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Home helpers in Pilot Training Program



● *Kew Home Help workers Clara Laguna (left) and Rose Hale (centre, pictured with Hawthorn Home Help worker Eva Lovich (right), after the presentation of certificates for successfully completing their Home Carer's Pilot Training Program at Swinburne College of Technical and Further Education. Photo: Courtesy Swinburne Limited.*

NINE home help workers employed by Kew Council, recently completed a new and innovative pilot training program run by Swinburne College of Technical and Further Education.

The training program was devised by the Social Science and Humanities Department to enable home help workers to take a more informed, positive and productive role in the provision of community care.

Over a ten week period, participants in the program

attended small group training sessions where the emphasis was on participation and discussion aimed at promoting positive attitudes to their work role within the Community Services team.

Special attention was also given on how to enhance the standard of service provision by home help workers to meet residents' needs.

Session topics were an interesting and well-chosen amalgam of the many issues which face home help workers in their daily working lives.

Topics such as The Process of Ageing, Life Issues for Older People, Grief and Loss, General Safety, Occupational Health and Basic First Aid, Practical Skills for Daily Living, Children and Family and Home Management and Nutrition, were among those studied.

Other subjects designed to assist students to take a more productive role in the provision of community care, concentrated on communication skills, problem solving and coping skills, and community care networks.

The nine workers received their certificates at a special presentation conducted by Mr Geoff Harris, Head of the Social Sciences and Humanities Department at Swinburne College of TAFE.

Ten home helpers from Hawthorn Council who also participated in the pilot training program received their certificates at the same time.

Playgroup enrolments

WOODLANDS Avenue Playgroup is now accepting enrolments for 1988. Don't miss this opportunity to join a playgroup which caters for both Mum and child.

For information contact Jennifer Bede on 859 6475 or 598 2327 after hours.

Help wanted

LAST month we brought you the news that the Kew Bicentennial Concert Committee is organising a major musical event in Australia's Bicentennial year — a concert featuring a choir of two thousand backed by an accompanying orchestra of two hundred — to be held in September 1988 at Melbourne's new National Tennis Centre.

The committee invited volunteers to help organise the event and hoped it would be swamped by calls! So far, only one call has been received.

Committee Chairman, Peter Wallinga, and his colleagues, are concerned that unless back-up help in the areas of secretarial, treasury, co-ordination, public relations and advertising is forthcoming in the next month, that the concert will have to be cancelled.

If you have any expertise, no matter how slight you think it may be, in any of these areas, then you could help save the event which organisers believe has the potential to be one of Melbourne's, if not Australia's, greatest Bicentennial celebrations.

Ring Alan Chung at the Municipal Offices on 862 2466 to register your interest or to obtain more information on how you can help.

Christmas cards

THE St George's Hospital Ladies Auxiliary and The Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital Auxiliary, will have Christmas cards on sale from November 4 until December 18, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the foyer of Ed Credit, 222 High Street, Kew. Please note that sales will be conducted from Tuesday to Friday only — the stall is closed on Mondays.

Dates for November

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Country Women's Association Kew/Balwyn Branch, Annual General Meeting at 10 a.m. followed by General meeting at 1 p.m. at East Kew Uniting Church, Normanby Road. New members always welcome. BYO lunch, cuppa provided. Contact Shirley Robinson on 819 1686 for more information.

Kew Playgrounds Committee meeting at 8 p.m., North Kew Infant Welfare Centre, Peel Street, North Kew. New members welcome.

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Community Walk along the Yarra at Heidelberg. Meet At Kew Community House, 6 Derby Street, at 1 p.m. sharp. All welcome. Donation \$1.

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Nursing Mothers' discussion meeting — 'Introducing solid foods' at 8 p.m. Ring 861 9665 or 859 8065 for details.

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Nursing Mothers' afternoon tea 1.30-3.00 p.m. Bring a plate. Babies and toddlers welcome. Ring 861 9665 or 859 8065 for details.

Asthma Foundation's Asthma Education Session at 10.30 a.m. and again at 7.30 p.m. at 2 Highfield Grove, Kew. Lecture by a specialist, video presentation and question time. Ring 861 5666 for details.

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Hyde Park Fellowship meeting at 2 p.m. when guest speaker, Stuart Devenish from the Overseas Missionary Society, will speak about China.

