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Holiday Fun at Kew Traffic School

It may have been school holidays but, as some of Kew's youngest residents discovered, school was still a fun place to be. For many children the Traffic School is one of the most popular activities offered by Kew's school holiday program.

The Traffic School was established in 1954 by the Council and the Kew Lions Club following concerns about the lack of a safe environment for children to learn road safety.

During the school term the Traffic School is staffed by Constable Kate Simonsen from the Victorian Police who conducts road safety classes. The school holidays see the Traffic School operate as an unsupervised drop in centre.

Last year 15,000 children attended the School, highlighting its popularity and importance as a community service.

The traffic environment is particularly dangerous to young children. Children are often spontaneous at play and many accidents involve child pedestrians or cyclists darting out in front of on-coming vehicles.

Traffic education enables children to gain traffic confidence and skills in a safe educational setting. The children familiarise themselves with road signs and signals. They learn how to share roads, the importance of helmets when riding bicycles and how to behave as pedestrians. The learning is fun and children love riding about on the miniature roads with the working traffic lights and signals.

Children with disabilities are provided with battery operated cars. Visually impaired children can use the School to develop an awareness of road traffic in safe surroundings.



One of the most popular roadside stops is the miniature fire station and there are plans to add additional child size buildings to provide a more realistic educational facility. To facilitate this upgrade local businesses were approached for sponsorship. Thirty sponsorship packages will be offered and for \$600 the businesses will have their "own building" complete with business logo and corporate colours. The immediate response has been excellent and already seven businesses have accepted.

The Traffic School is situated on the corner of Cotham Road and Grange Road. For more information contact Council's Community Services Department on 854 5223.

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Local Government Restructures

The State Government has announced its intention to amalgamate the Cities of Geelong (population 13,110), Geelong West (pop. 14,600), Newtown (pop. 10,400) and the Shires of Corio (pop. 56,000), South Barwon (pop. 41,000) and Bellarine (pop. 43,000) together with the annexation of the developed suburbs of Fyansford, Jan Juc, Wandana Heights and Waurn Ponds in the rural shires of Bannockburn and Barrabool, to create the new City of Greater Geelong.

In the original proposal considered by the Government, the Borough of Queenscliffe with a population of 3,500 was also included. However the Borough will now be left as it is due to its "unique nature".

The new City of Greater Geelong will have a population of 178,100. Quite rightfully, the affected Councils are claiming that the move will remove Local Government from Geelong and replace it with a regional bureaucracy. The Shire of Corio was one of the original proponents of the Geelong restructure but believes that the result should have been two equal sized Councils with a population of 90,800 or three equal sized Councils with populations of 60,500.

As a consequence of the Geelong action, the Bendigo, Ballarat, Central Melbourne and Latrobe Valley areas will most probably also be considered for restructuring. It is the Government's stated view however, that there will be no forced amalgamations and that the only areas which will be considered, are where there are demands for change. This stance may change once the new Local Government Board commences. The new Board formed by the State Government has included in its charter the role of considering boundary changes and combines the functions of the original Local Government

Commission, the Local Government Qualifications Board and the Victoria Government Commission.

The result of forming a "Super City" such as Greater Geelong will be the loss of that community's ability to have an effective say in the development of its community. It is just not possible to provide the same access to Councillors and decision makers, and to provide participation in decision making with an organisation of that size.

In Kew, where the population ratio to elected Councillors is 1 to 2,500, the demands on Councillors time from the community generally amounts to approximately 9 hours per week. In the Greater Geelong arrangement, the ratio will be 1 to 11,873 with 15 Councillors. If the same level of contact occurs in the Geelong community which occurs in Kew, the Councillors will be required to provide 43 hours per week for public contact. Obviously that is impossible for Councillors who undertake the position in a voluntary capacity and have their own occupations to pursue.

Therefore the greatest loss will be the public's ability to talk to their elected representatives and have input to local decision making.

