

# KEWRIOSITY

SEPTEMBER 1992

City of Kew, Municipal Offices, Charles Street, Kew 3101. Telephone: 853 2466

## Opportunity for Employers & Unemployed Young People

Being unemployed is the pits, but when you're young and you haven't got any experience the future can look bleak. But 'Inner Eastern Group Training' is offering recruitment and placing of young people in Local Government and with private employers.

The State and Federal Governments are providing subsidies to employers to encourage employment and training of young people under the Australian Traineeship System.

Under the Traineeship an employer only pays 75 per cent of the junior wage plus On Costs less any subsidy to employ a Trainee.

The Trainee works at the employer's business and attends T.A.F.E. for 65 days during their year of employment. The training group also does all the administrative work.

A massive community problem is being tackled at a community level and most importantly young people are learning invaluable skills and developing a work ethic.



*Sharon Williams, 18, is working as a Trainee in 'Office Clerical', learning a wide range of skills needed in the modern office. Sharon was unemployed for over 12 months.*

Employers who might be able to squeeze in a junior employee in the retail sales or clerical area should contact the Inner Eastern Group Scheme on 569 0366. For young people interested in a traineeship send your resumes to P.O. Box 138, Chadstone, 3148.

## KEW FESTIVAL & EDUCATION



**Next year's Kew Festival is full steam ahead and it promises to be bigger and better than ever!**

The theme for the 1993 Kew Festival is education and many of Kew's 25 educational establishments will be involved. Kew is renowned for its great schools and their involvement in the Festival will ensure it is an event to remember.

A member of the Kew Festival Committee, Councillor Gery Petrie, said 'I firmly believe that no other city in Australia could stage what we in Kew have planned.'

'We cover adults, special schools, institutes and pre-schools as well as having some of Melbourne's best secondary schools.'

Cr. Petrie said, 'Not only will the Festival be unique, we hope now to see all our schools coming together annually in on-going events.'

## Kew's Community Bus

**Want to feel appreciated?  
Need to fill in a couple of hours?  
How about helping out on the  
Community Bus?**

On Thursdays, 9am to 11.15am and from 1.15pm to 4.15pm the bus is run entirely by volunteer drivers and jockeys. At the moment, we are very short on jockeys.



The jockeys' role is to assist elderly citizens in and out of the bus.

**It's fun, it's rewarding, how about it?**

Call Wendy Rahaley or Joy Thomas at Kew Council on 854 5225.

## INFLUENCES ON RATES AND CHARGES FOR 1992/93

As noted within the Mayor's column, Council is currently considering its 1992/93 Budget. This year however, due to two major factors, the percentage variation in Council's Budget requirement will bear no relationship to the variation in the actual rate notices received by each ratepayer.

That is, if Council concludes that it is necessary to increase its rates and charges by 5%, there will be very few ratepayers who will actually pay an increase of 5%.

The two reasons are the required phase out of minimum rates and the fluctuations in property valuations as a result of the required revaluation of all properties in the City.

Ratepayers who currently pay a minimum rate, will receive a decrease in their rates and charges accounts of between 6.5% and 19.5%. The cost of this reduction will be recovered through the introduction of the municipal charge of \$25.00 on every rateable property, as required by the Local Government Act. The affect of the municipal charge on individual non minimum rated properties, will vary because it is a set charge, rather than a variable charge according to valuation. But on average, the affect will be approximately between 1.5% to 2% increase.

The most significant affect on individual rates and charges accounts however, will result from the general revaluation of property in the City. Because valuations must be made through historical figures, the base year used for the new valuations is 1990, which was during the boom years for property values. This date is determined by statute

and thus Council has no alternative but to use 1990 as its base year. As everyone knows, the figures of 1990 now bear no relevance to the actual figures of today, with the marked decrease in property valuations which have been experienced from 1990 to 1992.

The average increase in valuation of properties within the City of Kew from the previous valuation period in 1986, to the new valuation period of 1990 was 85%. That is, the value of the average property in Kew increased by 85% over that four year period.

However, there are large variations to this average with some areas within the City, or types of properties, only increasing by as little as 30% over the four year period whilst others increased (at the extreme end) by as much as 130% over the four year period. Therefore, because the general rate is calculated on the basis of the valuation, some properties will have quite significant decreases in the level of rates and charges whilst others will receive quite significant increases.

