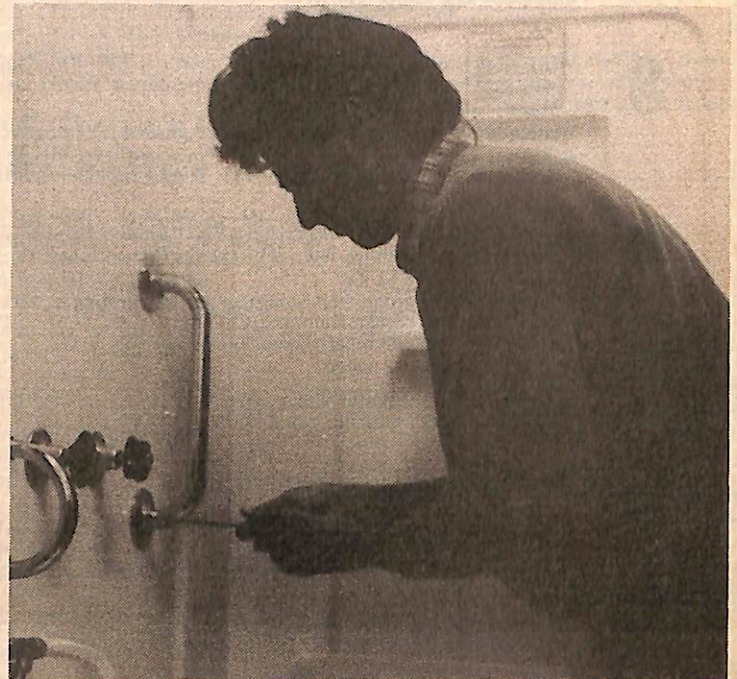


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COUNCIL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE TO MAINTAIN HOMES

For the physically fit and healthy, home maintenance presents few problems. Except that it eats into precious time that could otherwise be spent in passive recreation, sports, hobbies, or with the family.

But for frail aged and disabled Kew residents unable to adequately maintain their homes, a minor home fault becomes a major irritation at best, or a potentially harmful situation at worst.

To assist eligible frail aged and disabled people keep their homes in safe and secure condition, Kew Council provides a home maintenance service.

Working in residents' own homes, the Council's two home maintenance workers can fix jammed windows, repair doors that no longer close properly, repair broken steps, and install aids such as handrails.

They can modify items of furniture to make them more suitable for a specific purpose, or more comfortable for the user. An example of this was the recent modification to chair height for a resident suffering from arthritis.

Other real hazards are tree branches or shrubs overhanging doors, windows or pathways. These can be removed by the home maintenance team to provide safety and security.

Work such as plumbing or electrical repairs requires a licensed tradesperson and is beyond the scope of the service. But advice and assistance in engaging such tradespeople is available.

The home maintenance service is run on an hourly fee for service and means-tested basis, plus the cost of materials used.

Because a large number of eligible residents utilise the service, a waiting list sometimes applies, though emergency work is given priority.

Many eligible residents however are unaware of the service and it is these people the home maintenance department is keen to hear from.

If you think you could make use of the service, or if you know an elderly or disabled resident needing help to maintain their home, please contact the Home Maintenance Department on 860 5224, preferably between 8.30 a.m. and 10 a.m. weekdays.

RATES REMINDER

Kew ratepayers are reminded that the final municipal rate instalment for 1989/90 is due on August 31.

Payment may be made at the cashier's desk at the Municipal Offices from 8.45 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. weekdays until Friday, August 31. Alternatively, residents may pay at any bank, but payment through any branch of the National Australia Bank will not incur a transfer fee. Payments through banks will only be accepted until 5 p.m. on August 31.

Ratepayers should note that failure to pay the final instalment by the due date means that interest at the annual rate of 20 per cent will be charged from December 10, 1989 — the date the rates became due and payable. The interest charge is a requirement of the Local Government Act.

NO ELECTIONS

When residents of other Victorian Municipalities go to the polls on August 4, Kew residents will be spared the task.

That's because four sitting candidates who renominated for the election, have been returned unopposed to serve further three year terms.

The four are Councillors Phyllis Hore (Sackville Ward), Michael Montalto (Prospect Ward), Daryl Oldaker (Willmere Ward), and Jim Tutt (Studley Park Ward).

For councillors Phyllis Hore and Jim Tutt, the result was particularly pleasing. This is the second time each has been elected unopposed.

And for last year's mayoral team of Councillor Michael Montalto (Mayor) and Daryl Oldaker (Deputy Mayor and 1990 Mayor-elect), the result is a win for consensus.

They attribute the lack of an election to the fact that Kew is one of only a few municipalities in the State that consults closely with residents before decisions are made.

"Unlike many other Councils, we have an open door policy where residents may attend all our meetings and where an extremely high level of resident involvement typifies our decision making process.

"We positively encourage our residents to have their say and we actively take on board their comments and suggestions prior to decisions being made," Councillor Montalto said.

In the next issue of Kewiosity we'll bring you a brief profile of each of the four successful candidates, together with interviews with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor at the beginning of their terms in office.

Dates for August

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And 20 and 27. Monday. Kew Rostrum Club meets from 6.30pm to 8pm at Kew Library Complex hall, off Cotham Road. Enquiries: John Champion, 859 6494.

Monday. Kew Senior Citizens' Centre annual general meeting, 2pm, at Kew Senior Citizens' Centre, corner High and Childers Streets. Guest speaker: Mrs West, from 3RPH, Radio for the Print Handicapped. Enquiries: Mrs Wade, 817 1621.

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Wednesday. Kew Ladies' Probus Club meets at Kew RSL Hall, 63 Cotham Road, Kew, at 10am. Members please note: Guest Speaker is Sir Edward "Weary" Dunlop.