If that is the loss, then what are the advantages? Basically there are none which cannot be achieved through alternative management practices. A true analogy which can be drawn, is that 50 shops can operate just as cost effectively and efficiently as one major department store and, in addition, provide a different level of personalised service.

If economies of scale are relevant to the delivery of a service, then that service should be contracted out to another provider. This is the approach which is adopted by the City of Kew,



Chief Executive Malcolm Hutchinson

which in many cases has resulted in the achievement of efficiencies equal to or better than other municipalities in Australia. This is the approach which best encourages and supports small business.

It is contended that the Geelong Region will save up to \$23 million dollars a year as a result of the changes, mainly through administrative savings. From my experience with both large and small Councils, I doubt if this will occur. Inevitably the new executives will be provided with much higher levels of remuneration than those already provided and a problem with most large organisations, is that they become so bureaucratic that there is a tendency for money to lose its value. Wasteful practices develop because what is another \$100 in a budget of \$250 million? It is just as easy to deliver mail by taxi as to deliver it yourself or use the post. This is a real example that I have experienced with a large municipality. It should be emphasised that there are no savings for the State Government from local government amalgamations. That is the level of Government with financial problems with none of the affected Councils in any of the areas under review experiencing any financial difficulties.

One can only assume that the Borough of Queenscliffe with its small

This is the second edition of the new Kewriosity format. We are very encouraged by the positive response from the community so far, as we strive to maintain our policy of continuous improvement. First published in June 1979, Kewriosity is one of the longest running community papers of its type. It has undergone a number of changes over the years and this change has proved an extremely cost effective method of improving the layout and attractiveness, thanks to the miracle of desktop publishing.

The slightly larger size and darker print definition make the articles easier to read, especially for our senior citizens. I extend my sincere thanks to our editor Katina Brighton for her efforts in bringing this latest change to fruition.

It is rare for me to publicly comment on controversial issues. A recent article in the *Progress Press* regarding the current application by McDonalds Restaurants for a new development on the corner of High Street and Highbury Grove clearly stated that the majority of residents in Kew opposed this application. This would appear to me to be an extremely inaccurate piece of journalism as the 68 submissions received by Council can hardly represent the 30,000 residents of Kew.

The role of Councillors is always difficult as they try to balance the

views of residents that have real concerns for the impact of planning applications, against the wider interests of the community, many of which are in support of the development. A great deal of time and effort went into behind the scenes negotiations with McDonalds to address resident concerns, whilst still maintaining control over the planning process. *Progress Press* would do well to be better informed about this process in order to give a more balanced and accurate point of view.

On Sunday 2nd May I opened the new Kellet Willsmere Scout Hall/Tennis Club facility in Willsmere Road. This is an exciting development which combines the function of the ageing Council owned Scout Hall and the North Kew Tennis Club into a new community complex. The new complex



Mayor of Kew Cr Roger Streeton

provides for both Scout Hall and Tennis Club facilities and incorporates four modern tennis courts and off street parking. The original buildings were way beyond their useful life and would have required considerable upgrade.

The new complex has been totally self funded from the sale of the land occupied by the old facilities. I extend my congratulations to the staff of Kew, together with the members of the North Kew Tennis Club and the 1st Kew Scouts for their work on the special project committee. It once again shows us what skills and resources we have within our own community.

Chief Executive's Column Continued

population of 3,500, has already adopted or is about to adopt the approach of contracting out its services where economies of scale apply. The Borough of Queenscliffe is one of the smallest municipalities in Victoria and its uniqueness relates to its need to provide public participation in its decision making process.

This same need exists in many other municipalities. Interestingly, when Local Government in New South Wales was restructured in the 1970's, a similar approach was adopted. Within the metropolitan area of Sydney for example, are municipalities such as Hunters Hill with a population of

12,800, which exists at that size due to its articulate community's desire to have input to the local decision making process. There are many similarities with that type of community to the type of community which resides in the City of Kew with its population of 30,000.