One of the advantages obtained from introducing fixed charges such as the waste services charge and the municipal charge, is that these reduce the impact of these dramatic changes in valuations. In addition



Chief Executive, Malcolm Hutchinson

the State Government is currently investigating methods of introducing annual valuation assessments so that there will be more gradual changes, rather than the dramatic changes now experienced over the four year gap between valuations.

Therefore when Council concludes its Budget considerations and advises that it has increased its rates and charges by say 5% that percentage figure relates to the increase in total revenue from all rates and charges received by Council from all properties within the City.

Council is anticipating a mixture of reaction when it forwards its rate notices in November this year, because some ratepayers will be pleasantly surprised with a decrease, whilst others will be faced with a significant increase.

All ratepayers will however be pleased to know, that there will be 6.7% decrease in the 1992/93 waste services charge. The charge will be reduced from \$103.80 to \$96.80 for 1992/93. The main reason for this is the removal of the provision of resident tipping vouchers for the Heidelberg Transfer Station with that service being replaced by discounts for Kew residents at the Transfer Station. The other important contributing factor to the decrease, is a slight decrease in the volume of waste tipped at the Whittlesea Tip through increased participation by residents in recycling programs. In accordance with Council's policy for the waste services charge, these savings are being directly reflected in the level of the charge and that approach will be continued to be applied for the waste services charge in future years.



### CITY OF KEW STREETSCAPING COMMITTEE

Kew residents, especially those who have landscape architectural or urban design skills or have a genuine interest in the streetscape of Kew, are invited to nominate for a position on Council's *Streetscaping Committee*.

The Committee, which consists of residents, Councillors and Council staff, reviews the development and implementation of streetscaping works within the Municipality.

Residents who feel they have a contribution to make to the City in which they live and who are prepared to donate their skills and services on the Committee, should contact the Deputy Director of Engineering, Neill Hocking, on 854 5234.

Malcolm Hutchinson  
Chief Executive

## MAYOR'S COMMENT

Many of you will have read of the Federal Government's recent \$350 million program for local capital works. The program is aimed at regions and individual Councils that have above average levels of unemployment. It is specifically directed at the prompt construction, restoration or enhancement of economic and social infrastructure.

Although we may applaud the Federal Government's initiative in providing special funds directly to Local Government, 16 Councils in the Melbourne metropolitan area, including Kew, missed out.

The Inner East Region which includes Kew, Hawthorn, Box Hill, Camberwell, Doncaster and Templestowe, Nunawading and Waverley has over 22,000 unemployed but this is less than the 10 per cent average unemployment rate.

Kew's official unemployment rate is relatively low but — as we all know — the unofficial rate is higher.

Since most of the areas covered by these 16 Councils are predominantly "safe seats", one conclusion that may be drawn is that our region's unemployed or the needs of their municipalities are not as high a priority for the current government.

Kew, with the other unfunded Councils, has joined forces with the

Municipal Association of Victoria to pursue alternative funding opportunities on behalf of Kew's unemployed citizens. This Council does not consider our unemployed any less important; they are entitled to equal opportunities, regardless of residential location.

During August and September, both Councillors and Council Staff prepare the 1992/93 budget.

They review the level of existing services required by the community and the most appropriate ways of funding. The ever increasing needs of our community, and the wide difference in the perception of service needs, must be balanced against the ability of our community to accept rate increases.

During this recession all Councillors are acutely aware of the delicate balance between providing essential and compassionate services and the need to provide adequate future reserves. This is the Kew communi-



Mayor of Kew, Cr Roger Streeton

ty's opportunity to contribute to Council's financial planning; I invite interested groups and individuals to forward their written submissions to the Chief Executive as part of our open Council policy.

Recent changes in the Local Government (Financial) Act are designed to encourage community participation in Council's budgeting. After the Council has prepared or revised a budget, the Council must issue a public notice containing prescribed particulars, including advice that copies of the budget are available for inspection at the Council Chambers for at least five days after publication of the public notice. The Act also requires Councils to display copies of the budget at prescribed places within the Municipal district. Any person has the right to make a submission.

