

KEWRIOSITY

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His work and concern for hospital bound elderly people won the 1987 Senior Citizen of the Year Award for Kew's Mr Bill Martin.

SENIOR Citizen of the Year for 1987, Mr Bill Martin, of Parkhill Rd, Kew, received the award for his dedicated work with the elderly.

The award was made in March by the Victorian Council on the Ageing and was presented by the Minister for Housing, Mr Frank Wilkes.

After eight years of visiting Kew's hospital bound, elderly, Mr Martin has analysed their needs in a nutshell.

"What they need most of all is comfort and affection," he said.

Bill began his career as hospital visitor extraordinaire when his elderly neighbor, Bert Anstee, was admitted to the Kew home for the elderly, Carnsworth Garoopna.

"He moved back to Kew after his wife died and I used to go in and play draughts with him because he seemed isolated," Bill remembered.

"Then, when he went to Carnsworth I visited him."

Bill's first visit became the start of a tradition when he turned the wrong way as he was leaving and ended up in the occupational therapy department where he met a therapist he knew from Willesmere Hospital in Kew.

"She said these people need someone to bring the outside world into them," Bill said. "She asked me if I would have a go at it."

Bill, 78, had spent his working life as a milliner. As the fashion for hats declined, he and his wife, Amy, decided to launch out into business on their own. Together, they travelled through Victoria, South Australia and Tasmania selling hats and accumulating on the way a wealth of travelling sales stories.

"In the depression I sold firewood door to door, I've sold in shops and on the road so I knew how to talk to people," Bill said.

He decided that his talks to the elderly would be done on tapes using his selling skills to interview interesting people. This scheme worked well for a while and Bill interviewed a wide range of well known people including Justice Michael Kirby, Billy Snedden, Family Court Justice Elizabeth Evatt and Norm Gallagher.

Finally, he refined his entertainment formula for the elderly. It now includes some old time music, a 20 minute interview from Bill's tapes and then a short quiz.

"I play instrumental music — songs like Annie Laurie which they love and some will sing along to. But you can't play Home, Sweet Home or they will all be in tears," Bill said.

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3 A group leaves the Kew Community House, 6 Derby St, for an interesting and historical walk through the Boroondara Cemetery at 1 pm. More information on 862 3126.

4 THE Kew Nursing Mothers' Association meets from 10am to 12pm for coffee at 27 McConchie Ave, East Kew.

10 THE Kew Young Liberals meet for a general meeting and quiz night. For more information phone Anthony on 817 3852 or Megan on 818 7264.

THE Hyde Park Fellowship meets at 2 pm and the speaker will be Mr Leach from Harrison House.

11 THE Kew Garden Club meets at 8 pm in the Kew Senior Citizens' Centre, cnr Childers and High St, for a talk on ferns by Ms Pauline Green.

13 THE Gaiety Theatre Show featuring Lorna Moran will be staged at the Kew Senior Citizens' Centre at 8 pm. BYO basket supper and glasses. Tea and coffee provided. Cost: \$6 a head. For more information phone Glad 817 1621 or Pat 861 6995.

THE Kew Young Liberals are holding a party. For more information phone Andrew on 817 3852 or Megan 818 7264.

KEW Football Club at Victoria Park, Kew. Reserves v Old Melburnians at 11.45am. Seniors at 2pm.

15 THE Kew Nursing Mothers' Association meets at 8 pm at 37 Heather Gve, Kew, for a discussion meeting entitled Breastfeeding While Out and About and Travelling With Young Babies and Children.

17 THE Kew Legacy Widows' Club will meet in the RSL hall, 63 Cotham Rd, for an annual meeting at 11 am.

THE Kew Arthritis Self Help Group of the Arthritis Foundation of Victoria is holding a meeting at 10.30 am in Room 3, Kew Civic Centre, Charles St, opposite the library. The speaker will be from the Foundation. Meeting days have been changed to third Wednesday of each month. For more information phone 862 2021 or 836 8794.

20 KEW Football Club at Victoria Park, Kew. Reserves v Balaclava at 11.45am. Seniors at 2pm.

22 THE Kew Garden Club meets at 1.30 pm sharp at the Senior Citizens' Centre, cnr Childers and High St. The topic will be: The Colored Leaves of Geraniums. For more information phone 859 2977.

