

KEW CURIOSITY

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Council Elections on August 5

The annual elections of councillors for the City of Kew will be held this year on August 5th.

Nomination of candidates takes place this month and an official notice calling for nominees will appear in 'The Age' on July 7th. Further notice will be given in the local press. Nominations close on July 14th at 4pm.

One councillor from each of Kew's four wards must retire from office every year. But each retiring councillor may stand for re-election. An election for each ward is only held when more than one candidate nominates for a vacancy.

To be eligible for election as a councillor, nominees must own rateable property in Kew and be enrolled on the Municipal Voter's Roll for Kew.

Nominees must be Australian citizens, must have their nomination form signed by ten residents of the ward they wish to represent, and must pay a deposit of \$100.

Anyone who votes in the State or Commonwealth elections is automatically enrolled on the Municipal Voter's Roll. Newcomers to Kew will be enrolled if their application for inclusion on the roll was registered with the Australian Electoral Office before May 3, 1989.

First named owners of property in Kew are also automatically enrolled.

Voting is compulsory for anyone aged over 18 whose name appears on the Voter's roll.

The only exceptions are people seventy years of age or over, or people who own property in a ward in Kew but don't reside in it.

Residents who fail to vote in the election without a valid reason will be fined \$20.

Enrolment or eligibility to vote can be checked by contacting the: Australian Electoral Office, 6th Floor, 1 Princess Street, Kew 3100. Ph: 861 6176.

Council's executive officer, Alan Chung, can help with voting or nomination enquiries on 860 5202.

RATES REMINDER

Rate payers are reminded that the final municipal rate instalment for 1989 is due on August 31.

Failure to pay the rate instalment by this date means that interest at the annual rate will be charged from December 10, 1988 — the date the rates became due and payable.

The interest charge is a requirement of the Local Government Act.



All aboard for "Oscar" on one of his regular journeys in the Kew Community Bus. Pictured with "Oscar" is driver of the bus and Oscar's owner, Joy Thomas, and some of her other regular travellers. Photograph: Jan Bottcher.

Dates for July

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

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Monday. Kew Community Action Group meets at Kew Community House, 6-8 Derby Street, at 8pm. All welcome.

Wednesday. Kew Probus Club for Women meets at Kew RSL Hall, 63 Cotham Road, at 10am. Guest speaker: Ms Maureen White, Red Cross. Members please note.

Wednesday. Hyde Park Fellowship meeting at Hyde Park Uniting Church, 152 Pakington Street, at 1.30pm. Enquiries: Mrs McMillan, 861 9243.

Wednesday. Kew Historical Society meeting at Kew Library Complex hall, off Cotham Road, at 8pm. Guest speaker: Fritz Schaumburg, first president of Boroondara Bushwalkers. Enquiries: Sue Leong, 817 4660.

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Thursday. Kew Garden Club meeting at Senior Citizens' Centre, corner High and Childers Street, at 8pm. Topic: Perennial gardens. New members and visitors most welcome. Enquiries: Mrs Morgan, 861 7057.

July 13, 20* and 27. Kew Conservation Study Review Committee meetings in the Committee Rooms, Municipal Offices (enter from Cotham Road)* and Old Library, basement, Municipal Offices (enter from Library car park). All welcome. Enquiries: Yvonne Weare, 862 2466.

July 13 and 27. Thursday. Save the Children Fund, Kew branch, meets at Kew Library Complex hall, off Cotham Road, at 9.30am.

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Friends' of Vasey Community Books and Cookies sale, Vasey Place, 20 Lisson Grove, Hawthorn, from 11am to 3pm. Donation: \$2.50 for entry. Enquiries: 861 7614.

Saturday. An evening of French music with the Elysium Ensemble, 8.15pm, St Paul's Anglican Church, Corner Windella Avenue and Hale Street, East Kew. Admission \$12 and \$7. Enquiries: 859 4775; 819 4948 after 6 pm.

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

Monday. Kew Toy Library annual general meeting at Kew Community House, 6-8 Derby Street, at 8pm. All welcome. Enquiries: Helen Brand, 861 8916.

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

Wednesday. Kew Arthritis Self-Help group meets at Kew Library Complex hall, off Cotham Road, at 10.30am. Annual General meeting with guest speaker. New members welcome. Morning tea served. Enquiries: 862 2021.

Wednesday. "Know your Community" lunch at Kew Community House, 6-8 Derby Street, at 11.30am. Guest speaker: Val Gerrand, Manager, Office of Psychiatric Services, Inner East. Stay for lunch for \$1. Enquiries: 862 3126.

Wednesday. Kew Legacy Widow's Club meets Kew RSL Hall, 63 Cotham Road, at 11am. Enquiries: 817 5097 or 859 2097.

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Monday. Kew (Daytime) Garden Club meets at Holy Trinity Church, Jubilee Hall, corner High and Pakington Streets, promptly at 1.30pm. Guest speaker: Tanya from MMBW about Water Conservation. Enquiries: 859 2977.

Monday. Kew Emergency Housing Committee meets at Kew Community House, 6-8 Derby Street, at 8 pm. All welcome.

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Wednesday. Community Walk — a walk back in time to Edgvale Village. Leaves Kew Community House, 6 Derby Street, at 1pm. Enquiries: 862 3126.

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Thursday. Kew Probus Club for Men meets at Kew RSL Hall, 63 Cotham Road, at 10am. Guest speaker: Mr Ian Poulter, Manager Engineering, City of Kew.