Finally, let us remember that spring heralds the opening of a number of recreational activities, including the Kew Bowling Club and the Kew Croquet Club seasons. We are proud of these Council-owned facilities. I invite all who are interested to contact the Clubs directly, or contact Kew Council's Leisure Co-ordinator.

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# DIARY DATES FOR SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

## SEPTEMBER

**12 Saturday Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is.** Dinner and discussion. Everyone who may be interested is welcome. Please call 853 3783 for more information.

**13 Sunday 2-3pm Parents for Music Association.** Mike Jackson in 'Bunyips, Bunnies and Brumbies'. A collection of funny songs, action games, magical string figures and juggling. Particularly suited for three to eight-year-olds. \$8 family (members) \$12 (non-members). Bookings essential call Fiona on 859 9398 or Jacinta on 853 9050.

**14 Monday 7.30pm Neighbourhood Watch Area G6.90.** Meeting in the tennis pavilion at St Hilarys' Church, corner of John and Rowland Streets, Kew. Sergeant Ian Galt from the police Air Wing will be the guest speaker. All residents are welcome.

**16 Wednesday Kew Arthritis Self Help Group.** Visit to Burnley Horticultural Gardens. Enquiries call the secretary Ada Davey on 853 1409.

**AFS International Exchange Group Meeting.** At this time of year the exchange group, which provides a program for sending students overseas, is conducting interviews. A general meeting of all students and families is held each month. Please contact Alan Mead on 853 8755 (W) or 877 2452(H) for more information.

**11am Kew Legacy Widows Club,** monthly meeting at Kew RSL Hall, 63 Cotham Road, Kew. Guest speaker Suzanne Francis of Fine Linen and Lace. All Legacy widows welcome. Enquiries 853 7049.

**17 Thursday 8pm The Penguin Club.** A group for women of all ages who learn public speaking skills and meeting procedures to increase their confidence. Meeting in hall no. three of the Kew Library Complex. Visitors welcome. Tel. 817 1778.

**18 Friday 10am Kew Branch of the Nursing Mothers' Association.** Morning Coffee. New members welcome, please contact Fiona on 853 7821.

**20 Sunday 2pm to 5pm 'Friends of Kew Library' Book Sale.** In the foyer of Kew Library is the monthly book sale. You can buy books at bargain prices and a new style carry bag especially designed by the *Friends of Kew Library*. All proceeds help the library which is just next to the 'Alexandra Gardens' in Cotham Road, Kew.

**21 Monday 1.30pm Kew Auxiliary of the Royal Victorian Eye & Ear Hospital,** meeting in the no. three hall next to the Kew Library, off Cotham Road. New members welcome. Enquiries 817 4671.

**11.30am Kew Branch of the Nursing Mothers' Association.** Luncheon. New members welcome, please contact Fiona on 853 7821.

**28 Monday 10am — 2.30pm Kew/Balwyn Branch of 'The County Women's Assoc. of Vic. Inc.'** Craft meeting, BYO lunch at the Uniting Church Hall, 142 Normanby Road, East Kew. Tel. 859 1206.

**1.30pm Kew Garden Club.** Daytime meeting in no. three hall of the Kew Library Complex. New members most welcome, enquiries tel. 859 2977.

**29 1.30pm Tuesday Kew Branch of the Nursing Mothers' Association.** New Mothers' Afternoon Tea. New members welcome, please contact Fiona on 853 7821.

## OCTOBER

**1 Thursday 8pm The Penguin Club.** Meeting in hall no. three of the Kew Library Complex. The club is for women of all ages and helps build confidence through public speaking. Visitors welcome. Tel. 817 1778.

**2 Friday 10am — 3.30pm Kew Tennis Club.** Junior Tennis Fun

Day. Eight to 16-year-olds please come and join us. Sausage sizzle lunch and coaching, so bring your racquet and flat soled runners to Adeny Avenue, Kew. Tel. 816 9905.

**7 Wednesday 7.30pm St Georges Hospital Redevelopment Master Plan Public Forum.** All residents are welcome to attend the Public Forum which will be held in the Old Kew Library, at the rear of the Municipal Offices in Charles Street, Kew.

