

# KEWRIOSITY

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## MEALS WELL APPRECIATED

It's very much a family affair for Judi Donaldson on her weekly Meals-on-Wheels round. Her husband has assisted on the odd occasion, and her two children join her during their school holidays. However, she seems to have an even wider 'family' in the form of her meal recipients.

"I've made some nice friends", she comments. "It's the contact with these people that makes it worthwhile for them — and for me".

Last month she left a present for a gentleman on her usual round. He was enjoying his 95th birthday, and appreciated the thought.

Maureen Day, at the Kew Town Hall, has further details for residents who would like to assist in the Meals-on-Wheels service.

Ring her on 860 5219.



## REPORT ON EAST KEW "OVERDEVELOPMENT"

The possible threat to the mix of housing stock in an area of East Kew has prompted a residential survey, and some recommendations to the Kew Council. The area encompassing Kitchener Street, Hamilton Street, Valerie Street, Windella Avenue, Cadow Street, Strathalbyn Street, Westbrook Street, Hartwood Street and Clyde Street was developed with houses between 1915 and 1939. However, since that time, 'multi unit' developments, such as blocks of flats, villa units, and, in more recent years, dual occupancy buildings, have led to a reduction in the number of original homes.

A total of 1982 residents sent back questionnaires, representing a high response rate of 32%. According to the Council's analysis of the questionnaire, there was serious concern expressed about the number of multi-unit developments.

"In particular, those in houses, and families with children, feel themselves to be adversely

affected by the changing social mix", the report notes.

"Further multi-unit development will only serve to gradually undermine this balance by demolishing the single houses necessary to attract families with children into the area", it adds. Further multi unit development would undermine the "suitable level of families with children".

The report recommends that the Ministry of Planning and Environment be requested to support an amendment to the Kew Planning Scheme, so that flats and dual occupancy developments would be prohibited in the Residential 'C' parts of the East Kew study area. It also suggests a similar change to the Council's 'Policy for the Multi Unit Residential Development', to include a comment that: "development within the study area is inappropriate, and contrary to the objective of providing diversity in dwelling density and dwelling types".

## MEETING DATES

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| April 4  | Standing Committees,<br>7.30 p.m.        |
| April 11 | General Purposes<br>Committee, 7.30 p.m. |
| April 18 | Council, 8.15 p.m.                       |

Meetings are held in the Committee Rooms and Council Chamber at the Municipal Offices in Charles Street and all are open to the public.

Copies of agendas are available in the Kew Library prior to each meeting.

Reminder — to residents that the Municipal offices are open between 8.45 am and 5 pm each week day (except public holidays), but that the Cashier's Desk, for the payment of accounts, closes at 4.30 pm.

# Dates for April

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| <b>1</b>  | Until 19. "Adventures in Paradise", Greg Mallyon art exhibition, Raya Gallery, 42 Cotham Road.  | <b>16</b> | 2 to 5pm Friends of Kew Library, used book sale, Kew Library lobby. 859 6415.  |
| <b>3</b>  | 12.30pm CWA meeting, Uniting Church Hall, 142 Normanby Road. 819 1686.<br>8pm Emergency Housing Committee meeting, Community House.   | <b>17</b> | AGM Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital Auxiliary, Kew Library Complex Hall, off Cotham Road, 817 3584.   |
| <b>4</b>  | 10.30am and 7.30pm Asthma education sessions. 861 5666.   | <b>18</b> | 10am Nursing Mothers' Morning coffee. Details: 817 5721.   |
| <b>5</b>  | 9 to 10.30am immunization session, North Kew Infant Welfare. 861 9466.<br>10am Lip reading classes re-commence, Senior Citizens Clubrooms. 859 8096.<br>7.30pm Recreation Integration meeting, Community House. 859 3387. | <b>19</b> | 9 to 10.30am immunization session, East Kew Infant Welfare. 859 1380.<br>10.30am Arthritis Self-Help group meeting, Kew Library Hall. 862 2021.<br>7.45pm Camberwell Film Society "Cane Toads". 288 6299.<br>Boroondara Bushwalkers' AGM, Kew Library Complex Hall, 8pm. |
| <b>7</b>  | Ruyton school fair starts 10am.   | <b>20</b> | 11am "Know your Community" lunch, Kew Community House, guest speaker Maureen Day. 862 3126.<br>11am "Introduction Day" (ladies), Kew Bowling Club. 817 3616.   |
| <b>8</b>  | 9am Trash and Treasure, St Paul's School. 862 2188.   | <b>24</b> | 1.30pm Daytime Garden Club, speaker Herman Spits, Holy Trinity Hall. 859 2977.   |
| <b>9</b>  | 2.30pm St Peter Claver concert, Sacred Heart Hall, 116 Cotham Road. 817 3715.<br>2.30pm Kew Band (Youth) concert, Rotunda, Alexandra Gardens. 459 1329.   | <b>26</b> | 10.30am Camberwell Music Society concert, Melbourne Guitar Trio. 29 3935.<br>"Yet Another Yarra-side Stroll" walk, leaves Community House at 1pm, 862 3126.  |
| <b>10</b> | Final day of payment for single instalment K.C.C. Rates and Dog Registration.<br>8pm Public Meeting, "Needs of Socially Isolated in Kew", Community House.  | <b>27</b> | Men's Probus Club meeting, speaker Dame Beryl Beaurepaire, Kew RSL Hall, 10 am. 848 8122.<br>1.30pm Royal Women's Hospital auxiliary meeting, Kew Library complex hall.  |
| <b>12</b> | Probus Club (Women) Members visit to Werribee Park. 862 1197.   | <b>28</b> | 9.30am Save Children Fund meeting, Kew Library complex hall.   |
| <b>13</b> | 7.30pm Penguin Club, group 4, Kew Library Complex Hall, 818 6127.<br>8pm Garden Club meeting, Senior Citizens Centre, High Street Kew. Speakers Bill and Marj Tansy on fuschias. 861 7057.                                | <b>30</b> | Final day for inclusion on Voters' Roll, re August elections. 862 2466.  |
| <b>14</b> | 9.30am Save Children Fund meeting, Kew Library complex hall.  |           |  |
| <b>15</b> | 8.30-11am Trash and Treasure, Carnsworth Garoopna, 18 Barry St.<br>10am to 4pm Methodist Ladies' College Fair. 810 1333.  |           |  |

