

# KEW RIOSITY

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## FIRST STEP BEFORE SCHOOL



All the world's a puzzle for (L to R) Benjamin, Jordan, Christopher and Claire of North Kew Kindergarten. Photo: courtesy Sue Lancaster.

### Kindergarten is an important first step for children preparing for primary school.

Children increase in confidence and in their ability to cope with school in the years ahead by socialising and learning at kindergarten with others their own age and by spending time away from their parents and family.

Kew has four municipal kindergartens offering three and four-year-old programs and one which offers an additional extended hours program.

All five kindergartens have government subsidised four year-old programs in four two and a half hour sessions per week. Each has three-year-old programs where parents pay fees to cover the costs of the short sessions which run one or two days each week. At Davis Street extended hours kindergarten, parents pay the difference between the government subsidised component of the program and the full extended hours costs. Children attend each day of the week between 9.00 a.m. and 3.30 p.m.

Kew's five kindergartens are accepting enrolments now for the 1990 school year.

Children who will be four by June 30, 1990, can be enrolled for four-year-old programs now, with enrolments closing on July 28 and offers of places made mid-August. Enrolment forms should be lodged at the Municipal Offices, Charles Street.

Individual kindergartens enrol their own three-year-old groups but have a standard closing date for applications — July 28. Application forms should be lodged at individual kindergartens.

Enrolments for extended hours kindergarten close on Friday June 30 with offers of places being made in July. Applications should be lodged at the Municipal Offices, Charles Street.

Application forms are available from individual kindergartens, Maternal and Child Health Centres or the Municipal Offices.

For children not ready to separate from their parents to go to kindergarten, playgroups are a suitable alternative. Kew has several parent-run playgroups where learning and socialising of children takes place, but with the parent nearby.

Information on kindergartens and playgroups is available from Donna Morton, Community Services Department, 860 5223.

## HARD GARBAGE, HARD TIME

**An unprecedented amount of garbage left out for hard rubbish collections in Kew, has led to longer than normal delays in pick-up in some streets.**

Residents have waited two or three weeks in some areas to have the unsightly rubbish removed, despite additional collection crews and trucks being provided by Council.

Engineering Department staff estimate an increase of over one third and as much as 50 percent more hard rubbish left for collection than in previous years.

Department Manager, Ian Poulter, said "reasons for the increase in hard rubbish are purely speculative at this stage.

We do know, however, that the prolific growth of shrubs and trees during Melbourne's unusually long summer, has meant an increase in prunings put out for collection".

Mr Poulter said his department will review the problems encountered in the current collection before making arrangements for the second collection in October/November this year.

# Dates for June

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. Country Women's Association, Kew/Balwyn branch, meets at East Kew Uniting Church Hall, Normanby Road, at noon for a "Sausage Sizzle". Enquiries: Shirley Robinson, 819 1686.

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Tuesday. Kew Philharmonic Society's Choral and Orchestral Concert at Kew Uniting Church, Highbury Grove. Admission \$6 and \$4 concession. Enquiries and bookings: Valda Fouvy, 817 1881; Lola Stokes, 817 3186. Asthma Education Sessions at Asthma Foundation, 2 Highfield Grove, Kew, at 10.30 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. Talk by a specialist, video, and demonstration of techniques. Enquiries: Margaret Hampson, 861 5666.

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Wednesday. Children's immunisation session, North Kew Maternal and Child Health Centre, 152 Peel Street, between 9.00 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. Note: Measles/mumps immunisation given only during 9.00 a.m. and 10 a.m. Enquiries: 861 9466.

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Thursday. Save the Children Fund, Kew Branch, meets Kew Library Complex hall, off Cotham Road, at 9.30 a.m. New members welcome. Kew Garden Club meets at Senior Citizens' Centre, 533 High Street, at 8.00 p.m. Guest speaker: Les Russell, on "Pruning". New members and visitors most welcome. Enquiries: Mrs Morgan, 861 7057.

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Wednesday. Hyde Park Fellowship meets at Hyde Park Uniting Church, 152 Pakington Street, at 1.30 p.m. Enquiries: Mrs McMillan, 861 9243. Kew Historical Society meeting in Kew Library Complex hall, off Cotham Road, at 8.00 p.m. Guest speaker: Mr Natoli, Kew solicitor, on "My life and times in Kew". All welcome. Enquiries: Sue Leong, 817 4660.

