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The Deputy Mayor of Kew, Councillor
Daryl Oldaker.



The Mayor of Kew, Councillor
Michael Montalto.

New Mayoral team looks to the future

Councillor Michael Montalto and Councillor Daryl Oldaker made history at Kew Council's Statutory Meeting on August 8 by being elected the first Mayoral "team" in Kew's 128 year history.

Councillor Montalto, 40, was elected the City's Mayor and Councillor Oldaker, 39, Kew's first Deputy Mayor.

Both Councillors describe themselves as strategic and forward planners at heart. As the first mayoral team elected to represent the City, they are keen to guide the Council in its strategic and forward planning deliberations over the next year.

Councillor Montalto said "Since I was elected in 1987, Council's strategic and forward planning has been diverted to some extent by some very important changes we've made to our administrative style and some very important local issues which have taken up a lot of our time."

He said the changes to a corporate-style administration for Council are now complete and important developments such as the Recreation Centre, the de-commissioning of Willsmere, the Brunswick to Richmond powerline and issues such as the Kew Conservation Study, Traffic Control and Town Planning initiatives are now well in hand.

That means that in the next year Council should be able to concentrate on issues that will affect the future of the City to meet the current and future requirements of its residents.

Councillor Montalto said his main focus will be on forward planning and town planning matters. "I'm very keen to make sure we deal with those issues which will enhance the residential nature

of the City so as to strike a balance with the development of our commercial, office and retail zones."

"Council must also continue to look towards its services to the community. It's very important that we maintain support for families, for working parents, for young children and for an ageing population."

Deputy Mayor, Daryl Oldaker, said "neither Michael nor myself are single issue Councillors. We are Councillors for the whole City as well as for our respective wards." He says his aim is to provide support to the Mayor in the formulation of ideas and the solving of issues he faces as the City's leader. "I'd like to help Council take a more pro-active approach to decision making and to make sure that these decisions always take a long-term view. It's very important for Kew that we strategically plan our future City so that planned residential and commercial development takes place. Unless we take a strategic approach, planning will be reactionary and piecemeal and single interests could damage the sort of City we would like to leave for our future residents."

Councillor Oldaker said there are two other areas of concern to him. "I would like to see Kew grab the initiative and become an innovative leader in environmental matters like waste disposal. Over the last few months, Kew residents have shown new attitudes towards the problem of waste disposal, air pollution and visual pollution. Clearly they care a lot about Kew and they have shown that they are open to the idea of tighter local environmental controls."

Councillor Oldaker would also like successive budgets to take account of the deterioration over recent years, in Kew's roads, drains and footpaths.

To find out more about the Mayor and Deputy Mayor, read their profiles on page 3.

Maternal and Child Health review

Kew Council has deferred any decision about a possible cut to sessions at its three Maternal and Child Health Centres pending advice on funding arrangements from the State Government.

As things now stand, Kew could lose one half day session per week should the Government implement a proposed fair-share formula for funding Maternal and Child Health Services throughout the State. The formula is calculated by assessing birth notices, population density, area size and the numbers of non-English speaking parents.

Council's decision came about following a review of its maternal and child health services. The review, completed in March, sought opinions on all aspects of services provided at Kew's three Centres by current service users.

The review, commissioned and administered by the Maternal and Child Health Review Committee on Council's behalf, confirmed the Committee's view that maternal and child health services should be maintained at their current level.

The Committee has recommended Council retain the current number of sessions per week at its own additional cost, despite threatened cuts to funding by the Government.

The review confirmed that parents need and want access to qualified and experienced staff who can give information and referrals and can help develop parenting skills. Maternal and child health nurses were seen as providing expertise, wisdom, reassurance and support, and as being non-judgmental in their attitudes.

Parents agreed that the neighbourhood focus of Kew's centres facilitated networking and social contact for new parents, new residents and families with little or no extended family support.

The review results also support Council's view that triple certificate nurses should continue to provide maternal and child health services and that the Centres remain the cornerstone of Council's children and family services provision.

Among other recommendations in the review was the need for Council to look at the option of weekend and evening sessions, the levels of staff involvement in Centre playgroups, and the possibility of introducing new parenting services provided by appropriate agencies.

The Council has asked Kew Children's Services Consultative Committee to meet twice yearly to monitor, implement and respond to the recommendations of the review.

Kew residents who would like to join the Committee or who have enquiries about Kew's Maternal and Child Health Services, should contact Elizabeth Sullivan, 860 5223.

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Dates for September

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.

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Sunday. Spring Concert at Holy Trinity Church, corner High and Pakington Streets, at 2.30 pm. Phone 861 7132 for details.

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Monday. Country Women's Association, Kew/Balwyn branch, meets at 12.30 pm in the Uniting Church hall, 142 Normanby Road, East Kew. Guest speaker from the Australian Red Cross. New members welcome. Contact: Shirley Robinson, 819 1686.

Kew Conservation Study Review Committee meeting at 7.30 pm in the Committee Rooms, Municipal Offices, off Cotham Road. All welcome. For subsequent September meeting dates and other enquiries contact Yvonne Weare, 860 5251.

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Tuesday. Asthma Education sessions at the Asthma Foundation, 2 Highfield Grove, Kew at 10.30 am and 7.30 pm. Talk by a specialist, video and demonstration of techniques. Enquiries: Margaret Hampson, 861 5666.

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Wednesday. Children's immunisation session at North Kew Maternal and Child Health Centre, 152 Peel Street, at 9 am to 10.30 am. *Note: measles/mumps immunisation will only be given between 9am and 10am.* Enquiries: 861 9466.

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Wednesday. Kew Historical Society meets at Kew Library Complex hall, off Cotham Road, at 8 pm. Guest speaker, Doctor Cliff Judge, on Kew Cottages. Visitors welcome. Enquiries: Sue Leong, 817 4660.

Kew Ladies Probus Club meeting in Kew RSL Hall, 63 Cotham Road, at 10.00 am. Members please note: Guest speaker is Sally Rennie, Women's Investment advisor.

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Thursday. Kew Garden Club meets at the Senior Citizens' Centre, corner High and Childers Streets, at 8 pm. Guest speaker: Thea Sartori with an Ikebana demonstration. Young and old all welcome. Enquiries: Mrs Morgan, 861 7057.