Wednesday. Kew Historical Society meets at Kew High School staff room, at 8pm. Please note change of venue. Guest speaker: Mrs Betty Kemp and Mrs Sue White. Topic: History of Kew High School. Enquiries: 817 4660.

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And 23. Thursday. Kew branch Save The Children Fund meets at 9.30am at Kew Library Complex hall, off Cotham Road. Enquiries: Mrs Price, 817 5458.

Thursday. Kew Garden Club's annual general meeting at Kew Senior Citizen's Centre, corner High and Childers Streets, at 8pm. "Show and Tell". All welcome. Supper served. Enquiries: 853 7057.

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Monday. Neighbourhood Watch Area H001 meets at Kew Library Complex hall, off Cotham Road, at 7.45pm. All welcome.

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Tuesday. Neighbourhood Watch area H27 meets at 7.30pm at Kew Library Complex hall, off Cotham Road. All welcome.

Tuesday. Evening immunisation and adult rubella session at Kew Library Complex hall, off Cotham Road, between 6.30pm and 7.30pm. Note: Measles/mumps/rubella given only between 6.30pm and 7.00pm. Enquiries: 860 5245.

Tuesday. Neighbourhood Watch Area G64 meeting in Kew Library Complex hall, off Cotham Road, at 7.30pm. All welcome.

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Wednesday. Kew Ladies' Probus Club members please note: Trip to The Australian Mint at Craigieburn followed by lunch at Coonawarra Winery. Membership Enquiries: Mrs Stevenson, 862 1197.

Wednesday. Kew Legacy Widows' Club meets at 11am at Kew RSL, 63 Cotham Road, Kew. All Legacy widows welcome. Enquiries: 819 4153 or 859 1663.

Wednesday. "Know Your Community" lunch at Kew Community House, 6-8 Derby Street, at 11am. Guest speaker: Maria Simonelli, Community Officer, Department of Conservation and Environment. Topic: Greenhouse and You. Stay for lunch for just \$1.50. Enquiries: Kaye Wood, 862 3126.

Wednesday. Kew Arthritis Self-Help Group meeting at Kew Library Complex hall, off Cotham Road, at 10.30am. Guest speaker: Mrs Barbara Moran, area co-ordinator of Do Care. Morning tea served; visitors welcome. Enquiries: 862 2021 or 862 1409.

Wednesday. Children's immunisation session at East Kew Maternal and Child Health Centre, 21 Strathalbyn Street, from 9am to 10.30am. Note: Measles/mumps/rubella given only between 9am and 10am. Enquiries: 859 1380.

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Sunday. Friends of Kew Library Mini Book Sale, Kew Library foyer, 2pm to 5pm. Donations of books for sale can be left at Library's circulation desk or ring 859 6415, 859 5653, for pick up.

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Monday. Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital Auxiliary, Kew Branch, meets at Kew Library Complex hall, off Cotham Road at 1.30pm. All welcome. Enquiries: Mrs Reed 817 4671.

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Thursday. Royal Women's Hospital Kew Auxiliary meets at 1pm at Kew Library Complex hall, off Cotham Road. New members welcome. Enquiries: Mrs Dietrich, 861 6059.

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Monday. Kew (Daytime) Garden Club meeting, Kew Library Complex hall, off Cotham Road, at 1.30pm. Guest speaker. Enquiries: 859 2977.

BREAST INFORMATION SESSION

Mothers, aunts, grandmothers are all invited to learn the techniques of breast self-examination at an informal session at Peel Street Maternal and Child Health Centre.

The session, on Tuesday, August 14 at 1.30 p.m., is FREE. More details may be obtained by contacting Sister Maureen Bell on 861 9466.

ONE ACT PLAYS

Track Players Teenage Workshop will present three one-act plays on Friday, August 3 and Saturday, August 4, at 8 p.m., at Deepdene Uniting Church Hall, 958 Burke Road, Balwyn.

The plays are "The Lottery", a drama, "Slight Indulgences", an off-beat comedy, and "His Villain", a melodrama. Tickets are \$8 adults and \$5 concession. Bookings may be made by phoning 818 5612.

STRATEGIES FOR SUCCESS

Many young people experience extraordinary trauma when faced with unemployment — trauma which seriously erodes their self-confidence and makes it even more difficult for them to get jobs.

This trauma often inhibits them from recognising the skills they already have, clouds their perceptions when ringing about jobs or being interviewed, impairs their motivation, and contributes to higher than necessary levels of stress.

To help young people recognise these problems and to deal effectively with them, Kew Council is conducting a six week course on "Personal Development and Work Skills" for young people looking for jobs.

Working in a group of about ten, young people will be encouraged to explore such issues as recognising the skills they already have and learning to capitalise on them; building and utilising self-confidence; and developing strategies to handle stress and decreasing motivation.

The course, organised by the Council's youth services development officer and youth worker, will utilise the skills of experienced personnel from the CES, Skillshare and the Vocational Orientation Centre.

Included in the program will be strategies for successful presentation — ringing about a job, how to write a resume and how to successfully handle an interview.

The course which is FREE, runs for six weeks from August 1. It will be held on Wednesdays, from noon to 3pm, at Kew Youth Resource Centre, 10 Derby Street.

Any young people who receive their Kewriosity after August 1, are still encouraged to make a booking for the sessions, by contacting Kate Laing on 860 5221.

ROTARY CHANGEOVER

Dr Raymond Martyres was last month installed as President of the Kew Rotary Club for the 1990/91 Rotary year.

Dr Martyres, his wife Gita and their three children, have been resident in Kew for the past 10 years.

