

KEWRIOSITY

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March 1989

KEW FESTIVAL

Fireworks

Ecumenical Church Service

Parade

Tai-Chi Triathlon

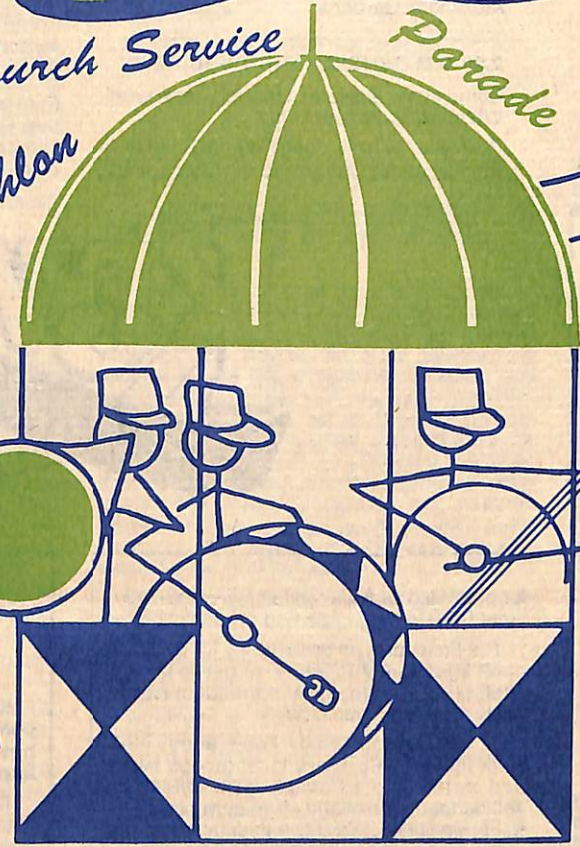
Folk Dancing

Kew City Stalls

Indoor Games

Rides
60's Rock & Roll
Young People's Day

Arts / Crafts



Historical Tours
Music

Saturday 18th March

Kew Civic Centre & Alexandra Gardens

Classical Guitar Recital

Skateboarding / Bands

CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS

On behalf of the 1989 Kew Festival Committee, I extend a personal invitation to you all to join us in this year's festivities.

The Festival, which runs from March 16 to March 22, is organised each year so that Kew people can get together, have fun, meet new Kewites and learn a little bit more about our wonderful local community.

Kew Festival is a great family festival with rides for the children, skateboarding for teenagers, multicultural food stalls, arts and craft and free entertainment.

The highlight of the Festival is Family Fun Day on Saturday, March 18, which starts with a street parade in the morning and finishes with a spectacular fireworks display in the Alexandra Gardens once the dining, entertainment and bush dancing have ceased.

Kew Festival is your festival. It is organised by volunteers from the community, for the community, and with activities arranged to appeal to the whole community.

We're sure you'll find lots of activities to suit you and we look forward to seeing you there.

Tom Indovino
Chairman

FESTIVAL FUN DAY — SATURDAY, 18TH MARCH, 1989

11.15 A.M. PARADE

Celebrities, bands, school groups, kindergartens, clowns, international folk dancers, Cubs, Scouts, vintage cars.

The parade assembles at the Fenton Way car park and moves along High and Charles Streets to the Civic Centre.

There will be prizes for the best float, in several categories. The perpetual trophy is being presented by Leo Blake.

12 NOON CIVIC CENTRE PORTICO

Official opening of the Festival by His Worship the Mayor of Kew, Councillor Allen Martin.

The portico is the musical focus of Fun Day with presentations by artists of varied and interesting forms of entertainment.

The entertainment starts with the Kew Citizens' Band and Glendells Marching Girls. Following is top entertainment throughout the afternoon. See colourful ethnic groups, choirs, buskers and musical items.

Portico entertainment finishes at 4.30 p.m. giving way to a fun-filled evening in the Alexandra Gardens.

2.00 P.M. WHEELBARROW RACE

Come along and join in this hilarious event. Wheelbarrows supplied.

Push your barrow along Cotham Road from the Alexandra Gardens to the Civic Centre.

2.30 P.M. THE GREAT BIKE RACE

Demonstration of bike racing by experienced riders. Experience the thrill and excitement of this spectacular sport. Cotham Road, Gellibrand Street, Wellington Street and Charles Street.

ALEXANDRA GARDENS

Various arts and crafts will be on display. See the skills of the craftsperson in action. Handcrafts for sale.

Learn about local community groups and the work of their volunteers from their stalls and displays.

A special feature is the fiesta of food. Taste a variety of treats from around the corner and around the world.

Buskers wander the gardens throughout the afternoon; there's rides and amusements for the children, teenagers can ride the chair-plane.

REFRESHMENTS

Barbecue sausages, hamburgers, hot dogs, doughnuts, Big M, Mexican Food, hot chips, drinks, ice-creams, popcorn, cake stalls and gourmet delights.

EVENING ACTIVITIES 6 P.M.-9 P.M.

Food, free entertainment, dancing and fireworks.

Come along and bring all the family to this evening of great fun and entertainment.

Wide range of foods at low cost.

Free entertainment, music and dancing with the ROUSEABOUTS BUSH BAND. The evening ends with a spectacular fireworks display.

