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Kew Council Elections on August 6

Kew residents, along with those around the State, go to the polls on August 6 to elect their local government representatives.

Residents of the new Willsmere and Sackville Wards are the only residents required to vote in the Kew elections because in the other two wards — Prospect and Studley Park — councillors were elected unopposed.

Kew, in common with many other Councils, has reduced its number of wards and changed its ward boundaries this year, so that the principle of one vote, one value, applies across all electoral boundaries.

The changes were made in response to requests by the Victorian Minister for Local Government, Mr Jim Simmonds.

The ward boundary changes mean that all councillors have to go out of office.

Residents of Prospect Ward are not required to vote because Councillors Joan Lamb, Allen Martin and Michael Montalto were elected unopposed — there being no other nomination received for that ward.

Studley Park residents are not required to vote either because only one nomination was received to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Councillor Saunders.

The new councillor for Studley Park Ward is Mr Philip Slobom. He joins Councillors Peter McIntyre and Jim Tutt who re-nominated for their posts.

Nominees for the new Willsmere Ward are serving councillors Joe Ormando and Daryl Oldaker. Mr Garry Bigmore and Mr Roger Streton are new nominees for the vacancy.

In the new Sackville Ward, serving councillors Phyllis Hore and Philip Barnes have re-nominated and the new candidates are Mr Gerard Petrie, former councillor and Mayor of Kew, and Mr Paul Vallis.

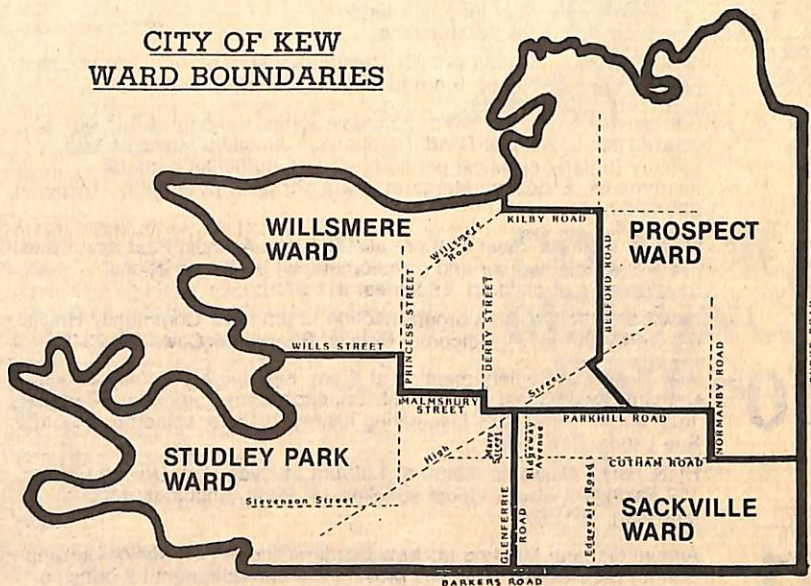
Kew residents are reminded that voting is compulsory under the Local Government Act.

A fine of \$20 is imposed on those who fail to vote.

If you have any enquiries regarding the ward boundary changes or Council elections, you are invited to contact Council's Administrative Officer, Alan Chung, on 862 2466.

A list of polling booths for both wards appears elsewhere in this issue.

CITY OF KEW WARD BOUNDARIES



• Residents of the new Willsmere and Sackville Wards are the only residents required to vote in the Council Elections on August 6.

Policy changes for Kew kindergartens

Changes to the enrolment policy of Kew kindergartens have been announced by Kew Pre-School Association.

The Association, a group of parents representing kindergartens, playgroups, maternal and child health centres and the toy library in Kew, administers the enrolment policy for Kew's five municipal kindergartens.

The new policy means full-time places in Kew kindergartens are allocated from the date the enrolment application is received by the Council's Community Services Department.

Not from the date of birth, as previously.

The extended-hours kindergarten program at Davis Street kindergarten retains the date of birth priority.

Other changes mean that children resident in Kew will be given first priority for kindergarten places. Children from other localities will only be accepted if all first priority places are not filled.

Parents whose children are resident in Kew may enrol their child on its second birthday, not before.

Enrolment forms can be obtained from kindergartens, maternal and child health centres, and the Municipal Offices in Charles Street, Kew.

Applications for enrolment for places in the 1989 school year, other than those for

extended-hours places, will be accepted until Friday, July 29.

First offers for places will be mailed on Friday, August 12.

If you have any enquiries regarding the enrolment policy, please contact Sally Wilkinson on 387 6211 (w) or 859 9785 (h).

Enquiries regarding actual enrolments should be directed to Donna Morton, Community Services Department, Municipal Offices, Charles Street, Kew. Telephone 862 2466.

RATES REMINDER

We want to remind our ratepayers that the final municipal rate instalment for 1988 is due on August 31.

Failure to pay the rate instalment by this date means that interest at the annual rate of 17.25 per cent will be charged from December 10, 1987 — the date the rates became due and payable.

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

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Dates for August

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Country Women's Association, Kew/Balwyn branch meets at 1 pm, Uniting Church Hall, Normanby Road, East Kew. Guest speaker from 'Paul's Goodies' on antiques. New members welcome. Enquiries: Shirley Robinson, 819 1686.

2

Asthma Foundation education sessions, at 10.30 am and 7 pm, 2 Highfield Grove, Kew. Talk by a specialist; video and demonstration. Enquiries: Margaret Hampson, 861 5666.