Our investigations have shown that there are some financial advantages which may be obtained from the City of Kew increasing its area, as an *alternative* to implementing additional different management practices. This must be matched against the social ramification of reducing the community's ability to have input to the future development of their City.

Therefore any increase in size, must not be so great as to disturb the emphasis of Council in providing the best possible avenues for public participation in the decision making process and the pursuit of efficiencies.

The efficiencies which have already been obtained must not be lost in the process. The practices being adopted by Kew are more and more regularly being considered by other municipalities as the standard which they should be pursuing, regardless of their size. As a result, the City of Kew is now regarded by other Councils as a leader in the Local Government industry in many areas. This is the reputation that we as a Council wish to retain and build upon.

DIARY DATES

M A Y

7 Friday 9.00am - 1.00pm, **The Friends of Bodalla** street stall, on the corner of Walpole and High Streets, in aid of the Bodalla Hospital. Cakes, biscuits or jam can be left the day before at Bodalla or will be gratefully received that morning. Come along and buy a cake for Mother's Day.

8 Saturday 9.00am - 2.30pm, **Trash & Treasure at Holy Trinity Church**, Cnr High and Pakington Streets, Kew. Bargains, bric-a-brac, clothing and pre-loved toys, plants and refreshments. Enquiries Betty Kemp on 859 6360.

8.00pm, **Pacesetters are holding a 50/50 Charity Dance for the Smith Family Organisation**. Frances Xavier Hall, 2 Donald Street, Prahran. Adults \$6 including supper. All welcome. Call Maurice Lewis on 388 0081.

12 Wednesday 8.00pm, **Kew Historical Society Meeting** at Slovene Church, 19a A'Beckett Street, Kew.

13 Thursday 8.00pm, **Kew Garden Club**. The group meets on the second Thursday in each month at the Senior Citizens Centre, High Street, Kew. This month's guest speaker will discuss Cottage Gardens. Supper is served afterwards. Enquiries: 853 7057.

15 Saturday 1.00pm, **East Kew Bowls Club**. Indoor Bowls competitions commence. Come along and join the fun. For further information ring Pat on 859 8476.

8.15pm, **Camberwell Music Society**. Phillip Green (cello) and Stephen McIntyre (piano) will present

a duo recital of works by Beethoven, Faure, Ginastera and Barber. St John's Hall, 552 Burke Road, Camberwell Junction. Tickets at the door \$15 & \$10. Enquiries 822 3156.

16 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.

17 Monday, **Kew/Balwyn Branch of the Country Women's Association** is holding a Special Luncheon at the Club. Telephone 819 1689 for more information.

19 Wednesday, **Kew Arthritis Self Help Group**. Yarra Trust Home Bound Outing. Contact Ad Davey on 853 1409 or Dorothy Turner on 853 2021 for more information.

11.00am, **Kew Legacy Widows Club** monthly meeting at the Kew RSL Hall, 63 Cotham Road. Jenny Dyson from the Rawleigh Products will be the guest speaker. All Legacy widows welcome. Enquiries 853 7049.

8.00pm, **Boroondara Bushwalkers Meeting**. Annual general meeting in Hall No. 3 behind the Municipal Offices in Charles Street, Kew. The group meets the third Wednesday of each month. Call Thelma McManis on 817 5548.

21 Friday 10.00am & 11.00am, **Parents for Music Association** are holding a Baby/Toddler Music Workshop (10.00-11.00am) and a Pre-Schoolers Workshop on Kew with Susie Davies (11.00am-12.00 noon). \$5 per family (members), \$8 (non members). To book call Chris Polack on 859 5236.

24 Monday 1.30pm, **Kew**

Afternoon Garden Club will meet in Hall No. 3. Guest speaker Maurice Stralton. Enquiries 859 2977.

8.00pm, **Kew Philharmonic Society** will present a programme which includes a Mozart Motet Ave Verum Corpus by choir and orchestra. Admission \$8 & \$5. Enquiries 817 1881.