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Thursday. Eastern Suburban Regional Church of Christ, Valerie Street, East Kew. Meeting at 1.30 p.m. Guest speaker: Mrs Benyei of Kew Historical Society, on the history of Kew and the history of East Kew Primary School. All welcome. Enquiries: Mr Pope, 857 5342.

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Saturday. Camberwell Music Society's Saturday Series Concert at 8.15 p.m. at St John's Hall, 552 Burke Road, Camberwell. Bookings/enquiries: Margaret Sharp, 29 3935 or Dorothy Thorpe, 288 2200.

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Sunday. Mini Book Sale by Friends of Kew Library. Kew Library foyer, off Cotham Road, between 2.00 p.m. and 5.00 p.m. Enquiries: 859 5653.

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Monday. Kew Auxiliary, Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital, meets at 1.30 p.m. in Kew Library Complex hall, off Cotham Road. Enquiries: 817 3584.

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Wednesday. Kew Legacy Widows' Club meets at Kew RSL Hall, 63 Cotham Road, at 11.00 a.m. Enquiries: 817 5097 or 859 2097.

Camberwell Film Society screening of "Spring Symphony", at Camberwell Library Theatre, off Camberwell Road. Enquiries: Jean Catford, 288 6299.

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Kew Arthritis Self-Help Group meets at Kew Library Complex hall, off Cotham Road, at 10.30 a.m. Guest from Albrecht Jewellers will demonstrate the "hinged ring". Visitors welcome. Enquiries: 862 2021.

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Thursday. Kew Probus Club for Men meets at Kew RSL Hall, 63 Cotham Road, at 10.00 a.m. Guest speaker: Tom Fahey, Regional Manager for Customs Control on "The Work of the Customs Officer". Visitors welcome to attend with a member. Enquiries: Charles Hoare, 848 8122.

Annual General Meeting, Kew Auxiliary, Royal Women's Hospital, meets 1.30-3.30 p.m. at Kew Library Complex hall, off Cotham Road. Enquiries: Mrs Dietrich, 861 6059. New members welcome.

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Monday. Kew (Daytime) Garden Club meets at Jubilee Hall, Holy Trinity Church, cnr High and Pakington Streets, at 1.30 p.m. Guest speaker: Marilyn Elkerton on "Companion Planting". Enquiries: 859 2977.

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## HOLIDAY PROGRAMS FOR KEW YOUNGSTERS

**Kew Council is offering local youngsters a range of arts, crafts, games, sports and day excursions in its school holiday programs starting on June 26.**

Children will be entertained by Aboriginal dancers and a clown magician and can join visits to a Children's Theatre and the Note Printing Branch of the Reserve Bank.

Recreational activities cover roller skating, horseriding, orienteering and canoeing sessions run by the Victorian Board of Canoe Education.

The Children's Holiday Program caters for children of working parents needing daily child care, or parents who like to offer their children something different for a day.

Prior booking is not essential: enrolments will be taken daily at program headquarters, Kew Primary School, Pakington Street.

The Children's Holiday Program operates on weekdays from 8.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. from June 26 to July 7.

For parents with time on their hands, Kew Traffic School, Cotham Road, will operate as a weekday drop-in centre from June 26 to July 7.

Children can come and go as they please, but as the centre does not provide care, parental supervision is needed at all times.

The Centre, open from 10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m., has bikes for children not able to take their own and a Life Be In It trailer with plenty of fun and games.

Further information on the Children's Holiday Programs may be obtained by contacting the Recreation Co-ordinator, Wendy O'Neill, 860 5218.

## KIDS SKILLS FOR KEW

**Kew's Recreation Centre at 383 High Street, plays host this month to school children joining the YMCA's Kids Skills school holiday program.**

Kids Skills, a series of 10 hour workshops held over five days, is designed to equip six to 16 year old children with new skills acquired in a relaxed and informal school holiday atmosphere.

The series includes arts like painting, calligraphy, drama and dance; crafts like pottery, painting, leadlighting and woodwork; and sports like swimming, aerobics, fitness and weight training.

Kids Skills runs from June 26 to July 7 at Kew Recreation Centre, Kew High School, and other venues in Kew and Hawthorn.

Workshops are conducted by qualified and experienced instructors appointed by the YMCA, managers of the Recreation Centre.

For explanatory brochures, enrolment information and costs of the program, contact Kew Recreation Centre on 861 6177.

# Commentary

**There are two areas that have caused some problems to Council and its staff in the past few weeks (and months) which call for your understanding.**

The first is our hard rubbish collections. This year, Kew residents have placed outside their homes for collection, an unprecedented amount of hard rubbish — over one third more than usual, and in some streets, up to 50 per cent more.

