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Kew needs more caregivers



● *Co-ordinator of Kew's caregivers, Ruth Pearce, administrative assistant Helen Bolza, and field worker, Mary-Joan Gasparini want to hear from any Kew residents prepared to provide child care at home on a full-time or part-time basis. Picture courtesy Camberwell Free Press.*

KEW'S Family Day Care service, which offers families an alternative to centre-based child care, is urgently in need of more home caregivers.

In the Federal Government's May mini budget a commitment was made to maintain the Government's subsidy level for the service, but family fees are to be indexed each July.

In a special edition of the Community Child Care Association news-sheet it was reported that the Government intends to trade funding for 600 new occasional care places and 600 new Commonwealth/State centre-based places for 1200 new family day care places.

Kew's children's services officer, Elizabeth Sullivan, said that while the family day care service had been operating in Kew for many years there was still a desperate shortage of caregivers within the city.

The Kew service cannot increase

the number of children it cares for until it has more caregivers, she said. The service needs Kew residents who can provide a safe, caring environment and who have an understanding of the development and requirements of young children.

Caregivers are professionally supported by Kew's children's services co-ordinator and field workers who make regular home visits.

Other services available to the caregivers include the loan of equipment such as high chairs and car seats, weekly playgroups and a toy library.

A caregiver cares for up to four children in the home on a part time or full time basis. Payment is by the hour with meal and travel allowances.

For more information or to arrange an interview please contact the co-ordinator, Ruth Pearce, or the field worker, Mary-Joan Gasparini, on 819-2444 or call at 372 Burwood Rd, Hawthorn.

Aquatic Centre go ahead

KEW'S new \$3.5 million aquatic recreation centre, planned for the existing outdoor pool site in High St, has reached the final design stage.

Chairman of the recreation committee Cr Wendy Smith, said the council will endeavour to have the construction begin by the end of this year.

Stage one of the project will include a large, free form heated pool with eight 25m lanes, a separate heated toddlers' pool, spa, sauna, creche, aerobics centre, learners' area, a large general play area and facilities for handicapped people.

The total swimming area will be 640 sq.m. which is a little larger than the swimming area at the Surrey Park swimming complex in Box Hill.

Other features include an indoor slide, a bubbler and a special ozone water treatment system designed to prevent eye problems which sometimes arise from the chlorination of water.

Cr Smith said the centre has been specially designed to retain the open space and BBQ area outside the pools. The whole building faces north to capitalise on the sunlight and warmth. Large sliding doors will open from the centre out onto the park.

The centre is the result of years of planning by the council. At its May meeting the council's recreation centre committee considered a report which detailed information from the managers of Melbourne's three most successful centres.

The final design for the centre includes a 200 sq.m. gymnasium, but this construction will be dependent on the availability of funds.

Project managers for the centre are McGinley and Partners, the firm responsible for the redevelopment of the Kew library.

It is intended in the long term that the recreation centre will be financially independent in terms of operating costs.

Dates for July

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THE Community Integration Through Recreation Support Group meets on the first Wednesday of each month in the Kew Community House at 7.30 pm. For more information phone Cr Moira Jeffreys on 859 3387.

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KEW Football Club at Victoria Park v Thomastown (Reserves 11.45am; Seniors 2pm).

THE Kew/Balwyn branch of the Country Women's Association meets at 1pm at the Uniting Church Hall, Normanby Road, East Kew. Mrs Tucker will be the guest speaker. New members are welcome. For more information phone Mrs Shirley Robinson on 819-1686.

THE Kew Playground Committee meets on the first Monday of each month at 8 pm in the North Kew Infant Welfare Centre, Peel St. Contacts are Belinda Sims 861-8185 or Sue Hill 862-1724.

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THE Hyde Park Fellowship meets at 2pm. The speaker will be Mr Whelan from Wurundjere Industries.

THE Kew Young Liberals are holding a general meeting. For more information phone Anthony 817-3852 or Megan 818-7264.

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THE Save the Children Fund meets each second Thursday of the month in Room 3 at the Kew Civic Centre, Cotham Rd, at 10 am.

THE Kew Garden Club will show an audio-visual film from the Royal Horticultural Society of Victoria at the Senior Citizens' Centre at 8pm.

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KEW Football Club at Victoria Park v GTV9 (Club at noon).

