

# KEW RIOSITY

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## RATES REMINDER

**Kew ratepayers who have nominated to pay their rates in full are reminded that payment falls due on Tuesday, April 10, 1990.**

Payment may be made at any bank. The National Australia Bank will not charge a transfer fee and no bank will accept payments after the due date.

Payment may also be made at the Municipal Offices in Charles Street between 8.45 a.m. and 4.30 p.m. Monday to Friday.

Residents paying by instalment should note that their third instalment falls due on Thursday, May 31, 1990.

Failure to pay in full by April 10, or the third instalment by May 31, 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 GREENING OF KEW

**Kew Council has joined forces with two community groups to organise community tree plantings during Arbor week in May.**

The Rotary Club of Kew East will plant 500 trees near the Guide Dog Centre on Chandler Highway and the "Tree Project" will plant a section of the Outer circle Reserve between Normanby Road and Campbell Street.

This is the second such community planting in Kew by the Rotary Club of Kew East. The club planted trees in 1988 in the Urban Forest at Stradbroke Park as its Australian Bicentenary project.

Through its association with Kew's Scouts, the Rotary Club has arranged for 50 people to help with the latest planting and has offered to maintain the planting area by weeding it for one year.

The "Tree Project", formed by a group of people concerned about the environment, will

be planting trees supplied by Kew Council.

The Tree Project draws its support from individuals in each community where plantings take place. Community groups, service clubs, church groups, sporting clubs, conservation groups, schools and concerned individuals can all join in the plantings.

In Kew as in most other suburbs, the Tree Project is organising its community planting day for Sunday May 20.

The project is the joint venture of Greenlink Kew, Preshil School, Kew Council and the Tree Project.

It is being co-ordinated by Bruce Schroder, Superintendent of Parks and Gardens for Kew Council.

Mr Schroder would like to hear from anyone wanting to join the tree plantings. He can be contacted on 862 1773.

# Dates for April

In this column it is not possible to list the date of every meeting and function held in Kew. Readers are advised to check the short feature articles throughout the newsletter which provide such details, or the notices column on page four.

- 9** and 23rd. Monday. Kew Rotaract Club meets at East Kew Primary School, Kitchener Street. 7.30pm for 7.45pm. New members welcome. Enquiries: Mike Dickinson, 818 5119.
- 11** Wednesday. Area 26 Neighbourhood Watch meets at 7.30pm at Kew Bowling Club, 14 Wellington Street. Enquiries: 885 7270.  
Wednesday. Easter Egg Making at Kew Library between 3.45pm and 4.30pm. Free tickets may be collected at the loans desk. A limited number available.  
Wednesday. Kew Historical Society meets at Kew Library Complex hall, off Cotham Road, at 8pm to share an evening of "Things I Remember". Visitors welcome. Enquiries: Sue Leong, 817 4660.  
Wednesday. Kew Ladies' Probus Club meets at Kew RSL Rooms at 63 Cotham Road, Kew, at 10am. Members please note: guest speaker is Ms Julie Noakes, assistant manager of Kew Recreation Centre. Topic: Learning for Leisure.
- 16** Monday. Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital Kew Auxiliary meets at 1.30pm in Kew Library Complex hall, off Cotham Road. New members welcome. Enquiries: 817 4671.
- 18** Wednesday. Country Women's Association, Kew Branch, meets at the Uniting Church Hall, 142 Normanby Road, East Kew, at 10.30am. Guest speaker: from Danny Blums Knitwear; basket lunch to follow. Visitors and new members welcome. Enquiries: 836 3769.  
Kew Arthritis Self-Help Group meets at Kew Library Complex hall, off Cotham Road, at 10.30am. Guest speaker: Ms Jackie O'Callaghan from Better Hearing Australia. Enquiries: 862 2021.  
Boroondara Bushwalkers meet at Kew Library Complex hall, off Cotham Road, at 8pm. New members welcome. Enquiries: Jim McLaughlin, 859 5876 (after hours) or Thelma McManis, 817 5548.  
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.  
Wednesday. Camberwell Film Society showing of "How To Murder Your Wife", 7.45pm at Camberwell Civic Centre Theatre, off Riversdale Road. Supper afterwards. Enquiries: Jean Catford, 288 6299.  
Wednesday. Camberwell Music Society Morning Series Concert, 10.30am, St John's Hall, 552 Burke Road. Enquiries: Margaret Sharp, 889 3935, Dorothy Thorpe, 808 2200. Baroque program featuring Les Anges Trois Trio.  
Wednesday. "Know Your Community" drop-in lunch at Kew Community House, 6-8 Derby Street, at 11am until 3.30pm. Features guest speaker. Cost: \$1.50 donation. Enquiries: 862 3126.
- 19** Thursday. Kew branch, Penguin Club, meets at Kew Library Complex hall, off Cotham Road, at 8pm. New members welcome. Enquiries: Margot Harrison, 818 6127.
- 21** Saturday. Holy Trinity Church, Women's Guild Trash 'n Treasure Day from 9am, Holy Trinity Parish Hall, High Street. Good selection of bargains, cakes, drinks. Enquiries: Mrs Coulson 817 3539.
- 22** Sunday. Book Mini Sale by Friends of Kew Library in Kew Library lobby from 2pm to 5pm. Donations of recycled books sought. Leave at the loans desk or call 859 6415 or 859 5653 for pick-up.  
Sunday. Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver, 60th Concert at Sacred Heart Parish Church hall at 2.30pm, in aid of the poor of India. Admission free but a collection will be made. Enquiries: 817 3715.
- 23** Kew Daytime Garden Club meets at Kew Library Complex hall, off Cotham Road, promptly at 1.30pm. Enquiries; Mrs. Fearon, 859 2977.
- 30** Monday. Kew's Heritage Advisor, Mr Bryce Raworth, available for consultation. To arrange appointment ring the Planning and Development Department on 860 5250.