We are aware of the problems this has caused and are reviewing our arrangements for the next hard rubbish collections due in October.

Hard rubbish collections, held over two months twice a year — April/May and October/November — enable residents to easily dispose of hard-to-get-rid-of rubbish.

But there are other components of our garbage disposal program which shouldn't be ignored. Each Kew property owner receives, with the rate notice each year, a small brochure containing four vouchers for the disposal of rubbish, at no cost, at Heidelberg Refuse Station in Waterdale Road.

I urge you to use those vouchers to dispose of unwanted rubbish throughout the year rather than keep your hard rubbish for the two special collections in April and October each year. And I urge you to put out your bottles and jars for weekly street collections from your nature strip and your paper and cardboard for monthly collections by the Salvation Army. As well, you can recycle them at Council's Recycling Centre in Princess Street, Kew.

In a green and leafy suburb like ours, fallen leaves and tree prunings make ideal compost for your gardens. Regular composting will reduce the amount of garden waste you put out for hard rubbish collection and further improve your garden.



## Master Plan to Beautify Streets

**Landscape consultants, Lacework Landscape Collaborative, have been appointed by Kew Council to prepare a streetscaping master plan for street beautification works.**

The idea of the plan is to achieve greater co-ordination in street beautification and to develop a program of priorities to implement new works.

Lacework Landscape Collaborative will start on the project in June and expect to present their master plan to the Streetscaping Committee in October.

The company recently completed an urban character study for the City of Malvern.

Residents with enquiries about the Streetscaping Master Plan can contact the Engineering Department on 860 5234.

By co-operating with Council, you can make a very real contribution to reducing the amount of unsightly garbage left out as hard rubbish and can help reduce the collection time and the costs involved in disposing of rubbish in this way.

The second matter of concern, is dual occupancy regulations.

Dual occupancy, the use of a parcel of land for two independent households, can take many forms. It could be two new dwellings, a second dwelling behind an existing house, or a building divided into two independent self-contained tenancies.

Many residents believe the administration of dual occupancy regulations is a matter for our own Planning Department. But this is not so.

The State Government has given as-of-right permission for dual occupancy dwellings on appropriate land. No planning permit is required provided a proposal for dual occupancy complies with State requirements.

The question of dual occupancy only comes before Council when there are attempts to vary the as-of-right rules. That is, when proposed buildings are outside the dimensions laid down by the Dual Occupancy Legislation. Local planning permission is then required.

Council believes the regulations have the potential to change Kew quite significantly and adversely and has already expressed to Government its view that the regulations need to be reviewed. Residents whose opinions reflect those of the Council are urged to contact their State parliamentary representative to have their views heard.

Information on composting, rubbish collections and recycling, is available from the Engineering Department on 860 5234; and on dual occupancy regulations from the Town Planning Department on 860 5249.

## SERVICE REVIEW FOR ST. GEORGE'S

**Concern about its future role in the community has prompted St. George's Hospital to undertake a review of its services.**

The hospital, in Cotham Road, Kew, wants local residents and community groups to participate in the review by completing a brief questionnaire canvassing options for future patient care.

Executive Director at the hospital, Mr. Malcolm Kinloch, said St. George's went through a traumatic period in 1987 when it was threatened with closure by the State Government.

Although that decision was subsequently overturned, Mr. Kinloch said the hospital must look at its services to make sure they remain appropriate to the needs of the local community and must plan ahead for its future.

At the time of its threatened closure, the hospital suffered a decline in its maternity bookings — a decline it has only recently been able to turn around.

Mr. Kinloch said community concern about the hospital's future continued long after the government's decision to keep the hospital open, was handed down.

He hopes the review of hospital services will help counteract the perception that St. George's



*Cr. Allen Martin, Mayor of Kew*

## MEETING DATES

- June 6** Standing Committees, 7.30 p.m.
- June 13** General Purposes Committee, 7.30 p.m.
- June 20** Council, 8.15 p.m.

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 in the Kew Library prior to each meeting.

"won't be around" and that it will remind the community that St. George's is a public hospital "in the true sense of the word".

Mr. Kinloch said "unlike other public hospitals, we don't train resident medical staff or have emergency casualty care. But we do have medical specialists on 24 hour call and, like most public hospitals, we also accept private patients into our care".

Copies of St. George's review questionnaire may be obtained from the Secretary to the Executive Director, 817 2462.

A reply paid envelope will be provided and submissions should be returned by Friday June 9.