Guest speaker at Kew Community House 'Drop-In' Day is Margaret Barnard talking on "The Role of the C.A.B. Social Worker in Kew". \$1 donation helps towards the cost of lunch. Starts 11 a.m.

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Kew Garden Club meeting at 8 p.m. at Kew Senior Citizens' Centre, High Street. Topic: Ferns.

Kew branch Save the Children Fund meeting in Hall No. 3, Civic Centre, Cotham Road at 10.00 a.m. New members welcome.

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Kew Auxiliary of the Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital meets at 1.30 p.m. in Hall No. 3, Civic Centre, Cotham Road. New members welcome. Ring Elaine on 817 4671 for information.

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Kew Philharmonic Society 3rd subscription concert, Kew Uniting Church, Highbury Grove, at 8 p.m. Tickets \$6, concession \$4. Ring 817 1881 or 817 3186 for details.

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Kew Legacy Widows' Club meets in the R.S.L. Hall, 63 Cotham Road, Kew at 11 a.m. Ring 817 5097 for details.

Kew Arthritis Self Help Group meeting in Hall No. 3, Civic Centre, Cotham Road at 10.30 a.m. Final meeting and break-up party for 1987. Ring 862 2021 or 836 8794 for details or enquiries.

Nursing Mothers' morning coffee from 10 a.m. to Noon. Bring a plate. Babies and toddlers welcome. Ring 861 9665 or 859 8065 for details.

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Kew Full Day Care Centre Committee meets at Infant Welfare Centre, Strathalbyn Street, at 8.00 p.m. All interested persons most welcome.

North Kew Municipal Kindergarten Committee Annual General Meeting at North Kew Kindergarten, 152 Pakington Street, Kew at 7.30 p.m. Guest speaker is Ruth Pearce, Co-ordinator of the Family Day Care Scheme and her speech commences at 8.30 p.m. All interested persons invited to attend.

Kew (Daytime) Garden Club meets promptly at 1.30 p.m. at Senior Citizens' Centre, Childers Street, Kew. Members and friends are invited to hear guest speaker, Dot Herman, speak about Christmas decorations for a social function. Ring 859 2977 for more information.

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Kew Community Choir meets at 35 Ramsay Avenue, East Kew at 8.00 p.m. Come along and join in singing for fun. Cost \$4. Enquiries 859 2009.

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Kew Auxiliary, Royal Women's Hospital, meeting in Hall No. 3, Civic Centre, Cotham Road, at 2 p.m. New Members welcome.

Kew Planning for Retirement Group is holding its Annual General Meeting at 8 p.m. in Hall No. 3, Civic Centre, Cotham Road. Guest speaker is the Mayor of Kew, Jim Tutt. Non-members most welcome. Ring the Secretary, Mr Jones 819 4601 for more information.

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Save the Children Fund, Kew branch, meeting at 10.00 a.m. in Hall No. 3, Civic Centre, Cotham Road. Fundraising morning and \$1 donation goes towards cost of morning tea. Guest speaker, Jean Cheshire, will talk about her recent trip to Wales.

Family Folk Dance with 'Shenanigans' at East Kew Uniting Church Hall, Normanby Road, 7.30 to 9 p.m. Cost \$12 per family. Enquiries 859 2009.

Images of Kew

THE Kew Festival Committee and Kew Bicentennial Committee launched, in November last year, the Images of Kew photographic competition.

In the initial flurry of excitement a number of entries were received, but these have slowed to a mere trickle over the winter months.

That's understandable, of course, but now that spring has well and truly knocked on the door and summer is about to enter, competition organisers want to encourage snap-happy Kewites to dust off their cameras, to get out in the community and to get snapping!

Entries close on February 19, 1988 and you might think that is plenty of time — but we all know how quickly time flies, don't we?

Images of Kew is an exciting Bicentennial project because entries in the competition will be used to make a permanent photographic record of Kew as it is today.

Future generations will be able to look back at the pictures as being those which were representative of the architecture, fashions and culture at the time of the Bicentennial.

The committees are looking for subjects which represent the whole of the Kew community as it is now. Here are some ideas:

A house or building of historic interest or perhaps a new building which could be of historic interest in the future. People subjects — all sorts of ordinary people doing all sorts of ordinary things.