THE Kew Nursing Mothers' Association of Australia meets at 30 Barnard Grove, Kew, at 8pm for a discussion meeting entitled 'The Crazy Hours — Coping from 4-8pm'.

THE Kew Legacy Widows' Club meets at the RSL Hall, 63 Cotham Rd, Kew, at 11am. For more information phone the president on 859-2346 after 5pm, or the secretary on 859-2097.

THE Kew Arthritis Self Help Group of the Arthritis Foundation of Victoria meets in Hall 3, Kew Civic Centre, Charles St. Note the change of venue and date. The speaker will be Kew's recreation officer. Visitors welcome. Morning tea will be served. For more information phone 862-2021 or 836-8794.

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KEW Football Club at Victoria Park v Monash Blues (Reserves 11.45am; Seniors 2pm).

THE Kew Nursing Mothers' Association of Australia is holding a coffee morning at 10am at 26 Fernhurst Grove. Please bring a plate. Babies and toddlers welcome. For more information phone Kay 817-5721 or Helen 861-9665.

THE Save The Children Fund Raising morning tea will be held at 10am in Room 3, Kew Civic Centre. Mr Don Jolly will speak about the Awareness of the Austin Hospital in the Community. \$1 donation entry fee, a sales table and morning tea will be available.

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KEW Football Club at Victoria Park v Marcellin O.C. (Club XVIII at noon).

KEW Full Day Care Centre Inc. management committee for the new government childcare centre will hold its monthly meeting at 8pm at the Infant Welfare Centre, Strathalbyn St, East Kew.

THE Kew Daytime Garden Club meets at 1.30pm in the Senior Citizens' Centre, cnr High and Childers Sts. The speaker, Norm White, will discuss general gardening. For more information phone 859 2977.

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THE Kew/Balwyn Branch of the Country Women's Association is holding a craft meeting from 10am — 2.30pm. BYO lunch, at the East Kew Uniting Church Hall, Normanby Rd, East Kew.

Holiday program

THE City of Kew offers a variety of holiday programs for the primary school age group.

Activities include:

- From June 29 — July 10 at the St Paul's School for the Blind, Fernhurst Gve, Kew, an activity program from 10 am — 4 pm for 5 to 10 year olds. All day care from 8 am — 6 pm is available. Enrolment forms must be filled out on the first day with children being registered by their parents or guardians on each subsequent day.

- Special Needs — Children with special needs are encouraged to take part in the integrated holiday program. BYO lunch, bathers and a towel. Fees: \$4 for 10 am — 4 pm; \$3.20 for more than one child; \$7.50 for 8 am — 6 pm; \$6 for more than one child. Health Card holders get a 50 per cent concession. Contact: recreation co-ordinator City of Kew on 862-2466.

- Kew Traffic School — June 29 — July 10 from 10.30 am — 3 pm for primary aged children. The traffic school will be open as a drop-in centre for children to come and use the facilities. However, it is not a care centre. The children will be able to come and go as they please. Some bikes will be available for children who don't bring their own bikes. Fees: \$1.20 per day per child or \$1 for two or more children.
- Toddler Playgroup — July 1 — 8 and July 3 — 10 from 10 am — 1 pm at the Uniting Church of Kew, 23 Highbury Grove. This will be an extended playgroup for children up to the age of six. Mothers are expected to stay with their children. BYO lunch. Fees: \$2 per day per family. Contact: Marion Erjavec on 859-2144.

- Tennis fun day: On July 3 from 9 am — 12.30 pm at the Kew Tennis Club, Adeney Ave. Free tennis instruction. BYO shoes and racquet. No charge. Contacts on 277-2482 or 817-2171.

- Youth program: On Tuesday and Thursday evenings at the Kew Youth Centre, 4 Derby St, for youth from 14-25 years with a focus on the under 18's. Contact: Maureen McLaughlin on 861-6828 for more information.

More dates:

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Commentary

Rewarding year almost over

MY challenging, demanding and rewarding year as Mayor of Kew is almost over.

I have been overwhelmed by the willingness of community volunteers to help those in need in Kew through Meals on Wheels, the mini bus, the Red Cross Appeal and countless other organisations; and by the same community spirit which has brought forward so many of our residents to serve on the committees which investigate community matters like the recreation centre proposal and traffic management schemes.

And in particular the voluntary group which made sure that Kew's playground equipment has become better and safer for the city's children.