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Sunday. Friends' of Kew Library book mini-sale in foyer, Kew Library, from 2 pm to 5 pm. Enquiries: 859 5653.

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Monday. Kew Auxiliary of the Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital meets at Kew Library Complex hall, off Cotham Road, at 1.30 pm. New members welcome. Enquiries: 817 4671.

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Wednesday. "Know your Community" lunch, Kew Community House, 6-8 Derby Street, at 11.30 am. Guest speaker: Fran Van Brummelen, senior social worker at Kew Cottages, will speak on the transition from institutional life to the community. Enquiries: 862 3126.

Kew Arthritis Self Help Group meets at 10.30 am in Kew Library Complex Hall, off Cotham Road. Guest speakers: Bill and Helen Reeve from Kew Historical Society with "Reminiscences of Kew". New members welcome. Morning Tea served. Enquiries: 862 2021.

Boroondara Bushwalkers meeting at 8pm in Kew Library Complex hall, off Cotham Road. Slide presentation of past walks. New members always welcome. Enquiries: Thelma Hughes, 817 5548.

See "Chariots of Fire" at Camberwell Film Society's monthly meeting in the Camberwell Library theatre, off Camberwell Road, at 7.45 pm. Enquiries: Jean Catford, 288 6299.

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

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

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Saturday. Camberwell Music Society's Saturday Series Concert featuring the Geminiani Chamber Orchestra and soloists. St John's Hall, 552 Burke Road, Camberwell Junction, at 8.15 pm. Enquiries: Margaret Sharp, 29 3935 or Dorothy Thorpe, 288 2200.

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Monday. Kew (Daytime) Garden Club meets at Kew Library Complex hall, off Cotham Road, at 1.30 pm. *Note: new venue. Guest speaker: Les Russell on Pruning.* Enquiries: 859 2977.

Head Lice Infection hits local Schools

A considerable rise in the numbers of Kew school pupils infected with head lice is worrying Kew Council's health surveyors.

Chief Health Surveyor, John Podlena, said parents are horrified to find their child has head lice, cannot understand how they caught them, and are often unsure how to treat the lice.

He said head lice do not fly or jump from one head to another, but spread through close personal contact. In schoolchildren this is often during play or when children share brushes, combs, or hats.

To prevent head lice, parents should thoroughly brush their child's hair daily and should discourage the sharing of brushes, combs and hats.

They should check the hair weekly for evidence of head lice, especially if they see their child scratching and should make sure long hair is plaited or tied back.

While head lice are difficult to see, their eggs appear as whitish-grey specks about the size of a pinhead. They are usually stuck firmly to the hair shaft near the scalp and are often found under fringes, behind the ears, around the crown and at the nape of the neck.

As well as checking children in the family, Mr. Podlena said parents should check their own hair for signs of infestation. Having identified the problem, parents should treat the infestation with a treatment lotion purchased from their local chemist; preferably one of the less toxic pyrethrin-based lotions.

Each affected family member should be treated according to the instructions included on the bottle label. All eggs should be removed from the hair using a fine-toothed comb or a special purpose comb available at chemists.

Mr. Podlena said the most effective method of removal is to slide the eggs off individual hair strands with the fingernails. Alternatively, fine pointed scissors can be used to snip off every strand which has an egg on it. Unless every egg is removed, remaining eggs may hatch and the infection cycle starts over again.

A second application of head lice lotion should be made seven days after the initial treatment, but parents should take care not to over-use treatment lotions, Mr. Podlena said.

As well as treating the hair and scalp, garments, towels and bed linen should be washed in hot water and soft furnishings should be vacuumed if necessary.

Schools should be notified immediately if parents discover their child has head lice, so that other parents can be alerted and the infestation contained.

Some schools are excluding attendance of children infected with head lice until treatment is complete and clearance is obtained either from a medical practitioner or from Kew Council.

Mr. Podlena said the worst possible thing parents can do is to send a head lice infected child to school untreated. If parents attack the problem immediately, their child will spend a minimal time away from school, will be spared possible ridicule from classmates and will prevent children without head lice being infected or re-infected, he said.

Parents who are unsure as to whether a child has head lice or whether lice and eggs have been completely removed, can contact Council's health surveyors to carry out checks and clearances.

For further information contact the health services department on 860 5244 or 860 5245.

Commentary

For this, my first editorial as Mayor of Kew, it seems appropriate to provide you with an edited version of Council's recently finalised Mission Statement — its "reasons for being", if you like.

The Statement attempts to document Council's basic purposes, the important characteristics of the Kew community, and the priorities of Council.

To ensure that the Statement reflects the aspirations of Council at any given time, we have resolved to review it annually.

Council aims to promote the well-being of the Kew community and to maintain and enhance the distinctive residential landscape character of the City. Our primary commitment is to the overall quality of life for Kew people and to the protection and improvement of our local environment.

The emphasis which we place on preserving Kew's physical heritage is reflected in our commitment to ensure that Kew has a comprehensive range of policies to manage future development so that it enhances and maintains the special residential character of the City.

We believe we also have a special responsibility to conserve the distinctive landscape character of Kew. Our policies will be directed towards enhancing parklands and improving the City's streetscapes. At the same time, we have placed particular emphasis on our waste management programs and plan to extend our recycling and resource conservation activities.

Kew is an educational community with a significant number of highly regarded schools. While these schools make a valuable contribution to the life of the City, we are also aware that some school activities impact on their residential

neighbours. By encouraging continuing dialogue between schools and their near neighbours, we aim to promote harmony between the two.

We expect that Kew's population will remain relatively stable in the next decade, but by 2001 we anticipate that 10 per cent of our population will be over 75 and 20 per cent over 65. In order to maintain a balanced population in Kew, Council will continue to direct its policies towards encouraging families to live in the City.

In a statement of this kind it is important for us to acknowledge the people employed by Council because they, too, are an important part of our City. To ensure that our staff gain job satisfaction and are given opportunities for personal development, we intend to actively pursue strategies which will help them achieve their aims.

And lastly, we intend to continue to govern the City effectively and responsibly for the well-being of every individual in the Kew community. To do this we will continue to involve residents and others in Council's processes. While we remain alert to the City's emerging needs, our decisions will be guided by our primary commitments to the quality of life of Kew people and to the improvement of the local environment.