So if you plan a picnic in one of Kew's parks or a visit to one of Kew's playgrounds, soon, take your camera with you so you can record for future generations what recreational activities you indulged in 1988.

If you plan a visit to the Melbourne Cup this year, then why not get someone to take a photograph of you in your 'best bib and tucker' so future generations can see what you wore.

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Commentary



● *Jim Tutt, Mayor of Kew.*

AS I write this, Council is due to adopt its 1987/88 Budget.

The budget has been framed against a background of an inflation rate likely to exceed 8%, high though declining interest rates and increasing indirect payroll costs.

Economic circumstances, in combination with changing Government funding policies, which impact severely on established areas like Kew, have underlined the need for restraint.

During its preparation of the budget, which will see rates increase by 8.8%, Council made a

number of decisions with long term implications.

Council decided that no new position on its payroll would be created unless its full cost is recoverable from sources other than Council revenue.

Debt repayment costs are to decline relatively, following Council's decision to reduce each year that part of revenue used to redeem loans.

Council reviewed in detail all its charges and signalled its intention to apply "user pays" principles as far as practicable.

The good news is that Council intends to commence construction of the Recreation Centre this year, to complete the new Child Care Centre in Belford Road, and to continue significant funding for footpath replacement and streetscaping.

We are especially pleased to be able to look to the start of the Recreation Centre. Many hours of Council time has been given to the planning of this project over the

past 5 years. We are confident that it will meet a significant need and we are looking forward to the 1988/89 summer when we expect our Centre to open.

Overall, the budget maps a steady course, continuing established programs and contributing towards our goal of governing the City for the well-being of all the community.

Council Meeting Dates for November

10 Standing Committees 7.30 p.m.
17 General Purposes Committee 7.30 p.m.
24 Council 8.15 p.m.

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

Church centenary

A very familiar landmark to all Kewites and to those who travel regularly along Cotham Road, is the magnificent spire of the Kew Uniting Church on the corner of Cotham Road and Highbury Grove.

This month the Church is celebrating the centenary of its opening, in 1887, as the Kew Presbyterian Church.

The Church was erected between April and December 1887 and opened its doors for worship on December 11 that year.

As early as 1874, Presbyterians living in Kew took steps to establish a church and services first commenced in the old Town

Hall. Later that year the Highbury Grove site was acquired and a wooden hall erected. Services commenced there on December 20, 1874.

When the present church was built, at a cost of over four thousand pounds, the wooden hall became the Sunday School and remained as such until 1939 when it was demolished to make way for a brick structure.

In 1977, ninety years after its inception, the Kew Presbyterian Church became the Kew Uniting Church when Congregationalist, Methodist and Presbyterian churches throughout Australia amalgamated.

Now, ten years later, parishioners are holding a special thanksgiving service at 10.30 a.m. on November 29, to celebrate the 100 years of service of the former Presbyterian Church. This will be followed by a shared basket lunch in the Uniting Church Hall, 23 Highbury Grove and an afternoon of fellowship.

Organisers are hoping that many past parishioners and associates will attend the service and the lunch afterwards.

For more information contact Marj. McLeish on 817 4651 or Frank Hewitt on 861 8610.

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HYDE Park Uniting Church is celebrating its 71st anniversary on November 15 with a service at 10.30 a.m. when guest preacher will be Rev. Dr. Robert Weatherlake. The thanksgiving service will also celebrate the Church's first year as a Tongan-Australian parish and the Tongan Choir will perform.

At 2.45 p.m. on the same day, the Tongan Youth Choir will entertain with musical items, Rev. Allan Searle will be guest speaker and afternoon tea will be served.

The Tongan-Australian congregation warmly welcome you to attend. For more information regarding Youth Group, Sunday School and Fellowship meetings, contact Rev. James Latu on 818 5602 or Rev. Ron Woodgate on 49 1695.

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Kew Historical Society is holding its final meeting for 1987 in Hall No. 3, Civic Centre, Cotham Road, at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, November 11. A supper party will conclude the year and visitors are welcome. For more details contact Sue Leong on 817 4660.

