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June 1988

It rained — but the band played on

It was meant to be a trip back in time.

A re-creation of the garden party and other community festivities organised to officially open the first band rotunda in Alexandra Gardens in 1910.

A nostalgic return to people promenading in the park on a sunny, Sunday afternoon to the strains of gracious Viennese waltzes and elegant chamber music played by Methodist Ladies' College String Quartet, and rousing brass band marches played by the Kew Citizens' Band.

Instead it rained — and rained and rained and rained. For 12 or more hours it rained. And so the garden party to celebrate the official opening of the new band rotunda — the 1988 Bicentennial version — moved indoors to the old Kew Library on the lower ground floor of the municipal offices.

The day wasn't quite like the Mayor of Kew, Councillor Jim Tutt and his wife, Helen, had planned it. But for them and about 300 of their guests, it didn't matter.

The Kew Citizen's Band still played their selection of rousing brass band marches and modern classics like 'Jellicle Cats' from the Andrew Lloyd-Webber hit musical, 'Cats'.

And the Methodist Ladies' College String Quartet — minus one — still played stirring pieces like 'The Brandenburg Concerto' and other elegant chamber music.

The old library, deserted since the Kew Library moved to its new home across the road, was alive for the first time in almost a year.

Old friends and neighbours in conversation, new friends made, children's chatter.

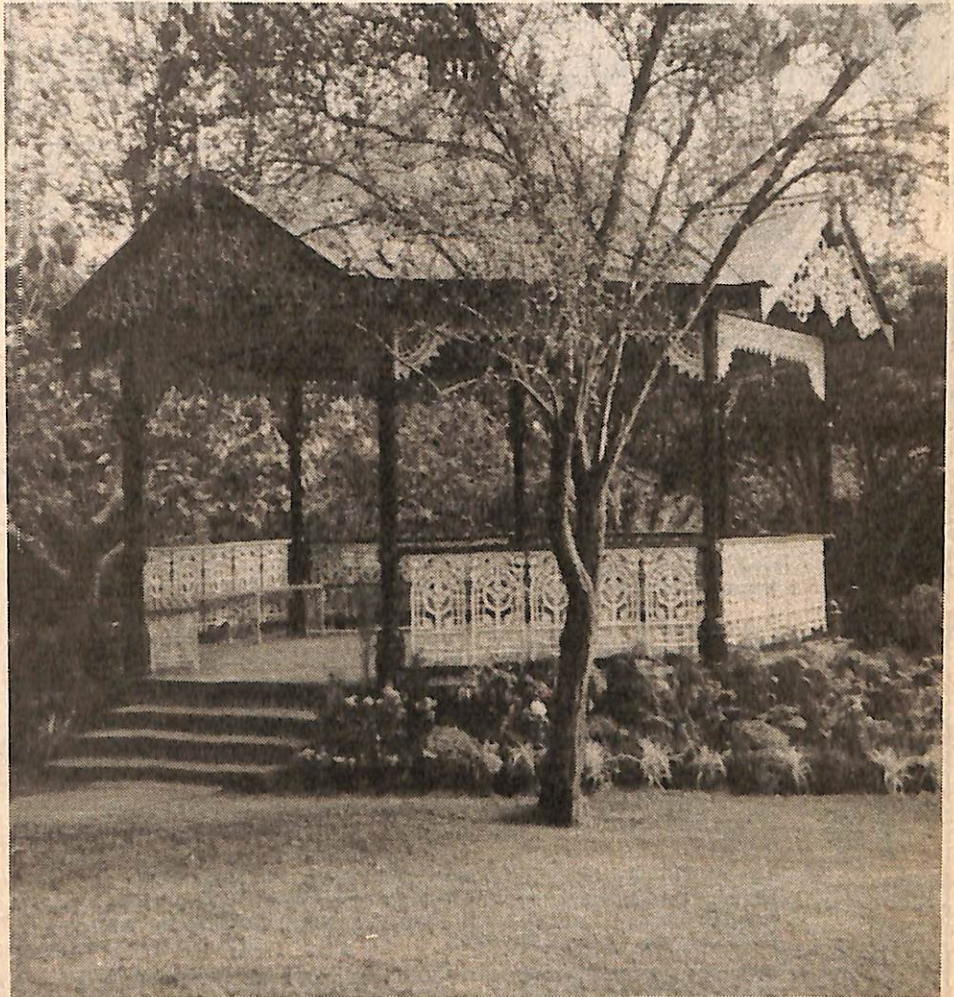
Residents who accepted the Mayor's invitation to celebrate the official opening of the band rotunda were served champagne, and later, afternoon tea, by volunteers from East Kew Rotary Club.

Guest of honour, Andrew Peacock, Member for Kooyong, paid tribute to Kew Council and to the chairman of the Kew Bicentennial Committee, Gerry Petrie and his colleagues.

He said the new rotunda, a lasting memorial to Kew's participation in Australia's Bicentenary, was a wonderful legacy for generations of Kew residents.

Councillor Jim Tutt, the Mayor of Kew, who officially opened the new rotunda, said Kew Council was proud to be involved in a project which added such grace and beauty to Alexandra Gardens and to the City of Kew.

The idea for constructing the rotunda came from Noel Tatchell, a member of the Kew Lions' Club. It was taken on board by Kew Bicentennial Committee who approached Kew Council and the Australian Bicentennial Authority for joint funding to rebuild the rotunda.



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Rates reminder

We want to remind our ratepayers that the third municipal rate instalment is due on May 31, 1988.

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.

Dates for June

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Children's immunisation session 9 am -10.30 am, North Kew Infant Welfare Centre, 152 Peel Street. Enquiries: 861 9466.

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'Introducing a Toddler to a New Baby' is the subject for discussion at Nursing Mothers' meeting, 30 Barnard Grove, at 8 pm. Enquiries: 861 9665 or 817 5721.