# Commentary

**Run down the names of "Order of Australia" recipients, and you'll find a legion of men and women who have given their energies, time and talent to voluntary organisations. Those same individuals often receive local community awards and state government accolades.**

For, looking back at history, it has been the unpaid voluntary efforts of exceptional people that have been remembered. Think of Mother Teresa, Eric Pearce, Bob Geldorf, plus a whole range of Kew residents that we all know. They've all pitched in, to further a cause, organisation or idea. And they have done so for the challenges, the feeling of creating something that wasn't there before, and the contact with a vast array of people.

The accolades have been awarded after a lifetime of service, to a few particularly spirited and determined individuals; behind them are the millions of unsung heroes. But recognised or anonymous, all these volunteers have shared this same exciting stimulation and satisfaction from their efforts.

Local government is the home of the greatest number of these service-minded people. They can be found in the voluntary efforts of Meals-on-Wheels drivers and jockeys; hospital and charity auxiliary members; councillors; resident committee members; and the many community clubs and organisations.

Let's be blunt. While the aim of these efforts is to help other people, the volunteers themselves receive the deep satisfaction of having truly left their marks on their community.

But also leaving their stamp on the personality of their cities and neighbourhoods are the local business people. Theirs is the imagination, resource and inspiration which drives the entire community. They are like the motor or engine of the community vehicle. They create the richness, contribute to the formation of tastes and attitudes; employ the labour, and create the new technologies.

So the contrasting forces of the business world, and the voluntary service world, both contribute to the smooth running of the vehicle of 'community'.



*Cr. Allen Martin, Mayor of Kew*

In their different ways, they help each other, too. People step backwards and forwards between the two worlds, with great ease. Being at home in both the business and voluntary worlds must be the ultimate in an individual's stimulating life.

## Kew's Nod to Power Line Suggestion

**Kew Council has expressed its support for the Powerline Review Panel's "City Streets" alternative to the previously proposed Brunswick to Richmond powerline.**

The "City Streets" alternative — the Panel's second option — would mean development of an underground 66Kv cable to run under city streets connecting West Melbourne and Richmond terminal stations, with concurrent installations of short 66Kv cables at Malvern and Kew.

Under the plan, the present 11,000 volt line under Eglinton Street between Peel and Princess Streets, would be changed to a 66,000 volt cable. This cable is substantially the same as the one suggested by the State Electricity Commission last year, in its contingency plan to provide partial electricity supply to inner Melbourne in the event of loss of supply from the Richmond Terminal Station.

In expressing its support for the "City Streets" option, the Council is insisting that any new line in Eglinton Street be put underground.

The Powerline Review Panel's first option — already rejected by the Council — favours a 22,000 volt cable run along either Hoddle Street or Nicholson Street and part of the Merri Creek.

Kew Council opposes any power line, above or below ground, which may be proposed for either Merri Creek or the Yarra River, for the same reasons it rejected the Brunswick-Richmond line — the line would not be acceptable in the environmentally sensitive creek and river corridor and could be dangerous to health.

## New Councillor

**Councillor Tom Indovino has replaced Joe Orlando in the Kew City Council. After representing the Willsmere ward on the Council for 10½ years, Mr Orlando retired last month.**

Since there was only one candidate for the position, an extraordinary election was not required — Councillor Indovino, a solicitor from Grandview Crescent, was declared elected unopposed. He will be representing Willsmere ward until his term expires in August 1991, at which time he will face re-election in that year's annual local government election.