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The fundraising auxiliary associated with Care-Force Family Support Service, is having a film luncheon at the Rivoli Theatre, Camberwell, on Monday November 9 at 11 a.m. Tickets are \$8.50 and this includes a basket lunch and viewing of the film, "Miss Mary".

A trading table featuring gifts suitable for Christmas will be located in the theatre foyer and donations of suitable goods are welcome. For enquiries and bookings contact Care-Force on 882 2523, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. or Sandra on 299 1365.

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Kew Cottages are holding their 28th Annual Fete and Gala Day in the grounds of the cottages, Princess Street, Kew, on November 14 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

There will be a variety of entertainment for people of all ages continuing throughout the day. Featured are Rock, Brass and Pipe bands; a fashion parade of

mens' and womens' Jag fashions; Life Be In It demonstrations; food tastings; make-up and beauty demonstrations; pony rides; a merry-go-round and Celebrities in attendance.

Over 40 stalls will sell plants, fresh fruits and vegetables, flowers, groceries, hardware, gifts, toys, records, tapes and posters. A Just Jeans stall will be selling the latest range of summer fashions.

Volunteers needed

The Asthma Foundation of Victoria needs volunteer helpers for two hours or more each week to assemble Education Kits. For more information and offers of help, phone Mrs Riedel on 861 5666.

Kinder for three year olds

THE North Kew Municipal Kindergarten at 152 Pakington Street is offering sessions for 3 year olds on Wednesdays between 9.00 and 11.30 a.m.

The cost is \$65 per term (four terms) and the number of children limited to 20.

For bookings and enquiries, contact the Kindergarten on 861 8294.



Community Directory UPDATE

OUR 1988 Community Directory is currently being prepared.

If you, your organisation, school, church, group or club need to change your entry in the current directory, or if you think information which should be included is missing, please contact our Information Officer, Olwyn Eaton, on 862 2466, by November 9.

Belford oaks

AFTER a protracted period where we seemed to have little or no news to bring you about our new full-day care centre, Belford Oaks, construction of the Centre is now well under way, the enrolment list grows longer each week and the administrative hassles have, we fear, only just begun!

We are in desperate need of someone with financial, administrative and bookkeeping skills to assume the role of Honorary Treasurer for the forthcoming year.

The Honorary Treasurer is responsible for helping to prepare our annual budget — a budget which must be submitted to the Office of Childcare by December 1, if our Centre is to open for business for the commencement of the next school year.



We also need to formulate our policy for the Centre.

Parents whose children are on the enrolment list will obviously have some ideas about the kinds of policies which should be implemented and the best time to make these known is to come to our Annual General Meeting on November 23.

It will be held, as usual, at the Infant Welfare Centre, Strathalbyn Street, East Kew, at 8 p.m.

If you have any enquiries or hopefully, if you want to offer the committee your help, then you can ring Yvette Poznanski on 898 6253.

Mayoresses' luncheon focuses on asthma

ONE of the first functions attended by Kew's newest Mayoress, Mrs Helen Tutt, was the annual Mayoresses' Luncheon hosted by the Asthma Foundation of Victoria.

The Foundation holds the luncheon each year so that those people with civic responsibilities are able to see, first hand, the services it provides.

"Most Mayoresses didn't realise just how many Victorians are affected by asthma", Mrs Tutt said.

"The luncheon provided us with the opportunity of learning more about asthma and the important work being done by the Foundation".

The luncheon, held on October 7 at Studley Park Receptions in Kew, was very well attended with most metropolitan municipalities represented.

Guests were shown the Foundation's latest video, "I've been a bit short of breath lately", which is aimed specifically at older asthmatics.

The Asthma Foundation is based in Kew but provides its counselling service, camping and swimming programs, guest

speakers, literature and other educational aids, Statewide.

If you would like more information about asthma, or if you want to know how the Asthma Foundation of Victoria can help you, ring the Asthma Advisory and Education Centre on 861 5666.



● Mayoress of Kew, Mrs Helen Tutt, discussing Community Asthma Education Programs with Dr. D. Gauld, Asthma Foundation Medical Advisor, at the Foundation's annual Mayoresses' luncheon.

Photo: courtesy The Asthma Foundation.

