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It's almost ready



Kew Recreation Centre combines distinctive architecture and the most up-to-date facilities.

After five years in the planning and one year in construction, Kew Recreation Centre is almost complete.

Water is in all five pools and is being treated, the building is in the final stages of construction, and gymnasium equipment is being finally fitted.

Work on the car park is well underway, the turf area at the rear of the complex has been laid, and the staff are preparing for an influx of participants.

By the time the Centre opens later this month, all indoor facilities will be ready for use. Work on the landscaped areas around the Centre will continue for some time. Two synthetic grass tennis courts are planned for construction during the year.

The opening date for the Centre will be announced when building details are finished and when Council is satisfied about the high quality of the pool water.

The opening date will be advertised in 'Progress Press' and each Kew household will receive a "flyer" entitling residents to try the facilities at no cost.

The Centre will open every day of the year except Christmas Day and Good Friday. During the week it will open at 6am and close at 9.30pm. On Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays it will open from 8am to 8pm.

The creche at the Centre will open initially from 9am to noon each week day and may be extended if there is a demand for extra hours.

The Recreation Centre is one of the largest

projects ever undertaken by Kew Council.

The Centre cost \$4.6 million dollars to build and equip. Council raised most of that amount through the sale of surplus land and was helped by a State Government grant. Council was able to limit its borrowings to \$330,000 to complete the Centre and a substantial proportion of this amount should be paid off through monies Council is raising through the Kew Recreation Centre Fundraising Committee.

The Committee of experienced Kew business people already has promises of donations for \$60,000 from local companies and individuals, and expects more donations to come in as the year progresses.

Although fully owned by Kew Council, the Kew Recreation Centre will be managed for the Council by the YMCA — a non-profit community organisation dedicated to working in partnership with local communities to improve their quality of life.

Designed as a multi-purpose community recreation facility, the new Centre has a range of programs to suit all ages and all levels of fitness.

It has five indoor heated pools — a 25 metre pool for recreational swimming and lap training, a learners pool, toddlers pool, aquatherapy pool and a spa.

There is a sauna adjacent to the spa and main pool, a fully fitted and equipped gymnasium, an indoor water slide, and a program room for aerobics, dance, and other recreational classes.

Outside the Centre is a turfed area for

sunbathers and, by next summer, Kew residents will be able to picnic in the landscaped grounds. Off street car parking is available free of charge, with entry from High Street.

All staff at the Centre are qualified at or above industry standards and all program staff are tertiary trained — most have a degree in physical education. Gymnasium and aerobics instructors are 'Vic Fit' registered and all pool staff are trained in first aid and have their Bronze Medallion. All other staff have the necessary qualifications for their jobs and every staff member is trained in Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation.

Residents using the Centre can either pay on a sessional basis or can choose from a variety of membership categories over a three month, six month or yearly period. Details of these may be obtained by contacting the Centre on 861 6177.

CHANGE TO COUNCIL OFFICE HOURS

Council has decided to change its office hours because public use of late Tuesday evening openings is insufficient to warrant the continuation of this arrangement.

From Monday, February 13, Kew Municipal Offices will open to the public from 8.45am to 5pm, Monday to Friday inclusive.

Dates for February

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Tuesday. Children's Immunisation Session and Adult Rubella Session at Kew Library Complex Hall, off Cotham Road, from 6.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. Measles/mumps only given between 6.30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Enquiries: 860 5245.

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. Boroondara Bushwalkers meet at Kew Library Complex Hall, off Cotham Road, at 7.30 p.m. Details: Thelma McManis, 817 5548.

Children's Immunisation Session, 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 a.m. and 10 a.m. Enquiries: 860 5245 or 859 2021.

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 1380.

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

"Know your Community" monthly lunch at Kew Community House, 6-8 Derby Street, at 11.30 a.m. Guest speaker: June Factor, President Victorian Council of Civil Liberties. Stay for lunch for \$1. Enquiries: 862 3126.

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

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Tuesday. Nursing Mothers' morning coffee at 8 Wishart Street, East Kew, 10 a.m. to noon. Babies and toddlers welcome. Enquiries: 817 5721.

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Thursday. Kew Planning for Retirement Group meeting at Kew Library Complex Hall, off Cotham Road, at 8 p.m. Guest speaker: Judy Price, Co-ordinator at Kew Community House. New members most welcome. Enquiries: Marie Evans, 817 1814.

Kew Auxiliary, Royal Women's Hospital meeting in Kew Library Complex Hall, off Cotham Road, at 1.30 p.m. Enquiries: Mrs McMillan, 861 9243.

Kew Probus Club meeting at Kew RSL Hall, 63 Cotham Road, at 10 a.m. Guest speaker: Arthur Tonkin, Historian, on the Murray River History. Visitors welcome to attend with a member. Enquiries: Charles Hoare, 848 8122.

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Monday. Kew Emergency Housing Committee meeting at Kew Community House, 6 Derby Street, at 8 p.m. All welcome. Enquiries: Rhonda McCaw, 817 2940.

