

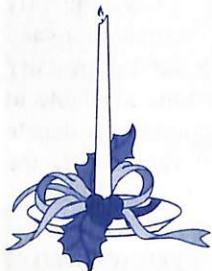
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*Students at Kew Primary School are already in the Christmas spirit, busy gathering gifts to put under their special 'Giving Tree'. The toys and non-perishable foods collected are being donated to the Salvation Army to distribute to needy families.*

## Carols by Candlelight



Kew Council and the Ministers Fraternal warmly encourage all Kew families to join together and celebrate Christmas at the popular Carols by Candlelight Service be held on Sunday December 19 at 8.30pm in Petrie Square, on the corner Cotham Road and Charles Street.

Music will be provided by the Kew Band and backed by the local Churches' Choir. Carol booklets and candles will be on sale, with proceeds going to benefit the Kew High School Chaplaincy Fund.

Following last year's successful collection of pre-loved toys to support the Smith Family Appeal, families are once again asked to look through the cupboards and bring along any toys they can spare for distribution to needy families in Melbourne.

Organisers are hoping for a fine summer's night so that people may sit on the grass, but suggest carollers bring folding chairs, rugs and cushions for extra comfort. In the event of rain, the Carols will be sung indoors in the Old Library area.



## Kew's Future ?

Over the past few weeks, the media has been providing coverage on Local Government Boundary changes, predominantly as a consequence of the changes to the City of Melbourne's boundaries.

The recent discussion of Kew's boundaries in the *Progress Press*, has been precipitated by the exploration of an option by the Cities of Richmond and Collingwood, of a merger of the municipalities of Kew, Hawthorn, Richmond and Collingwood.

The City of Kew has assessed this option and rejected it as a possibility. There are a number of reasons for this decision including:

- \* The lack of a community of interest which extends to philosophical differences.
- \* The natural boundaries between the areas created by the Yarra River and the Yarra Bend Park, which would negate in many cases the economies of scales advantages of a merger.
- \* The historical differences in industrial relations and service provisions between the municipalities.
- \* The conflicting interest which would result at a community level in the allocation of priority and resources.

In addition, it has been concluded that such a merger would result in a significant increase in the level of rates and charges for Kew ratepayers. This is largely the result of the different philosophical approaches to service provision adopted by the municipalities.

Whilst rejecting this option, the City of Kew welcomes the ongoing review of Local Government by the State Government and in particular, the review of municipal boundaries.

In undertaking a review of its own services, the City of Kew is aware of the benefits that can be obtained in some service areas from economies of scale. Council has been reviewing each of its service areas over the past few years as an essential component of its Forward Planning process. These

reviews have resulted in substantial savings in many service areas, together with a number of service improvements. As a consequence, the City of Kew now has a reputation throughout Australia as a leader in the Local Government industry.

The State Government has noted its intention to introduce Compulsory Competitive Tendering for Local Government in 1994. This is another area of change which Council welcomes because it is a practice which this Council has been following for several years. Such changes can only benefit the community in general and ratepayers in particular.

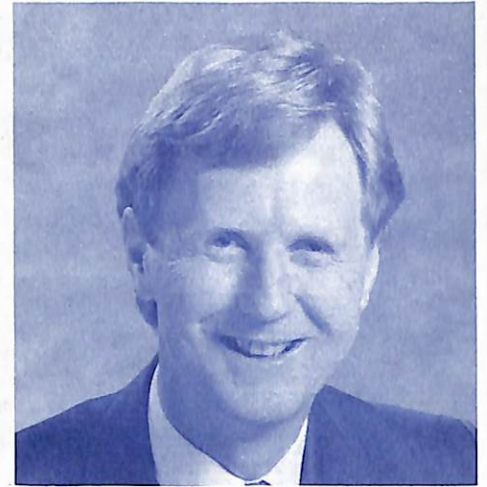
In addition, the State Government is currently legislating to require Councils to adopt a Corporate Management structure and to appoint a Chief Executive Officer. The City of Kew was one of the first municipalities in Australia to adopt this approach in 1978.

Therefore the changes being introduced to Local Government by the State Government are almost without exception, following the examples provided by the City of Kew. They therefore vindicate the pioneering steps which have been taken by the City of Kew.

One of the other pioneering moves made by the City of Kew was the introduction of public participation in Council's decision-making process. This approach has since been followed by many other Councils throughout Australia.

The potential loss of this approach is the major concern which Council has in regard to changes in municipal boundaries.