Recycling reminder

THE Council Recycling Depot in Princess Street (near Chandler Highway) accepts bottles (glass), paper and cardboard. The Depot is open to the public from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on weekdays, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays, and on all public holidays except Good Friday, Christmas Day and Anzac Day.

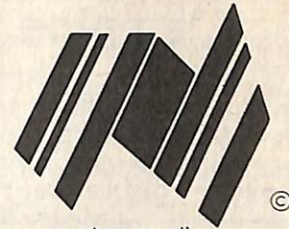
Glass bottles are also collected from properties on the first garbage collection of the week. Special bags for the purpose have been distributed to all households and should be left on the naturestrip for collection — bags

are then returned to each property by the contractor.

Our contractor is Austral Bottle Company and any enquiries regarding this service should be directed to them on 459 1312 or to the Council's Engineering Department on 862 2466.

The Salvation Army has a paper collection service and information on pick-up for your area for the rest of 1987 can be obtained by ringing 419 7833. A leaflet detailing collection dates for 1988 will be distributed to households during December/January.

Bicentennial notes . . .



Australia
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THERE will be many ways for you to celebrate Australia's bicentenary in 1988.

Don't just leave it to the various committees and organisations arranging activities in which you can participate, get together with your families, friends and neighbours to arrange your own special celebrations!

Here are some ideas from our own Bicentennial Committee —

- trace your family history
 - hold sporting events featuring 200*
 - learn old crafts and stage a display*
 - hold 'tall stories' evenings
 - bake Australian-shaped cakes
 - plan different meals from various cultures and invite your friends, families — and even your neighbours — to sample your culinary expertise!
 - study local aboriginal history
 - hold bicentennial scrapbook competitions
 - spend some time with our elderly citizens discussing and recording events they remember — today's memories are tomorrow's history!
 - compile a history of your club
 - plant floral displays in parks and along median strips*
 - floodlight historic or public buildings*
 - decorate shops and buildings in green and gold*
- * Some of these ideas may need consultation with your neighbours or consultation and advice from either Council officers or members of the Kew Bicentennial Committee.

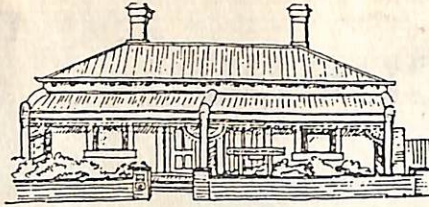
These are just a few ideas to help you get started.

We hope to help make 1988 a memorable year for all Kewites.

Gerard Petrie
Chairman

Kew Bicentennial Committee

KEW COMMUNITY HOUSE



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

OUR House just goes on improving all the time — not without a lot of organisation and hard work, of course — and we're thrilled with the latest changes which have been made.

Members of Kew Community House and Kew Rotaract Club have just spent half a Sunday together landscaping our backyard and building us a sandpit.

Rotaract initiated the project and provided all the materials needed and the result has far exceeded our expectations.

Thank you Kew Rotaract Club for a wonderful job.

Prior to this, Kew Council finalised its commitment to make the back of the house accessible by wheelchair and now that all works are complete, any group which needs access to the house by ramp, can contact us about arranging to use the house for meetings and discussions.

We'd love to see a few wheelchairs around!

We are very pleased to welcome as regular users of the house, a group from Kew Cottages Independent Living Skills Program.

The group uses our facilities each Friday to prepare, cook and clean up after lunch.

Help for fundraisers

EACH month, Kewriosity is delivered to you by self-help community groups in Kew who need to raise funds to support the services or programmes they provide.

Delivery schedules for 1988 will be prepared next month, so if your organisation is interested in participating in the scheme or if you would like further information, please contact our Information Officer Olwyn Eaton, on 862 2466.

We know the importance of independence in our daily lives and we're delighted to be able to help the group achieve their independence too.

Courses we've run this year have been very popular. They've included such subjects as car maintenance, patchwork cushion making, vegetarian cookery and microwave cooking. In fact this class was so popular that our very anxious starters had to divide into two groups and we had to run the course over two nights!

It's getting near the end of 1987 and we need ideas from you about what courses and discussion sessions we should run next year. We'd also like to know if you think we should have more classes organised in the evenings.

We thought a basic "handyman" course could be very useful for women — particularly those who work during the day, who live on their own and who are bringing up their children alone.

