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SPONSORS SOUGHT FOR TRACK PLAYERS

When one of Melbourne's premier amateur theatre groups, Track Players, moved to Kew in January, it was full of enthusiasm and high hopes.

And its enthusiasm was rewarded by Kew residents in their support of the group's first production "The Devil's Disciple", by George Bernard Shaw. Less enthusiastic has been the response from local traders.

Vice President of Track Players, Mr Ed Bailey, said "we got good audiences to four first play held at Kew High School Community Theatre in March and we're hoping for even better audiences for our June production, "Trap for a Lonely Man", by Robert Thomas. But we're disappointed with the response to our request so far, for sponsorship from local traders."

Mr Bailey said when any new group, particularly a theatre group, moves into a new area, it takes some time to get itself known. "We recognise that. We know it's a real growth phase at first and we try not to raise our expectations too high".

Mr Bailey said what the group was relying on, however, was support from a number of local traders prepared to sponsor them and to help them establish their profile in the Kew community.

"We've approached over 100 local businesses since January in an attempt to get sponsorship which would pay for advertising ourselves and our productions in Kew. In return our sponsors get advertising rights on all our promotional material and are seen to be associated with an already successful theatre company contributing to the cultural life of the Kew community", he said.

Track Players has been in existence for almost 30 years. It started at Toorak Uniting Church in 1963 (hence the name) and later moved to the AMP Theatre in the city where it was based until December last year.

"We're not asking for large sums from our sponsors. Even if 40 local businesses out of the 300 and more based here, donated \$100 each, that would help us establish our profile and would support us in our first difficult year or two".

Mr Bailey said there were two reasons for Track Players moving to Kew. "Kew didn't have an adult amateur theatre group to call its own, though it does have a musical theatre group and some excellent young people's groups based at schools here. We thought that by bringing our group to Kew we were filling a real need in the community and we're sure that as time goes on, Kew residents will feel that way too and will begin to regard us as their own theatre group".

A second reason was the fact that the group's administration and young people's theatre workshop is already based here. "We don't just perform and bring pleasure to our audiences, we provide some valuable community services, too", Mr Bailey said.

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Party time for local youngsters celebrating the 50th birthday of Kew's maternal and child health centre in Denmark Street. With them is the Mayoress of Kew, Mrs Salvina Montalto and Sister-in-charge, Miss Shirley Tinker (L).



Pictured is the Kew Community Drama Group, winners of this year's Kew Festival Committee prize for best float in the annual Festival parade.

Kew Community Drama Group is for actors with and without disabilities. Jan Bottcher can help with enquiries on 862 3126.

Dates for June

- 4** Monday. The CWA's Kew Balwyn branch meets at 12.30pm at the Uniting Church Hall, 142 Normanby Road. For more details contact Mrs Ford on 836 3769.
- 6** Wednesday. Children's immunisation session at North Kew Maternal and Child Health Centre, 152 Peel Street, from 9am to 10.30am. *Note: measles/mumps/rubella given only between 9am and 10am.* Enquiries: 861 9466.
East Kew Ladies Probus Club meets in Kew Library Complex hall, off Cotham Road, at 10am, members please note. For membership enquiries contact Club secretary, Miss Jane Evans, 817 5355.
- 10** Wednesday. Know Your Community lunch at Kew Community House, 6-8 Derby Street, at 11.00am. Guest speaker: Jeff Chandler from Kew Recreation Centre. Stay for lunch for just \$1.50. Enquiries: Kaye Wood, 862 3126.
- 13** Wednesday. Members please note: Kew Probus Club for Women meets at 10am at Kew RSL Club, 63 Cotham Road, with guest speaker, Mrs Thea Kaleski on the voyage of the Polish Tall Ship, 'Darmłodziezy'. *Note: Winter Luncheon at Harp Hotel after speaker.* Membership enquiries: Mrs Gwen Stevenson, 862 1197.
Kew Historical Society meeting at Kew Library Complex hall, off Cotham Road, at 8pm. Guest speaker: Mrs Gwen Ripper who will speak about her life in Kew. Visitors and new members welcome. Enquiries: Sue Leong, 817 4660.
- 14** Thursday. Kew Garden Club meeting at Kew Senior Citizens' Centre, corner High and Childers Streets, at 8pm. New members welcome. Guest speaker: Albert Jenkins on 'Ferns'. Enquiries: Alec Mackay, 859 6086.
- 17** Sunday. Friends of Kew Library, book mini sale in Kew Library foyer from 2pm to 5pm. Donations of recycled books sought. Leave at the Library loans desk or call 859 6415 or 859 5653 for pick up.
- 18** Monday. Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital auxiliary meeting at 1.30pm in Kew Library Complex hall, off Cotham Road, Enquiries: 817 4671.
- 19** Tuesday. Awareness Through Movement, free session for the over 50's, at Kew Senior Citizens' Centre, 533 High Street, at 10am. Enquiries: Craig Kenny, 861 7308, or Fran White, 817 3867.
Friends of Bodalla, Basket Luncheon, Paton Memorial Uniting Church Hall, Burke Road, Deepdene, at noon. Guest speaker: Christine Emburey from Melbourne Zoo. RSVP by June 14 to assist catering, please. Donation \$6, trading table. Reservations and enquiries: 862 1335, 25 6298 or 857 9849.
- 20** Kew Arthritis Self-Help Group meeting at Kew Library Complex hall, off Cotham Road, at 10.30am. Guest speaker: Ms Kaye Wood, Co-ordinator at Kew Community House. Visitors welcome. Enquiries or more information: 862 2021 or 862 1409.
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.
Camberwell Film Society annual general meeting, 7.45pm in Camberwell Civic Centre Theatre, off Riversdale Road. Opportunity for new members to see how society runs. To be followed by screening of 'Evil Angels — the Merryll Streep film about Azaria Chamberlain's disappearance. Enquiries: Mrs Jean Catford, 288 6299.
Kew Legacy Widows' Club annual general meeting at Kew Library Complex hall, off Cotham Road, at 10am. Visitors and new members welcome. Enquiries: 859 1663 or 819 4153.
Boroondara Bushwalkers meeting at Kew Library Complex hall, off Cotham Road, at 8pm. Enquiries: Jim McLaughlin, 859 5876 or Thelma McManis, 817 5548.
- 25** Monday. Kew Daytime Garden Club meeting at Kew Library Complex Hall, off Cotham Road, at 1.30pm. Interesting speakers, specific garden topics, question time. All welcome. Enquiries: 859 2977.
Kew Rotaract Club meets at East Kew Primary School, Kitchener Street, 7.30pm for 7.45pm. New members welcome. Mike Dickinson, 818 5119.
- 28** Thursday. Royal Women's Hospital Auxiliary annual general meeting, at 1pm, Kew Library Complex hall, off Cotham Road. Guest speaker: Olwyn Eaton, Information Officer for the City of Kew. Enquiries: Mrs Dietrich, 861 6059.