Highlights of the year have included the decision to go ahead with the recreation centre, the expansion of the city library and the approval of the grant for the new child care centre in Belford Rd, Kew.

I am delighted that so many positive things have happened in Kew this year.

The streetscaping plans undertaken by the council which will protect our residential areas and the traffic management schemes are also important developments in the city.

However, my year as Mayor has confirmed my feeling that there is not enough communication between the residents and their elected councillors.



Cr Joe Orlando
Mayor

We are here to represent the people who elect us and they must come to us if they want an issue brought to the council's attention.

Finally I want to thank and express my appreciation to the council staff, my colleagues and my family, my wife, Cecilia and children, Simone, Gabriel, Jacinta and Michael, for the wonderful help and support they have all given me during my mayoral term.

Cr Joe Orlando

Traffic Plans

KEW Council has approved a traffic management plan for the area bounded by High St, Harp, Burke and Cotham Rds and Charles St (Area 6).

The plan has been designed to improve safety in the streets involved, reduce the through traffic volume where possible and slow down traffic.

The devices to be used include splitter islands, road narrowing, angled slow points and a roundabout. The closure of Heather Grove is still subject to a report from the Road Traffic Authority, but the partial closure of Normanby Rd north will go ahead.

Work on the plan is expected to begin early next year.

A review to see if the plan is

achieving its aims will be carried out at a later date.

Streetscapes

DERBY, Pakington, Mawson Sts and Ridgeway Ave are to have their streetscapes upgraded.

Kew Council has approved the planting of oak trees in Derby and Pakington Sts, plane trees in Mawson St and ulmus in Ridgeway Ave.

The trees will all be in an advanced stage of growth and planting will be completed by the end of the winter.

The trees are to be planted in special bays which will be made at the road edges.

Plans have been approved for the planting of plane trees on the west side of Doona Ave.

Nominations close

NOMINATIONS for the Kew Council elections will close on July 10.

Crs Jim Tutt (Studley Park Ward), Chester Keon-Cohen (Central Ward), Philip Barnes (College Ward), Moira Jeffries (Prospect Ward) and Maree Williams (North Ward) are all up for re-election.

An extraordinary election will also take place in the Studley Park Ward with the resignation of long serving Cr Jill O'Brien.

The state-wide local government elections will be held on Saturday, August 1.

Voting is compulsory for all those on State or Federal rolls; for British subjects who own or occupy property in any of the Kew wards and for those who are enrolled as the nominee of a corporation owning property in a Kew ward.

You may vote if council records show that you are the owner or occupier of a property in a ward where there is to be an election even if you live in another ward of Kew.

Fines of up to \$20 can be imposed on non-voters.

Postal voting facilities are available at the Kew municipal offices in Charles St up until 4 pm on July 31.

Kew voters are advised to read the local press before the election date to confirm that there is an election in their ward.

Polling places will be open from 8am — 6pm on August 1. The places assigned to each ward are:

- North Ward: Holy Trinity Church Hall, cnr Pakington & High Sts, and the Hyde Park Uniting Church Hall in Pakington St.

- Central Ward: The Glendonald School, Marshall Ave, and the East Kew Uniting Church Hall, Normanby Rd.

- Prospect Ward: Glass St Kindergarten and the East Kew Primary School in Kitchener St.

- College Ward: Municipal Offices, Charles St, and St Hilary's Church Hall, John St.

- Studley Park Ward: Baraga Hall, A'Beckett St, and Burke Hall, Xavier College, Hodgson St.



Living by Faith and Prudence Carmelite Sisters Say

BEHIND the high, grey stone walls of the Carmelite monastery in Stevenson St, Kew, 31 nuns live a personal life of solitude, silence and prayer.

To an outsider the religious community appears cut off from the real world, but social worker, Sister Mary Joseph, said thousands of people in the community bring their problems and hurts through the monastery's double gates each year and share them with the sisters.

"Monasteries have a long tradition of people coming and asking for prayers," the serene sister said.

Sister Patricia and Sister Mary Joseph, who believe they were called to the Carmelite Order years ago because it was the way in which they could best serve Christ, say marriage problems predominate in the quiet discussions held within the cloistered walls.

They observe there is not enough communication between couples.

"The lack of communication seems even worse than it was 10 years ago," Sister Patricia said. "Often a partner goes off with someone else and the one who is left has no idea that the marriage is even in trouble."