By providing you with this brief resume of our Mission Statement I hope I have been able to pinpoint for you Council's philosophy, policies and future directions. The Statement is an important document which outlines our objectives for the Kew of the future, which provides a blueprint for the sort of City we believe Kew people want to live in, and which offers practical guidelines for future decision making. Above all it is a document outlining our basic objectives and is the yardstick by which our actions should be judged.



Cr. Michael Montalto, Mayor of Kew.

MEETING DATES

- September 4 — Standing Committees 7.30 pm**
- September 11 — General Purposes Committee 7.30 pm**
- September 18 — Council 8.15 pm**

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.

MEET THE MAYORAL TEAM

Kew's new Mayor, Councillor Michael Montalto, 40, was elected to Council in August, 1987. He represents Prospect Ward residents.

The father of three, Councillor Montalto first came into direct contact with Kew Council as president of Davis Street kindergarten, a post he held for two years.

He said "I'd always been interested in local government and as president of Davis Street, I represented the kindergarten at Council meetings several times during my two year term. That contact fostered my interest in the functions of Council and I decided I would nominate when the girls were out of kinder."

Since his election, Councillor Montalto has served on Council's Administrative Services Committee, Kew Junction Planning Committee, the Forward Planning Committee, E6 working party and Kew Recreation Centre Committee, while at the same time has kept up his interest in family and children's services.

Councillor Montalto moved to Kew in 1965 and has lived here ever since: first with his parents, and now with his wife Salvina and daughters Nadia, Kristina and Livia.

In 1950, Councillor Montalto's parents emigrated to Australia from Vizzini in Sicily. He was 18 months old at the time. Educated at Xavier College in Kew, Councillor Montalto completed his Law Degree at the Australian National University in Canberra. He joined the Legal Department of the State Bank in 1975 and is

currently the Bank's Deputy Chief Solicitor.

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Councillor Daryl Oldaker, Kew's first Deputy Mayor, was elected to represent Willsmere Ward in Council in August, 1987.

He sees his election to Council as an extension of his initial interest and commitment to Kew Festival Committee and his association with the Kew community at that time.

Councillor Oldaker said when he stood for Council he was not motivated by a single issue. He felt that to be an effective Councillor he needed an open mind and a balanced approach towards benefiting the City as a whole, rather than minority interests.

Throughout his two year term, Councillor Oldaker has maintained his involvement in the Kew Festival and at the same time, has served on the Physical and Community Services, Kew Junction Planning and Forward Planning Committees.

He says his two years in Council has made him realise that Kew needs greater emphasis on strategic planning and that Councillors must become more responsive to planning and shaping the City for its future generations.

Councillor Oldaker said he has always been concerned about the environment and since his election to Council has taken a keen interest in environmental matters; especially those relating to waste disposal and recycling services. Other major areas of concern to him are traffic management, the maintenance and upgrading of roads, drains and footpaths, and the need to balance commercial development with the largely residential nature of Kew.

Councillor Oldaker, 39, moved to Kew in 1980

with his wife Pat, son Mathew and daughter Gabrielle. Although born in Ballarat, Councillor Oldaker grew up in Hamilton and then spent six years in the communications section of the Royal Australian Air Force. After a two and a half year tour of duty in South-East Asia he left to join the computer department of the Bureau of Meteorology. In July this year Councillor Oldaker was appointed National Administration Manager of Australia's largest fleet management and leasing company whose operations are based in Port Melbourne.

Kew Hawthorn Tenancy Week

In the August issue of Kewriosity we reported the opening of a new Hawthorn office for the Inner Eastern Housing Service and Tenant's Information Service.

To promote the new office and to raise awareness of renter's rights and tenancy issues, the Tenant's Information Service is holding Tenancy Week in Kew and Hawthorn from September 11-15.

In Kew, the focus is on an information day being held at Kew Community House, 6-8 Derby Street. From 11 am on Wednesday, September 13, Kew tenants can call in to the House to obtain information and advice about all aspects of renting.

Other events during the week include a street stall on September 15 in Glenferrie Road near Glenferrie Station, and displays in Kew and Hawthorn libraries.

For further information on Tenancy Week or tenancy information or advice, contact the Hawthorn office on 818 6421 Monday, Wednesday or Friday between 1 and 4 pm; or the Box Hill Office on 890 5411, Monday to Friday 9.30 am to 1.30 pm.

NOTICES

Planning underway soon for Senior Citizens' Week 1990

Anyone with some spare time on their hands is asked to join the 1989/90 Senior Citizens' Week Planning Committee which meets on Monday, October 2, at 2.30 pm at the Senior Citizens' Centre, corner High and Childers Street, Kew. People of any age welcome. Enquiries: Maureen Day, 860 5219, or Mrs Molnar, 819 1561.

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Musical Comedy for Kew

Toorak Players Children's Workshop presents "Sheik, Rattle and Roll", a musical comedy, at Kew High School Community Theatre, off High Street, from Friday, September 8 to Saturday, September 9. Evening performances are at 7.30 pm and one matinee performance (Saturday) is at 2 pm. Prices: \$8 and \$4. Bookings: 509 2980.

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Christmas is just around the corner

Christmas cards to aid the Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital and St George's Hospital, Kew, go on sale on November 8 in the foyer of Ed Credit, 222 High Street, Kew. Sales will be made from 10 am to 4 pm, Tuesday to Friday only. Enquiries: Mrs Reed, 817 4671.

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October Mini Fete

The Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital Auxiliary is holding its annual Mini Fete on Saturday, October 21, at 159 Peel Street, East Kew, from 10.30 am to 3 pm. Devonshire teas, craft items, plants, cakes etc on sale. All welcome. Enquiries: Mrs Reed, 817 4671.

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Orchestral and Choral Concert

At its orchestral and choral concert on September 12, Kew Philharmonic Society will present symphonies by Schubert and Haydn and a selection of English part songs.

The concert, being held in the former Presbyterian Church, corner Cotham Road and Highbury Grove, starts at 8 pm.

Admission \$6 and \$4. Enquiries: Valda Fouvy 817 1881 or Lola Stokes — 817 3186.

