

KEWRIOSITY

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DEAFNESS AWARENESS WEEK AT MLC

Students at Methodist Ladies' College, Kew celebrated Deafness Awareness Week in September in an unusual way.

At an ecumenical church service marking the beginning of deafness awareness week one deaf student read passages from the Bible orally while another used sign language with interpretation for the school's hearing audience.

During the week of celebrations, MLC's Junior School Choir and one Year Seven class sang and signed during chapel services and assemblies for their hearing and deaf audiences.

MLC's teacher of the deaf, Mrs. Helen Badcock, said "Even though we have 15 deaf girls integrated into classes throughout the College, the girls' singing and signing in services throughout the week was an excellent way of raising awareness of deafness in the College's larger community."

She said many hearing students at MLC have excellent signing skills and all the girls in the Junior School have now learned to sign and sing one song. "They always enjoy putting their signing skills into practice."

Mrs. Badcock said MLC's deaf integration program is the subject of two studies at present. An audiologist from Melbourne University's deafness studies unit is researching the use of radio frequency hearing aids in an integrated setting. A second researcher, a senior lecturer from Victoria College Burwood, is studying the use of sign language in educational settings.

Mrs. Badcock said the study findings should be very helpful to MLC and also to other schools working with deaf students.

She said that as well as these recent studies the Minister for Education commissioned a review of deaf education in Victoria earlier this year. Although the review is concentrating on the Government provision of schools and services for the deaf, MLC made a written submission to the review's working party.

Mrs. Badcock said "We were delighted when members of the working party expressed an interest in visiting the school to discuss our deaf integration program. It is a most successful model and we feel it has a lot to offer such a review?"



(Left to Right) Megan Fleming, Belinda Martin and Leah Gallin, all members of MLC's junior school choir, sing by signing at a special church service celebrating deafness awareness week in September.

CHILDREN'S WEEK

Children's Week, which this year runs from Sunday October 22 to Sunday October 29, features several events in which children and parents in Kew can get involved.

The theme for all the planned activities is the Children's Week theme chosen by the State Government — The Rights of the Child — Our National Responsibility.

A list of activities being held in Kew appears with the Dates on page two and an article on Kew Children's Integration Project being held during Children's Week appears on page seven.

DEMOCRATS ANNOUNCE KOOYONG CANDIDATE

The Kooyong branch of the Australian Democrats has announced its candidate for the next Federal election.

She is Ms. Jill Leisegang, Community Services Manager for Prahran Council.

Ms. Leisegang will contest the seat of Kooyong which is held by sitting member and Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Andrew Peacock.

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Dates for October

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Wednesday. Kew Historical Society's Annual General meeting at Kew Library Complex hall, off Cotham Road, at 8pm. All welcome, members urged to attend. Enquiries: Sue Leong, 817 4660.

Wednesday. Kew Ladies Probus Club meeting at Kew RSL Hall, 63 Cotham Road, at 10am. Members note: Guest speaker is Marjorie Lane from Radio for the Print Handicapped. Visitors welcome to attend with a member.

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Thursday. Annual General Meeting at Kew Community House, 6-8 Derby Street, at 8pm. Guest speaker: Mrs Jill O'Brien, environmentalist, conservationist and former Mayor of Kew. Enquiries: 862 3126

Thursday. Kew Festival Committee meeting, Committee Rooms, Municipal Offices, at 7.30pm. All welcome. Enquiries: Wendy O'Neill, 860 5218.

Thursday. Kew branch of Save the Children Fund, meets at 9.30am in Kew Library Complex hall, off Cotham Road. New members welcome.

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Monday. Kew auxiliary, Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital meets at Kew Library Complex hall at 1.30pm. New members welcome. Enquiries: 817 4671.

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Wednesday. "Know your Community" lunch, Kew Community House, 6-8 Derby Street, at 11.30am. Guest speaker: Ms Wendy O'Neill, Recreation Co-ordinator, Kew Council. Stay for lunch for just \$1.50. Enquiries: 862 3126.

Wednesday. Kew Arthritis Self Help Group meeting at 10.30am, Kew Library Complex hall, off Cotham Road, followed by outward bound visit for home bound arthritis sufferers. New members welcome. Enquiries: 862 2021.

Wednesday: Boroondara Bushwalkers meet at Kew Library Complex hall, at 8pm. Guest speaker: Phil Waring from the Federation of Victorian Walking Clubs. All welcome. Enquiries: Thelma McManis, 817 5548.

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

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

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Monday. Kew Daytime Garden Club meets at Kew Library Complex Hall, off Cotham Road, promptly at 1.30pm. "Show and Tell" All welcome. Enquiries: 859 2977.

* and 26. Teddy Bear's picnic at 10.30am and 2.30pm at Kew Occasional Care Centre, 21 Strathalbyn Street for children booked to attend on those days. Bookings, 859 6459.

* to November 3. Display of art work from children at Glass Street Kindergarten at ANZ Bank, High Street, East Kew. Open to everyone during banking hours.

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* Kew Hawthorn Family Day Care Open Day at Glenferrie Maternal and Child Health Centre, 588 Glenferrie Road, from 9.30am to 11.30am. Open to everyone.