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Track Players runs its regular young people's theatre workshop for children and teenagers from Kew, Hawthorn and Camberwell, and runs them at no profit.

It also supports local charitable and fundraising organisations by offering them the chance to sell tickets to its performances in return for keeping the major share of performance profits. "One group selling 420 tickets for a single performance can raise, for example, \$4000 — more if they decide to include a champagne supper after the Show. It's a relatively easy way of fundraising and the whole community benefits", Mr Bailey said.

Charitable and fundraising organisations interested in the group's fundraising scheme, or local traders interested in sponsoring this successful theatre group, should contact Ed Bailey on 819 8302.

PEEL STREET BIRTHDAY

Kew's Peel Street Maternal and Child Health Centre celebrates its 60th birthday this month.

The Centre extends a warm invitation to families who are past and present users, to attend an afternoon tea and display of memorabilia to be held at the Centre on Saturday, June 16, between 2pm and 4pm.

For the display, Sister-in-Charge, Maureen Bell, would like to hear from residents willing to lend photographs or memorabilia associated with the centre.

The history of post-natal child care in Kew goes back to November, 1919, when a deputation of parents asked the council to provide them with a baby health centre.

Since Kew's first baby health centre was established at the Town Hall in Walpole Street in 1920, statistics show a great decline in the infant mortality rate. Sister Bell said much of this decline can be attributed to the principles of care, hygiene, diet, identification of illness, and nurturing of the mother and child that Kew's three maternal and child health centres provide.

She said many new mothers are uncertain about the right way to care for a baby, particularly their first, and they look to their local maternal and child health nurse to give them a knowledge of good basic care and the encouragement and confidence they find lacking.

For further enquiries please contact Sister Bell on 853 9466, Dianne Kreitals on 861 8162 or Anne Solomon on 861 5821.

NOTICES

Annual Bazaar

The Lord Mayor's Fund will hold its annual Lady Mayoress's bazaar in Melbourne Town Hall on Monday, June 4, starting at 10.30a.m.

The Bazaar, which raises funds to distribute to hospitals and charities, features a designer parade at 12.30p.m., a boutique, used and new clothing for women, men and children, remnants, knitwear, accessories and shoes.

Others stalls include cosmetics, jewellery, toys, books, gifts, plants and white elephant, cakes, sweets, refreshments and an Olympic stall.

More information may be obtained by contacting the Melbourne Town Hall on 650 3939.

Commentary

One of the basic tenets of good management is that everyone who is likely to be affected by decisions made on their behalf should be involved as closely as possible in the making of those decisions.

That is why we welcome input from all of you on issues that concern or interest you and indeed, is why we positively encourage the expression of as wide a diversity of views as possible.

We recognise that not everyone wants to have a say — after all, you elect your councillors to give voice on your behalf. But the opportunity is always there for those of you who do want to express your views or consult with your ward councillors.

Unlike many local Councils, Kew has a long history of open and frank consultation with its residents. You are always welcome at every Council and committee meeting and may, if you wish, speak to an item on an agenda simply by making arrangements with councillors or council officers prior to the start of each meeting.

Agendas are available for reviewing on the Friday prior to each Council or committee

meeting and may be found at the circulation desk at Kew Library during opening hours.

Your ward councillors are only too willing to discuss matters of concern with you and they welcome the opportunity to consult more closely with all of their constituents. There is nothing like a new idea, fresh approach to an old problem, a well-thought out objection to a proposal or a well-defined alternative plan, to encourage debate among councillors and residents alike. We believe our decision-making on your behalf is much better as a result of this process.

Only by taking account of as wide a diversity of views as possible are we able to ensure that the decisions we make are in the best interests of all Kew residents and in the interests of generations of Kewites to come.

Since local government is the level of government closest to its constituency and the one which offers equal voice to all, may I encourage you to speak up on issues that concern you — either by ringing your ward councillors, or by writing to us at the Municipal Offices, or by



Cr. Michael Montalto, Mayor of Kew.

coming along to our meetings to voice your concerns to us.

Meeting dates are listed in each edition of this newsletter or may be obtained by contacting the Municipal Offices on 862 2466.