The pace of life today is different, they say.

"There's more pressure. Both parents work in many cases to provide more for the children and the children are busy with outside activities," Sister Mary Joseph said.

But they agree the shattering of the family structure cuts across the board affecting many more family members than those initially involved, and sometimes the next generation.

Dressed in brown habits, the two sisters discussed their concern about the apparent lack of commitment to marriage and family life. They say any relationship is a learning experience and when two people first marry they really know little about each other.

And they compare their religious life with marriage explaining with compassion: "If only people would realise we all go through dark times."

"All of us to some degree have doubts and difficulties, but we must learn to have faith, trust, forgive and not be afraid to say sorry."

They explained that in their Order such experiences are known as "refining by fire" and that once endured provide the person involved with inner strength and an ability to cope with life.

At times, they confessed, it was only faith which kept them going. After many years' commitment they say now: "We have a tranquility and happiness."

Love, and faith are the cores of their spiritual existence. On a practical level they live by faith and prudence, Sister Patricia said with a chuckle.

The daily workload of the sisters is shared routinely, but those who show special skills in particular areas are often given tasks where they are most needed.

As well as the interviews in the parlor, the sisters deal with requests for help by telephone and letter.

"We all share," Sister Patricia said.

"There are no drones here."

While most of each day is spent in prayer, silence and work, there is time in the evening for the sisters to talk with each other. They do not have a television set.

The setting for the monastery is a traditional garden with sweeping lawns and deep garden borders stashed with old fashioned flowers.

The living quarters are plain 1920's style with simple furnishings, polished floors and rugs.

In contrast the church was designed as the focal point of the monastery. Dedicated in 1931, the first High Mass was celebrated by Archbishop Mannix. The church was made an Australian Shrine to St Therese of Lisieux, one of the patrons of the monastery.

Inside the decor is overwhelming in its opulence. The materials used include the Australian marble, Cudgegong, with its unusual pink, cream and gold colorings; an extensive use of gold leaf and wonderfully colored glass mosaics.

Mothers mark day

THE Kew Branch of the Nursing Mothers' Association of Australia marked Mothering Week (May 3-10) with a visit to new mother, Mrs Jenny Elliott, at St George's Hospital.

Mrs Elliott gave birth to the family's third child, David, on Mothers' Day.

Group leader and breast feeding counsellor, Kay Noske, and fellow counsellor, Helen Tan, made a small presentation to Mrs Elliott.

A report from the Branch claims that in the 1986 nationwide census women working as mothers were not included.

The status of women at home is now confused in spite of the fact that these women are the country's most "essential workers" entrusted with the care and responsibility of educating the nation's future citizens.

The Branch wants to see more support for and acknowledgement of women at home.

National Mothering Week was instituted by the Nursing Mothers' Association in 1979 to focus community attention on the importance of each mother and her worth within the family. The aim was to raise the status of women's unpaid work.

In a society which measures a person's worth by his or her income level it is not surprising that mothers are so often undervalued, the report said.

The Kew Branch recommends that women working at home as mothers should be proud when asked what their occupation is and should confidently say: "I am a mother".

Volunteers

THE Royal Talbot Hospital Auxiliary, Kew, needs more voluntary helpers for two hours or more each month to help in the kiosks or with ward trolleys.

For more information phone Mrs E. Gray 484-7300 or Mrs P. Galbraith on 857-7571.

Kew President

INCOMING president of the Victorian Penguin Club, Mrs Janet Stearn, of Kew, is a keen supporter of the Speak Up Australia program being organised in schools.

"In particular we want to go into schools in the Western Suburbs and help the children present their cases for job interviews," she said.

Mrs Stearn who has been a member of the South Yarra Penguin Club for 10 years, is an adjudicator for the Voice of Youth which arranges a public speaking competition for students each year.

But her main concern is that the Club continues to attract women and girls.

"We need to get more women speaking effectively," she said. "They need to have meeting procedure skills before they accept positions on committees and they should know meeting procedures even if they are only going to be part of an audience," she said.

Mrs Stearn hopes to form a dinner Penguin Club in Kew during her term in office. There are clubs in Hawthorn and Camberwell.

"We invite prospective members to two free meetings to see if they like us", Mrs Stearn said. "And then usually the new member is asked to give a two minute speech on the family or something that makes it easy for them to begin".