DEADLINE

Copy for the April edition of Kewriosity should reach the Municipal Offices by Wednesday, March 8.

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



A Festival message from the Mayor

The Kew Festival is truly a community festival — organised by volunteers in the community and with a wide range of activities designed to appeal to the whole community.

The Committee spends many months organising and planning the Festival each year for us all to enjoy. Its volunteer members give their time freely for the benefit of us all.

Each year Council contributes towards the overheads of the Kew Festival, and supports the organising committee in its work.

But that's not all. The Festival is not run

for profit and is designed to have maximum input from local groups and organisations.

The Festival is an opportunity for people of all ages to get together, to get to know each other, and to learn more about what goes on in our municipality.

To let the community know about the work that they do, many local groups take part in the Street Parade, raise funds by selling food, drinks and other commodities to Festival-goers, and have their information stalls among the activities in the Alexandra Gardens.

If you want to become a more active member of the municipality then you should find plenty to interest you at this year's Kew Festival. I commend it to you, I hope you will support it, and I hope you get much enjoyment from it.

And I commend the work of all volunteers associated with the Festival — both participants and organisers — and thank them on behalf of the Kew community, for their efforts.

KEWRIOSITY

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.

Commentary

The unseasonal and at times torrential rains of the past few weeks (and months) have created abnormal demands on our drainage systems.

Our staff, particularly our outdoor staff and those in our Engineers' Department, were called out to help residents whose homes were affected by flooding. In some cases they had to leave the comfort and safety of their own homes in the middle of the night.

I commend them for their efforts to help residents in such circumstances and I thank them publicly, on behalf of the community, for the work they were asked to do.

Unseasonal weather though is not the only reason we experience problems with our drains.

In "greening" our suburb — whether through the efforts of Council or individual householders — we create problems with leaves.

All residents can help overcome these problems by raking up the leaves outside their homes, by making sure their own gutters and drainpipes are free of debris, and by reporting blockages in street drains to our Engineers' Department.

Leaves make excellent compost for the garden and in the interests of a pollution-free environment in Kew, we urge you to compost rather than burn them. Our Superintendent of Parks and Gardens can help with enquiries on composting.

Overhanging branches are a hazard. The leaf drop they cause is also a problem.

Overhanging branches are a hazard because the leaves block gutters and drains, they are treacherously slippery on footpaths when wet, and they interfere with proper pedestrian access to public footpaths.

Our officers have had an increased number of complaints in the last few months, particularly from elderly and disabled people and mothers wheeling prams and strollers, about branches overhanging public footpaths.

You can help by making sure you trim any shrubs, trees and branches which hang over your fences and obstruct access along the footpath. Council's By-law on overhanging branches requires that you trim foliage to a minimum height of not less than three metres above the footpath. If you have any problems or enquiries in this area, Council's Superintendent of Traffic and By-laws can help you.

In this issue, and in others in recent months, you may have noticed that I have paid particular attention to the work of volunteers in our community and have asked for more volunteers to come forward and offer their skills, help and free time, to local organisations.

Many have taken up the challenge, but with more than 30 registered charities in Kew, I know that competition for volunteers is at a premium.

Volunteers are required in many areas — some in local organisations and some in Council sponsored activities. In the 1989 Community Directory, currently being prepared, you will find lists of organisations who could do with your help.

In Council's most visible service, Meals-on-Wheels, volunteers have never been as important as they are now.

Over the holiday break we have had many

volunteers who have had to withdraw their help for one reason or another and we are in desperate need of replacements.

In next month's issue of Kewriosity we will be featuring the work of Meals-on-Wheels volunteers in an effort to recruit more help. But in the meantime we would like you to contact Maureen Day, our Domiciliary Services Co-ordinator, if you have a few hours a day, week or month, to help provide this essential service.

Maureen can be contacted on 860 5219.

MEETING DATES

MARCH

7th Standing Committees — 7.30 p.m.
14th General Purposes Committee — 7.30 p.m.
21st Council 8.15 p.m.

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

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

FOOTY NEWS

Steven Pirie (former Richmond player) is Kew's new coach for the coming season. Under his guidance a very intensive training program has begun. All Kew players will receive expert instruction with training and match play as Steve will have help from Tim Watson and Bryan Wood (Essendon) and Brian Taylor (Collingwood) when they make "guest appearances" to supervise training. Peter Welsh (Hawthorn/Richmond) will also assist full time throughout the season. Former Richmond physiotherapist, John Stanley, will again attend training and matches to treat injuries.

During March, training is at Victoria Park, High Street, on Mondays and Wednesdays at 6 p.m., but will revert to Tuesdays and Thursdays when Kew Cricket Club has completed its season.

Kew Football Club extends a cordial welcome to all new footballers in the area, especially country and interstate players. Danny O'Leary (Colac) and Paul Howden (Sunshine) are already hard at training.

Club office bearers for 1989 are: President: Ted Kelly; Vice-Presidents: Ian Job and Don Mullin; Secretary: E. Jenkins; and Treasurer: A. Ross; Committee Members are: M. Barclay (Delegate), P. Kelly, A. Peric, G. Stokes, G. Toogood, T. Vana, R. Pickles (Press Correspondent), G. Mainsbridge and N. Sticca.

