



Local Kew traders are keen to keep up the momentum and continue providing excellent service and convenient shopping to the community following the Main Street Program's successful first promotion last month.

With warmer spring weather not far away, browsing in the shops which comprise the 'Main Street' area along Cotham Road, High Street, Walpole Street and Denmark Street, will become even more enjoyable.

Many local traders have been in business for generations and know the value of keeping customers happy. Whether it is fine foods, antiques, or groceries, it can easily be found in the 'Main Street'.

Mothers with young children can take advantage of the Baby Change Room in Walpole Street.

Shopping locally is relaxing experience which also helps to provide jobs and keep Kew a great place to live.

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New Mayor For Kew



The Mayor and Mayoress of Kew, Cr Tom Indovino and his wife Jane with their children Deanna and Francis.

Councillor Tom Indovino was elected Mayor of Kew at the annual Statutory Meeting held on Tuesday 10 August. Cr Gerard Petrie was elected to serve as the Deputy Mayor.

The following Councillors were returned unopposed for further three year terms: Cr Daryl Oldaker representing Willsmere Ward, Cr Michael Montalto representing Prospect Ward, Cr Phyllis Hore representing Sackville Ward and Cr Jim Tutt representing Studley Park Ward.

Development at Willsmere

The Willsmere site in Kew is one of the largest development sites available within close proximity to the central business district of Melbourne. The development of this site is the largest development that Kew will see in many years and therefore there is a tremendous amount of community interest in what is happening.

From the media coverage and previous information provided in this column, most people would be now aware that the old Willsmere building was purchased from Jennings Limited by Central Equity. Council has resolved to grant that Company a town planning permit, to develop the site as 258 town houses and apartments.

This decision by Council to grant a permit has been appealed against and the Minister for Planning is expected to make a decision regarding the appeal in the very near future.

Central Equity have now also purchased the vacant land component of the Willsmere site from Jennings Limited. This land has a special residential zoning which requires that the site be developed to provide and maintain residential use with a predominance of detached housing.

In addition, the site must be developed in a way which ensures minimal detrimental impact of the existing character of the area.

Now that the total site is again within one ownership, more confidence can be provided that the overall development will compliment the two components of the site. Some residents have queried why the consultation process for the development of the historic buildings

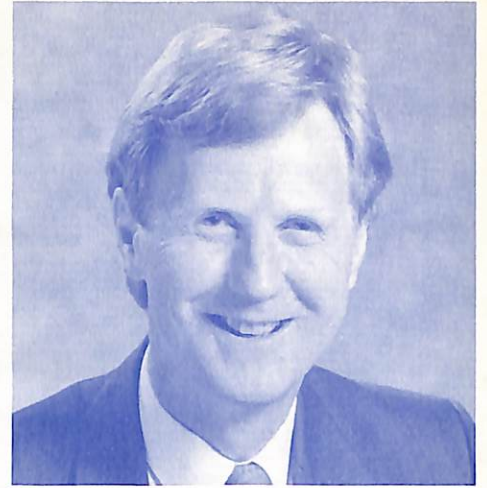
by Central Equity Limited, was much shorter than the process undertaken with Jennings, when that Company put forward its development concept and sought planning approval.

The original Jennings proposal which received planning approval to proceed, was developed as a result of a lengthy community consultation process. This process effectively commenced in 1987/88, following the State Government's decision to decommission the Willsmere hospital. The process commenced with amendments to the planning scheme followed by the calling of tenders for the purchase of the site from the State Government.

Jennings as the successful tenderer, "broke new ground" with its development proposal, which included ministerial variations to the Kew Planning Scheme. These variations were made to accommodate the development by providing access to the Yarra Boulevard and expanding the site to allow construction of a convention centre in front of the historic building.

Due to these variations, a number of residential groups were involved in the consultation process and a high level of local resident information sharing was provided. This resulted in a fairly smooth process leading to the granting of a planning permit without any appeals being lodged against that decision.