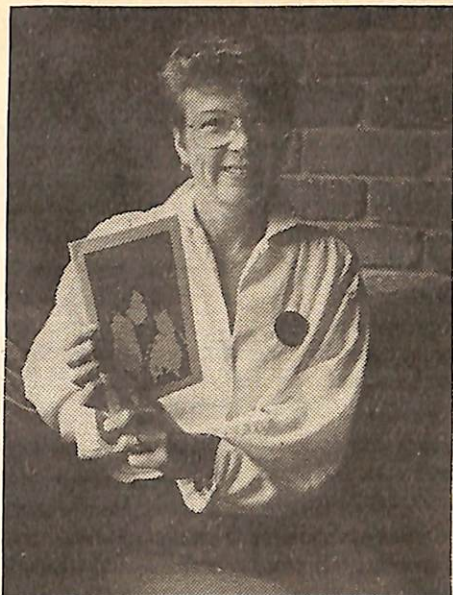
The Club is not competitive although competitions are sometimes arranged for those who want to challenge themselves against others.

"Members are expected to keep themselves informed. We have an impromptu topic of the day when you can be asked to speak about anything and there is an emphasis on doing readings with clarity," Mrs Stearn said.

The Club has a rotating chairwoman at the meetings so that each member has the chance to play the role.

Janet Stearn, who is married with two small children, was especially pleased to be chosen as president of the Club for this year because the Penguin Club of Australia is celebrating its 50th anniversary.

Last year she won the Pat and Max Dietrich Memorial Trophy for her speech in a contest between the Penguin and Rostrum (the men's version of Penguin) Clubs.



● Mrs Janet Stearne, Kew, this year's president of the Victorian Penguin Club. *Picture courtesy of the Camberwell Free Press.

Mrs Stearn joined the Club because she wanted to become an effective communicator.

She believes that both the nervous person who may have a great deal to communicate but cannot speak out publicly and the machine gun style speaker — "the one who is all confidence but has no structure and darts about from one subject to the other without finishing anything" — would both benefit from an association with the Club.

"We meet in small groups which helps give people confidence", Mrs Stearn said.

Art ideas?

THE Ministry for Arts and Education is seeking imaginative and practical ideas for strengthening the relationship between the arts and education.

A Ministerial Committee has been established to provide an opportunity for the community to have direct input into government policy on arts and education.

One of the questions the Committee hopes the community will answer are: Are there better ways to use resources in arts and education?

Contributions and/or recommendations for the report must be made by July 31.

The Committee contacts are: Barbara Dover and Bob Mathers on 669-8546 and 669-8598.

Library re-opens

KEW'S redeveloped library housed in the revamped town hall building in Cotham Rd reopened for business on June 22.

City librarian Mr Alex Tarr said that three unusual features of the new building will be the beautiful stained glass window designed by artist Alan Sumner and called Four Seasons, the display by the Kew Historical Society and the well lit magazine and periodical area which overlooks the Alexandra Gardens.

The statistics of the move from the old library to the new included 1000 trips by library staff carrying the library's stock of 90,000 books, the removal of 300 library shelves, the loan of trolleys by Kew Safeway which helped with the move and the willing work by more than 50 volunteers during the three week moving project, Mr Tarr said.

The new library is two and a half times larger than the old one which was housed under the Kew municipal offices.

Access to the library is from Cotham Rd or from the service road which runs off Cotham Rd between the municipal offices and the library.

Other features of the redeveloped building are the specially designed lighting system, the reference study area, the large children's area on the right and the integrated mix of adult and junior fiction which is now available to the public.

Meantime, Kew borrowers are reminded that the city's lending system has changed. Books can be borrowed from the new library for four to five weeks, but there are to be no telephone extensions of borrowing time.

An after hours shute for book return is available at the library.

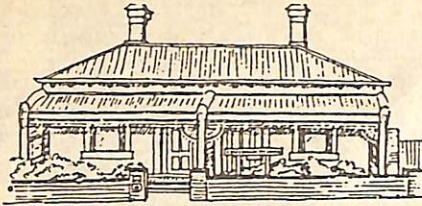
Kew bus

THE Kew Community Bus would welcome the assistance of volunteer drivers and jockeys to provide our city's senior citizens with much needed extra support.