* Kew Hawthorn Family Day Care Open Day at Kew Community House, 6-8 Derby Street, from 9.30am to 11.30am. Morning coffee, displays of activities and support available to caregivers, video on family day care service, and discussion "Sharing and Caring". Everyone welcome.

* and 26. Fourth Kew Cubs open meetings at Scout Hall, Glass Street, East Kew, from 7pm to 8.30pm. Ring Brad Miles to register interest before attending: 859 2236.

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Wednesday. Community Walk exploring the banks of the Yarra. Community Bus leaves Kew Community House, 6 Derby Street, promptly at 1pm. Cost: \$1. Enquiries: 862 3126.

* Fourth Kew Scouts open meeting at Scout Hall, Glass Street, East Kew, from 7pm to 9pm. Ring Brad Miles to register interest before attending: 859 2236.

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Thursday. Kew auxiliary, Royal Women's Hospital meets at Kew Library Complex hall, off Cotham Road, from 1.30pm to 3.30pm. New members welcome. Enquiries: Mrs Dietrich, 861 6059.

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* Friday. Pyjama party at Kew Occasional Care Centre, 21 Strathalbyn Street, for children booked to attend on that day. Bookings, 859 6459.

Items marked with an asterisk are activities organised as part of Kew's Children's Week Celebrations.

Further information on Children's Week may be obtained by contacting Kew Council's Recreation Co-ordinator, Wendy O'Neill, on 860 5218.

SPRING FAIRS, FETES

Holy Trinity Parish Fair, Holy Trinity Church grounds corner High and Pakington Streets, Kew, Saturday, October 28 from 9am to 3pm. Cakes, books, plants, sweets, fancy goods, trash and treasure. Enquiries: 861 7132.

East Kew Uniting Church Annual Fete, Church grounds corner Normanby Road and High Streets, East Kew, Saturday, October 14 from 9.30am to 3.30pm. Barbecue lunch and morning tea. Activities include games, lucky dip, Fire Engine, pets parade. Stalls include gifts, sweets, cakes, garden, white elephant, books, produce. Enquiries: 859 1229.

Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital Mini-Fete run by the Kew auxiliary. Saturday, October 21 at 159 Peel Street, Kew, from 10.30am to 3pm. Devonshire teas, crafts, plants, cakes. Enquiries: 817 4671.

Karana Baptist Homes Annual Fete, Saturday, October 21 starting at 12.30pm with a barbecue lunch. Asian food, stalls of cakes, jams, crafts, fancy goods, crockery, jewellery, books, trash and treasure, plant stall and Devonshire teas during afternoon. At 55 Walpole Street. Enquiries: 890 8542.

The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver's Annual Spring Fair, 154 Cotham Road, Kew. Saturday, October 14 from 9.30am to 4.30pm. Enquiries: 817 3715.

St Paul's Anglican Church Strawberry Fair, Church grounds corner Hale Street and Windella Avenue, East Kew. October 28 from 9am to 1.30pm. Stalls include gourmet items, cakes, handcrafts, plants, books, trash and treasure, children's stall, activities and games. Fresh strawberries and cream. Morning tea served, gourmet lunch and barbecue lunch available. Enquiries: 859 6618.

Deepdene Primary School Fete and Fireworks Display in School grounds, Burke Road near the corner of Cotham Road, October 21 starting at 4pm. Hot food, auction, stalls, rides, licensed for drinks. Fireworks start at nightfall. Enquiries: 817 1917.

NEW COURSES FOCUS ON SMALL BUSINESS AND RECREATIONAL SKILLS

Term four courses conducted by Methodist Ladies' College community education unit focus on computer and small business skills and recreational skills.

Small business courses give an overview of key planning issues in setting up a business, basic bookkeeping and the use of computers in small business, and buying a computer for home and small business use.

Computer courses range from an introduction to computers for those with little or no experience, to those which develop more advanced word processing and desktop publishing skills.

Recreational courses focus on summer fitness and summer entertaining while others focus on travel to exotic destinations. There are also studies in Asian and European languages.

For younger students there is French for juniors, maths enrichment and remedial maths for students in years six to nine. Term dates for all courses are October 9 to December 15.

For more information on these and other courses contact MLC's community education unit on 810 1333.

Commentary

Environmental issues have been the concern of many people over many years. But in recent months, citizens, organisations and governments have given them a high priority.

Important discussions taking place at government level in recent months and which are now the subject of a Parliamentary report, are those of the Victorian Parliament's Natural Resources and Environment Committee Inquiry into waste management in the greater metropolitan area.

The draft report of the Committee proposes the setting up of an umbrella group — the Metropolitan Waste Management Committee — to co-ordinate the work of existing regional refuse groups. It also suggests that member Councils adopt the same standards for refuse disposal and recycling systems and increase their level of financial commitment to meet the costs of improved disposal schemes and the setting up and running costs of the new waste management committee.