Kew (Daytime) Garden Club meets at Jubilee Hall, Holy Trinity Church, cnr. High and Pakington Streets, promptly at 1.30 p.m. Guest speakers: Ian and Amy McGaulay, on Hydroculture. Enquiries: 859 2977.

Belford Oaks Full Day Care Centre Management Committee meeting, 3 Belford Road, East Kew, at 8 p.m. Parents with children at the Centre most welcome. Enquiries: Joy Nicholson, 859 7148.

KEW 'FRIENDS' REPORT

Friends of Kew Library are delighted with the result of their fundraising efforts last year.

At their annual Book Fair held last October, the Friends raised \$1600 which they plan to spend on books or equipment for the Library.

The Friends major contribution to the Library last year was an Australia-wide map collection worth \$1800.

The maps, for full public use, are stored in a vertical hanging system in the Library's reference section.

The collection of 250 maps gives Australia-wide, Statewide, and Melbourne metropolitan coverage; all Australian capital cities, Victorian provincial cities, and local maps at all scales.

Larger scale maps of tourist areas and charts of Victorian waters are also included.

Eric Flynn, President of the Friends of Kew Library, said he expects borrowers planning extensive holidays throughout Australia — especially in the outback or in areas where expert knowledge is required — to make good use of the collection.

He said people planning to move or buy property in other parts of Victoria or in other States would also find the collection invaluable, as would those people researching their family history in Kew Library's specialist genealogy section.

The Friends of Kew Library welcome new members. They have an array of interesting guest speakers at their meetings and conduct occasional outings with wide appeal for those interested in writing, travel, and the Arts.

For membership enquiries, ring 859 6415 or 859 5653.



YMCA at Kew

Kew's new Recreation Centre at 383 High Street, will be managed for the Kew community by the YMCA.

Peter Burns, new manager of the Centre, says Kew Recreation Centre is one of Melbourne's premier recreation centres and is one which Kew residents can look to with pride.

Mr Burns, who is employed by the YMCA to manage the Centre on Kew Council's behalf, believes the partnership between the YMCA and Kew Council will provide a unique blend of community involvement, professional program expertise, and a proven track record in recreation centre management.

He said the YMCA's goals for the Centre are totally compatible with Kew Council objectives and that he expects the partnership to be a mutually successful and beneficial one for all users of the Centre.

"Like Kew Council, our approach has been entirely consultative. We've formulated these goals after speaking to Councillors, Council staff, schools and other institutions in Kew, and the hundreds of private citizens who have taken the trouble to contact us over the past few months.

Having done our homework, we're confident we've formulated a series of programs which will appeal to a wide range of users."

Mr Burns said The YMCA is dedicated to providing a wide range of recreation programs which reflect community interest and which are based on sound physiological, technical and social principles.

It is also dedicated to maximising opportunities for participation in the Centre's facilities for all residents and positively encourages people with disabilities and older adults to join specific and general programs at the Centre.

Within the first five years of operation, the YMCA expects the Centre to operate on a surplus budget and to be totally independent of any funding by Council.

Mr Burns said, "Once the Centre opens, we want to know what people think about it and about the programs we have on offer. We want to hear what we do well and we also want to hear about what we can do better.

In the YMCA we strive to achieve excellence in everything we do and we want to do it better than anyone else. To do that we need constructive feedback from our participants."

Mr Burns said it is vitally important to him and to the YMCA, that users of the Centre feel, in every way, the YMCA is as responsible in its attitude towards managing their community resource as Kew Council has been in undertaking such a mammoth task on their behalf.

Residents who would like information about the type of programs on offer at the Centre, and about sessional charges and membership fees, should ring 861 6177.

Commentary

We are now completing one of the most significant projects undertaken by the City in its 128 year history.

The project, the Kew Recreation Centre, has been five years in the planning and has taken almost one year to build.

It is one of the few major projects which we have not had to go into considerable debt to achieve. Indeed, Council has relatively minor borrowings to repay on the Centre when compared with the total cost — \$330,000 on an overall construction cost of \$4.6 million dollars.

Council, through its Recreation Centre Fundraising Committee, already has commitments for donations of \$60,000 and these will be used to reduce our borrowings on the Centre along with others we expect to receive as the year progresses.

Kew Recreation Centre is an enterprise owned by all citizens of Kew. It is a project distinctive in its planning because of resident involvement since Council first made a commitment to this particular kind of community recreation centre in 1984.

The Centre is one we hope residents will feel is their own and that they will not only become regular users of it, but that they will see it as a centre which draws the Kew community together in a common purpose — the pursuit of a better, fitter, healthier lifestyle.

The Centre has been quite deliberately designed to cater for the needs of the family, the disabled and the elderly citizens of our community. It is a multi-purpose resource, and

information about its programs is detailed in our page one feature story.

On behalf of the Council, I would like to express our thanks to every resident who has been involved in planning for the Centre. We appreciate their ideas, advice and input over the last five years and are justifiably proud of their efforts and the ensuing result.