The Central Equity planning application, therefore followed on from all these background works, knowledge obtained and details which had been resolved and developed for the Jennings application and rezonings.



Chief Executive Malcolm Hutchinson

Essentially, the Central Equity proposal is only different from the Jennings proposal in respect to the nature of the use of the site, being solely residential instead of commercial (hotel, convention centre) and residential.

The Central Equity proposal effectively utilised the building "footprint" and layout developed by Jennings without the convention centre and reception rooms.

Due to the tremendous amount of investigation, public consultation and processing of the Jennings applications, the Central Equity application involved a much simpler assessment.

The two main issues from the Central Equity application, were traffic generation and the form or style of additional buildings to be constructed. On this latter point, the Historic Buildings Council was required to provide its approval and thus that Council had the largest input into setting the requirements for the architectural style.

The traffic generation from the Central Equity proposal, is less in volume and totally different in composition to the approved Jennings proposal. The composition of the

It is a great honour for me to be elected as Mayor of Kew. In this new role I would like to extend my best wishes to each member of our community and assure you of your Council's continued support.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the former Mayor and Mayoress Cr Roger Streeton and Ms Julie Dodds for their outstanding contribution to our community over the past year. Cr Streeton worked tirelessly in his role as Mayor and has achieved a great deal for our community, especially in his involvement with the elderly.

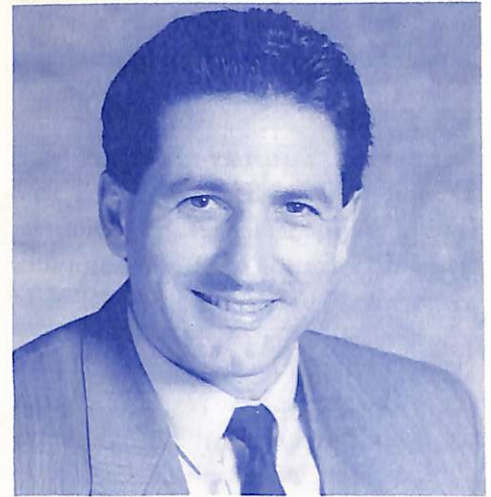
In my role as Deputy Mayor during the past term, I had the opportunity to gain valuable experience in preparation for the more challenging role of Mayor. I have been involved in a number of Council and community committees which have broadened my understanding of our City. I have served as Chairman of the General Purposes Committee, Chairman of the Planning and Development Committee, and am a member of the Operations Committee. I am also on the Residential Policy Review Committee and the Local Laws Committee.

My role as Chairman of the Childrens Services Planning

Committee is one which brings me many rewards. I have a young family and am very much aware of the special needs of families within our community. During my term as Mayor I will continue to foster the strong tradition Kew has as a responsive and caring community.

Another strong tradition in Kew is our annual Community Festival which next year celebrates it's 20th anniversary. I have been involved with the Festival for a number of years, and have proudly watched it grow and develop as the excellent community event that it is. My commitment to the Festival will continue this year and I look forward to another successful turnout for our special Family Fun Day.

I am looking forward to my year as Mayor, and meeting with members of our community, with much anticipation. It will be a busy and challenging period leading Council in a time when major changes to local government are being muted by the State Government. I will work closely



Mayor of Kew Cr Tom Indovino

with my fellow Councillors to make decisions which improve the lives of all Kew residents and which decide the shape of our community.

Resident involvement is an important part of our decision making process, and I warmly invite you to take an interest in the activities of the Council. We have an 'open door' policy whereby residents are encouraged to attend Council and Committee meetings and be a part of our community consultations.

In closing, I would like to thank the Council for its support, and to welcome Cr Gerard Petrie and his wife Marie, as the new Deputy Mayor and Mayoress.

Chief Executive's Column Continued

traffic for the Central Equity proposal, is almost totally private use vehicles, compared with the commercial vehicles such as taxis, tourist buses and delivery vans, which would have been generated under the Jennings proposal.