Kew/Balwyn branch of Country Women's Association 'Sausage Sizzle' luncheon at 12 noon with meeting to follow, then Australian quiz session. Uniting Church Hall, Normanby Road. Enquiries: Mrs Robinson, 819 1686.

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Asthma Foundation education session, 2 Highfield Grove, Kew. 2 sessions: 10.30 am and 7.30 pm. Talk by specialist, video, demonstration. Enquiries: Margaret Hampson, 861 5666.

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Kew Historical Society meeting 8 pm in Kew Library Complex Hall, off Cotham Road. Guest speaker: Keith Glover, broadcaster and Kew resident, will give his reminiscences of the ABC. 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: Leanne Doll from Kew Cottages. Enquiries: Mrs McMillan, 861 9243.

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Kew Garden Club meeting at Senior Citizens' Centre, High Street. Topic: Growing mini roses. Time: 8 pm.

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Kew Family Choice, family singing, at 35 Ramsay Avenue, East Kew, studio at rear, from 7.30 pm-9.30 pm. Adults donation, children welcome. Enquiries: Beth Rankin, 859 2009.

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Camberwell Music Society Saturday series concert at 8.15 pm, St John's Hall, 552 Burke Road, Camberwell Junction. Contact: Margaret Sharp, 29 3935 or Dorothy Thorpe, 288 2200.

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Nursing Mothers' morning coffee at 25 Boorool Road, East Kew, from 10 am to noon. Babies and toddlers welcome. Enquiries: 861 9665 or 817 5721.

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Community Walk through historic Boroondara Cemetery. Meet at Kew Community House, 6-8 Derby Street at 1 pm promptly. Cost: \$1 donation.

Kew Arthritis Self-Help Group monthly meeting at 10.30 am. Kew Library Complex Hall, off Cotham Road. Visit to the studio of artist, Dorothy Baker, follows meeting. Visitors welcome. Morning Tea served. Enquiries: 862 2021 or 836 8794.

Children's immunisation session, East Kew Infant Welfare Centre, 21 Strathalbyn Street, 9am-10.30am. Enquiries: 859 1380.

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

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Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital Auxillary meeting at 1.30 pm in Kew Library Complex Hall, off Cotham Road. Enquiries: 817 4671.

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Camberwell Music Society Wednesday morning series concert, 10.30 am, St John's Hall, 552 Burke Road, Camberwell Junction. Contact: Margaret Sharp, 29 3935 or Dorothy Thorpe, 288 2200.

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Family Folk Dance, East Kew Uniting Church Hall, Normanby Road, 7 pm-9 pm. \$12 per family or \$10 family concession for members of Parents for Music. Enquiries: Anne Williams, 817 5938.

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Kew Daytime Garden Club meets at 1.30 pm promptly at Jubilee Hall, Holy Trinity Church, High Street, to hear Les Russell talk about pruning. Enquiries: 859 2977. *Please note change of venue.*

Postage stamps, portraits and panoramas

Kew artist and postage stamp engraver, Donald Cameron, is holding a rare display of his work at the Victorian Artists' Society, Albert Street, East Melbourne, from June 3 to June 9, 1988. The exhibition is open daily from 10am-5pm.

Donald Cameron, a gifted artist, designed and engraved Australia's first Christmas stamps in 1957.

He was also commissioned to design sixteen other Australian postage stamps and nine for other Pacific Territory administrations.

For 13 years, he worked at the Commonwealth's Bank Note and Stamp Printing branch in Fitzroy.

Donald Cameron's exhibition features original sketches, actual postage stamps — either designed or engraved by him — illustrations of how stamps were originally printed, and the tools of his profession.

It also includes a collection of his paintings.



• Engraved essay by Donald Cameron for Australia's first Christmas postage stamp based on Sir Joshua Reynolds' painting in the National Gallery of Victoria entitled 'The Infant Samuel at Prayer'.

OBITUARY

The Kew Chess Club regrets the death of Mrs Gwen Gee.

Gwen was a founder member of the Kew Chess Club and it was at her home that the club was formed more than 10 years ago. At that time, Gwen was a member of the Kew Recreational Council.

Gwen Gee had many other interests and was a keen member of Kew Croquet Club. Her friends will sadly miss her.

Commentary

I spend a lot of my working hours with Kew's and Victoria's youth, and a lot of my spare time with the friends and acquaintances of my young son.

Many of them don't know they can become involved in local government well before they turn 18 and are eligible to vote.

During my year of office, I wanted to correct some of the misunderstandings and some of the misapprehensions that young people in Kew may have about becoming involved in local affairs.

Several Kew primary and secondary Principal's have already accepted my personal invitation to send groups of their students to the municipal offices for a visit which outlines the role of local government in Australia.

Some have also arranged to send their senior students to a Council meeting so they can see for themselves how some of the problems facing Kew are decided.

One group of young people didn't need any initiative from me, or their parents, or their teachers, to help them. They took their concerns to their friends for support and started a petition to present to Council.

YMCA to manage new Rec Centre

Kew's new Recreation Centre, currently under construction, will be managed by the YMCA in its first year of operation.

Kew Council has appointed the YMCA as the Centre's manager after considering other management options.

Council chose the YMCA because of its considerable management expertise and its excellent track record.

The YMCA currently operates a network of major recreation centres which includes the Heidelberg Aquatic Centre, Melbourne's newest indoor pool facility, and other facilities for the cities of Heidelberg and Footscray and the Shire of Whittlesea.

Although the YMCA will manage Kew's new facilities, Kew Council will set the objectives for the Centre, decide how it will operate, what membership and entry fees should be charged and what programs and services it will offer.

Kew residents can look forward to programs which could include adult and children's learn-to-swim classes, adult fitness classes like aquarobics, aerobics, yoga, jazz dance and tai chi, junior dance classes, educational gymnastics for pre-schoolers and aquatic music and exercise classes for the over 50s.