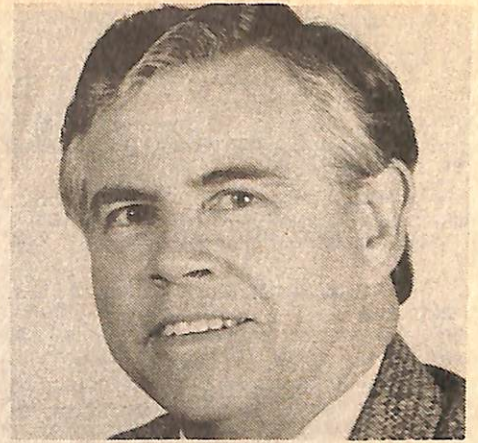
There are many other areas, of course, where citizen involvement is crucial to Council. The Aesthetics Advisory Panel, the Streetscaping Committee, the Citizens' Advice Bureau and the various Residents' Consultative Committees on Traffic Management, to name just a few.

On all these committees, citizens are represented by councillors and senior Council officers as well as residents who have an interest in local affairs.

Your views, therefore, are not only heard, but the discussions between all committee members become the basis for Council's deliberations and final decision making.

This open-style of consultative local government has characterised Kew for some years now and we believe our decision making is more thorough as a result, and that better, wiser decisions are made because of this consultative process.

If you feel you would like to become more closely involved in municipal matters, contact your Ward Councillors or ring the Municipal Offices on 862 2466 and indicate your area of interest.



Cr. Allen Martin, Mayor of Kew

MEETING DATES

February 14 General Purposes Committee 7.30 p.m.

February 21 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.

COUNCIL UNHAPPY ABOUT JUNCTION SIGNS

Council would like its citizens to be aware that advertising signs recently erected on the Clifton Hotel at Kew Junction have been erected against its wishes.

Last year the Council refused to grant a permit for the signs but this decision was overruled by the Administrative Appeals Tribunal.

Playgrounds Committee Recruitment Drive

The Kew Playgrounds Committee, formed three years ago, is a body of Kew residents interested in the development and planning of playgrounds in Kew.

The Committee is looking for new members and wants to recruit anyone with an interest in playgrounds or playground planning.

In 1987, the group was involved in the development and re-naming of "Kate Campbell Reserve", formerly Kellett Grove Reserve, in North Kew.

Last year it took part in the discussions and debate on Kew Council's plans to develop and upgrade play facilities at Kellett Reserve on the corner of Fitzwilliam and Malin Streets, Kew.

For parents and others interested in playground planning and design, the Committee distributes free information booklets which include 'Outdoor Access For All' — an Australian planning and construction kit produced jointly by the Playgrounds and Recreation Association of Victoria and the Child Accident Prevention Foundation; 'Trees and Shrubs Where Children Play' — a guide to planning play areas produced by the Ministry of Housing; 'Playground Equipment Manual' — with text by Carolyn Ozturk; 'Play For All' — contours for playgrounds and surfaces for playgrounds distributed by the Playgrounds and Recreation Association of Victoria.

Kew Playgrounds Committee meets on the

first Monday of each month at 8 p.m. at North Kew Maternal and Child Health Centre, Peel Street, North Kew.

Further information can be obtained by contacting Ann Lloyd-McKenzie on 859 3005 or Sue Hill on 862 1724.



Kate Campbell Reserve, Kellett Grove, North Kew.

Early planning for retirement

After eight years as president of Kew Early Planning for Retirement Group, June Mullen has resigned.

Mrs Mullen said she felt it was time she stood down as president because the Group needed someone with new, fresh ideas to lead it.

"The Group has been going for about thirteen years and I've been a member for all of that time and president for the last eight years. I just feel I've run out of fire.

It's time for some 'new blood', new ideas, and some new members who can introduce a new circle of friends", Mrs Mullen said.

June Mullen is well known in the Kew community. As well as being involved in community affairs, Mrs Mullen has spent the last 25 years caring for others in the Kew nursing home she owns and runs with her daughters.

Mrs Mullen said when she joined the Kew Early Planning for Retirement Group it was at a time when many new retirees were finding they needed financial advice on investing superannuation payouts and other monies to cater for their long-term financial needs.

"No-one could tell you what to do when you retired: how to invest your money for your future needs and what you could do socially to fill the void left by regular work. People gradually got together to share information and ideas and from these local groups sprang other retirement groups.

Since that time, an increasing number of financial institutions give financial advice to retirees, and retirement groups now concentrate on making social contact with other retirees in the community as well as fulfilling the personal, social and emotional needs of their members."

Kew Early Planning for Retirement Group is a member of the Early Planning for Retirement Association — an association with member groups around Australia.

The Group holds four general interest meetings a year with a guest speaker at each and publishes a quarterly news sheet of events.

But there are special interest groups within Kew Early Planning for Retirement which cover a broad range of interests and activities. Each small group meets regularly in members' own homes and the size of the group is determined by the degree of interest in it.