Council has expressed a willingness to discuss the subject of Local Government Boundary reform with the State Government, the Local Government Board and neighbouring municipalities. In doing so however, the criteria which



**Chief Executive Malcolm Hutchinson**

the City of Kew believes should be fundamental to any assessment are:

- \* Achieving a municipality with a community of interest.
- \* Providing a municipality of a size which has the ability to provide community participation in its decision-making process.
- \* Achieving economies of scale for service areas which can benefit by provision on a larger scale.

Overriding each of these criteria, is an aim to ensure that the Kew community is not disadvantaged by any restructuring of its boundaries. Such disadvantages could include increases in the level of rating, loss of a say in how the area is developed or how resources are allocated to this area and a reduction in service provision.

Council believes however, that solutions are available that maximise the benefits for its community. Consequently Council will pursue these solutions and in doing so, keep its community informed of the options available in order to encourage community debate and participation in formulating the best solution.

We are aware that there are residents of Camberwell who would welcome the approach to Local Government provided by the City of Kew. It is our intention to ensure that the benefits of Kew's approach to service provision and management, are not lost in any restructure debate and that Kew continues to be seen as a leader in the Local Government industry.



# MAYOR'S COMMENT

One of the greatest pleasures of being Mayor is the opportunity to meet so many people in the community. To date, the City of Kew has been fortunate in its size, as such allows a greater level of involvement with the community.

In the past month alone, I have been to the meetings of many different community groups. The opportunity to attend this number of functions, and to make that special personal contact, would certainly be decreased if we lived in a City which was too large.

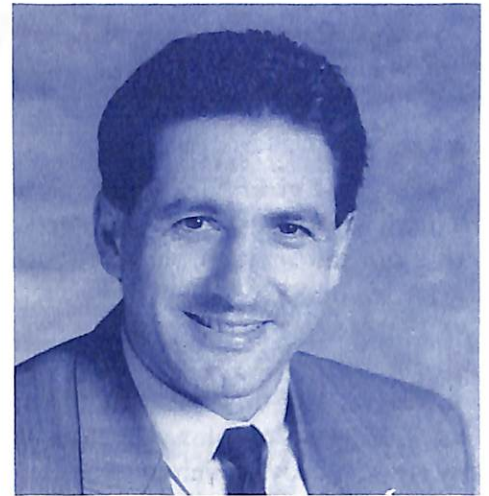
Kew's special sense of community is also greatly enhanced by its size. We have a large number of community and charity groups, and many dedicated volunteers that support them. Our community is very reliant on the continuing commitment of these men and women who help to provide Council's essential community based support services. It is the close cooperation between these organisations and our Staff that enables us to deliver a wide range of efficient and low cost community services.

As the main link between the person they assist and the community,

volunteers are uniquely placed to know what is needed in the community and to help make changes. It was a special honour for me to personally thank some of our volunteers, at a recent formal function, for the vital contribution they make to the well being of our community.

Another great foundation of community spirit is our children, and I have been fortunate to be involved with several local school functions recently. I attended the opening of Kew Primary School's new outdoor shelter facility and I was also present at Kew High School's end of year Speech Night. I also had the opportunity to talk to MLC students and representatives at a luncheon held at the school.

Having my own young family, I take a special interest in the needs of children within our community, and so I was especially grateful for the opportunity



*Mayor of Kew Cr Tom Indovino*

to take part in the Annual General Meeting held at the Pakington Street Kindergarten. I also had the pleasure of attending a recent Fete held at Kew Cottages.

The festive season is a time of goodwill and a time to foster the sense of pride and mutual support that our Kew community is well known for. On behalf of my fellow Councillors and the Staff at the City of Kew, I would like to wish each and everyone of you a safe and enjoyable Christmas and a Happy New Year.

## RATES REMINDER

Residents are reminded that the first municipal rate instalment for 1993/94 is due by 4.30pm Monday 31 December 1993.

Payment may be made at the cashier's desk at the Municipal Offices from 8.45pm to 4.30pm weekdays, or at any Bank (transactions made through branches of the National Australia Bank will not incur a transfer fee).

Ratepayers wishing to pay by instalment should note that failure to pay this instalment by December 31 1993 will result in this option not being available to them.

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# DIARY DATES

## DECEMBER

**10** Friday 7.30pm, **Kew Historical Society Christmas Party.** For more information please contact Lex Allen on 853 9003.

**12** & **19** Sunday 1.00-3.30pm, **Old Library Complex.** If you have any pre-loved toys which could be used to brighten up a child's Christmas Day, please bring them along any Sunday before Christmas, or to the Carols by Candlelight Service in Petrie Square on Sunday 19 December. Alternatively, contact Keith Shaw on 853 6132 to collect your donation. All toys will be distributed by St Vincent de Paul and the Salvation Army.