Thursday. Kew Auxiliary, Royal Women's Hospital, meets 1.30pm - 3.30pm at Kew Library Complex hall, off Cotham Road. Enquiries: Mrs Dietrich, 861 6059.

Recycling is the Solution

Recycling of many disposable products is recognised as the answer to the world's mounting environmental problems. Kew Council is playing its part in the process.

The Council's existing recycling service for glass bottles and jars has been extended to include aluminium cans and plastic soft drink bottles with a black or coloured base. Such bottles are known as P.E.T. bottles after the material from which they are made.

Austral Bottle Company, the Council's contractor for weekly collection of glass in Kew, will now collect P.E.T. bottles and aluminium cans at the same time it collects glass for recycling — the first garbage collection day of each week.

Residents should put all recyclable glass jars and bottles, P.E.T. bottles and aluminium cans in the recycling bag provided some time ago by Council, and should place it beside their garbage bin for collection.

The Austral Bottle Company has joined forces with other collection agencies, bottle manufacturers and major soft drink manufacturers, to support a trial collection of P.E.T. bottles. Now that newly available technology means P.E.T. bottles can be recycled for new product use, the trial is being held to develop new ways of recycling the bottles into a greater variety of products.

The recycling of P.E.T. bottles is environmentally sound on two fronts. Less energy is used to manufacture P.E.T. bottles than most other containers and new technology means the bottles can be recycled for new product manufacture.

Residents with enquiries about the new service should contact the Engineers Department on 860 5234.

FOR SALE — BY TENDER

Friends of Kew Library have for sale, by tender, the Complete Oxford, first edition.

The first edition Complete Oxford of 14 volumes and three supplementary volumes, was published between 1933 and 1982.

According to Kew's Librarian, Alex Tarr, "The Complete Oxford is a major work which is still very useful today. We have asked the Friends' to sell it for us because we have just taken delivery of The Complete Oxford second edition — a work of 20 volumes valued around \$3,000," he said.

The Friends of Kew Library are selling the first edition Complete Oxford to raise funds to purchase books and equipment for Kew Library.

A reserve price has been set and written tenders should reach the Friends of Kew Library by Friday, 21st July.

Tenders can be sent to the Friends of Kew Library, C/- P.O. Box 42, Kew.

Commentary

My term as Mayor of Kew has been a privilege and a great learning experience.

I have learned much about the groups and individuals, committed in their own quiet ways to improving our City, and I now have a much greater appreciation of their work. For that I am very grateful.

These quiet achievers do not get, nor do they seek publicity. But among those for whom they work, they are well known and their efforts are appreciated.

During June it was a pleasure to have as my guests, volunteers from Council sponsored services — Meals on Wheels, Citizens' Advice Bureau and drivers and jockeys of the Community Bus.

In this small way I had the opportunity to personally thank those who support and care for the people in our community who need help via Council sponsored services. On other occasions and at other venues I have had that same opportunity to thank the many people who contribute so much to the needs of others in the City.

The restructuring of the internal workings of Council has also given me considerable satisfaction. As a result, I believe we are now functioning in a way which leads to greater efficiencies and better decision making.

The physical restructuring of the Council offices which started last month will mean much better working conditions for Council staff, some of whom have been working in less than favourable conditions for some time.

Such restructuring is needed from time to time as the work of the Council grows and the

requirements of staff and equipment changes. There has been no major improvement to the municipal offices since 1972 and the costs of these changes, kept to a minimum by prudent management, will be far outweighed by the benefits which accrue.

Kew is indeed fortunate to have the staff that it has — those at the municipal offices, the depot, and those in Council services scattered throughout the municipality.

Unlike some municipalities, the Kew community has not been disrupted with industrial action, staff have willingly taken on added responsibilities in a climate of economic restraint, and they clearly show their commitment to the community for which they work.

During this past year I have gained a heightened appreciation of the work of our staff and for that, too, I am grateful.

My mayoral term would not have been nearly so fulfilling without the support of my fellow councillors.

The reduced number of councillors and increased representation brought about last year, has meant an increased workload with fewer resources for us all. As well, decision making has been more onerous with major issues like the Brunswick to Richmond powerline, the Willsmere Hospital site, Kew Conservation Study and the problems of unit development.

All councillors have shouldered their duties during these difficult times. They have helped me with some of the extra duties required of the Mayor, and throughout the year, have made my term an enjoyable one. They, too, deserve my thanks.



Cr. Allen Martin, Mayor of Kew

MEETING DATES

July 11 Standing Committees 7.30pm
July 18 General Purposes Committee 7.30pm
July 25 Council 8.15pm

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.

GARBAGE REVIEW

In June last year, Kew Council decided to review its existing household garbage collection service. Consultants were engaged to carry out the review.

Included in the review was a detailed survey and assessment of the existing household garbage collection service and an evaluation of future options. The report was presented to Council's General Purposes Committee at its June meeting.

The review suggested Council consider three possible options — maintenance of the existing collection (no change); an investigation of economies based on the existing 55 litre small bin collection; and an investigation into a mobile "big bin" collection service.

The General Purposes Committee decided to ask Council's engineering department to finalise the review process by investigating the options, costs and effects of providing alternative waste collection services including a big bin service.