GARDEN PRIDE

Frail, aged patients at the Henry Pride Centre in Nolan Avenue, Kew, are thrilled with the latest additions to the Centre's gardens.

Thanks to the work of Kew Garden Club members, the patients now have four raised garden beds in which to grow some vegetables and flowers.

The beds are made from used truck tyres stacked three high and are bound at the top to give stability. They are filled with 25mm of soil. Patients at the Centre can cultivate their plants either sitting in wheelchairs beside the garden beds or in chairs in front of them.

The idea to supply and install the beds came from Mr Alec Mackay of Kew Garden Club. Mr Mackay said he suggested the idea to club members who quickly took it on board and raised cuttings for planting in the garden beds.

Mr Mackay said the garden club undertook the project as part of its community activity program, a program which will include ongoing advice to patients using the gardens beds at Henry Pride.

Also participating in the project was Occupational Therapist at Henry Pride Desiree Milonas.

Ms Milonas said she was thrilled when the suggestion of the garden beds was put to her because many of her patients have been active gardeners before coming to the centre and they miss the activity dreadfully. "Many of our patients are too frail to bend down to garden beds but now they can still get great pleasure from gardening and cultivating their plants from the comfort of their chair or wheelchair."

Ms Milonas said the gardening project is just one of the many occupational therapies that patients from Henry Pride can choose from.



Mr Alec Mackay of Kew Garden Club (standing) with Occupational Therapist, Ms Desiree Milonas and frail aged patients at Henry Pride Centre.

MEETINGS

June 5	General Purposes Committee — 7.30pm
June 12	Council — 8.15pm
June 26	Standing Committees — 7.30pm

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

Meetings are open to the public and residents are encouraged to attend. Copies of agendas are available for consultation in Kew Library prior to each meeting.

YOUNG CAN LEARN DEFENSIVE DRIVING FREE

A Kew service club whose members believe the tragic loss of life and permanent injury of young people on our roads must be stopped, have developed a positive program to help combat the problem.

The Club, the Rotary Club of Kew East, has made 12 free courses in defensive driving and car control techniques available to young Kew drivers free of charge.

To qualify for each course, applicants must be in the 18-20 age group, must live permanently in Kew, and must write to the Club stating how they believe the course could benefit themselves and the community.

The one day course is held at Jim Murcott's advanced driving car control course at Sandown raceway. Selected candidates must supply their own car; course dates and times can be varied to suit.

Young people who want to be considered for the course should write to the Rotary Club of Kew East, P.O. Box 171, East Kew 3102, remembering to state their reasons for benefiting from the course.

Graham Spriggs can supply further information on 853 0011 during business hours.



Carey Musical Theatre Company's principal players in "Man of La Mancha", Paul Manton, Tara Wightman and David Paxton.

STUDENTS PLAYED TO WIDE ACCLAIM

Kew's Carey Grammar School is thrilled with the response to its April production of the musical *Man of La Mancha*.

A cast of 50 students, headed by Paul Manton as Don Quixote, David Paxton as Sancho and Tara Wightman as Aldonza, played to capacity audiences in the play's week-long season at Nunawading Arts Centre.

Man of La Mancha was directed by the School's drama teacher, Miranda Jefferson and produced by David Cranshaw. Musical director and conductor was Basil Hawkins.

Ms Anita Simon, publicist for the School's Carey Musical Theatre Company, said *Man of La Mancha* was "an ambitious and exciting play for the students to present and perform and they did so with great professionalism".

"Carey's standard of excellence in drama is becoming well-known in Kew and surrounding areas and all those involved in this latest production are to be congratulated on their outstanding achievement", she said.

MAMMACHECK

Breast cancer affects one in 15 Australian women.

But women of all ages can contribute to their own future health by regularly examining their breasts for lumps.

At the Health Promotion Unit at Box Hill Hospital in Nelson Road, Box Hill, free breast self examination classes are held for individuals or groups whose members are interested in learning the technique.

Women's sporting clubs, service clubs, auxiliaries, social clubs or any other women's groups or individuals, can contact the Health Promotion Unit for more information on 895 3452 or 859 3142.

Mammacheck at Box Hill Hospital is funded by Victoria's Health Promotion Foundation.

LIBRARY CORNER

If you are an avid researcher of family history or are contemplating tracing your family tree, then you have access to one of Victoria's most remarkable and extensive genealogy collections.

Kew Library has over 400 family histories on file, research material which includes general works on genealogy, and indexed history material relating specifically to Kew.

There are books in English on how to research your family history in over 40 countries in the world, genealogy sources for those doing research and some shipping arrivals and departure records.

If you need more specialised information such as the history and meaning of personal names, epitaphs, heraldry, peerage, orders and decorations, or insignia, there is printed material available to help with those too.

As well as printed works the Library has microform records of births, deaths and marriages, electoral rolls, post office directories, some convict and cemetery records and records of assisted immigration from the United Kingdom.

Such is the popularity of the microform collection that it is necessary to book a microfilm and microfiche reader in advance. You may do so by contacting the Library on 861 6745 or 861 6530.

If you are overawed by the thought of tackling your family history or don't know where to begin, the Library's staff will show you the research material available. If you still have some doubts, City Librarian Mr Alex Tarr, will guide you through the basics.

Two interesting examples of family histories published in Australia and available for borrowing are "Yancannia Creek" by Mary Turner Shaw, a story of sheep farming in New South Wales, and "A Patchwork Heritage" by Sally White. These are the stories of thirteen Australian families including the Syme newspaper family, the Lee's, shopkeepers, the Puglisi's fishermen, and the Boyd's, artists.