In general Council supports these and other

recommendations of the Committee, but none of the proposed changes can be implemented without additional costs being incurred to secure future tipping sites and to provide for our waste to be disposed of in an environmentally sound way. Already these needs are having an impact, with the Shire of Whittlesea (who provide our regional tip site) being forced to increase fees substantially and thereby effectively increasing our local rate by one per cent.

With few exceptions, Kew residents understand that in the interests of the City and the wider community, refuse disposal and recycling systems have to be improved. But what must also be understood is that every community member will have to share in the cost of those improvements.

Governments, both State and Federal, are reducing their levels of funding quite drastically in some cases in these tight economic times and yet are placing more and more demands on local government for improved services in areas such as waste disposal and recycling and other factors such as increased WorkCare levies and superannuation commitments.



Cr. Michael Montalto, Mayor of Kew.

MEETING DATES

October 10 Standing Committees 7.30pm
 October 17 General Purposes Committee 7.30pm
 October 24 Council 8.15pm
 October 31 Standing Committees 7.30pm

Meetings are held in the Committee Rooms and Council Chamber at the Municipal Offices, off Cotham Road, and all are open to the public.

Copies of agendas are available for consultation at Kew Library prior to each meeting.

COUNCIL SUPPORTS SUBMISSION ON YOUTH HOMELESSNESS

Kew Council has written to Community Services Victoria requesting support for the employment of a youth housing support worker for young homeless people in Kew, Hawthorn and Camberwell.

The idea for the housing support worker for the young homeless came from the sub-region of the Youth Accommodation Group. The group, which covers Kew, Hawthorn and Camberwell, has identified the need to increase youth accommodation in the three municipalities.

It says that statistics compiled by the Eastern region of the Youth Accommodation and Support Service, showed that last year 258 young people from Kew, Hawthorn and Camberwell applied for help to find somewhere to live. Of these, only one third could be helped.

Maureen McLaughlin, Kew Council's Youth Services Development Officer, says these statistics do not take into account requests to the Citizens Advice Bureaux, Council youth services officers, or Church-based organisations in the area, and the problem is therefore greater than the collected statistics show.

She said that very few young people actually choose homelessness. "Most young people become homeless because of family breakdown, parental separation, the loss of family income or family disputes. Often young people need to relocate because of their study and work commitments. The need for accommodation for young people in the three municipalities is quite staggering", she said.

Ms McLaughlin said the role of the youth housing worker will be to develop and implement strategies to help local groups provide accommodation for young people in Kew, Hawthorn and Camberwell. St John's Homes for Boys and Girls in Canterbury will manage the project and the sub-regional youth accommodation group will act as an advisory committee if the Government agrees to fund the project.

Young homeless people in Kew who need help to find accommodation, or young people who need help with other problems, can contact Maureen McLaughlin at the Youth Resource Centre, 10 Derby Street, Kew. Telephone 861 6828 or 860 5260.

BUDGET WORRIES FOR COUNCIL

Kew Council is facing the toughest budget decisions it has had to make for years in the wake of spiralling cost increases and big cuts in government funding.

Kew's rate income has increased generally in line with the inflation rate over recent years, whilst Council has built the Recreation Centre and new Library and absorbed cuts in government grants. But a combination of factors seems certain to push the increase much higher this year.

Basic operating costs will increase by 7.5 per cent, but on top of that Council will have to meet extra garbage disposal costs and higher WorkCare and superannuation charges. These are expected to add over three per cent to the rate increase.

Financial assistance from the Commonwealth Government will continue to decline, and in real terms will cost Council over \$97,000. The expected slow down in the building industry will also cut Council's income. A rate increase of nearly two per cent would be required just to offset these factors.

Kew's Chief Executive, Mr Adrian Halliday, said that none of these changes is able to be controlled directly by Council. "But more cutting of services is not an option. Council has again reviewed its programs and believes that the current level of service must be maintained. This has been shown in particular by absorbing more and more of the cost of community services over recent years, as the State Government progressively reduces its contributions."

"On the contrary," he said, "Council wants to upgrade its efforts in street cleaning, especially in shopping centres, and to improve its town planning capacity."

The new Local Government Act will also add to the Council's difficulties, as Kew prepares for changes which will limit income from minimum rates and place a greater share of rates onto the general ratepayer.

The Council is expected to finalise its 1989/90 budget later this month.

KEW'S CHIEF RESIGNS

Kew Council's Chief Executive Officer, Mr Adrian Halliday, has resigned after six years in the position to become the first Chief Executive Officer with the City of Oakleigh.

Mr Halliday has been with Kew during a time of considerable change. He took part in the planning and construction of the Recreation Centre, the Library and the Works Depot. He saw Council increase its involvement in traffic management and streetscaping and helped to consolidate Kew's consultative approach. He also assisted Council through the amalgamation debate and when the number of Councillors was reduced from 15 to 12, Mr Halliday played a major role in changes to Council's organisational structure.

"I have regrets about leaving because I enjoy the work and I have many friends in Kew. But I am looking forward to the different challenges which my new position will present", he said.

"I want to thank those people of Kew whom I have met over the past six years for their co-operation, and all the Councillors with whom I have worked. As well, I want to acknowledge the staff of the City whose responsiveness and commitment to service is first class".