Drivers are required on Tuesdays between 9 am — 5 pm. And jockeys are required on Thursdays from 12.30 pm — 5 pm. 862-2466.

KEW COMMUNITY HOUSE INC.

Co-ordinator: Judy Price



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

Drop-in Centre

IN February the Kew Community House began running a drop-in centre on Wednesdays from 11 am — 3 pm.

It began with only three or four people but now the successful program is catering for 15 plus and their ages span three generations. Some renew old friendships, while others make new ones. They exchange ideas, share talents and resources.

A simple lunch is prepared by a few and enjoyed by all. This offers a golden opportunity to learn the basics of survival cooking for those who do not know how.

In the afternoon most people have a chat session or just relax and listen. Those who want to be active can join Mary who organises a gift making activity.

On some days we have a visiting speaker in the mornings and after lunch on the first Wednesday of the month, the more adventurous can join Joan on a community walk to some of the more interesting places in Kew.

We have something to please everyone. So bring your friends and relations of any age or sex or come alone. You can be assured of a rewarding day spent in the company of friendly people.

For more information call co-ordinator Judy Price on 826-3128.

Rec. Program

THE City of Kew's community recreation program for term three gets underway on July 13.

The activities are available to all community members irrespective of age or ability.

The cost of each course for the term is \$26 with a \$20 concession for social security or veterans affairs pensioners.

The courses are:

- Exercise to music: each Monday from July 13 to September 14 from 9 am — 10.30 am at the Senior Citizens' Centre, High St, with instructor Eileen Moore.
- Water exercises and swimming: each Tuesday from July 14 — September 15 from 10.45 am — 12.20 pm at St Paul's School for the Blind with instructor Liane Kenny. The classes are designed to improve the participants' water confidence, swimming skills and breathing combined with relaxation. The pool is heated.
- Water playgroup: each Thursday from July 16 — September 17 from 10.45 am — 1 pm at St Paul's School for the Blind. This program is designed to give parents, children and grand-

parents the opportunity to participate together gaining water confidence and joint mobility. Children must be at least six months old and parents are asked to bring floaties for their children.

• Tennis for fun: each Friday from July 17 — September 18 from 10 am — 11.30 am at the Kew Tennis Club, Adeney Ave. Classes will concentrate on teaching and revising the basic strokes of tennis.

For more information phone 862-2466 and ask for the Social Development Secretary Donna Morton.

Dance Class

TWO dance specialists, Susan Crouch and Naomi Aitchison, are beginning classes in Kew for toddlers and parents, pre-schooler children and adults.

Susan and Naomi are graduates with diplomas in movement and dance.

These classes include elements of creative movement which allow each individual to progress at his or her own rate.

The classes are held on Tuesdays. For more information contact Susan on 481-4462 or Naomi on 489-4749.

Action Group

THE Kew Community Action Group is a small, enthusiastic group of Kew residents who have become involved as representatives of other groups or as individuals.

The group has two Council representatives.

WHAT DO WE DO?

At first our role was to support and encourage local neighbourhood projects. Community Services Victoria provides funds each year for this purpose through what was called the Family and Community Services Program. Recently this Program changed its name to the Community Support and Development Program and our group has played an active role in recommending funding for individual groups under this scheme.

Our group also provides on-going information and acts as a forum between the Council and residents now that there is a greater responsibility for awareness of local responsibility for human services.

At our annual meeting in April Mr Michael Lockwood from the Inner Eastern Housing Services spoke about the severe shortage of public housing in Kew. And he mentioned the total lack of emergency housing.

As a result of the meeting's response to the emergency housing problem in Kew it was decided to pursue the issue and in June we had a Ministry of Housing representative discuss the matter with us.

WHEN DO WE MEET?

The Kew Community Action Group meets on the second Monday of each month at 7.45 pm at the Kew Community House.

WHO CAN COME?

YOU. If you feel you may be interested in joining the group we would be happy to see you at our next meeting on July 13, especially if you already belong to a local group because we believe that networking is valuable.

CONTACT?

Ms Rhonda McCaw on 817-2940.



Integration a two way street

AS part of a bold new program aimed at integrating disabled people into netball the Victorian Netball Association has established Wheelchair Basketball as a competitive activity.

Players compete against each other in one of two grades, depending on their ability level, and the grades are part of the regular, fixtured program offered by the Association.