Also worth a mention are two classic family histories, "The Generations of Men" by Judith Wright, and "Kings in Grass Castles" by Mary Durack.

"BOYFRIEND" AUDITIONS

Amateur theatre group, the Phoenix Music Club, is auditioning this month for main parts and dancers for its October production of the musical, "The Boyfriend".

The Club, whose members are mainly students from the Kew campus of Melbourne University's School of Early Childhood Education, is particularly seeking older and amateur singers and dancers for the production.

Main part auditions will be held on Sunday June 3 from 2p.m. Dancers will be auditioned on Wednesday June 6 at a time yet to be decided.

Auditions are being held in Mooroolbeek Hall, corner Studley Park Road and Carson Street. Appointments and pre-bookings are necessary and may be made by contacting Bronwyn Williams on 497 3592.

The Phoenix Music Club has been in existence in a variety of guises for many years and produces one major show each year. According to Miss Williams the Club's 1989 production of "Cabaret" was a "fantastic success", a success she hopes the Club will repeat with this year's production of "The Boyfriend".



Trinity Grammar's School Captain, Richard Harris, with Open Day guest of honour, Professor David Penington.

OPEN DAY SUCCESS

Trinity Grammar School played host to several thousand visitors in April when it held its first Open Day in nine years.

Highlight of the day was the official opening of the school's new Poynter Building by the Vice Chancellor of Melbourne University, Professor David Penington.

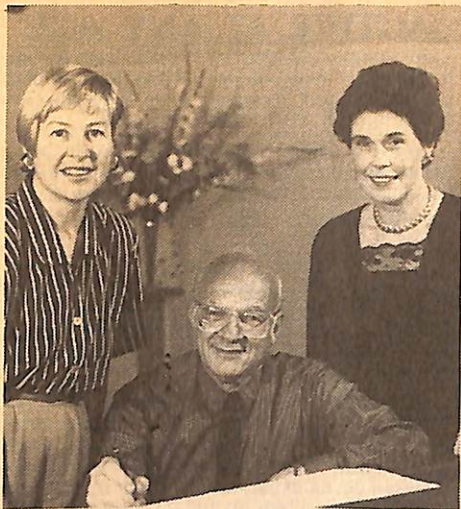
Visitors to the Open Day were entertained by mock courts, music, displays of aeromodelling, flippaball and water polo, abseiling, gymnastic and sporting activities, penny farthing rides, hands-on computer lessons, and games of chess.

They were able to join student-conducted tours of the school's classrooms, on-campus activity centres, and sporting grounds at Bulleen, as well as admire displays of art, craft and other examples of the students work.

The idea of the Open Day was to enable the parents of children currently at the School to review its facilities and to see their child's work, and to allow current students to see the work done by their colleagues in other classes.

Open Day organiser, Mr Rohan Brown, said "At a time when school enrolments across the State are falling, we felt it was particularly important for new families thinking of enrolling their child at Trinity to see what the School has to offer, to get a good feel for our students' academic achievements, and to view first-hand our facilities. That way we can be sure our enrolments will remain high".

Mr Brown said the success of the Open Day exceeded all expectations and was due entirely to the support given to it by students, staff and the volunteer organising committee. "Everyone is to be congratulated for their hard work, organisation and commitment", he said.



Composer, George Dreyfus, puts the finishing touches to his manuscript for 'Auscapes'. Pictured with Mr Dreyfus is Dr Roslyn Otzen (left), who wrote the words for his script and musical director at MLC, Ms Jane Elton Brown. Photograph: courtesy Methodist Ladies' College.

GALA CONCERT

The opportunity for young people to perform in the Melbourne Concert Hall is a privilege granted to few.

But 600 young performers from Methodist Ladies' College, Kew, will be given that opportunity later this month. They will be on stage at the Concert Hall for the school's annual gala concert on Friday, June 15.

The major work on the program is the Australian premiere of 'Auscapes', written by the celebrated Australian composer, Mr George Dreyfus.

Mr Dreyfus wrote 'Auscapes' in collaboration with Dr Roslyn Otzen, senior English teacher at the school, while he was composer-in-residence at MLC.

'Auscapes', to be performed by the senior madrigal group, is a demanding and rewarding work for unaccompanied treble voices. Written in four parts, with five movements, it captures the harshness of the Australian outback and the vibrancy and excitement of Australia's larger cities.

Also featured on the program is the school's junior choirs, string, training and concert orchestras. The choirs will perform selections from Broadway hits 'Hello Dolly', 'Cabaret', 'My Fair Lady', and 'A Chorus Line', as well as a selection of songs from "The King and I".

The string orchestra will perform the first, second, and fourth movements from Benjamin Britten's 'Simple Symphony', the Symphonia will perform the 'Angelus' by Jules Massenet, and the concert orchestra the English Folk Song Suite by Vaughan Williams.

Musical Director at the school, Ms Jane Elton Brown, said "Our gala concert is a very exciting night for the girls and it's a marvellous chance for them to be part of such a gala event. To be performing for friends and family in Melbourne's premier concert venue is an experience they'll remember for the rest of their lives".

Tickets for MLC's Gala Concert may be obtained by contacting the Music Department at the school on 810 1333.

COUNCIL SUPPORTS NATIONAL TRUST

The Victorian branch of the National Trust has appealed to all its members for financial help to ease its current funding crisis and Kew Council has responded with a \$500 donation.