The Social Committee under Don Mullin is busily organising a pre-season Sportsmen's Evening with several prominent guest speakers and footballers. Watch the Progress Press for details or ring the pavilion, during training, on 817 1118. All supporters are welcome to attend this event.

Anyone who would like to join the Club Committee is most welcome. Any help, whether



Cr. Allen Martin, Mayor of Kew

it be match days or mid-week, administrative or trades, would be most appreciated.

Ring the pavilion on 817 1118 during training times to offer your help.

BEING PESTERED?

If you are being "pestered" this year by bees, wasps, mosquitoes and rodents, here are some tips from Council's Health Surveyors.

BEES AND WASPS

- Council staff do not remove or eradicate bees or wasps, but do have an arrangement with a local firm to provide the service at a much reduced cost to Kew residents. Details from the Health Surveyor on 860 5245.
- A Council rebate also applies to pensioners.
- Council's Health Surveyors can supply a list of beekeepers to anyone troubled by a bee swarm.

MOSQUITOES

Simple but effective precautions can be taken to reduce the annoyance caused by these pests.

You can eliminate their breeding areas by:

- removing any disused containers accumulated in your yard which may hold water
- properly maintain your swimming pool or fish pond and re-stock your fish pond if necessary
- screen drainage vents, if possible
- keep your roof guttering clean
- frequently empty your pot-plant drip trays
- do not over-water your garden.

You can protect yourself by:

- Screening all windows and, if necessary, the external doors of your home.
- Wearing light-coloured clothing which covers most of your body when you are outdoors at night and applying an insect repellent to unprotected parts.

RODENTS

Rodents can be effectively controlled by eliminating their food supply and nesting spots and by trapping or poisoning them.

Council's Health Surveyors will visit your property and give you specific advice about any rodent problems you might have.

If you need any advice about the control or removal of pests, contact Council's Health Surveyors on 860 5244 or 862 2466.

NOTICES

Dates for March

Kew Festival March 16 to March 23

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Monday. Kew/Balwyn branch of The Country Women's Association, meets at Uniting Church Hall, 142 Normanby Road, East Kew, at 12.30 p.m. Guest speaker from Oxford University Press. New members welcome. Enquiries: Shirley Robinson, 819 1686.

Nursing Mothers' Association follow-up discussion meeting on "The Emotional Development of Children". 8 p.m. at 47 Spruzen Avenue, East Kew. Enquiries: 817 5721.

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Wednesday. Kew Probus Club for Women, visits Montsalvat. Members: please note.

Kew Historical Society meeting in Kew Library Complex hall, off Cotham Road, at 8 p.m. Thea Sartori and Elizabeth Angel will demonstrate Ikebana. Visitors welcome. Enquiries: Sue Leong, 817 4660.

Hyde Park Fellowship meeting at Hyde Park Uniting Church, Pakington Street, at 1.30 p.m. Guest speaker: Mrs Latu. Enquiries: Mrs McMillan, 861 9243.

Community Walk leaves from Kew Community House, 6-8 Derby Street, promptly at 1 p.m., for walk through Collingwood Children's Farm. Cost: \$1 donation. Enquiries: 862 3126.

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Thursday. Kew Garden Club meeting, Senior Citizens' Centre, Corner High and Childers Streets, at 8 p.m. Guest speaker: Hazel Blackney. Subject: Native plant growing. All welcome. Enquiries: 861 7057.

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Friday. Kew Branch of Save the Children Fund, meet in Kew Library Complex hall, off Cotham Road, at 9.30 a.m. Members please note change of day.

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Tuesday. Asthma education sessions at 10.30 a.m. and 7.30 p.m., at 2 Highfield Grove, Kew. Talk by a specialist, video and demonstration of techniques. Details: Margaret Hampson, 861 5666.

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Wednesday. "Know your Community" monthly lunch at Kew Community House, 6 Derby Street, at 11.30 a.m. Guest Speaker: Bryan Berry, Manager Community Services, for The City of Kew. Stay for lunch for \$1. Enquiries: 862 3126.

Children's Immunisation Session at East Kew Maternal and Child Health Centre, 21 Strathalbyn Street from 9 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. Measles/mumps only given between 9 and 10 a.m. Enquiries: 860 5245 or 859 1380.

Boroondara Bushwalkers meet at Kew Library Complex hall, off Cotham Road, at 8.00 p.m. Details: Thelma McManis, 817 5548.

Kew Arthritis Self-Help Group meeting at Kew Library Complex hall, off Cotham Road, at 10 a.m. Morning tea. Visitors and new members welcome. Details: 862 2021.

Kew Legacy Widows' meeting at RSL Hall, 63 Cotham Road, at 11 a.m. Enquiries: 817 5097 or 859 2097.

Nursing Mothers' Association afternoon tea for new mothers at 36 Dean Street. All new mothers welcome. Enquiries: 817 5721.

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Sunday. Friends of Kew Library, Mini Book Sale, Kew Library Foyer, 2 p.m.-5p.m. Enquiries: 859 6415 or 859 5653.