Next year's program will need to be in print by mid-December. So if you have any ideas or suggestions, or if you have a skill, however simple, which you would be prepared to share with others from Kew, please get in touch with us now.

For example, this year a primary teacher who is also a young Mum, offered to give a session on children's books. She brought her baby with her and the Mum's who came along did too and the result was a very successful, informative and happy morning.

On the subject of courses — if you ring us immediately you receive Kewriosity, you might just be able to join our Relaxation Course or our Christmas Gift and Decoration Ideas Course — we still have a couple of places to fill.

Judy Price
Co-ordinator

Youth resource centre

FOR those of you who don't know about us, we are located at 10-12 Derby Street, next to Kew Community House, in two old Victorian-style houses.

Our Centre is open on Tuesdays from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. for 11-14 year olds; on Thursdays from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. for 15's and over; and on Sundays from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. when the age group is open to all.

We have lots of exciting activities and these include drama, videos, table tennis, fabric painting, sewing, music, cooking, billiards, games, furniture restoration and painting, for example.

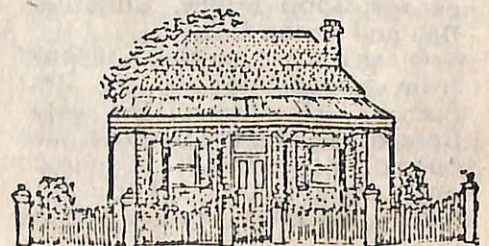
We also organise outings to the pictures, skating, barbecues, the beach, fishing and swimming. Participants in all our activities play a major role in planning and organising these activities.

On Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, we have an information and referral service with help available on health, accommodation, employment, social security benefits, Austudy and general enquiries. If we can't help, we'll soon find someone who can! If you can't call in at these times, then you can ring us for the help you need.

We want our Centre to be a focus for teenagers in Kew, but we would also like to make it an important place for their parents, too.

In the future we hope to organise a series of workshops for parents of teenagers to look at issues of interest and concern and we are always available to answer parents' queries as well as those of their teenagers.

Maureen McLoughlin is our Youth Services Development Officer based at the Centre and she would love to hear from you on 861 6828.



How much can a Library Bear bear?

KEW Library Bear is a much loved, much cuddled creature who has survived ten years of affectionate use. In fact, he had his tenth birthday during the recent school holidays.

About fifty-five children, mostly from Kew, helped the Library Bear celebrate his birthday at the first party he has ever had!

The party was held in Library Bear's home in the Children's Section of the new Kew Library.

The children made birthday cards for him, played games like 'pass the parcel' and heard lots and lots of lovely bear stories read by library assistant, Fiona Malcolm.

They also sang "happy birthday" to Library Bear and because he didn't have any puff, blew out the candles on his birthday cake!

Library Bear has asked us to say thank you to all the children who

came along to his party and who brought their favourite bears and toys along for him to talk to and to play with. He had a lovely day and he hopes the children did too.



● *Kew's Library Bear pictured with his 'keeper', Library Assistant, Fiona Malcolm, and some of the children who recently helped him celebrate his tenth birthday.*

New citizens

LAST month, thirty-four Kew residents became Australian citizens in a Citizenship Ceremony conducted by the Mayor of Kew, Councillor Jim Tutt.

After his initial introduction, Councillor Tutt administered the oaths of allegiance, presented each new citizen with a citizenship certificate and a native tree, and congratulated and welcomed them as new citizens of Australia.

Many members of the

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community will never have to face the decision to forego citizenship of their country of birth. It is not a decision which is taken lightly and is often one which requires much soul-searching from the prospective new citizen.

The fact that those thirty-four people chose to become Australian citizens shows their deep commitment to our country and, as a community, we say thank you for your confidence and a Big, Big, welcome.

Camera and Video and is a special encouragement prize for students under 18.

You don't have to be a Kew resident to enter, but because of future archival significance, subject matter for entries must be limited to the City of Kew.

A copy of the entry form appears on page 8 and it must accompany your photograph and entry fee. Enquiries to Alan Chung on 862 2466.

Croquet — not just a game, but an enigma

ACCORDING to devotees, croquet is not just a game, it is a thought-provoking sport with an interesting history, a degree of complexity and a fascinating system of handicapping.