KEW'S KINDERGARTENS TO OPEN DOORS

Many parents of pre-schoolers are having a trying time at the moment.

Just how do they decide which kindergarten is suitable for their child, know what facilities are available, and what are the advantages of one kinder over another? And how do they find out just what is expected of them once their child is enrolled?

To answer these and hundreds of other questions, Kew's five municipal kindergartens are holding individual Open Days on Thursday, September 6, from 9.30 to 11am and 2-3pm.

The five are Argyle Road, Davis Street, Glass Street, Pakington Street and Stawell Street. Each offers similar programs for four year olds where trained kindergarten teachers help prepare the children for school, usually in the following year.

The benefits to parents using local kindergartens are obvious. The kinders are usually close by — often within walking distance or only a quick car journey from home; parents form local support networks, swap kinder runs and form local friendships; have an opportunity to help administer the kinder, get involved in its social and fundraising activities, and prepare their child for school for minimal fees of around \$50 to \$60 per term.

Children also benefit in a variety of perhaps less obvious, but very important ways.

They develop in their ability to make friends, solve problems and resolve conflicts without being aggressive. They learn to listen carefully and concentrate, how to take turns, and how to win and lose. They become adept at asking friends if they can join in their games and they develop fine motor skills by drawing, painting, using construction toys and matching shapes and colours.



Yet they do all this at their own pace, guided by teachers trained to recognise the individual needs of each child, at each different stage of development.

By the end of the kinder year, most children feel confident in all areas of their development and are eagerly looking forward to a happy year at school.

For further information on the Open Days contact individual kindergartens as listed in Kew Council's Community Directory or Telecom's White Pages, local government section.

For enquiries regarding enrolments, contact Judy Poore at Kew Council's Community Services Department, on 860 5223, as soon as possible and before September 15.

BUDGET TO TAKE CARE OF BASICS

Kew Council is currently formulating its budget and works program for 1990/91 with priority being given to taking care of the basics — drainage, roads, footpaths and parks.

The Mayor of Kew, Councillor Michael Montalto, said a drying-up of funds from both Commonwealth and State governments means big cuts in the allocation of grants to the Council. Cuts which seriously limit the Council from carrying out many of the works already deemed a priority. "All works are important, but some works are urgent and it's the urgent ones we'll be concentrating on this year", he said.

Councillor Montalto said some councils had announced their intention to carry on with their works programs despite cuts in their grants revenue, but they would have to "considerably raise their rates revenue to do so". One metropolitan council has already forecast a rates increase of 13.4 per cent and is negotiating a timetable for the retrenchment of staff.

"Neither of those options are viable or suitable alternatives for Kew. Instead we'll be keeping our rates as low as we possibly can and our rate rise to a minimum and we'll concentrate on the most urgent repairs and maintenance of our infrastructures", he said.

URBAN WOMEN HAVE A TASTE FOR COUNTRY LIFE

Many people are surprised to learn that branches of the Country Women's Association of Victoria are thriving in urban towns and cities throughout the State.

Founded in 1928, the CWA aims, through programs of community service, to improve the welfare of women and children, to encourage members and their families to develop personal skills, and to interest members in the development of their district, local town, city and state.

The Kew-Balwyn branch of the CWA is a growing group of local women who meet monthly to promote friendship among members, to welcome newcomers to the district, and to foster support schemes for the benefit of members and the welfare of the community.

The branch also holds craft afternoons where members are taught new skills.

The Country Women's Association of Victoria is a service organisation which is non-party political and non-sectarian. Women of all ages are welcome to join.

The Kew-Balwyn branch meets at the Uniting Church Hall, 142 Normanby Road, at 12.30 p.m. on the first Monday of each month. Mrs Ford can help with enquiries on 836 3769.

MEETINGS

- August 7 Statutory meeting — election of Mayor.
- August 14 Standing Committees 7.30 p.m.
- August 21 General Purposes Committee 7.30 p.m.
- August 28 Council 8.15 p.m.

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

All meetings are open to the public. Copies of agendas are available for consultation prior to each meeting. They are held at the loans desk at Kew Library.

YOUR COMMUNITY BUS NEEDS YOU

Kew's community bus is looking for one or more volunteer drivers.

The drivers are needed every third and fourth Thursday from about 1.45 p.m. to 4.15 p.m.

Each driver has an experienced jockey to help get passengers in and out of the Council's Toyota Hi-Ace bus. A current motor vehicle licence is all that is necessary.

If you would like to be part of this worthwhile service and enjoy yourself at the same time, contact Kew Council's Assessment Officer, Wendy Rahaley, on 860 5225.

RECRUITING DRIVE

After many years long and distinguished service to Kew Council's Meals on Wheels, more than 10 volunteer deliverers have recently retired. Some were with the service for more than 20 years.

The retirements have left a large gap in the meals on wheels team and many volunteers have been asked to take on extra delivery rounds for the short term.

As a result, Kew Council, which was running a low key recruitment drive among volunteers and their family and friends, has stepped up its efforts to fill volunteer vacancies quickly, so that it can maintain this important community service.

The Council, through this newsletter, is appealing to Kew residents who can devote about two hours, either once a month or once a fortnight, to deliver meals on a regular basis.

Volunteers normally work between 11am and 1pm and deliver to the same people on each occasion. This continuity is important for elderly and housebound residents who look forward to and enjoy regular contact with the same deliverers.

One volunteer with the service said "As a volunteer with Meals on Wheels I get tremendous satisfaction from contributing to the life of my local community. My involvement fulfills my own needs for personal contact, development and expression, and my life has been broadened and enriched by the experience."

If you are willing to commit yourself to improving the quality of community life in Kew, call Meals on Wheels Supervisor, Mr Craig Kenny, 860 5262 or 861 7308.