One group, the Dining Out Group, dines out in moderately priced restaurants in Kew and regularly has 50 or more members at each function. Many members who have lost a partner or who are single enjoy this group as it gives them the opportunity to dine out and the confidence to do so.

The Travel Group organises day trips and short holidays of a few days each; there's a Music Appreciation Group, a Stroller's Group, and a group which plays Solo. Other groups blossom as members with similar interests get together.

New president of the Kew Early Planning for Retirement Group is Mrs Nancy King.

Mrs King said "We owe a great deal to June Mullen for the wonderful lead she has given us over the last eight years and for all the time and effort she has put into our group.

We are delighted she's agreed to remain on our organising committee and we're looking forward to having her as a member of the group for a long time yet."

Mrs King said it is important for people in the workforce now, about to retire, to begin planning for their retirement well in advance. "It's surprising how out of touch you get with your local community when you have to work each day and it's important to forge some social links with other retirees well before you retire yourself. We'd like early retirees to think about joining us now.

We all need the support and friendship of others and our Group can fill this need."

For further information or membership enquiries ring Mrs Marie Evans, Secretary of Kew Early Planning for Retirement Group, on 817 1814.



Speaking with Confidence for Women

Local resident, Margot Harrison, believes Australian women who are playing an increasing role in management in the workforce and in other areas of public life, are finding they need to become more effective communicators.

Ms Harrison, an Executive Assistant with the Penguin Club of Australia, has arranged a special interest meeting for Kew women who want to communicate effectively and who want to meet in the evenings.

It will be held in Kew Library Complex hall, off Cotham Road, on Thursday February 16, at 7.30 p.m. for 8 p.m.

The meeting will discuss and assess the level of interest for forming a Kew branch of The Penguin Club of Australia and the mechanics of setting up a local group — venue, meeting dates and times.

The Penguin Club aims to give women an opportunity to develop effective speaking, chairmanship and meeting procedures skills in a friendly, supportive and non-competitive atmosphere.

The Club was formed in Sydney during the Depression, at a time when few women played key roles in commerce or public life. At that time women's formal attire was black and white, hence the name The Penguin Club.

Its founder, Mrs Jean Ellis, decided she would help equip women with the skills they needed to work beside and compete with men and would try to help break down the social formalities which existed at that time.

The Penguin Club of Australia now has more than 2,000 members throughout Australian capital cities and country and suburban areas.

This region is currently served by a day group which meets in Camberwell, but organisers believe there are sufficient women interested in an evening group in Kew to form a local branch.

Penguin Clubs meet twice monthly for one-and-a-half hours, and during meetings, members are given a topic to speak on for a set time. Those who want to can progress to chairing meetings and taking turns at filling local committee administrative positions.

Meeting nights are usually on the first and third or second and fourth Tuesday and Thursday of each month, making 21 meetings in each year.

Joining fees are very moderate and, for the new branch, will depend on the cost of the venue chosen for regular meetings.

Margot Harrison believes that women who are in traditionally male careers like engineering and surveying, women who are in middle-management positions or those with a clear career path, or women with children who have found they have had to get involved in their child's care and activities, can all benefit from membership of the Penguin Club.

She thinks the Club has particular benefit, too, for mothers of disabled children who must regularly communicate with medical specialists, health-care professionals and school principals and teachers.

Margot says the very nature of the Club means that women have ongoing support from each other, unlike classes in effective communication which offer short-term benefits but little long-term support.

For further enquiries about The Penguin Club of Australia, contact Margot Harrison on 818 6127.

WANTED: STORAGE SPACE

Kew Emergency Housing Committee needs an unoccupied garage or shed — one which can be securely locked — to store furniture and household items.

The Committee manages the Kew Emergency Flat — a self-contained apartment for families in Kew who are in short-term housing crisis.

The flat is fully furnished and equipped so that families with no furniture of their own are fully catered for, but it has no garage or added storage area.

Families using the flat sometimes have all their own furniture and storing all their belongings often presents a problem.

Besides storing the families' furniture, the space would also help the Committee store donations of furniture which can be used to help needy families when they move into permanent accommodation.

If you have an empty garage or shed and would like to help Kew's needy families and the Kew Emergency Housing Committee, contact Rhonda McCaw on 817 2940 (after hours) or Denise Keys, Inner Eastern Housing Services, on 890 5411 during business hours.

KEW/HAWTHORN FAMILY DAY CARE VIDEO

Kew residents interested in becoming caregivers in the Kew/Hawthorn Family Day Care Scheme now have the benefit of a video about the scheme.

The video illustrates all aspects of Family Day Care from the initial approach by parent or caregiver to the immensely rewarding relationships and experiences of caregiver, child, and parent.

Parents and potential caregivers in the Family Day Care Scheme can see the video at Kew Community House, 6-8 Derby Street, on Mondays between 9 a.m. and noon and Wednesdays between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., but should ring first to let Family Day Care Staff know they'll call in: Telephone 862 3126.

Or they can call in to the Family Day Care Office based at Hawthorn Town Hall, Burwood Road (near Glenferrie Road) between 8.30 a.m. and 5.00 p.m. Monday to Friday and until 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday evenings.