The Council is a member of the Trust by virtue of its involvement with Villa Alba, the historic mansion in Studley Park. Manager Finance and Administration for the Council, Mr. Peter Huggins, said "Through its membership of the Villa Alba Preservation Committee, Kew Council has received substantial support from the Trust in its efforts to preserve the delicate and unique Victorian interior decoration of Villa Alba. Councillors felt this was one sure way to show the Trust how much it appreciated that support and how much the people of Kew supported the idea of preserving local heritage".

Mr. Huggins said the National Trust relies on income from those who visit properties, those who generously give financial support, and government grants. The Trust's annual budget is around \$5 million dollars.

In view of the fact that the Trust could be forced to close or even sell some of its heritage properties, Kew Council wrote in April to the former Minister for Planning and Environment, Mr Tom Roper, and local parliamentary members, urging the Government to reconsider its funding to the Trust.



Sister-in-Charge of midwifery at St George's, Mrs Coral Sparkes, Student midwife Karen Kelly and Mrs Beverley Dillon with her twin daughters Elle and Brooke.

CELEBRATION FOR ST GEORGE'S MIDWIVES

For 65 years St George's Hospital, Kew, has been training midwives.

To celebrate this achievement the hospital's Graduate Nurses' League is holding a reunion dinner for past graduates on Friday, June 8, at Argenti's Receptions, Balwyn.

The League wants to hear from past graduates in midwifery or theatre training at St George's who would like to join past colleagues at the dinner, or who would like more information about it.

St George's Hospital Graduate Nurses' League was founded in 1970 with the prime objective of raising funds for much needed equipment at the hospital.

Since its inception it has raised substantial sums to purchase equipment and last year donated \$6,000 for the hospital to provide new bedside lockers in its post-natal ward.

Though the prime objective of the League is fundraising, membership also provides former graduates with a means by which they can keep in regular contact with former colleagues.

Membership of the Graduate Nurses' League is open to all nurses who completed their midwifery or theatre training at St George's.

For further information about the reunion dinner or membership of the League, past graduates may contact Mrs Sparkes on 817 2464.

PHILHARMONIC CONCERT

Kew Philharmonic Society will present its first concert for 1990 on Tuesday, June 12, at Kew Music Centre, Beresford Street East Kew, at 8pm.

The orchestral program includes Beethoven's first symphony and some interesting modern items.

The choir will sing a range of English part songs.

Admission is \$6 and \$4.

Bookings or enquiries may be made by contacting Valda Fouvy on 817 1881, or Lola Stokes on 817 3186.

TENNIS COACHING

Mid-week tennis sessions are ideal for women with children because they offer an opportunity for recreation, social interaction and some personal "time-out".

That's the opinion of local tennis coach, Richard Birmingham, who runs adult coaching sessions at Kew Uniting Church in Highbury Grove.

The sessions, held each Wednesday, are for beginners and advanced players. They run from 9.30am to noon. Parents may take their children with them, though no babysitting or childminding service is provided.

The new six-week term, which starts on June 6, features an end of term tournament for players of all levels so they can assess their progress over the term.

Mr Birmingham also coaches juniors from seven to 15 years in group and private classes each Saturday morning.

The Junior classes, for beginners, intermediate and advanced players, run concurrently with the school terms.

Enrolments for both adult and junior classes are being taken now, though it is possible to start the term and to pay a pro rata fee.

Interested residents may obtain more information on bookings and prices by contacting Richard Birmingham on 383 3648

MUNICIPAL CONTACTS

Rates	860 5247
Community Services	860 5223
Traffic and By-laws	860 5252
Health	860 5245
Engineering	860 5234
Building	860 5211
Town Planning	860 5214
Recreation Centre	861 6177
Library	861 6745
Citizens Advice Bureau	861 5244



ARBOR WEEK PLANTING

In two highly successful community tree plantings held in Kew to mark the end of Arbor Week on May 20, over 200 volunteers planted 2,500 indigenous trees in Kew.

On the outer circle railway reserve east of Normanby Road, 150 people planted 2,000 indigenous varieties which included yellow gums, river red gums and melaleucas.

The volunteers, which included members of Kew's newest environmental group Greenlink Kew, joined in a sausage sizzle provided by Kew Council during the planting period.

A separate planting beside the Yarra River and below the Royal Guide Dogs Centre on Chandler Highway, saw 40 young people from Kew district Brownies, Cubs and Guides plant 500 trees native to the area.

They were helped by their parents and Kew East Rotarians and their families. Members of Kew East Rotary Club organised the planting and provided a sausage sizzle afterwards.

Primary school children from East Kew Primary planted their trees in a separate planting on the Normanby Road railway reserve on the Tuesday following the main Arbor Week effort.

All community plantings were co-ordinated by Kew Council through its Parks and Gardens Superintendent, Mr Bruce Schroder. The young trees were raised at the Council's Depot in Princess Street, from seed collected from native species along the Kew Section of the Yarra River.

Mr Schroder said he was delighted with the turn up of volunteer planters and wanted to thank them publicly for their support for the plantings. He said he hopes that next year's Arbor Week will provide a further opportunity for the community to continue the tree planting project.

Also congratulating the tree planters was Councillor Joan Lamb of Prospect Ward. Councillor Lamb said she was delighted to learn that so many people had volunteered to plant the trees and on behalf of all Councillors, wanted to thank them for their efforts.

"Because of the general interest now being shown by the media and others in environmental affairs, we are all much more aware of our environment. We realise how fragile it is and how important it is to plant trees to protect it. At the same time we recognise the value in beautifying our suburb".