There has always been a requirement for a road link to be provided between Princess Street and the historic building development, but there has been uncertainty as to the timing of

the construction of this roadway while the two sites have been in separate ownership. Now that the two sites are again under one ownership, there is more certainty as to when the construction will take place.

Central Equity will be required to make a town planning application for development of the vacant land component. When that application is received by Council, it will be

processed in accordance with normal requirements.

Therefore in many respects, although the owner of the site has changed, the development is very similar to that already approved. The major influences on the form of development, was established by the special Planning Scheme zonings which were created over the site, following the Willsmere Hospital's de-commission.

DIARY DATES

AUGUST

15 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.

16 Monday 1.30pm, Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital Kew Ladies Auxiliary meet on the third Monday of each month in Hall No. 3. Afternoon tea provided. All welcome. Enquires 817 4671.

8.00pm, Studley Park Association Annual General Meeting will discuss traffic on the Boulevard and neighbouring streets. Meeting in Hall No. 3. All welcome. Contact Rosemary Nairn on 853 9811.

18 Wednesday 10.30am, Kew Arthritis Self Help Group Meeting in Hall No. 3. A dietitian will be the guest speaker for the month. Contact Ada Davey on 853 1409 or Dorothy Turner on 853 2021.

11.00am, Kew Legacy Widows Club meeting at the Kew RSL Hall, 63 Cotham Road. The speaker will be from Dick Wicks Pain Management and Magnetic Products. All Legacy widows welcome. Enquires 859 2097.

7.45pm, Camberwell Film Society presents an Australian documentary programme at the Camberwell Library Theatre. Telephone 882 4655 or 808 6299.

8.00pm, Borondara Bushwalkers monthly meeting in Hall No.3 (next to the Kew Library, cnr Cotham Road and Charles Street). Free slide show on bushwalking in Victoria. Visitors welcome.

19 Thursday 8.00pm, Nursing Mothers Association presents the 'Big One and the Little One'. Enquires 818 7935. For information about coming meetings, contact Ruth Berkowitz on 859 6478.

21 Saturday 10.00am-12.00 Parents For Music Association Instrumental Workshops in Kew. Pre-school (2-5 yrs) at 10.00am, early primary (6-8 yrs) at 11.00am. \$5 per family (members), \$8 non members. Bookings: Chris Polack on 859 5236.

23 Monday, Kew Afternoon Garden Club meet in Hall No. 3, with a guest speaker from the Yarra Bend Park Trust. Enquires 859 2977.

29 Sunday, North Kew Tennis Club Annual General Meeting and Social Tennis Day to be held at the new tennis facility, corner Kellett Grove and Willsmere Road. New members welcome. For more information contact the Club President on 853 8875 or the Secretary on 862 3085.

31 Tuesday 8.00pm, Kew Philharmonic Society presents a subscription concert for choir/orchestra at Holy Trinity Church, cnr High and Pakington Streets. Admission \$8, \$5 concession. Enquires 817 1881 or 817 3186.

Kew Bowling Club Opening Day. The Club has entered Divisions 1, 2, 4, 6 & 10 in this seasons Mens Pennant and Divisions B.1 & C.1 in the Ladies Pennant. Interested people should contact Mr Saul Spielman at 14 Wellington Street, Kew or on 853 9650.

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

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.

17 Friday 7.30pm & Sat 18 2.00 & 7.30pm, Track Players Children's Workshop present "Ali Berber and His Magic Carpet Snake" at Kew High School Renaissance Theatre. Tickets \$10, \$5 concession. Bookings: 885 5603.

SEPTEMBER

4 Saturday 10.00am onwards, Kew Croquet Club season opening. New members are invited to join and play association croquet. All coaching is free. Club rooms situated inside the main gate to Victoria Park, High Street. Games every Thursday and Saturday. Contact Connie Perry on 817 3950.