Kew Mayor, Councillor Michael Montalto, commended the work of Mr Halliday.

"Adrian has contributed consistently through his leadership, understanding and friendship and he has always been constructive in his approach to problem solving. We are sorry to see him leave and wish him well for the future", he said.

Kew Council has appointed management consultants to assist with its choice of new Chief Executive and an appointment is expected to be made next month.

Manager Engineering, Mr Ian Poulter, will be acting Chief Executive in the interim.

NOTICES

BUSH DANCE

East Kew Catholic Tennis Club is holding a Colonial Bush Dance at St Bede's Parish Hall, Marwal Avenue, North Balwyn, on Saturday, October 21 at 7.45pm.

Dancing to "Five and a Zack". Adults \$12.50; students \$7.50. Supper provided, BYO drinks. Enquiries and bookings to Barbara Perugini, 859 5508.

KAYAKING CAMP

St Hilary's Anglican Church in John Street, Kew, has a large, active youth work group which includes Earth Club for adventure camping. Earth Club has limited places available for its kayaking camp being held at Jamieson from October 13 to 15.

Participants must be 15 and over but don't need any kayaking experience. All camp leaders are equipped and trained. For further information and application forms contact Ian Wallbridge, 890 7294.

HERITAGE ADVICE

Heritage Advisor, Bryce Raworth, of the Ministry for Planning and Environment's Heritage Advisory Service, will be in Kew on October 10 and October 31. Mr Raworth can provide advice to owners keen to conserve their residential or business properties. Contact the Town Planning Department on 860 5250 for an appointment or for more information about the service.

PARENT, TEACHER ADVICE

Professor Maurice Balson, author of *Becoming Better Parents and Understanding Classroom Behaviour*, will address parents, teachers, friends and students at St Anne's Primary School, Corner Beresford Street and Windella Avenue, East Kew, on Friday October 27 at 7.30p.m. Cost of tickets is \$8 per person which includes a chicken and champagne supper. To book ring 859 4116 during school hours or 859 3037 after hours.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

The Royal Guide Dogs for the Blind Association based at Chandler Highway, Kew, needs volunteers to help empty its collection tins in shops, offices, hotels and other organisations around the metropolitan area and to help compile and envelope material for its mailing campaigns. Volunteers can arrange the time that suits them best — weekly, fortnightly, monthly — and can work in pairs or with friends if they wish. Contact Cheryl West or Liz Featonby on 860 4444.

KINDER OPEN DAY

Studley Park Kindergarten is holding an Open Day for parents and their children on Saturday, October 14 from 9am to 11am. The Open Day is for parents who would like to enrol their children at the kindergarten in 1990 and beyond. For more details contact 861 7019. Studley Park Kindergarten is at 31 Stawell Street, Kew.



Last month the Mayoress of Kew, Mrs Salvina Montalto, hosted a visit to the Council Chamber by students from Glendonald School for Deaf Children in Marshall Avenue. Pictured with Mrs Montalto is Steven Colley, voted "Mayor of Glendonald" by his classmates. Steven, who thoroughly enjoyed his visit to Council, said "It was very interesting to see and hear how the Council runs and I especially liked being the Mayor of Glendonald." Photo: Jan Bottcher

LOCAL FAMILIES URGED TO JOIN EMERGENCY FOSTER CARE

In every suburb there are parents who need help to care for themselves and their children.

Most are those who do not have the support of relations, close friends or neighbours and so have difficulties when crises occur.

These crises are often the result of parental illness, accommodation or financial problems. In most cases the family unit consists of a single parent who feels overwhelmed by the difficulties faced. But most of all, the parent is concerned about who will care for the children in the short term.

Inner East Foster Care is an agency in the local area which supports families who need help to care for their children.

By placing children in emergency foster care in the local community, children have ongoing contact with their parents while the difficulties are overcome, close contact with their friends, and are usually able to continue at their present school.

This continuity is not only highly desirable but is essential if children are to be helped to overcome the trauma of such family problems.

Inner East Foster Care is currently looking for families in Kew who are willing to provide emergency foster care. The length of stay may vary from overnight up to six weeks. Families who foster are given practical, emotional and financial support from Inner East Foster Care as well as preparation and ongoing training.

Kew families who would like more information should contact Inner East Foster Care on 809 2744.

HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

Denise Francis is the epitome of health and fitness. But so she should be. Ms Francis has spent more than 10 years in the health and fitness industry — firstly learning how to be fit and healthy herself and then educating and promoting the benefits of a healthy lifestyle to others.

"If you lead a healthy lifestyle you look and feel great, you are alert and have more energy, and you are less prone to injury. Not only that, but you decrease the risk of illness and disease, increase your effectiveness and have more time to do the things you enjoy most. You also lose weight and develop a wonderfully positive feeling about yourself".

Ms Francis who came to Australia from Canada only recently, has conducted several healthy lifestyle seminars at Kew Recreation Centre since it opened in March this year.

Her next series of seminars starts on October 16 with Back to Basics — a seminar which teaches participants more about their backs, good posture in motion, getting "back" into shape, and posture tips which will keep them looking and feeling good.