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HERITAGE ADVICE

As reported in previous editions of Kewriosity, Kew Council is collaborating with the Ministry for Planning and Environment to provide a heritage advisory service to business and residential property owners in Kew.

Heritage advisor, Bryce Raworth, will be in Kew on September 19, October 10 and October 31.

For an appointment with Mr. Raworth or for more information about the service, contact the Town Planning Department on 860 5250.

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DEADLINE

Copy for the October edition of Kewriosity should reach the Municipal Offices no later than Friday, September 8.

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



Kew Neighbourhood Watch meetings for September are:

Area H65 meets on Tuesday, September 19 at 7.30 pm at Kew East Primary School.

Area H001 meets on Monday, September 4, at 7.45 pm in Kew Library Complex hall, off Cotham Road.

Area H27 meets on Tuesday, September 26, at 7.30 pm in Kew Library Complex hall, off Cotham Road.

Residents who need further information should contact the co-ordinator of 'H' district Neighbourhood Watch on 885 7270.

AREA 6 TRAFFIC

Kew Council and the Area 6 Traffic Management Committee are reviewing the effects of the traffic management scheme installed in early 1988. Area 6 is bounded by Burke Road, Harp Road, High Street, Charles Street and Cotham Road.

The review will include comment and input from residents. Council is currently circulating letters to Area 6 residents about the review and asking for comments. These should be submitted to the Chief Executive in writing by Friday, September 22.

For further information contact Don Robertson, Traffic Engineer, on 860 5232.

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 monthly 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.

Kewriosity is printed by York Press, 61-63 Burnley Street, Richmond. 3121. Telephone: 427 9700.

LEARNING FOR LEISURE

The second series of Adult Learning for Leisure courses starts at Kew Recreation Centre this month.

The courses, anything from a two hour workshop to a ten week certificate course, have been designed to teach adults new skills and new ways to spend leisure time.

Healthy living seminars teach how to use stress to your advantage and an easy way to lose weight; others introduce you to the puzzling world of personal investment.

There are courses in Shiatsu — the ancient healing art, self defence for women, Yoga for beginners, T-shirt painting and creative drawing.

And for those who are keen to learn lifesaving skills there are certificate courses for Bronze Medallion swimming and Save-A-Life which encompasses basic first-aid lifesaving techniques and cardio pulmonary resuscitation.

The Adult Learning for Leisure program is devised and run by the YMCA, managers of Kew Recreation Centre. For enquiries and enrolments contact Kew Recreation Centre on 861 6177.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

Kew Council's School Holiday excursions for primary schoolers have proved so popular with parents that the Council has introduced pre-booking for the current holiday season.

Pre-booking means that parents can now be certain what activity their child will participate in on any given day. For working parents, this arrangement is particularly suitable because they can plan the rest of the school holidays to fit in with the activities chosen by their child as part of the school holiday program.

The pre-booking sessions will operate from the After School Program at Kew Primary School in Pakington Street. They will be held from Monday, September 18 to Wednesday, September 20, between 6 pm and 8 pm.

Kew's school holiday program runs on weekdays from September 25 to October 6. Excursions include orienteering, children's theatre, children's dance performances, a visit to D24 to see the Victoria Police communications system in action, trout fishing, gymnastic and sporting activities such as squash and tennis, and programs at Kew Traffic School.

A full program of activities will be available soon from local schools, the Municipal Offices, Kew Recreation Centre and Kew Library.

Parents should note that pre-booking for all excursions is necessary but that daily registration and enrolment will still take place every day of the program as it has in the past.

For further enquiries contact Council's Recreation Co-ordinator, Wendy O'Neill, on 860 5218.

TUTORS IN TRAINING

Over the past five weeks eight volunteers, all women, have been training to become tutors with the Adult Literacy Program at Kew Community House in Derby Street.

Based at the House, the tutors will work with small groups of three to six students during the daytime, or with one student at a mutually agreed time.

If you have a friend, relative or neighbour who would like help with reading, writing and speaking English, Adult Literacy Co-ordinator, Lynne Matheson, would like to hear from them.

Lynne wants to continue to expand the program and to welcome new students. She can be contacted on 853 0379.

KEW BAND REPORT

Kew Band would like to thank all Kew residents who supported its recent car raffle.

Winners were:

- 1st Prize, 6994, G. Muscat, Werribee.
- 2nd Prize, 26832, H. Apostoleros, Altona Green.
- 3rd Prize, 8607, P. Campbell, Box Hill.
- 4th Prize, 36221, D. Cheney, Eaglehawk.
- 5th Prize, 5880, P. Love, Williamstown.
- 6th Prize, 7710, E. Slattery, Werribee.

The Band has a busy schedule ahead for September with performances at Melbourne's Spoleto Festival and a band contest in Traralgon.

Young members of all ages are still being recruited to the Youth Band. Beginners or advanced students are welcome and some instruments are available for players. Rehearsals are on Monday nights at 6 pm at Kew Music Centre, Beresford Street, East Kew.

For enquiries contact Band Secretary, Keith Callinan, on 887 0630.

Children's Week

Kew Council is compiling a Calendar of Events to publicise local activities being organised for Children's Week in October.

The Council wants to hear from community organisations, clubs, associations, schools and other groups organising special Children's Week activities, projects or celebrations, so they can be included in the calendar.

Children's Week, which this year takes place from Sunday, October 22 to Sunday, October 29, is set aside for special celebrations each year by the Victorian Department of the Premier and Cabinet.

Each year the Department chooses a theme to unify Children's Week activities throughout the State. This year it has decided to focus community attention on the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child by adopting "The Rights of the Child — Our National Responsibility," as the 1989 Children's Week theme.

Throughout the State, organisations involved in the care and education of children will use the opportunity for children and adults to engage in new and interesting activities, to raise awareness of issues affecting children and to promote existing and future involvement of children in the community.

Organisations who want their activities to be included in the Council's Calendar of Events should contact the Recreation Co-ordinator, Wendy O'Neill, on 860 5218.

An article on the United Nations Rights of the Child Convention will be included in October's Kewriosity.

CRACKDOWN ON DOGS

Kew Council is stepping up its checks on uncontrolled and unregistered dogs following an increase in complaints from residents.

