

KEWRIOSITY

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Kew Enters Bicycle Friendly Awards



Cr Daryl Oldaker led (right to left) judges Ron Shepherd and Michael Oxer, and Council officers Katina Brighton and Bruce Schroder on a tour of Kew's bike paths.

Kew councillors and officers donned helmets and tested their pedal power last month for the judging of the inaugural 1992 Bicycle Friendly Awards. Sponsored by Bicycle Victoria, the Awards recognise the municipalities which contribute most to the safety and convenience of bike riding.

One of 27 Council's nominated for the Awards, the City of Kew entered as part of its commitment to make Kew a better place for cyclists. And by all accounts we are well placed in the race to become a bicycle friendly city.

Cr Daryl Oldaker led judges on a tour of the bike paths, highlighting on going improvements to bicycle facilities and drawing attention to Kew's unique Yarra side environment. The inspection included a tour of the Outer Circle and Main

Yarra Trails, finishing at Hays Pad-dock with a presentation to support the Council's nomination.

Kew is no newcomer to cycling. Its on going commitment has led to the establishment of significant on and off road cycling paths for both recreation and commuting. With concerns over the environment and an increasing awareness of the benefits of regular exercise, the humble bicycle is emerging as a real option. Kew is ideally placed, with its proximity to the CBD and directness of its paths, to take a leading role in this transport revolution.

'The City of Kew is committed to the continued upgrading of the bicycle network and the fostering of safe and convenient bicycle travel by all sectors of the community,' Council's Executive Officer Transport Russell Fairlie told the judges.



Carols by Candlelight

For many Kew families, the Carols by Candlelight service in Petrie Square is as much a part of Christmas as turkey and presents. A great family night out, the Carols are also an opportunity for the community to help others who are not so fortunate.

'This year we are asking people to help make Christmas a better time for everyone. Families are invited to bring along any — pre-loved toys which can be distributed by the St Vincent de Paul and the Salvation Army to children who may not be able to celebrate a happy Christmas,' said Cr Petrie.

Carols by Candlelight begin at 8.30pm on Sunday 20 December.



Kew Business Co-ordinator

The Kew Business Association together with Council has appointed Fay Greenfield to the newly created position of Kew Business Co-ordinator.

Her first project is to promote activities in the Kew Junction shopping area during the busy weeks in the lead up to Christmas trading.

Fay is well suited for the role of Co-ordinator. A resident of Kew for the past eight years, Fay has been actively involved in community activities and has served on a number of committees, including a two year involvement with the promotion and publicity of the Kew Festival.

NEW STATE GOVERNMENT DEFICIT LEVY

The media has widely reported the State Government's introduction of a property levy of \$100 per rateable property. This levy has been introduced with no consultation with local government. By the time that you read this column, the legislation will be in place requiring Councils to collect the levy, which must be paid by Councils before 15 June, 1993, regardless of whether it has been fully collected from every ratepayer by Council or not.

The 'Deficit Levy' will be a charge upon the property. This means that if it is not paid, it remains as a charge against that property until such time it is collected. Some concessions may be available in cases of hardship, however the guidelines for assessing these cases have not yet been provided. In Kew's case, the levy will be included on the rate notice as a separate item. Because the levy is due before 30 June, 1993 it will only be possible to permit instalment payments on the levy over the first two quarterly instalments at the time those normal quarterly instalments are collected for Council rates and charges. However, Council is considering the payment of the levy by four instalments in line with the current rate payment instalment system.

It should be noted that the levy, which will be a charge against the property, will assume payment priority over the rate and other charges applicable to the property. Interest on unpaid levies will be charged at the stipulated rate (currently 12%) from the due date.

There are many arguments being put forward by the media about the equity of the State Deficit Levy due to it being a set amount. The ability of Kew ratepayers, compared with Sunshine ratepayers, to pay the levy has been argued by the media as an example of the regressive nature of the levy.

An alternative argument, put forward by some sources, is that more expensive properties, such as some in Kew, already pay land tax, from

which lower valued properties are exempt, and therefore the regressive nature of the levy is minimal.

Despite these points, there is a quite separate principle which has been set through the introduction of the levy. It will be the first time that local government has been required to collect a property base tax on behalf of another level of government.

Land tax and Melbourne water rates are State Government 'taxes' based on property, but these have always been collected by the State Government or its statutory authority.