The second seminar on October 30, will help participants recognise the symptoms and causes of stress in their daily lives and teaches them the skills to use stress to their advantage.

The third seminar on November 13 will teach them how to design a personalised nutrition and fitness plan to help cope with their hectic lifestyles and to ensure their diet is adequate. It will also teach a few basic principles to help them lose weight and develop positive feelings about themselves.

Each seminar runs for one and a half hours from 8pm to 9.30pm and costs \$7. The Healthy Living Series books quickly so interested residents should contact the Kew Recreation Centre on 861 6177 to make their bookings.



The Minister for Health, Ms Caroline Hogg, meets Sister Louisa from the Anglican Community of the Holy Name at St George's 40th birthday celebrations. Photo: Jan Bottcher

40TH BIRTHDAY FOR ST. GEORGE'S

St. George's Hospital Kew, which only two years ago was threatened with closure by the State Government, celebrated its 40th birthday as a public hospital on August 24.

At a ceremony marking the occasion, Minister for Health, Ms. Caroline Hogg, said that since its inception St. George's had been a true community hospital and a centre of excellence for the communities it serves.

She said that "Two years ago St. George's faced the same problem that many 38 year olds face — mid-life crisis. But now at 40 and in the prime of its life, St. George's has emerged from the difficulties of the past couple of years with renewed energy and looking for new directions."

Ms. Hogg said these new directions could mean increasing services for older people, new day services and day surgery facilities for an ageing local population, and a reduction in the length of stay for obstetric patients. She said the ideas for some new directions for the hospital were included in the first agreement ever drawn up between St. George's and the Health Department, an agreement signed only last week by the Hospital's Board of Management.

After her address the Minister cut a 40th birthday cake for distribution to every patient in the hospital.

Executive Director of St. George's, Mr. Malcolm Kinloch, said the signing of the landmark agreement between the hospital and the Health Department meant St. George's future was secure and well defined.

In 1987 when the State Government initiated debate over the hospital's future, Mr. Kinloch said the private to public patient ratio was 70:30.

"The low public patient number was one of the reasons the Government suggested that resources be placed elsewhere and the hospital closed. Since then we've received additional funding so we could take public patients awaiting elective surgery at St. Vincent's and the Maroondah Hospital in Ringwood."

As a result, Mr. Kinloch said patient numbers at St. George's have increased from 6,700 in 1986-87 to nearly 7,500 in 1988-89. Public patient numbers too are up 11% this year on 1986-87 figures.

Mr. Kinloch said St. George's is now providing a service to a wider section of the population while retaining its traditional local community link. "With the signing of the agreement with the State Government the stage has been set for St. George's to make a significant contribution to Victoria's health system for another 40 years," he said.

St. George's Hospital was originally a convalescent home and an alternative obstetric resource for women who did not want to give birth at home. Until it was bought by the Victorian Hospitals and Charities Commission in 1949, the hospital was owned and run by an Anglican order of nuns, the Sisters of the Community of the Holy Name.

OCTOBER CLEAN-UP FOR YARRA

Community groups, corporations and individuals from all over Melbourne are gearing up for the Board of Works Community Clean-Up of the Yarra River on Sunday, October 15.

Kew Council is supporting the Board of Works and has appointed its Works Engineer as liaison officer for the Kew sector. Council will also remove the rubbish collected from within Kew's boundaries on the day.

Mr. Jeff Floyd, Director of Corporate Development for the Board, said the community clean-up day was organised to involve the Melbourne community in a major event which will help the City's bid to host the 1996 Olympic Games.

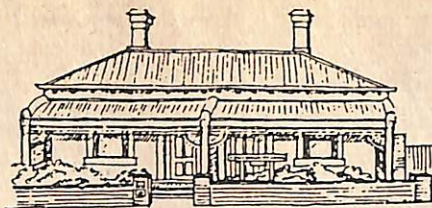
As well as that, the Board wanted to lend its support for the Lord Mayor's "Golden Gloves" clean-up campaign and to highlight its concern at the increasing volumes of rubbish which get into the river via the drainage system.

Mr. Floyd said "We hope the clean-up day will bring home the message that it is the community which is ultimately responsible for the cleanliness of our waterways."

He said the Board of Works spent \$350,000 last financial year removing 2,000 cubic metres of rubbish from Melbourne's waterways — \$100,000 of which was spent on the Yarra alone.

Kew community groups, corporations and individuals who are willing to help clean up the Kew section of the Yarra should contact Council's Works Engineer, Mr. John McCarthy, on 860 5234 to make arrangements.

KEW COMMUNITY HOUSE



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Did you know that reading, writing and numeracy can be learned through cooking?

Our literacy program, new this year, includes a class called Improve Your English While You Cook. If you know someone who needs help with basic reading and writing, the class is a delicious way to learn.

Literacy co-ordinator, Lynne Matheson, pioneer of our literacy program and the literacy through cooking class, left us in September to have her second child. We are sorry to lose Lynne but have welcomed new literacy co-ordinator, Carole Waldron, in her place.