Mr Orlando was congratulated on his period of service, in which he displayed a conscientious contribution to all the issues. He was Mayor of Kew in 1986-7; a member of the Yarra Bend Park Trust; and an active participant in the planning of the Recreation Centre.

Meanwhile, voters' rolls close at the end of this month for eligibility to vote in the annual election scheduled for 5th August. To be able to vote, Kew residents need to have their names recorded on the roll. This record of names is similar to one that is used by the State and Commonwealth Governments for their elections. However, an additional group of people is allowed an optional vote in local government elections, although not in other mandates; these are non-resident owners of property in Kew. In the case of joint owners of property, the Municipal Office should be contacted regarding the choice of which individual would like to take up the opportunity of exercising the vote, on behalf of that group.

Kew residents are automatically entitled to vote if they are enrolled voters for Commonwealth and State elections. To apply for enrolment, an individual needs to be a non-British subject, over 18 years of age, and a resident of Australia for six months, Victoria for three months, and Kew for one month.

Once a name is recorded on the voters' roll, it is compulsory for that person to vote at all local, State and Commonwealth elections; the

only exceptions are owners of property in Kew who live outside the municipality, and residents over the age of 70.

Mr Alan Chung, Executive Officer, has full details on 860 5202. And Post Offices stock voter registration forms, which can be sent to Kew's electoral office in Princess St.

## Cotham Road Reconstructed

**Some traffic delays will be caused by the re-construction of Cotham Road, between Normanby Road and Bradford Avenue, until August. The cost of \$850,000, to be shared by the Road Construction Authority and the Kew Council, will pay for new road pavements; kerbs and channels; footpaths and naturestrips.**

In the meantime, work has been completed on the re-surfacing of Lofts Avenue. The total cost was \$24,500, of which \$14,500 was contributed by Methodist Ladies' College. During the construction of the sports centre at MLC, trucks had left behind them some damaged sections of the roadway.

And affecting the whole of Kew will be a future 'Streetscaping Master Plan'. The Council has invited submissions from consultants for the development of such a Plan.

Last year, the Council formed a Streetscaping Committee to consider, and advise on, streetscaping issues. The Committee, which consists of resident landscape architects, Councillors and Council staff, recommended to the Council that a Master Plan should be developed, to ensure a consistent approach towards street landscaping works.

A brief has been developed, and adopted by the Council. It is proposed that a consultant should be appointed this month, and that the final report should be presented to the Council in August. The Engineering Department, on phone 860 5234, has full details.

## Traffic Management Updates

**AREA 5 (bounded by High, Valerie, Asquith, Earl and Princess Streets). The installation of road humps in Pakington Street has now been completed. After a settling down period of a few months, the precinct will be subject to traffic surveys, to assess the impact of the humps. The Area's Traffic Management Committee will be meeting shortly, to discuss detailed designs for, and priorities for, works outstanding for the area. Further details will be provided as they become available.**

AREA 6 (bounded by Cotham and Burke Roads, and High and Charles Streets). The review of the traffic management scheme

installed in Area 6 in 1988 has commenced, with traffic counts, speed surveys and on-site observations taking place. Residents are invited to contribute their views; the Area's committee will assess the surveys, and the residents' comments, and make recommendations to the Kew Council concerning any possible changes. Its report is expected to be presented to the Council in June.

AREA 7 (bounded by Barkers Road, High St South, Studley Park Road and Walmer Street).

This Area's Traffic Management Committee has met with Ove Arup Transportation Planning, to discuss the response to the draft traffic management plan which was circulated to residents of the area in December. Ove Arup is now finalising its report to the Council on its study of the traffic in this area.

AREA 10 (bounded by Barkers, Burke, Cotham and Glenferrie Roads). Ove Arup

Transportation Planning is reviewing the traffic management plan prepared by the Area 10 Traffic Management Committee. Subject to the Council's consideration of the review, a draft traffic management plan for the area is likely to be circulated to residents for comment in May or June.

### REVIEW OF PARKING PERMIT POLICY

Kew Council has received a report reviewing its parking permit policy. Based on comments received from residents and business people, a number of changes to the draft policy circulated for comment have been proposed. The Council has decided to defer consideration of the report to allow further discussion with business people, particularly those around Kew Junction. In the meantime, the Council's current parking permit policy for residents remains in force.

Don Robertson, Council's Traffic Engineer on 860 5232, can be contacted on any traffic management matter.

## IVY'S NUMBER ONE

For almost 50 years, Ivy Smith enjoyed swimming at her local swimming pool. She even brought up her two children in constant range of the refreshing water. So it seemed only natural for the long-time Cobden Street resident to march in the door on the opening day of the new centre, and register herself as the first member of the "Kew Recreation Centre".