As reported elsewhere in Kewriosity, Council is committed to waste recycling programs. But it needs to be sure that any changes in its waste collection services reconciles the need for efficient rubbish disposal with the need for effective and extensive recycling services.

Further reports about the garbage review will be featured in future editions of Kewriosity.

Recycle your surplus books at Friends of Kew Library's monthly book Mini Sales.

The book Mini Sales are held on the third Sunday of each month from 2-5pm in Kew Library lobby.

Books may be left at the Library's circulation desk during library opening hours.

SOCIAL ISOLATION IN KEW

A public meeting held to discuss the needs of the socially isolated in Kew, was told that suitable accommodation and a range of community services was needed to stem the social isolation and homelessness of people in Kew.

The meeting was called by Kew Community Action Group because community services providers like Church groups, Counselling services, the Citizens' Advice Bureau and Kew Community House, are concerned about the growing number of unemployed and homeless people in Kew.

It was addressed by Ms. Helen Herrman, project officer with Royal Park Psychiatric Hospital, and Ms. Veida Paul, chairperson of the Outreach Committee at East Kew Uniting Church.

Ms. Herrman, is co-author of a report which highlights the high incidence of mental disorder and accompanying homelessness. She said suitable accommodation and a range of community services is needed as a first step to improve the quality of life for homeless people in Kew.

Ms. Paul gave details of a new drop-in day centre being organised by East Kew Uniting Church. The drop-in group is specifically tailored to the needs of socially isolated people living in special accommodation houses in Kew.

Co-ordinator of Kew Community Action Group, Ms. Rhonda McCaw, said many people in

boarding houses and special accommodation houses in Kew have no networks of family and friends for support. With the de-commissioning of Willsmere Hospital, she believes the situation will worsen.

The result of the public meeting, held in April, was the formation of a committee to investigate the possibility of setting up daytime groups with a range of services tailored to meet the needs of their members, and the formulation of a submission to appropriate agencies for funding.

Anyone interested in becoming involved in the committee or lending their support should contact Irena Higgins on 861 8862.

Bridge Duplication

Regular travellers along the Chandler Highway between Kew and Fairfield often curse the narrow two-lane bridge.

But if Kew Council has its way, an investigation into the possibility of a second bridge for the Highway, should start sometime next year.

Council has told the Road Construction Authority that it considers the investigation of the bridge duplication to be of high priority, given the proposed construction of Route Six, the arterial road from the Chandler Highway to High Street, along Earl and Asquith Streets.

Council has also asked the RCA to carry out its investigations to coincide with the development of Route Six.

NOTICES

Kew East Primary School has organised an evening on Friday, July 14, to mark the retirement of its Principal, Mr. Graeme Lindsay.

The evening, being held in the school hall, includes a light meal, drinks and presentation to Mr. Lindsay.

Ex-pupils, parents, pupils and friends of the school, are welcome to attend.

Tickets at \$16 can be obtained by contacting Mrs. De Vries on 859 2903.

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Maroondah Hospital Diabetic Education Centre and Support Organisation is holding a Dolls House Exhibition in the Old Library, lower ground floor of the Municipal Offices, off Cotham Road, from July 21 to July 23.

The exhibition includes antique and modern, miniatures, books and furnishings and many of the exhibits will be on sale.

Hours: Friday, July 21-9.30am to 6pm (setting up); 6.30-8pm official opening
Saturday, July 22-10.30am to 9pm
Sunday, July 23-10.30am to 4pm.

Admission: Adults \$3; children 50c.

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Camberwell Music Society is holding its Youth Concert on Saturday, July 15, at 8.15pm and a vocal recital on Wednesday, July 26 at 10.30am.

The concerts, part of the Society's Saturday and Wednesday Morning Series, are held at St John's Hall, 552 Burke Road, Camberwell Junction.

Enquiries: Margaret Sharp, 29 3935 or Dorothy Thorpe, 288 2200.

Possums Playgroup

Possums Playgroup, based at Kew Baptist Church Hall in Mary Street, is starting a new three year-old session in term three.

Parents may leave their children at the sessions, on Mondays from 1-3 p.m., but are required to take their turn as a rostered caregiver one session in every four.

Sessions at Possums Playgroup are run by a qualified kindergarten teacher and combine informal and structured learning activities.

Cost per term is \$40. Enquiries and enrolments should be directed to Kay Thompson, 859 3101, or Lois Craig, 818 4894.

TRAFFIC UPDATE

Area 10 — bounded by Barkers Road, Burke Rod, Glenferrie Road and Cotham Road.

Council has received a report from its traffic management consultants, Ove Arup and Partners, on the review of the traffic management plan drawn up by Area 10 traffic management consultative committee.

After reviewing the Area 10 plan, Ove Arup recommended changes be made to the plan before its release for public comment.

Council has asked that the Area 10 Committee prepare a strategy for community consultation on the plan ready for its release when the recommended changes have been made.

KEW/HAWTHORN CAB'S REDUCE HOURS

Kew/Hawthorn Citizens' Advice Bureaux have been forced to reduce their opening hours because of a lack of volunteers to conduct the service.

Until further notice, the Bureaux will be open from Monday to Friday, 11am to 3pm, instead of the earlier opening time of 10am.

A spokesperson for the CAB said the Bureaux very much regretted the decision, but without sufficient volunteers to run the service, a reduction in opening times was the only available choice.

It is hoped the reduction in hours is temporary, but this will depend on whether the Bureaux can recruit new volunteers.