Carole has been part of our Wednesday group for some time. She's begun working on some new literacy programs already even though she only took over from Lynne just a few weeks ago.

This term Carole is holding informal discussion groups on different kinds of English conversation and writing, as well as continuing our book discussion group. Carole's classes are small, supportive and friendly. Not like school at all!

Science for Women in our term four program takes an interesting look at how science affects

women's everyday lives and is specially for those who have an interest in science but have never studied it.

Then there's practical courses like Helping Your Children Like Maths, Making Gingerbread Houses, Deliciously Different Christmas Gift Cooking, Creating a Christmas Topiary Tree and How to Make a Christmas Table Centrepiece.

If none of these courses appeal and if you want to come out of the winter woodwork and get fit for summer, why not join us in No Leotards Required — a small, new class for people who are nervous about getting fit but would really like to make a start? The class includes some walking.

As well as this selection of courses and classes, our German Conversation class continues and there's lots more on offer if you would like to give us a call.

Now for one last important announcement: our annual general meeting will be held on Thursday October 12 at 8 p.m. when guest speaker will be Mrs. Jill O'Brien, environmentalist and former Mayor of Kew. Jill will speak about some of the environmental issues in Kew and we'd love to see you at our House to hear her speak.

CORONER HIGHLIGHTS DANGERS IN CHILDREN'S PLAY

The Deputy State Coroner, Mr. Graeme Johnstone, has warned parents about the dangers of children playing in enclosed spaces like disused wells, septic tanks and shafts.

Mr. Johnstone made his remarks at the inquiry into the death in January this year of a child from Hampton Park. The child was playing with friends in a disused well on vacant land near Pound Road, Hampton Park, when he was overcome by carbon monoxide fumes.

Mr. Johnstone found the owners of the land were not aware of the well's existence nor did it appear on Council records.

In his report Mr. Johnstone suggested that a copy of his recommendations in relation to the accident be sent to local councils in the hope that they would take some action to educate local communities of the dangers of children playing in enclosed spaces.

Kew Council's Manager Engineering, Mr. Ian Poulter, said "We decided to publicise this issue through Kewriosity so that parents can warn their children about the dangers of playing in enclosed spaces or in territory unfamiliar to them."

"Accidents like this happen with a suddenness that children can't possibly predict and we owe it to them and to ourselves to warn them of some of the consequences of their activities."

Mr. Poulter said his department would be happy to hear from parents or residents who know of vacant land or open spaces which could be dangerous to children at play.

The Engineer's Department can be contacted on 860 5234.

SHOPPING FOR CHRISTMAS?

If you are stuck for a Christmas present for the person who has everything, why not buy them a copy of Kew Living 1988?

Kew Living 1988 documents in 72 superb black and white photographs, Kew as it was in Australia's Bicentennial Year.

The book is designed to be an historical record of Kew and is something which can be handed down in families through generations to come.

Normally priced at \$39.95, copies of the book have been reduced to \$29.95 from now until December 22.

You can obtain your copy of Kew Living 1988 at Kew Library or the Municipal Offices in Charles Street and at most local newsagents and booksellers. For further enquiries contact Alan Chung, Executive Officer, on 860 5202.

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Kewriosity is a local newsletter which combines Kew Council and community news and items of interest and importance to local residents.

It is produced and published by Olwyn Eaton, Information Officer for the City of Kew, and a community-based Editorial Committee (of at present) three Kew residents.

Kewriosity is delivered to every property in Kew, usually by 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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MEDIATION A PLUS FOR FAMILIES

Divorcing or separating is nearly always a painful experience for the whole family.

Yet at a time when conflict is at its height and there is considerable emotional distress and family disruption, some important and difficult practical decisions still have to be made.

Traditionally couples have each consulted a separate solicitor. But sometimes this has led to increased conflict, a costly legal battle, and a judge's decision which may not suit either party.

For these and other reasons the Marriage Guidance Council of Victoria set up its family mediation service.

Family mediation is designed to help separating couples end their marriage as amicably as possible by making a mutual agreement about the future of their children, finances and property.

Over several sessions, mediators with family law or family counselling experience help the couple identify and clarify matters of concern, review each family member's needs and resources, and develop plans which meet as fairly as possible the whole family's needs.

Mediators remain neutral throughout this whole process and do not make decisions for the couple nor provide legal or counselling services. They do however, recommend that each party seek independent legal advice during the mediation process and suggest counselling services if appropriate.

While the agreement drawn up by the couple during family mediation is not legally binding, they can seek legal assistance to make it so.

The Marriage Guidance Service based at 46 Princess Street, Kew has two mediators available between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on weekdays and sessional mediators on Wednesday evenings. Sessions are usually conducted weekly or fortnightly and last one and a half to two hours.

A small fee related to gross family income is charged for the sessions because Federal government subsidies do not meet the full cost of family mediation. Fees range from \$10 on an annual gross family income of \$15,000 or less, to \$70 for an annual gross family income of \$80,000. Fees on incomes over \$80,000 are negotiable.

For more information or an appointment, contact the Marriage Guidance Council of Victoria on 861 5354.

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WANT TO PLAY CRICKET?

