

KEWRIOSITY

AUGUST 1992

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KEW TRAFFIC SCHOOL

The new officer in charge of the *Kew Traffic School* is Constable Kate Simonsen.

At Kew's Traffic School children from five years of age up to Grade six learn a lot about traffic safety.

The school is open between 9.00am and 3.30pm, Monday to Friday.

Enquiries in regard to weekday use of the Traffic School, by local schools, call 817 4831 between 9.00am and 10.00am.

For bookings by local groups and organisations call the Community Services Department on 854 5223.



NEW MAYOR FOR KEW

Councillor Roger Streeton is the new Mayor of Kew and Councillor Joan Lamb, representing Prospect Ward, was re-elected on Saturday 1st August, 1992. Councillors John Murray, representing Studley Park Ward, Roger Streeton, representing Willsmere Ward and Paul Vallis, representing Sackville Ward, were returned unopposed. The new Mayor's comment is on page three of 'Kewriosity'.

Kindergarten Open Days

Kew Pre-School Association is holding two combined four-year-old kindergarten open days on *Tuesday 25 August from 1.30pm to 2.30pm and Thursday 27 August from 9.30am to 10.30am.*

All five kindergartens will be

open at these times. All parents are most welcome to pop in with their children. The kindergartens are located at; 16a Argyle Road Tel. 817 3624, 40 Davis Street Tel. 817 1492, 152 Pakington Street Tel. 853 8294, 31 Stawell Street Tel. 853 7019 and 16 Glass Street Tel 859 6049.

CHANGES HAPPENING IN KEW

Waste Management Strategy

In response to Council's survey of 10,737 residential properties in Kew, regarding the implementation of the new Waste Management Strategy, an unprecedented 4,655 responses were received representing 43% of the surveyed properties. Of these responses received, 83.5% or 3,886 were in favour of the Waste Management Strategy as presented.

Following consideration of the responses and in particular, noting the points made by some residents regarding their needs, Council has resolved to adopt the new Waste Management Strategy.

As a consequence planning for the implementation of the new services has commenced and it is anticipated that mobile bins and recycling crates will be introduced by March, 1993.

Pakington Street Kindergarten and Maternal & Child Health Centre

In July, the newly owned site for the North Kew Kindergarten and new facilities for the North Kew Maternal and Child Health Centre were officially opened by the Mayor, Cr. Daryl Oldaker.

This site was originally owned by the Hyde Park Parish of the Uniting Church and Council had leased some of the buildings for the North Kew Kindergarten.

Council purchased the site in January this year in order to provide a permanent facility for the North Kew Kindergarten and to integrate the Maternal and Child Health Centre so that an integrated children's services facility could be provided. This approach of integrating children's services facilities is now common practice and allows for better provision of children's services.

The purchase of the land and buildings will be partially funded through the sale for residential use

of the old Maternal and Child Care Centre in Peel Street. This property will be offered for sale in September this year. This project has enabled the North Kew Kindergarten to be retained and an upgraded Maternal Child Health Centre to be provided.

In addition, it has also provided a hall, which is currently being temporarily used by the 1st Kew Scouts until their new accommodation is completed and will in the future, provide a new facility for the community.

New Tennis and Scout Facility

Construction has commenced on the new home for the North Kew Tennis Club and the 1st Kew Scout Group on the corner of Willsmere Road and Kellett Grove, North Kew. Construction is planned to be completed by the end of this year and will result in four new tennis courts and a building which will include tennis club rooms and a new Scout Hall.

The project is being totally funded through rationalisation of land holdings. The original scout hall site in Disraeli Street, will be offered for sale as residential land in September this year. The original tennis court site in Grandview Terrace will be offered for sale in March 1993 as residential allotments.

The project is providing new and improved facilities replacing existing facilities which are in need of major repair and maintenance.

Harp Junction Works/Outer Circle Rail Reserve

Construction has been and is continuing to be undertaken on a new transport interchange at the Harp Junction. The new interchange will provide facilities for tram and bus terminuses together with commuter car parking. These works are being funded by Vic Roads.

Other works which have been undertaken in this area include the construction of a bike path from the



Chief Executive, Malcolm Hutchinson

Harp Junction to the Chandler Highway, and extensive tree planting in the Outer Circle Railway Reserve. The Bike Path construction was again funded by Vic Roads. Works remaining to be undertaken at the Harp Junction are landscaping works to finalise the transport interchange.

