

# KEWRIOSITY

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## Sonja Pays Tribute in Kew Garden



KEW'S Mayor Cr Joe Ormando and the executive director of the Raoul Wallenberg Association, Mrs Sonja Sonnenfeld, paid tribute to the World War 2 hero, Swedish diplomat, Raoul Wallenberg, on a visit to the Raoul Wallenberg Garden in Kew.  
● Picture Ian Stewart, Leader Newspapers.

**KEW Council's hard won battle for the establishment of the Raoul Wallenberg Garden, cnr High and Princess Sts, had official acknowledgement on March 17 with a visit from the executive director of the Raoul Wallenberg Association, Mrs Sonja Sonnenfeld.**

Mrs Sonnenfeld is a close friend of the hero Wallenberg's brother and sister in Sweden. She has devoted her life to his repatriation.

Raoul Wallenberg was a Swedish diplomat in Hungary during World War 2.

He was responsible for saving many Jewish lives at tremendous personal risk, through his safe houses

and protective passports which gave some of the persecuted, temporary Swedish nationality.

A hero to the end, he went with the Soviets to the provisional Hungarian Government on January 17, 1945, to discuss relief work and has not been seen in the West since.

In all, it is claimed he saved almost 100,000 Jewish lives.

Former Kew Mayor and ardent campaigner for the park as an acknowledgement of Wallenberg's services to mankind, Cr Jill O'Brien, said Mrs Sonnenfeld was "delighted" to see the park in such a prominent position in Kew.

"She was most moved to see it," Cr O'Brien said, "And pleased that Kew Council had taken the initiative in naming the Garden after him."

Mayor Cr Joe Ormando went with Mrs Sonnenfeld to the Garden.

"I was always a supporter, in favor of the Garden and I think it was a terrific idea naming it after a brave man who went out on a limb to help his fellow man," he said. "Even today people can benefit from the example he set."

"This is the only Garden in Victoria named after him and I'm proud to have it in our city," he added.

Kew Council lobbied the Road Construction Authority and the State Place Names Committee to achieve its desire of naming the Garden after Wallenberg.

The Garden was opened by the Swedish Ambassador to Australia, Mr Lars Hedstrom, in May 1984. The Leader of the Democrats at that time, Senator Don Chipp who campaigned to have the Nobel Prize for Peace awarded to Wallenberg, gave an address.

A bust of Wallenberg by sculptor Karl Duldig has been erected in the Garden. Recently a card with "To the bravest man in the world" written on it was found on the bust.

Mrs Sonnenfeld was the guest of the chairman of the Free Wallenberg Committee in Australia during her stay.

The Mayor and Cr O'Brien agreed that she was adamant in her belief that Raoul Wallenberg, now 75, was mentally well and still a prisoner of the Soviets.

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# Dates for May

**May 1** Tennis classes concentrating on teaching and revising the basic tennis strokes are being held at the Kew Tennis Club, Adeney Ave, from May 1-June 26 from 10 am-11.30 am. each Friday.

Social games of tennis will be played to reinforce the learning process. Teaching will be appropriate to the level and experience of those taking part. Costs are \$26 or a \$20 concession.

The tennis classes are part of the City of Kew's community recreation program.

**May 2** Kew Football Club v Hampton Rovers Reserve (11.45 am.)

Seniors (2 pm) at Victoria Park.

**May 6** A Community House walk to Dight Falls on the Yarra has been arranged.

The bus will leave the Kew Community House, 6 Derby St, at 1 pm. sharp.

**May 8** ENJOY good music, food and fellowship at the East Kew Uniting Church's music and dinner evening at 7 pm.

The church is in Normanby Rd, East Kew. Entry fee \$6 a head. For more information phone 859-5477.

**May 9** A Quiz Night will be held at 7.30 pm. in the East Kew Catholic Tennis Club.

Bookings singly or for tables of eight to ten can be made by phoning 859-5508.

**May 13** THE Kew Historical Society is holding a meeting at 8 pm. in the City Hall meeting room three, Cotham Rd, Kew.

A speaker from the Royal Guide Dogs for the Blind Association of Australia will bring a guide dog to the meeting and a film will be shown.

Visitors are welcome. For more information phone Sue Leong on 817-4660.

**May 13** THE Hyde Park Uniting Church Fellowship will meet and hold a display of Tongan handcrafts at 2 pm. at the Church, 152 Pakington Street.

**May 14** THE Kew Garden Club will meet at 8 pm. in the Senior Citizens' Centre, cnr High and Childers Sts.

The topic will be rose growing.

**May 19** THE Kew Philharmonic Society will present their first subscription concert for 1987 in the Paton Memorial Uniting Church, Burke Rd, Deepdene, at 8 pm.

For more information phone Mrs Fouvry on 817-1881 or Mrs Stokes on 817-3186.

**May 20** THE Kew Legacy Widows' Club will meet in the RSL Hall, 63 Cotham Rd, at 11 am.

All Legacy widows are welcome.