3

Kew Community House "Know your Community" series of talks and lunches. 11.30 am, Talk by Stig Vertanen, Recreation Co-ordinator for the City of Kew, on the new Recreation Centre and other recreation facilities in Kew. Stay for lunch for \$1. Enquiries: 862 3126. All welcome.

Children's immunisation session, North Kew Maternal & Child Health Centre, 152 Peel Street, 9 am to 10.30 am. Enquiries: 861 9466.

6

Camberwell Music Society's 'Saturday Series' concert at 8.15 pm, St John's Hall, 552 Burke Road, Camberwell Junction. Music of 17th century to early classical period played on authentic baroque instruments. Enquiries: Margaret Sharp, 29 3935 or Dorothy Thorpe, 288 2200.

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Nursing Mothers' meet at 8 pm at 2 Spruzen Avenue, East Kew. Guest speaker: Social worker and psychotherapist on the emotional development of children. Enquiries: 817 5721.

Kew Community Action group meeting, 8 pm, Kew Community House, 6-8 Derby Street. All welcome. Details: Rhonda McCaw, 817 2940.

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Kew Historical Society meeting at 8 pm, Kew Library Complex Hall, off Cotham Road. Guest speaker: Mr Shannon from Boroondara Cemetery Trust about Cemetery's fascinating history. Visitors welcome. Enquiries: Sue Leong, 817 4660.

Hyde Park Fellowship meets at 1.30 pm at Hyde Park Uniting Church, 152 Pakington Street. Guest speaker: Mr Pugh. Enquiries: Mrs McMillan, 861 9243.

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Annual General Meeting for Kew Garden Club, 8 pm, Senior Citizens' Centre, High Street. YOU will provide the entertainment by bringing along an item of interest — one of beauty, or horror! Show and tell!

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Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital Auxiliary meeting at 1.30 pm, Kew Library Complex hall, off Cotham Road. New members welcome. Enquiries: 817 4671.

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Evening immunisation for children and adult rubella immunisation session, Kew Library Complex hall, off Cotham Road, from 6.30 to 7.30 pm. Enquiries: Health Surveyor, 862 2466.

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Boroondara Bushwalkers meet at 8 pm, Kew Library Complex Hall, off Cotham Road. Guest speaker: Rod Lingard, co-ordinator of outdoor programs, Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation. Enquiries: Fritz Schaumburg, 817 1640.

Community Walk in Kanes Bridge area. Bus to the area leaves Kew Community House, 6-8 Derby Street, at 1 pm sharp. Cost: \$1 donation.

Kew Arthritis Self-help Group meets at 10.30 am at Kew Library Complex hall, off Cotham Road. Guest speaker from Road Traffic Authority on 'Road Rules and Traffic Safety'. Morning tea served; all welcome. Enquiries: 862 2021.

Kew Legacy Widows' Club meeting at 11 am, Kew Library Complex Hall, off Cotham Road. Enquiries: 817 5097 or 859 2097.

Children's immunisation session, East Kew Maternal & Child Health Centre, 21 Strathalbyn Street, 9 am to 10.30 am. Enquiries: 859 1380.

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Kew Emergency Housing Committee meeting. Kew Community House, 6-8 Derby Street, 8 pm. Enquiries: Rhonda McCaw, 817 2940.

Kew Daytime Garden Club meets at 1.30 pm, Jubilee Hall, Holy Trinity Church, Cnr High and Pakington Streets. Guest speaker: Margaret Darcy on 'Native Orchids'. Enquiries: 859 2977.

Belford Oaks Management Committee meeting, 8 pm, 3 Belford Road, East Kew. Parents with children at Centre or others interested in it, are very welcome. Enquiries: Joy Nicholson, 859 7148.

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Join other Nursing Mothers' members for morning coffee at 17 Mathers Avenue, East Kew, from 10 am to noon. Babies and children welcome. Enquiries: 817 5721.

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Kew Probus Club meeting at Kew R.S.L. Hall, 63 Cotham Road, 11 am. Guest speaker: Captain R. Toone of Port Phillip Sea Pilots Service.

Kew Planning for Retirement Group meeting at 8 pm in the Kew Library Complex Hall, off Cotham Road. Guest speaker from 'The Friends of the Zoo'. All visitors welcome.

Asthma camps produce positive results

Staff at the Asthma Foundation in Highfield Grove, Kew, are concerned at the rise in hospital admissions and deaths among younger asthmatics.

Sally Keegan, Activities Officer with the Foundation, says the major contributing factors are that teenagers are reluctant to take regular medication for their asthma and often grossly under-estimate the severity of their condition.

To help younger asthmatics understand their condition and their treatment programs — and to get them to start accepting responsibility for their own self-management and lifestyle — the Foundation runs a series of ski camps, adventure camps and other sporting activity camps.

The next trip in the Foundation's Camping and Recreation Program, is a five day ski camp at Mount Baw Baw, for nine to 16 year old asthmatics.

Activities include five downhill skiing lessons by professional instructors, asthma education sessions tailored to each individual's needs, daily aerobics classes, and evening entertainment which includes a special concert.

A doctor, nurse, physical education teacher, and other recreation leaders, all combine to form a high leader-to-child ratio (1 leader to 2 children) to nurture the children through skiing's cold conditions.

Sally said "Teaching children and teenagers to pre-medicate and warm-up with interval based exercises is the way to minimise an exercise-induced attack, especially in the snow."

"On all our camps, medical supervisors monitor the management of each prescribed program and offer advice and guidance to the child where necessary. Their presence means that an emergency can be dealt with immediately."