And indeed she has continued to enjoy the new facilities, climbing into the large pool for her usual laps, at just after 8 am each morning. Seventy-nine year old Mrs Smith has many local connections. Her husband worked for many years at a Kew timber yard; her uncle owned and operated the Advance Woodworks company in Princess Street for many years, before moving the operations to Richmond. Yes, her uncle made all those well loved rulers from our schooldays!

Mrs Smith is not the only senior citizen to have taken advantage of the new facilities. AS Gym and Program Co-ordinator Julie Noakes explains, an array of exercises has been organised to assist with arthritis and joint problems. Already a physiotherapist is working with his private patients in the pool.

"As well, there is the social aspect of these activities", she explains. "People are exercising in a fun and friendly atmosphere".



Several times a week, such groups as the water-based 'Aqua Movers', and more earth bound 'Pryme movers'; 'Stretch and Relax' and 'Easy Movers' meet at the Centre. A variety of swimming lessons are also proving popular.

Residents interested in joining these and other programs at the Centre can ring 861 6177 for details.

## IN FOR A PENNY...

All stray dogs found in Kew are now being sent to the dog pound located at the Malvern Council depot, in Tooronga Road. This building, constructed in 1983, takes lost dogs from Prahran, Malvern and Hawthorn, as well as Kew; the costs of running it are shared by these municipalities.

Over one hundred stray dogs each year are picked-up in Kew. Many are unregistered, making the task of tracing the owners most difficult.

As part of a blitz on unregistered dogs, the by-laws department staff will be checking randomly selected areas for such animals. Any dog over the age of six months which is found to be unregistered could lead to a \$200 fine for the owner. The current year's tag should always be displayed on the dog.

A dog wandering at large outside an owner's premises could result in a fine of \$100 during the day, and \$200 at night time. If a dog goes missing, the owner should telephone Council's By-Laws staff on 860 5253. It is often a good idea to contact neighbouring municipalities, as well. Janis Dagus, the Superintendent of Traffic and By Laws, can provide further information on 'phone 860 5252.

## ... BAD TIMES — JUST AROUND THE CORNER

The age of pessimism has reached the Kew City Library with the addition of a selection of books available for loan. The books examine the current dangerous issues and threats being observed, worldwide.

The proceedings of a CSIRO congress entitled "Greenhouse: Planning for Climate Change" has been placed on the shelves very close to John Gribbin's *The Hole in the Sky — a Scientifically Reputable Study of the Ozone Layer*.

Then there is "Living with AIDS", a report of the recent national congress in Hobart, and other cheering reading in Christopher Wood's *Boom and Bust*, and Mihir Bose's *The Crash* — both about the October 1988 Stockmarket crash.

## Residents form Action Group

Residents of Kent Street, Mary Street, and Ridgeway Avenue have formed a residents' association known as the "Cotham Residents' Action Group". The association states its purpose as keeping "street members alert to and involved with issues of common concern, such as: street parking; traffic management; Kew Conservation Study; re-zoning; and the impact on residents of commercial and industrial premises".

It also hopes to liaise with the Kew Council on these, and other matters of local interest as they arise.

People who would like to raise matters of interest, or propose ideas, could contact Mrs Margaret Lazner, on telephone 817 5324.

# AS RUYTON LIKES IT

To mark the opening of a new classroom block, students from Ruyton Girls' School performed 'As You Like It' for the assembled guests. The location for the performance on the 1st March opening day was the open-air stage nestled into the landscaped 'Hiscock Court'. Designed as an ancient Greek inspired amphitheatre, the stage is thought to be the first one of its type to be built into an Australian school.

The Margaret McRae Centre, as the new building is known, contains five science laboratories downstairs, with English, Maths and seminar rooms upstairs. It was officially opened by Margaret McRae, a former Head Mistress of the school.

The current principal, Mrs Prue Gillies, commented: "The new centre is the first stage of a building program which is a realization of a long term master plan; however, Ruyton is still committed to maintaining those timeless qualities which enable every student to be valued for her worth".

The building features a sky-light, outside staircase, first floor walkways to three adjoining buildings, and surrounding landscaping.

Former laboratories and classrooms, left empty by the move into the new centre, have been turned into music and drama rooms; they all open-out onto the new landscaped area known as 'Hiscock Court', with its centrepiece of open air stage.

The new Centre is the first stage of a building program reflecting Ruyton's commitment to what it calls "a small school ethos". Among additional features, Ruyton plans an indoor gymnasium, extra computer facilities and multi all-weather courts.

To accelerate the opening of the courts, the school plans a monster fete on 8th April in the school grounds. Enquiries: 819 4222.

## Students Look For Accommodation

"Nothing's worse than not having a place to live", comments Jan O'Brien. She is busy trying to find accommodation for students from the Melbourne University School of Early Childhood Studies — formerly Institute of Early Childhood Studies, and before that Kew Kindergarten Teachers' College — in Madden Grove, Kew.

She comments: "Many of our students are from country areas and it is important for them that we find suitable accommodation. They are looking for either full board or flats or houses to share with other students."