## Temporary Move for Hawthorn Library

**Extensive renovations at Hawthorn Library in Glenferrie Road, mean a temporary relocation for the library and its staff.**

The library closed on May 31 and will not re-open until early July when its move is complete.

Kew residents with items on loan should keep them until the library re-opens at its temporary site in Manresa Hall, Burwood Road, Hawthorn (adjacent to the Church of the Immaculate Conception).

July Kewriosity will give further details and the Library's opening date.

## NOTICES

### Kew residents who supported Carnsworth-Garopna Nursing Home's April Garage Sale helped raise \$3,797.

Proceeds from the sale will be used to buy equipment to help care for the frail aged who live at the Home.

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Members of Kew Probus Club for Women are reminded that Dianne Drysdale, colour coordinator and beauty consultant, will be guest at the June meeting on Wednesday, June 14, starting at 10 a.m.

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Foster Parents Plan Kew headquarters needs a volunteer for its Development Education and Intercultural Projects Department.

The department has been re-staffed and is keen to get a number of projects off the ground. It needs a mature, reliable and committed person to lend secretarial, administrative and clerical support. Flexible hours, but someone who can commit themselves to a few hours a few times a week.

If you think you can help, contact Pauline Mahon, Manager Administration and Human Resources, 862 1077.

Foster Parents Plan sponsors thousands of needy children throughout the world.

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## COUNCIL ELECTIONS

**Local government elections are being held across Victoria on August 5.**

Nominations open on Friday, July 7 with an advertisement in "The Age".

In Kew, nominations will be accepted at the Municipal Offices, Charles Street, from July 7 to July 14, between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m.

To be eligible to nominate for Council, candidates must either own or occupy a rateable property in Kew.

Nomination forms are available at the Municipal Offices from Adrian Halliday, Chief Executive, or Alan Chung, Executive Officer.

Forms must be signed by ten people on the electoral roll of the Ward the candidate wishes to represent. Each nomination form must be accompanied by a deposit of \$100 — either cash or bank cheque.

Prospective candidates for election may contact Alan Chung, 860 5202, if further information is required.

For electors in Kew, a complete list of polling places will be included in the July and August editions of Kewriosity and in later editions of the local press.

Voting in Council elections is compulsory. Residents who are unsure of their voting status can contact The Australian Electoral Commission, 6th floor, 1 Princess Street, Kew — 861 6176; or Alan Chung, Kew Council's Executive Office, 860 5202.



On strike for MLC Kew.

## Local College Plays Host to Interstate Sports

**April this year marked the ninth anniversary of the annual inter-sports exchange between Methodist Ladies' College Kew and Methodist Ladies' College Sydney.**

This year MLC Kew hosted round robins in softball, netball and hockey with schools like St. Margaret's, Berwick, and Geelong Grammar competing against the two MLC's. Kew's MLC "old girls" also fielded teams.

MLC Kew hockey team played superbly to win overall, while outstanding teams from Wesley Prahara took out the netball and softball tournaments.

Physical education teacher, Lee Armstrong of MLC Kew, said Sydney students were most impressed by Melbourne's April sunshine. The majority of their previous matches had been washed out.

Although competition for the girls was important, she said the inter-school visits enable students to renew old friendships and form new bonds.

## LEARNING FOR LEISURE

**The first series of adult Learning for Leisure courses starts at Kew Recreation Centre this month.**

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

Sporting interests like learn to swim and scuba diving classes are covered, but so too are certificate courses in cardio-pulmonary resuscitation, lifesaving skills and St. John's first aid.

Seminars on healthy living, low cholesterol cooking and how to take advantage of stress, all teach the skills necessary for optimum health.

An important component of the course program is the teaching and learning of new crafts — creative drawing for beginners, windcheater applique and shiatsu — the principles and practice of this ancient healing art.

The Learning for Leisure program is devised and run by the YMCA, managers of Kew Recreation Centre. Individual course directors are professionally trained, suitably qualified, and are appointed by the YMCA.

For enrolments and enquiries about the Learning for Leisure program contact Kew Recreation Centre, 861 6177.

## DISABILITY NO BARRIER TO WATER FUN

**Kew Recreation Integration Group and the YMCA, Managers of Kew Recreation Centre, want to help children and adults with disabilities enjoy water activities at the Centre.**

Between them the groups are setting up a water program where volunteers help disabled children and adults, on a one-to-one basis, join swimming lessons, aqua exercise classes, or just have water fun.

The program, yet to be named, is based on a similar program at Ringwood Recreation Centre, the "Aquabuddies" program.