29 Saturday 8.30am - 12.30pm, **Trash & Treasure Sale at Studley Park Kindergarten**, 31 Stawell Street, Kew. There will be something for everyone including clothes, toys, furniture, books and plenty more.

J U N E

1 Tuesday 10.30am & 7.30pm, **Asthma Foundation Free Education Sessions**. For more information telephone the Foundation on 853 5666.

7 Monday 7.30pm, **G177 Group of Neighbourhood Watch** (boundaries: High, Derby, Asquith & Valerie Streets) will meet at Kew Community House, 6 Derby Street, Kew. All local residents welcome.

8 Tuesday 1.45pm, 'Accent on Establishing a Positive Lifestyle'. St Hilary's Anglican Church, 12 John Street. Telephone 817 4513.

Basic Introduction To Macintosh Computers

\$85.00 for 2 x 3 hour sessions

Course One: 7.00pm to 10.00pm
Monday 10th & 17th May 1993

Course Two: 9.00am to 12.00pm
Saturday 22nd & 29th May 1993

For enrolment and further information please contact Kew Primary School

Ph: 853 8325 Fax: 853 3029

Gearing Up For Next Year's Festival

This year's Kew Festival was a great success and the committee has already begun planning for 1994.

Mrs Debbie Davis was elected as the new Chairperson, replacing Mr George Verginis who stepped down after leading the Committee for the past two years. As a local businessman, Mr Verginis has given many hours of his valuable time to ensure the ongoing success of the Festival.

Mrs Davis is a long serving member of the committee and has contributed much time and energy over the years. We wish her and the committee all the best for the year ahead.

Since the committee first convened 20 years ago, many talented people have shared their time and skills with the community by helping to plan the Festival. Perhaps your local organisation or club already participates in the Family Fun Day and you are aware of the great challenge ahead for



Musicians at the Festival Family Fun Day

the committee members. Some clubs are already represented and more would be most welcome.

To join the committee, which meets monthly, contact Mr Bruce Schroder at the Municipal Offices on 854 5276.

The Salvation Army's annual Red Shield Appeal will be held on Sunday 23 May. During these tough economic times more people than ever are turning to the Salvos for help, but to carry on its social work the organisation needs the community's financial support.

The yearly Red Shield Appeal is the only collection conducted by the Salvos to raise money. On the day of the Appeal you can help the Salvos by donating generously and/or by volunteering as a collector. Just a couple of hours of your time would go along way to helping someone less fortunate.

THANK GOD FOR THE SALVOS

Round the clock.

Round Australia.

Round your place.



**Red Shield Appeal
Sunday May 23rd**

During the weekend of May 22 & 23, a Kew Appeal Office will be located in Hall No 3 of the Library Complex. Volunteers are always welcome and can come at any time between 9.00am and 4.00pm. Volunteers generally door knock 50 to 60 houses, after which they can come back to the Hall for a refreshing cup of tea or coffee.

If you wish to know more about the Appeal please ring Mr Andrew von Ronai-Horvath, Chairman of the Appeal in Kew on 841 9724.

New Medical Consulting Rooms For St George's Hospital

St George's Hospital has opened its new Medical Consulting Rooms in a house owned by the hospital in Cecil Street, Kew.

All the services of the hospital, including Radiology and Pathology, are within easy walking distance of the Rooms. There is no access to the property from Cecil Street, but patients can park at the rear of the house, or at the hospital site, and enter through the back door.

The house in Cecil Street is notable for its continuous front fence. It is probably the only house in Kew without a front gate of any kind, otherwise it is no different from those in

the street around it. Great care has been taken to maintain the essence of the original facade.

Twenty-three consultants use the Rooms at present including obstetricians; gynaecologists; general surgeons; neurologists; an ear, nose and throat specialist; ear, nose and throat surgeons; plastic surgeons; orthopaedic surgeons; physicians, a psychiatrist and a dietician.