23 THE Kew Nursing Mothers' Association meets from 10 am-12 noon at 64 White Ave, East Kew.

27 KEW Football Club at Victoria Park, Kew, Club XVIII v Bloods at 12 noon.

Notices

THE City of Kew's recreation program for the third school term opens on July 13.

The activities include:

- Exercise to music from July 13 to September 14 from 9am — 10.30am at Hall No. 3, Civic Centre, Kew, with instructor Joan Taylor.
- Water exercises and swimming from July 4 to September 15 from 10.45am — 12.20pm at St Paul's School for the Blind, entrance on Fernhurst St, with instructor Liane Kenny.
- Water Playgroup from July 16 to September 17 from 10.45am — 1pm at St Paul's School for the Blind. This program is designed for parents, children and grandparents to participate together in water mobility. Children must be at least six months old and parents are asked to bring floaties.
- Tennis for fun from July 17 to September 18 from 10am — 11.30am at the Kew Tennis Club, Adeney Ave, Kew. This program concentrates on teaching and revising basic strokes. Social games are played to reinforce the skills taught.

The programs cost \$26 for the term and there is a discount concession available.

Child care can be arranged on an occasional basis at the Kew Occasional Care Centre, Strathalbyn St, East Kew. Phone 859-6459.

For more information phone Donna Morton at the City of Kew's Social Development Department on 862-2466.

Pre School Music

ENROLMENTS are being taken for music and movement sessions for babies and pre-schoolers.

Sessions are designed to stimulate the development of musical and social skills, as well as listening, co-ordinating and creativity.

Classes include singing, dancing, percussion instruments, musical games and speech rhymes.

For more information phone Betty Frey Taylor on 817-3044.

Commentary

THE City of Kew's plans for the celebration of Australia's Bicentenary are well underway.

Many of the projects are being funded by a \$45,000 Australian Bicentennial Authority Local Government initiative grant which will be further subsidised by Kew Council.

The projects include:

- A six panel tapestry, depicting the history of Kew designed by former Kew artist, Joyce Stewart. The tapestry will be hung in the new library when it is finished.
- The rebuilding of the rotunda in the Alexandra Gardens in Cotham Road.
- The launch of an urban forest in Stradbroke Park near the Kew High School.
- The permanent marking of the historical trail taken by Kew's early settlers into the area.
- The placing of a restored horse trough, associated with the city's history, near Boroondara cemetery.
- A concert.
- An ecumenical service.
- The writing of a History of Kew.
- A photographic competition/exhibition.

The photographic competition will be open to Kew school children, camera club members and members of the public.

Already a valuable contribution to the Kew Bicentennial Committee has been made by the city's service clubs, state and private schools, the Kew Historical Society and the Kew Ministers' Fraternal. The committee was formed more than 12 months ago and has been well led by former Mayor, Mr Gerard Petrie.

I emphasise that the committee has other projects in mind, but now we want



**Cr Joe Orlando
Mayor**

to launch an appeal for public support for our projects. We ask local businesses and individuals to consider sponsorship for some of the projects, particularly the concert, and in this way help Kew to take part in the nation's 200th anniversary.

Government funding is limited so it's important that we do get support for what needs to be done.

I hope that such support will extend throughout the Kew community.

— Cr Joe Orlando



Safety in No's

THE Station Officer at Kew Fire Station has issued a warning to Kew residents about clear numbering of their homes.

Kew Council which controls the street number allocations through the Local Government Act 1958, supports the warning.

But the Council reminds residents that the placement of numbers and their legibility is their own responsibility.

If a residence or business premise is not marked with the number allocated by the Council the owner and/or occupier can be penalised and will have to pay the cost of numbering the property.

Old or faded numbers should be renewed for safety reasons according to the fire station officers.

Kew's Mayor Cr Joe Orlando said he was aware there was a problem with street numbers.

"I fully endorse the station officer's comments," he added.

Council meeting times for June:

9 Standing Committee 7.30
16 General Purposes
Committee 7.30
23 Council 8.00

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

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"And then I keep the interviews to 20 minutes which seems to be the attention span — any more and some fall asleep. Then I do the quiz just to keep their minds alert."

The whole program takes about an hour.

Bill keeps his tapes topical and for Easter Week he played an interview with the Rev. Andrew St John from Kew's Holy Trinity Church. The theme was Easter Week in the Holy Land.