Construction of New Postal Sorting Facility for Kew

The Old Kew Post Office at the intersection of High Street and Cotham Road, Kew has been unavailable for alternative uses for 2-3 years now because part of the building is used for mail sorting for the Kew postal district.

Following extensive lobbying from Council including the provision of assistance in finding alternative accommodation, Australia Post has now sold the Old Post Office and is in the process of constructing a new mail sorting facility on the south-west corner of High Street and Highbury Grove. Construction of the new facility is planned to be completed early next year and the mail sorting operation will relocate to that facility soon after. Plans for use of the Old Kew Post Office are currently unknown.

From the above information it can be seen that many changes are occurring within the Municipality despite the current economic situation. Many other major works have been undertaken over the past

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MAYOR'S COMMENT

It is a great honour to be Mayor of Kew and I would like to extend my best wishes to everyone in the Kew community.

I have always regarded the Kew Council as quite unique, as it so closely represents a typical corporate structure, having 12 directors on the board. These 12 Councillor Directors work through the Chief Executive Officer and the Council Staff, to provide the best possible return of rate payer shareholders' funds through striving to supply cost effective services.

My role as Mayor must include the continuation of all the strong financial and management policies already put in place by the previous Mayor. It is the commitment to continuity and stability by all Councillors, that makes involvement with the City of Kew, and its Council, such a rewarding experience. I also extend my thanks to the former Mayor and Mayoress Cr Daryl and Patricia Oldaker for their magnificent contribution to our community over the past two years.

In my role as Deputy Mayor in the 1991/92 Term, I have had the opportunity to gain some experience in preparation for the more challenging role of Mayor. The office of Deputy Mayor not only provides future Mayors with valuable experience but also results in a spread of the work load, which provides better service to the Kew

Community. I take this opportunity of welcoming fellow Ward Councillor Tom Indovino and his wife Jane, as the new Deputy Mayor and Mayoress.

I would also like to mention the things which I hope will be achieved during my term as Mayor.

Once again we enter another period of budget preparation within the context of a deep recession. Kew will continue to strive to provide cost effective services within our policy of sound financial management in order to minimise the impact of rate increases. However, it is my hope that our budget will also be framed with a feeling of care and compassion for those who are in real need and who now span all age and socio-economic groups.

Many within our community perhaps, for the first time in their lives, are facing the bleak prospect of long term unemployment, with its resulting social stigma, and they require particular support in this difficult adjustment to the economic realities of our society.

I will continue to support this Council's search for an improved network information service through self help and citizen support groups. We must recognise the vast potential resource of skills available in our community — a resource we should not overlook.

In its own quiet way, the City of



Mayor of Kew, Cr Roger Streeton

Kew gets on with the task of providing quality services to the community. One major programme is the scheduled introduction of a waste management strategy during this next year. Part of this strategy calls for the introduction of wheeled bins together with positive recycling initiatives, that require the support of all of our community to be successful.

Part of these initiatives will be the continued provision of information and assistance to the community on how to get the most out of recycling. This will assist in the reduction of total tonnages that are collected each year. Every tonne that is collected must be transported to a land fill area at considerable cost escalation to our community. Every tonne not collected has a real cost saving regarding transport expenses, as well as reducing overall demand on our resources.

Kew has come a long way in providing a range of cost effective services to our community. There is still a great deal to be done and I will actively support the continued development of a harmonious environment that allows both Councillors and Council staff to continue these structural reforms. It is these reforms, together with management effectiveness, that are the necessary ingredients to sustain long term benefits for us all.

Chief Executive's Column

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twelve months within the Municipality including new gymnasium for Ruyton Girls School, new facilities at the Royal Guide Dog Association in Chandler Highway, extensions to Carnsworth Garoopna and the Slovan Retirement Home, a new Chapel at Trinity Grammar and a proposed new sporting facility at Xavier College.

Whilst the current economic situation causes hardship in many

areas, it also provides a benefit by allowing works to be undertaken at significantly reduced costs to that which were prevalent 2-3 years ago. This provides benefits to the organisations undertaking the works and also to the general community for the provision of new facilities and additional employment during the construction process.