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

Kew Community Action Group meets at Kew Community House, 6 Derby Street, at 8 p.m. New members welcome. Enquiries: Rhonda McCaw, 817 2940.

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Tuesday. Nursing Mothers' Association morning coffee at 25 Boorool Road, East Kew, 10 a.m. to noon. Babies and toddlers welcome. Enquiries: 817 5721.

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Thursday. Kew Probus Club for Men, meets at Kew RSL Hall, 63 Cotham Road, at 10 a.m. Guest speaker: The High Commissioner for Kenya, Major-General Musomba. Visitors welcome to attend with a member. Enquiries: Charles Hoare, 848 8122.

Kew Auxiliary, Royal Women's Hospital, meets in Kew Library Complex hall, off Cotham Road, at 1.30 p.m. Enquiries: 861 6059.

Change to Council Office Hours

Kew Municipal Offices are now open to the public from 8.45 a.m. to 5.00 p.m., Monday to Friday inclusive. The Cashier's Desk, for payment of all accounts, closes at 4.30 p.m.

The offices will no longer be open late Tuesday evenings.

Alternative Cinema

Camberwell Film Society is screening "The Pursuit of Happiness" at its next meeting on Wednesday, March 15 at 7.45 p.m., in the Theatre at the rear of Camberwell Library, off Camberwell Road.

The film, 1987 winner of the Byron Kennedy award for the pursuit of excellence in the Australian Film and Television industry, is set in Perth and features superb performances from Laura Black, Peter Hardy, Anna Gase and Jack Coleman.

Half-yearly membership of Camberwell Film Society is \$11.00, or for a couple, \$17.50 (for five screenings).

Enquiries: Jean Catford 288 6299.

Microwave Teacher

Kew Community House needs an experienced microwave cooking teacher for evening classes it has planned for Term 2.

Rates negotiable. Enquiries: Judy Price, 862 3126.

Friends of Kew Library

Friends of Kew Library are starting a Mini-Sale of used books on Sunday, March 19 between 2.00 and 5.00 p.m.

The sale, to be held monthly in Kew Library foyer, off Cotham Road, will be regularly advertised in Kewriosity.

The "Friends" are holding the regular mini-sales to raise funds to buy books and equipment for Kew Library.

Musical Comedy Rehearsals

Viola Musical Comedy Society is starting rehearsals for its May production of "The Count of Luxembourg", by Franz Lehár.

New members — singers, actors, dancers, and production staff, required.

The Society rehearses weekly in St Hilary's Anglican Church, John Street, Kew.

Enquiries: David Keane, 383 1486.

Community House "Open Day"

On Wednesday, March 15, Kew Community House, 6-8 Derby Street, is holding an "Open House" from 10.30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Coffee provided. New residents to Kew particularly welcome. Go along and see what Kew Community House has to offer you. Enquiries: Judy Price, 862 3126.

Sorbian Exhibition

The Forgotten Immigrants of Lusatia, now part of East Germany, are holding an exhibition of their history, culture, geography and history of immigration to Australia since the pioneering days of 19th century Australia. Kew Library, off Cotham Road, during Library opening hours. March 15 to April 12. See it as part of your Kew Festival activities.

Probus Club for Kew Women

Kew women who appreciate the value of increased social contacts and the opportunity to meet others with similar levels of interest, now have a new club of their own.

Kew Probus Club for Women was formed in December last year as part of Kew Rotary Club's 1988 program of community service.

The Rotary Club sponsored the formation of the new club which is now totally autonomous and has its full complement of 75 members.

Mrs Gwen Stevenson, secretary of the new Probus Club, said "We're not surprised by the response and we've already got a waiting list for new members.

We felt there was a great need for a club of this kind for Kew women and our full membership shows we are right."

Probus Clubs, for men and women, hold regular meetings with guest speakers on interesting and topical subjects. They also visit places and organisations of interest to their members.

Inaugural guest speaker at the new Probus Club was Councillor Allen Martin, Mayor of Kew and Executive Director of The Asthma Foundation of Victoria. Councillor Martin spoke about his work with asthma sufferers.

At the club's second meeting, Mrs Jeanne Pratt, owner of "Raheen" in Studley Park Road, Kew, spoke about her restoration of the historic mansion and her involvement in the Melbourne production of the opera, "Aida".

Kew Probus Club for Women meets at Kew RSL Hall, 63 Cotham Road, on the second Wednesday of each month at 10am.

Enquiries regarding membership can be directed to Mrs Stevenson on 862 1197.

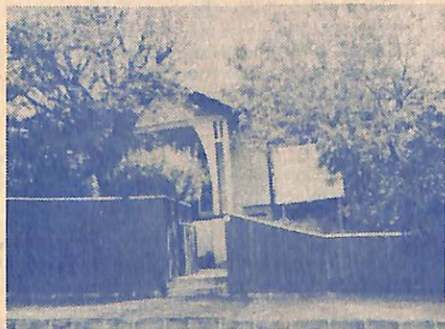
Kew Probus Club for Men also meets at Kew RSL Hall, but their meetings are held on the third Monday of each month at 10am.

Membership enquiries should be directed to Charles Hoare on 848 8122.

Asthma Foundation needs helpers

The Asthma Foundation of Victoria at 2 Highfield Grove, Kew, needs helpers to assemble its education kits and regular newsletters.