Jan is also keen to promote the service provided by many of the students, to earn some money. They can assist the preparation of parties; garden maintenance when owners are away; house cleaning and baby-sitting. Jan can arrange an interview with a student. Between 10 am and 6 pm, Jan can be contacted on 861 5273.



"Life is but a stage", for Ruyton students Rachael Millington and Sam Menzies, as they enjoy a play-reading on the outdoor stage, a feature of the new Centre.

## MLC fair sounds fun

A vast array of attractions has been arranged for the Methodist Ladies' College fair, on 15th April, from 10 am until 4 pm. Music is a major highlight, with numerous groups all showing their talents — at the same time. A 'Delicious Bistro' features the 'Country Pride' country and western band; then there are the Scotch College Pipes and Drums, musicians and buskers. On the eating side, many stalls will provide a range of foods, sweets, chocolates, Devonshire teas, Centenary Cafe Luncheons, and produce.

To keep children entertained, a giant slide, jump castle, face painting, hair spray and rides have been organised.

To tempt the adults, stalls will sell 'B and D' sports wear; ladies' fashion; craft; recycled clothes; books, and other items.

Meanwhile, in a new innovation, the Principal of MLC, Mr David Loader, has posted the first in a series of newsletters to near-neighbours. It is intended to keep local residents "better informed about the activities at the school", according to Mr Loader.

The newsletter announces some new appointments, such as the new Head of Junior School, Mrs Pamela Dettman, and a new Head Gardener. And it highlights some of the events at the school over the year, such as the open day for new students on 28th May and Year 10 Cabaret on June 15 and 16.

Mr Loader was proud of the fact that 97.7% of the final year students last year passed in their exams, with 25% of all results being A's.

MLC now has an enrolment of 2095 students, which includes 133 boarders.

## ASTHMA SWIM CLASSES HERE

The Asthma Foundation of Victoria has commenced an "Asthma Learn to Swim Program" for school aged children, at the Kew Recreation Centre. The classes start each Saturday at 11.30 a.m.

The swimmers are taught how being physically fit can improve lung capacity and improve resistance against asthma, thus

minimising attacks. They are also taught appropriate warm-up exercises to inhibit exercise-induced asthma, and given advice on improved posture, physique and muscle tone. Their lung function is measured each lesson and they are taught to self monitor their lung performance using a peak flow meter.

Kate Peppard can help with enquiries on 861 5666.

## WATCH YOUR CAR

The Neighbourhood Watch organisation offers these tips on the security of cars.

- Engrave or mark your accessories with the letter V (for Victoria) followed by your driver's licence number.
- Don't leave luggage, packages or other easily removed items on view inside your car.
- Don't move goods from the inside of your car to the boot, at the same location as it is to be parked. A thief may well be watching.
- When leaving your car always remove the ignition keys, lock the doors, windows and glass vents.
- Don't hide spare keys anywhere inside the car. Even dumb thieves know about these obvious places.
- Steering locks and alarms are very good value. Always engage them before you leave the car.
- Never leave your car keys in the ignition at home, and never keep your car keys on the same ring as your house keys.
- Try to always keep your garage locked. Many cars are stolen from garages (and driveways) both day and night.
- Park well away from isolated or dark areas — especially at night.
- If your car is stolen, report the fact to the Police immediately, giving them registration number, make, model, colour, location and

time of disappearance.

- Keep a record of the serial numbers of your car keys and accessories.
- Even though your car may be well insured, you will find that the inconvenience of losing it can never be diminished.

Several Neighbourhood Watch area meetings are planned for this month. Area H001 gathers in the meeting rooms adjacent to Kew Library on 3 April, and 1 May. On 9 April, the H44 area has organised an informal get-together, at Hay's Paddock; attractions include children's treasure hunt; kite flying and German Shepherd dog obedience displays. Residents are invited to bring their own lunches, drinks and chairs, any time after 1 pm. That area's normal meeting falls on the following day, 10 April, at St Paul's Anglican Church hall, on the Windella Avenue-Hall St corner, at 7.30 pm.

The speaker at H65's meeting, on 18 April, will be talking about household insurance. It starts at 7.30 pm, at East Kew Primary School.

And finally, on 26 April, it is H27's turn. The meeting will be in the Kew Library Complex Hall off Cotham Road, at 7.30 pm.

Residents interested in joining their local Neighbourhood Watch group should contact 25 7270.

## WATCH MY LIPS

Under the auspices of the non-profit organisation Better Hearing Australia, the second term of lip reading classes has just commenced. They are being held each Wednesday, from 10 am to 11 am, during school term time, at the Senior Citizens' Clubrooms on the High Street — Childers Street corner.

The organisers point out that tuition in lip reading and listening skills can help to overcome problems of communication associated with a hearing loss.

Membership of Better Hearing Australia is \$15 each year, and further enquiries can be made to phone numbers 51 1577 (BH) and 859 8096 (AH).