Mary-Joan Gasparini, Family Day Care Co-ordinator, said residents of Kew and Hawthorn are often not aware of the attractions of becoming a family day care caregiver or of the benefits to families who use the scheme. She hopes the video will provide that information and will encourage caregivers to join the scheme.

Mary-Joan said family day care offers great flexibility for caregivers, all of whom look after up to four pre-school aged children in their own homes. Caregivers have a regular income and are paid weekly by the parents who use their services.

Caregivers can choose how many hours and which days they want to work, how many children they want to care for, and whether, with parental permission, they want to take their 'charges' out with them socially, or shopping, or to sporting commitments.

Caregivers have the support of a mobile toy and equipment library which makes regular calls to their home, regular organised playgroups they can attend with their 'charges', and supportive home visits by Family Day Care staff.

Caregivers receive in-service training if they want to, support from qualified childcare staff, and can borrow the equipment they need such as cots, strollers, playpens, and high chairs.

For parents at home with small children, becoming a caregiver can be a rewarding form of employment without the need to find childcare themselves.

It is an ideal way for caregivers to form friendships within the community, for providing stimulation and social interaction for a caregiver's own child, and for having a job without having to leave home if they don't want to.

One caregiver who has been with the Family Day Care Scheme for many years said, "To this day, some of my boys' best friends are the children they've grown up with through family day care. Those children are really just an extension of our own family".

Caregivers who are interested in joining the scheme or parents who want to use Family Day Care can contact Mary-Joan Gasparini or Helen Bolza on 819 2444 during the hours mentioned above.



(L to R): Barbara Van Ernst, Mayor of Hawthorn, with Kathy Gadsden and Debbie Pruden, producers of the Family Day Care Video, at its November, 1988 launch at Hawthorn Town Hall.

Alternative Cinema

If you are disenchanted with television or videos are losing their novelty, there is an alternative form of cinema.

Camberwell Film Society regularly screens feature films and shorts at its monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of each month.

The Society meets at 7.45 p.m. in the theatre at the rear of Camberwell Library, off Riversdale Road.

Many of the films screened are produced by individual film-makers and small film corporations throughout the world and are the equal of any found in commercial cinemas. Some are feature films, documentaries, animated films, and some are experimental films on a variety of topics.

The Society's first screening for 1989 is on February 15 when "Cry Freedom", a feature film on the friendship between two South Africans — one black and one white — will be shown. The film was directed by Sir Richard Attenborough whose "Ghandi" was a box office success.

Single yearly subscription to the Society is \$22 for 11 screenings — and \$35 for a couple. There's a discussion of the films, held in a friendly, informal atmosphere, over supper.

Camberwell Film Society is the closest local film society for Kew residents and its secretary, Mrs Jean Catford, can help with enquiries on 288 6299.

ARE YOU A TENANT?

Are you having trouble getting your bond returned?

Are you having problems getting repairs done on your house or flat?

Do you want to know your rights as a tenant?

Have you received a Notice to Vacate and want to know what you can do?

Have you ever tried ringing the Tenants' Union and can't get through?

Do you need help to prepare your case to go before the Residential Tenancies Tribunal and would you like support representation?

If the answer is YES to any of these questions, or if you want any other tenancy information, you can contact *The Inner East Tenants' Information Service*.

The Inner East Tenants' Information Service is a service provided for private and public tenants in the areas of Kew, Camberwell, Box Hill, Waverley, Hawthorn and Doncaster/Templestowe.

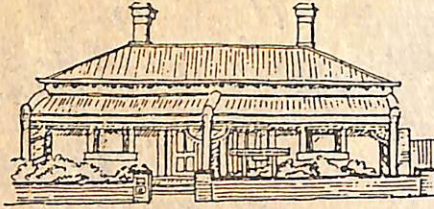
The service also provides tenancy education sessions to any interested groups.

So . . . if you want any information concerning your tenancy or are interested in arranging an education session, just give Deb or Denise a call on 890 5411, or call in at 12 Rutland Road, Box Hill.

The service is available Monday to Friday between 9.30 a.m. and 1.30 p.m.

And . . . how about keeping this information in a safe place. You never now when you might need it.

KEW COMMUNITY HOUSE



Co-ordinator: Judy Price

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

Hello everyone! It's a bit late I know, but Season's Greetings and a Happy New Year to all.

I hope you enjoyed your Christmas and holiday break and that it was a happy, relaxing, and safe time for you.

Our House is up and running again for 1989 and we've already had four of our regular Wednesday 'drop-in' lunches with very good attendances — 15 or more people at each isn't bad for the holiday period, is it?

We've got a very interesting group coming along each Wednesday and we hope we'll have lots of newcomers during the year.

The 'drop in' lunches are ideal for new residents to take to know others in the community and to extend their networks of support.

They are ideal for people with limited English language skills who need lots of friends to practice on.

And they're ideal for people who spend a lot

of time alone at home and need the excitement and challenge of mixing with and meeting a new group of friends.