On August 1, Council Officers embarked on a program of visiting every property in Kew checking for unregistered dogs and current dog registrations. The program, which may take up to six months to complete, is designed to make sure every dog in Kew is registered and to reduce the time and costs associated with tracing lost dogs.

Owners whose dogs are unregistered or whose registrations have expired face a \$200 fine.

Residents should be aware that Council officers checking properties will present an official identification card which includes their photograph. If in doubt, residents should contact Council's By-Laws department on 860 5252 or 860 5253 before allowing access to their property.

From September 1, Council is also stepping up its early morning checks on uncontrolled dogs following a series of complaints from garbage collection staff, early morning joggers, walkers and newspaper deliverers.

Dog infringement notices will be issued to dog owners whose uncontrolled dogs are found outside or away from their premises. A \$100 fine applies to dogs found wandering at large between sunrise and sunset and the fine increases to \$200 for the period between sunset and sunrise.

\$50 fines apply for a variety of infringements of the Dog Act including dogs on school or shop premises, unregistered dogs wearing a registered collar, and owner's name and address not on the registration collar.

Dog owners should note that in addition to any fines imposed, impoundment fees will also apply.

Residents with queries about dog registration or residents with problems involving uncontrolled dogs, should contact the Traffic and By-Laws Department on 860 5252 or 860 5253.



Aqua Friends, Maria McDonald (left) and Louise Wiggs (right), at Kew Recreation Centre.

AQUA FRIENDS

In just twelve weeks, Kew's newest program for people with disabilities has gone from dream to reality.

The program, Aqua Friends, matches volunteers and people with physical disabilities on a one-to-one basis so that both can enjoy water activities, aqua exercise lessons and swimming, at the Kew Recreation Centre.

Volunteers, who give up two hours a fortnight to participate in the program, are matched with an Aqua Friend within five to ten minutes of their home. A car is not an essential pre-requisite for

volunteers joining the program, but it does help enormously.

As with most volunteer programs, Aqua Friends needs a fairly constant supply of people who can make a regular commitment. It is a joint initiative of the Kew Recreation Integration Group and Kew Recreation Centre.

Co-ordinator of Kew Recreation Integration Group, Jan Bottcher, wants to hear from anyone who would like to join the Aqua Friends program as a volunteer. She would also like to hear from volunteers who have ideas for similar programs.

Jan Bottcher can be contacted at Kew Community House on 862 3126 or you can ring Alan Kent at Kew Recreation Centre on 861 6177.

Kew's young concerned about health

A local phone-in service dealing with young people's health problems is proving that Kew youngsters have many questions on health that need answering.

The phone-in is stage one of Kew Council's Healthy Localities Project, a 15-week research program into the health needs of young people in Kew. The project is being run in conjunction with the Victorian Health Promotion Foundation.

Through the Healthy Localities Project, Council aims to find out what young people know about health services that exist and if they use them. The information will be used to determine where the shortfalls in information and service provision occur and will help Council make informed decisions about initiatives in the youth health area.

So far young people and their parents have called in with questions relating to their own personal health, as well as to the health of young people and others in the community.

Project co-ordinator, Roger Pugh, said "In the main, young people ringing us are concerned about alcohol and drug abuse, smoking and sexually transmitted diseases like AIDS, herpes and pelvic inflammatory disease. They've heard about drug abuse and sexually transmitted diseases in relation to safe sex and the use of condoms, but they want to know more."

Mr. Pugh said other topics of concern to young people have been diet, nutrition, road trauma

through accident, and injuries associated with sporting and recreational pursuits. "In a wider context, they want to know more about breathing difficulties associated with air pollution and about the increased likelihood of skin cancer associated with the depletion of the ozone layer."

Mr. Pugh said the phone-in is the most important element of the Healthy Localities Project. "Young people and their parents are often reluctant to discuss health matters, but by using our phone-in they can ring us in complete anonymity and can voice their concerns."

Other components of the project are questionnaires, formal and informal discussions and statistical data collection. The Healthy Localities Project is due for completion at the end of October. It is being paid for by a \$5000 grant from the Victorian Health Promotion Foundation.

People wanting to participate in the phone-in can ring 861 6828 each Wednesday evening between 4 pm and 6 pm from now until October 11.

ROWING FOUR WIN GOLD

At the World Junior Rowing Championships in Hungary in August, the Australian Women's Junior Four won Australia's first gold medal in world junior rowing.

The gold medal was the first won by an all female crew and the first at junior level for either boys or girls teams.

Included in the Four was Anna McFarlane, a year 12 student at Methodist Ladies College, Kew.



HARD OF HEARING SEMINAR

At a seminar on deafness and hearing impairment last month, Kew Council staff were told that communication with a hard of hearing person need not be difficult.

The seminar, conducted by Better Hearing Australia, was organised for Council staff in regular daily contact with people who have hearing problems. Twenty staff from departments such as building, finance, children's services, community services, meals on wheels, town planning, rates, Kew Library and traffic and by-laws, participated in the seminar.

Publicity Officer for Better Hearing Australia, Ms Jenny Adcock, said that much spoken language can be understood by hearing impaired people who "see" rather than hear what is said. Communication for them becomes more than just an exchange of words: it involves two people sharing and learning from each other.

Ms Adcock told staff that taking the time to understand the problems experienced by people who are hard of hearing and the limitations that these problems bring, is the key to relieving some of the frustration and embarrassment experienced by people who are hard of hearing. She said that hearing people can help greatly with the hearing impaired person's understanding of their conversation by always facing them when they speak, by speaking clearly, by not shouting, by re-phrasing where necessary, and by writing down their message if the need arises.

Ms Adcock said that one in 10 people in

Australia have some form of hearing loss. By joining Better Hearing Australia, people who are hard of hearing have an opportunity to meet other people with similar hearing problems and can get advice for their family, friends and associates on how they can help understand conversations better. Better Hearing Australia runs lip reading classes which teach people how to get the full benefit of the hearing they still have, how to guard against a possible deterioration in their own voice and how to use their eyes, mind and ears together to improve their capabilities.

Ms Adcock said Better Hearing Australia has information on the latest technical developments to help hearing impaired people, a wide range of hearing aid services and hearing aid testing, and a needy person's service which provides reconditioned hearing aids for eligible clients.