If you have a few hours to spare and can help, ring Margaret Hampson, Education Officer, on 861 5666.



Asthma Foundation headquarters at 2 Highfield Grove, Kew.

Ex-patients urged to help Royal Women's

For 60 years, the Kew Auxiliary of the Royal Women's Hospital has worked ceaselessly to support the hospital, its patients, and its staff.

The Auxiliary's most important contribution is to raise funds to buy a major piece of equipment for the hospital each year.

Last year it donated a Foetal Pulse Detector to the hospital's maternity department and this year the hospital has asked if it could raise \$2,600 to buy a set of baby scales.

Mrs. McMillan, treasurer of the Auxiliary, said "We've had some excellent support from the local community and in particular from Kew's Safeway Store".

She said Safeway's management agreed to let the Auxiliary sell raffle tickets outside the store and, without its support, the Auxiliary would have had an "uphill battle" to raise the money to buy the Foetal Pulse Detector they presented to the hospital last year.

As with most voluntary groups, the Auxiliary has had a falling off in membership in recent years.

Organisers of the group partly attribute this to the fact that women are working longer before having children and are returning to the workforce within the first year or so to resume their careers.

As well, Kew has about 30 other voluntary groups which all need new members and the Auxiliary must compete with these too.

The Auxiliary welcomes anyone who has a few spare hours to help them in their work. But they would particularly like to hear from ex-patients of the Royal Women's Hospital who feel they can give something in return for the care and concern they received.

To give mothers with schoolchildren the opportunity to join the Auxiliary, meeting times have been brought forward. Meetings start at 1.30 p.m. and finish at 3.00 p.m. They are held on the fourth Thursday of each month at Kew Library Complex Hall, off Cotham Road.

Free parking is available in the Council car park and, for mothers of young children, childcare is available for a moderate fee from Kew Council's Occasional Care Centre in Strathalbyn Street.

For enquiries about the Royal Women's Hospital, Kew Auxiliary, and its work, contact Mrs Dietrich on 861 6059.

CARING FOR KEWITES

The ageing of our population in recent years has meant the needs of people living alone in Kew have grown.

Added to that, the number of people living alone who face illness or personal emergencies and who have no close family support or extended family or friends network to help them, grows year by year.

One local organisation which has been servicing the needs of such people in Kew, is Sacred Heart and St. Anne's Caring Group.

Since 1979, volunteers from Sacred Heart and St. Anne's have given their help to families in need because of illness or some other emergency.

They have cooked casseroles which have been frozen for emergency use, have taken older citizens or disabled people to the doctor, dentist, shopping or Church, and have helped carry out personal business for those people unable to do so for themselves.

House cleaning, necessary family sewing, gardening, and small household maintenance jobs, have all been part of the service as the need has arisen.

Members of Sacred Heart and St. Anne's have sat with, prayed with, or read to lonely people who need company.

And where residents have specific information needs, volunteers have contacted the appropriate services in an effort to have these needs met.

Joan O'Connor, one of the Group's organisers, says there are several reasons why families today are in need of particular support.

Many become isolated from their relatives and friends when they move away from their original base to seek work or are transferred in their work, when they experience the breakdown of a marriage, or because of the pressures of modern living on family life.

Miss O'Connor said Sacred Heart and St. Anne's works closely with St. Hilary's Anglican Church, in John Street, which offers similar support services to the Kew Community. Both groups share some of the tasks and meet community needs as problems arise.

"As with any volunteer group, our needs are many and our numbers comparatively few. We are in great need of volunteers to help Sacred Heart and St. Anne's Caring Group continue these much needed services to our Kew residents," Miss O'Connor said.

If you can give some time, the Group would welcome your help. Joan O'Connor on 861 6682 or Barbara Nogaki on 817 3822 can help with enquiries.

ST. GEORGE'S FAIR

St. George's Hospital at 283 Cotham Road, Kew, is holding its Easter Fair on Sunday, March 5, starting at 10.30 a.m.

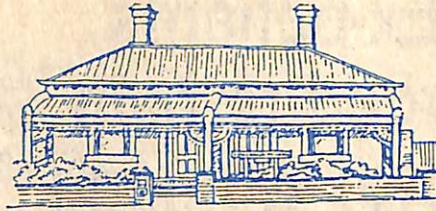
Highlight of the Fair will be a display of 50 vintage motor cars, dog obedience and State Emergency Service demonstrations, and performances by local bands. There will be rides for the children and woodchopping and football contests. More than 30 stalls will supply Devonshire teas, cakes, drinks, icecreams,

international foods, ladies' and children's clothing, toys and trash and treasure.

Proceeds from the Fair will go towards purchasing medical equipment urgently needed by the hospital.

All Kew residents and former patients at the hospital are encouraged to attend the Fair and to support the hospital in its work.

KEW COMMUNITY HOUSE



Co-ordinator: Judy Price

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

Did you know that in the past two years, the number of Community Houses in Victoria has increased by almost 400 per cent?

And that there are now nearly 200 community houses throughout Victoria offering programs of self-education, self-help, community involvement, improvement and development?