NOTICES

Clothes Sale

Pakington Street Kindergarten in North Kew, is holding a sale of new clothing for women and children, on Saturday, August 18, from 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Proceeds of the sale will buy equipment for children using the kindergarten.

Further information is available from Dianne Kreitals on 853 8162.

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Philharmonic Concert

Kew Philharmonic Society will present its second concert for 1990 at Kew Music Centre, Beresford Street, East Kew, on Tuesday, September 4 at 8 p.m.

New members for the choir and orchestra are always welcome. Rehearsals are held each Tuesday evening from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Valda Fouvy will take orchestra enquiries on 817 1881, and Lola Stokes choir enquiries on 817 3186.

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Melbourne's Treasures

Kew Planning for Retirement Group members eagerly welcome Kew residents to join them for the return visit of guest speakers and amateur archeologists, Wayne Dellow and Richard Goldsworthy.

Initially heard at KPRG's antiques group earlier this year, Mr Dellow and Mr Goldsworthy will present some of the history of early Melbourne through their numerous archeological treasures.

The meeting on Thursday, August 23 at 8 p.m., will be held at Kew Library Complex hall, off Cotham Road.

Further details may be obtained by contacting Mrs Rene Lynch on 744 5031.

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Effective Speaking

Gain confidence in public speaking and meeting procedures with the Kew Rostum Club. Meetings are held every Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Kew Senior Citizens Centre, corner High and Childers Streets. Visitors and new members welcome.

For more information phone Glenn or Julia after hours on 861 6798.

**CAREY'S NEW HEAD**

New Head of Carey Grammar's Junior School, Mrs June Stratford, has earned a place in the school's history by being the first woman to hold the position.

Until May last year, Mrs Stratford was Head of Presbyterian Ladies' College Junior School, a position she held for 11 years.

After completing her teacher training in South Australia, Mrs Stratford travelled to the UK where she worked for the Inner London Education Authority and taught at both primary and secondary levels.

A product of co-education herself, Mrs Stratford says she is looking forward to complementing Carey's commitment to co-education. She believes education is a process rather than a product, that should foster a love of learning, excitement, and a commitment to academic excellence.

She feels children should be encouraged to be open minded and to emerge from school with a world view premised on the dignity of mankind and hope for the future.

LIBRARY CORNER

Kew Library, in collaboration with Kew Community House and Swinburne College of TAFE, is busy planning a month long series of activities focusing on International Literacy Year.

The display begins in the Library on August 8 and runs through to International Literacy Day on September 8.

It includes videos explaining how inadequate literacy skills handicap people's daily lives and life chances, and audiotapes prepared by the ABC which can help adults find out more about ways to improve their literacy skills.

The display in the library will concentrate on functional literacy and survival life skills. If, for example, someone has difficulty reading and they go to the supermarket to shop, how do they tell what's in a home brand or plain wrapped article, when there are no pictures or familiar graphic representations to guide them?

What happens when they get a rates notice, an electricity, gas or phone bill, are asked to complete legal documentation, or want to apply for a driving licence or a job?

All these and many more instances in our daily lives require competent literacy skills and without them, many people's lives are made unnecessarily complicated and stressful.

The aim of the displays and activities is to give people whose literacy skills can be improved, an opportunity to learn more about what help and encouragement is available. It is also to help people with good literacy skills understand the problems confronting those who do not, and to try to remove some of the misconceptions and stigmas surrounding illiteracy.

If you know someone who would benefit from this literacy display, please encourage them to come along to the Library during our month long exhibit. We are closed Mondays, but open Tuesday to Thursday from 10.30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday from 10.30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to noon, and Sunday 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

More information can be obtained by contacting the Library during opening hours on 861 6745 or 861 6530. Carole Waldron at Kew Community House, on 862 3126 or Mary Sutherland at Swinburne College of TAFE's Access Education Centre, on 819 8816, can also help with enquiries.

UPDATE ON TRAFFIC

Area 4: bounded by Princess Street, Chandler Highway, Yarra Boulevard and Studley Park Road.

Kew Council is to consider implementing an interim local area traffic management scheme for the area following concern about traffic volume expressed by some residents.

The Council has prepared the interim scheme based on installing regulatory "No Right Turn" and "No Left Turn" signs and is about to letterbox residents with the details.

The aim of the scheme is to restrict the movement of commuter traffic entering the area's local street network in order to bypass delays at Kew Junction. The regulatory signs would prohibit certain turns from the perimeter roads into the local street network during morning and afternoon peak periods.

Further information may be obtained by contacting the Council's Special Projects Engineer, Mr Russell Fairlie, on 860 5232. Written comments will be received until August 31 and will be assessed by the Council before any final decisions are made.

MAJOR DONATION TO ST. GEORGE'S

The Rotary Club of Kew Charitable Trust has donated \$10,000 to St. George's Hospital, Kew, for the purchase of much needed medical equipment.

Executive Director of St. George's, Mr Malcolm Kinloch, said the donation will go towards purchasing three respiratory monitors for the hospital's neonatal nursery and a patient lifting device for one of the medical wards.

The respiratory monitors alert nursing staff when premature babies cease breathing for more than 20 seconds at a time and allow nurses to give the infants immediate attention. The lifting device is used to assist nursing staff move patients about.

Thanking the Trust for its support, Mr Kinloch said "We would not be able to purchase or replace

equipment we so desperately need, were it not for donations from local groups such as the Rotary Club of Kew Charitable Trust." He said St. George's is renowned for its high standards in surgery, medicine and midwifery and it needs the community's support if it is to remain a technically advanced community public hospital.