A fully fitted gymnasium will also be included in the Centre's facilities. Its trained, professional staff will conduct fitness assessment and personal fitness programs for its users.

These facilities and suggested programs are all in addition to the five ozone-treated pools, diving pools and spa pool and sauna being constructed at the site.

That petition, presented to us late last year, was for skateboarding facilities in Kew. I'm delighted for the youngsters that their efforts have already met with some success.

Working with Maureen McLaughlin, our Youth Services Officer, the group has succeeded in convincing our Physical and Community Services Committee that Maureen should look into the perceived need for skateboarding facilities in Kew.

Maureen will be surveying groups of young people, their parents and their teachers, for their opinions and will also provide Council with some costings for the proposed project.

Although the youngsters haven't yet reached their objective, I'm heartened by the fact that although still quite young, many have the enthusiasm and dedication needed to perhaps become the Kew councillors of the future.

I thank them for participating in their local affairs and for bringing a matter of concern to them to Council's attention.

I hope lots of other young people will be inspired to follow their example and that as a parent reading this column, you will encourage your child to become involved in local matters which concern them.

TRAFFIC — a perennial problem for Kew

Almost since Kew became a municipality, it has been beset by problems with traffic.

Council is continually looking at ways to solve our traffic problems and is continually seeking input from and consultation with Kew residents and ratepayers affected by the decisions it makes on traffic.

Your comments are needed in the following areas.

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

Council reviewed its traffic scheme for this area late in 1987 and decided to retain the scheme but to trial a traffic management device at the intersection of Pakington and Eglinton Streets for three months.

The device has been installed and we already have many comments, but would like your views.

Other changes in the area still to take place are the replacement of angled slow points by a number of speed humps in Disreali, Pakington and Childers Streets; the installation of speed humps in Pakington Street from Eglinton to High Street, and channelling of the Park-Loch Street and Park-Earl Street intersections to improve safety.

All other traffic devices in area 5 will be retained but will be modified to improve operation and appearance.

In **area 10**, bounded by Glenferrie, Barkers, Burke and Cotham Roads, Council has decided to review existing arrangements and to reconsider some schemes previously proposed.

A residents consultative committee is being formed and you should make your comments known to your local councillor, or to your committee representative, when discussions begin.



● Jim Tutt, Mayor of Kew.

COUNCIL MEETING DATES

June 7 Standing Committees 7.30 pm
14 General Purposes Committee 7.30 pm
21 Council 8.15 pm

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.

Construction work on the traffic management scheme in **area 6** — bounded by Cotham and Burke Roads, Harp, High and Charles Streets — is complete and residents' comments are invited on its effects. These will be presented to Council when it reviews the scheme later this year.

Residents who live in **area 7** — bounded by High Street, Studley Park Road, Walmer Street, Yarra Boulevard and Barkers Road — will soon be contacted by Council's traffic engineering consultants, Ove Arup and Partners, for their response to traffic problems in the area.

A residents consultative committee will be formed, public meetings held, and a questionnaire on problems in the area designed and circulated by Ove Arup.

You are encouraged to exercise your right to make your opinions known and to respond to these series of studies so that informed decisions on traffic management in Kew can be made by the people you elect to represent you.

For further enquiries, please contact the Engineers Department on 862 2466.

Did You Know?

That the National Australia Bank has been the Council's banker and has been serving the residents and ratepayers of Kew for the last 100 years.

NOTICES

COFFEE MORNING

Carnsworth-Garoopna Voluntary Helper's Association is holding a coffee morning on Wednesday, June 15, in the Uniting Church Hall, Highbury Grove, starting at 10.30am.

Admission \$3.50, includes a talk by Mrs Fry of Coonjara Herbs. Plants also on sale. All proceeds benefit Carnsworth-Garoopna Nursing Home. Enquiries: Mrs Atkins, 29 1432.

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MUSICAL COMEDY

Viola Musical Comedy Society needs chorus members for its October presentation of Franz Lehár's operetta, *Gypsy Love*. Rehearsals are held each Monday at St Hilary's Anglican Church, John Street, Kew, at 8pm. Enquiries: David Keane on 383 1486.

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BIRTHDAY BONFIRE BEACON

Kew families are invited to join 4th Kew Scout Group on Saturday, June 18, from 4pm, when they will light their Bicentennial Birthday Beacon.

The beacon, one of a chain of 350 being simultaneously lit all around Australia, will form one of the 'candles' on Australia's symbolic birthday cake.

It will be lit at about 5.45pm and will be able to be seen from nearby suburbs like Fairfield, Richmond and Heidelberg, the city to the West and the Dandenongs to the East. The beacon will also be visible by watchers at other beacon sites.

The 'Bicentennial Beacons' is a unique event which gives families an opportunity to join together for lots of food, fun and activities, and to participate in a truly memorable Bicentennial event.

For directions to the exact location of the beacon, or for other enquiries, ring Anne Leeds on 859 2177.

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Holiday time again

If you've been wondering how to keep your primary schoolers amused during the school holidays, Kew Council can help you.

The Council's holiday program runs from Monday, June 27 to Friday, July 8 at Kew Primary School pavilion, Peel Street.

Each day from 10 am to 4 pm during the two-week period, children can join an activity program which includes games, cooking, art and craft, swimming, traffic school and features exciting excursions like ten-pin bowling, horse riding, visits to the Planetarium and 'Puffing Billy'.

For working parents, fully supervised full day care is available between 8 am to 6 pm.

For a fee of only \$1.50 per child, you can take your children to Kew Traffic School, in Cotham Road, between 10 am and 3 pm. The traffic school will operate as a drop-in centre during the entire school holidays and the Life (Be in it) Games trailer will be there daily.