## WATCH THE BIRDIE

The Red Cross is inviting its members, supporters and friends to a five-day all-inclusive 'Autumn Friendship Holiday' at Marysville, from May 9 to 14th.

The host on the holiday will be Ron Ellis, Manager of Special Projects at the Victorian Red Cross and the countryside will be a photographer's dream. Full details are available from Mr Ellis on telephone 616 9999.

## WATCH THE MEETING?

A public meeting to discuss the needs of the socially isolated people in Kew will be convened by the Kew Community Action Group on 10 April, at the Community House, starting at 8 pm.

The meeting is the result of observations by community service providers, and others, that a growing number of people are unemployed, and "wander the streets needing a place to go

where they can participate in recreational activities and develop social skills".

"Many of these people live in special accommodation houses, and do not have any networks of family and friends. With the decommissioning of Willsmere and Kew Cottages, the situation will most likely worsen", say the organisers. Rhonda McCaw, on telephone 817 2940, has further details.

## Watch this space

Jan Botcher has commenced her appointment as the new co-ordinator of the 'Kew Recreation Through Integration Group'. She has a background of nursing and media, having cared for disabled people in several organisations, and studied a diploma of media studies. One of her aims is to increase community awareness.

She works from the Kew Community House on Wednesdays and Thursdays, from 9.30 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. and can be reached on telephone 862 3126.

## Playgroup Binds Young and Old

A fortnightly children's playgroup with a difference has commenced in Kew. Youngsters from one year old to 2½, along with their fathers or mothers, are meeting in the Carnsworth-Garooona nursing home.

The idea behind the scheme, says occupational therapist and playgroup organiser Joanne Karcz, is that "the nursing home's residents regularly will be able to observe and interact with young children, thus meeting their grandparenting needs."

For children and parents, the playgroup is an enjoyable morning-out, she adds.

The playgroup is another part of a programme of activities in the home's Donald Cameron Wing, designed to utilize the skills of the residents. Exercise, music and cooking have now been joined by the fortnightly contact with youngsters.

More details are available from Joanne Karcz, on telephone 842 1042 or 862 2011.

## BAPTIST RE-UNION

A "Back to Kew Baptist" 1955 to 1975 re-union is planned for April 9th. A 10.30 am 'worship celebration' in the Highbury Grove church will be followed by a BYO picnic lunch in the Alexandra Gardens. On display will be a memorabilia exhibition.

More details can be obtained by telephoning 862 1411 or 817 2922.

## School's 75th

Kewites who have an interest in Wattle Park Primary School — formerly "The School for the Burwood Boys' Home" — should contact the Principal on 288 2165.

Wattle Park Primary is celebrating its 75th anniversary on June 9 and 10.

The Anniversary Planning Committee wants people associated with the school to join in the festivities and would like to hear from people who could fill some information gaps about the school.

## What's the point in baby-sitting?

**No, it's not a competition. However, the members of the Boroondara Babysitting Club do score points against each other.**

The fifteen members of the club avoid the financial costs of baby-sitting by providing the service for each other. They use a point-system, in which parents go into credit or debit, paying back a debt by 'sitting' for somebody else.

The currency is four points for a standard 7 pm to midnight baby-sitting session, one parent losing four points, with the 'sitter' earning four points. After midnight, and before 7 pm, double these points are earned and lost.

The Secretary, Dawn Kneen, marries a need for a baby sitter from one club-member, with another club-member who is able to provide the service on that particular night. The club, formerly known as Sacred Heart Babysitting Club, also organises occasional social events.

But when they're all gathered together, who does the baby-sitting?

Dawn Kneen, on telephone 817 1398, has the answer to this, and other relevant questions about the club's activities.

## HERITAGE WEEK

**Kew Historical Society is channelling its energies during Heritage Week into "supporting any community action which is aimed at the retention of" the Willsmere Hospital Site. The Society, as part of its concern about the "redevelopment" of the local historical landmark, wrote to the Minister for Major Projects, Mr Evan Walker. In the letter, the Society expressed its objection to the "plans to dispose of an Estate which forms part of an irreplaceable heritage."**

Seen from many vantage points around Melbourne, Willsmere is a well-known landmark. It is one of several structures facing an uncertain future; others are Station Pier; the Luna Park big dipper; and whole precincts of the City of Melbourne.