Rotary Club Trustee, Mr Harry Higgins, said the Trust is currently seeking donations, to increase its capital base and to distribute benefits to local charities. The Trust's income is tax free and donations to the Trust are tax deductible.

Donations may be made by calling into Mr Higgins office at 1st floor, State Bank Building, 26A Cotham Road, Kew. Alternatively, cheques made payable to the Rotary Club of Kew Charitable Trust, may be sent c/- Mr H.J. Higgins, P.O. Box 52, Kew, 3101. A receipt will be issued for all donations made.

Kew Council is represented on the Trust by Prospect Ward Councillor, Allen Martin, and Chief Executive, Malcolm Hutchinson.

FAMILY DAY CARE

The Kew-Hawthorn Family Day Care Scheme is facing a half million dollar bill if the Industrial Relations Commission rules that caregivers with the scheme be granted local government employee status.

The result of an appeals hearing for an award for caregivers was heard by the full bench of the IRC in June and a decision was then said to be about eight weeks away.

If the IRC upholds its decision to grant an award to caregivers, every family day care scheme run by municipalities in the State will be affected. "Like many Councils, Kew and Hawthorn will simply not be able to pick up the tab for what is a Commonwealth Government responsibility", Kew Council's Chief Executive, Mr Malcolm Hutchinson, has said.

The Councils are in the situation where they will be forced to abandon sponsorship of the FDC scheme unless an agreed funding package to cover the additional salary and associated costs is provided by the Commonwealth government. If this support is not forthcoming, both Kew and Hawthorn will have some very difficult decisions to make.

"The dilemma for Kew is do we pick up the half million dollar tab if the Commonwealth refuses to honour its responsibilities, or do we cancel plans to resurface 15 of our roads this year. What people need to understand, is that these are the sorts of choices that will have to be made", Mr Hutchinson said.

Both Kew and Hawthorn Councils resolved, at their July meetings, to continue lobbying the Federal Minister for Community Services, Mr Peter Staples, and other federal politicians. Kew Council is also encouraging parents and caregivers involved in the scheme to do likewise in an effort to ensure adequate funding by the Commonwealth for the continuation of the family day care scheme.

It also resolved to urge that two local government umbrella groups, the Metropolitan Municipal Association and the Municipal Association of Victoria, work together to ensure an industry wide response to the issue.

Parents and caregivers who wish to support the Council in its efforts are encouraged to write to the Minister for Community Services, Mr Peter Staples, at Parliament House, Canberra.

CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS FOR KEW EAST

On April 25, 1992, Kew East Primary School will have been in existence for 100 years. To mark this milestone, the school is planning a range of activities and displays of historical materials and artefacts.

So that students and others can relive and retrace the development of Kew East Primary, the School Council is seeking help, support and information, from the people of Kew.

Perhaps you attended the school and have photographs, trophies, report cards or other material artefacts, that could be loaned for incorporation in the historical display? Maybe you have some anecdotes or stories that could be written down or presented as an oral history for others to share? Alternatively, you may be interested in helping to organise the centenary celebrations.

Either way, the School Council looks forward to joining you and other past, present and future students and their families in celebrating its forthcoming centenary. Offers of assistance can be directed to Mrs Margaret de Vries, during school hours, on 859 2903, or Mrs Judith Voce, after hours, on 859 1330.



COURSES, COFFEE AND A CHAT

Making sure that Kew Community House fully represents the needs of the majority of Kew residents is the primary aim of House Co-ordinator, Kaye Wood.

Ms Wood, an energetic positive woman, is passionate about the value of a community house to its local residents and is determined to ensure that Kew Community House caters for people from all backgrounds and of all abilities.

"It's fair to say that many people think community houses are here just to help people who are lonely or who have problems. We certainly do that, and do it well, but we also pride ourselves on carefully targeting a range of programs which meet the needs that other organisations don't fulfil."

"We're particularly proud of some of the courses we've had on offer and the rationale behind them, and we want residents to continually come forward and identify their needs."

Ms Wood said one of the most popular courses this year has been "A Second Bite of the Apple" — a confidence building course for women wanting to return to full time study.

Through contact with people joining the course, Ms Wood has identified the need for another course she's planning to run in 1991 — a Return to Work program encompassing interview and communications skills, personal development, assertiveness training, group dynamics and adult literacy.

She has also identified the need to run some courses at weekends or in the evening, so full-time working parents can take full advantage of them.

"The point about our courses is that they are specifically designed to suit the needs of the people involved. They're run by tutors able to meet the individual requirements of participants within the course structure, and they are often a stepping stone for people to go on to more formal learning."

Ms Wood said all courses and programs are held in the House's comfortable, relaxed, homely atmosphere with a minimum of enrolment procedures and at minimal cost "not beyond the purse of most people".

"What I'd really like to stress to people is that Kew Community House is a vibrant, dynamic place constantly changing to meet the needs of its users, but conscious that it's still a place where all sorts of people from all walks of life can drop in for a welcoming cup of coffee and a chat."

GOVT AMENDS KEW PLANNING SCHEME

The Minister for Planning and Urban Growth has amended the Kew Planning Scheme so a convention centre suggested for the Willsmere redevelopment can now be considered by Kew Council.

The amendment was outlined last month in a letter sent to Kew Council by the Minister, Mr Andrew McCutcheon. Under the scheme as it stood, the convention centre part of the Jennings Group plans to redevelop Willsmere, was prohibited.

The Mayor of Kew, Councillor Michael Montalto, said he was concerned that the amendment to the planning scheme had been approved despite the Council's preference for the normal consultative processes with interested parties. "While the Council is responsible for final approval of the detailed proposal, it is disappointed with Mr McCutcheon's intervention in this way", he said.