And did you know that the aim of community houses is to offer an informal place where local people of all ages and backgrounds can get together in a friendly atmosphere, sharing experiences, joining a class, teaching a skill, or just having a chat over a "cuppa"?

Each Community House has its own constitution specifying its aims and objectives, membership, eligibility and the nature of its decision-making process.

Each Community House is accountable for its programs only to its users and is financially accountable to Community Services Victoria who fund it.

At our House our management committee is made up of users and volunteer local residents who meet here on the second Thursday of each month at 7.45 p.m. Visitors are always welcome.

Membership of our House is \$3.00 per year and this entitles you to vote at our Annual General Meeting and to receive advice of regular programs by mail.

Speaking of programs, our first semester program is out now and although the semester is a short one to fit in with the school term times, there should be enough to interest you.

On Monday afternoons three ladies from Kew Cottages are learning cake icing and decorating under the expert eye of a professional cook. Would you like to join them?

On Tuesdays we have a morning class in

conversational German. Emphasis is on oral tuition with an experienced teacher.

• And in the evening at 7.00 p.m. we have migrant English classes for people who want to improve their English language skills. These classes are free.

Wednesday is our Drop-in-Day and lunch, and, once a month we have our "Know your Community" lunch series with guest speakers. We also have a Community Walk once a month.

Wednesday is the day the Scrabble Club meets. At 7.00 p.m. at our House and they would like new members. Anne McBain can help with enquiries on 836 0025.

Thursday mornings there is a class in Summer Soups, Salads and Sweets — cold refreshing dishes you can make beforehand so you can spend time with and really enjoy your guests.

And another class in learning how to make Topiary Trees — those pretty, but expensive dried flower trees in pots, you might have admired in the shops — and can now learn to make for yourself.

Next term is a much longer one, so we've got lots of new and exciting programs on offer for you.

Where possible we provide child care with our adult activities. Let me know if you need child care when you book for your class. Cost: a small donation.

Of course you can drop into our House anytime for a coffee and a chat.

We're open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday between 9.15 a.m. and 3.15 p.m. and Wednesday, between 11 a.m. and 3.30 p.m.

Ring me if you want to book in for a class or if you have a query — I'm only too happy to help.

I look forward to seeing you at our House soon.

KEEPING YOU INFORMED

Perhaps you are one of those people only vaguely aware of your local Citizens' Advice Bureau, but somewhat uncertain as to why it is there and how it all began.

Since we are dedicated to "Keeping you Informed", some background information might prove interesting.

The Bureaus, or C.A.B.'s as they are usually called, had their origins in war-time Britain nearly fifty years ago.

The original C.A.B.'s were established to ease the pain of disrupted family life caused by evacuation and the absence of many bread winners in the armed forces.

In the belief that the outbreak of war would result in the immediate bombing of London and other large cities, plans were made to evacuate children, mothers and the elderly to areas of comparative safety.

The evacuation proceeded and compulsory billeting was enforced on country householders to provide accommodation for the many thousands of people who left the threatened cities.

The conflicting life-styles of country and city dwellers produced inevitable tensions and, as the bombing failed to eventuate, many evacuees drifted back to their own homes.

With the coming of "The Blitz" in 1940 and the raining-down of "V-bombs" on London in 1944, the evacuation processes had to be repeated.

During these troubled years the role of the C.A.B.'s in evacuation, information and support, was vital. But with the coming of peace their role was broadened to assist with all kinds of community problems.

Citizens' Advice Bureaus in Australia maintain the traditions and standards of service set earlier by their British counterparts. If you need friendly and confidential advice on almost any topic you can think of, you can be sure you'll get a helpful response at your local Bureau to either a personal visit or a telephone enquiry.

Kew Citizens' Advice Bureau is at the rear of Kew Library complex, off Cotham Road, and is open each week day between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. You can ring the Bureau on 861 5244 during opening hours.

A legal advice service operates between 7.30 p.m. and 9 p.m. each Tuesday evening.

Neighbourhood Watch

Last month, Kew police warned local residents to check their household security after a spate of burglaries in the municipality in early February.

Police say that while the odds of an individual becoming a victim of violent crime are slight, every household is vulnerable to the serious crime of burglary.

Residents' failure to lock doors and windows is directly responsible for a large percentage of home burglaries every year, they say.

Many intruders gain entry in this way or by defeating inferior or poorly installed locking devices.

Here are some commonsense tips to help defeat intruders:

- Whenever you leave your house, make sure that all windows and doors are securely latched and locked.

- Don't make the mistake of relating the security of your home to the length of time you intend being away from it. A quick outing can stretch to a couple of hours and that's more than enough time for any thief.
- Keep all your tools and ladders securely locked in your garage or shed. By doing this you won't give the burglar the tools to do his job.
- Keep your shrubs and branches trimmed — particularly if they are near doors and windows. That way you won't give a burglar a hiding place.
- Don't leave messages on your door and ask your friends not to leave notes for you if you are not at home.
- Don't have goods delivered when you're not at home. Arrange instead for a neighbour to take delivery. A package on

your doorstep is a sure sign that you are not there.