Kew Willsmere Cricket Club needs players to join its "C" and "F" grade senior teams.

The Club is affiliated with the Eastern Suburbs Cricket Association and can promise new players some lively competition.

Further information can be obtained from Ted on 882 8568 or Tony on 898 2407.

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DEADLINE

Copy for the November edition should reach the Municipal Offices by Monday, October 9.

Contributors should note that unused articles may be held over to the December/January edition. Items deemed to be of most importance will be given priority.

UN TREATY ON CHILD'S RIGHTS

An information kit developed to teach school children about the new United Nations convention on the rights of the child, contains drawings contributed by Kew schoolchildren.

The kit, launched on August 23 by human rights and equal opportunity commissioner Mr. Brian Burdekin, was produced by Kew-based organisation, Foster Parents Plan in partnership with the Human Rights Commission and several other children's organisations.

Primary schoolers from Carey Grammar and Methodist Ladies' College junior schools and Deepdene Primary School, were asked to prepare drawings for reproduction into posters contained in the kit.

Ms. Michelle Scully, development education officer for Foster Parents Plan, said the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child examines the rights and needs of children and outlines the duties and responsibilities of government and other adults to children and their families.

Ms. Scully summed up the rights of the child as the right to survival through the provision of adequate food, shelter, clean water and primary health care; the right to protection from abuse, neglect, exploitation and special protection in times of war; and the right to develop in a safe environment through the provision of formal education, constructive play, advanced health care and the opportunity to participate, free from discrimination, in the social, economic, religious and political life of their culture.

She said although it is almost certain that Australia will sign the Convention later this year, the Federal government must make sure that Australia's domestic laws meet the standards set in the Convention and put in place the services recommended in the Convention.

Ms. Scully said Foster Parents Plan is promoting and fostering an understanding in Australia of the need for child's rights and protection because of its work for needy children, their families and communities in 26 countries around the world. She said that about 40,000 children die each day around the world and that in Australia, an estimated 70,000 children are homeless or are at risk of being homeless.

Kew residents who would like more information about the United Nations convention on the rights of the child can contact Foster Parents Plan national headquarters, at 2 Highbury Grove, Kew, phone 862 1077. A booklet entitled "In the Child's Best Interests" provides a thorough yet simple guide to the 53 articles contained in the Convention. It is geared to people of all ages and is an excellent vehicle for educating children of their own rights, Ms. Scully said.



Drama students from Preston College of TAFE at work planning Kew Children's Integration Project. Photograph: Jan Bottcher.

EXCITING NEW VENTURE IN CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINMENT

Kew's Children's Integration Project scheduled for Children's Week at the end of October, is an exciting and challenging venture never before undertaken by the City of Kew.

In a series of children's theatre and puppetry performances, audiences of children with and without physical disabilities will be introduced to the notion of integration through entertainment.

By bringing together able bodied children and children with disabilities, organisers hope the idea of integration as an issue for school children can be introduced and the subtleties explained.

The project is being organised by Kew Council and Kew Recreation Integration Group. It has been designed to break down the children's perceptions of disability, to show disabled children that they can participate in activities with able-bodied children, and to help children with disabilities feel more comfortable in an integrated setting.

For able bodied children, organisers hope the project will create an awareness of and an appreciation for the difficulties facing children with disabilities. They also hope the project will present everyday experiences of children with

disabilities and that the integration of disabled children will provide a role model for future participation in integration by able bodied children.

All the performances in the project have been researched and scripted by drama students at Preston College of TAFE. As well as performing in each show, the students will produce and promote each performance in the series.

During performances the actors will take the children on a journey which focuses on all the senses they normally take for granted — especially those of taste, touch and smell. The children will participate in all the performances through such things as tactile experiences and the use of percussion instruments.

Each performance has been designed for children aged four to eight years. Performances will be held in Kew Library Complex hall during Children's Week which runs from October 22 to October 29.

Local school children have been sent invitations through schools and kindergartens but enquiries about the project may be made by contacting Council's Recreation Co-ordinator, Wendy O'Neill on 860 5218.

CUTS IN STATE BUDGET HALTS E6

Cuts in funding to Victoria's Roads Corporation mean that construction of the E6 arterial route from Chandler Highway to High Street, will be delayed for 12 months.

The Corporation has allocated funds in its budget for this year to complete land acquisition along the route but does not have enough funding for the route's construction. The planned route runs along Earl and Asquith Streets from the Chandler Highway to High Street.

Kew Council has welcomed the decision because it means residents, business people and

the Council will have more time to decide on the future rezoning of an area south of Harp Road which is surplus to the Corporation's plans for the E6 route.

The land, on the southside of Harp Road and adjacent to the Outer Circle Linear Park, has been the subject of discussion for some months.

Letters outlining the rezoning options were sent by the Council to all business premises and residential areas surrounding East Kew shopping centre at the Harp Junction.

They have resulted in overwhelming support for the creation of a service business zone and a residential C zone for the area. Residents and traders have adopted a "thumbs down" approach to the suggestion of a car park area on the west

side closest to Harp Junction, for retailing on the Harp Road frontage, and to a restricted business zone for the commercial section of the area.