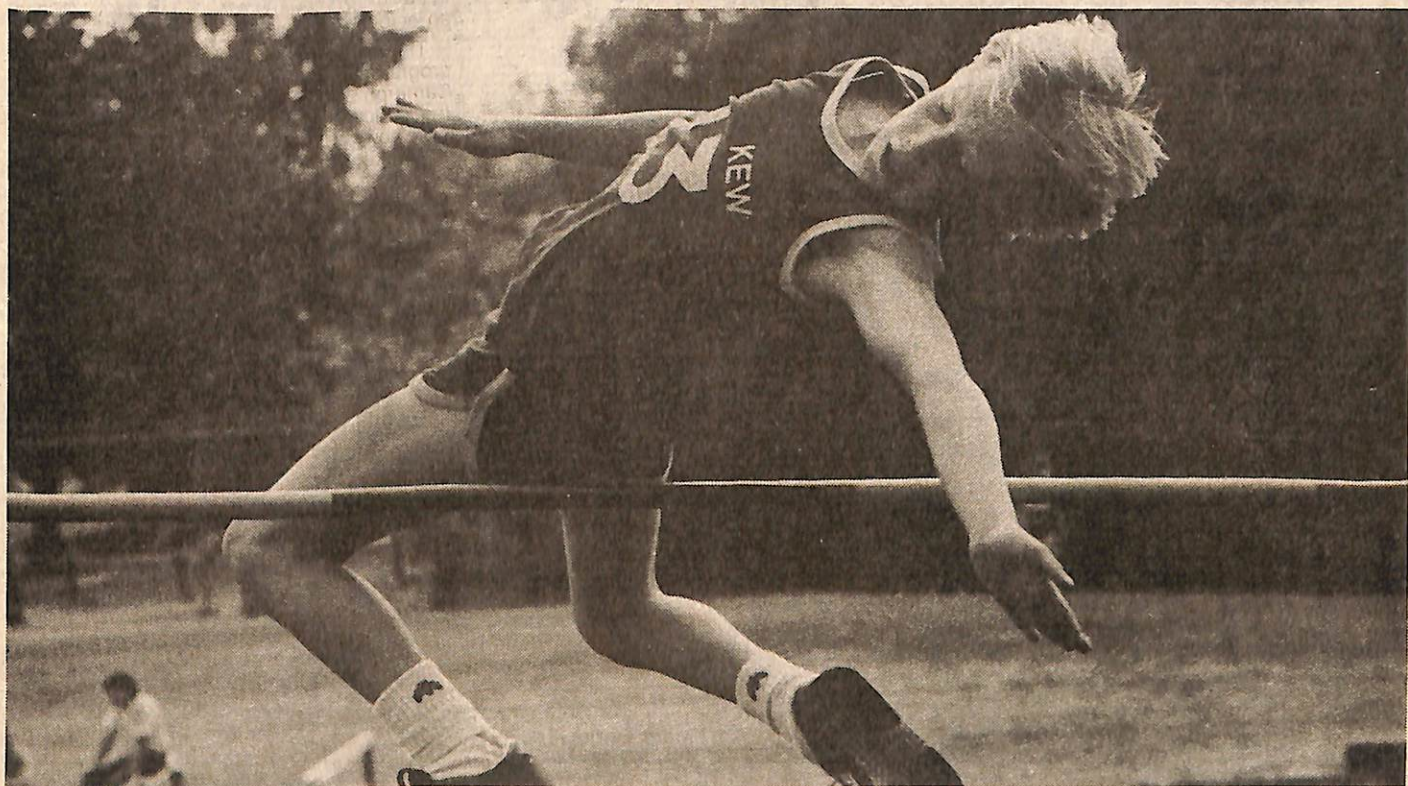
Meanwhile, the National Trust, on telephone 654 4711, has details of state-wide events planned for the week, from 16 to 23 April.

## Bodalla Garden Party

**'Friends of Bodalla' is holding a garden party in the garden of Sir Edward Dunlop, at 605 Toorak Road, Toorak, on April 14, from 2 until 4 pm. Sir Edward has kindly agreed to share some of his reminiscences, and there will be a 'trading table' for plants, jams and craft. Entry will be gained by reservation only, with April 7th being the closing date.**

All the proceeds collected from the \$5 donations will be used for amenities for Bodalla Nursing Home, in Walpole St. Replies can be made to telephone 25 6298 or 859 8016. The 'Friends' are pleased to report that they have been able to re-carpet the Chapel, after the November 'mini-fete' raised \$2703.

## YOUTHFUL FITNESS



Christian Gosling rounds off a successful 1987/88 track and field season with a win in the under 11 divisional final of the high jump.

**Little Athletics is not in the business of winning at all costs, according to its organisers.**

Rather, they say, the emphasis is on boys and girls enjoying youthful fitness and aiming to improve on their personal best time for any particular event.

Little Athletics motto — "Fitness, Fun and Family" — seems particularly apt.

The Victorian Little Athletics Association chose the motto because fitness in youth is more likely to lead to fitness through life; because children relish and thrive on the fun of participating in the various events of their

choice; and because family and friends offer their enthusiastic support.

Sunday April 9 heralds the start of the cross-country season when "little athletes" compete at a distance proportionate to their age.

Clark or Ann Ballard can help with enquiries on 882 1554.