Your presence is required though, because the school does not have full day care supervision.

BASKET LUNCH

Friends of Bodalla are holding a Bicentennial Basket Luncheon on June 16 at Paton Memorial Hall, Burke Road, Deepdene.

Lunch will be served at noon, and at 1pm, guest speaker Reverend Gordon Powell, will talk about 'Some Famous Birthdays'. He'll be quoting from his soon to be published book on the subject.

A donation of \$6 goes towards a fundraising target of \$1,500 for shower chairs and other equipment for Bodalla's elderly residents. A trading table has also been arranged.

To determine amounts for catering, it would help if you ring 859 8016, 25 6298, or 862 1355, to let someone know you will attend.

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Pre-School Storytime

If you are wondering what to do with your pre-schoolers now that the weather is getting cold and wet, or while your older children are at home on school holidays, why not bring your 'littlies' to Kew Library's pre-school storytime every second Tuesday from 11-11.30 am?

Sessions during May, June and July are: May 31; June 14 and 28; July 12 and 26.

Further enquiries can be made by ringing, Carolyn Frank, Children's Librarian, on 861 6745 or 861 6530.

A detailed brochure or more information on Kew's school holiday program can be obtained by contacting Donna Morton in the Community Services Department, on 862 2466.

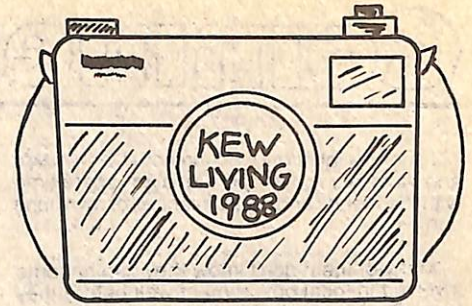
If you're wondering what to do with your teenagers, see the Youth Resource Centre column on page 6 for their teenage school holiday program.

Your rates at work

Kew Council has signed a contract for the reconstruction of footpaths, in concrete, in Tennyson Street; Wrixon Street from Sackville to Fitzwilliam Street on the west side; Hillcrest Avenue from the bends to Cotham Road; and Burke Road between Argyle Road and Stoke Avenue.

Work which started this month is expected to be completed by September.

For further enquiries please ring the Engineers Department on 862 2466.



Kew Living 1988

Kew Living 1988 is the archive of the future.

It is another lasting memorial to Kew's participation in Australia's Bicentenary and is the initiative of Kew Council and the Kew Bicentennial Historical Sub-Committee.

Kew Living 1988 is a book. A strictly limited, finely-bound, hardback book containing seventy-two archival quality black and white photographs that show, in fine detail, objects of normal domestic life, work and relaxation common in 1988 in Kew and, where possible, those things that are particular to Kew.

The photographs will show how Kew residents use their time, how they interact with their local environment and how they use the public facilities and private services provided for them.

The photographs will show how people use, arrange and decorate their homes. And they will show the internal and external architecture in Kew in 1988.

Six professional photographers have been commissioned to work on the project. Each has been assigned a specific scenario to photograph and each will produce the same number of photographs.

The scenarios vary as much as the population and buildings of Kew itself. It is this diversity which the organising committee thinks is the strength of the project.

One imaginary family lives in a large Edwardian house in Sackville Street. The father, in his mid-fifties, is a medical specialist and drives a BMW. The mother, studying part-time for her Bachelor of Arts, is also a voluntary worker and social tennis player. Two of their children attend private schools in Kew; the third is a student at Melbourne University.

In another household, an imaginary group of young people on the other end of the social spectrum, rent a 1920's timber house near Boroondara Cemetery. One is a student in Kew, the other an office worker in the city and the third works at Kew Post Office. All spend their leisure time in and around Kew and do their shopping locally.

Another imaginary family migrated from Greece and settled in East Kew in the 1960s. Their post World War 2 house is immaculate and its boasts a large vegetable garden. They often hold weekend barbecues in Victoria Park with their extended family and their youngest son plays soccer with the local team.

Sue Leong, Chairman of the Kew Bicentennial Historical Sub-Committee, said "Our aim with this project is to produce a collector's item which is affordable to the majority of Kew residents. Anyone interested in Kew who wants to pass on to their families Kew as it was in 1988, should ring me and place their advance order NOW".

Sue can be contacted on 817 4660.

Russian razzamatazz

The Sadko Balalaika Orchestra and dancers which played to Kew residents at the Kew Festival, returns to Kew next week for its fourth performance in two years.

The orchestra which specialises in the world-famous folk music, songs and dances of Russian and Eastern Europe, is performing at Kew High School Community Theatre on June 5, at 3pm.

The concert features the spectacular skills of cossack and other folk dancers, the colourful splendour of traditional costumes and the emotive songs of Old Mother Russia.

The orchestra also performs some modern popular classics like 'Lara's Theme' from the film, *Doctor Zhivago*; *Song of the Volga Boatmen*, *Dark Eyes*, *Brightly Shines the Moon*, *Troiks Bells and Moscow, Moscow*.

Sadko Balalaika Orchestra was formed in Melbourne ten years ago when a group of people from different ethnic origins decided they would introduce and perform for the people of Australia, the music they know and love from Russia and Eastern Europe.

Since then, Sadko has performed at concerts Australia-wide. Its credits include performances with the renowned *Musica Viva*, a concert at last year's *Spoleto Fringe Festival*, and an invitation to perform at this year's *Adelaide Festival*.

The orchestra has also played on ethnic radio stations and has appeared on SBS television.

Sadko's performance at Kew High School



Theatre is part of a fundraising campaign they launched last year to help raise funds to send them to the United States at the end of June.

They've been invited to give several performances at the Lincoln Theatre in New York, and in San Francisco, as part of a cultural exchange. They'll also be participating in the Balalaika and *Domra Association's 10th Annual Convention in New York.