3,500 people signed and presented a petition to Council requesting that Dunning's Wood Yard on the north side of Harp Road be retained. The wood yard could be permitted in either a restricted business or service business zone.

As a result of the discussions and survey findings, Kew Council has written to the Roads Corporation saying it considers a service business zone and residential C zone appropriate for the area. But it says it will not support the idea of a carpark until overall plans for the Harp Junction development and allocation of car spaces are available for further community comment.

ARA ENCOURAGES READING FROM BIRTH

Daniel Roberts of Montmorency was less than 12 hours old when he received his first book, a gift of the Australian Reading Association.

The book was given to Daniel to celebrate his birth on International Literacy Day, an occasion celebrated worldwide on September 8 each year.

Daniel, who was born at St. George's Hospital at 12.55 a.m. on September 8, was the first child born at the hospital that day but he was not the only child to receive a book.

Every child born in Australia on International Literacy Day was presented with a book by the Australian Reading Association. The books were donated by children's book publishers throughout Australia.

President of the Melbourne Council of the ARA, Ms. Sarah Deasey, said "Our project is the only one of its kind in the world which operates at a national level. It is a significant effort by the ARA to promote literacy and a love of reading in the Australian community."

Ms. Deasey said this is the fifth year in succession that books have been presented to all babies born on International Literacy Day and the fifth year that St. George's Hospital has participated in the project.

"By making these presentations, we aim to acknowledge the crucial role that parents play in helping their child to learn to read. Our idea is to promote a love of reading right from birth and to encourage parents to surround their children with books in their homes."

"Children learn to read by the sharing of books and the reading of bedtime stories. We also know that children who see their parents reading books usually learn to read with enthusiasm."

The Australian Reading Association is a non-profit organisation of educators, speech therapists, librarians and parents interested in encouraging the community to value books and for reading to be seen as a positive, enjoyable experience.



Newborn, Daniel Roberts, with his parents Dianne and Peter, receives his first gift: a book donated by the Australian Reading Association and presented to him by Sarah Deasey (right) president of the ARA's Melbourne Council. Photograph: Jan Bottcher



WISE WALKING

The latest fitness program to be introduced at Kew Recreation Centre in High Street, is Y's walking: powerwalking the YMCA way.

Y's walking increases aerobic fitness, lowers blood pressure and lowers the resting heart rate. It reduces body fat, improves circulation and decreases anxiety, stress and tension.

And if those benefits are not enough, Y's walking is for people of all ages and all standards of fitness.

Each walk takes about 50 minutes to complete and includes regular pulse checks, gentle exercises, stretching exercises and a cup of tea or coffee over a chat at the end.

Y's walks are being held on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays at 9 a.m. and 11.30 a.m. Over 50's can join in at 2 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays and Sunday strollers at 10 a.m.

Y's walks cost \$4 for adults or \$3 concession. They are free with a Kew Recreation Centre gold pass or half price with a gym plus membership.

For more information or to book contact the Kew Recreation Centre on 861 6177.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DAY

Kew Youth Resource Centre at 10 Derby Street is holding an open day for young people and their families on Saturday, October 28.

Activities start at noon and include street theatre, music, and appearances by Victorian Football League and National Basketball League players. Throughout the afternoon there will be information displays, self defence, skateboarding and billiards demonstrations, and a table tennis display.

The open day concludes with a young people's disco starting at 7.30 p.m. in Kew Library Complex hall, off Cotham Road.

The Open Day is being planned and organised by a student in Recreation at Phillip Institute of Technology with Council's Youth Services and Development Officer and Recreation Co-ordinator.

Kew Council hopes that by holding the Open Day it will increase young people's awareness of the resources that exist for them in Kew and that it can increase community awareness of the needs of young people.

The Council hopes that young people and their parents who attend the Open Day will take the opportunity to meet with its Youth Development Officer, Maureen McLaughlin, to talk about future activities and directions for the Youth Resource Centre.

Young people wanting more information should contact Maureen McLaughlin on 861 6828 or Angela Armstrong on 860 5260.

SECOND ROUND OF HARD RUBBISH COLLECTIONS STARTS SOON

Kew Council's second round of hard rubbish collections for the year starts soon.

In each area residents will be notified by letter of the dates for collection and Council will give advice as to the nature of the items which can be left out.

The unseasonal growth of trees and bushes last summer was one of the reasons for delay in collection in some areas of Kew earlier in the year and Council hopes the problems won't be repeated in this collection round.

Manager Engineering, Mr. Ian Poulter, says residents can greatly assist Council by only putting out hard to get rid of items, by tying and securing prunings so they are less unsightly and less hazardous to passers-by, and by complying with the guidelines for collection sent out by Council.

"Kew has a fairly good record as far as recycling services are concerned and we hope that in this round of hard rubbish collections we won't see as much paper, cardboard and bottles as we saw earlier in the year. We hope also that since our last hard rubbish collection, residents have been using our regular recycling services and the four free tip vouchers presented to them each year by Council to dispose of their garden refuse, lawn clippings and prunings," he said.