"But I have an interdenominational

approach," he added. "I go wherever I'm asked. I seem to be popular with the Uniting Church although I'm an Anglican and I go to the Baptists, the Seventh Day Adventists and the Multiple Sclerosis Hospital."

Bill brings the elderly reassuring reminders of the outside world. He has charts of colorful pictures illustrating his talks which these days are mostly about travel. He takes examples of lace and crochet work for some of the women to touch, feel and

bring back memories and more poignantly, a bird's nest and some brightly colored feathers.

"Conversation lollies with their messages 'I love you' or 'Meet me after' are popular too," Bill said.

He brings a positive and entertaining message each week to many of Kew's elderly people, some of whom do not have family visitors.

And his is a caring rational approach.

"I do the best I can and then I go away," he said.

Margaret Sasse's Gym

THE key to a child's learning ability lies in the first three years of life, Kew child development consultant Margaret Sasse believes.

"There's an illiteracy problem in the community and thousands of dollars have been spent by the Government trying to help children at school learn," she said.

"But there are clear indications if children do have problems learning long before they go to school."

A former nurse, dairy farmer, mother of five and school teacher, Margaret Sasse became concerned about children who were not learning at school when she taught at Wonthaggi Technical School.

Typically, she pursued every avenue until she found a way of helping her students. The method included movement, exercise and diet.

While her students' ability to learn improved, Margaret wondered how they could have gone through the school system learning so little.

She decided that the time to start was at the pre school stage.

In 1982 she opened her first, pioneer Toddler Kindy Gymparoo in Kew with the aim of building children's confidence levels before they went to school.

By crawling, rolling, tumbling and balancing the children develop their sense of balance, fine motor co-ordination as well as a sense of fun.

Margaret Sasse is concerned that

these exercises have become necessary because of the time today's children spend in front of television.

"They don't even walk to school anymore," she said.

She sees her program which takes in children as young as three months, as "a gym for the mind".

"It's not a program for handicapped children but for those bright kids who are under achieving," she went on. "I see it as one of the most important areas in education."

"It's preventative medicine if you like."

Margaret Sasse is the daughter of the late Liberal MP for Kooyong, Sir Wilfred Kent Hughes, who was a member of the Menzies Cabinet.

She believes in destiny and claims that the opportunities in her life have always arisen at times when she was most able to make use of them.

Her stand on pre school development came about as a result of her nursing and teaching experience. Her message has spread and so far there are 14 toddler gyms operating in Victoria with 3000 children involved on a nation wide basis.

But Margaret Sasse remains convinced that more should be done to help under achieving children and from an earlier age.

Her philosophy is summarised in her book published in 1979, *If Only We'd Known*, which was written to alert parents to warning signs of development and learning difficulties



in children.

"It's too late once they have started school," she said.

"Look at China where parents fortunate enough to get their children into government creches from 0-3, have them stimulated, exercised and their behaviour monitored. It's the only country with an all-encompassing pre school program," she said.

The toddler gym program, Kew-style, lasts for three quarters of an hour each week at a cost of \$4.50 a session. Individual and special classes can be arranged.

While Margaret Sasse has not made a fortune out of her program her concern at 58 now is that her knowledge is passed on to her followers.

"It's time to write another book," she said.

The contact for toddler gym in Kew is Sandy Cook on 836-4243.

Children's Services

THE next meeting of the Children's Services Consultative Committee will be held on June 4.

Meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at Strathalbyn Street Maternal and Child Health Centre, East Kew.

Parents are most welcome to attend.

STEP Programs (Systematic Teaching of Effective Parenting) are designed to assist in developing parenting skills and communication skills. A STEP program will be conducted at the Community House over ten weeks, commencing on July 13. Sessions will be held in the

evenings. Enquiries to Judy Price, telephone 862-3126.

The Kew Primary After School Program commenced on April 27. Up to thirty children from Sacred Heart and Kew Primary School are attending daily. Enquiries to the Co-ordinator Joanne Thodis 3.00 pm to 6.00 pm. Phone: 861-8325.

The East Kew Primary After School Program caters for up to 45 children from St. Anne's East Kew Primary School. Enquiries to the co-ordinator Dianne Toone 3.00 pm to 6.00 pm Phone: 859-6052.