**8 Thursday Australian Multiple Birth Association Camberwell Branch.** The Club is celebrating its 10th Anniversary and to mark the occasion they are having a Reunion Cocktail Party. For more information contact Penny on 885 0191 or Gale on 836 8302.

**8pm Kew Garden Club.** Meeting at the Senior Citizens' Centre, High Street, Kew. Guest speaker Eloise Date who will talk about African Violets. New members most welcome, enquiries tel. 853 7057.

**10 Saturday 9.30am — 4.30pm Annual Mission Fair.** The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver will hold their Annual Mission Fair at 154 Cotham Road, Kew. Everyone is most welcome.

**9.30am — 3.00pm East Kew Uniting Church Fete.** Gifts, plants, cakes, white elephant stall, books, toys and lucky dip, you'll find it all at 142 Normanby Road, East Kew. There will also be a disco between 12 noon and 2.00pm, as well as morning tea and a B.B.Q. lunch!

**15 Thursday 7.30pm Kew Festival.** Meeting in the Committee Room of Kew Council Chambers, enter from the main entrance facing Cotham Road. Enquiries call the chairperson of the Festival, George Verginis on 853 5964.



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## Municipal Health Plan Have Your Say?

The first draft of Kew Council's Municipal Public Health Plan has been finalised and is available for community comment.

The draft Municipal Health Plan may be viewed at the following locations:

- Kew Library, Corner of Cotham Road and Charles Street, Kew
- Kew Recreation Centre, 383-407 High Street, Kew
- Municipal Offices, Corner of Cotham Road and Charles Street, Kew
- Kew Community House, 6 Derby Street, Kew

If you would like to comment on the Plan either telephone Council's Chief Health Surveyor, Mauro Bolin, or send your ideas to the Chief Executive, City of Kew, Locked Bag No. 2, Kew, 3101.

## Volunteer Wanted

Do you jog in the Kew area?

Would you like a jogging companion?

A client at Kew Cottages requires a person/trainer on his 10km jogging sessions.

For more information please call the Co-ordinator of Volunteers at Kew Cottages on 860 1301.

## Advertising

Advertising in 'Kewriosity' is an inexpensive and effective way for local traders to keep the community up to date, with the services they provide.

Call the Editor, Lisa Gaffney, on 860 5204 for details on competitive advertising rates.

No endorsement of services advertised is implied by the City of Kew.



Field Worker, Diana Harrison, Admin. Ast. Helen Bolza and Family Day Care Co-ordinator Katbryn Bennett.

## Work at Home as a Family Day Care Caregiver

Family Day Care is a subsidized child care service in which babies and small children are cared for individually or in small groups in the private homes of people called Caregivers.

Caregivers can choose to work full-time, part-time (a minimum of three days a week), before and after school, or on a casual/emerg-

ency basis. Caregivers are paid directly by parents each week, at an hourly rate.

If you would like a rewarding career as a Caregiver call Family Day Care at Kew Council on 854 5223 or Hawthorn Council on 810 2466. Alternatively, call in at the Community Services Department, Kew Municipal Offices, Charles Street, Kew on Tuesdays from 1pm to 4pm or Thursdays from 11.30am to 5pm.

## COUNCIL MEETING DATES

September 15	Tuesday 7.30pm	Review Committee/COUNCIL 8.15pm
October 6	Tuesday 7.30pm	Operations/Planning & Development Committees
October 13	Tuesday 7.30pm	General Purposes Committee

Meetings are held in the Committee Rooms and Council Chambers at the Municipal Offices. Entrance is via the main portico off Cotham Road.