On the subject of lunch — our first "Know your Community" monthly lunch for the year is at 11.30 a.m. on Wednesday, February 15, when June Factor, President of the Victorian Council of Civil Liberties, is our guest speaker.

After June's informal talk, we'll have our usual al fresco lunch when our guests can join us for just \$1.00.

I'm in the midst of planning our program of short courses for the year, and will soon be able to give you information about them.

By next week we should also be well on the way to getting our programs printed and distributed through all our usual channels — the Municipal Offices, Kew Library, Kindergartens, Maternal and Child Health Centres, our own House — and our regular mailing list members.

I hope you'll find lots to interest you at our House in 1989 and I look forward to seeing you soon.

Traffic Management Update

Area 5 — bounded by High, Valerie, Asquith, Earl and Princess Streets.

After consultation with the Residents' Consultative Committee on traffic management for the area, eight road humps will be installed in Pakington Street during this month.

Area 6 — bounded by Cotham and Burke Roads, High and Charles Streets.

The December 1988 review of the traffic management scheme installed in this area was postponed. It starts this month and will continue until April. During the review, traffic counts, speed surveys and on-site observations will take place, and residents are invited to contribute their views. The review is being held in conjunction with the Area 6 Traffic Management Committee.

Area 7 — bounded by Barkers Road, High Street, Studley Park Road and Walmer Street.

Ove Arup Transportation Planning and the Area 7 Traffic Management Committee prepared and circulated a draft traffic management strategy to residents of the area. Public meetings with the residents were held in December to explain and discuss the strategy and Ove Arup are currently reviewing their plans in the light of comments received. The Residents' Consultative Committee will meet later this month to discuss the response with Ove Arup.

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

The traffic management plan prepared by Area 10 Traffic Management Committee is being reviewed by a traffic engineering consultant. Subject to Council's consideration of the review, a draft traffic management plan is likely to be circulated to residents for comment in May or June.

Review of Parking Permit Policy

Kew Council is currently reviewing its policy for the issue of parking permits.

Traders' Associations, the Road Construction Authority and residents of streets with parking restrictions, have been circulated with a draft of the revised parking permit policy and Council is seeking their comments.

Residents' comments received by February 17 will be considered in a report to Council's Physical and Community Services Committee at its meeting on March 7.

Comments or queries regarding traffic management in the City of Kew can be directed to Mr Don Robertson, Traffic Engineer, 860 5232.

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

It is produced and published by Olwyn Eaton, Information Officer for the City of Kew, and a community-based 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.

Rehearsals start for Kew Music Society

Rehearsals for Kew Philharmonic Society's 1989 concerts for choir and orchestra have resumed each Tuesday evening.

The orchestra rehearses at Kew Music Centre, Beresford Street, Kew at 8 p.m. and the choir at 241 Cotham Road at 8 p.m.

New members are always welcome but the Society particularly needs tenors and basses for the choir and string and brass players for the orchestra.

Orchestral players should contact Valda Fouy on 817 1881.

Singers should contact Lola Stokes on 817 3186.

Used clothing bin at MLC

Kew residents with used clothing to dispose of will be able to place their items in the Wesley Central Mission bin near the Fitzwilliam Street entrance to Methodist Ladies' College.

The Mission has put a permanent bin at the College following MLC's successful clothes drive last October.

During the drive, the school collected 2,200 garments which will be sold in Wesley Central Mission's shops around Melbourne and will be used for export sales.

Adult Literacy Program

There are many people in our community who would like to improve their basic spelling, writing, and reading, but few who know how to go about it.

Swinburne College of TAFE in William Street, Hawthorn, has an adult literacy program which offers confidential one-to-one tutoring to adults who want to improve their basic literacy skills.

Most students speak fluent English and all come from interesting and differing backgrounds.

Tutors, too, come from all walks of life. All have a genuine interest in people, good general skills, and a couple of hours to spare each week.

Tutors need no previous experience nor any teaching qualifications.

Swinburne College is looking for volunteers who would like to become tutors in the adult literacy program.

Two training sessions are planned; one on Monday evenings starting immediately after Easter, and one on Thursday mornings starting at the end of April.

Mary Sutherland, Co-ordinator of the training sessions and literacy program, said tutor and student both find the program challenging and very rewarding.

Meetings between the two are arranged to suit and are held at Swinburne or at a local library.

Mary Sutherland will happily help with enquiries from potential tutors or students and can be contacted during business hours on 819 8816.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

In an effort to boost membership of local Neighbourhood Watch groups, Kewriosity will feature a regular column detailing meetings of local groups and other interesting items from Neighbourhood Watch committees.

Police statistics reveal that crime has been reduced in areas where Neighbourhood Watch schemes have been introduced. But those same statistics also show that once the schemes are found to be effective, residents are often lulled into a false sense of security, become less vigilant than they were, and develop a degree of complacency in relation to neighbourhood crime.

Area H27 meet in Kew Library Complex Hall, off Cotham Road, on Tuesday, February 28 at 7.30 p.m.