The Occasional Care Centre has

places available for children aged from birth to six years. Activities for three year old groups are planned carefully to meet individual needs. The Centre will be open during Term 2 holidays, — July 1 to July 10 and Term 3 holidays, September 22 to October 2. Enquiries to Margaret Farnfield. Phone: 859-6459.

Elizabeth Sullivan
Children's Services Officer



Fountain Research Tells

THE uncertainty which plagued the erection of Kew's tribute to Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee on June 21, 1887, continues 100 years later.

The City of Kew hoped to mark the 100 years after the Jubilee in June this year, but because the planning and final erection of the uniquely Victorian structure which stands at the gateway of the Alexandra Gardens in Cotham Road, took so long, it is now accepted that the occasion will not be marked.

Research showed that the problems over the siting of the fountain were the first of many for the Kew Council of 1887.

At a council meeting on June 17, 1887, it was decided to erect the fountain in front of the site for the proposed Kew Post Office. By October 11, 1887, when tenders for the work had been completed and accepted, doubt was being expressed about the suitability of the site.

The councillors were concerned that the fountain would be 'liable to injury' if it was put up before the post office was complete.

In the same month payments were made to the contractors A.W. Fenton and Co., for the work.

But by June 5, 1888, a Cr Martin moved at a council meeting that a letter be written to the architect for the fountain complaining about the delay in its completion.

The council was losing patience and demanded that the work on the fountain be completed within a fortnight. And on September 25, 1888, the contract was cancelled.

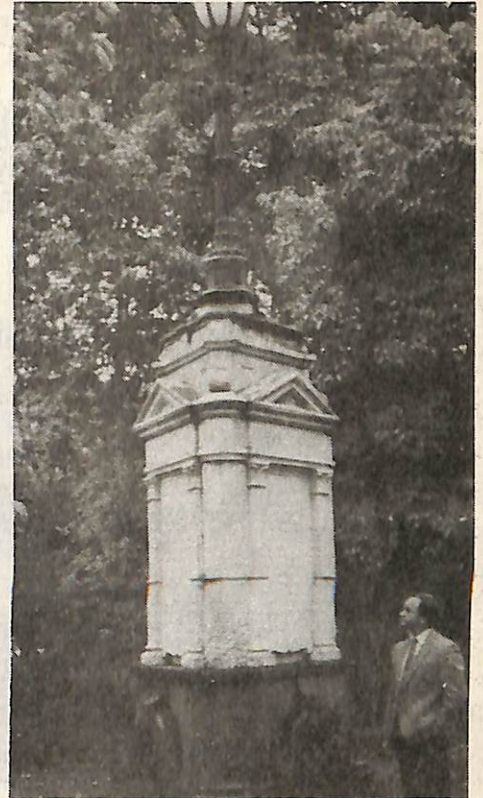
The Kew Historical Society, whose members researched council records for the information, report that at the December council meeting of 1888 the completion date was set for February 10, 1889, and this was confirmed in January 1889.

In April 1889 the council approved the lighting of the gas lamps on the fountain.

Members of the Society believe that the fountain was completed between January and June 1889 and they would welcome any information or perhaps pictures of the opening ceremony from Kewriosity readers.

Council minutes researched until October 1889 do not mention any opening ceremony.

Kew's Mayor Cr Joe Ormando admires the Victorian fountain in the Alexandra Gardens which was erected to commemorate Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee.



A plaque on the fountain reads: 'This fountain was erected by the borough of Kew in commemoration of her Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria's Jubilee, 21st June, 1887.'

The councillors of the day listed include: E.A. Atkyns, Mayor. J.M. Campbell, H. Ellis, H. Gray JP, H. De.C. Kellett, E. Marshall, F.J. Martin, J. Wilkinson and Holland Loxton, town clerk.

New Home Service

KEW Council has a new home maintenance service designed to cater for the city's aged, disabled residents and families in assessed need, who have difficulty in maintaining their homes and gardens.

The co-ordinator for the new service is Mr Ron Rosman who has set up a similar service for Local Government.

Funding for the service will be ongoing and comes from a combined Federal and State Government commitment to their Home and Community Care program known as HACC. The program is financially supported by Local Government.