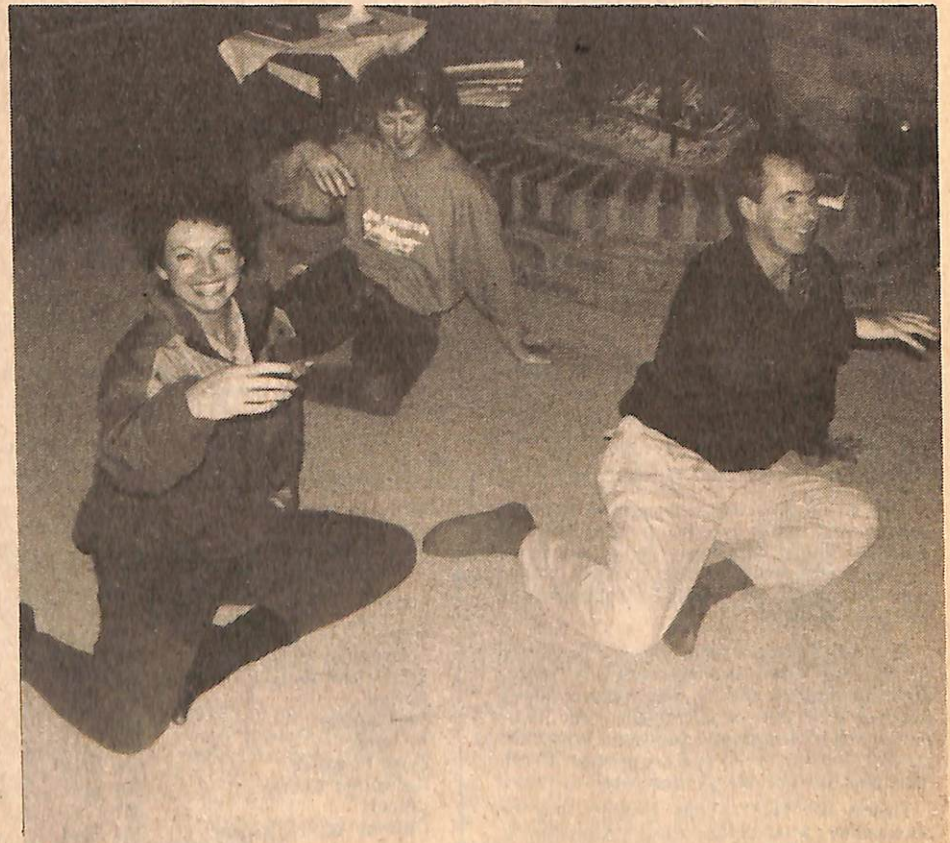
Councillor Lamb said the tree plantings, and

Primary schoolers from East Kew Primary plant their trees for Arbor Week.

recent improvements on the outer circle reserve in the form of a shared pathway, were very welcome by residents who use the area for passive outdoor recreation.

"When the young trees grow they will provide beauty and shade for everyone using the new bike and walking path beside the Yarra and they'll be a perfect addition to the outer circle railway reserve off Normanby Road.

The long term benefits are obvious. The trees add permanence to the environment and are outward physical signs that these two areas are lovely spaces to be enjoyed."



Practising awareness through movement using the Feldenkrais method.

ACTIVE AT ANY AGE

As we age it is important for us to care for our bodies, to remain supple and free to do things comfortably, and to conquer some of the ailments which appear, often without warning.

By increasing our awareness of how the body works, we can learn to move with minimum effort and maximum efficiency and can avoid relying on our muscular strength to complete tasks or perform functions.

In Kew Awareness Through Movement lessons, using the Feldenkrais method are taught by Ms Fran White, a local resident and qualified Feldenkrais teacher. Ms White has more than 20 years experience in teaching movement and relaxation techniques.

The Feldenkrais Method, named after Russian-Israeli physicist, Moshe Feldenkrais, is a series of gentle, sequential movements in which participants of any age and fitness level can release chronically stiff muscles, improve muscular co-ordination and responses, enhance quality of breathing and posture, gain greater body awareness, expand the range of movement of the entire self, and reduce the effort that daily activities require.

Dr Feldenkrais developed his technique during a lifetime of studying the structure of the nervous system and the relationship between human development, education and movement.

For residents interested in the Feldenkrais technique, Ms White is conducting a free Awareness Through Movement lesson. She is particularly interested in promoting the method to people 50 years and over.

Starting at 10am, the lesson will be held at Kew Senior Citizens' Centre, 533 High Street. All over 50's welcome. Comfortable clothing should be worn.

For more information and to book contact Craig Kenny on 862 2466 or Fran White on 817 6333.

JOBS HUNT

"No job is too big and we'll travel" is the catchcry of several Year 10 students at Trinity Grammar School, Kew.

The boys, participants in the Duke of Edinburgh's award scheme, are looking for jobs such as fencing, concreting, demolition, clearing, and paving, to raise funds to take them on a canoeing and rafting expedition in September.

The three-day expedition, which they've devised and designed, is part of the activities component of their work towards the Duke of Edinburgh's Award. To complete the Award they also have to learn a new skill, involve themselves in a sport or physical activity on a regular basis, and complete a period of community service.

Trinity's Award Scheme Co-ordinator, Mr Rohan Brown, said the boys are already involved in providing a free and ongoing community service program for Kew's elderly residents. They mow lawns, do gardening, odd jobs, clear rubbish and garden waste, on a regular basis, he said.

"But now that they have to complete the expedition component of the scheme, they also have to start earning money to get themselves to and from the Shoalhaven River and to provide all that they need for the trip."