For volunteers who want to join the program, training will be provided. All that is required is water confidence and an ability to give one and a half hours spare time each week.

For Centre users, there is wheelchair access to the Centre and its facilities, as well as wheelchair access to change rooms and showers beside the pool.

Jan Bottcher, Kew Recreation Integration Coordinator on 862 3126, or Alan Kent, Kew Recreation Centre, 861 6177, can help with enquiries.

*A young child with Down's Syndrome enjoys water fun. Photograph: Courtesy Vic Swim.*

## MOTHER'S DAY GIFT FOR KEW'S OLDER MUMS

**Many older Kew mothers received a surprise gift on Mother's Day.**

Kew Lioness Club, through Kew Meals on Wheels, distributed gift packs of home made biscuits to Kew's senior mums who receive Meals on Wheels.

The Lionesses, some of them Meals on Wheels volunteers themselves, delivered the gifts with the regular Friday delivery of meals.

*Pictured receiving her Mother's Day gift is Mrs. Price (right) with Kew Lionesses and Meals on Wheels volunteers Joy Bridgland (left) and Ruth Finger (centre).*



## Easter Treat for Senior Locals

**Easter may seem like a while ago now, but thanks to the generosity of the Baker's Delight in Glenferrie Road Hawthorn, the senior citizens of H.K.C. Activities Centre in Kew enjoyed hot cross buns for Easter.**

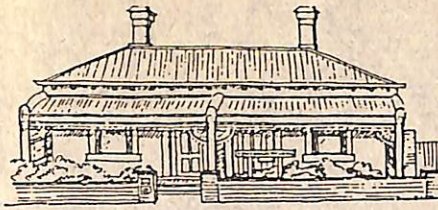
Although the bakery has a new manager, Brad Peatling, Baker's Delight were happy to

continue the yearly donation, which is greatly appreciated by the staff and participants at H.K.C.

*Pictured are Brad Peatling, left, Manager and Chris Malone, baker.*

## KEW COMMUNITY HOUSE

Co-ordinator: Judy Price



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

## A Day in the life of Community House

**As I played back the messages on the answering machine, a new face poked around the door. It was Jim, and he's wanted to call in for some time.**

Jim has been on his own for more than two years. He's retired and, with time on his hands, asked what cooking classes we have to help him overcome the boredom of cooking for himself.

Twenty minutes and a cup of coffee later, I wrote a note to myself: continue planning classes in "Cooking for One", preferably scheduled for tea time.

While all this was going on, Lynne, our Adult Literacy Co-ordinator was preparing her "writing for pleasure" class and Diana, fieldworker with Kew/Hawthorn family day care scheme, was taking calls.

A potential English as a Second Language student arrived, followed by Francis, a caregiver in Kew/Hawthorn family day care scheme — and three of her charges.

Jan, the Kew Integration Group Co-ordinator rang and excitedly told me how one of her clients, recovering from a long bout of

psychiatric illness, is really enjoying her volunteer gardening at the Kevin Heinze Garden Centre.

By this time it was lunchtime and Cheryl, a regular volunteer and community development student, heated a tin of soup and made some toast so we could all share lunch.

With lunch only just over, Margaret arrived with bunches of fresh flowers for her posy-making class. Soon all we could hear was the snip snip of secateurs.

Two more friendly faces, Thelma, who popped in to borrow our typewriter to type up minutes for Boroondara Bushwalkers, and Nan, who dropped in to do some photocopying.

One by one, everybody popped in to my office to say goodbye. It's been a very busy and very pleasant day.

Almost finished, I thought to myself as I finished some notes and tidied up the day's affairs. But no, I suddenly remembered I had a few more jobs to do. I put out the chairs for the Rotaract Club meeting that night and a few phone calls later, another day in the life of Community House was over.

minutes a month throughout the year, car owners can minimise environmental harm.

One way to do this is to demist the windscreen with the air-conditioner. The method is very effective and solves two problems at once.

Loose hose fittings are another source of leakage and should get regular checks. If leakage has occurred and the system needs recharging, this can be done without releasing the remaining refrigerant.

A properly equipped service agent can recharge the system by topping it up instead of releasing the harmful old refrigerant into the air. Car owners should check that their service agent has the appropriate equipment, or try to find one that does.

Sometimes repairs to the car engine or the air-conditioner means that hoses have to be disconnected. At present, the usual practice is to release the refrigerant into the air. But new equipment, now available, sucks out the refrigerant for later re-use. A spokesperson for The Science Shop says it is unlikely that residents will find a garage or air-conditioning service agent with the equipment at present. But if enough people express their concerns about releasing CFC's into the air, garage owners and agents may be encouraged to install it.