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New Artists at Kew Community House

The walls inside Kew Community House are fast becoming covered with drawings and paintings by budding new artists. Before attending the arts classes held at the House, most of these people has little or no experience. Now they are achieving considerable success.

Community House Coordinator, John Julian, says "The walls now tell their own story - they show the history of the progress made by the students".

The art classes have been running for two terms and the results are very encouraging. Resident artist at the House, Heike Effler, believes the basic ingredients for success are a desire to learn art, commitment to practice and a teacher who can teach.

"My basic philosophy is that art is available for everyone to enjoy," Heike said. "The courses are firmly based on the principle of learning to 'see' like an artist sees."



Classes are held on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Separate classes are run for children aged 7 to 11 years.

For more information contact Heike Effler on 853 6327.

Windows On Women at Work



Kew High School recently held a careers exhibition for young women titled "Windows on Women at Work". Students had the opportunity to learn first hand about more than 120 different careers from employers and employees covering a wide range of traditional and non traditional areas, the majority of whom were women. The emphasis was

on personal interaction, with students able to direct individual questions and concerns to the relevant representative.

Women today are increasingly able to seek work in fields previously denied to them, and the exhibition was a chance for many to find out what career and job opportunities are available in different organisations. Students could also learn about the various tertiary and training courses available and which would be most suited to their aspirations and requirement.

Equal Opportunity Coordinator at Kew High School, Milena Mirabelli, believes "The exhibition highlighted to many students the diversity of career choices and the need to look widely at employment options. Role models are an excellent way of reinforcing in a personalised way what options are available, what can be done and what is being done."

The Kew Festival Committee Needs You!

The Kew Festival Committee is well on the way in it's planning for the 1994 Festival, and is anxious to hear from interested people or groups who may wish to join.

The theme for next year's Festival is 'History', and it is hoped that Kew's many organisations and groups will have their pasts highlighted using photos and memorabilia.

The 1993 Festival received accolades from all over the state

for it's uniting theme of educational facilities within Kew.

The Committee attributes the outstanding success of the Festival to the fact that it is organised entirely by local residents. All Committee members are volunteers, and the Committee receives the full support of the Council in funding and administration needs.

For more information please contact Burce Schroder on 854 5276.

COUNCIL NEWS

Aesthetics Advisory Panel

The City of Kew is seeking expressions of interest from local Architects/Historians to join the Aesthetics Advisory Panel.

An invitation is extended to suitably qualified and experienced persons who live in or near Kew to register their interest in the voluntary appointment.

The Panel provides independent advice and guidance to Council on the aesthetics, quality, finish and design proposals referred to it, as well as comment on planning policies and codes.

The Panel comprises six people including at least two architects, a landscape architect, an architect historian and an urban planner. The group meets as required, approximately six times per year.

For more information please contact the Executive Officer of Development Approvals, Mr Brian Goyen, on 854 5249 or forward registrations of interest to the City of Kew, Locked Bag 2, Kew 3101.

Whooping Cough

The incidence of whooping cough (pertussis) in young children, especially infants, is increasing nationally.

Whooping cough is a serious, sometimes fatal, respiratory infection and parents are encouraged to have their children immunised.

For further information about whooping cough or other immunisations contact your Maternal and Child Health nurse or telephone Council's Health Section on 854 5245.

New Head Lice Treatment

A new improved head lice lotion is now available from Council's Health Section for \$6.00 (100mls).

The new lotion is pleasant smelling and simple to use; simply apply it like a conditioner after shampooing and then rinse off after 10 minutes. The lotion is extremely safe, 99% effective after only a single application and protects against reinfestation for up to two weeks.

For more information telephone the Health Section on 854 5245.

Farewell and Good Luck John!



As the Council's Cashier, John Wheeler, has become a friendly and familiar face to many of Kew's residents, and many will be saddened to hear that he is about to retire.