## KEEPING YOU INFORMED

Last month we outlined briefly the origins of the Citizens' Advice Bureau in wartime Britain and we now look at its development in Victoria. The end of World War II saw a widespread strengthening of Government financed welfare services in Western countries. In Australia there had been much reliance on church oriented organisations such as the Salvation Army, the Brotherhood of St. Laurence and St. Vincent de Paul. While these bodies still maintain their vital community services, a multiplicity of other support groups has been developed to help with almost every human need. It was partly to assist people find the most appropriate source of help and information that the early Citizens' Advice Bureaux were established in Victoria.

A seminar conducted by the Victorian Family Council in May 1960 drew attention to the need for a comprehensive advisory and information service. This led to the opening of Victoria's first CAB at Box Hill in 1962. Since then there has been a rapid expansion, and there are now 65 Bureaux in Metropolitan and Country Victoria. Though each is autonomous, all Bureaux operate to standards developed by the Victorian Association of Citizens' Advice Bureaux, which was founded in 1970. The Association is supported by Community Services Victoria, and most Bureaux receive encouragement and financial help from local Councils.

The Kew Bureau is located at the rear of the Library, and opens each weekday between 10am and 3pm. The telephone number is 861 5244.

## DEADLINE

Copy for the May edition of Kewriosity should reach the Municipal Offices by Monday, April 10. Items received after that date may be held over for publication in the June issue.

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

**This month it was produced by Nicholas Cree, freelance journalist, while regular editor, Olwyn Eaton, was on holiday.**

**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.**

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## TRAM DREAM

Enthusiasts of antique trams have enjoyed an unexpected bonus since February. Up to ten restored trams from the 1910s and 1920s era have been operating on the usual schedules of the Kew Cotham Road-St Kilda Beach line. All were conscripted into service hurriedly because seventeen more modern trams were damaged by the severe rain storm in February. They all operate from Malvern Tram Depot.

Passengers have enjoyed the unusual experience of riding fully restored trams, complete with polished wood interiors; long horizontal seats across midships; original fittings; a good view of the drivers through the front windows; and even the spectacle of conductors calling out the destination of the tram at each stop, due to the absence of a destination board or sign. Such favourites as 104, 180, 380, 431 and 613 have attracted onlookers as well as the usual commuting passengers.

## HEFTY COMPETITION

**Weightlifters from all over the world took over part of California Motor Inn, in Barkers Road, opposite Xavier College, during the Moomba Weightlifting International Championship last month.**

Among the overseas guests at the Hawthorn Recreation Centre — location of the 'lifting' — were world record holders Yuri Zacharevich, Leonid Taranenko, and Anatoli Kraphty, all

from USSR and Alexander Varbanov from Bulgaria.

Competitors came from Hungary, USA, Romania, Nauru, Turkey, Western Samoa, Republic of Korea, New Zealand, Indonesia, Australia, USSR and Bulgaria.

When not competing, many of the overseas visitors took the opportunity of walking around the immediate vicinity of Kew and Hawthorn.

## BAND COMPETES AT IPSWICH

**Kew Citizens' Band competed in the National Championships, in Ipswich Queensland, over Easter. It joined a field of thirteen other bands in the "A" grade section, in which each band was required to perform two major work items, one being a set piece.**

As well, the band was invited to compete in the four band concert contest, on the final night; this meant a twenty minute concert program.

Meanwhile, the youth band is busily rehearsing for a performance in the recently restored band rotunda, in the Alexandra Gardens, on 9th April, at 2.30pm. Its regular rehearsal time is Mondays from 6pm, in the East Kew Primary School's Music Centre. Young people, up to the age of 19, who are interested in playing brass or percussion, are encouraged to attend. Further details on all the Band's activities can be obtained from the Band's President, Ian Mathers, on telephone 878 3132.

## JOIN THE CHORUS

**The Viola Musical Comedy Society is searching for chorus members to join its forthcoming production of "The Count of Luxembourg". The chorus will join the experienced principal singers, orchestra and eight piece ballet in a four night season on May 26, May 27, June 2 and June 3.**

The Count of Luxembourg, written by the same composer as "The Merry Widow", was recently revived by Sadler's Wells, in London.

The Kew based Viola Musical Comedy,

Society specialises in non-professional productions of musical theatre. Most of its rehearsals are conducted in the Kew area. And particularly welcome into the chorus for "The Count" are sopranos, altos, tenors and baritones, who would be rehearsing on Thursday nights at St Hilary's Church Hall, John Street, Kew.

Anybody who would like to string along with the Viola could telephone David Keane on 383 1486, or Barbara McClosky on 725 0664.

## NON-STOP CHAMBER MUSIC FOR KEW

**The local 'Elysium Ensemble' will be participating in the 'Music in the Round' chamber music festival at Methodist Ladies' College, Barkers Road, Kew, later this month. It will join special performing guests, the Australian String Quartet; composer Donald Hollier and the Tony**

**Gould Trio.**

The concerts begin at 1pm on both April 22 and 23, with concerts on the hour in five venues, through the evening. Advance purchase tickets are available through Bass outlets.