The hospital believes the Consulting Rooms are an important extension of the services which St George's provides to the community.

Improving Immunisation In Kew

To improve the quality of Council's immunisation services, changes are planned from June 1993. These changes include a new venue and additional immunisation sessions (to be detailed in the next edition).

Change of Venue

From the 7th July 1993 all immunisation sessions will be held at the Kew Municipal Offices in Charles Street. Residents should enter from opposite Hall No 3 in the Old Library Complex.

These changes are necessary because of the overwhelming demand for HIB vaccinations.

We apologize to those people who have experienced delays or who missed out on being vaccinated after attending a session.

For further information please contact Council's Executive Officer Health, Mauro Bolin on 854 5244.

Influenza Immunisation

Who Should Be Immunised?

- * Members of the community who are 65 years and older.
- * Those who suffer from long term illnesses including asthma, chronic lung, heart, kidney or liver disease, diabetes or decreased immunity.

Why?

In these people the influenza virus can weaken the body's resistance and lead to life threatening infections, such as pneumonia.

For further information please contact Council's Health Section on 854 5245.

Quit Smoking Seminar

Council's Health Office is proposing to run a Quit 'Fresh Start' smoking course in Kew. This effective four week cessation program involves two 1 1/2 hour sessions each week and will cost approximately \$100 per person.

Interested people should contact the Health Section on 854 5244.

Sharps Disposal Service

The incorrect disposal of needles and syringes can put health and lives at risk. For only \$8.00 residents can dispose of medical sharps in an approved and safe container.

The average user will use one container a year at a cost of around two cents per day, making this possibly the cheapest service in Victoria. If you wish to take advantage of this service, please contact the Health Section on 854 5244.

Unregistered Dogs

Council Officers will be conducting a survey to ensure that all dog owners have registered their dogs.

Dogs over the age of six months should be registered by the 10th April each year. The fine for failing to register can

be up to \$500. If you have an unregistered dog please contact the Local Laws Section on 854 5213 for a registration form.

The many benefits of dog registration include unification of lost dogs and their owners; providing proof of ownership should the need arise and funding management programs in an equitable way by only taxing dog owners. Dog registration also encourages desexing through discounted fees for desexed dogs.

Open Your Door To 30,000 Potential Customers

Kewriosity is the ideal way for local businesses to communicate their message to the community. Advertising in *Kewriosity* is effective and inexpensive. Call Katina Brighton on 854 5204. *No endorsement of services is implied by the City of Kew.*

Kewriosity is a community paper that welcomes contributions from residents and local community groups. **Items for the June edition must be submitted before 14 May.** Write to the editor, Katina Brighton, Municipal Offices, Charles Street, Kew 3101.

COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Tuesday 11 May 7.30pm Operations/Planning & Development Committees
Tuesday 18 May 7.30pm General Purposes Committee
Tuesday 25 May 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.

Australian Greeting Cards

To help raise funds for the Anti-Cancer Council, the Kew Rotary Club is selling Australian Greeting Cards featuring reproductions of original paintings by Donald Cameron. The cards are available from the Victorian Artists' Society Cato Gallery, 430 Albert Street, East Melbourne, where an exhibition of Cameron's works can be seen at daily from 10.00am to 4.30pm until 26th May.

The cards will also be available at the 'Galleria', World Trade Centre, during the International Rotary Convention from the 21st to 25th May.

Toastmasters

Toastmasters meet together to practice the basic forms of interpersonal communication Meetings are held on the first and third Wednesday of each month at the Auburn Heights Recreation Centre, 397 Barkers Road, Kew. For more information contact Lou Ferrari on 895 1597 (w) or 859 2718 (h).

Homeworks Directory

Can you cook, sew, paint, type, cut hair, teach or mind children? There are 101 things you do in your home which could become a source of income. In




The increasing awareness of the importance of a healthy lifestyle was evident by the great number of people who visited Council's Health Promotion Stall during the Festival Family Day.