Malcolm Hutchinson
Chief Executive

DIARY DATES FOR AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

AUGUST

16 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 help the library which is just next to the 'Alexandra Gardens' in Cotham Road, Kew.

17 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.

19 Wednesday 10.30am Kew Arthritis Self Help Group, meeting in Hall three of the Kew Library Annexe, Charles Street, Kew. Guest speaker from Rotary and everyone is welcome. Enquiries call the secretary Ada Davey on 853 1409.

11am Kew Legacy Widows Club, monthly meeting at Kew RSL Hall, 63 Cotham Road, Kew. Guest speaker Bronwyn Frizell from the Royal District Nursing Service. All Legacy widows welcome. Enquiries 853 7049.

11.30am & 12.30pm Kew Community House Speaker & Luncheon, 6 Derby Street, Kew. Tel. 862 3126. Residents are invited to come along and enjoy the 12.30pm lunch, at the inexpensive price of \$2. The guest speaker at 11.30am, for 'Know Your Commu-

nity', is Housing Worker Greg Neville from the Inner East Housing Council. Greg is editor of *National Shelter Housing Action* and he will speak about the availability of housing in Melbourne.

23 Sunday 2pm to 4pm Kew Band's Annual Winter Concert. Afternoon tea for everyone, in the old library area, just opposite the Kew Library which is next to the 'Alexandra Gardens' in Cotham Road, Kew.

24 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.

30 Sunday North Kew Tennis Club. Annual General Meeting and Social Day. Please come and join us for our A.G.M., tennis tournament and ploughman's lunch. For bookings (essential) please call 862 3085. Renewal of 1992/93 subscriptions due on this day. New members most welcome!

SEPTEMBER

7 Monday 12.30pm The Country Women's Association. Kew/Balwyn branch meeting at the Uniting Church Hall, 142 Normanby Road, East Kew. Speaker Mrs T. Norman, competition marmalade for stall. Tel. 859 1206.

10 Thursday 7.30pm Kew Festival. Be part of the community and join in the planning of the Kew Festival. Everyone is invited to the 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.

8pm Kew Garden Club. Meeting at the Senior Citizens' Centre, High Street, Kew. Guest speaker Mr Laidlaw. Topic: Cacti and succulents. New members most welcome, enquiries tel. 853 7057.

YOUNG ACHIEVER AWARDS

Nominations are being called for the 1992 Young Achiever Awards and it may be that you know someone who should be nominated for one of the seven awards.

The seven awards are:

- *Mitre 10 Community Service Award
- *RACV Insurance Regional Development Award
- *Melbourne Water Environment Award
- *DEET Career Achievement Award
- *SEC Science and Technology Award
- *Nissan Sports Award
- *Medibank Private Arts Award

The Young Achiever Awards recognise and encourage the achievements of young people. Nominees must be under age 26 years as at the 1st of January, 1992. They need to be residents of Victoria and they must apply using the official nomination form available from the Young Achiever Awards office on (03) 878 0411. Nominations close on Friday 18 September, 1992.

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CONCERNED ABOUT POSSUMS?

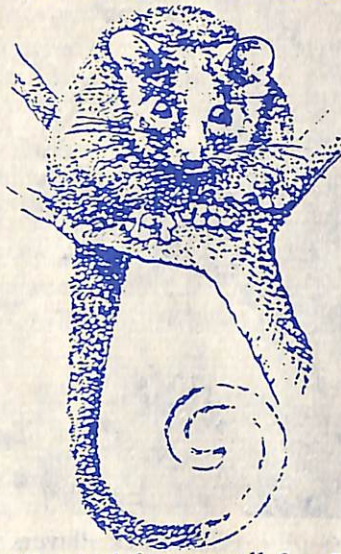
Possums are protected under the Wildlife Act 1975. They must not be harmed in any way or retained without authority from the Department of Conservation and Environment.

Are you annoyed by the night time activity of possums in and around your home? The following details will assist you to live and cope with urban possums.

How To Live With Possums

- Block access to your roof.
- Make or buy a nest or box to provide an alternative den site.
- Block all known entrance points to your roof cavity.
- Place collars around fruit trees.
- Placing blood and bone fertilizers around the base of plants or making a solution of hot English mustard which can be sprayed/painted on the affected fruits and foliage.

You may hire a possum cage



from Council for a small fee. Possums must be released back into their local environment.