Many children and teenagers who suffer from asthma have never been allowed to experience the joys of skiing, camping and other sporting activities, according to Sally.

"The reason is usually extreme caution, possible over-protection by parents, teachers or activity leaders. Many young asthmatics never even express an interest in such activities because, secretly, they are 'scared'."

Sally said some children, when they first attend one of the Foundation's camps, feel very isolated by their asthma.

They don't realise how common their condition is — one in five children suffer from asthma — and many have been greatly relieved to find they, like other asthmatics, can play sport and can lead normal lives.

Parents, too, are often surprised at the growth in their child's confidence and understanding of asthma after they have attended a camp. And they're often surprised by the child's increased physical proficiency.

If you would like to make enquiries about the August ski trip to Mount Baw Baw, or about other adventure or activity camps run by the Asthma Foundation, you can contact Sally Keegan on 861 5666.

Commentary

This is my last article as Mayor of Kew.

As you read it, I will have relinquished my mayoral role to someone yet to be elected by all councillors at the Statutory Council Meeting on August 9.

I may be saying goodbye as Mayor, but I'm also saying hello. Yes, hello to the new councillors who will be elected on Saturday, August 6.

That being the case, I'd like to devote this article to explaining the degree of commitment required to be a local councillor.

This year in Kew, Council elections take on even greater significance than before.

That's because, up until now, Kew has had five electoral wards with three councillors representing each — a total of 15.

From August 6, Kew will only have four wards with three councillors representing each — a total of 12.

The change has come about because Kew — in common with most other Councils — was asked by the Minister for Local Government, Mr Jim Simmonds, to review its ward boundaries and to correct any imbalance in voter distribution.

Although, as a Council, we believe twelve councillors cannot hope to provide the same level of personal service to residents that 15 councillors provided, there are no grounds for believing that Kew's services or democratic processes will suffer as a consequence.

What will be required of councillors is more effective management.

Anyone who nominates for Council must be prepared to give up a great deal of their own free time. Councillors spend many hours reading the extensive notes provided to them by Council staff prior to each Council or committee meeting.

Often queries arise from these notes and councillors must allocate extra time to discuss their queries or concerns with Council staff and residents.

They often need to do some further research. Or sometimes, must actually visit a site or location to see at first hand the problems involved.

Councillors need time to listen to residents' queries, complaints or suggestions.

Facelift for Kellett Reserve

Kellett Reserve, on the corner of Fitzwilliam and Malin Streets, is a popular recreation area for the young families who live nearby.

Until recently though, facilities there were limited and equipment was obsolete. Young children were not able to make the best use of this picturesque local park.

Children from toddlers to teenagers play on Kellett Reserve, adults use it to sit and read, to stroll, or to walk their dogs, and others find it a place of rest from the busy, noisy thoroughfares nearby.

Kew Council has held a series of meetings with the area's Resident Consultative Committee over the past few months to discuss its plans for a facelift for Kellett Reserve. Residents have been able to discuss their

They need time to attend Council and committee meetings — a minimum of three hours most Tuesday evenings throughout the year — plus an extra three hours or so weekly to attend committee and other meetings during the day, evening or weekend.

Then, of course, they need to allocate time for follow-up.

As well as a strong commitment to their local community and a strong sense of purpose in their work, councillors must be prepared to make some very difficult decisions.

In the course of their decision-making, councillors must deal with residents' objections, real or imagined fears and doubts. They must make sure their decisions are made with full consideration for the rights of all parties and they must be sure the advice they are given has firm foundations and is legally or technically correct.

Councillors must be prepared to make decisions which could be difficult for them on a personal level and they must recognise that they can't please all of the people all of the time.

Above all, councillors must be able to look forward and to plan and shape the future environment of Kew, and its services, for the generations of Kew residents to come.

Having given you a brief profile of the qualities needed to be a councillor, I'm pleased to tell you that I have nominated to serve the residents of Studley Park Ward for another three years.

I thoroughly enjoy the work that I do for Kew and the residents of Studley Park Ward in particular, and although I'm saying goodbye to you all as Mayor of Kew, I'm looking forward to the next three challenging years as ward councillor for Studley Park.

My wife Helen, son Tim, and I, have served you to the best of our ability during the past year. I won't pretend it hasn't been hard work or that we haven't had to give up a lot more of our free time together. We have. But for all of us it's been worth it.

After all, we were willing to put our efforts into making our community the place we want it to be.

We hope that all Kew residents will adopt this philosophy. Will you?

concerns and contribute to the overall plan for the Reserve.

As a result of those discussions, Council has approved plans for 'senior' and 'junior' playground areas designed to blend in with the overall beauty of Kellett Reserve and its surrounding neighbourhood.

The playgrounds have been designed by Mary Jeavons, a landscape architect who works in the Council's engineering department.

Mary, former Executive Officer with the Playgrounds and Recreation Association of Victoria, has extensive experience in playground design.

"We wanted a playground which would blend into this very beautiful area of Kew and one which could accommodate the growing needs of young families in the area."

"The new playgrounds are the result of my meetings with the Residents Consultative Committee who provided valuable input, and of my discussions with Council's Recreation Co-ordinator, Stig Virtanen. Together, we think we've created a local facility which all residents, young or old, can use and enjoy."



● Jim Tutt, Mayor of Kew.

COUNCIL MEETING DATES

August 9 Statutory meeting, election of Mayor
16 Standing Committees 7.30pm
23 General Purposes Committee 7.30pm
30 Council 8.15pm

Meetings are held in the Committee Rooms and Council Chamber at the Municipal Offices and all are open to the public. Copies of agendas are available in the Kew Library prior to each meeting.