In Kew the service will provide minor home repairs as well as gardening, pruning, mowing and general



The co-ordinator for Kew Council's new home maintenance service, Mr Ron Rosman.

maintenance in and outside the home.

Kew Council hopes to extend the service once the level of demand has been established.

The service is available on week days from 9 am-5 pm.

A fee will be charged according to an assessment scale.

For more information about the new service, phone the council's Social Development Department on 862-2466.

New hours

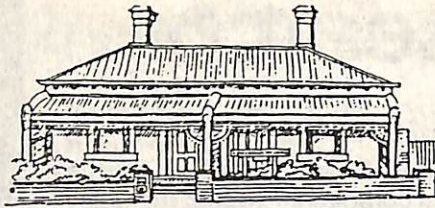
THE Kew Senior Citizens' Centre, cnr of Childers and High St, will be open on Saturdays between 1 and 4 pm for social afternoons from July 4.

Members and non members are welcome.

Afternoon tea will be available.

For more information phone 861-7208.

KEW COMMUNITY HOUSE INC.



Co-ordinator: Judy Price

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



Open House

THE Kew Community House, 6 Derby St, is opening its doors this month to all students, clubs and committees for an inspection of House facilities.

The House can offer a cheap photocopying rate, typewriters for students needing to type essays or others who want to prepare job application resumes and there is even a small, cosy room for those who want to hold a club meeting.

A children's room with plenty of equipment and with its own small kitchen makes an ideal venue for Playgroup.

The rooms are all freshly painted, and are carpeted and heated.

A quick tour of the house reveals a meeting room with the capacity to hold 25 people, several smaller rooms suitable for classes or committee meetings, the childcare room which can hold eight children at play comfortably and provides a neutral spot for toddlers, a well equipped kitchen with enough facilities for meal preparations and a friendly, family room with armchairs and a table.

Disabled people are catered for at the House with ramp access both at the front and the back of the House and a spacious toilet with a handrail.

A minimal charge is made for the use of the facilities which only covers

A migrant English class is conducted in the pleasant surroundings of the Kew Community House. The House facilities are available for public use.

House costs. The charge is \$12 per session for a large room and \$7 for the smaller rooms. The rooms are free to voluntary community groups.

The photocopier is new and efficient. The charge is 10 cents per sheet.

Typewriter use is free. The House has an electric typewriter and two manual ones. There is also a sewing machine available for public use.

Parking is readily available at the House on the vacant block, off High St between the House and the Kentucky Fried Chicken shop.

Facilities at the House are available for public use night and day.

For further information call Judy Price on 862-3126 between 9.15am — 3.15pm on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Judy Price

THE Kew Senior Citizen's Club urgently needs volunteer drivers on Tuesdays for the 1 pm drop off and the 3.30 pm pick up of senior citizens to the club rooms at 533 High St, Kew.

The community bus which holds 12 people is already doing the run twice.

Anyone who thinks they can help should phone 861-6995.

Film Finales

ST Hilary's Anglican Church, 12 John St, is holding the final three of its parenting film nights in June.

The family film nights are based on the Dr Dobson parenting films and include discussions.

They are being held on three consecutive Thursday nights.

On June 4 at 8 pm the film will be *The Family Under Fire* in which Dr Dobson discusses the family in the context of today's society and urges parents to become involved in issues which are part of our daily lives in order to preserve what we most care about — our own families.

On June 11 at 8 pm the film will be *Overcoming a Painful Childhood*. Shirley Dobson recalls memories of her difficult childhood and the influences which brought her to a loving God.

The last film in the series, *The Heritage*, deals with the four traditional values which can help ensure happy, healthy, strengthened homes and family relationships in the years to come.

Panels of suitably qualified people will lead the discussions and it is planned to end the evenings at 10 pm.

Entrance is by donation and refreshments are available.

For more information phone St. Hilary's on 817-4513 between 9-5.

Immunise Soon

THE City of Kew offers free immunisation against Rubella for all adult women, particularly those of child bearing age, on Tuesday, August 4, from 6.30-7.30 pm at the Civic Centre, Hall Three, Charles St, Kew.

Immunisation against diphtheria, tetanus, polio-myelitis, whooping cough and measles/mumps is also available.

The Victorian Health Department is concerned at the low Rubella vaccination rate in the state. In the Bicentennial year the Commonwealth Government will launch a campaign aimed at increasing the vaccination rate from 72 per cent to 90 per cent.