For further information on 'Living With Possums', including general nesting box requirements, do not hesitate to telephone Council's Health Section on 8605244.

COUNCIL MEETING DATES

August 18	Tuesday 7.30 pm	General Purposes Committee
August 25	Tuesday 7.30 pm	The Review Committee/8.15 pm Council
Sept. 1	Tuesday 7.30 pm	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, at Kew Library.

KEWRIOSITY DEADLINES

Residents and local community groups are invited to contribute to 'Kewriosity', space permitting. Items for the September edition must be submitted to the Editor, Lisa Gaffney, City of Kew, Municipal Offices, Charles Street, Kew, 3101, before Monday 17th August, 1992. The September Edition of 'Kewriosity' will be delivered on the weekend of 5th & 6th September, 1992.

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

	DEADLINE	DISTRIBUTION
September Ed.	17th August	5th & 6th September
October Ed.	14th September	3rd & 4th October
November Ed.	16th October	7th & 8th November
December Ed.	23rd November	12th & 13th December


MEDICINE



September will be the month to spring clean your medicine cupboard and throw out all the out of date and unwanted medicines.

The Federal Department of Health will be arranging for pharmacies to have facilities on site to dispose of the unwanted medicines in an environmentally safe way.

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.



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Music for Children

The Parents for Music Association is endeavouring to promote children's activities in the Kew area. The Kew group has so far held a number of baby and toddler music workshops and the major event for the year — a performance by a well-known children's entertainer — will take place in September.

Mike Jackson (of 'Bananas in Pajamas' fame) will be performing at the Kew Music Centre, East Kew Primary School on Sunday, 13th September, 2-3 pm.

Admittance is \$8 per family (members) or \$12 non-members. Advance bookings are necessary.

For bookings or further information regarding Parents for Music Association, ring Fiona on 859 9398 or Jacinta, 853 9050.

'CINDERS!'



Group: Track Players Children's Workshop
 Dates: Friday, August 28 at 7.30pm
 Saturday, August 29 at 2.00pm
 Saturday, August 29 at 7.30pm
 Theatre: Kew High School Community Theatre
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 Tickets: \$10 and \$5 (conc.)
 Bookings: Margaret Jemmeson on 885 6503

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In Brief

Community Radio for a 'Tuned-In' Community

A proposed new community radio station will serve the cities of Kew, Box Hill, Camberwell and Hawthorn.

On Wednesday 26 August, 1992 at 7.45pm in the Mayoral Suite of Camberwell Municipal Offices, Inglesby Road, Camberwell, there will be a public meeting. Come along to express your views and support. They need people interested in announcing, programming, administration and technical aspects. Enquiries call 805 3971.

Camberwell Music Society

The Society has great pleasure in presenting 'Capella Corelle', Australia's foremost baroque chamber ensemble, on Saturday 5 September at 8.15pm in St John's Church, 552 Burke Road, Camberwell. Tickets available at the door are \$15 and \$10 concession. Further information call 822 3156.

Kew Philharmonic Society

The Society will present its second subscription concert by choir for 1992 on Tuesday 1 September at Holy Trinity Church, corner of High and Pakington Streets, Kew, at 8pm. Admission \$8, concession \$5. Enquiries Tel. 817 1881 or 817 3186.

Mega Mushroom

According to the 'Weekly Telegraph' (30.7.92) London's Kew Gardens wants to freeze dry its 17-year-old *Rigidoporus Ulmarius* which is the world's largest mushroom, because it is dying.

Have you got a Parking Permit?

Council's Traffic Officers patrol your street periodically to ensure fair use of road space and to assist parking conditions for all road users.

Residents' parking permits are available for all residents in Kew where there are parking time limits.

If you need to park your car in the street where you live you should ensure you obtain a parking permit.

Application forms are available from the Council offices in Charles Street, Kew. A maximum of two permits will be issued without charge although additional permits may be issued at the discretion of the Director of the Department if particular circumstances warrant them. The only fee incurred is for replacement permits at five dollars each.

Please contact Heather Hartwig on 854 5213 for forms and further information.

FREE LEGAL ADVICE

The Kew Citizens' Advice Bureau offers free legal advice every Tuesday from 7.30pm to 9.00pm. The Kew bureau is situated at the City Hall, Cotham Road, next to the Kew Library. No appointments are necessary and advice is also given over the telephone on 853 5244.