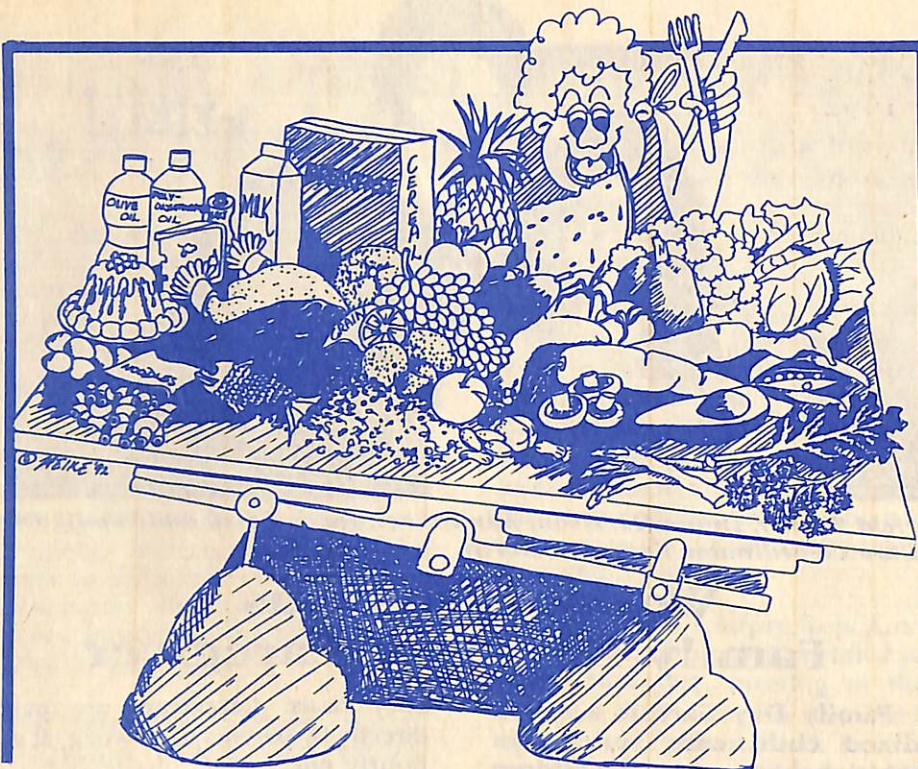
All these meetings are open to the public. Copies of the agendas are available for inspection, at the loans desk, at Kew Library.

## KEWRIOSITY DEADLINES

Residents and local community groups are invited to contribute to 'Kewriosity', space permitting. Items for the October edition must be submitted to the Editor, City of Kew, Municipal Offices, Charles Street, Kew, 3101, before Thursday 17th September, 1992. The October Edition of 'Kewriosity' will be delivered on the weekend of 10th & 11th October, 1992.

The following list outlines the proposed deadline and distribution dates for 1992.

	DEADLINE	DISTRIBUTION
November Ed.	16th October	7th & 8th November
December Ed.	23rd November	12th & 13th December



## NUTRITION INFORMATION WIN PRIZES

**What would you like to know?  
Fats? Vitamins? Cholesterol? Fibre? Salt?**

The City of Kew's Health Office would like to assist the community by increasing everyone's knowledge of nutrition. The ideal is that an informed community will be able to make healthy choices easy choices!

Council's Chief Health Surveyor, Mauro Bolin, would like to hear from residents about what nutrition related information they would like to know.

There are limited free swimming, sauna and spa passes to be won from the Kew Recreation Centre, 383-407 High Street, Kew. So fill in the coupon now with your ideas for information about nutrition.

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Please post to the Chief Executive Officer, City of Kew, Locked Bag No.2, Kew, 3101, or drop your entry into the Council Offices in Charles Street, Kew.

## Holiday Fun for Children & Teenagers

Kew Council has organised a host of entertainment for children these school holidays. There's Traffic School activities, film-making, roller skating, art & craft, a bush-walk, games, a barbecue and trips to the Kew Recreation Centre, the Science Works and Sports Works Museum, Hays Paddock and Dickenson's Reserve.

Enrolment Nights are Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th September, 1992 from 6pm to 7.30pm at Kew Primary School, Pakington Street, Kew.

For emergency situations enrolments can be made, only by appointment, with the Outside School Hours Co-ordinator on 854 5223.

### TEENAGE HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Kew & Hawthorn Councils' Youth Services have joined forces again to bring you a bigger and better than ever 'Day Trippers', Holiday Program for young people 11 to 15.

In the September/October school holidays, there will be trips to the movies, ice skating, motorbike riding and horseriding!

To make sure you don't miss out call Kate Laing at Kew Council on 854 5221. Kate will send you details with a booking form.

## WHAT DO WOMEN AT MID-LIFE WANT?

Kew Community House wants to hear from women who are at mid-life and has set up a Women's Day at the House on September 18.