Mr Brown said the boys are quite experienced handymen having already completed several tasks under his supervision. "They've laid concrete and built a carport and no task is too small or too large for them to tackle!" Mr Brown says he will continue to supervise any further work the boys are given and he assures Kew residents that the boys offer very reasonable work rates in return for a job done to the highest standard.

Mr Brown said the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme was offered to Trinity students this year for the first time in several years. The idea is that young people broaden themselves by becoming more involved in community affairs, by stretching the capacity of their physical and intellectual abilities, and by extending their activities beyond some of the easier options generally made available to them.

Residents who would like to engage the Trinity students for heavier jobs around their homes, or those who have good quality tools they might donate to help the boys with their work, can contact Mr Brown on 860 3600.



CAN YOU HELP SHIRLEY?

Shirley Kilpatrick wanted to give back to the Kew community some of the support she has received herself.

So she volunteered to become a "jockey" delivering meals on wheels to Kew's elderly, ill and disabled residents.

Shirley, a resident at Kew Cottages, is undertaking her work through the community integration program of adult education at the Cottages.

At this stage, Shirley has been taught her job by Mrs Sue Brown, the occupational therapist at the adult education unit. But now that she's fully conversant with what is required of her, Shirley needs a volunteer to go with her on her rounds so that Mrs Brown can be released to begin teaching a new meals on wheels round to one of Shirley's colleagues.

Mrs Brown said the volunteer would need to provide their own car and would be required to pick Shirley up from Kew Cottages, drive her on her meals on wheels round, and take her back to the cottages when the round is complete. Shirley takes her turn on the round once every two weeks.

Shirley Kilpatrick is the first of Kew Cottages residents to join the meals on wheels community integration program.

Mrs Brown said she is delighted with the success of the program so far. "Shirley has increased in self-confidence and self-esteem since she's joined the meals on wheels team. Her job has added purpose and satisfaction to her life — she loves it and the people she delivers to look forward to her fortnightly visits, too."

Having been institutionalised for many years, Mrs Brown said "going out into the community and to others people's homes was a real eye-opener for Shirley. It's been an education for her just seeing what a valuable service the meals on wheels service is."

Residents who would like to become a volunteer driver for Shirley, or later, her colleagues, should contact Mrs Sue Brown at Kew Cottages Adult Education Unit on 860 1342.

Meals on Wheels supervisor, Mr Craig Kenny, can also help with enquiries on 861 7308.



Miss Shirley Kilpatrick, the first Kew Cottages resident, to volunteer to deliver meals on wheels to housebound Kew residents.

CHILD ACCIDENT PREVENTION

Victoria's State Coroner, Mr Hal Hallenstein, will be keynote speaker at a seminar on child accident prevention at Box Hill Hospital on June 19.

The seminar is sponsored by Box Hill Hospital's Health Promotion Unit, Vic Roads and the Child Accident Prevention Foundation of Australia. It will be held in the Noel Ramsay Lecture Theatre at the hospital from 9.30am to 3pm. Cost is \$10 which includes a light lunch.

Also on the program is Ms Liz Kline, education officer for Vic Roads. Ms Kline will speak about child restraints, bicycle helmets and impending legislation, and will show a video titled "Take a Walk in my Shoes"

Guest speaker from the Child Accident Prevention Foundation, Ms Lyndall Horton-James, will speak about the work of the Foundation, categories of accidents, accident patterns of particular age groups and "maleness" and accident frequency.

The closing address will be delivered by Dr E. Brentnall, Medical Director of Accident and Emergencies at Box Hill Hospital.

For more information or to book, contact the Health Promotion Unit, Box Hill Hospital, 895 3452 or 895 3142.

If you would like to learn Italian, local resident Gabriella Averte, has begun Italian Conversation classes for beginners and those with "rusty" Italian language skills.

The classes, held once a week, are informal, casual and relaxed. For more information contact Ms Averte on 850 7057 after hours, or 450 1202 during business hours.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

More than 2000 people live in Neighbourhood Watch Area G64, but only a handful of people are involved in trying to combat crime in the area.

Area G64 Committee is appealing to residents not presently involved in their local Neighbourhood Watch group, to come forward and fill vacant positions on the committee.

Now in its fourth year of operation, Area G64 will hold its annual general meeting on Tuesday, June 12 at 7.30pm in Kew Library Complex hall, off Cotham Road.

Under the group's constitution all committee positions become vacant. Those to be filled are that of area co-ordinator, co-ordinator's assistants, treasurer, editor, sub-committee controllers, zone leaders and assistants.

A spokesperson for Area G64 Committee said, "We're also hoping that some of our residents will come to the meeting to show their appreciation for the time and energy contributed on their behalf by the existing committee, and we're hoping that new people will nominate for committee positions to bring new and stimulating ideas to the job of helping to combat crime in the area."

Other meetings for June are:

June 12, Area G90 (was H45) meets at St. Hilary's Anglican Church, John Street, at 7.30pm sharp.

BOROONDARA BUSHWALKERS

Now that cooler weather is with us, bushwalking beckons those who find the heat of the summer months too uncomfortable.

Although, of course, many summer walks can be very enjoyable when chosen carefully, as the experience of summer walking in the delightful Otway Ranges or in the cool breezes of Victoria's south coast shows.

Local club, Boroondara Bushwalkers, has a new program of winter walking as well as cross country skiing for members.

If these activities appeal to you, why not go along to a meeting or go as a visitor on one of the Club's walks?