At least 90 per cent of children born deaf-blind have their tragic handicap attributed to Rubella.

Brave Melissa Fights On Two Fronts

BRAVE Melissa Golds, 23, of Kew, has not only overcome leukemia she has also learnt to deal with public ignorance about the signs of her recovery.

Since her bone marrow transplant operation in November last year she has worn a scarf on her head to cover the regrowth of her hair and a mask on her face to prevent her picking up infection during her recovery period.

Her excursions in public have been fraught with difficulty.

"People really turn me off," she said. "When I go shopping people are really rude. They stare and once this man said to me, 'You must be taking the AIDS scare seriously!'"

"Someone else said to my boyfriend, Sandy, 'Do you always take out girls looking like that.'"

But Melissa is a survivor. She plans to go back to school in a year's time.

She discovered she had leukemia only six weeks before her 21st birthday. An active, bright girl who is the middle child in a family of seven children, she experienced "growing pains" at the tops of her legs when she was 20.

The pains went on inconsistently for almost a year then Melissa decided to change her doctor. One blood test later she was diagnosed as having chronic myeloid leukemia.

"I was sent to St Vincent's Hospital and started on a treatment which sent it into remission," Melissa said.

But it was to be a month by month confrontation with the disease for Melissa mostly: "not knowing whether I was coming or going."

"I was sent to a psychiatrist but he didn't help much. It was my family and

boyfriend who supported me," she added.

When Melissa was offered the transplant by research physician in bone marrow transplants, Dr Jeff Szer at the Alfred Hospital, she knew she would have to undergo three days of intense radiation treatment with all the side affects of nausea, diarrhoea, hair loss and mouth ulcers.

"I knew if I wanted to live I was going to have to go through with it," she said.

There were three possible bone marrow donors among her brothers and sisters, but James, 24 was chosen.

"They take a male's marrow if possible, because it's stronger," Melissa said.

James underwent a two hour operation in order to give his sister his bone marrow.

In the meantime, Melissa was being prepared for the transplant. She spent three days at Peter McCallum Hospital, each day having two twenty minute treatments. She was told by the doctors that the radiation dose she received was greater than that which killed people at Chernobyl after the disaster there last year.

"I don't remember much about it because I was on morphia but I do remember the dreadful mouth ulcers," she said.

Since the transplant her progress had been steady. She is confident of a full recovery.

Her mother, Mrs Jennifer O'Connor, said there are transplant patients in the United States who are living and well 15 years after having their operations.



Kew's Melissa Golds — a pioneer in Australian bone marrow transplants.

Car Thefts

THE Kew Neighbourhood Watch Committee reports that there were 28 thefts of Pioneer stereo systems from Ford cars in Kew in February.

The committee asks Kew residents to call the police immediately if they see any signs of suspicious activity.

While household burglaries fell to nil during the month, police statistics reveal that car thefts are rising by 20 per cent each year.

A car thief can break into a car in 10 seconds and be on the move in under a minute, the committee claims.

Neighbourhood Watch has located a Mr Phil More, of Carnegie, who will etch the car's registration number on the window for a nominal fee of \$15 at his address or \$30 at a Kew address.

If the car is stolen for resale the glass is expensive to replace and if whole sets of new glass were bought regularly then the dealers' suspicions would be aroused.

A further warning from the committee concerns credit cards and the danger of leaving them in the car glovebox. *Neighbourhood Watch is a police program and does not endorse or recommend any particular products. Beware of door to door salesmen claiming that their product is supported by Neighbourhood Watch.

Library

KEW's busy library has ended its telephone extension service for overdue books.

But the borrowing period has been increased from two to three weeks to four or five weeks.

Requests for loan extensions can now only be made at the library.

Dystrophy Contact

THE Muscular Dystrophy Association of Victoria Inc. promotes, represents and supports the special needs of those affected by muscular dystrophy and other neuromuscular diseases.

The contact for the Association is Boris Struk, phone 375-4560. PO Box 182, Ascot Vale, 3032.

Footy news

KEW has made a successful start in the 1987 Victorian Amateur Football Association season.

The Seniors have had four wins, the Reserves, three, and Club XVIII, four.