## DOG FEES DUE

**Kew Council reminds it dog-owning residents that the annual dog registration fee falls due on April 10.**

The fee for registering a sterilised dog is \$20 and an unsterilised dog, \$30.

Proof of sterilisation is required for the lesser amount. Concession of half the fee is available to residents who present their pension card entitlement when payment is made.

Following registration each owner will receive a numbered tag to attach to the dog's collar. The tag helps identify and return lost dogs quickly to their owners.

Along with all other municipalities, Kew Council is charged with the responsibility of administering Victoria's Dog Act. The Act provides for a \$200 penalty for an owner who fails to register their dog, a \$100 penalty for an owner who allows their dog to wander outside their residence during the day and a \$200 penalty for night wandering.

All complaints regarding wandering dogs are investigated by the Council's by-laws officers. If a dog is found wandering it will be placed in the Council's holding pound for one day and if its owner does not collect it, then the dog will be transferred to the City of Malvern Council Depot in Tooronga Road and will only be released on payment of a fee.

For more information on this and other by-law matters contact the Traffic and By-laws Department on 860 5252.

## STREETSCAPING PLAN

**Kew residents will soon be asked to comment on a newly completed streetscaping master plan for the city.**

Commissioned by Kew Council, the plan divides the municipality into 48 urban character areas based on topography, street width, type of buildings and existing garden and park plantings.

It details characteristics such as the condition of existing trees, the effects of overhead tram, electricity and telephone wires, and known requests from residents for particular street trees.

The plan also identifies linear parks, Kew's four main arterial entrance roads, shopping centres, reserves, and streets without trees or with existing but unsuitable trees, as the four main areas for improved planting opportunities.

Details of the plan are being incorporated in a brochure to be delivered in June to all Kew households. Copies of the masterplan will be available for consultation in Kew Library at the end of May.

Kew Council would like to hear from landscape architects resident in Kew who want to be involved in implementing the masterplan, or would like to join the Streetscaping Committee co-ordinating future projects.

The committee, which has been in operation for two years, meets in an honorary capacity.

Enquiries may be made by telephoning Kew's Operations Engineer, Mr Neill Hocking, on 860 5234.

# Commentary

The internal work of a local council is largely carried out in isolation from surrounding communities. But decisions that we make in Kew often impact on other communities and indeed on other regions.

Often several local municipalities have problems and shared interests in common and it is appropriate for them to provide a forum where these issues can be discussed and collective solutions can be found.

Kew is a member of such a forum — The Association of Inner Eastern Councils (AIEC).

Formed in the late 70s the aim of the AIEC is to determine policies for the region, to share resources and information, and to provide support for individual councils on important issues.

Along with Kew, other members are the cities of Hawthorn, Camberwell, Doncaster — Templestowe, Box Hill and Waverley.

The AIEC's general purpose is to concentrate on five major areas of operation — planning, community services, finance, human resources and industrial relations, and resource and information sharing.

On a regional basis the AIEC presents cohesive plans for its physical, economic and social environment, with particular emphasis on the region's future. It consults regularly with the Ministry for Planning and Environment on

matters of regional significance thereby ensuring that the concerns of member councils are fully considered.

It develops appropriate strategies and mechanisms for enhancing community services such as care for the elderly, children and for families, so that these services are delivered in a planned and co-ordinated way across the region.

It monitors and influences the allocation of funds by State and Federal governments to the Inner Eastern Region, presents a regional view of the industrial relations process, identifies occupational health and safety risks and develops solutions to combat these through a regional working group.

It also provides a forum which facilitates the sharing of combined resources and information relating to issues of concern in the region.

Membership of the AIEC is a very valuable management tool for this Council and its five partners. By joining together we are able to achieve stronger local government individually and collectively, gain greater recognition for the interest of our region, and develop co-operative strategies to resolve issues and problems common to us all.

An excellent example of the work of the AIEC can be found on page 5 in the item titled "Office Policy Launched".



*Cr. Michael Montalto, Mayor of Kew.*

## MEETINGS

**April 3 General Purposes Committee**  
7.30 pm

**April 10 Council 8.15 pm**

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 in Kew Library prior to each meeting.

## COMMUNITY BUS

**Would you like to drive or jockey for Kew's Community Bus?**

No special licence to drive is needed — your Victorian car driver's licence is sufficient to drive the Toyota Hi-Ace bus.

What is needed is three people prepared to commit themselves — one as driver, one as jockey — every third and fourth Thursday in the month between 9am and 11am and one as driver between 1.45 and 4pm.

It could be a couple, it may be friends, it may be three people who don't yet know each other.

If you think you would enjoy driving and helping those who are less able to get around Kew, please ring Wendy Rahaley at Kew Council on 860 5225.

## HIGH STREET PARKING CHANGES

**After canvassing traders in High Street between Charles Street and Highbury Grove, Kew Council is to change its parking restrictions for the area.**

On the north side of High Street between Cobden and Derby Streets, parking will be changed to a one hour limit between 9.30a.m. and 4.30p.m. Monday to Friday and from 9a.m. to noon Saturday.