Organisers of the concert hope Kew residents will give the orchestra and dancers

• *Members of the Sadko Balalaika Orchestra and dance troupe which will perform at Kew High School Community Theatre on June 5.*

their full support to help send them on their way to the U.S.A.

Tickets are available at the door, but bookings can be made by telephoning Mrs Brjzovsky on 366 6902. Tickets \$10 Adults. \$8 Concession.

*A domra is a Russian mandolin.

Metropolitan Fire Brigade visit to Council

Two officers of the Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board addressed the Council's General Purposes Committee at its April 19 meeting. The officers were invited to present the Board's 'Resources Plan' launched late last year by the Minister for Police and Emergency Services.

The Plan, commissioned in 1980, provides a detailed analysis of fire services in Victoria and makes recommendations for the future location of fire resources in the State.

The Plan proposes that Kew Fire Station be replaced by a newer, larger station in Balwyn, so that the response time to emergency fire calls can be improved and so that a more efficient level of service delivery can be provided.

The MFB's Resources Plan has five major statewide objectives: to provide an available fire service which recognises social justice needs; to provide a response time that best serves the known pattern of fire development as highlighted by the survey; and to site specialist fire fighting appliances where they are most needed.

By providing an efficient and effective level of service and by maximising its existing resources, the MFB hopes to reduce the number of fire losses and to reduce the costs borne by the community.

The Board, conscious of the role played by Kew Council, which, after all, pays around \$200,000 each year for the fire service in the municipality, agreed to brief Kew Councillors on the implications of its long-awaited plan.

Council review on Mother and Child Health

Following the Victorian government's April announcement of a statewide review of maternal and child health services, Kew Council has decided to conduct its own review of its maternal and child health service.

Council has advised the Minister for Community Services, Race Mathews, of its concerns at the way in which the State Government's review was announced and at the lack of opportunity given to individual councils to provide input into establishing the objectives of the service, the review process and the choice of methodology and terms of reference for the service's review.

Kew Council believes that while the Maternal and Child Health Service has historically been supported by successive State governments, it is, in the 1980s, a local government service.

Maternal and child health centres are owned, equipped and maintained by local government and are at least 60 per cent funded by local government.

In Kew, the maternal and child health service has also been successfully integrated into other family and children's services provided by Council.

The Kew community will be asked to contribute its views on the services provided for mother and child but details of the review and the way in which contributions can be made have yet to be finalised.

Publicity for the review which is expected to start in mid-June, will be generated through maternal and child health centres, all Council

early childhood centres, the Kew Library, Municipal Offices and 'Progress Press'.

Kew Council hopes that the Kew community view will be taken on board by the Victorian Government in its statewide review.

Calling All Cooks

Kew Community House needs volunteer cooks — people prepared to teach some very basic family cooking to a small group or groups of people with not many culinary skills.

The group could include a widower, or a couple of disabled people who have always had their cooking done for them, but because they are now ready to move into a place of their own, need to become more independent.

We don't need 'soupa-doupa' cooks, just people who genuinely care about others and who can clearly and patiently explain and demonstrate how to cook some plain dishes to the group they are working with.

Well all you average-to-terrific cooks out there, what about giving it a go?

At least ring me up and talk to me about it. We might even be able to get a team of you together.

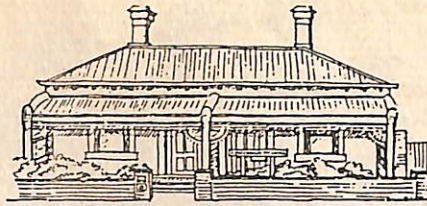
You can contact me, Judy Price, at Kew Community House, on 862 3126.

DEADLINE

Kewriosity is prepared by the Information Officer, Olwyn Eaton, and a community-based Editorial Committee. Copy for the July issue should reach the Municipal Offices by June 3.

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Kew Community House is a good first port-of-call if you're twiddling your thumbs a bit. It is good for both giving and taking. Let me explain.

'Tom' was trying to get a job. He wondered how he could fill in his time until he found one.

Someone suggested he come to Kew Community House. He did, and when he was asked how he was with figures, he hesitantly said "not marvellous but I'll have a go". Now, 'Tom' is our very competent statistical secretary and comes in every 10 days or so to work on our figures. He's a great asset to our house.

'Sue' came from the country. She didn't know anyone in Melbourne. She had a part-time job, but wondered what she could do in a big city where she had no contacts.

Someone tipped her off, too — go to Kew Community House and see how they can help. 'Sue' decided to join some of the courses we run and now she's surrounding herself with some lovely handmade crafts and is making new friends at the same time. She's also become a very valuable member of our house.

'Sue' said, "The courses are short and are aimed at amateurs like me. They're not hard, they give you an interest and you make new friends, too".

'Margaret' has just retired. She already had an active and energetic life, but one day when she was at the house doing some photocopying for herself, she overheard a very frazzled co-ordinator (me!) calling on a non-existent 'good fairy' to do some typing. 'Margaret' said, "I could do a bit of typing for you now and then". So, every now and then I call on her for just that.

'Margaret' has a friend who might be willing to teach calligraphy — and she has offered to take a couple of sessions herself on 'Tracing your family history'. We're delighted.

It's people like 'Tom' and 'Sue' and 'Margaret' and their friends who are the lifeblood of Kew Community House.

There are no 'closed' groups at our place, so if you give and take we look forward to seeing you at our house soon.

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p.s. If you haven't caught up with our next semester program yet — the bright green one — call in and see us, or collect one from the noticeboard on our verandah after hours, or drop in to the Library or the Municipal Offices and get your copy.

What's on for young people in Kew?

For 11-14 year olds during school holidays, our Youth Resource Centre will be conducting its teenage holiday program at Manresa, in Hawthorn.