Kew's Birthday Beacon

It was cold and raining. Miserable weather that most people wouldn't want to journey out in: the sort of night for staying at home by a warm, cosy fire.

But despite the weather, about 300 people turned up to share in the excitement when Kew lit its Bicentennial Birthday Beacon on Saturday, June 18.

Fourth Kew Scouts organised the event.

They invited the Mayor of Kew, Councillor Jim Tutt, to light the 5 metre high beacon and they organised hot food stalls, Celtic music and dancing to entertain the revellers.

There were Mums and Dads — children in their warm coats, hats and gumboots — senior citizens, and all ages in between.

They had a wonderful time and the Fourth Kew Scouts want to thank them for braving the elements and for joining in such a successful community event.

The Scouts also want to publicly thank all those who helped make this spectacular occasion a safe and enjoyable one — Kew Police, Kew Fire Brigade, Kew Council, Kew Bicentennial Committee and The State Emergency Service.

Without their assistance, Kew's Birthday Beacon wouldn't have been such a great success.

NOTICES

Kew Philharmonic's second subscription concert date has been changed.

The concert will now be presented on Sunday, August 14, at 2.30pm, at Kew Uniting Church, Highbury Grove, instead of Saturday, August 9 as previously advertised.

Admission is \$6 and \$4 concession. Bookings are open now.

Rehearsals for the third subscription concert in November will start on Tuesday, August 23 at 8pm at the Kew Uniting Church.

New members, especially string and bass players for the orchestra and tenors and basses for the choir, are most welcome.

For bookings, or enquiries about joining the choir or orchestra, contact Valda Fouvy on 817 1881 or Lola Stokes on 817 3186.

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The Friends of Bodalla are holding a luncheon on Tuesday August 23 which should appeal to anyone interested in the history of women's fashion in Australia.

The lunch, at Paton Memorial Hall, Burke Road, Deepdene, starts at noon. At 1pm, the guest speaker, Mrs Joan Bayliss, will illustrate 200 years of women's fashion in Australia using dolls dressed in clothes she made herself.

A donation of \$6, paid at the door, will go towards the cost of purchasing a 'waterbed' chair for sufferers of chronic arthritis.

Guests will also have the opportunity to purchase goods from the trading table.

To help with catering, organisers would like you to ring 859 8016, 25 6298 or 862 1355, if you plan to attend.

Each Thursday afternoon, between 2.30pm and 4.30pm, Kew residents are invited to contribute a few stitches to the working of the Bicentenary Tapestry — one of Kew's lasting memorials to Australia's 200th year.

There's no need to be experienced at needlecraft — a volunteer is on hand to show the way.

For those unable to come during the day, there's two special evening sessions on August 2 and September 6 between 6pm and 8pm.

The Bicentenary Tapestry has been set up in the Kew Library, off Cotham Road, and anyone interested in contributing to the working of it should ask Library staff to direct them to the appropriate area.

POLLING BOOTHS

Residents of the new Willsmere and Sackville Wards are required to vote on August 6.

Polling booths will be located in the following places:

For Willsmere Ward

— North Kew Tennis Courts Pavilion, Peel Street, North Kew.

— Hyde Park Uniting Church Hall, Pakington Street, Kew.

— Belford Oaks Full-Day Care Centre, 3 Belford Road, Kew.

For Sackville Ward

— St Hilary's Church Hall, John Street, Kew.

— Glendonald School, Marshall Avenue, Kew.

— Ruyton Girls' School, Selbourne Road, Kew.

Polling booths are open from 8 am to 6 pm.

"No West for the Wicked" for Kew Children's Players



Two Kew residents, Ed and Maureen Bailey, run a children's theatre workshop for 40 children, aged between 9 and 13.

The children, from Kew, Hawthorn and Camberwell, present their productions at the Kew Community Theatre at Kew High School, Burke Road, East Kew.

Their next production, "No West for the Wicked", or ("Don't Put Your Deadwood on the Stage, Miss Calamity") is at the Kew Community Theatre on Friday, August 12 at 7.30pm and Saturday, August 13 at 2pm and 7.30pm.

Pensioners can attend the dress rehearsal on Thursday, August 11, at 7pm, at no charge.

"No West for the Wicked" revolves around the refusal of the local saloon proprietor to allow an itinerant dancing group to perform in his saloon. There's lots of singing, dancing, high drama, brightly coloured costumes and some

"pretty fancy shootin".

Ticket prices are \$8 for adults and \$4 for students and pensioners. Bookings can be made on 818 5612.

The name of the children's theatre workshop is the Toorak Players Children's Workshop.

It's a bit of a misnomer, according to Ed Bailey.

The name "Toorak Players" is historical. The Players adult group, currently celebrating its 25th year, hasn't operated in Toorak for 20 years!

Its offshoot, the Toorak Players Children's Workshop, rehearses in Balwyn, but presents its productions at the Kew Community Theatre.

Ed said the group is non-profit and is run on a voluntary basis by adult members of the Toorak Players and parents of the children in the workshop.

Community Support Grants

Each year, Community Services Victoria provides support and development grants to local and regional groups.

Early in August, CSV advertises in major newspapers announcing the grants and calls for applications for them.

Kew groups who have applied in the past, or are interested in applying this year, should look out for those advertisements and should get their applications in by the advertised closing date — around mid-September.