Councillor Montalto said the Council has since sought an assurance from the Minister that he will not intervene further in the planning process for Willsmere, but no such assurance has been forthcoming.

He said it is now a matter of waiting for the Jennings Group to lodge with the Council a formal application for a planning permit. Meanwhile, the recently formed Willsmere Liaison Committee has met to discuss the appropriate procedures for assessment and consultation of the project.

Councillor Montalto said the Council is looking forward to a constructive and open process for assessing the Willsmere proposals.

BACKYARD BURNING BANNED

Kew's new Fires, Open Air Burning and Incinerator Control Law comes into force on October 1.

The new law totally prohibits burning off in this open and using backyard incinerators. Residents will still be able to use barbecues, but only for cooking food.

Kew Council passed the new law at its meeting on July 10. The City is now the second municipality in Victoria to introduce the total burning ban. Box Hill Council recently implemented similar restrictions and other Councils look set to follow Kew and Box Hill's lead.

The introduction of the new law follows a period of community consultation where 59 submissions in support of a total ban were received by the Council and only 11 against. Two of Kew's councillors voted against the ban.

Though passed last month, the introduction of the new law is being delayed until October 1. Councillor Gerry Petrie, in moving the motion to introduce the new law, requested that implementation be delayed to give the Council time to prepare a community awareness program. The Council accepted Councillor Petrie's suggestion and a program which will advise residents on alternatives for the disposal of household rubbish, composting and recycling, is currently being prepared.

At the same time the Council's Waste Management Committee will look at the possibilities of scheduling an additional waste collection on a fee for service basis. The Committee is already investigating options for waste disposal and recycling.

KEW COMMUNITY HOUSE



Co-ordinator: Kaye Wood

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Telephone: 862 3126

Our semester two program has hit the streets in its new format — doesn't it look terrific? — and there's lots of courses to choose from.

What's Next for Me is designed for women whose children are now at school, grown up, or independent, or those who have retired from paid employment. The course concentrates on helping you decide what you want to do next — whether it's how you spend your leisure, or gaining confidence to go on to the next stage of your life.

Bills, Banking and Balancing is another useful course to help you maximise your income and budget your money to make it go further.

You've probably never considered that your unpaid work experience learned in the home, on kindergarten and school committees, sporting and recreation groups, church involvement, or local fundraising, can help you in a new paid career. Why not come along to our *Return to Work Seminar* and find out how you can match your previous paid and unpaid work experience to future job needs? We'll help you assess your skills, write a resume and job application, and find out more about today's workplace.

Under our broad theme of improving the quality of your life, we've organised seven sessions

on healing yourself, your family and your pets with herbs; five sessions on healthy living priorities to help deal successfully with the hassles of work, family and home responsibilities; and eight sessions called first step to fitness for those of you who haven't done physical exercise for some time.

And as if all that's not enough, there's some courses to help you prepare in advance for Christmas. You can learn how to brighten up baskets of all shapes and sizes — they make ideal inexpensive gifts — have fun making and decorating gingerbread houses and novelties — the children will love them — and learn the art of decorating cakes for festive and other occasions — in the company of residents from nearby Kew Cottages.

Finally, we've got self development courses in *Typing for Beginners*, *Conversational German*, *Household Maintenance*, *English as a Second Language*, and *Basic Sewing*. Childcare is provided for most courses and you can book in your child when you book for your course.

Remember to make your bookings early by calling in or ringing for a program. We're open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 9.15am to 3.15pm and Wednesday from 11.00am to 3.30pm.

CLEAN UP FOR STUDLEY PARK

For the third year in succession, Boroondara Bushwalkers have volunteered to clean up rubbish in Studley Park.

The clean up, on Saturday, August 18, starts at 10 a.m. at Studley Park Boathouse.

Boroondara Bushwalkers would like to see as many local residents as possible turn up to assist their members, even if it's only for an hour or so. Protective gloves are a necessity.

A spokesperson for the Bushwalkers, said the club has organised the annual clean up day because members believe they should contribute to the preservation of the local bushland areas around the Kew part of the Yarra River. While much revegetation and tree planting has already taken place, the club says the dumping of unwanted rubbish in the area seems to be a perennial problem the park management has been unable to prevent.

Boroondara Bushwalkers would like to remind those interested, that its next meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 15, at 8 p.m. at Kew Library Complex hall, off Cotham Road.

Enquiries about the club and its activities may be directed to Jim McLaughlin on 859 5876, after hours.

COUNCIL REASSESSES PROPOSAL

Following resident objections to the proposed siting of a skateboard bowl in Victoria Park, Kew Council is to consult further with residents and interested parties regarding options for siting the bowl.

More than 100 people lodged objections with the Council — objections which ranged from the view that residents' passive recreation, peace, quiet and safety would be compromised if plans for the skateboard bowl went ahead; that the bowl was not in keeping with the historical aspects of the park; that trees and a fence would have to be removed; and that given the impetuosity of youth, the bowl would have a limited life span.

While the Council took on board these objections, it reaffirmed its commitment to build a skateboard bowl for young people in the area.

The Mayor of Kew, Councillor Michael Montalto, said "We intend now to look at options for the skateboard bowl and we want to involve the community in a pro-active way to help us determine the most suitable site. While we understand the objections raised so far, we are of the view that a skateboard bowl would do much to satisfy the outstanding need for a facility for youth in the City".

Further reports on this issue will be brought to you via this newsletter.

HALL FOR HIRE

Fourth Kew Scout Group can hire their hall for social occasions and local group meetings. For details and availability phone Brad Miles on 859 3326.

DEADLINE

Copy for the September edition should reach the Municipal Offices, Charles Street, by Tuesday, August 7.