This very popular program's activities are planned, in advance, by young people themselves.

Make sure you get involved in the planning by giving the Centre a call!

Over 14's who have a couple of days to spare, might like to join in a skateboard crawl around Melbourne, or go horseriding and motor-bike riding.

On weekends during June, our Youth Services Officer, Maureen McLaughlin, has planned a number of outings including one Saturday afternoon at the 21st Century Dance Club in Frankston (for under 18's), horseriding, and a 'Melbourne by Night' tour.

Or, if you just want to work on a project or assignment, or rehearse your band, you can book the Youth Resource Centre and do just that — in school holidays and at other times, too.

If you've got enthusiasm and a couple of hours to spare, what about helping paint and repair the Youth Resource Centre? Maureen would love to hear from you.

No master tradespersons needed, just a willingness to help out and someone who's a 'dab hand' with a paintbrush or hammer!

If you need any more information or have any ideas to contribute on what should be happening for young people in Kew, please contact Maureen McLaughlin on 861 6828 or 862 2466.

Kew Community Action Group — 10 Years On

Kew Community Action Group was born in 1977 and was brought into the world by a grant from the Department of Community Welfare Services.

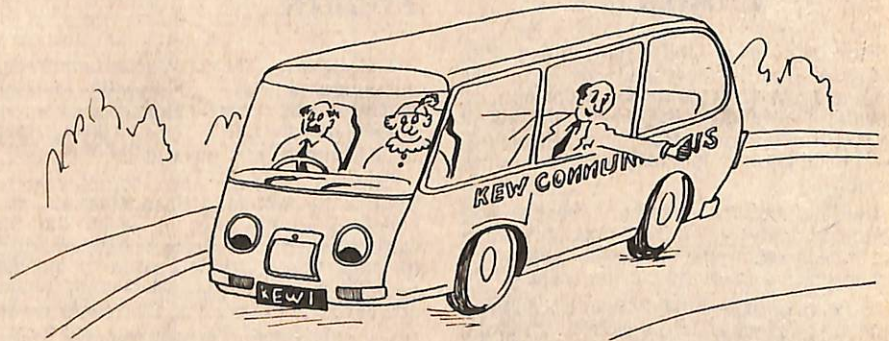
It actually started life as the Family and Community Services Committee, but changed its name to suit its actions — if you'll pardon the pun!

Kew Community Action Group's main aim is to monitor the provision of human services in Kew and to act as a catalyst for creating new services.

In its first ten years it has been extraordinarily successful. It has been the catalyst for the introduction of the Toy Library, youth and children's services, Kew Community House, Kew Occasional Care Centre, a part-time social worker, full day care facilities, and emergency accommodation for families (see separate report on page 6).

Anyone who lives or works in Kew can join Kew Community Action Group. It meets on the second Monday of each month at 8 pm at Kew Community House, 6-8 Derby Street.

Rhonda McCaw can help with your enquiries on 817 2940.



New community bus

Kew Council has bought a new Community Bus.

It's a 12-seater, 2 litre petrol driven, Toyota Hi-Ace Commuter Bus, with air-conditioning, a public address system and a radio and cassette player.

It has extra rails and a fold-out step for assistance getting on and off the bus and fold-out arm rests for extra manoeuvrability.

The new bus replaces an older model, originally donated by Kew Rotary Club, which had served a long and useful life.

Kew Community Bus is the only means of transport for many of Kew's senior, frail or disabled citizens. Without it, they couldn't do their shopping, or go to the bank, or the doctor, the hairdresser, the solicitor, or a hundred-and-one other places that the rest of us take for granted.

Users generally make their appointments around the bus's regular schedule, but even that changes according to their needs. That regular schedule includes a daily drop-off and pick-up service to and from the Senior Citizens' Centre.

Community groups can also use the bus.

Once a month, on a Wednesday, the bus picks up passengers from Kew Community House, takes them to the destination they've chosen for their community walk, and when they've exhausted themselves, takes them back to Community House again.

Groups who need to use the bus on weekends can do so, providing they do their own driving and are willing to give a small donation to cover costs.

If you would like to enquire how you can make use of the Community Bus, ring Maureen Day or Donna Morton, on 862 2466.

Kew ballerina to perform in Russia

Kew ballerina, Miranda Coney, a soloist with the Australian Ballet, has been chosen to perform the leading role in *Romeo and Juliet*, when the company tours Russia this month.

The Australian Ballet has been invited to perform their acclaimed version of *Romeo and Juliet* at the Kirov Theatre in Leningrad — the stage on which every Western ballet dancer dreams of dancing.

Miranda will share the role of Juliet with four other leading Australian ballerinas, in performances which promise to be the highlight of their careers so far.