As and when additional information is made available to Council about the deficit levy and any other changes to State Government/Local Government relationships, this information will be provided to our community.

CHANGES TO KEW CORPORATE STRUCTURE

Over the past few months, following the resignation of Bryan Berry as Council's Director of Community Services, some refinements have been made to Council's organisation structure. Bryan resigned from Council to take up the position of Executive Director of the Rudolph Steiner School in Byron Bay, New South Wales.

Effectively the results of the changes reduce the number of executive staff for the organisation by one, strengthen some areas of our organisation where difficulties were being encountered and provide



Chief Executive, Malcolm Hutchinson

some on-going cost savings in Council's administration.

Under the new corporate structure, there are four main departments headed by the following officers :

- Corporate Services Department — Director Peter Huggins.
- Community Services Department — Director Janet Dore (previously Director of Planning and Development).
- Technical Services Department — Director Ian Poulter (previously Director Engineering Services). Ian is also the Deputy Chief Executive Officer.

The Technical Services Department is a new Department encompassing the services: town planning, building control, traffic management and control, local laws and engineering design.

- Physical Services Department — Director Neill Hocking (previously Deputy Director Engineering Services).

This is again effectively a new Department taking in the services: works, parks and recreation, Recreation Centre and waste services.

The approach which was taken in designing this new structure was to base the division of the departments upon customer service re-

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MAYOR'S COMMENT

In these times of economic downturn, the battle to continue to supply quality services within our budget limits, without a large commercial rate base, continues to challenge us. Consequently we are very dependent on our other great asset, people. Kew is well known for its depth and range of people skills, and many of our community services and working committees are greatly enhanced by the participation of our residents. On some committees, like the Streetscaping Committee, we are fortunate to have a number of skilled professionals who give their time generously.

One of the highlights of the Mayoral year is a reception held in late October to recognise the efforts of numerous volunteer groups that operate within Kew. More than 22 separate groups provide a wide range of volunteer support services to our community. These include Lions, Citizens Advice Bureau, Rotary, Kew Community House, Legacy, Kew Toy Library, Neighbourhood Watch, Rotaract Club, Kindergartens, Church groups and many more. On behalf of the City of Kew, and its community, I extend our thanks to all those who work tirelessly for their fellow men and women.

One of the projects that I hope to start during my Mayoral term is a skills asset register. This register would allow those in our community who have special skills to offer,

whether professional or otherwise, an opportunity to register their interest in a wide range of volunteer support groups. This may be particularly appropriate to those in our community that have recently lost jobs or who work part time. Volunteer work allows individuals an experience of real and meaningful linkage with other self help groups. It can also be extremely rewarding at a personal level. I hope to be able to make the details of this scheme available soon.

I would like to make a special appeal for people interested in providing additional support to the Kew Citizen Advice Bureau. The volunteer workers at the Kew CAB are in urgent need of support during this unprecedented economic downturn. Here is a chance for people with special skills to help those less



Mayor of Kew, Cr Roger Streeton

fortunate, or those who just need to re-establish a network. It is my belief that our community must be judged on what we do, not what we say. People who would like to know more about volunteer work are invited to contact the Kew Community Services Department for details.

In closing, I would like to mention a special event which took place on the 7th and 8th of November. The Kew and Greenacres Golf Clubs both combined to stage an inaugural 72 hole amateur golf tournament. This is to be an annual event, hosted alternatively by each club. The City of Kew is pleased to be associated with this event and has provided a perpetual trophy for the occasion. I wish Kew and Greenacres Golf Clubs every success for this tournament in the future.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S COMMENT

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quirements rather than the traditional approach of grouping professional disciplines.

In this respect, the Corporate Services Department is responsible for all accounting and administration services of the community and Council.

The Community Services Department provides all those services which are directly provided on a human level to the community.

The Technical Services Department provides a one stop shop for residents planning to undertake building works or improvements to their property.

The Physical Services Department provides all Council's physical works in the community which make up the City's infrastructure.

The new structure has now been operating for one month and it is making access to Council and the identification and location of services much easier for our community.

COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Tuesday 17 November 7.30pm General Purposes Committee
Tuesday 24 November 7.30 pm Review Committee/ COUNCIL
8.15pm

Tuesday 1 December 7.30pm Operations/Planning & Development Committees

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 agendas are available for inspection at the loans desk of the Kew Library.