We want to know what happens to women, what they want and what the good things are that have happened to them. The good things can be of enormous assistance to women who are having some difficulties and we want to document these.

Call Margaret, or one of the volunteers, at the House on 853 3126. Feel free to drop in to the House.

# BE WISE WITH MEDICINES MONTH

September 1992

*Has your medicine cupboard been cleaned out lately?  
Do you have medicines in your cupboard dating back to the 70s?*

Pharmacies will have facilities on site to dispose of the unwanted medicines in an environmentally safe way.

## TIPS FOR WISE USE OF MEDICINES:

- **Read labels carefully** and follow the instructions. Remember, taking too little can be as bad as taking too much.
- **Understand the effects of your medicine.** When your doctor prescribes a medication, always talk over any possible side-effects.
- Check with your pharmacist about any **over-the-counter medicines that you** might be taking. Make sure they are safe to

take with your prescription medicines.

- Don't take **other people's** prescription medicines and don't share your medicines with somebody else.
- **Keep medicines where children cannot reach them.** Children can often mistake medicines, particularly pills and capsules, for lollies.
- Never use medicines after the **expiry date.**
- Talk to your doctor about your medicines and alternatives to medicines. If you see more than one doctor make sure each one knows what the other has prescribed.



If you would like further information about safe use of medicines please phone the Health Section at the Council on 860 5245 or pick up one of the 'Be Wise With Medicines' information kits from the Municipal Offices in Charles Street Kew.

## 12 Month Trial of Multi-Dwelling Development Code

The City of Kew has adopted a new Multi-Dwelling Development Code. It will apply to all new proposals for multi-unit or dual occupancy development where a planning permit is required. The new code is necessary since Council's present code does not reflect community expectations or government policies.

Australia's major cities are some of the world's lowest density urban regions. They have reached the stage where their size, coupled with low population density, is having a dramatic effect on their efficient operation. Both the Federal and the State Governments have recognised the problem. There are now significant reasons for implementing policies that will achieve higher densities in our cities. Consequently, we will be able to live in more compact, efficient, equitable and environmentally sustainable urban environments.

The Victorian Department of Planning and Housing has prepared a document entitled 'Victorian Code for Residential Development:

Multi Dwellings' (VICMUD) that sets out standards for new multi-dwelling developments.

The Code adopts a 'performance' approach in assessing development proposals with the onus being on the developer to demonstrate how a proposal will satisfy each of the design elements. It emphasises the need for developers to consider carefully how a development relates to its surroundings, how it will complement the character of the existing streetscape while allowing for flexible and innovative designs.

Certainly the State Government intends to provide more opportunities for higher density living, thus reducing the pressure that causes urban sprawl. There are important implications for local municipalities: if Local Governments resist these developments, it is very likely that the State Government will introduce legislation allowing such developments to occur 'as of right', in an all encompassing manner.

Responding to these pressures, the City of Kew has decided to adopt the VICMUD document as its own multi-unit code for a trial peri-

od of 12 months. At the end of the trial the Council will review the policy. This will ensure that the eventual Code preserves those qualities that make Kew a desirable place to live.

Copies of the new Multi-Dwelling Code are available for \$5.00.

Further information about the new code are available from Council's planning section, tel. 854 5250.

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## Pictures of Kew

1. Head of Carey Junior School in Kew, Mrs June Stratford. The August edition of "Kewriosity" pictured, Mrs Helen Telford, the Head of Carey in Donvale.
2. The name Boroondara means "Place of Shade" and this is the official name of the Kew General Cemetery. The Trustees of the cemetery recently restored the 1890 octagonal, ornate shelter, preserving a place of shade for the future.
3. St Anthony's Home for Children, Kew, 1922-1976. Today the street sign 'St Anthony's Place', off Wellington Street, points north to show where the grand old home once stood. A two day Exhibition of Photographs will be on display on the 10th & 11th October, 1992, at St Anthony's Family Service, 118 Commercial Road, Footscray, from 10am to 4pm.
4. The Hartwell Players present the play A Hard God from September 18 to October 3, 1992. Tickets are \$10 and \$6 for concession, at The Hartwell Uniting Church Hall, corner of Eddy St and Halley Ave, Camberwell. Bookings tel. 885 2578.



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