- Local Neighbourhood Watch groups conduct regular meetings to improve residents awareness of household security. **Join one.**
- Area H001 meets on March 6 in Kew Library Complex Hall, off Cotham Road at 7.45 p.m.
- Area H27 meets on March 28 in Kew Library Complex Hall, off Cotham Road, at 7.30 p.m.
- For details about your local Neighbourhood Watch area please ring the Victoria Police Co-ordinator of "H" district on 25 7270.

EXCERPTS FROM FESTIVAL PROGRAM

Thursday, 16th March

12 noon — Bridge Open House. Sit in on a "Supervised Play" bridge lesson for inexperienced players. Melbourne Bridge Centre, 30 Cotham Road. Enquiries: George Rogerson — 859 8336.

Friday, 17th March

8.00 p.m. — Backgammon Open House. Play a few games and watch experts. No charge, or enter tournament \$6.00. Enquiries: George Rogerson — 859 8336.

7.30 p.m. — Kew Festival Bridge. Handicap Pairs. Melbourne Bridge Centre, 30 Cotham Road. Fee \$8.00. Enquiries: George Rogerson — 859 8336.

Saturday, 18th March

7.30 a.m. — Kew City Triathlon. Studley Park Boathouse. Registration between 6.00 a.m. and 7.30 a.m. Entry information from Glen Eldrige — 459 3668.

11.30 a.m. till late — Family Fun Day. Begins with a street parade, has food stalls and entertainment all day, and finishes with free entertainment bush dancing and fireworks at night. Alexandra Gardens off Cotham Road.

12.30 p.m. — Billy Cart Derby. Home-made and supercart classes plus a special skateboarding event for those without billy carts. Refreshments available. Enquiries: Earl Davey-Milne — 240 1380. Venue: Parkhill Road West of Adeney Avenue.

1.30 p.m. and 7.30 p.m. — Kew Festival Bridge. Open Pairs; Melbourne Bridge Centre, 30 Cotham Road and Kew Library Complex Hall off Cotham Road. Fee \$18.00. Entry by Monday, March 13. Enquiries: George Rogerson — 859 8336.

2.30 p.m. — "The Great Bike Race" — for experienced bike racers. Come along and experience the thrills and excitement of bike racing. Sponsored by Bike Victoria. Prize and trophy for winner. Enquiries: Tony Barnes — 723 5164.

Sunday, 19th March

10.30 a.m. — Kew Festival Bridge. Stillwell Ford Open Teams. Melbourne Bridge Centre, 30 Cotham Road. 10.30 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. Fee \$18.00. Entry by Monday, March 13th. Enquiries: George Rogerson — 859 8336.

12.30 p.m. — Young People's Day. Street style Skateboard Contest. Foods, drinks, information stands, rock bands, giant skateboard ramp and B.M.X. freestyle display. Safeway Supermarket Car Park, Walpole Street. Enquiries: Maureen McLaughlin — 861 6828.

2.30 p.m. — Carmelite Ecumenical Gathering. All welcome to attend this traditional Festival Service at the Carmelite Monastery, Stevenson Street, Kew. Please phone 862 2402 if you wish to attend.

Monday, 20th March

10.30 a.m. — Introduction to Club Bridge. Find how different and how similar club and home bridge are. Regular players may like to stay for Bridge Duplicate. Commences 11.30 a.m. Cost \$4.00. Melbourne Bridge Centre, 30 Cotham Road. Enquiries: George Rogerson — 859 8336.

7.00 p.m. — Solo Open Day 7.00 p.m. Melbourne Bridge Centre, 30 Cotham Road. No charge. Or join in at one of the tables (\$3.00 table fees). Enquiries: George Rogerson — 859 8336.

8.00 p.m. — Melbourne Guitar Ensemble. All are welcome to this recital at Montague Hall, Xavier College, Charles Street, Kew. Cost \$8.00; Concession \$5.00. Enquiries: Susan Hadfield — 807 8686.

Tuesday, 21st March

7.30 p.m. — Introduction to Club Bridge. 7.30-8.00 p.m. No charge. Casual bridge players. Hear what goes on in a Bridge Club. Melbourne Bridge Centre, 30 Cotham Road. From 8.00 p.m. "Home Players" may join the supervised play or sit in on a "beginners" lesson. Fee \$4.00. Enquiries: George Rogerson — 859 8336.

Wednesday, 22nd March

2.00 p.m. — Historical Bus Tour. Join in and see the many historical sights of Kew. The free two hour trip leaves from outside the Library, off Cotham Road. Enquiries: Sue Leong on 817 4660 for details.

11.00 a.m. — Kew Community House — "Drop in Day". Enquiries: Judy Price 862 3126.

11.00 a.m. — Duplicate Bridge (with NO SMOKING SECTION). Fee \$4.00. For Bridge Players of any standard. Melbourne Bridge Centre, 30 Cotham Road. Enquiries: George Rogerson — 859 8336.

Thursday, 23rd March

7.30 p.m. — "Try a Game of Bowls". Let East Kew Bowling Club introduce you to bowling. All welcome — bowls supplied. Bring suitable flat sole shoes only. Supper provided. Enquiries: East Kew Bowling Club, Windella Avenue, East Kew — 859 2535.

Penguin Club

Following last month's successful interest meeting of The Penguin Club of Australia, a local branch of the group has been formed.