On the south side of High Street between Highbury Grove and Charles Street, parking will be changed to a one hour limit between 9a.m. and 5p.m. Monday to Friday and from 9a.m. to noon Saturday.



## RESIDENTIAL POLICIES REVIEW

**Staff at Kew Council are to be assisted in their review of residential policies by consultants experienced in residential planning.**

The consultants will develop the format and scope of new policies based on the research and consultation process already undertaken by Council staff.

The Council is reviewing its residential planning policies because a study of dual occupancy in the municipality has shown that while the number of dwellings has increased, there has been no corresponding increase in the number of people settling in Kew.

The effect of this is that the cost of providing services to dwellings is increasing while the burden for those costs falls on fewer people.

The study shows that in the period 1976 to 1986, Kew experienced an increase in private dwellings of 12.1 per cent but a decrease in population of 5.1 per cent. At the end of the 1970s just over a quarter of Kew's dwellings were walk-up flats and unit developments rather than

traditional detached homes. But in 1986, this figure had jumped to 32% and with building approvals for two or more dwellings on one block of land currently averaging 10% of all new dwellings, this figure is set to rise again.

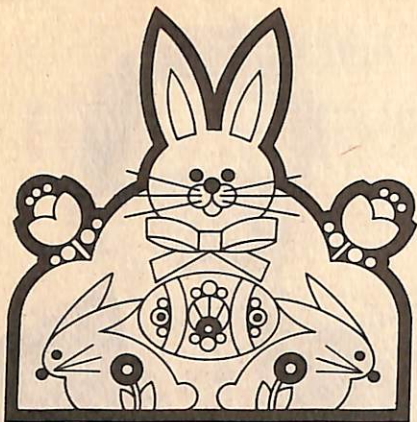
Manager of Planning and Development for Kew Council, Ms Janet Dore, said the increase in dual occupancy dwellings rather than traditional homes can be attributed to the 1985 changes to Victoria's Planning Scheme. She said the scheme gives as-of-right provisions to land owners wanting to provide two or more homes on one residential site. A building permit from the Planning and Development Department is the only permit required for Dual Occupancy development, so the Council has no say over the style or form that this type of development will take.

"Kew also has little control over such developments in terms of its own planning scheme. In reviewing its planning policies the Council believes it can make sure that new dwellings integrate with the existing residential fabric of the municipality and see that there is adequate protection of infrastructure services and development," she said.

Ms Dore said the Council had developed a brief for consultants and was now calling for detailed submissions from interested parties. She said once a consultant is appointed, he or she will be required to examine the information provided by staff, identify the key issues to tackle in the review, and provide advice on the nature, extent and details of new residential planning policies.

This information will then be provided to the Council to agree on a set of detailed objectives for its new policies and to decide on guidelines for the policies to be developed as a basis for community consultation.

She said Council staff will manage the community consultation process, but the consultants will document model policies and the desirable planning scheme changes necessary to achieve the Council's community objectives.



## HOLIDAY PROGRAM

**Kew Council's Easter Holiday Program for primary schoolers will be held again this year at Kew Primary School in Peel Street.**

The program includes venue-based activities such as arts, crafts, indoor and outdoor games, sports, videos, cooking and drama.

There is an exciting program of excursions which includes orienteering, ten-pin bowling, and a visit to Kew Traffic School. As well there is an entertainment program featuring singers, dancers and actors.

Pre-booking for the program takes place at Kew Primary School on Tuesday April 17, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Parents should use the Peel Street entrance.

The program will run from April 18-20 and April 23-27, except for the Anzac Day Holiday on April 25.

In addition to the program at Kew Primary School, the Council will open Kew Traffic School in Cotham Road as a drop-in centre, between 10a.m. and 3p.m. on the above days.

No staff supervision will be provided at the Traffic School and children will only be accepted if they are accompanied by an adult prepared to stay with them during their entire session.

Some bikes are available for children unable to take their own. The Council encourages all children to bring their own properly fitted bike helmets.

More inquiries may be made by contacting the Council's Recreation Co-ordinator, Wendy O'Neill on 860 5218.

## NOTICES

### Anniversary Fete

Kew Ballet Centre is celebrating its 21st anniversary by holding a fundraising fete at the Uniting Church Hall, 8 Power Street, West Hawthorn, on Saturday April 7 from 10a.m.

Entrance to off-street parking is via Grove Road. Proceeds from the fete will go towards staging a 21st birthday production at one of Melbourne's major theatres later in the year.

The fete features arts, crafts, cakes, biscuits, confectionery, Easter goodies, plants, jams, pickles, chutneys, a nuts and spice stall, trash and treasure, secondhand clothes and books.

Fete-goers can buy lunch from the sausage sizzle and other food stalls, or may choose a Devonshire tea for morning or afternoon tea. Eating facilities will be provided indoors and outdoors.

For more information contact Ms. Christine Zakis on 861 7076.

## LIBRARY CORNER

**In this new series of regular feature articles and book reviews, Kewriosity will bring you information designed to help you make the most of Kew Library.**

If you are housebound and tired of television, why not read for a change.

Even though you are unable to leave your home you can still borrow books by ringing the Red Cross on 616 9999 or Kew Library on 861 6745. Either will arrange for a friendly volunteer to meet you in your own home and discuss your reading needs with you.

