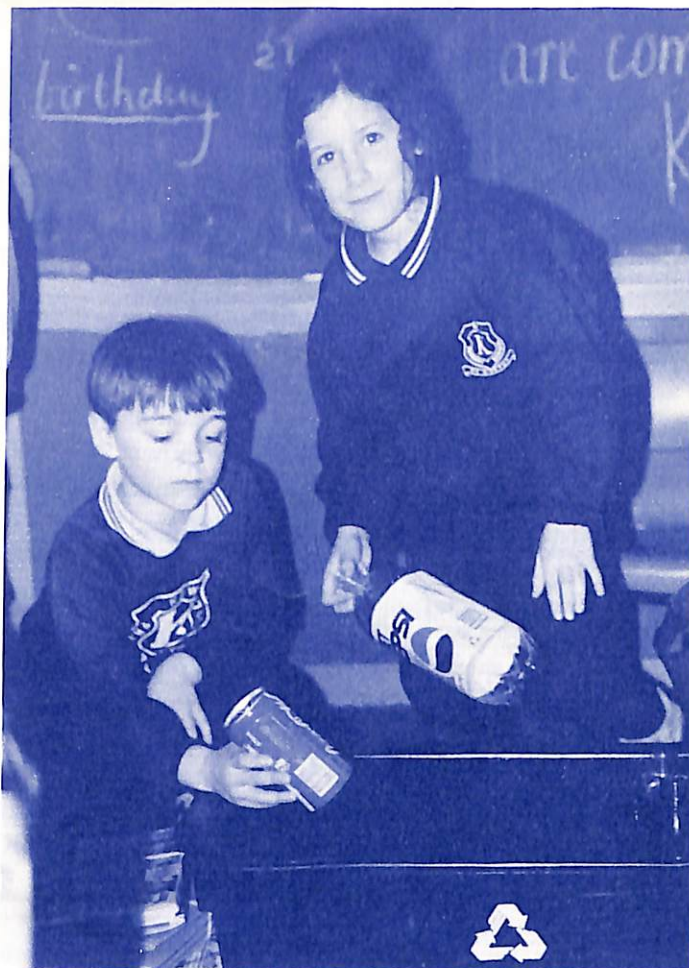
Primary School Students Learn to Reduce, Reuse & Recycle

In an initiative by Kew Council, local primary schools are to be offered hands-on activity-based education sessions to help students put their environmental syllabus into practice.

The School Community Education Program was piloted at Kew Primary in July, and received an encouraging response by both students and teachers. Grade One students learnt that the traditional "Three R's" have an new and important meaning in the 90's - Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle.

The Program forms an integral part of Council's Waste Management Strategy. The positive involvement of schools and school age children is a critical factor in the longer term success of recycling. The next generation will have the greatest impact on current and future household attitudes. Children, as well as being future community leaders, play an important role in waste management today; directly by their actions at home, at play and at school, and also through the effect they have on their parent's attitudes.

The Council intends to extend the program to all local primary schools as part of an on-going practical education program.



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- 10.30 a.m. Prom Concert by the Senior School Orchestra
- 11.00 a.m. Parents' Association International Food Fair
- 12.30 p.m. Matinee performance of "A Gap in Generations" presented by boys of the Middle School
- 2.30 p.m. Headmaster's Address to parents of prospective pupils.

Tours of the school will be conducted regularly from 10.00 a.m.

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