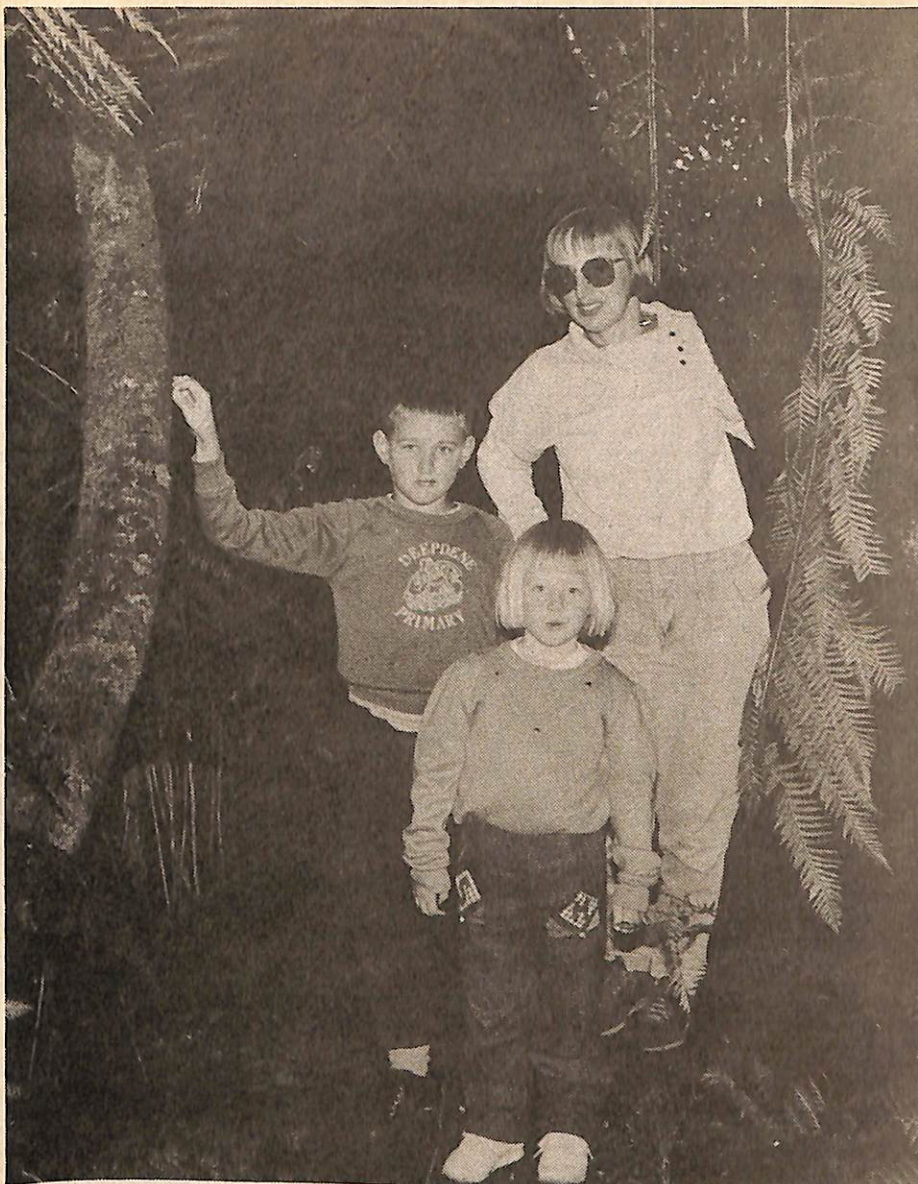
The five — Christine Walsh, 33, Fiona Tonkin, 27, Lisa Pavane, 26, Anne de Cardi, 20 and Miranda, 20, — were chosen to perform the role of Juliet because their artistic director, Maina Gielgud, believes they each have different qualities to bring to the role.

Miranda said, "By choosing five dancers to play the lead, Miss Gielgud has given each of us the 'chance of a lifetime'."

"We have an enormous amount of talent in our company at the moment and this way, none of us has had to be disappointed. We all appreciate the opportunity being given to us and we'll all be trying extra hard to live up to Miss Gielgud's expectations of us."

Miranda Coney's success is the result of years of hard work, devotion to her craft, and absolute dedication to a daily routine which requires incredible physical and emotional stamina.

Miranda leaves on June 19 for her two-month tour and when she returns to Australia, will start rehearsals for the Australian Ballet's productions of 'Snugglepot and Cuddlepie', 'Return to the Strange Land', and 'Paquita', which the company will present in Melbourne in September.



Walk your way to a fit active life

Can you imagine getting away from the city's smoggy air to the fresh, tingling air of the seaside, or the cold, bracing air of the mountains?

Boroondara Bushwalkers can. That's why they're still welcoming new members who long for health-giving walks in convivial company.

Anyone who wants to join in the healthy activity of bushwalking is invited to attend the Club's next meeting on Wednesday, June 15, at 8 pm, in Kew Library Complex Hall, off Cotham Road.

Guest speaker will be Geoff Williams of the Army Alpine Association and he'll be talking about 'Climbing Mount McKinley in Alaska'.

For its inner city members, the Boroondara Bushwalkers Club, and bushwalking, have fast become a way of life.

An enthusiastic Walks Committee has planned many winter activities and some cross country skiing, on the weekends of August 27 and 28, September 3 and 4, and September 24 and 25. You can get details of the walks at the June 15 meeting.

• Petra Schaumburg and her children, Lloyd and Doreena (front), all members of Boroondara Bushwalkers, on one of their recent walks.

The committee is also considering arranging some mid-week walks.

Boroondara Bushwalkers have lately been sharpening-up or have been acquiring some navigational skills: a Saturday afternoon lesson at Studley Park certainly gave members a basic understanding of the skills required.

On two subsequent evenings, bushwalkers interested in navigation met in the homes of two of the club's members to try out some navigation exercises in readiness for the 'real thing' in the bush near Lal Lal Reservoir, not far from Ballan.

Fifty members, or about half the club's membership, enjoyed this excursion and not one member got lost! It was a beautiful, sunny Sunday early in May and members stayed on to enjoy a barbeque together before their drive home.

If you would like to join the Boroondara Bushwalkers, Thelma McManis on 817 5548, can help with your enquiries.



Dog warning

Council's By-Laws Officers are conducting random patrols over the next few weeks in an effort to enforce the State's Dog Act.

If your dog is found wandering without you, it will be impounded and you could face a fine of \$100 for allowing your dog to roam free between sunrise and sunset, or \$200 between sunset and sunrise.

If your dog is unregistered, you will face a further \$200 penalty.



FOOTY NEWS

Kew Seniors began the season with three convincing wins over University Blacks (127 points) Monash Blues (85 points) and Caulfield Grammarians (21 points) — and a heart-stopping one point win against Therry.