You can borrow magazines, cassettes and records as well as books, and can choose from a selection of large print books as well as books in languages other than English.

The volunteer will borrow your requested items on your library card and return them to the library by the date due. Don't worry if your membership has expired or you are yet to join the Library. Membership is free and your volunteer will arrange for a membership card in your name.

If you are not housebound but cannot travel to the library without help, Kew Council runs a free Community Bus Service to the library every second Wednesday. The bus will call at your home, take you to the library, and then drop you home again. For more information on this service you can contact the Council's Community Services Department on 860 5223.

After reading this article perhaps you would like to become a Red Cross volunteer helping to service the housebound residents of Kew. At present Red Cross has 31 volunteers serving 18 nursing homes and 15 housebound people. If you are able to give some time to make someone's life more enjoyable through reading, please contact the Australian Red Cross Society on 616 9999.

## THE VIEW FROM THE DOME

**In the course of researching the history of their parish, Sacred Heart Church in Cotham Road has uncovered some interesting facts and amusing anecdotes.**

One particular tale concerns the time an assistant priest, struck by the possibilities of the view from the Church's dome, climbed up to take photos and got stuck.

Terrified lest he fall, the young priest had to be called down the ladder rung by rung, by one of the parishioners.

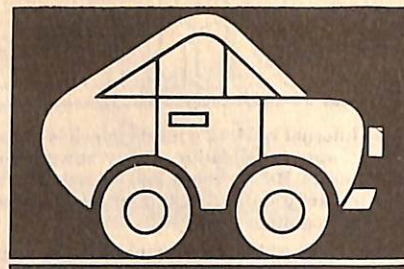
This story was recounted as part of an oral history project which, together with a short published history of the parish and a display of photographs and memorabilia, is one of the activities the Church has planned to celebrate its May Centenary.

The main celebrations begin on Sunday May 13 with a Centenary Mass celebrated by Archbishop Frank Little. A lunch in the schoolgrounds follows.

On Wednesday May 16 there will be a special mass for schoolchildren and the elderly followed by a basket lunch. The lunch will be provided and the children will entertain the elderly parishioners with a concert.

On Saturday May 19 there will be a celebration dinner dance at Angelucci's Receptions in Walpole Street, Kew, with dancing to Denis Farington's Big Band.

Present and past parishioners are welcome to all celebrations and for more information can contact Helen Wright on 817 5303.



## CAR CONTROL COURSE FOR YOUNG DRIVERS

**Young drivers in the 18-20 age group have a unique opportunity to learn car control and defensive driving techniques free of charge, thanks to the Rotary Club of Kew East.**

The Club is to make 12 free courses available over the next 12 months to young Kew drivers who write saying how they believe the course could benefit the community and themselves.

Co-ordinator of the program, Graham Spriggs, said the Club decided to make the courses available because it was horrified at the tragic loss of life and the permanent injury caused to young drivers on our roads.

He said that to qualify for the course each selected candidate had to supply his or her own car. The course is run over a one day period at Jim Murcott's advanced driving centre car control course at Sandown raceway.

The usual time is from 8.30a.m. to 4.30p.m., but this can be varied to suit the candidates, he said.

Further information may be obtained by ringing Mr Spriggs on 853 0011 during business hours.

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 3002, remembering to state their reasons for benefiting from the course.

## SINGLES TALK

**The world of the single adult may seem a glamorous life for some, but it can be a very solitary life too.**

Serendipity Positive Christian Singles in East Kew, exists to meet the needs of single people from all over the metropolitan area and to turn the negatives into positives.

Serendipity has an exciting range of programs which include restaurant evenings, cinema outings, barbecues, open house and fellowship afternoons.

Although based at East Kew Church of Christ, being a parishioner at the Church is not a prerequisite for membership of Serendipity, nor is regular churchgoing.

President of the group, Cheryl Johnson, said members come from all walks of life and are single for a variety of reasons.

For those made single through divorce, Ms Johnson is running a Divorce Recovery Seminar on Wednesday April 11, from 7.45p.m. to 10p.m. Supper is provided.

Subjects will include assembling the pieces, letting go, accepting a new identity, single parenting, building new relationships and remarriage.

For more information on the seminar or Serendipity, ring 397 5715 during business hours, or 819 7674 on Wednesday during business hours.

## ANZAC DAY

This year is the 75th anniversary of the Allied landings on Gallipoli.

To commemorate the occasion, the Kew sub-branch of the RSL will hold two services in Kew, followed by light refreshments in the sub-branch rooms. The services are being held on Sunday April 22, starting at 2p.m.

The commemoration comprises a march from the RSL sub-branch rooms at 63 Cotham Road to the War Memorial at Kew Junction and back to the memorial outside Kew Library. At both venues the RSL and Kew Council will lay wreaths. At the Library memorial four new plaques will be dedicated in honour of veterans who fought and died in Korea, Malaya, Borneo and Vietnam. The plaques will be placed adjacent to the existing memorial.

After the dedication, a short service will be held in Sacred Heart Hall where a first war veteran and member of Kew RSL, will give the occasional address.

All ex-service personnel and the Kew community are invited to join the services and RSL members for light refreshments in the sub-branch rooms later. Decorations should be worn.