Response to appeals for new volunteers through Kewriosity, and the local press has been disappointing, despite a publicity campaign being waged over several months.

Kew residents who would like to help the CAB carry on its important service of information and referral should ring the Bureau on 861 5244 between 11am and 3pm, Monday to Friday.

The Bureau is at the rear of the Kew Library Complex, off Cotham Road, with entry via the library or from ramped access at the rear.

Hawthorn Citizens' Advice Bureau is in the RSL Building, corner Manningtree and Glenferrie Roads, Hawthorn, telephone 819 2772.

Potential volunteers who would rather ring for more information can contact the President of Kew/Hawthorn Citizens' Advice Bureaux, Catherine Bainbridge, on 817 1757.

YARRA SCENIC DRIVE

Kew residents who have noticed new road signs along High Street South, Studley Park Road and Walmer Street to the Boulevard — as well as on some other approaches to Kew — may be wondering what the signs mean.

Erected by the Road Construction Authority last month, the signs designate the new Yarra River Scenic Drive.

The drive, from Williamstown to Warrandyte, was first proposed by the Ministry for Planning and Environment in February, 1987. It uses existing roads and follows the Yarra River wherever possible.

In its first proposal, The Ministry suggested using local streets so that the drive could follow, as closely as possible, the route of the Yarra. A separate route using main arterial roads was proposed for a coach route.

Kew Council responded by not opposing the idea of the drive, but by asking the Ministry to ensure that no local street be used as part of the route and that direct access to the scenic drive be provided from Studley Park Road and Walmer Street to The Boulevard.

As a result, the Ministry for Planning and Environment agreed that individual sightseers should use the same route as that designated for coaches. This route takes in Church Street Hawthorn, High Street South, Studley Park Road, Walmer Street and The Boulevard.

The idea of the drive is that Melburnians and visitors to Melbourne follow the Yarra from its mouth near Williamstown, to outer suburban Warrandyte — the most accessible area to the river's source.

The scenic drive through the city, closer suburbs, and some of the most picturesque areas of Melbourne, is detailed in a brochure soon to be released by the Ministry for Planning and Environment.

THEATRE OF THE DEAF

May is one month in this year's school calendar that junior school students at Methodist Ladies' College, Kew, won't easily forget.

The girls, all students in grades prep to five joined in drama workshops and saw a production of one of Australia's most unusual and most professionally successful theatre companies, Theatre of the Deaf.

Over two days spent at MLC, deaf actors from the company conducted workshops for deaf students and their hearing classmates. The workshops gave their young audiences an introduction to visual language and the communication skills needed for storytelling without speech.

Theatre of the Deaf's performance style is based on the expressive skills of its deaf artists. Theatre of the Deaf communicates movement, physical expression, acting and visual language, unlike conventional theatre companies which use speech and acting when playing mainly to hearing audiences.

Theatre of the Deaf is the only company of its type in Australia and is one of only nine similar theatre companies in the world. A division of the Australian Elizabethan Theatre Trust, Theatre of the Deaf has been taking its productions, mainly to young hearing and deaf audiences throughout Australia, for the past ten years.

The Company's production of "Jumping off the Shelf" — a visual storytelling show about books, about reading and about having fun with storytelling — had its audience "captivated and absolutely silent through the show", MLC's teacher of the deaf, Mrs. Helen Badcock, said.

MLC was chosen as a venue for Theatre of the Deaf because it has an integration program for deaf students. Fifteen deaf girls are integrated into classes throughout the school. They are supported by teachers of the deaf, sign language interpreters and note takers.

Mrs. Badcock said the program, now in its fourth year, is most successful. "The deaf girls are given access to education in a regular setting and the hearing girls learn to understand the disability of deafness and to communicate in sign language.

Theatre of the Deaf's visit is being followed up in classes for deaf and hearing students by visual language and drama lessons exploring storytelling through visual communication rather than conventional speech, Mrs. Badcock said.

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.

New Children's Vaccine

The Health Department Victoria has introduced a single vaccine to protect children from measles, mumps and rubella (German measles).

Minister for Health, Ms. Caroline Hogg, said the single vaccine for measles, mumps and rubella (M.M.R.) will help reduce the risk of children contacting rubella. The new vaccine replaces the measles/mumps vaccine used for the past six years.

Until now, the rubella vaccine has only been given to school girls in year six and to non-immune women of childbearing age.

Kew's Chief Health Surveyor, John Podlena, said M.M.R. should be given to all children at 12 to 15 months in order to keep the level of protection high in both sexes. Only by immunising boys and girls can epidemics be avoided. "A single dose of vaccine produces long-term immunity in more than 90 per cent of children, if the child is more than a year old," he said. "A child who previously has had measles, mumps or rubella can still be safely vaccinated. In that case the vaccine is neutralised by existing antibodies or acts as a booster to the child's natural immunity."

Ms. Hogg says immunisation plays a key role in reducing the amount of disease, premature death and disability in the community. "The M.M.R. vaccine has been used for some time worldwide, so its safety and positive protective results have been proved," she said.

Immunisation with M.M.R. will be available in Council's next round of free immunisation sessions — for details see Dates Column, on page 2.

For enquiries about the M.M.R. vaccine or other immunisation programs contact Council's health services section on 860 5244 or 860 5245.