Games are played at the State Netball Centre, Parkville, each Saturday from 11 am — 1.30 pm and new members are being keenly sought.

The move into basketball has been supported by Kew's Community Integration Through Recreation program which in the past months has been establishing links with Kew leisure providers and disabled residents.

The program has encouraged the integration of two young people into the North Kew Tennis Club.

The program emphasises that integration is a two way street which benefits the disabled and the non-disabled.

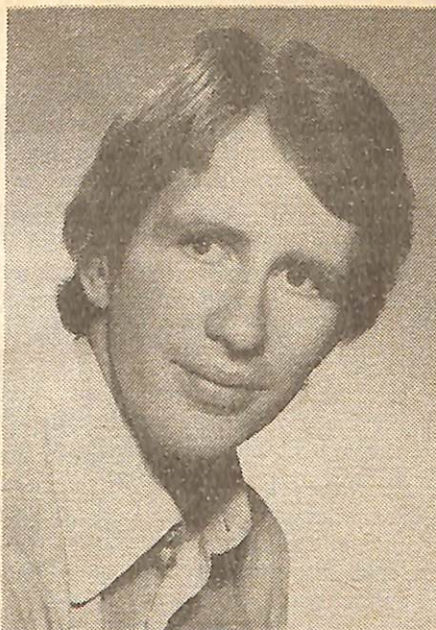
There are a variety of leisure activities in which disabled people can join in — hockey, skiing, learning a craft or enjoying the companionship offered at the Community House.

The Kew Community Integration Through Recreation Support Group has much to achieve and is looking for interested people to join their group. It is also keen to hear from disabled people who want to join in the leisure activities.

For more information contact Donna Morton at the Social Development Co-ordinator's Office, City of Kew, on 862-2466.

• A resource booklet, **Paddling Your Own Canoe**, examines the development of recreation integration programs based on the Kew project which is aimed at enabling people with disabilities to play a greater role in community life, is available, free, from the Council offices in Charles St.

The design of the program, the public launch, the way the race was run, the debriefing and the conclusion are all detailed in the booklet.



• Kew baritone, Ian Lowe.

Opera for Kew

A RARE treat will be available for Kew opera lovers on August 2 at 2.30 pm when former Kew resident, baritone Ian Lowe, will perform in the Newnham Hall, Highbury Grove, Kew.

Mr Lowe will be on holiday from the Karlsruhe Opera Company in Germany.

His fellow artist for the performance will be long time associate from the Victorian State Opera, Ariel Saltmarsh. Ariel and Ian sang with the opera company before he left for Europe five years ago.

The pair will be accompanied by Kaye Allen and their program will consist of spirituals, ballads and excerpts from musical comedy.

Ian is also a teacher at the Bruchsal Music School. He has sung at venues throughout Europe.

Early bookings for the concert are advised. Tickets are \$8 with a \$5 concession and can be booked on 882-2068 or 861-8385.

Afternoon tea will be served and all proceeds will go to the Church carpet fund.

THE Greek Welfare Office runs a free, bilingual information and welfare service on Saturday mornings from 9 am — noon at 112 St Georges Rd, Northcote.

The telephone number is 481-7826

Bicentennial plans

THE Kew Bicentennial Committee looks forward to bringing you monthly details of our exciting and varied program planned for 1988.

The major projects and events have all received the approval of Council and the Bicentennial Authority.

Kewriosity will give details of how every member of our Kew community can participate in 1988 in their homes, streets or organisations.

Our committee has spent nearly two years assessing the many ideas put to us, doing research and seeking approvals and funding. We now face the task of putting our plans into operation.

One such plan is already well under way. A tapestry made up of eight large panels is to be hung in the city library. One of Australia's leading artists, Joy Stewart, a former Kew resident, has been engaged to do the artwork. Last month Joy showed us the projected pieces illustrating our history from Grimes' landing to the present.

It is planned that, through the Kew Historical Society, all interested tapestry workers will be given the opportunity to work on the panels.

Next month we will be able to announce one of our major events — something which is already drawing considerable attention.

Gerard Petrie
Chairman, Kew Bicentennial
Committee

Dance Therapy

A DANCE therapy conference led by the associate professor of the dance therapy graduate program at New York University, Dr Marcia Leventhal, will be held at the Mooroolbark Hall, Kew, from July 9—12.