Secretary of the Kew RSL, Mr Stan Parfrey, said "We are holding our services on April 22 because on Anzac Day there is to be a direct telecast of the dawn service at Anzac Cove, Gallipoli. This service will include about 60 veterans of the Gallipoli landings who are on a government sponsored pilgrimage. As a result of the broadcast Melbourne's Anzac Day March will begin one hour earlier on April 25 and since our members and their families may want to watch either, we decided to hold our services the Sunday before."

For further information contact Mr Parfrey on 861 7405, Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings.

*Kew Councillor, Gerry Petrie, who will go to Anzac Cove for the 75th anniversary of the Allied landings on Gallipoli. Photo: Jan Bottcher.*



## OFFICE POLICY LAUNCHED

A policy to guide future office development in the inner eastern region was launched last month by Planning and Environment Minister, Mr Tom Roper.

The policy, prepared by the Association of Inner Eastern Councils (AIEC), is the first policy to be developed and adopted by a regional group of Councils in the metropolitan area.

The AIEC developed the policy in response to concerns about the significant level of office development in the inner eastern region over recent years.

This development has seen approvals for 458,000 sq m of office space in 144 developments in Kew, Hawthorn, Camberwell, Doncaster-Templestowe, Box Hill and Waverley, in the years 1983 to 1988.

The six member councils intend to use the policy as a guide when considering applications or requests to rezone land for office use.

The recommendations it contains will provide a higher level of certainty to developers of commercial areas and to residents living near them.

Various commercial centres in the region are identified, graded, and appropriate policies for office development at each level area specified in the policy. Specific policies for office development in the region's industrial areas are detailed and the policy suggests circumstances whereby office developments could be considered

in locations of little or no commercial activity.

The policy also highlights the limited opportunities for future office development in some inner eastern district centres and the need for Councils to prepare detailed structure plans before permitting any further office developments. It cites the main constraints to development as traffic congestion, a shortage of land, and community opposition to further rezoning of land for office purposes.

## FEDERAL MINISTER IN FIRING LINE

A letter expressing Kew Council's concern for the future funding of Family Day Care programs has been sent to Federal Minister for Community Services and Health, Dr. Neal Blewett.

The Council wrote to Dr. Blewett following a recent letter from the Victorian Family Day Care Association which expressed concern that the Minister had received very little correspondence regarding family day care and suggested that he was not convinced there was a need for increased funding for the scheme.

The question of funding arose during the Federal election campaign when the government launched its plans for increased child care places.

Dr. Blewett was told that sponsors and users of family day care schemes would face vastly increased costs if the Industrial Relations Commission ruled that in future, caregivers would be regarded as Council employees.

At the time Kewriosity went to press, the

Commission had again postponed the hearing of an appeal by sponsors of family day care programmes to 24 April, following its earlier ruling that caregivers should be given similar award conditions to other child careworkers.

Manager Community Services for Kew, Mr. Bryan Berry, said that "Since child care is a federal responsibility, Kew Council believes funding to sponsors must be increased to cover any additional costs in operating the scheme. These additional costs should not be passed on to Local Government or to users of the scheme in the form of higher fees."

Mr. Berry said that at present Kew and Hawthorn Councils jointly administer the family day care scheme for the area, but caregivers are not on the Council's payroll.

Users and caregivers in the scheme are matched by family day care scheme co-ordinators employed by both Councils, but parents pay the caregivers direct for the services they provide.

**Possums Playgroup has vacancies for three year olds in its Monday and Thursday afternoon sessions running from 1.00p.m. to 3.00p.m.**

Parents can leave their child in the care of trained staff or may stay if they wish. In either event parents must participate in an on-duty roster four times each term.

Possums Playgroup is based at Kew Baptist Church Hall in Mary Street. More information may be obtained by contacting Kay Thompson on 859 3101 or Lois Craig on 818 4894.

## WORLD FOCUS ON LITERACY THIS YEAR

This year is United Nation's Literacy Year. The purpose of such a year is to highlight the social problems faced by people with literacy difficulties and to help remove the social stigma which often still accompanies illiteracy.

For someone having problems with literacy, knowing they have a problem and having the confidence to seek help, is often the greatest hurdle they have to jump.

The thought of joining a literacy class can be daunting, especially if little is known about how the classes operate.

But at Kew Community House, people with literacy problems can choose from one-to-one style tutoring to small group classes.

Tutors trained to understand the physical and emotional problems of literacy, guide their students through a set of learning materials at the student's own pace. Sometimes students who choose one-to-one style tutoring remain in that learning atmosphere because it suits them best.

But sometimes others who have gained confidence from their ability to learn to read and write effectively, go on to join a small group class. Others are happy to join a small group class from the beginning. They soon find that their classes are more like informal, friendly, social meetings where a group of people who need help with reading and writing, get together in a supportive, learning atmosphere.

Literacy co-ordinator at Kew Community House, Ms Carole Waldron, said "Our classes are designed to meet the needs of every individual. For some people, learning how to read to their child or grandchild is important, while for others, interpreting a recipe book is a high priority."

Learning how to write a shopping list is the start that some people need, while others need basic grammar to enable them to write to friends and relatives, she said.

"Whatever the need, we tailor each person's requirements to an appropriate program and we don't just teach basic literacy skills either".

People who have basic literacy skills often want to progress further by learning how to write reports and essays for work or for school. Others can extend themselves by learning how to write creatively or how to appreciate the books that they read.

"Then there are those contemplating doing VCE or tertiary study. We have programs which can improve the general level of literacy for these people and can give them the confidence to reach their desired goals", Ms Waldron said.