Once the applications are in, Kew Community Action Group — in this area — has the task, along with Kew Council, of assessing and prioritising applications and making notional allocations from them.

These are then submitted to the Regional Consultative Council and finally to the Minister for Community Services, for approval.

To be eligible for a support and development grant, Kew community groups must operate within the functional responsibility of Community Services Victoria.

They must not be eligible for funding from another government department or other CSV program/s.

The group must meet the broad objectives of the program which are:
To support individuals and families to live in

their own communities

To support networks among people and services.

To assist public participation in community services

Rhonda McCaw, Chairperson of Kew Community Action Group which assesses the grant applications, said, "Kew is a dynamic municipality with a high level of volunteer participation in community services."

"These grants are available for caring, sharing groups, which need financial help to co-ordinate activities, develop new programs and introduce new initiatives."

Rhonda said that although some groups have received funding over successive years, new applicants should not be deterred from applying. In fact, CSV positively encourages new applications.

Enquiries regarding the grants should be directed to Community Services Victoria, Inner Eastern Regional Branch, 695 Burke Road, Camberwell, Phone: 882 8193.

Application forms and grant rationales are available from them and they will be conducting information sessions for applicant groups, soon.

Rhonda McCaw is happy to help with any enquiries, too, and you can ring her after hours on 817 2940.

Assessing the needs of people at home

Kew Council has taken an important step in providing for residents who need help to continue living at home.

It is one of only a few Councils to appoint its first Assessment Officer to the Domiciliary Services team.

The Assessment Officer, Wendy Rahaley, is a trained welfare officer with experience in caring for and co-ordinating services to senior citizens and others who live independently at home.

A Kew resident, Wendy was formerly Kew Council's Meals on Wheels supervisor.

Domiciliary Services are Home Care, Meals on Wheels, Home Maintenance and the Kew Community Bus. The Domiciliary Services Team provides information to individuals and families about these Council-run services and other community-based services available to them.

Wendy said, "Council-run services like Home Care, Meals on Wheels, the Community Bus and Home Maintenance, help Kew residents who want to continue living independently in their homes."

"Hospital stays are generally shorter than they were. People return home earlier, often with a need for community services to support them. As well, people are living longer and some of the services we provide enable them to continue living in their own homes rather than going into institutional care."

Wendy said this means the demand for Council and community-based services is increasing, and with it, the information which residents need to enable them to make informed choices about the services offered.

Kew Council, recognising this need, decided to expand its assessment services so that new referrals could be catered for, regular reviews of existing services to residents could be



• Kew's new Assessment Officer, Mrs Wendy Rahaley.

undertaken, and stronger links could be forged between other agencies providing specialist home-care services.

"Our Domiciliary Services Team works closely with agencies like the Royal District Nursing Service, the Regional Geriatric Assessment Team (based at Henry Pride Hospital, Kew), home visiting and home library services, to make sure that community services are co-ordinated and integrated to maximise their benefits to home-based Kew residents."

Wendy said people's needs and circumstances do change and she sees her task of assessing and re-assessing individual's needs, over time, as a very important one.

She thinks her appointment will allow for

more follow-up, better integration of services, and the efficient and effective use of existing and future services to home-based residents in Kew.

Wendy's position was made possible by the restructuring and re-allocation of resources within the Domiciliary Services team when Council discontinued its occupational therapy position.

This service is now available through the Royal Geriatric Assessment Team based at Henry Pride Hospital, Nolan Avenue, Kew.

If you have an enquiry about Kew Council's domiciliary services, WENDY RAHALEY can be contacted at the Municipal Offices on 862 2466.



• Volunteers at work at the first community planting of Kew's Urban Forest in Stradbroke Park.

Kew's Urban Forest

The first community planting of Kew's Urban Forest in Stradbroke Park was a great success.

Despite the very cold morning, about 60 volunteers planted, mulched and staked 1,200 of the 3,500 trees and shrubs being planted.

About half-an-hour after they'd finished, Mother Nature supplied a downpour to water the plants in.

But Mother Nature wasn't so kind at the second community planting day on July 9.

Bruce Schroder, Superintendent of Parks and Gardens in Kew, said "Although it was sunny early, the rain bucketed down just after planting started. It was so heavy and the soil was so drenched afterwards, we had to get the 20 or so volunteers who had come along to help, to 'pack up shop' and go home."

The last planned community planting day is on July 30.

Organisers, Kew East Rotary Club and Kew Council, are hoping for a couple of fine days before the planting so the soil is not too wet and muddy, and a planting day without rain so the remaining shrubs and trees can be put in place.

The Urban Forest in Stradbroke Park is a joint project of the Kew East Rotary Club and Kew Council's Bicentennial Committee.

It is one of Kew's lasting memorials to celebrate 200 years of European settlement in Australia.

Honours for two Kew Women



Two Kew women who have spent almost 30 years raising funds for the Royal Women's Hospital, have been made honorary life members of the hospital's Kew Auxiliary.

The women, Mrs Nancy Clarke and Miss Mary Plumridge, received their honours at the Auxiliary's annual general meeting in June.

Both women have been members of the Royal Women's Hospital Kew Auxiliary since 1959. Mrs Clarke was Auxiliary president for 27 years and Miss Plumridge Auxiliary secretary for 25 years.

Mary Plumridge is best known for her work with the Royal Women's Hospital Patients' Library Service.

She started the service in 1970 after the then hospital chaplain, Deaconess Elizabeth Alfred, saw a need for recreational reading for patients.

Miss Plumridge set off on her rounds of the wards with a basket of books.