John joined the City of Kew in 1973, and after 20 years he knows most of the ratepayers by name. Many have come to know him as a friend and there are countless stories of John going out of his way to help people.

John says he's looking forward to playing more golf once he retires, but is sad to be leaving all his friends in Kew. Both colleagues and residents alike will certainly miss this cheerful Kew character.

COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Tuesday 17 August 7.30pm	Operations/Planning & Development Committees
Tuesday 31 August 7.30pm	General Purposes Committee
Tuesday 7 August 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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ITEMS FOR THE SEPTEMBER EDITON OF KEWRIOSITY MUST BE SUBMITTED BEFORE 24 AUGUST.

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

Ron Cook 1929 - 93

Many Kew residents will be saddened to hear of the death of Ron Cook on the 20th July.

Ron was Council's Traffic Officer and then Senior By-Laws Officer for more than 20 years prior to his retirement in 1988. He was also one of Kew's better known identities.

Ron once said he knew 90 per cent of Kew's population and every dog in the City. Certainly he was well known for his dog catching exploits; he was a great animal lover and worked tirelessly to find homes for lost and unwanted pets, rather than see them put down.

Ron's kind manner extended to all who came in contact with him. His warm smile and jovial spirit will be greatly missed.

On behalf of the Kew community, the Council would like to extend its condolences to his wife and children.

Pre-Loved Toys For Needy Children

Following the success of last year's Carols by Candlelight in Petrie Square, and the number of families who donated pre-loved toys for distribution to needy children, toys are again being collected.

Keith Shaw will be in the Old Library Complex between 1.00pm-3.30pm on the second and last Sunday of each month until December. If you have any pre-loved toys which could be used to brighten up a child's Christmas Day, please bring them along or contact Keith on 853 6132.

All toys will be distributed by St Vincent de Paul and the Salvation Army.

Job Search Program for Local VCE Students




Kew Rotary Club President, Mr Merv Williams (left), Skillshare Trainer, Natalie Kobzan (centre) and Cr Roger Streeton (right) with participating VCE students.

At one of his last official functions as Mayor of Kew, Cr Roger Streeton presented 12 Kew High School VCE students with certificates acknowledging their successful completion of the Job Search Program.

Run by Camberwell Skillshare, the 10 week program was designed to assist students in developing their job search skills prior to leaving school. It involved training in practical skills including identifying personal qualities and matching these with job choice. Interview skills, resume preparation, networking and effective telephone use were also covered.

Council's Youth Services Development Officer, Kate Laing, was actively involved in the program and assisted in running the sessions. Kew Rotary provided full funding for the program, as well as 'hands on' assistance interviewing students and indicating what employers expect of prospective employees.



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Teenage Holiday Action

As every teenager knows, making the most of your spare time is vital. So what better way to spend your school holidays than with heaps of other kids having an 'unreal' time.

Kew and Hawthorn Councils' joint Teenage Holiday Program offers an exciting range of activities including abseiling, rock climbing, caving, ice skating, along with day trips to the Science Works, movies and exploring the Ashcomb Maze at Cape Schank.

The activities offered in the program are all designed to stimulate young imaginations and to encourage young people to develop interests and skills which can be pursued later on.

Kew Council's Youth Services Development Officer, Kate Laing, said "All the young people on the program were really challenged by it. It was very rewarding to watch them face a new activity and grow from it."

"One participant was low on self esteem and it was really encouraging to watch him open up and become more adventurous toward the end of the program."



Abseiling is just one of the exciting day trips offered as part of the teenage holiday program.

Staff for the program are chosen carefully for their ability to offer a variety of activities in a secure and friendly environment. Teenagers can attend the program regularly or only occasionally, depending on individual needs.

If you didn't take advantage of the holiday program this time, make sure you do in September. Council runs programs for different age groups during all school holidays. For more information contact Kate Laing on 854 5221, and don't forget to ask about the Youth Services mailing list for up to the minute information about programs and services for young people in Kew.



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