The most upsetting part about the worldwide problem of illiteracy, especially in Western countries, is the social stigma which can sometimes still be associated with it. Many people in the community assume that people who cannot read or write at all, or effectively, are not intelligent.

"Nothing could be further from the truth", Ms Waldron said. "Some highly intelligent people have simply had bad learning experiences in their formative years while others, equally intelligent, have lacked the learning opportunities so many of us take for granted".

While many of the barriers associated with literacy problems have been battered down, Ms Waldron says she hopes that by focusing our attention on International Literacy Year, the remaining social stigmas will cease.

If you know someone who would benefit from adult literacy classes, why not suggest they contact Carole Waldron at Kew Community House? The House is open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 9.15am to 3.15pm and Wednesday from 11am to 3.30pm, or Carole can be contacted on 853 0379.

There is no fee for attending literacy classes at Kew Community House as all programs are funded by the Division of Further Education.



## GARDEN WEDDINGS FEE

**Kew Council is to impose a \$100 fee for hiring Alexandra Gardens Rotunda for wedding ceremonies.**

The fee comprises a refundable deposit of \$25 to cover littering or damage and a \$75 non refundable fee to contribute towards cleaning and maintenance costs.

Chief Executive for Kew, Mr. Malcolm Hutchinson, said the Council had decided to introduce the \$75 fee component given its capital investment in the Rotunda and the maintenance cost associated with the structure.

"We believe a \$75 flat hire fee is not unreasonable, particularly when the majority of couples applying to use the rotunda come from outside Kew. Hirers have the security of knowing they are the only people who can use the Rotunda for a short, specified period and that Council staff will have cleaned the rotunda prior to their visit."

Mr Hutchinson said bookings will be taken on the understanding that Council staff clean out the rotunda on the last working day before a ceremony, but hirers will need to check the rotunda before use and clean up further if necessary.

"We chose this arrangement after canvassing people with bookings for the rotunda. All of them indicated a preference for cleaning up themselves rather than paying extra for such a service," he said.

Kew residents who would like to book the rotunda for their weddings should contact the Council's Executive Officer, Alan Chung, on 860 5202

## SIENA IS 50

**Siena College is celebrating its Golden Jubilee and is asking past and present students resident in Kew to take part in the celebrations.**

On April 27 the School's ex-students association has organised a dinner at Chaucer's, Canterbury; on April 28 there will be an education forum at the school titled "Contemporary Issues in the Education of Young Women"; and on April 29 there will be a Jubilee Mass and Open House at the School.

For more information and to book for the reunion dinner, contact Leonie Douglass, 818 2057.

## DEADLINE

**Copy for the May edition should reach the Municipal Offices, Charles Street, by Thursday, April 12.**

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## CREDIT CARD DEBT A NIGHTMARE

**A financial counsellor with Care Force Inner East says credit leaders have a moral responsibility to make sure that people who borrow have the ability to repay.**

Credit lenders seem only too happy to loan people money or provide credit facilities. Most do credit checks on their clients credit worthiness but don't adequately assess an individual or family's ability to repay their debts, she says.

The counsellor, Ms Daphne Thorne, says February and March are nightmare months for some families because they are the months when credit card bills reflect all the excesses of the Christmas season and school holiday period.

She said that many families run up debt on their credit cards during November, December and January just so they can provide their families with food and gifts, a few extras over the holidays, and the necessities for the start of a new school year.

Often they overspend without realising it or don't take sufficient account of the normal household expenses like rates, electricity, gas and telephone bills which come in at that time of the year, she said.

"Our society is fed by buy now and pay later consumerism and many people just don't realise they haven't got the income to service the debts they've incurred".

"Credit cardholders pay more than anyone else

to overcome their debt problems and sometimes they just get themselves out of debt and off the credit card merry-go-round, before it is Christmas time and the cycle starts all over again."

Ms Thorne says the pressure of debt on some families is enormous. Some experience the social stigma of bankruptcy, some compound their debt by hiding their problems and by borrowing from another credit lender to pay the bills of the first, and for some, marriage breakdown and the inevitable family split results.

Ms Thorne says that any family or individual in the Kew area experiencing debt problems, can be helped by Care Force Inner East. Financial counsellors at Care Force give free advice about rules and laws relating to bills and debts, help people work out payments with their creditors, and tell them about any Government assistance which may be available.

They explain what to do if fines, bills, or debts can't be paid, help organise a budget, and help with some consumer problems. The counsellors also give information about bankruptcy and refer to other organisations which may be of help.

Ms Thorne said Care Force encourages people to seek help with their financial problems as soon as the problems start. Counsellors don't stand in judgement and at whatever stage the problem is, they are there to give free advice.

Care Force Inner East is at 18 Balwyn Road, Canterbury. Daphne Thorne or Adrienne Kenna can be consulted by appointment by phoning 836 3311.

## PAINTING FOR KEW LIBRARY

The Yarra River has been the subject of many paintings since white settlement in Victoria and many local artists over the years have been seduced by its charms.

One such artist is Kew resident, Louise Foletta, whose watercolour "Yarra River at Studley Park", now graces Kew Library.

Ms Foletta's painting has been placed on indefinite loan in the library by its owners, Studley Park Conservation Society. The painting was donated to the Society three years ago at the height of Brunswick to Richmond powerline dispute.