DIARY DATES

NOVEMBER

13 Friday 7.00pm, The Kew Chess Club meets at Kew Community House, 6 Derby Street every Friday. New members are always more than welcome. For more information please contact Shane Booth on 853 5553.

14 Saturday 9.30am-4.00pm, Kew Cottages Fete and Gala Day, Cnr Princess Street & Wills Street. Stalls will include plants, books, cakes, candles, Christmas cards, a white elephant sale, glass blowing, fairy floss, lucky dips and even a merry-go-round. The Police Band, Pipe Band and Canterbury Salvation Army Band will also be there to entertain all who visit.

8.15pm, Camberwell Music Society presents its final concert for the 1992 season. Three of Melbourne's leading musicians — Margaret Lynch, Peter Lynch & Jeffrey Crellin — present a programme which includes music spanning from the 16th to 20th centuries. Tickets are available at the door: \$15 and \$10 concession.

15 Sunday 10.00 am-4.00pm Genazzano Fair, Cotham Road. Fun for all the family with pony rides, Christmas crafts, gourmet foods, a decorated bike competition and much more. The fair also helps less fortunate children enjoy Christmas, with part of the money

raised being donated to Ardoch Windsor, a school for homeless and at risk children.

18 Wednesday 11.00am, Kew Legacy Widows Club meets at RSL Hall, 63 Cotham Road, Kew. The speaker will be S/C Rosa Kalka of the Victoria Police. All Legacy widows welcome. Enquires 853 7049.

The Boroondara Bushwalkers meet to walk on the second Wednesday of each month. The walks are graded 'easy' and are usually cover a distance of 10 to 12 km. The Bushwalkers also offer a full range of weekend and longer walks and as well as other activities such as cross country skiing. For more information, please write to Thelma McManis, PO Box 355, Kew 3101.

20 Friday 12.00 noon, The Friends of Bodalla are holding their annual sausage sizzle at the Hospital. Entertainment will include a light musical programme by Maurice and Joan Mathers in the courtyard garden. Tickets \$6. Bodalla is situated in Walpole Street, Kew and is a Uniting Church project.

21 Saturday 10.00am, Kew Band City Christmas Parade. 8.00pm, Entertainment Contest at the Moonee Ponds Town Hall.

22 Sunday 9.00am, The Kew Hebrew Congregation Bazaar will feature books, clothing, a white elephant sale and many more stalls at 53 Walpole Street.

24 Tuesday 8.00pm, The Kew Philharmonic Society's final concert for 1992 will be held at Holy Trinity Church, High Street, Kew. David Thomas will play Weber's Clarinet Concerto No2 in E flat accompanied by the orchestra. The orchestral programme will include Beethoven's 'Egmont' overture and Symphony No35, and the 'Haffner' by Mozart. The choral programme will include music by

Sweelinck and other part songs and carols. Admission \$8, concession \$4. Enquiries: Valda Fouvy 817 1881 or Lola Stokes 817 3186.

26 Thursday 10.00am-3.00 pm, Kew Senior Citizens Open Day. Come and have a cup of tea. Weekly activities include bowls, billiards, cards and crafts. Tuesday is special club day with subscriptions only \$3.00per year. For more information call 861 7308 or visit the club at 533 High Street, Kew.

7.30pm, Commercial Areas Strategy Committee Meeting to be held in the Committee Rooms, first floor of the Municipal Offices, Charles Street, Kew.

DECEMBER

5 Saturday 10.00am-4.00pm, The Kew Auxiliary will hold a Christmas Fair in the grounds of the Asthma Foundation at 101 Princess Street, Kew. There will be hot dogs and a sausage sizzle, craft stalls, cosmetics, T-shirts, wind-cheaters, lingerie, perfume, Tupperware and a Christmas Hamper raffle drawn by Father Christmas.

8.00pm Kew Band End of Year Concert at Kew High School.

13 Sunday 1.00pm, North Kew Tennis Club is holding a 'Tennis Wake/ Tennis Tournament Social Day' to commemorate leaving the 'old' Tennis Club, cnr Peel Street and Grandview Terrace, Kew. Anyone wishing to attend should call Barbara Adams on 898 3614 to register. New members are always welcome, phone the Club's Secretary on 853 3085.