Because of the obvious interest in ozone depletion and other environmental issues, The Science Shop is preparing in advance for information enquiries. In some cases the shop can satisfy the inquirer's needs, but in others,

## Update on Traffic

*Area 6: bounded by Burke Road, Harp Road, High Street, Charles Street and Cotham Road.*

The review of Area 6 traffic management scheme implemented in 1988 is well underway, although roadwork in Cotham Road has delayed data collection of traffic volumes and vehicle speeds.

An essential part of the review is input from residents and people affected by any decisions that are made.

Your comments and suggestions on the scheme are welcome. The Area 6 Traffic Management Consultative Committee which meets later this month, will give detailed consideration to the effects of the scheme and will formulate its recommendations on the review to Council.

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

Later this month, transportation consultants, Ove Arup, expect to present their traffic management study of Area 7 for consideration by the area's Traffic Management Committee, and Council.

*Area 10: bounded by Barkers Road, Burke Road, Cotham Road and Glenferrie Road.*

During this month, Council will consider Ove Arup Transportation Planning's review of the plan prepared by Area 10 Traffic Management Consultative Committee.

Following the presentation by Ove Arup, a draft traffic management plan will be drawn up for comment by residents and the wider community.

Further details on traffic management and consultative committee meeting dates may be obtained from the Traffic Engineer, Don Robertson, 860 5234.

will find the best person to help and link the two together.

Residents with enquiries on environmental, scientific or technological matters can contact The Science Shop at Burwood Road, Hawthorn, or can ring 819 8705.

## OUTWARD BOUND

**For home bound arthritis sufferers, a leisurely jaunt around a lake or a wander around an open-air market, are pleasures that are only too rare.**

But on a warm sunny April day, with the aid of members and friends of Kew Arthritis Self Help Group, nine home bound Kew residents went outward bound.

They spent the day at Carribean Gardens with lunch in the cafe, a jaunt around the lake, a wander around the market and a quiet contemplative sit in the sunshine, watching the world go by.

For the nine guests of the Group, the day was a rare one to enjoy and for the members and helpers it was a rewarding venture all round.

The outward bound day was one of several special events organised by Kew Arthritis Self Help Group each year.

Arthritis sufferers who feel they would benefit from the Group can contact Dorothy Turner for more details on 862 2021.

For this month's meeting, see Dates for June, page two.

## Environment Queries to Science Shop shows Community Cares

**In the seven months since the Federal Government's Science Shop opened in Hawthorn, enquiries on environmental issues highlight major community concern.**

In a steady stream of enquiries from all sections of the community — and from all over Australia — people are expressing their need for information on environmental issues and are voicing their fears.

Damage to the ozone layer is a major area of concern. Most people now know that the ozone layer is being depleted by chlorofluorocarbons (CFC's) used, among other things, as propellants in aerosol sprays.

Manufacturers are gradually replacing CFC's with hydrocarbons which don't harm the ozone layer, but many consumers don't know that hydrocarbons are flammable and that they should exercise due care.

Refrigerants, another significant source of CFC's, also damage our air. Car air-conditioners are the worst offenders but owners of such systems can do a lot to minimise their harm.

Leakage of CFC's from the air-conditioners occurs when seals dry out, usually from lack of use. By running the system for at least ten

# XAVIER CHAPEL STORY FEATURES IN NEW BOOK

## High atop Barkers Road hill is Kew's most visible landmark, Xavier Chapel.

The Chapel, dedicated to Old Xaverians who lost their lives in the first World War, is featured in a new book by Melbourne author, Mary Healy.

The book, "Railways and Pastures", subtitled The Australian O'Keefe's, is the saga of Mary Healy's paternal forebears — almost all of whom were educated at Xavier and Genazzano Colleges, Kew, from 1888 to the present day.

Mary Healy's great uncle, Father Frank O'Keefe, was most closely associated with Xavier College — from the time of his education there to his death at 91.

Frank O'Keefe left Xavier College as a teenager to work for his entrepreneur father, Andrew. He looked after his father's construction contracts and financial affairs. But a life in engineering and commerce didn't suit Frank and, after some years, he announced his intention to become a Jesuit priest.

So valuable was Frank to his father's business, that Andrew O'Keefe offered three of his other sons as priests to the Church, if only the parish priest would dissuade Frank from entering the priesthood.