It is a sport which allows all players — old or young, new or experienced, physically strong or weak — to play meaningfully against each other.

It is thought the game started before 1800, possibly in Ireland, but what is known is that it was certainly played extensively in the United Kingdom and Ireland in the mid 1880's.

The game began in Australia in the early 1900's, particularly as a social game for the wealthy.

The basis of the game is to score the possible 26 points by hitting the ball through a hoop.

That might sound easy, but points are only scored by propelling a ball through the hoops directly with a mallet, or by the action of another ball — the striker ball — hitting the original ball and pushing it through the hoop.

Strategies similar to snooker are used in croquet and it has been said that croquet is just another form of snooker played, instead, on a large outdoor grass table!

Secretary of the Kew Croquet Club, Connie Perry, said "it takes about six months to get much of an idea of the game, but once you've done that, you're hooked".

"Any game that is hard to learn surely must hold your attention and interest better than one you can learn in just a couple of weeks", Connie said.

If you are interested in taking up this challenging sport, you are invited to go to the Kew Croquet Club, Victoria Park near the High Street entrance, on Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday mornings after 10.30 a.m.

Members of the club are happy to 'show you the ropes', but please take your runners or flat-soled shoes with you. There is no joining fee, but an annual subscription of \$60.50 applies should you decide to become a regular playing member.

For more information contact Connie Perry on 818 4493.

Keeping you informed

HAVE you ever wished you could paint like Rembrandt, sing like Melba or write like Shakespeare?

Most of us will never reach such heights, but even if we could climb just a few rungs up the ladder we would find our lives richer for the effort.

In the community there are many places of learning and groups who will help us develop our skills or perhaps discover unexpected talent in an area we have never even contemplated.

At the Citizens' Advice Bureau, we have records of artists' societies, choral groups and teachers of music, information on writing classes and public speaking and many other interesting and useful activities.

Our friendly volunteers are happy to help you seek out and choose the activity which best suits you; they can also offer some helpful suggestions for you to consider.

We are open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on weekdays or you can telephone 861 5244. Our free legal advice service is available each Tuesday evening between 7.30 and 9.00 p.m.

You can call in by entering direct from the new Library complex or by the ramp at the rear of the library building.

Boroondara Bushwalkers

WHEN Fritz Schaumburg first floated the idea of a Bushwalking Club in the September issue of Kewriosity, he had no indication that over 120 people would attend the preliminary meeting he had called to determine interest in his project.

With that sort of attendance, support for such an activity was obvious and the meeting quickly agreed to incorporate Boroondara Bushwalkers as the club's name.

A committee was soon nominated and Fritz was invited to be President — a nomination he accepted for one year.

With all the initial interest and activity, The Boroondara Bushwalkers have quickly proved they don't intend to let the grass grow under their feet!

Since that preliminary meeting, committee members met to finalise details of the club's incorporation, an inaugural meeting was held and a sub-committee has organised a comprehensive program of graded walks.

At the time of going to press, the first walk and get-to-know-you barbecue was being held and we'll bring you more details about that in the next issue.

Meanwhile, if you'd like to join the Boroondara Bushwalkers, why not go along to their next meeting on Thursday, November 12, at 8 p.m., in Hall No. 3, Civic Centre, Cotham Road.

For enquiries or more information ring Thelma McManis on 817 5548.

Good gardening

ALLOW me to introduce myself. I am Bruce Schroder, Kew's new Superintendent of Parks and Gardens, and each month I'll be bringing you horticultural advice in the tradition set by my predecessor, Peter Davies.

Peter, who for nine years was Kew's Parks and Gardens Superintendent, now resides in Bendigo where he works for the Rural Training Commission. We all wish him well in his endeavours.

Prior to my arrival in Kew, I was Assistant Superintendent with the City of Camberwell and before that, with the City of Box Hill.

With that sort of background, I think I've developed a fairly good feeling for horticulture in the eastern suburbs.

I hope to be able to keep up the same standard of advice which Peter Davies provided, but be warned, my column may show a bias towards native plants because this area is where my passion lies!

If you have any horticultural concerns or any enquiries, please contact me on 862 1773. If I am not available my assistant, Peter Brookes, will readily help.

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