Captain-coach, Brett Burden, led his team to victory with the support of forwards, Matt Cavanagh (14 goals) and Joey Busuttill, and defenders Sam Bruno and Nigel Griffiths.

Reserves players Craig Bradley, Rob Bruno, Jason Hill, David Sticca and Simon Beynon were prominent in four solid victories over teams from the same clubs which played the Seniors.

Seniors and Reserves now top their respective ladders.

The Club 18 have two wins to their credit but their fortunes should change when captain-coach, Tom Vana, and other injured players, return to form.

Former Kew player, John Fisher, has been elected State Amateur Coach for the fifth time since 1980 and Brett Burden, Seniors coach, just played his 150th game. The club certainly has plenty to celebrate at the moment.

June/July match program:

June 4 Kew v. Old Trinity (home);
18 Kew v. University Blacks (away)
25 Kew v. Monash Blues (home)
July 2 Kew v. Ivanhoe (home)

Home matches are played at Victoria Park, off High Street, and the players welcome your support.

Club secretary, Michael Bollman, can help with enquiries on 818 6536 (h), 653 0481 (w), or 817 1118 (the pavilion).



Management plan for Yarra Bend Park

Kew residents are being urged to contribute their comments to a management plan being prepared for the bushland and passive recreation areas of Yarra Bend Park.

A steering committee representing the five local councils bordering the park, Yarra Bend Park Trust, Friends of the Yarra, MMBW, the Ministry for Planning and Environment and the Departments of Sport and Recreation and Conservation, Forests and Lands, has been set up to oversee the development of the plan.



Keeping you Informed

Guardianship is a word becoming more familiar to the community as recent legislation introduced by the State Government takes effect.

The legislation established the *Guardianship and Administration Board of Victoria* so that it can protect the rights of adults who are unable to make informed decisions about their own welfare and about the conduct of their personal affairs.

The Board will work closely with another newly established authority, the *Office of the Public Advocate*. It is responsible for promoting the rights and well-being of all people with disabilities.

The *Guardianship and Administration Board* has been given the right to determine whether a disabled person is in need of *guardianship* and whether the proposed guardian (who may also act as an administrator) is a suitable person to conduct another individual's affairs.

If no suitable person is found, the Board can appoint the *Office of the Public Advocate* or the *Public Trustee*, to undertake these tasks.

Kew Citizens' Advice Bureau has explanatory leaflets on *guardianship*. Free legal advice is available at the Bureau on Tuesday evenings from 7.30-9 pm. The Bureau is open on weekdays from 10 am to 3 pm or you can ring 861 5244 during opening hours.

The committee invited the Minister for Conservation, Forests and Lands, Joan Kirner, to launch a broadsheet on the management plan last month.

The launch, a family fun day in Yarra Bend Park, was well attended according to Darcy Duggan, planner with the Yarra Bend Park Trust.

"The beautiful, warm, sunny autumn weather provided us with perfect conditions for people to explore the park, to view displays set up by local interest groups and to listen to the 'Luna C' band who entertained everyone with plenty of good music".

Copies of the broadsheet outlining the reasons for the plan and the aims and objectives of it are available in various locations around Kew: the municipal offices, library, citizens' advice bureau, community house and youth resource centre, infant welfare centres and kindergartens, the senior citizens centre, and even on the community bus!

"Residents are urged to obtain a copy and to contribute their comments on this most important issue", Mr Duggan said.

The steering committee believes that local knowledge and opinion is one of the most important contributions at this stage of the planning process and is asking for written comments and suggestions to be sent to: The Planner, Yarra Bend Park Trust, P.O. Box 103, Fairfield, 3078, by July 1, 1988.

Kew Emergency Flat — Progress Report

In our April edition, we brought you the news that Kew Emergency House Steering Committee had successfully purchased a two-bedroom flat with funds granted to it by the Ministry of Housing.

The flat, to be used on a short-term basis for families in housing crisis in Kew, is undergoing renovations by the housing ministry and will be available for use soon.

In response to that April article, and the request for donations of furniture and household equipment made in it, the committee has been given kitchen furniture and utensils in excellent condition, a convertible couch, and some bedspreads and curtains.

Rhonda McCaw, the committee's chairperson, said "It's been a pleasure meeting these kind Kew people who have so generously donated their unwanted goods. We appreciate their generosity and their expressions of support and encouragement".

"We also warmly acknowledge the financial support of the Kew Community Action Group and we plan to buy beds and mattresses with the funds they've given us".

The committee has written to local service groups to see if they can offer the finance needed to buy a refrigerator and washing machine and is still waiting for their replies — more happy news on that soon, we hope.

The flat still needs: crockery, cutlery, saucepans, cooking utensils, a teapot, pan and brush, large rubbish bin, buckets, brooms and a carpet sweeper.

It needs furniture like: armchairs, a coffee table, a bookshelf, a dressing table with mirror — or a chest of drawers and wall-mounting mirror — bedside tables, a man's wardrobe and chairs.

It also needs blankets, linen, towels, tea-towels and pillows.

If you can donate any of these items, you can either take them to Kew Community House at 6-8 Derby Street during the day; or you can ring the house on 862 3126 (daytime) or Rhonda McCaw on 817 2940. (evenings), to make arrangements for them to be collected.

Make mine music

Kew Youth Band provides an opportunity for young Kew musicians to join an ensemble and to gain valuable performance experience in Kew and in the wider community.

The band performs at community concerts and festivals and enters band competitions held throughout the year.

Learners and more advanced players can experience the enjoyment and discipline of making music together under the expert guidance of the Band's conductor, Colin Harris.

Colin, a senior music teacher at Penleigh and Essendon Grammar School, has a wealth of experience working with young people and would like to see some new 'recruits' for the Kew Youth Band.

For further information you can contact Colin on 379 2322 or the Band's secretary, Mrs Lyn Callinan, on 887 0630.