KEW CROQUET CLUB'S 60th BIRTHDAY YEAR

Back in the 1930's, Mrs F K White, Mayoress of Kew, became so interested in croquet she began looking for an opportunity to establish a club in Kew.

Council agreed to set aside land in Victoria Park for what became the Kew Croquet Club.

After the lawns had been laid the first game of croquet was played on opening day, 24 November, 1932.

Saturday 5th September, 1992 is the reopening day after the winter break. Visitors may like to see how the game, for all ages, is played. Those people who wish to become members will be offered free tuition with club equipment. Contact Mrs Connie Perry on 817 3950.

Do you Worry about the Air you Breathe?

The Environment Protection Authority is running a campaign to the end of August to help rid Victoria of smoky vehicles.

If you see a 'smoky vehicle' ring the Environment Protection Authority on (03) 628 5480.

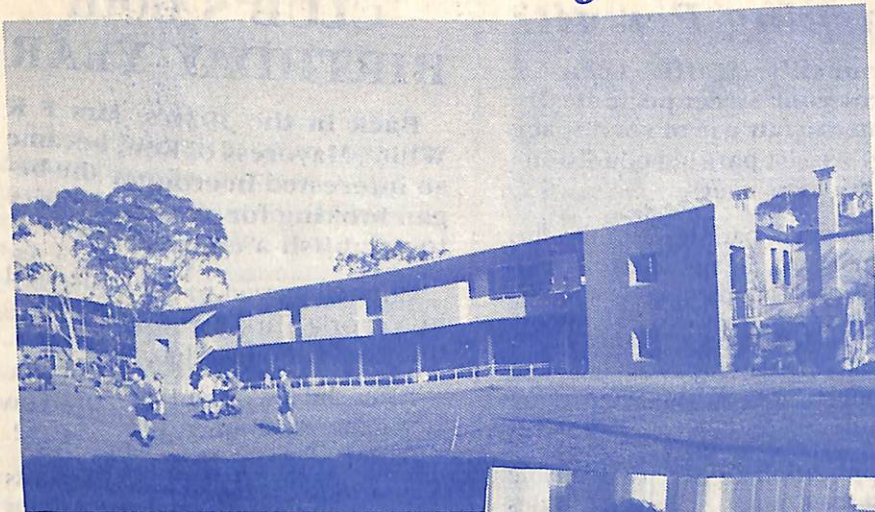
Owners of reported vehicles will be contacted by EPA and sent a 20 per cent discount voucher for an Ultratune car tune as an incentive to clean up their act!

EAST KEW PRIMARY SCHOOL CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS

Past Pupils, Staff and Parents of Kew East Primary School (previously known as Kew East Central School) are invited to attend a Gala Dinner to be held at Hawthorn Town Hall on Friday, 16th October. This is one of the last functions to be organised for the Centennial Year Celebrations and provides an ideal opportunity to reminisce with friends whilst enjoying a three course meal dinner, dancing and entertainment. Group bookings of ten per table are now being taken. Individuals or couples are also welcome and will be accommodated according to their requests.

For further information write to KEPS Gala Committee, Kitchener Street, East Kew or phone Anne Leeds, 859 2177.

Pictures of Kew



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1. The new junior school classrooms of **Trinity Grammar** won the Royal Australia Institute for Architecture Award for 1992. Architect, Peter Crone from Crone Ross designed the new building.

2. Kellett/Willsmere site for the new **North Kew Tennis Club and Scout Hall**. Pictured is past Mayor of Kew, Councillor Daryl Oldaker and Club Member, Marion McDonald.

3. New head of **Carey Junior School**, Mrs Helen Telford.

4. The new **North Kew Maternal and Child Health Centre** at Pakington Street, Kew. (L to R): Mrs Ann Treleven with six-month-old Katherine, Sister Maureen Bell and past Mayor of Kew, Cr Daryl Oldaker.

BE IN THE MOVIES

This September school holidays Kew Council has a holiday program which includes a six hour participatory show that gives children a chance to experience the main aspects of making films.

The holiday program begins on 21 September to 2 October, 1992. Enrolment nights are Tuesday 15 September and Wednesday 16 September from 6pm to 7.30pm at Kew Primary School, Pakington Street, Kew.

For emergency situations enrolments will be taken only by ap-



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