The Society had called for donations from its members so that it could mount a possible legal challenge to the State Government's decision to build the powerline through a section of Studley Park. Ms Foletta, a member of the Society, donated her painting so that it could be sold to raise funds for the legal challenge if required.

This later proved unnecessary but Ms Foletta's donation still stood. At the end of 1989 when Studley Park Conservation Society decided to amalgamate with the Studley Park Association, a decision on the future of the painting had to be made.

The Society decided that with Ms Foletta's agreement, it would place the painting on indefinite loan in Kew Library for all Kew residents to see and enjoy.

The painting was formally presented to the Kew Community represented by the Mayor of Kew, Councillor Michael Montalto and City Librarian, Mr Alex Tarr, at a special ceremony in Kew Library on February 28.



The Mayor of Kew, Councillor Michael Montalto accepts "Yarra River at Studley Park" — a watercolour by local artist, Louise Foletta.

Photo: Jan Bottcher

## ONE YEAR ON FOR WOMEN'S CLUB

**Kew Ladies Probus Club is one year old.**

The Club celebrated its first year of operation last month and spokesperson, Ms. Jennifer Harvey said, "Members have all enjoyed the varied and interesting program of guest speakers and outings during the year".

She said the Club is a relaxed and friendly group where members have been able to renew old friendships or make new ones. "We are all looking forward to our second year of enjoyable meetings and outings together," she said.

Probus clubs are organised as single sex clubs for men and women. They usually have as members, retired or semi-retired business and professional people who appreciate the value of increased social contacts as well as the opportunity to meet with others who have similar interests to their own.

Each club is restricted to 75 members and some have considerable waiting lists for new memberships.

The success of the first ladies Probus Club in Kew prompted the formation of a second club late last year. The Ladies Probus Club of Kew East was formed in December, 1989 and already it has a waiting list for new members.

A spokesperson for the Rotary Club of Kew East which sponsored the formation of the new Club, said a third club could start up later this year if sufficient interest is shown.

Women who would like to place their names on the waiting list for Kew Ladies Probus Club should contact 862 1197 or for the Ladies Probus Club of Kew East, contact 817 5355.

## IN BRIEF

### Roadworks

Reconstruction of the south side of Cotham Road, between Normanby Road and Florence Street, starts this month and will be completed by the end of May.

### Hard Garbage

Hard rubbish collections start late April and will continue for about eight weeks.

Residents are asked to comply with the restrictions as listed in notices about the collections being delivered to each home, especially those which relate to bundling prunings.

The reason for these restrictions is to prevent accident or injury to collectors, as well as to save on costs and time.

### Drains

Work on replacing the existing brick barrel drain in Normanby Road should start on May 14 and is expected to take six weeks. The drain will be replaced by a reinforced concrete pipe.

### Belford Road

Reconstruction of Belford Road between Minto Street and Baker Avenue will start this month and should be completed by the end of May.

### Shared Pathway

Work on a shared pathway along the Outer Circle Reserve between Burke Road and High Street, will start soon.

The 2.4m wide coloured concrete path will take cyclists and pedestrians both ways and will be connected to the existing asphalt path near High Street and Owen Street.

The new path will eventually link through the E6 route to existing bike paths along the Yarra River.

## COUNCIL STRENGTHENS YMCA LINK

**Professional recreation managers, the YMCA, will manage Kew Recreation Centre for the next three years.**

Earlier this month the YMCA took up an extension option on its initial one year contract with Kew Council to extend its management of the Centre for a further three years.

The YMCA has managed the Kew Recreation Centre since it opened in February, 1989.

Kew's Manager Community Services, Mr. Bryan Berry, said the Council was more than delighted for the YMCA to continue managing the Centre following its outstanding success over the past year. "Council knew the Centre was a badly needed resource and was one that would prove extremely popular with residents, but didn't anticipate its overnight success", he said.

"That success is in large measure due to the professional management of the Centre by the YMCA and its commitment to thoroughly research and provide the types of programs that Kew residents want and expect?"

Mr. Berry said figures released by the YMCA last September showed that in the first six months of operation 11,000 people, or 107 people every opening hour, used the Centre's facilities each week.

With more than 140 diverse recreational classes catering for all age groups, levels of fitness and ability, and with annual memberships on the rise, we expect the next survey to show a considerable increase in user activity," he said.

Under the terms of its management agreement with the YMCA, Kew Council has the option to negotiate further extensions at the end of the current three year term.



## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Many thieves can't believe how well you advertise that your house is unattended, so giving them that all-important opportunity to divest you of your belongings.

Leaving messages on your front door which say "Gone to the shops — back at 3p.m." or "Key in usual hiding place", are really appreciated by a burglar.

If you must be out when someone is to call, arrange for your caller to collect a key from a trustworthy neighbour, or get your neighbour to let them know what time you'll be back.

Never leave a key in the fuse box, under the mat, or secreted in a pot plant. You are giving a burglar optimum opportunities to take your belongings if you do.

If you must be out when a service person is to call or a delivery is to be made, leave your key with your neighbour and ask them to supervise matters for you.

Your car is another of your belongings which needs particular care. Never leave your ignition key in your car unless you have to leave it at a service station or a supervised parking station.

And bear in mind that locking valuables in the boot is useless if your car has either an internal boot release switch, or fold down rear seats which access the boot.

If you have reason to suspect that a crime has been or is being committed, don't intervene but go to the nearest phone and ring 11444.