Current caregivers in the Kew/Hawthorn scheme include parents with their own children, single people, grandparents, mature people with grown-up families, and mature-aged students.

Most caregivers find they can earn a good salary without compromising their existing entitlements.

Kew residents who would like to become part of this vital team which provides Kew families with quality child care in a home environment should contact Mary-Joan, Helen or Diana on 810 2444.

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FIRST AID-COURSE

Kew Community House and East Kew Maternal and Child Health Centre are joining forces to present a six week St John's Ambulance First-aid course.

The course, which starts on Tuesday, July 25, will be held at East Kew Maternal and Child Health Centre, 21 Strathalbyn Street.

The course covers basic first aid, what to do at the scene of a road accident, cardio-pulmonary resuscitation and how to call for an ambulance.

Judy Price at Kew Community House, 862 3126, or Wanda Romanowski at East Kew Maternal and Child Health Centre, 859 1380, can help with enquiries.



Minister for Health, Ms Caroline Hogg, gives Anna Milverton an MMR birthday card on her first birthday. Photograph: courtesy Ministry for Health.

SALE OF OTHER'S TREASURES BUYS TALKING BOOKS

Kew Library has 20 new titles in its talking book collection for visually impaired people and people with disabilities.

The books, donated by the Friends of the Kew Library, include *Poirot Investigates* (Agatha Christie), *All Creatures Great and Small* (James Herriot), *Rumpole of the Bailey* (John Mortimer), *A Murder of Quality* (John LeCarre), *Pritzi's Honour* (Richard Condon), *Eye of the Needle* (John Follett), *The Day of the Jackal* (Frederick Forsyth) and *Man of Property* (John Galsworthy).

Donation of the books was made possible from proceeds of the Friends' monthly book mini-sales.

For the last three months (and from each month now on) the Friends of Kew Library have been selling other people's treasures at their book sales on the third Sunday of each month. The sales are held in the Kew Library from 2-5pm.

Residents with books to donate for the July sale can leave them at the Library's circulation desk or can ring 859 5653 to arrange pick-up.

As well as the talking books, the Friends' donated a specially built display rack to house their bi-monthly book reviews — a voluntary service provided by the Friends' to library borrowers.

The reviews cover a wide variety of titles and have proved popular with borrowers since they were introduced last year.

Residents interested in joining the Friends of Kew Library can make enquiries at the Library's circulation desk or can ring Eric Flynn on 859 5653.

A rewarding career at home

Kew/Hawthorn Family Day Care scheme offers a rewarding career for people who prefer to work in their own homes.

Family Day caregivers need no formal qualifications in child care, but some experience in caring for children and a commitment to their safety is essential.

Caregivers in the scheme become part of a vital local team providing quality child care to families in Kew.

They are supported by:

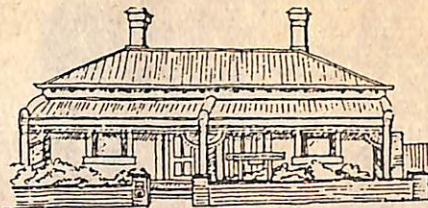
- home visits, advice and support from Councils trained Family Day Care staff;
- regular home visits from the mobile toy library which stocks toys, puzzles, games, construction sets, children's books, audiotapes and ride-on toys;
- free use of cots, strollers, playpens, highchairs and other needy equipment;
- free insurance for accident cover and public liability;
- free art and craft materials — as much as the children and caregiver can use;
- free playgroup and activity sessions, activity suggestion sheets and some excursions;
- free taxation and other financial advice;
- in-service training with informal talks, seminars, discussion videos, guest speakers and free child care for their own children while these activities take place.

Family Day Caregivers can look after up to four pre-school aged children in their own home on either a full-time or part-time basis. They don't need to interrupt their daily life or weekly routine and, with parental permission, can take the children with them for recreational activities, shopping, or visiting friends.

Caregivers are paid \$75 per child for 40 hours care per week — more if the child stays longer.

KEW COMMUNITY HOUSE

Co-ordinator: Judy Price



6 DERBY STREET, KEW, VIC. 3101
Telephone: 862 3126

What a better way to spend a miserable Winter's day than at Our House where the people are always friendly, the rooms are always warm, and the kettle's always on the boil.

Why not begin tracing your family's history, or learning to make cottage print gifts, gourmet gifts and personalised correspondence in our classes beginning soon?

If art and craft is not your bent, why not experiment with new foods and cooking new dishes to warm up your winter days?

You can choose from classes in Chinese and Malaysian cooking, Italian food, South African food and vegetarian cooking. Marion is running her introductory cooking classes again this term as well.

Also continuing are our Migrant English and other literacy classes. But our writing for pleasure, book discussion group and conversational German classes are open to everyone.

What about a class in managing your money? It's one of our new classes and there's a lot more to interest you too.

Childcare is available for most classes but we need you to book classes early so we know whether or not we should organise childcare.

While on the subject of childcare — why not see if there is room in our childcare group occasionally so that you can come and use our facilities or have some time out on your own? Cost: a small donation.

Our drop-in day on Wednesday is so popular, we want to expand the idea. On Wednesday's you can drop in to share lunch (\$1), have a chat, and meet new friends. And we thought we would extend the idea by having coffee mornings on Thursdays as well.

What we need though to make it successful, is a few warm friendly volunteers to be here to provide a welcome.

If you haven't done this sort of thing before, or if you have and would like to join us, please ring me as soon as you can.