The parish priest declined Andrew's offer and Frank, after joining the Jesuits, returned to Xavier College as a teacher and football coach. There he distinguished himself by coaching the teams which brought three consecutive public school football premierships to Xavier. But it was Father Frank's fundraising prowess which earned him the greatest respect.

In the Depression years of the late 1920s, Father Frank, armed with a satchel crammed full of plans and maps, toured Victoria by bicycle in his quest to raise funds to build Xavier's Memorial Chapel.

Even in those dark years he raised 6,300 pounds in the first six months of 1927 but remarkably his overall fundraising efforts totalled 12,000 pounds. (\$24,000).

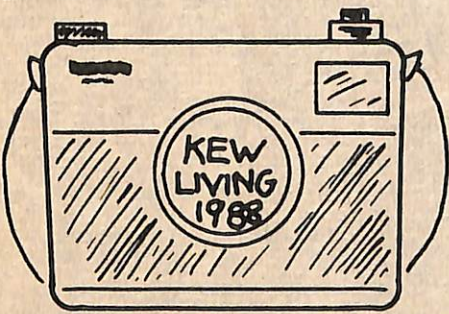


Fr. Frank O'Keefe, SJ. Photograph reproduced by kind permission of Mary Healy, author of *Railways and Pastures: The Australian O'Keefe's*.

While Mary Healy's book is a family history of some remarkable achievements by the Australian O'Keefe's, it is also the story of true pioneering spirit. According to Mary, it's "a real migrant story even of today — a story where the first generation of migrants has shown it

is far more entrepreneurial and energetic than the next".

"Railways and Pastures: The Australian O'Keefe's" is available for borrowing at Kew Library and is on sale at Tim's Bookshop in High Street.



## Kew Living 1988, a photographic record of Kew produced during Australia's Bicentennial year, is now available at the Kew Library and local newsagencies and bookshops.

The book, produced by the Kew Bicentennial committee under the auspices of Kew Council, documents in 72 black and white photographs, the inhabitants of Kew in a single year, 1988.

The book is priced at \$39.95 for Kew residents and \$48.00 for non-residents.

# GREEN SPOT — AN ALTERNATIVE WAY TO SHOP

## Green Spot, a consumer awareness program of the Victorian Government, is being promoted as an alternative way to shop.

The program, jointly sponsored by the Ministry for Planning and Environment, Ministry for Consumer Affairs, and the Environment Protection Authority, was introduced in response to consumer concern about products which are harmful to the environment.

Though still in its infancy, the program will give consumers information and advice on environmental issues and will help them make informed choices based on the perceived impact of certain products on the environment.

Overseeing the program is the Green Spot Advisory Panel representing joint sponsors, community, environment and consumer groups.

The Panel's first task is to devise a certification and labelling scheme for environmentally sound products to be known as Green Spot Specials.

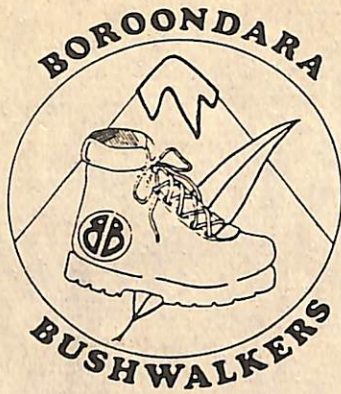
Products labelled with a green spot will be competitively priced, convenient products, that don't harm the environment.

To assess each product the Panel will consider the environmental impacts of how a product is made, used and disposed of, whether it is adequately labelled for consumers to assess its environmental impact and whether alternative environmentally sound products are available.

Until Green Spot Specials appear in retail outlets, monthly product information bulletins from the program's joint sponsors are available from the Municipal Offices and Kew Library.

The bulletins give general information on particular products, information on chemicals used in the processing or packaging of products and advice on product alternatives.

Copies of the bulletins are also available from the Bookshop Information Centre, Ministry for Planning and Environment, 477 Collins Street, Melbourne.



## BOROONDARA BUSHWALKERS

**The Boroondara Bushwalkers have been making great strides.**

A competition held to find a design for their logo resulted in the one seen here. The logo will feature on their correspondence and in the club members' newsletter produced three times a year.

The newsletter contains short articles of topical interest, helpful hints on bushwalking, short accounts of interesting walks, bush tucker recipes, and a four-monthly program of varied walks and camps.

At the Club's annual general meeting in April, inaugural-president Fritz Schaumburg, stood down. Fritz, who established the Club and was its president for two years, was awarded family life membership and was presented with a specially framed photograph in appreciation of his work. In recognition of her contribution to the Club, his wife, Petra, was presented with a bunch of roses and a vase.