16 Wednesday 11.00am, Kew Legacy Widows Club meet at RSL Hall, 63 Cotham Road. Join the club for its annual Christmas Party with entertainment and basket lunch. Bookings and enquiries: 853 7049. All Legacy widows welcome.

20 Sunday 8.30pm, Carols by Candle Light in Petrie Square with music by the Kew Band. All welcome for a great family night out.

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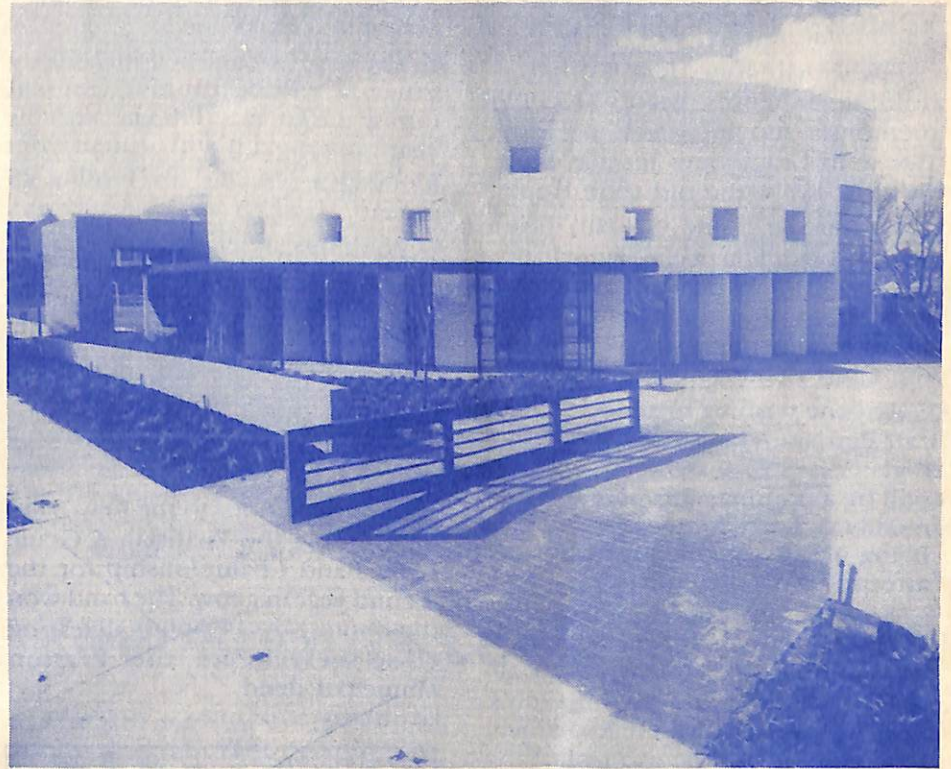
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New Chapel for Trinity Grammar

Trinity Grammar School's new chapel was officially opened by the Archbishop of Melbourne Dr Keith Rayner last month. Over 800 boys lined the procession of clergy, choir and headmaster to watch the Archbishop dedicate the building as the Chapel of Holy Trinity.

The chapel was built using money left to Trinity in a bequest of \$700,000 by Mr Carl Hornemann. A student at the school from 1907 to 1914, Mr Hornemann remained an active member of the Old Trinity Grammarian's Association. In his will he specifically requested that his bequest be used to build a new chapel for the school.

Designed by architects Crone Ross, the chapel is a striking quadrant shaped building made of masonry and white porcelain tiles. A series of pivoting doors provides a visual link between the external and internal spaces of the building, and seating for 200 people is on limed mountain ash pews generously donated by members of the school community. A previously privately owned pipe organ con-



taining over 800 pipes has been carefully refurbished to provide music for the choir.

Trinity's director of development Rohan Brown said 'The school

hopes that in the future many Trinity old boys will be married at the Chapel' He also noted that the opening of the chapel coincided with the school's 90th birthday.

HIB Vaccination Now Available

The City of Kew is now offering immunisation against the disease Haemophilus Influenza type B.

Haemophilus Influenza type B (HIB) is the scientific name for an air-borne bacterial organism that causes a variety of serious, often life threatening diseases including meningitis and epiglottitis.