**14** Tuesday-Friday 10.00am-4.00pm & Saturday 10.00am-12.00 noon, **Kew Opportunity Shop, Senior Citizens Centre.** Come and do your Christmas shopping. Lots of Bric a Brac and clothes to suit everyone.

**15** Wednesday 11.00am, **Kew Legacy Widows Christmas Party at the Kew RSL Club.** All Legacy Widows welcome. For more information please contact Claire Curnow on 853 7049.

**19** Sunday 8.30pm, **Carols by Candlelight Service in Petrie Square, corner Cotham Road and Charles Street.** All residents are invited to join this special celebration. Musical items will be provided by the Kew Band and backed by the local Churches' Choir. For more information please contact Kew Council on 854 5276 or the Kew Ministers Fraternal on 853 7132. For information about the Band please contact Ian Mathers on 878 3132.

**20** December - 29 January Monday-Friday 10.30am & 2.00pm, Saturday 2.00pm. **Yarra Bend Park presents Robin Hood and his Merry Men,** a swashbuckling adventure full of duels, archery, intrigue and romance

performed by a cast of professional actors. Suitable for children aged 3-13 years old. Tickets cost \$10.00, family \$35.00 (2 adults & 2 children or 1 adult & 3 children). Bookings essential, phone the Malthouse on 685 5111.

## JANUARY

**1 - 31** January, **Yarra Bend Park once again presents a stimulating program of summer activities in the Park.** Activities include a History Ramble on Friday mornings, Night Rows at 7.30pm on Friday evenings from December to February, and Dawn Walks at 6.00am on Saturdays throughout January. For more information telephone 482 2344.

**16** Sunday 2.00-5.00pm, **Friends of Kew Library book sale** is held in the lobby of the library on the third Sunday of each month with proceeds going to help the library. **Please note** there will be no book sale in December.



## Christmas Services in Kew

**St. Hilary's, John Street**  
Christmas Eve: 11.30pm  
Christmas Day: 8.00am, 9.00am & 11.00am

**Baptist**  
**Kew Baptist, Highbury Grove**  
Christmas Day: 9.30am

**East Kew Baptist, Woodlands Avenue**  
Christmas Day: 9.30am

**Catholic**  
**Sacred Heart, Cotham Road**  
Christmas Eve: 7.30pm & 10.00pm  
(Service in Dutch)

Christmas Day: 8.00am, 9.30am & 11.00am

**St. Anne's, Windella Avenue**  
Christmas Eve: 6.00pm  
Christmas Day: 10.30am

**St. Joachim's, Barnard Grove**  
Christmas Day: 9.00am

**Uniting Church**  
**Kew Uniting, Highbury Grove**  
Christmas Day: 9.30am

**East Kew Uniting, Normanby Road**  
Christmas Eve: 11.30pm  
Christmas Day: 9.00am

**Anglican**  
**Holy Trinity, High Street**  
Christmas Eve: 11.30pm  
Christmas Day: 8.00am & 10.00am

**St. Pauls's, Windella Avenue**  
Christmas Eve: 11.30pm  
Christmas Day: 8.00am & 10.00am



# Christmas Operating Hours



## Municipal Offices

Council's administrative offices in Charles Street will close at 2.00pm on Friday 24 December and re-open at 8.45am on Tuesday 28 of December 1993. On all the other days during the holiday period, the offices will operate during the usual hours of 8.45am-5.00pm, with the cashier's office closing at 4.30pm.

## Garbage Collection

Garbage will be collected as usual: Monday to Friday, Public Holiday's included.

## Recycling Depot / Council Depot

The depot in Princess Street will be closed on Saturday 27 December and New Year's Day.

## Kew Library

Friday 24	10.30am-6.00pm
Saturday 25	Closed
Sunday 26	Closed
Monday 27	Closed
Tuesday 28	10.30am-6.00pm
Wednesday 29	10.30am-6.00pm
Thursday 30	10.30am-6.00pm
Friday 31	10.30am-6.00pm
Saturday 1	Closed
Sunday 2	Closed
Monday 3	Closed
Tuesday 4	Normal operating hours resume

## Occasional Care Centre

The centre will close on Thursday 16 December. It will re-open on Monday 24 January for bookings and Tuesday 25 January for child care.

## Immunisation

The program will end on Wednesday 15 December, and resume on Wednesday 12 January 1994.

## Maternal & Child Health Centres

Maternal and Child Care Centres will be closed from 24 - 31 December, except on the following days when they will be open from 9.00am - 5.00pm:  
Pakington Street: Tues 28-Thurs 30  
Strathalbyn Street: Tues 28-Wed 29  
Denmark Street: Thurs 30-Friday 31

## Kew Traffic School

The Traffic School will be open from 10.00am - 3.00pm weekdays from 10-21 January 1994.