Under her guidance, the Patients' Library Service developed from that basket of books to the twice-weekly multi-language service that it is today.

Throughout the Melbourne metropolitan area there are auxiliaries which support the Royal

• Mrs Nancy Clarke (centre) and Miss Mary Plumridge (right) with members of the Royal Women's Hospital, Kew Auxiliary.

Women's Hospital. They raise funds to support the hospital in a variety of ways.

The Kew Auxiliary raises funds to donate a major piece of equipment to the hospital each year. Last year it donated an Analgesic Syringe Pump and this year hopes to raise enough funds to donate a Foetal Pulse Detector to the hospital's maternity department.

As with most community groups, the Kew Auxiliary needs new members to help it carry on its work. It would particularly like to hear from young Mums whose children may have been born at the Royal Women's Hospital, or from women who may have been patients there.

The Kew Auxiliary of the Royal Women's Hospital meets monthly, on a Thursday at 2pm in the Kew Library Complex hall, off Cotham Road. After each meeting, members meet for an informal afternoon tea.

Anyone interested in joining the Auxiliary can make further enquiries by ringing 861 6509.



Good Gardening

This month I'd like to turn your attention away from your own garden to Kew's many parks, gardens and reserves.

Many Kew residents are fortunate enough to live next door to or nearby one of Kew's many public spaces. They have the opportunity to utilise that park, garden or reserve as an extension of their own garden.

Unfortunately, some residents see these public spaces as dumping grounds for their own unwanted rubbish — prunings, broken concrete and building materials, and other spoil.

Others see the litter bins in the parks and streets as receptacles for their own excessive household garbage.

Either way, these residents spoil our parks and reserves for others. They may not know they are infringing Council By-laws or that there are heavy penalties for such offences.

Council staff spend much of their time emptying excessive rubbish from the public litter bins or cleaning up rubbish dumped within parks, gardens and reserves.

The money spent removing this litter is money contributed by all Kew ratepayers. It could be well spent in many other areas to improve the amenities of Kew's parks for all their users.

It is not only the inconvenience and added cost of this thoughtlessness.

Rubbish attracts rubbish and, in turn, can attract disease and other dangerous situations.

I'd like all Kew residents to pull together to alleviate this problem so our parks and gardens are a much nicer place to be.

Council gives each household four free tipping vouchers per year and residents who have used up their allocation can apply for another voucher.

Council also organises two hard rubbish collections per year — so there's really no excuse for people to dump their unwanted rubbish in the spaces enjoyed by others.

On a lighter note, if you are interested in Australian natives, the Maroondah Group of the Society for Growing Australian Plants is holding its annual Wildflower Show at the Ringwood Civic Centre. It is being held on the weekend of August 6 and 7.

The show is a must for anyone contemplating adding some native Australian plants to their existing garden.

Bruce Schroder
Superintendent, Parks and Gardens

New playgroup committee

Highbury Grove Playgroup, based at Kew Uniting Church, Highbury Grove, has announced its new senior committee members.

They are Lesley Kennelfield, President; Marlene King, Treasurer and Wendy Johnson, Secretary.

For enquiries about the playgroup, Lesley can be contacted on 817 4988, Marlene on 861 9880, and Wendy on 857 9571.

MLC 'juniors' help Bodalla 'seniors'

Residents at Bodalla, the Uniting Church hospital in Walpole Street, Kew, are delighted by funds they've received from pupils at Methodist Ladies' College Junior School.

The pupils heard about the Friends of Bodalla's efforts to raise funds to buy a shower chair for the hospital's frail and elderly residents, and decided they would like to help.

They organised a pikelet stall and with the proceeds — just over \$84 — decided they would contribute to the cost of the chair at Bodalla.

Some of the children also wrote to residents at Bodalla and their letters of love and concern have been pinned on the notice board for everyone to enjoy.

Methodist Ladies' College has a strong commitment to community work at Bodalla — their choirs sing their regularly for the enjoyment of residents and staff alike.

Maternal and Child Health Review

The review of maternal and child health services in Kew, announced in the June edition of Kewriosity, is underway.

A series of public meetings will be held during August and September and parents are invited to participate through attendance at the meetings, through letters to Council and through the completion of questionnaires.

The public meetings will be held on Wednesday, August 10 at 9.45 am at the Maternal and Child Health Centre, Strathalbyn Street, East Kew; on Tuesday, August 16 at 8 pm at the Glass Street Kindergarten, East Kew; and on Thursday, August 18 at 1.15 pm. The venue for this meeting is yet to be arranged.

Child care is available if required.

For more information, please contact Elizabeth Sullivan, Children's Services Officer, on 862 2466. Elizabeth, who is a part-time employee, works on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Bowling Club History for Bicentennial Year

Can you help?

Auburn Heights Bowling and Tennis Club on Barkers Road, Kew, is taking advantage of community interest in Australia's Bicentenary by researching the club's history.

Club 'historian', John Chapman, would like to hear from anyone who has photographs of the club's official opening in 1904.

John said newspaper accounts of the official opening on November 19, 1904, comment on the large number of photographs which were taken during and after the opening ceremony.

He's hoping that some of these have survived and that Kew, or even Hawthorn residents, may have some photographs safely stowed away.

John has done quite a lot of research into Auburn Heights Bowling and Tennis Club so far, and has found out some of the more interesting aspects of the Club.

Auburn Heights Bowling and Tennis Club began, in 1883, as a private club in the grounds of Mr Charles Britten's home, 'Ashwick', on the corner of Barkers Road and Broughman Place, Kew.