A special thanks to all those organisations which contributed to the success of the stall: Toscano's Fruit Shop, Bakers Delight, Kew Oral B, Quit, Sunsmart, Anti-Cancer Council, Arthritis Foundation, Keith Turnbull Institute, and the many organisations which provided health literature.

response to the emergence of home businesses, a new directory is being compiled in Melbourne's south eastern suburbs. The Homeworks Directory lists people who work from home producing anything from handcrafts to skilled services. There is also a section listing expertise needed. It is hoped the

Directory will provide an opportunity for mothers at home, elderly citizens and the unemployed to utilise their skills. The Homeworks Directory will be available through community centres, libraries and schools. For more information ring Barbara on 822 5186 or Louise on 509 0194.

 **HELP YOUR CHILD BOUND INTO LEARNING**
at WEEKLY 3/4 hr sessions
PROFESSIONAL GUIDANCE
LOTS OF FUN
For Babies to School Age
EAST KEW CENTRE
Uniting Church Hall, Normanby Road
Thursday - Friday - Saturday (am)
Telephone: 818 6927
GYMPAROO also offers
Limited places in AFTER SCHOOL SESSIONS
SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN TO GRADE 2
PERCEPTUAL MOTOR PROGRAMS

Melbourne Ski Injury Clinic Director
John Stanley
will advise skiers regarding their previous injuries at the
PRE-SEASON SKI FITNESS & SAFETY PROGRAMME
to be held weekly at the
Kew Recreation Centre
A special night on common knee injuries will be held 7.30 pm on May 18
For further information contact Peter Skinner, Kew Recreation Centre on 861 6177 or John Stanley on 817 2898

Antonella Gucciardo
has commenced practice as a
Clinical Masseuse
Kent Street Medical Centre
135 Cotham Road, Kew
Massage
Calm the Body, Nourishes the Skin & Cleanses the Mind
817 5242
By appointment only Monday 5.00pm to 7.00pm & Tuesday 10.00am to 2.00pm

Heart Week

Heart Week is a great time to adopt a healthier lifestyle. From the 2-16 May, Kew Council, the Recreation Centre and local traders have joined together to offer a range of activities to help develop 'heart health'.

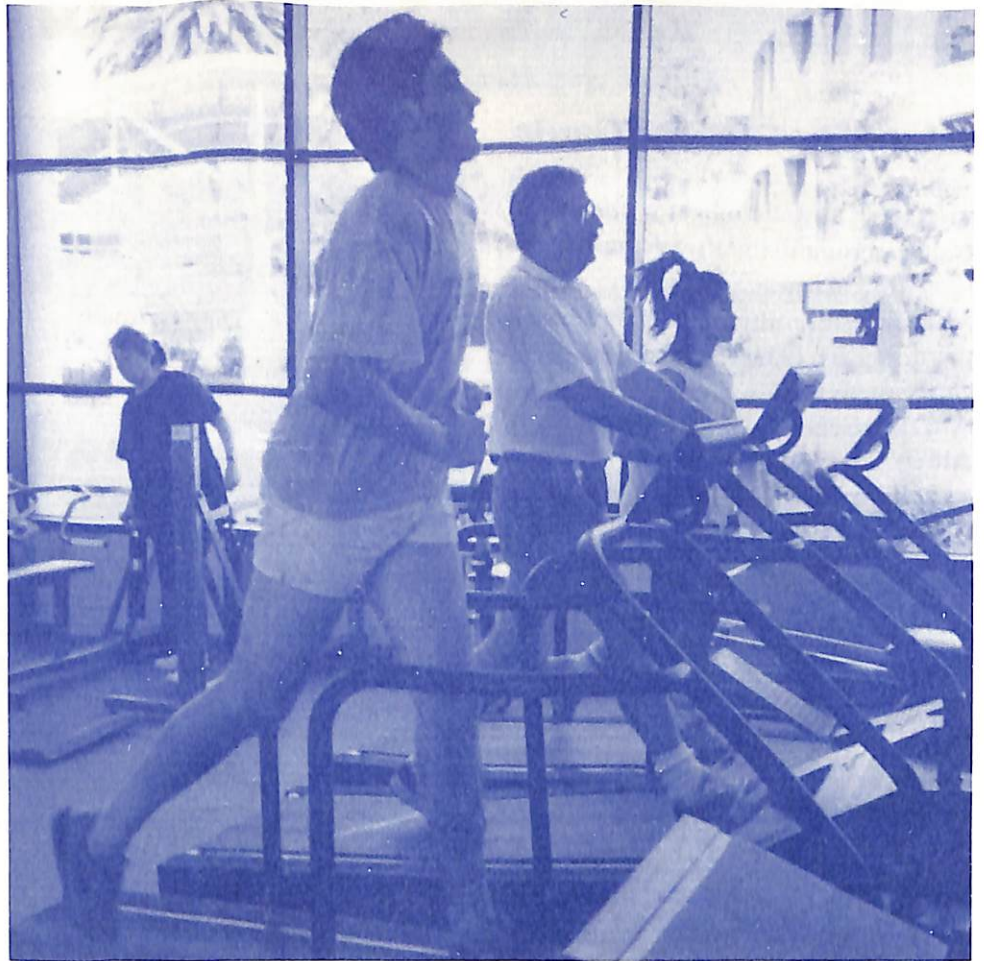
Heart disease is Australia's biggest killer, but it can largely be prevented through exercise and a healthy diet.