It also has accredited lipspeakers who provide oral deaf interpretation at meetings and in all situations where hearing impaired people rely on clear, visible speech. Lecturers and guest speakers visit interested groups, companies, organisations and training institutions who want advice on how to help people with a hearing loss.

Better Hearing Australia is a non-profit, self help organisation which has been providing rehabilitative services in Victoria for 57 years. The organisation has Better Hearing groups in 36 locations in Victoria, including one which meets at Kew Senior Citizens' Centre, corner High and Childers Streets, each Wednesday at 10 am.

The Kew group is open to people of any age who are hearing impaired and who want to learn lip-reading under the guidance of a trained tutor. As well, members learn to recognise visible speech sounds, learn tactics and strategies that will maximise their ability to communicate in different situations, and skills such as relaxation techniques, assertiveness training, hearing aid management and listening skills.

Anyone wanting more information about Better Hearing Australia can contact the Better Hearing Advisory Centre on 51 1577 or the co-ordinator of the Kew Group, Mrs Merle Floyd, on 859 8096.

Government funding for Community Environment Groups

The State Government has recognised the essential role that community groups play in protecting the environment by allocating funds in this year's budget to support them.

The funds will be made available through a special grants program administered jointly by the Ministry for Planning and Environment and the Department of Conservation, Forests and Lands.

Voluntary community-based conservation, cultural heritage and environmental groups are all eligible to apply. The grants program will finance special environmental and conservation projects by these groups and will help them prepare responses to major Government strategies and inquiries into the environmental effects of various projects.

Major groups such as the Australian Conservation Foundation, the National Trust and the Conservation Council of Victoria, can also apply for funds under the scheme to help meet basic running costs.

Announcing the grants, Conservation, Forests and Lands Minister, Kay Setches, said "Conservation is everyone's responsibility. Governments, businesses, schools, individuals and community organisations must pull together to ensure Victoria's environment is protected. These grants provide support and encouragement to community groups who are the key to effective conservation."

Planning and Environment Minister, Tom Roper, said "Community participation is particularly

important in strengthening the principles of the State Conservation Strategy and the Victorian draft Greenhouse challenge. These strategies will only be truly effective when they have an input at the grassroots level. The Government wants to ensure community groups have the chance to express their views and be actively involved in these programs."

The Government expects a particularly keen response to its initiative with the explosion of interest and concern about the Greenhouse effect, the depletion of the ozone layer, recycling, and the use of toxic chemicals.

Applications for funding of special community projects and initial applications for responses to State Government strategies, close on September 29.

Further information and application forms can be obtained by contacting Janine Rossely on 412 4381 or Bernadette Ferguson on 628 5056.

COMMUNITY DIRECTORY

Each year Council produces a Community Directory which provides listings for resources available to Kew residents and the larger Kew community. The directory is hand delivered to every property in the City — homes, businesses, Churches, schools and all other institutions.

The 1989/90 edition should be delivered to your property next week. If it does not arrive please contact Council's Information Officer, Olwyn Eaton, to let her know. In this way we can check on the reliability of our delivery system. Telephone 860 5204 or 862 2466.



KEEP KEW GREEN

"Keep Kew Green" is the keynote theme for Kew Festival 1990, a theme chosen by Kew Community Festival Committee to reflect the environmental concerns being expressed by local residents.

To emphasise the "Keep Kew Green" theme the Festival's major activity, Kew Festival Day, will be held on St. Patrick's Day, Saturday March 17.

There are many ways the "Keep Kew Green" theme can be developed as part of the Festival and the organising Committee invites suggestions for activities from local individuals and organisations.

The Committee is also looking for ideas, sponsors, skills and involvement from individuals, groups and companies, in the municipality.

Ideas for the Festival theme can be sent to the Publicity Officer, Kew Community Festival Committee, Municipal offices, Charles Street, Kew.

The Committee welcomes interested community members at its monthly meetings which are held in the Committee Rooms at the Municipal Offices, off Cotham Road. The next meeting is on Thursday September 14 at 8 pm.

Kew Community Festival Committee comprises representatives of Council, Schools, business and service groups and has several interested local residents among its ranks.

Enquiries regarding the Committee or Kew Festival 1990 may be made by contacting Council's Recreation Co-ordinator, Wendy O'Neill, on 860 5218.

OPEN DAYS FOR KEW'S KINDERGARTENS

One of the problems parents face when enrolling their child for kindergarten is unfamiliarity with a particular kindergarten, its staff, its program, or even its location.

To help parents with their choices, Kew's five Municipal kindergartens are holding Open Days on Monday, September 11 and Tuesday, September 12, between 9 am and 3.30 pm.

Parents will have the opportunity to see the children at play, to meet kindergarten staff, and to find out more about the programs offered.

By contacting the individual kindergartens listed below, parents can check the times of the sessions they would like to see or can arrange an alternative time to call in.

For parents who haven't yet enrolled their child for 1990, there are still some places available.

Parents whose children are enrolled for 1990 will be invited to a special familiarisation day before their child's commencement at kindergarten, but are welcome to attend the Open Days if they wish.

Kew's Kindergartens are at:
31 Stawell Street, Contact: Cathy Tibbals, 861 7019
16 Argyle Road, Contact: Nerida Wilson or Judy Reece, 861 3624
Glass Street, Contact: Susan Grover, 859 6049
152 Pakington Street, Contact: Sue Lancaster, 861 8294
40 Davis Street, Contact: Sally Debenham or Debbie Parslow, 817 1492.

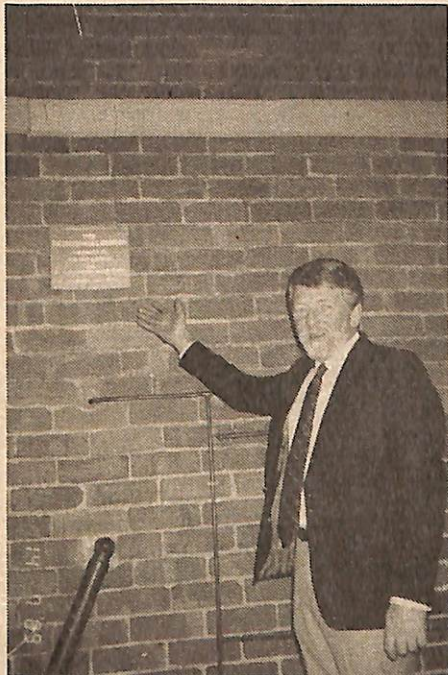
Garden dedicated in ex-principal's honour

Kew East Primary School has dedicated its Bicentennial Garden in honour of retired principal, Mr Graeme Lindsay, for his contribution to the school during his five year term as principal.