Neighbourhood watch meetings will provide you with more information on how to protect yourself, your home and your belongings. During April, Area H27 meets on April 10 at Kew Library Complex hall at 7.30p.m.; Area H26 meets on April 11 at Kew Bowling Club, 14 Wellington Street, at 7.30p.m.

For other area meeting dates or more information on Neighbourhood Watch, contact the 'H' district co-ordinator on 885 7270.

## 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.

Kewriosity is delivered monthly to every property in Kew, usually by local community groups who use the deliveries as a fundraiser. If you do not receive your regular copy contact Olwyn Eaton on 860 5204 or 862 2466.

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## TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT UPDATE

*Area 5 — bounded by High, Valerie, Asquith, Earl and Princess Streets.*

Design works for proposed modifications and additions to the Area's traffic scheme are now complete and construction work is expected to start within two months.

*Area 6 — bounded by Cotham and Burke Roads and High and Charles Streets.*

The Area 6 Traffic Management Committee has recently held two meetings to finalise its review of the existing area scheme and to develop its recommended draft modified scheme.

When completed, the modified scheme will be presented to the Council with the recommendation that it be circulated to residents of the area for comment prior to the scheme being finalised for Council approval.

*Area 7 — bounded by Barkers Road, High Street South, Studley Park Road and Walmer Street.*

Detailed designs for traffic treatments in the area are being drawn up and construction works are scheduled for later this year. Work on treatments being funded by Vic Roads will start before June and details of these will be included in next month's Kewriosity.

*Area 10 — bounded by Barkers, Burke, Cotham and Glenferrie Roads.*

At its February meeting Kew Council considered the traffic management scheme developed by the Area 10 Traffic Consultative Committee.

Residents in Area 10 have received a copy of the draft scheme and are being asked for their comments prior to a final scheme being drawn up for consideration by the Council.

For information about these and other traffic matters, residents are invited to contact the Council's Special Projects Engineer, Mr Russell Fairlie, on 860 5232.

### Garage Sale

Carnsworth — Garoopna Nursing Home in A'Beckett Street, Kew, is holding a fundraising garage sale on Saturday, April 28, between 8a.m. and 12.30p.m.

The sale features a selection of household goods which includes small equipment and appliances and some furniture.

For more information contact Mrs. Alix Atkins on 889 1432.

## BACK CARE SEMINAR

**People subject to back problems need to learn easy, innovative ways to care for their back.**

A seminar being conducted by Box Hill Hospital's health promotion unit, claims to have some of the answers.

The seminar is said to be of particular value to office workers, keyboard operators, housewives, sports people and anyone interested in back health.

Experts conducting the seminar include a doctor from the Community Medicine Department of Monash University, a physiotherapist and an ergonomist.

The seminar on Saturday April 7, runs from 9.30a.m. to 4p.m. Cost of \$45 includes a light lunch. It is being held at Box Hill Hospital in Nelson Road.

For information and bookings contact the Health Promotion Unit on 895 3452 or 895 3142.



## CONSUMER MATTERS

**If an enquiry concerns a product or service which was purchased, leased or rented from a trader for personal, household or domestic use, it is a consumer matter.**

The Kew and Hawthorn Citizens Advice Bureaux have just received a most comprehensive and up to date "Consumer Affairs Kit" compiled by the Victorian Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux.

The kit covers a wide range of issues from unfair business practices, shopping, consumer rights to services, complaints procedures, motor vehicles, building, home buying, product safety and standards, packaging and labelling, Small Claims Tribunal, credit tenancy, trade and professional associations, to consumer cost-saving schemes.

If you should have a consumer query, then this reference manual is available at both the Kew and Hawthorn Bureaux and the trained volunteers will be happy to assist you with any further information.

The bureaux hours of operation will be extended as from May 1 from 10a.m. to 3p.m. during weekdays, telephone 861 5244 at Kew and 819 2772 at Hawthorn.

The free legal service is available from 7.30p.m. to 9p.m. on Tuesday evenings at the Kew Bureau and on Wednesdays at the Hawthorn Bureau. Kew residents can direct their queries to either bureau.

Kew Citizens Advice Bureau is at the rear of Kew Library Complex with entrance via the Library or from ramped access at the rear.

The Hawthorn Bureau is on the corner of Manningtree and Glenferrie Roads, Hawthorn.

## INTRODUCING THE "FACT PACK"

**Kew, Hawthorn and Camberwell youth services departments have joined forces to offer a new and exciting holiday package for teenagers.**

The package, designed for use during this year's Easter holidays, is called Fact Pack. Based on the showbag concept, Fact Packs contain a free movie pass, vouchers called "funny money" and an information kit relevant to young people.

The idea of the funny money or voucher system is based on toy money used in popular board games. Young people will present their funny money in lieu of cash to businesses participating in the scheme. The businesses will then be reimbursed by the three Councils at the completion of the holiday program.

Fact Packs contain \$20 of funny money giving access to a wide range of activities. It is up to young people themselves to choose where to go, when to go, what to spend funny money on and even who to go with. Activities include ten pin bowling, roller skating, phaser strike at the Fun Factory, swimming and water slides, squash, Luna Park, the cinema and snooker.

Fact Packs cost only \$10 but are valued at \$25. They will be available for the Easter School Holidays and are valid until the end of April this year.

To obtain your Fact Pack contact the Youth Services Department at Kew Council on 860 5221.