Mr Britten had the bowling rink laid in the grounds of his home and then encouraged his friends and neighbours to join him in regular games of bowls.

Seven years after the rinks were built, Charles Britten died. But the enthusiasm he had kindled among residents in the area, lived on.

In 1902, they formed the Auburn Heights Recreation Company. They bought three acres of land on the present Barkers Road site to build facilities for bowls, tennis, croquet, badminton, archery and quoits.

They bought the ornamental club house (pictured) from the Turnverein German Club (now the Tivoli Club) and had it erected on the site. It was demolished in late 1959 or early 1960 and the present club-house was erected in its place.

John Beswicke, director of the Auburn Heights Recreation Company — and a well-known Hawthorn architect at that time — designed the sporting facilities. They were built by Mr D. Roberts of Canterbury.

Two of the Club's early benefactors were Mr and Mrs Robert Anderson.

Relatives of Mr Beswicke, Mr Roberts and Mr and Mrs Anderson could have valuable information for John Chapman or could have photographs which could help him in researching the Club's history.

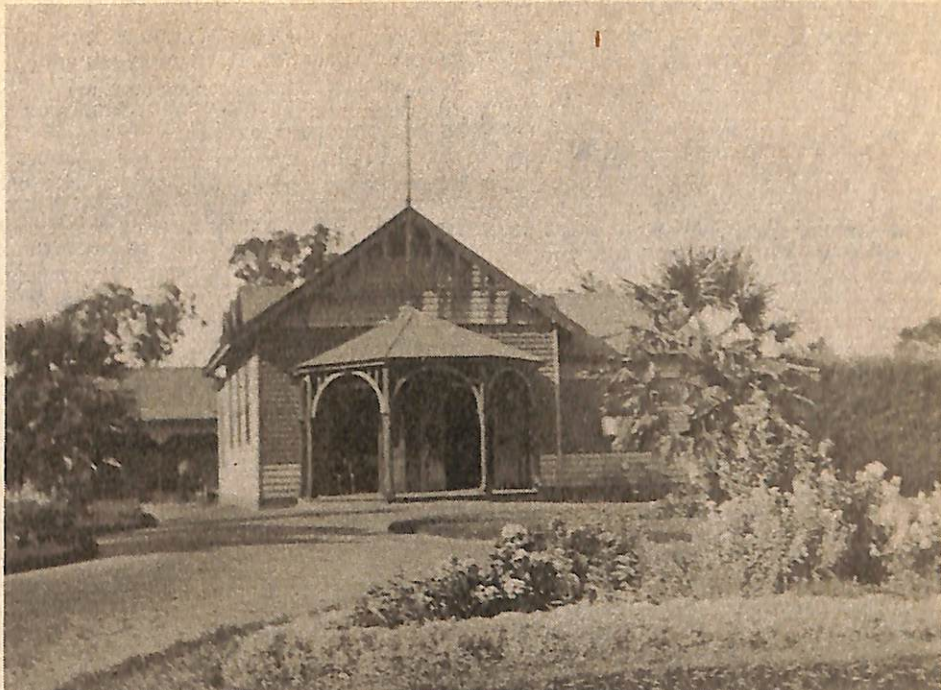
The official opening of the Auburn Heights Bowling and Tennis club, according to newspaper reports, was a gala occasion, in perfect weather.

500 people joined guests of honour, the Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria, Sir John Madden and his wife, Lady Madden, for drinks and afternoon tea under marquees adjacent to the club house.

The women, in elegant long dresses and flowered hats of the period, and the men, impressive in their morning suits and top hats, promenaded in the bright sunshine among the brilliant colours of massed spring flowers in the beds bordering the paths and bowling greens.

Hawthorn City Band provided the entertainment for the assembled guests.

"At such a colourful, gala occasion, photographs must remain somewhere. There



• The first club house at Auburn Heights Bowling and Tennis Club. Originally from Germany, the club house was erected in 1904 and was demolished in either 1959 or 1960, to make way for a new building.

must also be some of the croquet pavilion (demolished in 1960), the croquet greens and croquet players", John said.

"Try as I might, I haven't turned up any of those yet."

If anyone has photographs they could lend John, he says he will take great care of them. "They will be photographed by a professional

photographer who specialises in this sort of thing and will be returned promptly."

Their source would be acknowledged should the Club's history go to print.

John Chapman can be contacted on 890 2395. Or you can contact Club secretary, Jack O'Shaughnessey, on 817 3936, in John's absence.

Music and Movement for Pre-schoolers

Young children love to sing, dance and play musical games.

They develop their musical skills at a very early age through listening, speech, beat, rhythm and melody. Finger plays, musical games and dancing all add to the fun and enjoyment of music.

Classes in music and movement for pre-school children can help them develop the skills which build a foundation for their future musical education.

Through them, children become more self-confident, develop greater co-ordination and discover how creative they can be.

There are three schools of music and movement in Kew and all of them are taking third semester enrolments now.

Each school has its own special programs for children from birth to school age and some have classes for children aged up to about eight years.

For more details contact either Beth Rankin on 859 2009, Karen Fuller on 861 5786, or Betty Frey-Taylor on 817 3044.

BOOKS WANTED

FOR

THE FRIENDS OF KEW LIBRARY

BOOK FAIR

Saturday, October 8

Please leave your recycled books at the Library's circulation desk during opening hours.

Proceeds of the Fair go to Kew Library.



Footy News

Kew maintained its unbeaten record with four wins on four very wet and muddy Saturdays in June.