Mr Lindsay, an ex-student of Kew East Primary, was appointed its Principal in 1983 and retired at the end of 1988. In July this year the School held a farewell dinner for Mr Lindsay when more than 100 students, parents, teachers and Kew residents met to wish him well in his retirement and to unveil a commemorative plaque for the Bicentennial Garden they have dedicated in his honour.

Mr Lindsay is well known to the Kew community for his contributions to local organisations. He is a former Board member of Kew Rotary Club, ex-president of 1st Kew Scouts, was a foundation member of Kew's Life Education Program and a former member of Kew Festival Committee. He is also a life-member of the Victorian Football League Umpires' Association.

Mr Lindsay plans to spend his initial retirement initiating a pictorial history of Kew East Primary School in readiness for the School's 100th anniversary.



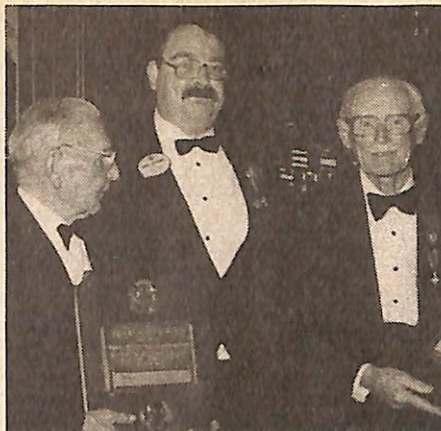
Mr Graeme Lindsay, former principal of Kew East Primary School.

Deliverers wanted

A local company delivering Kew Council publications and other publicity material in Kew has appealed to Kewriosity for help in finding reliable delivery people.

The Company needs walkers who are able to make a regular ongoing commitment to deliveries and who can commit themselves reasonably long term. Age is immaterial, but deliverers must have a mature approach to their work. Rates on application.

For further information contact John or Sue Miezi on 862 2404.



Awards for Kew Lions

Pictured receiving Melvin Jones Fellow awards are Kew Lions, Noel Lyall (left) and Bert Stevens, (right).

The awards, made in recognition of the services both men have made as life members of Lions Club International, were presented by Kew Lions Club incoming president, Noel Tatchell (centre), at the Club's annual changeover dinner in June.

Kew Lioness, Dorothy Cameron (below) also received an award for being the only Kew Lioness Club member not to have missed a single meeting over the 11 years the Club has been operating.



BUS VOLUNTEERS

Kew Community Bus has vacancies for volunteer drivers to transport those who are less mobile around Kew.

While being a volunteer driver of the bus provides a worthwhile community service, it is also great fun — as the photograph on the front of the July issue of Kewriosity showed.

Volunteer drivers need nothing more than a current driver's licence to drive the Bus — a Toyota Hi-Ace van.

Kew Community Bus transports less mobile people to the Senior Citizens' Centre, to Day Centres, shopping, appointments and to Kew Library.

Wendy Rahaley or Joy Thomas will help with enquiries on 860 5225 or 860 5223.

Council taking a look at Kew's open spaces

Kew Council is to develop a strategy which will form the framework for developing and managing the City's open spaces: walkways, sporting fields, parks, gardens and reserves.

The strategy is being prepared by consultants engaged by Council and is due for completion in February next year.

Council believes it has a significant role to play in the provision of open space. It wants to ensure that open spaces are planned to meet the current and future needs of Kew residents and that the type of open space development reflects the profile of the whole community. As populations change the needs of the local community changes and it is critical for Council to make planning decisions which reflect these trends.

As well, Council expects increasing pressure will be placed on it by other agencies to develop parkland linkages to the Yarra and Outer Circle Railway land. At present no formal plan exists for the further development of Kew's parks and reserves.

Council has asked its Consultants to establish a comprehensive inventory of existing and potential open space in Kew. They will evaluate the quantity, quality and distribution of existing open space and will look at the range, access, appropriateness of development and the needs of existing and future populations in Kew.

To help them, the Consultants need to know what recreational activities Kew residents would like to pursue but can't because their local open space does not have the facilities.

These could range in importance from something as small as a park bench, a shelter, or a bounce wall, through to more comprehensive facilities like a walking path, a well-drained playing surface, or a sports court.

Council also needs to know whether parents consider young children have interesting and safe public open spaces to play in, whether the range of facilities provided for young people is too narrow, and what facilities are missing for young families and older adults.

Council's consultant, Richard Marton, says that by contributing their thoughts, Kew residents can help make the strategy a reflection and an understanding of their needs and aspirations. At the same time, they will be helping Council determine what it spends its recreation dollars on over the next few years, he said.

Funding for the open space strategy is being provided on a dollar for dollar basis through a \$10,000 grant from the Department of Sport and Recreation. The project is being guided by a steering committee of councillors, council officers and a representative of the Department of Sport and Recreation.

Kew residents who would like to contribute their ideas should write to Richard Marton, Travers Morgan Pty Ltd, 11th floor, 499 St. Kilda Road, Melbourne 3004.

Residents will also have an opportunity to contribute by attending public meetings and workshops being held in each Ward. Details of these will appear in future editions of Kewriosity and in the local press.

Other enquiries regarding the strategy or recreation opportunities should be directed to Wendy O'Neill, Recreation Co-ordinator, on 860 5218.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From A. Rigoni

On the issue of banning backyard incinerators in Kew, I would like to make a number of points.

I firmly believe that given worsening smog pollution in Melbourne, especially during Autumn (and with its accompanying harmful effects on people's health), local councils will have to take firm action to ensure that outdoor domestic burning does not occur. However before this can be achieved a number of measures must be taken fairly urgently.

Firstly, people must be educated to use the alternative services already available and to change their habits as far as waste disposal is concerned: e.g. compost garden and kitchen wastes instead of burning or disposing of them.

Residents also have to be made aware that when burnt, some materials such as plastics are highly toxic and extremely unpleasant. Once again a process of community education is needed to achieve these outcomes and Council must play a major role in doing this.