It is estimated that urban Australian children have approximately a one in 500 chance of being infected with HIB before the age of five. HIB infections occur most frequently in infants and children because their immune systems are not fully developed and they are unable to produce protective antibodies in response to natural exposure to the bacteria.

A new vaccine has recently been developed to protect children against HIB and is now licensed in Australia. At this stage the vaccine is not included in the routine childhood immunisation program conducted by local councils. To keep the cost to a minimum for parents, the City of Kew will be offering the HIB immunisation at a cost of \$25.00.

Who can have the immunisation?

Children between the age of 18 months and five years.

Where will it be done?

At the bimonthly and evening immunisation sessions conducted by Kew Council's Health Section.

How much will it cost?

\$25.00.

How do you pay?

Send a cheque made out to: City of Kew, Locked Bag No. 2, Kew 3101. Attach a note stating the cheque is for the HIB immunisation and include the name of the child and their date of birth, OR pay directly to the cashier at the City of Kew Municipal Offices, Charles Street, Kew.

Do you need to make an appointment?

No, once you have paid you can attend any immunisation session that suits you.

For more information about HIB immunisation and the dates and locations of the immunisation sessions please contact the **City of Kew Health Section on 860 4245 or your local Maternal and Child Health Centre.**

IN BRIEF

TENNIS ANYONE?

The North Kew Tennis Club is holding a 'tennis wake' to commemorate moving from its Club House in Grandview Terrace. Built in the 1930's, the old Club House has been the home of many local champions. The wake, which begins at 1.00pm on Sunday 13 December, is a social tournament day for everyone interested in marking the Club's change of address.

Anyone wishing to attend should call Barbara Adams on 898 3614 to register before 9 December. There will be a nominal entry fee for non members. Entry for members is free. Bring along a picnic and enjoy an afternoon on the courts.

Anyone interested in joining the Club should contact the Secretary on 853 3085. New members are always welcome and at the Club's new home in Willsmere Road, better facilities will be available.

1993 KINDER ENROLMENTS

Kindergartens provide a vital educational experience for pre-school children. Kew is fortunate to have five kinders offering both three and four year old programs. There are still vacancies for four year sessional kinder in 1993 at the Glass Street (East Kew) and Davis Street kindergartens. Please direct enquiries to Elizabeth Sullivan at Kew Council on 853 2466.

KEW COUNCIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

The Kew Council School Holiday Program will be running as usual during the January 1993 break. This year the program will be held from Monday 4 January to Monday 25 January.

Bookings nights will be held at the Kew Primary School, Peel Street, on Tuesday 15 and Wednesday 16 December from 6.00-7.30pm.

KEW BAND WINS STATE AWARD

Congratulations to the Kew Band on winning the Victorian A Grade Brass Band Championship for the second year in a row. The band won the contest by 14 points defeating close neighbours the Preston Municipal Band.

VICTORIAN BLIND CRICKET ASSOCIATION

The Victorian Blind Cricket Association is conducting a recruitment program for visually impaired and totally blind persons for the forthcoming season and beyond. Competitions are held from October to March on Saturday afternoons from 1.00pm to 5.00pm at the Association for the Blind in Kooyong.

To be eligible to play you need to be on the blind invalid pension or have a certificate proving you have less than 6/60 vision. If you would like to know more about the game, please contact Doug Sloan on 284 3111 or Frank Bartoli on 848 8593.

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SNAKES IN KEW?

Each summer in Kew several sightings of snakes are reported to the Council. These sightings generally occur in the Yarra river area, in the months from October to December when snakes are particularly mobile. The warmer climate brings an increase in snake activity, with the reptiles moving in search of food, mates and a dry and safe place to rest.

Although snakes are an essential component of many food chains, some are potentially very dangerous and care must be taken when one is sighted.

While there is no method of reliably preventing snakes from entering properties, action can be taken to minimise the chances of encountering one.

To reduce the chances of a snake entering your property.

- Do not leave piles of wood, tin or rubbish lying around for a snake to shelter under.
- Do not allow thick vegetation and rubbish to accumulate around the outside of the fence.
- Do not allow grass to grow too long, especially near the house.
- If you keep poultry or other animals, ensure that all food is kept in secure containers and that the animals areas are kept clean.
- Ensure fence supports are kept in good condition, free of large cracks or gaps. Even small holes may provide an entry point for snakes.