## Citizens Advice Bureau

Kew CAB will be closed from 22 Dec - 3 January 1994, when it will re-open for limited hours between 10.00am-2.00pm until the end of January. The legal service will resume in February.



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# COUNCIL NEWS

## Area 4 Traffic Management Study

The Area 4 Traffic Management Study has recently commenced and three public meetings have been held to identify traffic problems in the area and elect a Residents Traffic Committee. Area 4 covers the area bounded by Yarra Boulevard, Studley Park Road, Princess Street and Chandler Highway.

Council has appointed consultants Loder and Bayly to conduct the study and comments can be directed to Malcolm Daff or Bridget Cramphorn at Loder and Bayly, 79 Power Street, Hawthorn 3122, or telephone 819 1144.

For more information, or general enquires, please contact Council's Executive Officer Transport, Mr Russell Fairlie, on 854 5232.

## Composting With Worms

Worm Farms are an ideal way to compost kitchen waste. The worms consume food and vegetable scraps, reducing the amount of garbage collected, and as a by-product, produce a rich fertiliser. The farms breed quickly and are an ideal source of fishing bait.

ReIn Worm Farms are now available from the Municipal Offices at a cost of \$40.00. They are a compact unit that can be used in all homes including small flats and units, and include three working trays with a ventilated lid and a collector tray with a tap fitting for the worm castings. For an additional \$20.00, 1,000 worms can be purchased to start the process.

For more information, please telephone the Physical Services Department on 854 5277.

## Fire Prevention

With the advent of summer, Council's fire prevention program is again fully operational.

In order to minimise the possibility of fires spreading within the municipality, owners and occupiers are encouraged to keep their land free from undergrowth. Grass, weeds and other materials which are likely to fuel a fire and cause a fire menace to property, should be cleared.

If any resident is aware of property which is overgrown and likely to constitute a fire hazard, please contact Council's Local Laws Office on 854 5213.

## Pet Desexing Vouchers Available

Council has introduced a new scheme which entitles qualifying pet owners to a reduction in the cost of desexing their dog or cat.

Residents who hold a Federal Government Social Security Card, Pensioner Health Benefits Card, Pharmaceutical Benefits Concession Card, Health Benefits Card or Health Care Card are eligible. Residents who receive remission on Council rates are also eligible.

Desexing of pets is important for population control. Research also shows that desexed pets are usually less of a problem to the owner and the general community than other pets. Castrated male dogs are 90% less likely to roam, there is a noticeable reduction in aggression to other male dogs and a reduction in aggressive behaviour towards people. Female desexing prevents problems when the animal is 'in season'.

Desexing vouchers are available from the Council. If you are eligible please contact the Local Laws Office on 854 5213 for further details.

## COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Monday 13 December 7.30pm	Review Committee
Tuesday 14 December 6.00pm	COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday 1 February 7.30pm	Operations/Planning & Development Committees
Tuesday 15 February 7.30pm	General Purposes Committee

Meetings are held in the Committee Rooms and Council Chambers at the Municipal Offices. Entrance is via the main portico off Cotham Road. All these meetings are open to the public. Copies of the agenda are available for inspection at the loans desk of the Kew Library.

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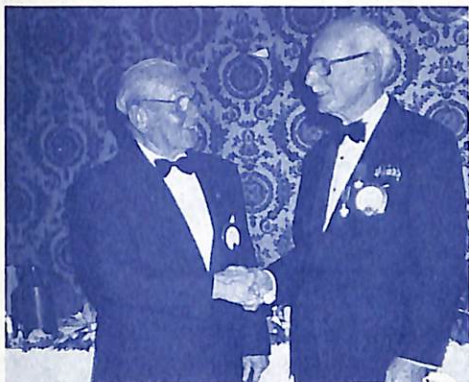
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## Noel the Lion Heart



**Long serving Lions members,  
Noel Lyall and Bert Stevens.**

For many people in the community, Noel Lyall is the Lion Heart of Kew. In 1953 he was one of the founding members of the Kew Lions Club. The Club is now an important part of the community, and over forty years has raised in excess of half a million dollars, most of which has gone to local charities.

Noel was involved in the opening of the Kew Traffic School in Cotham Road, and has been active in its continuing operation. He is also well known throughout the community for his sale of Lions Christmas Cakes.

In 1986 Noel, and long time friend Bert Stevens, were made Life Members of Lions Club International, and in 1989 they were both awarded

the Melvin Jones Fellowship, the highest honour any Lion can receive.