The Group held its first meeting on March 2 and will meet again on Thursday March 30 at 7.30 p.m. in Kew Library Complex Hall, off Cotham Road.

The Penguin Club offers women the chance to develop effective speaking, chairmanship and meeting procedure skills in a supportive, friendly, non-competitive atmosphere.

More new members are welcome. Enquiries: Margot Harrison, 818 6127.

PLAYGROUP VACANCIES

Woodlands Avenue Playgroup has vacancies in its three year old (Tuesday) and mixed-age (Friday) groups.

And in Term 2, the Playgroup hopes to run a Tuesday afternoon session.

If you have an enquiry or would like to enrol your child, ring the Playgroup between 9.30 and 11.30 a.m. weekdays, on 859 6475.

After hours contact may be made through Jennifer Bede, 598 2327, or Sharon Jones, 859 1677.

Parents who would like to see the playgroups "in action", are welcome to visit on weekdays between 9.30 and 11.30 a.m.

Woodlands Avenue Playgroup is held at the rear of East Kew Baptist Church in Woodlands Avenue, off Harp Road.

AUSTRALIA DAY HONOURS

Five Kew residents were honoured on Australia Day for their contributions to the Community.

Officers of the Order of Australia were awarded to Mrs. Jeanne Pratt for her services to the community and to Professor Joseph Isaac for his services to industrial relations and education.

Members of the Order of Australia were awarded to Doctor Laszlo Benyei for his services to the resettlement of migrants and to Doctor William Keane for his services to hospital administration.

Mrs. Vernon Hillman received a medal of the Order of Australia for her services to the Italian Community.



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LIFE EDUCATION

Life Education Centres are unique and their preventative education programs revolutionary.

Life Education Centres aim to give primary school children the skills they will need to resist the negative influences of drug and alcohol abuse.

Rather than scare children about the dangers of drug abuse — legal and illegal — LEC's programs aim to generate an awareness and appreciation of human life and develop the child's ability to resist the negative influences which could hinder the realisation of its full potential.

The Life Education Centre's Inner Eastern Committee, formed locally last November, is now trying to raise \$100,000 to fund a mobile centre to serve the schools in the inner eastern suburbs.

The Committee is sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of Kew, Kew East, Fitzroy, Glenferrie, Hawthorn and Richmond.

Further information about the Committee or Life Education programs can be obtained by contacting Peter Leonard on 817 6161 or Tony Matheson on 862 2466.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Wednesday, 15th March

Kew Community House "Open House", 6-8 Derby Street, from 10.30 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. New residents particularly welcome. Enquiries 862 3126.

Sorbian Exhibition — Features the history, culture and geography of migration to Australia of the "Forgotten Immigrants" of Lusatia (now in East Germany). Kew Library, during opening hours, March 15th to April 12th.

Saturday, 18th March

Kew City Triathlon at Studley Park Boathouse. Starts 7.30 a.m. Enquiries: 459 3668.

Family Fun Day. Street parade, food and entertainment all day, bush dancing and fireworks at night. 11.30 a.m. until late. Enquiries: 860 5202.

Billy Cart Derby. Parkhill Road, west of Adeney Avenue at 12.30 p.m. Enquiries: 240 1380.

Sunday, 19th March

Young People's Day. Starts 12.30 p.m. with Streetstyle Skateboard Contest, B.M.X. freestyle display, rock bands, giant skateboard ramp, food, drinks, stalls. Enquiries: Maureen



Melbourne Guitar Ensemble who will perform at Xavier College on March 20.

McLaughlin — 861 6828.

Ecumenical Gathering 2.30 p.m. Carmelite Monastery, Stevenson Street. Enquiries: 862 2402.

Monday, 20th March

Melbourne Guitar Ensemble, Montague Hall, Xavier College, Charles Street, Kew at 8.00 p.m. Enquiries: Susan Hadfield — 807 8686.

STREETSTYLE SKATEBOARD CONTEST

Sunday, March 19th, is the date for this fantastic event where skateboarders of all ages will thrill and delight their friends, families and enthusiastic audience. The contest is being held in Safeway Supermarket's car park in Walpole Street and starts at 12.30 p.m. Competitors should arrive at 12 noon.

Entrance fee is \$1.00 and there are heats for under 12s, under 15s and an open age group which means you can pit your skills against skateboarders older or younger than yourself. There'll be food and drinks, information stands, rock bands, giant skateboard ramp and a B.M.X. freestyle display.

Even if you're not competing, do come along and bring all your friends and families to watch and to cheer on your local heroes.

Enquiries: Maureen McLaughlin — 861 6828.



'BLITHE SPIRIT'

The Hartwell Players are staging Noel Coward's 'Blithe Spirit' in the Hartwell Uniting Church, corner Eddy Street and Halley Avenue, Hartwell, on March 30 and 31 and

April 1, 6, 7 and 8. Tickets \$7 and \$4. Concessions for group bookings. Enquiries: Mrs Kinsey, 29 2446, between 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. each day.



Hartwell players Loreta Hodson (left) as Madame Arcati, Ron Paddon (right) as Charles and Gabbi Young (centre) as The Ghost of Elvira, from Noel Coward's 'Blithe Spirit'.