Boroondara Bushwalkers meet on the third Wednesday of each month at Kew Library Complex Hall, off Cotham Road, at 8p.m. You can obtain more information by contacting the Club's president, Jim McLaughlin, on 859 5876.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

On Alexandra Gardens

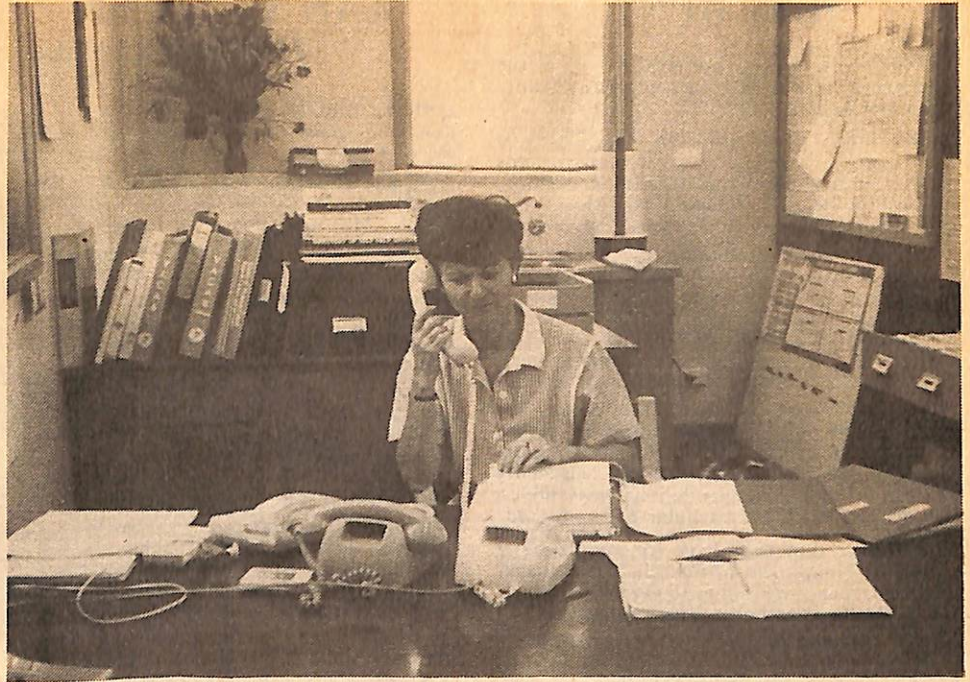
I am disabled and have been going to your beautiful (Alexandra) gardens for five months now.

Every time I go there is always work going on and something new to help me. I thought you were doing it all just for me!

I am so happy when I visit these gardens — the chubby birds, a cat, beautiful trees, happy dogs, flowers, the pond and fountain, and happy children — all contribute.

On the surface of the gardens is a beauty that is capable of bringing peace to the most troubled and restless soul. And all this beauty is free. Thank you all.

Hawthorn resident (name and address supplied).



KEEPING YOU INFORMED

The burgeoning increase in the provision of information in the last two decades shows no signs of halting.

Instead, we are poised on the threshold of an information age to rival the importance of the Iron Age when our ancestors invented the wheel.

This explosion in information provision, brought about by increasing technological advances, is both a bonus and a burden to information providers.

Their daily dilemma is not what information to give, but how accurate, how current and how suitable the information is and whether it will be the right answer to a specific enquiry.

One local provider of information and advice, the Kew Citizen's Advice Bureau, faces this dilemma every day as the City's most comprehensive information, advice and referral service.

The Bureau calculates that between 70 and 80 per cent of all the enquiries it receives involve a specific request for up-to-date, accurate information.

To provide this service the bureau's information officer must maintain an extensive card index system of general topics, which are then comprehensively cross-referenced to more specific subject information. At a minimum, the information officer spends 10 hours per week just updating the card index.

The officer, Sheila, says she and two other Bureau volunteers have just completed a major review of the index. This involved checking and updating the details on thousands of cards in the system, on cross references and on typing new cards so they could be easily read and understood by all Bureau advisors.

To maintain the index, Sheila uses many hundreds of information sources beginning with the monthly bulletin update of the Victorian Citizens' Advice Bureau Association (VCAB). As well, she gleans information from national, daily and local newspapers, our own newsletter, Kewriosity, and the Kew community directory.

Pamphlets, brochures and bulletins from government agencies and institutions, community

Sheila, information officer at Kew Citizens' Advice Bureau, puts her resourcing skills to the test.

and private organisations, all yield valuable information which Sheila can incorporate in the index system. As well, the Bureau has on hand an extensive library of easy reference guides and current directories from a variety of institutions and organisations.

Sheila says she also relies heavily on input from the community itself. Who better to keep the CAB informed but its regular users and volunteers living and working in the Kew community and keeping in touch with local developments?

Anyone interested in becoming a CAB volunteer may like to know that each volunteer undergoes an extensive 16 week training course to become familiar with using the information system and other resources. Once training is complete, volunteers begin work in the Bureau where further insight is gained by working alongside experienced volunteers and the Bureau's social and welfare workers. All volunteers have monthly training updates to keep them in touch with new developments occurring in Kew and the community at large.

Next time you need information or advice and don't know where to turn, remember the Kew Citizens' Advice Bureau and use it as your first port of call.

The Bureau is open from 10am to 3pm weekdays and is at the rear of the Kew Library building, with easy access by ramp. You can obtain more information by calling the Bureau on 861 5244.

DEADLINE

Copy for the July edition should reach the Municipal Offices, Charles Street, by Thursday, June 8.

Kewriosity's Editor, Olwyn Eaton, is on annual leave, however you may direct enquiries on deadlines/contributions to Mrs Ann Hawley, on 860 5201.