In addition to this, however, councils will also have to provide a wide range of alternative services to change people's waste disposal habits. Kew does have a number of programs such as the recycling of glass, aluminium and paper, as well as twice annual hard garbage collections. Council should investigate a garden refuse mulching service to assist residents, as well as setting up an inner urban waste transfer station with neighbouring councils, to further improve recycling services. There is also a need to investigate a program for recycling plastics.

But are these recycling measures the total answer?

The community should be encouraged to buy products in alternative packaging (paper, glass, etc) which can be produced and recycled with minimal impact on the environment.

So with backyard burning playing a greater role in causing smog, is it incumbent on us at local level to take whatever measures are within our power to prevent this? Obviously global pollution problems require global solutions, however there is much that can and should be done at a community level to ensure that our environment is fit to live in.

I therefore urge all residents to pursue the above points with their local councillors.
A.A. Rigoni (address supplied)

From W. Smith

I read the news about recycling PET bottles and aluminium cans with great joy.

Could I suggest that Council collect polystyrene trays and egg cartons and cardboard (flattened). They soon can build up and I refuse to burn or throw them out in the rubbish.

I am all for the big green bins, but not at the expense of recycling. People will become lazy and throw everything into the big bin.

W. Smith (Addressed supplied)

Council is reviewing all its recycling services at present. A copy of your letter has been forwarded to the Engineering Department which is conducting the review. Flattened cardboard (unwaxed) can be left for collection with your papers or can be deposited at the recycling centre at Council's depot in Princess Street.



Boroodara Bushwalkers are inviting Kew residents to join them in their clean-up of Yarra Bend Park on Saturday, September 23.

The clean-up, being held between 10 am and 4 pm, includes a barbecue lunch.

Club President, Jim McLaughlin, said "This is our second clean-up of the park since Boroodara Bushwalkers was formed almost two years ago. We decided to make the clean-up an annual event: so that Club members could contribute positively to a local environment which gives them and the rest of the community so much pleasure".

Darcy Duggan, planner with Yarra Bend Park Trust, said the contribution to rubbish collection by Boroodara Bushwalkers is an important part of ongoing land management within Yarra Bend Park. "We greatly appreciate the efforts of Boroodara Bushwalkers, especially as last year's clean-up was such a resounding success. Almost 15 cubic metres of rubbish was carted away as a direct result of the Boroodara Bushwalkers, and that would have taken two of our staff two months to collect."

For anyone emerging from Winter hibernation, the Bushwalkers say the beauty of Spring is often the catalyst for new members or recently inactive members to join in a variety of Club walks.

At its next monthly meeting the Club will show a slide presentation of past walks — a presentation particularly suitable for potential new members.

The Meeting, on September 20, will be held in Kew Library Complex hall, off Cotham Road, promptly at 8 pm.

For further information on the Club and its activities contact Thelma McManis, 817 5548, or Jim McLaughlin, 859 5876.

CRICKET CLUB RECRUITING NEW PLAYERS

Deepdene Uniting Cricket Club has vacancies for new players in its three senior and five junior teams for the 1989/90 season.

The Club, a member of the Eastern Suburban Churches and Districts Cricket Association, fields two teams in the under 12's, one team in the under 14's, and one team in the under 16's competition.

In the senior competition the first eleven play in A grade and the other two teams in C1 and D1 grades.

New players for all age groups are wanted and girls are encouraged to join the boys in the junior teams.

Training starts on September 20: for juniors at 4 pm and for seniors at 5.30 pm. The first game of the season is on October 7.

Mark Hanton, Club Captain can help with further enquiries on 861 5716.

Interested juniors should ring Phil Leitch, junior co-ordinator, on 859 1249.

FOOTY NEWS

Kew Football Club looks certain to lose its place in A grade amateur competition with only two wins to its credit for the season.

Unless the Club can follow its recent success against old rivals, Parkside, and win its two final matches of the season, relegation seems certain.

The Reserves, toppled from the four with losses caused by players' injury, promotion to senior ranks and absenteeism, face a battle to regain their position.

The Club Eighteen however, are on top of the ladder and tackle Bloods in their second semi-final at No. 2 Oval, Elsternwick Park.

One recent bright spot on the Club Calendar was a fundraising auction of sporting memorabilia and other goods. The auction was conducted jointly by Kew and North Kew Football Clubs and the Clubs say the night was a financial and social success as well as a milestone in relations between them. Proposals to combine future functions and ventures are currently being considered.

Kew Football Club's major plan for the 1990 season is to re-form the Under 19 squad to play in the amateur competition. Kew Under-19's formed in 1976, but disbanded in 1984.

The Club is hoping to recruit Under 19's from Kew, Balwyn and Camberwell High Schools. It also hopes old boys from Carey, Trinity and Camberwell Grammar Schools and from Xavier, Scotch, Marcellin and Assumption Colleges, will join its Under 19 team.

The Club says Under 19 players can be sure of a happy atmosphere and genuine welcome at Victoria Park, where excellent facilities, training under lights, a pavilion with gym equipment, a canteen, and good social activities, are provided.

Club Secretary, Ted Jenkins, will help with enquiries on 439 6059, or potential new players can make enquiries at the Victoria Park pavilion, off High Street and Adeney Avenue, on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Saturdays.



KEEPING YOU INFORMED

At some time or another, most of us have been less than satisfied with goods or services for which we have been charged.

The problem is compounded by not knowing how the problem can be rectified or whether it is possible to seek redress.

Recognising how common this problem is in the community, the Victorian Association of Citizen's Advice Bureaus has issued a "Consumer Affairs Kit" for use at all its branches.

The kit contains a wealth of advice and information on all sorts of consumer problems and the sources of help available, and gives detailed information on consumer rights. Its use will enable CAB workers to deal much more effectively with any kind of consumer enquiry.

If you have a consumer related problem or need some advice on your rights in consumer matters, you can call in to talk over your experience with one of our volunteers, or you can ring us on 861 5244.

Kew Citizens' Advice Bureau is part of the Kew Library Complex, off Cotham Road near the Municipal Offices. The Bureau is open on weekdays between 11 am and 3 pm and on Tuesday evenings from 7.30 pm to 9 pm, for free legal advice.