"You don't need to follow a rigid set of rules to have a healthy lifestyle. Be aware that there are basic guidelines to a healthier heart and try to follow them," advises Council's Executive Officer of Health, Mauro Bolin. "If you are a non smoker, eat a low fat diet, keep a check on your blood pressure and exercise regularly, you are well on the way to being healthier."

The Kew Recreation Centre is offering a fun way to exercise your heart with heart beat aerobic classes, cardio pulmonary resuscitation, community walks and reduced membership fees. Call the Centre on 853 6177.

Local traders will keep your tastebuds happy with a range of Healthy Choices at selected locations throughout Heart Week.

Cafe Angelica (High Street, Kew) have great healthy heart meal combinations to eat in or take away. **Baker's**



The treadmill at the Recreation Centre is a popular form of cardiovascular exercise

Delight (129 High Street, Kew) have delicious salt reduced bread. **Mauro Bros. Butchers** (High Street, East Kew) have a range of super lean sausages and hamburgers; and **Safeway** (Walpole Street, Kew) are featuring a range of healthy food items.

A Healthy Heart Information Kit is available from Council's Health Office, along with a range of healthy lifestyle

books: *A Guide to Exercise*, *Cooking for Few* (\$5.00), *A Guide to Healthy Eating*, *Preventing Heart Disease* (\$8.00) published by the Heart Foundation; *Good Food Fast* (\$14.00) published by the Anti-Cancer Council; and *Food for Goodness Sake* (\$15.00), a Food & Nutrition Project.

For further information contact the Health Office on 854 5244.



THREES AND FOURS Pre-School Kew

This long established pre-school is situated in the beautiful grounds of Holy Trinity Church, Kew.

We provide a structured kinder programme including music for 3 & 4 year olds. A gentle and caring atmosphere is created by mature and fully qualified staff.

Hours 8.45 am to 3.15 pm
Enquires welcome 853 5806

Kew Primary School Transition Program - Pre-School to School

An invitation is extended to parents with children who will be commencing school in 1994 to attend an

INFORMATION NIGHT

ON THURSDAY 20th MAY AT 7.30 - 9.00 PM

The school's programs will be explained by teachers and the principal in the Infant School Hall, off Pakington Street

RSVP Tuesday 18 May

Families are also invited to a free BBQ and tour of the school on Saturday 22 May. Tours at 11.00 am and 11.40 am

RSVP by Friday 21 May. Telephone 853 8325