Along with his work in the Lions, Noel has also been active in numerous other sporting and community groups, and is a long standing member of the Kew Bowling Club.

## Kew's Historical Festival

To mark the 20th anniversary of the Kew Community Festival, next year's event will be a special celebration of 'History in Kew'.

A committee of local residents is already hard at work, determined to make the 1994 Festival the best one yet. It is hoped that community groups and organisation will join together to exhibit their memorabilia.

A highlight of the Family Day Parade, to be held on Saturday March 19, will be a display of horse drawn vehicles. If anyone knows the whereabouts of such vehicles, please contact Bruce Schroder on 854 5276.

The committee is always looking to welcome new members. If you would like to be part of the action, please contact Bruce for details of the next meeting.

## Christmas Shopping in Kew



Kew residents can look forward to a special festive Christmas shopping period in the 'Main Street'. In cooperation with the Council, local traders have been busy decorating High Street, Cotham Road, Fenton Way, Walpole Street and Princess Street.

A large illuminated Christmas Tree has been placed on top of the old Post Office, with a traditional Christmas Nativity Scene placed at street level.

All the action is happening throughout December. Local traders have organised weekly draws of prizes for shoppers, and every effort is being made to provide a happy environment. Your local shopping area is a great place to meet neighbours and enjoy the benefits of easy parking and great bargains. Get into the spirit and support your local traders this Christmas.



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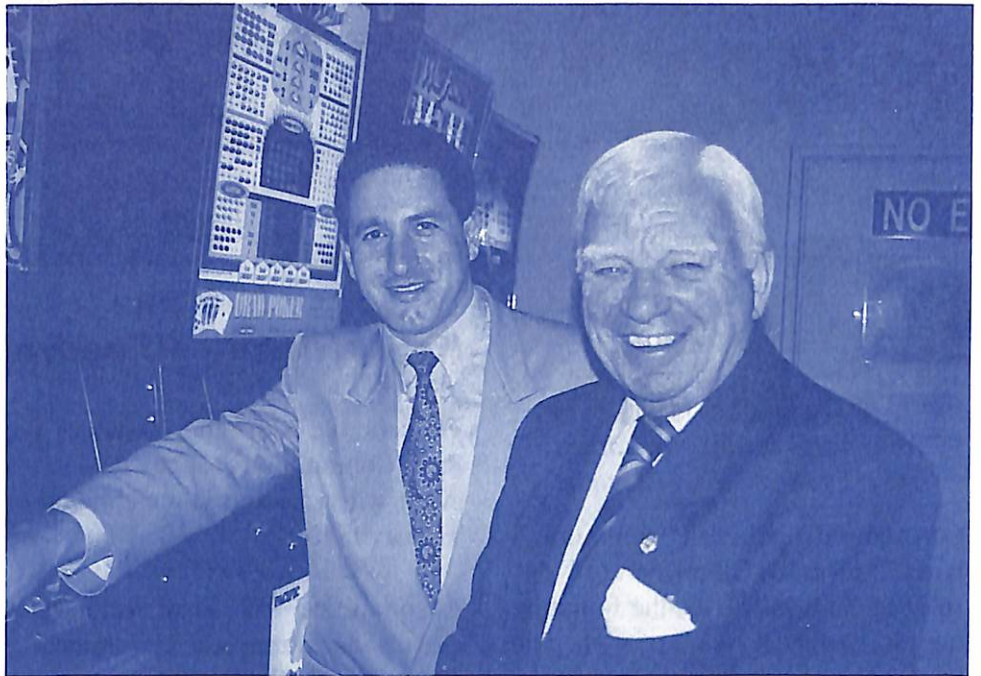
# New Pokies for Kew RSL Club

The Kew Returned Services League has become the first Club in Kew to catch the pokies craze, with the instalment of five new Tatts poker machines.

State R.S.L President, Bruce Ruxton, officially opened the machines on 24 November, and since then there has been a constant tinkle of 10 cent coins as members rush to play.

Manager of the R.S.L Social Club, Mr Boyce, said "At the moment we are the only venue in Kew with the poker machines, and if they prove to be popular more will be introduced.

"Due to licensing laws, use of the machines is presently limited to R.S.L members, their guests and friends. However, the pokies also mean new longer hours for the Club, which is now open from 10.00am to 10.00pm Monday to Saturday and from noon till 6.00pm on Sundays."



*The Mayor of Kew, Cr Tom Indovino, tries his luck on the pokies with State R.S.L President, Bruce Ruxton.*

Mr Boyce said that money collected from the machines would help the Club maintain its historical building on the corner of Cotham Road and Charles Street, and help raise money for the R.S.L.

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