The Melbourne based Dance Therapy Development Group which has promoted dance therapy in educational, community, social and psychiatric settings, will sponsor the conference.

Entry to the dance workshops is limited and registration is through the: Dance Therapy Conference/Workshops, AADE (Vic) Inc., Room 20, Level 3, 1 City Rd, South Melbourne, 3205. For more information phone 614-2283.

FOOTY NEWS

KEW has maintained its fine early season form in the strong Victorian Amateur Football Association with good wins against Old Brighton, AJAX and Old Haileybury.

In spite of a loss against Monash Blues, the Seniors remain equal leaders with Old Melburnians with seven wins and one loss.

The Reserves, seven wins and one loss, are the undisputed leaders following their convincing win against the joint leader, Old Haileybury.

Club XVIII (G Grade, VAFA) remain in second place, seven wins and one loss, behind the undefeated Bloods.

Captain and coach Brett Burden emphasised that the season was only half-way advanced, but added team play, club spirit and strong administration were the main ingredients for the strong performance of the Club to date.

Brett and president, Ted Kelly, offer congratulations on behalf of the Club to Joey Busuttill, Mathew Cavanagh, Adrian Jenkins and Mark McColl for their selection in the VAFA representative training squad. This is a high honor for the players and the Club.

The Kew Football Club is "going to the dogs" and president Kelly is appealing to local firms to sponsor the Club in this Greyhound Racing venture being held at Olympic Park on September 21. Sponsorship and/or dinner for attendance on this night (passes are available) can be organised through the secretary, Mick Bollman 653-0481 BH or 818-6536 AH.

Council meeting times for July:

14 Standing Committee 7.30

21 General Purposes
Committee 7.30

28 Council 8.00

Meetings are held in the Committee Rooms of the Municipal Offices and are open to the public.

Keeping You Informed



WITH the move of the library to the former city hall, the Council has been able to provide enlarged premises for the CAB and we are now at the south-west corner of the new library building.

We believe you will like our new rooms and they will enable us to improve our service in several ways. Interviewing areas will provide more privacy and comfort, and proper provision has been made for our social worker to carry out her important community work.

Access to the Bureau will be through the library or by the ramp at the rear of the city hall building, thus giving wheelchair access for clients. New sign posts will help you to find us.

All the existing services will continue, with the Bureau open each weekday from 10 am to 3 pm and our free legal service operating each Tuesday evening between 7.30 and 9 pm. Our telephone number 861-5244 is unchanged.

Cheque for Red Cross

AT THIS year's final meeting of the Kew Red Cross Appeal Committee the Mayor of Kew, Cr Joe Ormando, presented a cheque for \$6990 to appeal director of the Australian Red Cross Society Mr Jim Killender.

This amount, together with donations mailed direct to Red Cross headquarters following the Red Cross Calling March Appeal and special fund raising efforts by the Red Cross Units in Kew, brought the total raised in the municipality to \$18,395.74.

The Mayor, in thanking the Committee and volunteers for their untiring efforts again this year, referred to the outstanding spirit of giving in the Kew community which had been evidenced by the result of this worthy appeal.

Since the appeal's inception in Kew in 1952, a total of \$316,904.96 has been raised.

Preparing beds for spring



WINTER is an excellent time for preparing garden beds for spring planting.

The soil is moist and easy to work and good preparation now will lead to good results for annuals, vegetables and other garden plants.

Plants depend on both subsoil and topsoil. Subsoil is penetrated by the roots to gain stability against strong winds, to obtain constant supplies of water from deep levels and to obtain nutrients found there. The ideal consists of numerous particles of organic matter which are being broken down into simpler forms so that they can be taken up by feeding roots of trees and other plants.

Organic matter is broken down by a teeming population of bacterial and fungal life. The decomposed organic materials are of the highest value for all plant life.

So the secret to preparing good garden beds is to turn in plenty of organic matter in the form of compost, rotted leaves, blood and bone and animal manures. Plenty of organic matter ensures the presence of earthworms which are the real cultivators of the soil. Earthworms also have a value because they aerate the soil. Where chemical fertilisers are used in excess, earthworms reduce in numbers and can disappear altogether.

Save work and money for fertilisers and provide good rich garden beds by digging in organic matter.

If you don't have any, consider starting a compost heap.

Peter Davies

Superintendent of Parks & Gardens

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