Kew beat Old Trinity by 99 points, Ivanhoe by 89 points, Monash Blues by 20 points and had a close victory over University Blacks with the winning margin just two points.

The game against University Blacks was played in extremely muddy conditions. Kew adapted to them better than the 'Blacks' and this helped them score their two point victory in the hard-fought match.

The Reserves are now second on the ladder after their four wins against the same four clubs — Old Trinity, Ivanhoe, Monash Blues and University Blacks.

The Club Eighteen were well defeated by league leaders, 'Bloods', but then completed a hat-trick of wins to climb to fifth position on the ladder.

Senior Coach, Brett Burden, has had his personal successes, too. He was a member of the all-conquering Victorian Amateur football team at the Launceston Amateur Football Carnival and has now been selected to play in the All Australian Amateur Team.

Brett joins other former Kew players in this honour. In fact, the Club has a history of players selected to play in the All Australian Amateur Team.

Jack Castle, 1950, Len Brayley, 1952, Noel Stokes, 1958 and Don Mullin, 1968, were all members of the A.A.A. Team. Victorian Coach and former Kew player from 1958 to 1967, John Fisher, was selected as Coach of the A.A.A. Team.

Ex Kew Coach, Ray Martin, also achieved this honour in 1958 and 1960. Ray had hopes of a footballing career with Richmond before he joined Kew in 1941 as Captain-Coach. He was Kew's non-playing coach in the years 1953 to 1955 and 1957 to 1965.

In the run-up to the 'B' grade Amateur Football Finals, Kew supporters are being urged to go to the remaining matches of the season to barrack their teams home.

The August round of matches is:

August 6, Therry C.C.O.B. v Kew, away

August 13, Bulleen/Templestowe v Kew, Victoria Park

August 20, Parkside v Kew, away.

Local newspapers will carry news of the venues and teams for finals matches but supporters can ring Club Secretary, Michael Bollman on 818 6536 (h); 653 0481 (w); or 817 1118 (pavilion), to find out details.

Ian Job, Club 'historian', is still looking for Kew Football Club history, or trivia, from the 1920's and 1930's. Ring him on 859 4706 if you can help.

Kew Band needs Librarian

Kew's prize-winning band, Kew Citizens' Band, is looking for an Honorary Librarian.

The librarian is responsible for making sure the scores for all players are ready for each concert and rehearsal.

Jack Kelly, publicist for the Band, said the job needs someone with a sense of order and reliability and someone who is prepared to travel with the Band to its engagements in Kew, in the Melbourne metropolitan area, and in the wider community.

Anyone with some spare time and an interest in music can call in to the East Kew Music Centre, Beresford Street, Kew, during rehearsals each Thursday night.

Or they can contact the Band's President, Ian Mathers, on 878 3132.

Kew Citizens' Band beat twenty competitors to first place in the recent Eisteddfod at Bendigo. It played one major work and two concert items.

The win was the first for new musical director, Ian Viney.



New Bowling Club committee

Kew Bowling Club, at its 108th Annual General Meeting held in the Clubrooms at 14 Wellington Street, on June 17, elected its office-bearers for the 1988/89 season.

Ian Cullen was elected President, Max Ellis, Col Mosely and Saul Spielman, were elected Vice-Presidents, and Frank Corrie was elected Secretary.

David Rojo is the Treasurer, Charlie Robinson the Bowls Secretary, and the selectors are Ken Austin, Fred Pendry and David Pitt.

Other committee members are Reg Day, Tom Enright, Hec Gallagher, Jack Haller, Louis Krasey, Len Perrott and Georgina Rojo.

Members of the Kew Bowling Club are looking forward to an excellent season.

Their greens have been thoroughly renovated and the Clubrooms are being extended.

The Club would like to see some new members and invites anyone interested — men and women — to visit the Club, meet its members, and inspect the greens, indoor bowling facilities and other amenities.

Arrangements can be made by contacting the Club Secretary on 861 9650.



Keeping you informed

When we look at the technological advances over recent years — and the developments in health and medicine which have increased the proportion of people living to advanced years — most will be astonished at the changes which have occurred in their own lifetimes.

But there is a penalty to be paid for this apparent progress.

In today's society there is greater stress on the human mind and body and a larger number of people needing special care.

The pressures of modern life have led some to drug-taking and other anti-social conduct, while a more flexible attitude to personal relationships has produced problems such as the sharp increase in single parent families and the consequent economic hardship which often follows.

The Citizens' Advice Bureau, through its qualified Counsellor, provides a service for those who find it difficult to cope with the strains of living in today's world.

People with family or marital difficulties, emotional problems — or just the need for a friendly listener with whom they can discuss their personal worries — may find answers from the Bureau's Counsellor.

An appointment can be arranged by ringing 861 5244 or by visiting the Bureau between 10am and 3pm weekdays.

The Kew Citizens' Advice Bureau is at the rear of the Library Complex, off Cotham Road. There is wheelchair access and plenty of parking in the Council car park.

Walking in a Wonderful Winter Land

Winter might be here, but Boroondara Bushwalkers are not hibernating.

They've got an action packed program of winter walks and skiing activities planned for their members. In fact, every weekend there's an activity to suit an individual's level of fitness and level of interest.

For those who find their weekends already full, Boroondara Bushwalkers have planned a series of Wednesday Walks — the next is on August 24.

You can find out more by going to their next meeting on August 17. It will be held in Kew Library Complex hall, off Cotham Road, at 8pm.

Deadline

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