For enquiries on deadlines/contributions, contact the Editor, Olwyn Eaton, on 862 2466.



"Granny Door Stop" crafted by a member of the Kew-Balwyn branch of the CWA.
Photo: Jan Bottcher. Story: page 3.

BANDSMAN HONOURED

Bandsman, Alan Forrest, last month notched up 50 years continuous service with Kew Band.

At a special celebration, Mr Forrest was feted by past and present Band members and was presented with a citation for service to the Kew community by Councillor Gerry Petrie.

Youth Band

Kew Youth Band has had an influx of new members recently and new music director, Gary Bishop, hopes that as they develop the Band will become more active in the local community.

Kew Youth Band rehearses on Thursday evenings between 6 p.m. and 7.45 p.m. at Kew Music Centre in Beresford Street.

Mr Kelly can help with enquiries on 459 1329.

COUNCIL SEEKS COMMUNITY REPS

Kew Council is seeking community representatives for the Kew Recreation Centre Management Committee.

The Committee, appointed annually by Kew Council, oversees the ongoing development of the Recreation Centre — its future directions, facility development and management. It also makes sure the centre continues to meet the needs of Kew residents by providing a diverse range of recreational opportunities.

Two community representatives will be invited to join the Management Committee which includes three Kew councillors and a representative from the YMCA which manages the Centre for the Council.

Nominations are due on Friday, August 17, and can be lodged at Kew Council's Community Services Department. Forms can be obtained from this office.

Existing community representatives on the committee are eligible to re-nominate. Those elected will be required to declare any pecuniary interests they may have, in accordance with the Local Government Act.

After appointment, these interests will be open to public scrutiny. Unsuccessful nominations will remain confidential.

Further enquiries may be made by contacting the Council's Recreation Co-ordinator, Ms Wendy O'Neill, on 862 2466.



Pictured (from left) are Dianna Harrison, Helen Bolza and Mary-Joan Gasparini, the co-ordinating team of Kew-Hawthorn Family Day Care Scheme.

MEETINGS PROMOTE CAREGIVER CONTACT

People who choose to work at home gain enormous advantages, but sometimes miss the regular personal contact that other jobs provide.

Home-based caregivers working with Kew-Hawthorn Family Day Care Scheme need such contact and now have an ideal opportunity to fill that void.

Co-ordinators with the Scheme recently introduced quarterly caregivers' meetings to provide social contact for everyone working in the Family Day Care team. Caregivers and staff can now meet regularly in a relaxed atmosphere, get to know each other and form strong personal bonds of friendship and support. The meetings are also an opportunity for staff and caregivers to share information and ideas and to discuss any problems.

Caregivers at the inaugural meeting in June, expressed some of the advantages of working with children at home and some of the advantages of the Family Day Care Scheme.

"I'm now able to be at home with my own child, which is what I discovered I really wanted to do after I tried to leave him and go out to work."

"Now I can stay home, earn some pocket money and provide company for my own pre school age children."

"I've made lots of good friends among the parents and the children still come to visit me long after they've grown up."

"I really appreciate the support and resources provided by the Councils' staff — the free toy and equipment loan, the playgroups, in-service sessions on practical issues related to my role, and the free insurance cover and financial advice."

"The quarterly meetings are a great idea yet I can still look forward to my regular visits from the co-ordinating staff and know that I am free to telephone them at any time."

If you think being a caregiver would be a worthwhile career, please contact the Family Day Care Office at Hawthorn on 810 2466 or Kew 860 5223. Mary-Joan Gasparini, Helen Bolza or Dianna Harrison will be happy to explain more about the scheme to you.

KEW PRIMARY PROMOTES ITS ASSETS

The Principal and staff at Kew Primary School are still reflecting on the success of an open day they held at the school towards the end of June.

The School, between Peel and Pakington Streets, opened its doors to the community so that prospective parents and young pupils could visit the specialist areas of the school and its Infant School.

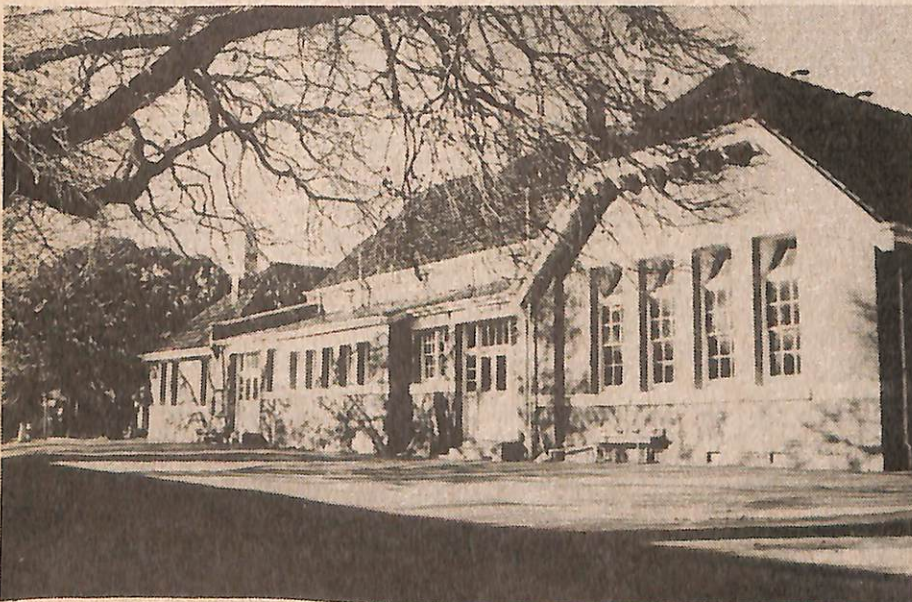
Clear favourites among the young visitors were the computer room, the art and craft centre, and the well-stocked library, while more than 80 people enjoyed lunch in the school's spacious grounds under the 100 year old peppercorn tree.