I look forward to seeing you at Our House, soon.

Traffic humps

Two Kew schools and several nearby residents who approached Kew Council with requests for traffic management devices in Charles Street and Gordon Avenue, have had their requests granted.

Following the approach by Gordon Avenue residents, Trinity Grammar School and Xavier College, Kew Council agreed to the installation of road humps in Gordon Avenue and Charles Street south of Wellington Street.

School principals, Mr. David Marles of Trinity Grammar and Father Christopher Gleeson of Xavier College, said in a letter to Council that with a combined school population of over two thousand students, they were concerned about the danger to students of vehicles travelling at speed in Charles Street between Wellington Street and Barkers Road.

In a second letter to Council, Gordon Avenue residents detailed their alarm at the increasing number of vehicles speeding down Gordon Avenue in what they see as a very dangerous manner — especially during the early morning and afternoon drop-off and pick-up hours associated with Trinity and Xavier.

Because the safety of students and residents is of the utmost concern to Council, it was decided to suspend the usual consultative process of area traffic management and install the road humps at the end of the month.

Funding for the Charles Street humps is being provided on an equal share basis by the two schools, while funding for Gordon Avenue humps will be met by Council from its capital expenditure program.

Work on the humps is expected to be completed by mid to late August.

Greenlink Kew

Growing community concern about our environment is reflected at international, national, state and local levels.

And a group of local residents concerned about Kew's environment, have banded together in a new group, Greenlink Kew, to help preserve Kew's parklands and natural environment.

The group aims to conserve the flora and fauna of Kew's parklands, to help re-vegetate Kew's parks, and to raise public awareness and appreciation of Kew's parklands and natural environment.

Greenlink Kew was formed early in June after a proposal by one of Kew's younger residents very concerned about the environment around him.

The group, which has the support of Kew Council, will co-ordinate its activities in conjunction with Council's Superintendent of Parks and Gardens, Bruce Schroder.

Council has offered to provide tools and materials for future activities by the group and to publicise their work through Kewriosity.

Greenlink Kew has already begun its activities by planting trees and weeding at Willsmere Billabong.

Local residents interested in joining the group should contact Nick Starcevic on 862 1926.

Jeff Fenech's gloves under the hammer

A pair of Jeff Fenech's autographed boxing gloves, Darren Gauci's riding whip and two 3-month gold membership passes to the Kew Recreation Centre, are just some of the items going under the hammer at a fundraising auction for two local football clubs on July 20.

Kew Football Club and North Kew Football Club are jointly sponsoring the evening and conducting the auction to raise funds needed to keep the club viable.

The Clubs hope the star guests at the auction will be Robert Dipierdomenico and James Morrissey who both played for local teams before joining Hawthorn Football Club.

Other items for auction are Hawthorn, Footscray, North Melbourne and Melbourne footballs; Gold Coast and Adelaide travel, household goods, electrical goods, sporting goods, food, clothes and wine.

Local firms and individuals are invited to donate sporting memorabilia and items such as electrical goods and equipment, sporting goods, air fares and travel, photographic equipment, books, clothes, food, wine, restaurant passes, etc.

An auction list is available from Tony Gevaux on 859 6027. Tony will also take calls from individuals and organisations with goods to donate.

Admission to the auction is free. Entry tickets can be obtained by contacting Ted Jenkins on 439 6059.

The auction will be held in the Stradbroke Park Pavillion on Thursday July 20 at 8pm.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

The latest crime figures issued to Kew Neighbourhood watch groups by Victoria Police, show that Kew recorded its highest number of car thefts in May. The figure is higher than for any other period in the last twelve months.

All vehicles were stolen overnight either from car parks or from the kerb. Entry to most cars was gained via the rear quarter vent windows Police said.

The main trouble spot is an area bordered by Princess Street, Denmark Street, Earl and Asquith Streets — an area where no Neighbourhood watch scheme exists.

The area also recorded the greatest number of daylight residential burglaries for the month. Entry to properties was gained either by open or unlocked windows and doors, or by jemmying open rear doors and windows.

Kew Police are urging residents in the area to keep their doors, windows and vehicles locked; to remove items from cars which invite and encourage theft, and to remove any items around properties which would help burglars to enter them.

Residents in the area who are interested in forming a local Neighbourhood Watch group should contact the co-ordinator of 'H' district on 885 7270.

Residents who believe a crime is being committed are urged not to intervene, but to contact the Victoria Police on 11444.

Neighbourhood watch meetings for July are: Area H27 meets in Kew Library Complex Hall, off Cotham Road, at 7.30pm on July 27th.

15 MINUTE HAMLET

"The 15-minute Hamlet" by British playwright, Tom Stoppard, is one of three one-act plays being presented by Toorak Players Teenage Workshop, in Hawthorn and Balwyn this month.

Ed Bailey, convenor of the workshop, said while it may seem impossible to perform Shakespeare's "Hamlet" in 15 minutes, Tom Stoppard has written a brilliantly funny play where the plot's all there, so too are the memorable quotes, and where the words remain unchanged.

The two other plays being performed are "The Haunted Carousel", by Ruth Angell Purkey, a drama, and "The Wild Flowering of Chastity" (or "Chaste across the Stage") by Dutton Forster, a comedy.

Mr. Bailey said Toorak Players Teenage Workshop was started in 1981 as an offshoot of Toorak Players adult group founded in 1963 in the Toorak Uniting Church — hence the name.