Prospective members and visitors are always welcome at Club meetings held in Kew Library Complex hall, off Cotham Road, on the third Wednesday of each month at 8.00 p.m. Guest speakers on bushwalking topics are usually present and supper is served after the meeting.

The next meeting of the Boroondara Bushwalking Club is on Wednesday June 21. Thelma McManis can help with enquiries on 817 5548.

## Teenage Holiday Program

**A canoeing camp on the Yarra River at Warrandyte, horseriding, motorbike riding and hopefully, a trip to the snow, are just some of the activities lined up for Kew teenagers during the school holidays.**

For those who would rather stay in Kew, the Youth Resource Centre in Derby Street will be open for cookery, leatherwork, table tennis, pottery, computer games and videos.

Maureen McLaughlin of the Youth Resource Centre can help with enquiries on 860 5223 or contact Alex or Gerard on 819 4295. Maureen would particularly like to hear from 11-14 year olds with ideas for planning special activities during week one of the holidays.

## FOOTY NEWS

**Kew's coach, Stephen Pirrie, is at a loss to explain his team's first round loss to Old Scotch and three consecutive losses in games against Old Paradians, Ormond and Collegians.**

Kew looked like having the game against Old Paradians sewn up at half time, but a poor third quarter put paid to their hopes of a first win for the season.

By contrast, the Reserves chalked up two wins against Collegians and Old Paradians, and the Club eighteen are on top of the ladder after four wins away.

Good news for the Club came in the form of a retrospective Brownlow Medal being bestowed by the VFL on Colin Austen, for his equal first win in the 1949 medal count.

Colin, recruited from East Kew Football Club to Kew Amateurs in 1939, went on to vice-captain Hawthorn.

Kew Football Club now has the distinction of supplying two of Hawthorn's three Brownlow medallists — Colin Austen, and Robert Dipierdomenico who played with Kew amateurs in the 1974/75 seasons.

Kew's next round of matches is:

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| June 3  | Kew v University Blues<br>(Elsternwick Park) |
| June 17 | Kew v Old Xaverians<br>(Xavier College)      |
| June 24 | Kew v Old Scotch<br>(Victoria Park)          |
| July 1  | Kew v Old Paradians<br>(Parade College)      |

Supporters are welcome to team selections on Thursday evenings before each game and to social functions organised by the Club. Bookings for a Bay Night Disco and Happy Hour are open now.

Anyone with fundraising ideas to help raise money for affiliation fees and ground rental, would be a welcome addition to the committee.

Club secretary, Ted Jenkins, can help with all enquiries on 439 6059 or 817 1118 (Thursday evenings only).



## Meetings for June

**Area H001 (bounded by Cotham Road, Burke Road, Harp Road and Normanby Road) meets on Monday June 5 at Kew Library Complex hall, off Cotham Road, at 7.45 p.m. Guest speaker from the Law Institute of Victoria.**

Area H27 meets on Tuesday June 27 at Kew Library Complex hall, off Cotham Road, at 7.30 p.m.

Area H44 meets on Monday June 12 at Kew Library Complex hall, off Cotham Road, at 7.30 p.m.

Enquiries about Neighbourhood Watch should be directed to the co-ordinator of H district on 25 7270.



## KEEPING YOU INFORMED

**Like other enterprises, Citizens' Advice Bureaux are not immune to staff changes.**

Increasing age, changes of address and other commitments, all take their toll on the group of voluntary workers who keep the Bureaux operative.

Unless losses are replaced by new volunteers, Bureaux services inevitably suffer.

What do we look for in CAB workers? People who can offer two or three hours of their time each week, people who have the time to undertake an interesting training course; and people who want to help provide the community with such a useful service.

Age is unimportant. CAB's need men and women who are good listeners and who can use the Bureaux resources to help people find answers to their problems.

Kew residents who think they would find working at Kew/Hawthorn Citizens' Advice Bureaux an interesting and rewarding task can call in during normal office hours, or ring 861 5244 for more details.

Kew Citizens' Advice Bureau is in the Kew Library complex, off Cotham Road, with access from a ramp at the rear.

The Bureau is open weekdays from 10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. A legal advice service operates each Tuesday evening between 7.30 p.m. and 9.00 p.m.

**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 volunteer 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.

## DEADLINE

Copy for the July edition of Kewriosity should reach the Municipal Offices by Monday, June 5.

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