Other features of the school were also promoted on the day — the music programs for all levels; after school care program and structured school holiday program, and cross-age tutoring where grade sixers 'adopt' a prep. The school's swimming classes held at Kew Recreation Centre and camping and excursion programs for pupils from prep through to grade six, drew keen interest from pupils and parents alike.

Of special interest to parents whose children start school, or whose children are moving to secondary schools in 1991, were Kew Primary's transition programs for kinder children moving to prep and grade six children moving to year 7.

The School's Principal, Mr Rod Albury, welcomes an approach from parents wanting to enrol their children at the school and can arrange tours of inspection. Alternatively, you may secure a place for your child by visiting the school during normal school hours or by attending during the dates and times that follow: Wednesday, October 31, 9.30am to 11am; Thursday, November 1, 10.45am to noon; Wednesday, November 7, 10.45am to noon; or Tuesday, November 13, 2pm to 3.15pm.

For further information you may contact Mr Albury on 853 8325.





CISV's Melbourne 1989 Village group showing participants dressed in their national costumes. Photo: courtesy CISV.

RECIPE FOR SUCCESS

Take four weeks of summer weather, mix well with forty-eight eleven year old children from around the world, and you have a recipe for success. Add several programs which emphasise international friendship, cross-cultural communication and co-operative living, and you have Children's International Summer Villages, or CISV.

Founded in August 1946, CISV was organised to give life to the idea that education for peace should begin with children. CISV's aim to create a model of a society where children can learn the values of consideration and co-operation with fellow villagers, in practical and other activities.

Children attending the summer villages "learn by doing" in that they participate creatively in decision making and use the village as a place of learning to understand and appreciate different cultures.

Especially significant is the limitation of village size to forty-eight children. This figure is considered the optimum number for children to

establish close friendships' over the four week summer camp period.

Eleven is also considered the optimum age for introducing children to the summer village concept. At that age they spontaneously fall into sign language and demonstrations and drawings to communicate across language barriers. They are also old enough to be relatively stable physiologically, and unlike adolescents, are relatively free from mood swings. They have had most childhood diseases, are adaptable, and at the same time are old enough to carry the stamp of their respective cultures. They work easily with authority and seldom get homesick during the four weeks away from home.

The Village process for eleven year olds has evolved and developed since the first summer village in 1951.

CISV's Interchange program is family centred and is a two-phase "summer" exchange for adolescents aged 12 to 15. Delegations reciprocally host partners of the same age and sex, with similar interests, for two to four weeks at a time. The aim of the Interchange program is to encourage an understanding of another

culture by living in that culture as a family member.

For 17 to 18 year olds, CISV runs three week Seminar Camps for about 30 young people from around the world. The camps are designed to create a special environment where young participants discover and formulate their own opinions about international and intercultural problems, learn how to accept conflict as part of daily life and develop a sense of responsibility for the preservation of the world as a basis for human survival.

At each chapter or City level, CISV runs Local programs designed to complement the international camps and seminars. Former delegates to CISV's programs, community members and local citizens of all ages, are encouraged to help implement the CISV philosophy within their community and in their personal and family lives.

Kew Councillor, Joan Lamb, whose own sons have participated in the CISV's programs, is happy to help with enquiries and you may contact her on 817 5894.

SPECIAL PAPER COLLECTION

Kew Council is to carry out a special newspaper and cardboard collection on Saturday, August 11, starting at 6 a.m.

The Council is asking residents who want to take advantage of the collection, to bundle cardboard and paper separately and to place bundles on the naturestrip or footpath edge outside their homes, before 6 a.m. on collection day.

No magazines or other materials will be collected.

The problems caused by the worldwide glut of waste paper which resulted in the Salvation Army suspending its monthly collections, still exist. The paper collected on this occasion will be recycled through APM Springvale, but it is essential that paper be separated from cardboard.

Contractor for the collection is Austral Bottle Company. Any enquiries on collection day should be made direct by telephoning 429 3344.

For information on waste management contact the Council's Engineering Department on 860 5234.

"KEW IS FOR LIVING"

Following this year's outstanding Kew Festival and the successful theme "Keep Kew Green", the Kew Community Festival Committee has regrouped to plan next year's event.

Made up of representatives from Kew Council, local schools, business and service groups — as well as interested local residents — the committee has nominated "KEW IS FOR LIVING", as the Festival's 1991 keynote theme.

There are many ways this theme can be developed as part of the Festival, and the committee welcomes suggestions from the community. As well, interested community members are always welcome to the committee's monthly meetings held in the Committee Rooms at the Municipal Offices, off Cotham Road.

Next year's Peoples' Day, the Festival's major activity, will be held on Saturday, March 16. The Festival will continue till March 24, when the traditional Ecumenical Service at the Carmelite Monastery, officially closes the event for another year.

Enquiries regarding the Committee, or Kew Festival 1991, may be made by contacting Kew Council's Recreation Co-ordinator, Wendy O'Neill, on 860 5218.

KEWRIOSITY

Kewriosity is a local newsletter combining Kew Council and community news. It is produced and published by Olwyn Eaton, Information Officer for the City of Kew.

By producing the newsletter, Kew Council aims to provide you with a range of interesting and informative articles covering its deliberations and decision making, together with items of general interest and importance to the Kew community and information not generally available through daily media outlets.

Enterprises, organisations, institutions and individuals are welcome to submit articles for publication or can contact Mrs Eaton to assess the suitability of articles for inclusion.

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