Area H44 meet at St Paul's Anglican Church Hall, cnr Windella Avenue and Hall Street, on Monday February 13, at 7.30 p.m.

Residents who participate in their local Neighbourhood Watch scheme do so through four basic strategies.

- Operation Identification — the marking of valuable household items, such as a television, stereo, personal computer, with your drivers' licence number preceded by the letter "V" for Victoria.
- Learning about the incidence of neighbourhood crime from the Victoria Police representative attached to your local group at each monthly meeting and learning about how to identify and report criminal activity and suspicious behaviour.
- Improving your awareness of personal and household security through attendance at monthly meetings.
- Sign-posting your premises to let potential criminals know you belong to Neighbourhood Watch. Statistics show that this sign-posting is a deterrent to criminal activity.

Neighbourhood Watch depends on a commitment to co-operation between neighbours and the Police. But more importantly, it depends on a commitment to co-operation between neighbours themselves and a commitment to attend regular monthly meetings of only a short duration.

For details about your local Neighbourhood Watch area please ring the Victoria Police Co-ordinator of "H" district on 25 7270.

GERMAN SATURDAY SCHOOL

Many Victorian students attend Saturday language schools where they learn languages other than English.

One such school, readily accessible to Kew residents, is the German Language Saturday School at 22 Parliament Place, East Melbourne.

The school has classes in German each Saturday morning during school terms. It caters for pre-schoolers, primary and secondary schoolers, and adults from beginners to advanced levels.

For further information and enrolment dates and fees, ring 654 5743 or 439 4923.



Kew Senior Citizens' Centre, from High Street.

Citizens' Week Exhibition

Senior citizens of Kew are exhibiting their arts and crafts and demonstrating their artistic skills during Senior Citizens' Week at the end of February.

The exhibition, which runs from February 27 to March 3, is being staged at Kew Senior Citizens' Centre, corner High and Childers Streets, Kew.

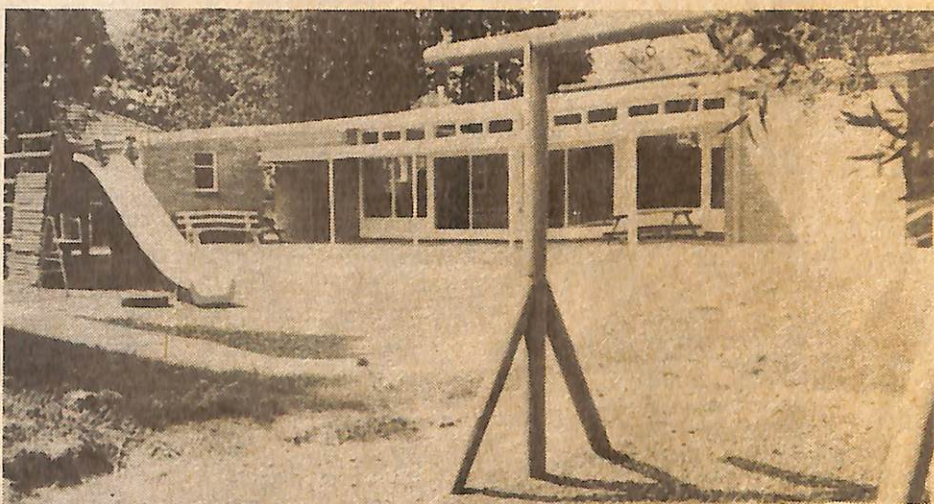
On Monday, February 27, the exhibition is open between 1.30 and 3.30 p.m. The Mayor of Kew, Councillor Allen Martin, will officially open the exhibition at 3.00 p.m.

Opening times on Tuesday, February 28, Wednesday, March 1 and Thursday, March 2 are 10.00 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. and on Friday, March 3 from 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

Demonstrations at the exhibition include spinning, flower pressing, patchwork, leatherwork, cross stitch, and making cards with dried flowers.

Barbara Moran, organiser of the Art and Craft Exhibition, said she has had an excellent response to her request for display items. She believes the exhibition will be one of the best the senior citizens have participated in in the last few years.

Residents interested in the program of activities during Senior Citizens' Week in Kew should watch Progress Press for details or should contact Maureen Day at Kew Council on 860 5219.



Kew Occasional Care Centre at 21 Strathalbyn Street.

Occasional Child Care

Kew Occasional Care Centre re-opened for its 1989 year on Friday, February 3.

The Centre, established in 1985, offers a safe and caring environment on a short-term occasional care basis for pre-schoolers from birth to six years.

Families can leave their child in supervised care with qualified and trained childcare staff for up to three sessions per week — for a maximum of four hours per session — or can choose occasional sessions on occasional days.

The Centre is ideal for parents who have appointments to fulfil, Mums who want a few hours' time on their own, and children who enjoy and need social interaction, education, and play.

The Centre caters for 25 children at a time — five from birth to two years, five from two to three years, and 15 from three to six years.

Parents interested in using the Centre are welcome to visit it and should make enquiries with Ms. Dale Black, Centre Co-ordinator, on 859 6459.