He said most members of the Teenage Workshop come from Kew, Hawthorn and Camberwell, although some travel from as far away as Brighton and Wheeler's Hill.

Toorak Players Teenage Workshop rehearses and presents its productions in the Kew/Hawthorn/Balwyn area. A non-profit group, the workshop is open to any teenager aged 14 to 19. Membership is restricted to less than 20 members so that reasonable individual attention can be given to each member.

Mr. Bailey said that although there is a fair-sized waiting list for membership, boys are usually successful getting in. This, he says, is not sexist. "It's simply because less boys than girls apply to join the group and we like to keep the numbers even."

Mr. Bailey said several teenagers from the workshop have gone on to drama courses at NIDA (the National Institute of Dramatic Art), VCA (the Victoria College of the Arts), Rusden College of the Arts, and some are working in professional theatre.

The workshop's three one-act plays will be performed on July 28 and 29 at Deepdene Uniting Church, 958 Burke Road, Balwyn, at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$7 adults, \$4 concession.

Kane's Bridge work

Work on repairing Kane's Bridge, the only pedestrian link over the Yarra River between Studley Park and Fairfield, should start later this month.

The bridge was closed in July 1988 after it was declared unfit for foot traffic.

In May the Minister for Conservation, Forests and Lands, Mrs. Kay Satchell, presented the trustees of Kane's Bridge with a cheque for \$25,000 so that work on the bridge could begin.

The payment was the first instalment of a \$181,000 commitment by the State Government to repair the bridge.

Kane's Bridge was originally built in 1929 but had to be rebuilt in 1934 after floods swept it downstream.

Trustees of the bridge, Yarra Bend Park Trust, expect the bridge to be open for traffic in October.

The extensive renovations to the bridge should keep it in good repair for another 50 years.



"Big Sister, Suzanne Lennon, reads to preps Natalie Paslucci (L) and Lucy Chisholm (R) at Sacred Heart School.

WE LIKE SCHOOL

We like school — that's the verdict of primary schoolers at Sacred Heart School in Cotham Road, Kew.

Grade six children at Sacred Heart were asked to write down their frankest feelings about the school. According to Helen Wright, President of the parents' association at the school, some of the comments were indeed "straight from the heart."

The children wrote: "This is our seventh year at Sacred Heart and it is still the same caring family we joined in 1982." "Sacred Heart School is the best school because of the friendliness of everyone." "It is like a second family. I always feel at home at Sacred Heart." "This year we were joined at Sacred Heart by some delightful new

preps. There is a system called 'Big Brother: Big Sister' where each grade sixer has one or two preps to look after and help." "I have been going here since prep and I am still enjoying it."

Mrs. Wright said the attraction of the school, apart from its high education standards, was the caring attitude expressed in programs like 'Big Brother: Big Sister.' She said the multicultural mix of children at the school fostered greater understanding by primary school children of each other's cultural backgrounds.

Sacred Heart School which celebrates its centenary in 1990, is taking enrolments now for the new school year. Enquiries should be directed to the Principal, Mrs. Marie Slattery, 861 5859.

Mayor hosts reception to say thanks to volunteers

Last month, The Mayor of Kew, Councillor Allen Martin, hosted an afternoon tea to say thank you to volunteers who give such valuable service to the Kew community.

The volunteers are all with Council sponsored services like Meals on Wheels, Citizens' Advice Bureau and Community Bus.

The Mayor praised the work of these and other volunteers in other agencies in Kew and said Council and other services simply could not exist without their generosity.

As Executive Director of The Asthma Foundation, the Mayor said he was well aware of the work of volunteers and how important their work is in the functioning of any municipality and in the many organisations servicing the City of Kew and its residents. But in his year as Mayor, Councillor Martin said he had gained an even greater appreciation of the work of all volunteers and was glad of the opportunity to personally thank volunteers in Council sponsored services for their contributions.



The Mayor of Kew, Councillor Allen Martin, with Meals on Wheels Volunteer, Mrs Pat Throssel.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

An open letter to Kew residents from an area co-ordinator with one of Kew's Neighbourhood Watch groups.

Neighbourhood Watch is a community based Crime prevention program aimed at minimising the incidence of preventable crime within a defined area. Members of each group work closely with each other and the Victoria Police to minimise crime in their area.

Most areas experience a reduction in crime shortly after a Neighbourhood Watch scheme is introduced into an area. Criminals assume they are being watched and concentrate their activities in other areas.

However, more than just Neighbourhood Watch street and house signs are needed to deter criminals. The scheme is only effective if it receives maximum vigilance and co-operation from all householders.

The regular meetings of local neighbourhood watch groups are advertised in individual group newsletters and in Kewriosity each month. All Kew citizens are invited to attend, but it is rare for anyone other than zone leaders to attend a meeting.

On May 30 at its regular monthly meeting, Area H27 invited guest speaker, Ms. Gayle McDonald from C.A.L.M. (Citizens' Against Lawlessness Movement), to give some advice about lessening the chances of personal attack.

Ms. McDonald, herself the victim of a violent criminal attack, was fortunate not to have been murdered and she gave some very valuable advice on how to avoid criminal personal attacks.

She also detailed how her organisation helps people who have experienced the trauma of crime and how to overcome the side effects of fear.