If you do see a snake on your property, and would like some assistance or advice, please contact Mr Bickett on 438 1145 or Mr Harcourt on 480 2709. For further information about snakes please contact Kew Council's Health Office on 860 5244.



The 4th Kew Scouts has just re-opened its Venturer Unit for 14 to 18 year old boys and girls. Call Group Leader Brad Miles on 859 3326 to learn more about this program of fun, learning and adventure.

Kew Scouts Looking Good

The 4th Kew Scout Group is looking good. The group was recently presented with the Jes-sop Award, an annual honour presented to the scout group with the best maintained and most functional scout hall in the north-east region of Melbourne.

The Fourth Kew Group has spent the past few years totally renovating

its hall and grounds in an effort to ensure that its facilities meet the demands of an increasing number of children and young people participating in its programs.

The District Commissioner of Kew Scouts Mr John Pennington, congratulated the group and said it is the first time a scout group in Kew has won the Award.

KEWRIOSITY DEADLINES

Kewriosity is a community newspaper which welcomes contributions from residents and local community groups. Items for the **December edition** must be submitted **before 20 November 1992** to the Editor Katina Brighton, City of Kew, Municipal Offices, Charles Street Kew, 3101,

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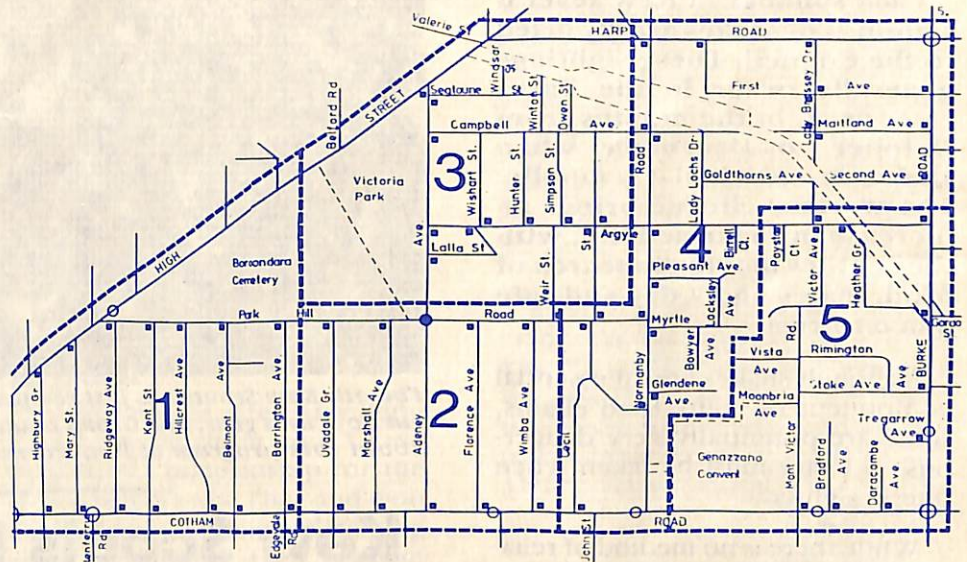
Town Crier Wanted



Ever felt like standing in the street and yelling at the top of your lungs? Well here's your chance! The Kew Festival Committee needs a Town Crier with a strong voice to publicise activities for three days during the Festival in March.

A volunteer position, the Crier will be required to walk through the streets heralding proceedings leading up to the Grand Parade on Saturday 13 March and other activities taking place over the weekend 20-21 March. Full regalia and bells are supplied and plenty of enjoyment guaranteed.

AREA 6 TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE



Are you concerned about traffic conditions in your area?

Interested residents living in the area bounded by Harp Road, High Street, Charles Street, Cotham Road and Burke Road, know as Area 6, are invited to nominate for membership on the Area 6 Traffic Management Committee.

There are currently four vacancies on the Committee, which was originally formed in 1984 to reflect the views of the local community on proposed traffic management strategies for the area.

The Committee plays a key role in advising Council on traffic management issues in the area and is currently involved in finalising the traffic management scheme for the area.

The current four vacancies involve single positions for four of the five sub-areas that make up Area 6. Single vacancies exist in sub-areas one, two, three and five. Refer to the plan of Area 6 above for the extent of each sub-area.

Interested residents are invited to contact Council's Executive Officer Transport, Russell Fairlie on 860 5232 to register their interest in joining the Committee.

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