Kew Occasional Care Centre is behind the Maternal and Child Health Centre at 21 Strathalbyn Street, East Kew.



GOOD GARDENING

If the wet, humid weather we've experienced in the last two months is a taste of the tropics, I think Queensland can keep it!

Because of this extended wet weather, Kew, like most other Melbourne suburbs, has an enormous amount of grass growing in its parks, reserves, and other public places.

In the Parks and Gardens Department, we are having difficulty keeping up with this unseasonal growth when in a normal season the grass would have stopped growing well before now.

Not only is the grass very long in some areas, but trees and shrubs are growing at a similarly alarming rate.

But it is not all bad news. Among the weeds in the Urban Forest in Stradbroke Park and around the Willsmere Billabong, thousands of River Red Gum seedlings have emerged.

By not mowing these areas, we have allowed the natural regenerative process to take place. Certainly the areas look somewhat unruly, but in the long term, I believe there will be great benefits to the City of Kew.

In a similar way to the River Red Gum seedlings, you, too, may have found some new plants in your garden.

In my travels around Kew and other suburbs, I've seen many examples of this and I've found that most residents leave the seedlings there "to see what they do".

Unfortunately, this can often be a mistake. The unknown plant can often grow into an unwanted large tree which can be costly to remove.

Common "tree weeds" in Kew are Canary Island Palm, Black Wattle, Mahogany Gum and English Oak — all large trees most unsuitable for suburban gardens.

If something new comes up in your garden and you're not sure what it is, give some thought to having it identified before it's too late. Even if identification proves the plant is desirable, location may not be ideal and early attention will eliminate later problems.

Staff at the Royal Botanical Gardens and National Herbarium at Birdwood Avenue, South Yarra, should be able to help.

This year's unseasonal weather has also meant prolific growth of shrubs and trees in home gardens.

For the aged and the blind, particularly, branches overhanging footpaths are a very real hazard. Do make sure you trim your overhanging trees, shrubs, and branches to a minimum height of not less than three metres from the footpath.

If you have any enquiries regarding this, Janis Dajis, Council's Superintendent of Traffic and By-Laws, will help you on 860 5252.

I wish you good gardening.

Bruce Schroder

Superintendent, Parks and Gardens

Active year for Kew Scouts

1988 was another challenging year of camping, learning, and fun for Fourth Kew Scouts.

Nine boys from the group capped off an exciting year when they joined 14,000 Scouts from all over Australia and from 30 other overseas countries at the Christmas/New Year Scout Jamboree in Adelaide.

In the last few months, Fourth Kew Scouts have had some challenging adventures canoeing, hiking in the Cathedral Ranges, and kayaking in Box Hill Swimming Pool!

They made their own rafts and rode the rapids on the Yarra River at Warrandyte, had a slide-show "trip" of Aboriginal life in north Queensland, and the older boys went on a late night trip to see the "Blues Brothers".

Scouting is a worldwide organisation which offers involvement in camping, bushcraft skills, bushwalking, water sports, badge work and all sorts of other social and educational activities.

If you would like to experience the excitement, adventure, and challenge that Scouting offers, Bradley Miles from Fourth Kew Scouts will answer all your questions and sign you up.

Bradley can be contacted after hours on 859 3326.

WANT TO PLAY CRICKET?

Kew Willsmere Cricket Club needs players to join its 'C' and 'F' Grade turf teams.

The Club is affiliated with the Eastern Suburbs Cricket Association and can promise new players some lively competition.

Further information can be obtained from Ted on 882 8568 or Tony on 898 2407.



KEEPING YOU INFORMED

Kew Citizens' Advice Bureau has returned to full operation after its reduced hours and services during the holiday break.

The Bureau is open on weekdays from 10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. when trained volunteers can provide information on a wide range of subjects. As well, help from a qualified counsellor is available for people with marital, family, and other personal problems.

The Bureau is also open for legal advice on Tuesday evenings between 7.30 p.m. and 9.00 p.m.

All aspects of the Bureau's activities are strictly confidential and enquiries are treated anonymously.

If you think you could spare about three hours each week and are willing to undertake an interesting training course to qualify as a Community Information Worker, you would be a welcome addition to the Bureau's friendly group of volunteers.

You can learn more about the course and the work they do from one of the Bureau volunteers. Just call in and see them.

Kew Citizens' Advice Bureau is at the rear of Kew Library complex with access from a ramp at the rear.

You can ring the Bureau on 861 5244 during opening hours.

COMMUNITY RECREATION

Community Recreation programs, formerly run by Kew Council at various venues around the City, are now being run at Kew Recreation Centre, 383 High Street, Kew.

For information about these programs, please contact the new Kew Recreation Centre on 861 6177.

DEADLINE

Copy for the March edition of Kewriosity should reach the Municipal Offices by Tuesday, February 14.

As more than half the edition is taken up by the Kew Festival Program, contributors should note that unused articles may be held over until the April and May editions. Priority will be given to items deemed to be of most importance.