The Seniors share the top spot on the ladder with Old Melburnians whom they will play in round nine on June 13 at Victoria Park, Kew. So far the Seniors have defeated last year's finalists, Thomastown and M.H.O.S.B. by 10 and 11 goals respectively.

Vice-captain, Mathew Cavanagh, Rover, Joey Busuttill and half back flanker, Adrian Jenkins, have all been selected to represent the Victorian Amateur Football Association. The Club is extremely proud of these three, talented footballers and wishes them all the best for their match in Canberra on the Queen's Birthday weekend.

After a lack-lustre loss to M.H.O.S.B. the Reserves have had strong wins against aspiring finalists, Thomastown and Hampton Rovers. Coach Ken Rowland is pleased with their success so far.

Not to be outdone, Club XVIII has beaten Port Colts, Collegians and GTV9, all strong teams, and now heads the G grade ladder.

Club president Ted Kelly, hopes that the Club's success so early in the season will promote the Club's image.

Despite the fact that the Kew Football Club is 90 years old, it became apparent during a recent sponsorship drive that many residents were unaware of the Club's existence.

Any reader who can supply information about the Club's early days should contact the Club Secretary, Mick Bollman on 818-6536 (ah) or 653-0481 (bh).

Deadline

Kewriosity is produced by the Information Officer for the City of Kew and a community based Editorial Committee. Copy for the July issue should reach the Municipal Offices by June 3.

Keeping You Informed



EDUCATION for most people doesn't end when they leave school or graduate from a tertiary institution. The learning process continues as we generate new skills and improve existing talents in the work environment. In the present age of technological change and a reduced demand for unskilled labour, the need to adapt to new conditions is appreciated by workers who wish to reduce their chances of becoming unemployed. Homemakers and retired people often wish to explore new avenues, such as learning a musical instrument or a foreign language. Others returning to the work-force, perhaps after raising a family, may need to regain their former competence in typing, shorthand or book-keeping.

A wide variety of opportunities exists in the community to satisfy almost every demand for educational programmes. Your local Citizens Advice Bureau has information files covering a broad range of schools, institutes and colleges which cater for every age group from school children to the most senior of citizens. If you are thinking of broadening your knowledge and would like to talk to one of our volunteers, just call at the Bureau any week-day between 10 am and 3 pm. The Bureau is at the rear of the City Hall, opposite the Library, or you can telephone on 861-5244.

Kew PMs

KEW Historical Society member, Mr Alva Allen, recalled in the Society's April newsletter that Kew has provided Australia with three prime ministers.

Mr Allen remembered the late Billy Hughes who lived in Cotham Rd, Kew, between Belmont Ave and Uvadale Gve. Billy's enthusiasm for golf was not always matched by his ability, according to the report.

The late Sir Robert Menzies lived at 10 Howard St and his parents later lived in Wellington St.

Mr Allen was an electrician and met Sir Robert when he went to the Wellington St house to do some repairs.

Council Briefs

WORLD Environment Day will be marked in Kew on June 7 at the Willsmere Billabong with a BBQ and some tree planting.

Kew Council and the Department of Conservation, Forests and Lands are sharing in the provision of food and drinks.

The day is open to all park users and interested people.

A TENDER from Mattioli Bros. Pty. Ltd. for painting the inside of the new Kew Library has been accepted by Kew Council.

THE Kew Citizens' Band has received a \$1500 grant from Kew Council.

THE first stage of building works for Gabren Investments, 414-420 High St, Kew was considered dangerous by the Kew Council's building surveyor.

The Council has insisted that the excavation be made secure within 21 days.

KEW received its six yearly visit from the Road Construction Authority on May 20.

KEW Library will be closed from June 1-June 21 to allow for the move from the old library building in the Civic Centre — across to the new, renovated library in the old Kew town hall.

To help with the move borrowers are asked to borrow as many books as they require to cover the closed period and return their books after June 21 to the new library.

Volunteers to help on particular days will be welcomed. To make your offer of help please phone 861-6745 before June 1.

An after hours chute will be available for returned books at the new library and it will be open throughout the closed period. No borrowed books will fall due during the closed period.

Kew residents who wish to use a photocopier should make use of the one in the foyer of the Council offices.

And there was and still is, Gough Whitlam, the radical Labor prime minister of the 1970's, who lived in Stevenson St.