The night was neither wet nor cold; the hall was comfortably warm; the meeting was well advertised. And yet not one Kew Citizen, other than Neighbourhood Watch zone leaders and office bearers, turned up to take advantage of the information or to pay respect to Ms. McDonald for her time and effort.

And this is not the first time, might I add, that this has happened. On other occasions we have had very poor turnouts for guest speakers at our meetings.

Neighbourhood Watch has been disbanded in some areas because of lack of co-operation by the very citizens who expect their homes to be protected. It has lost its effectiveness because once the scheme is shown to be effective, residents are lulled into a false sense of security, become less vigilant than they were and develop a degree of complacency in relation to neighbourhood crime.

If Kew Citizens are too apathetic to bother attending a meeting and to give encouragement to the work of the zone leaders and ancillary workers (who are all volunteers) then Kew Neighbourhood Watch schemes will go the way of many schemes in other areas and will cease to exist.

If you want Neighbourhood Watch to continue and you want to reduce the amount of neighbourhood crime, I appeal to you to display appropriate interest.

From A. Cope

The article on the front page of the June edition, "Hard garbage, hard time", interested me and I can only see the problem (of garbage) increasing.

We are encouraged to maintain our home gardens.

We are forbidden to include any garden waste in the twice-weekly garbage collections.

We do get four coupons per year to take rubbish to Heidelberg (Transfer Station), but the boot of the family car does not hold much, plus the inconvenience of holding it until we accumulate a load.

We can use incinerators five days a week but it is my view that incinerators should be banned. I do not possess one.

The solution? "Wheelies"! Is Kew going to be the last municipality to make the change? We see them (large "wheelie" bins) in use in municipalities around us, why not us?



KEEPING YOU INFORMED

The people of Kew are indeed fortunate to have a group of solicitors willing to give legal advice free of charge.

It is the willingness of these solicitors which enables us to provide a service every Tuesday evening between 7.30 and 9pm.

What should be appreciated, though, is that the legal advice given is usually of a preliminary nature. It may not replace the need to engage a solicitor for ongoing legal proceedings.

The advantage of the legal advice service is that it provides information about the steps, if any, a person should take. If the area of law is unfamiliar or the circumstances are new, anxieties can sometimes be dispelled by a short discussion on the legal aspects of the problem.

Although personal attendance at the Bureau is usual, legal advice can be obtained by calling the Bureau on Tuesday evenings between 7.30 and 9pm. Callers need not identify themselves.

Kew Citizen's Advice Bureau is at the rear of Kew Library Complex, off Cotham Road; telephone 861 5244.

For other enquiries contact the Bureaux between 11am and 3pm Monday to Friday.

DEADLINE

Copy for the August edition of Kewriosity should reach the Municipal Offices by Monday, July 10.

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

KEW BAND REPORT

Individual players in Kew Band took out eight first places and nine other places in the Victorian Bands' League State Championships held in Kew in May.

Solo and group players in brass bands from all over Victoria took part in the competitions held at Kew Music Centre, Beresford Street, East Kew.

Michelle Francis, French Horn player with Kew Youth Band, was voted champion of champions in the junior section of the competition. Michelle beat about 200 other musicians to take out the title in the round robin style competition.

Kew Youth Band has been getting good concert experience with performances in April at the Band Rotunda in Alexandra Gardens and in May, at Hamer Court Hostel for senior citizens, in High Street.

On 24th July, Kew Band will perform at Karana Baptist Home for the Aged in Walpole Street. On 30th August, Kew Youth Band joins Preston Youth Band in a concert at Kew Music Centre in Beresford Street.

Anyone wanting to attend the August concert should contact Keith Callinan on 887 0630. Mr. Callinan also welcomes enquiries from brass players wanting to join either Kew's Senior or Youth Bands.

FOOTY NEWS

This year's elevation to 'A' grade competition has not been without its problems for Kew Football Club.

The seniors, with only one win this season to their credit — a win against Parkside which reversed the result of last year's Grand Final — are the hardest hit.

Despite their continuing losses the Club says morale is high and new recruits Brett Fitzpatrick, Peter Burke, Dallas Moore, Warren Keighran, Paul Howard, Mark Rigoni, Rob Macri, Angie Mantis and Andy Foreman are all playing good football.

Former Gaelic footballer and ruckman, Maurice Furlong, is showing good form in the Club Eighteen Squad and is proving that the recruiting of Irish Footballers is not solely a V.F.L. phenomenon.

The Club Eighteen, with eight successive wins, are undisputed leaders in their competition while the Reserves have shown good form in their defeats of Marcellin Old Collegians and North Old Boys. But an unexpected loss against University has put them out of the four.

Senior half back, Adrian Jenkins and Club Eighteen Captain/Coach, Richard Mac Isaac, last month notched up 100 games. Not so lucky was Senior Captain, Brett Burden, who withdrew through injury from the Victorian amateur team to play South Australian amateurs and the All Australian team which played in the Amateur Football Club Championships in Hobart on the Queen's Birthday Weekend.

Matches for July are:
 July 8 Kew v Ormond (Victoria Park)
 July 22 Kew v Collegians (away)
 July 29 Kew v Parkside (Victoria Park)
 Aug 5 Kew v Marcellin Old Collegians (away)

Any enquiries about the club and its activities should be directed to Ted Jenkins (Secretary) on 439 6059 (h) or 817 1118 (club pavillion) on Tuesday and Thursday evenings or Saturday afternoons.