For more information phone the president on 859-2346 after 5 pm. or the secretary on 859-2097.

**May 25** Mr Kevin Herman will speak about fertilizers at the meeting of the Daytime Garden Club at 1.30 pm. at the Senior Citizens' Centre, cnr High and Childers Sts.

For more information phone 859-2977.

**May 28** THE Kew Planning for Early Retirement Group will hold its next quarterly meeting at 8 pm. in the Hall Three, Kew Civic Centre. Building consultant, Mr Ted Hayes, will speak about dual occupancy.

All non members are welcome too.

**May 28** THE Kew Self Help Group of The Arthritis Foundation is holding a meeting at 10.30 am. at the Senior Citizens' Centre, cnr High and Childers St, Kew.

The speaker will be from Perennial Dresses.

All visitors are welcome. Morning tea is provided. For more information phone 862-2021 or 836-8794.

**May 23** Kew Football Club — Club XVIII (11.45am) at Victoria Park.

**May 30** Kew Football Club — Club XVIII (11.45am) at Victoria Park.

## notices

### Family Films

**ST HILARY'S Anglican Church, John St, Kew, is hosting a series of six film and discussion nights starting on May 14.**

The aim of the series is to present parents with ideas and an understanding of behaviour problems of children today.

Times and dates for the films are:

• Thursday, May 14 at 8 pm. Film one:

A Father Looks Back in which Dr Dobson emphasises how quickly time passes and appeals to all parents to turn their hearts towards home during the all important child rearing days.

• Thursday, May 21 at 8 pm. Film two:

Power in Parenting — The Young Child gives practical help for facing the battlegrounds in child rearing including bedtime, mealtime and other confrontations so familiar to parents.

• Thursday, May 28 at 8 pm. Film three:

Power of Parenting — The Adolescent tells of the importance of the father/daughter and mother/son relationship in growing up as healthy individuals. The aim is to encourage healthy relationships.

The films and discussion will end by 10 pm. Coffee and tea will be served. Entrance is by donation.

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

**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

## Integration Project to be ongoing

**KEW's Integration Project** which became a reality in March 1986 is a positive and exciting initiative.

The work already done on the project has highlighted the recreation needs of people with disabilities and identified barriers to their access to mainstream recreational opportunities.

The project aimed at establishing a grass roots, community network as a way of ensuring that it was on-going. This has been done with the community based committee chaired by Cr Moira Jeffreys which is continuing to help people with disabilities in Kew who want to take part in recreation.

Kew was chosen by the Inner Eastern Region Recreation Planning Group for the pilot program because it has a large number of schools, institutions and agencies for the disabled.

Another point in Kew's favor was that the recreation officer has an ideological commitment to the equitable provision of services for the disabled.

A part time, project officer was appointed for six months. His appointment was backed financially by the Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation.



**Cr Joe Orlando  
Mayor**

His brief was to assist in the changing of community attitudes towards disabled people and their need for recreation, to contact people with disabilities and to promote community networking and sharing.

At least 90 recreation and sports clubs were approached and 34 people registered their support for the project.

For my part, I cannot stress strongly enough what an important issue the Recreation Integration Project is.

I want to bring it to the notice of all Kew residents so that they can support and promote the project.



## Children's Services

THERE are still vacancies for parents on the Kew Children's Services' Consultative Committee following the March AGM.

The committee exists for Kew children and families and parental representation is essential.

Issues to be dealt with this year include the development of a children's services' policy and the organisation of a newsletter.

The committee meets on the first Tuesday of each month at the Strathalbyn St Infant Welfare Centre, East Kew.

Contributions to the newsletter are always welcome. For more information phone Krista on 817-2576 or Alison 859-2585.

## Weights have a watchdog

**KEWRIOSITY** readers who are short changed by weight when buying goods can appeal to the East Central Weights and Measures Union in Rose St, Hawthorn.

If you suspect that an item weighs less than it should then you can call the Union, known as the Silent Achievers, and they will investigate your claim.

The Weights and Measures Union was established by a group of Councils to protect consumers, retailers, wholesalers and manufacturers from errors in weighing, measuring and packaging of goods.

Kew is one of the 12 Councils in the eastern suburbs supporting the Union. Kew's representative is Cr Maree Williams.



The Union has four full-time inspectors covering a population of 602,000

with 4000 traders' premises subject to their inspection.

By law all weights, measures, weighing and measuring instruments have to be checked for accuracy at regular intervals and stamped with a verification mark.

The Union maintains a constant watch on pricing per unit of articles including meat at so much per kilogram, the correct weight and packaging of items including milk, beer, custard and oils.

Any false statements concerning weights, volume, measure of length, price per unit or labelling of articles can be dealt with by the Union.

For more information about the Union phone the chief inspector, Mr Ron Castledine on 813-2630.



Members of the Kew Philharmonic Society are pictured rehearsing. The Society will present its first subscription concert for the year in the Paton Memorial Uniting Church, Burke Rd, on May 19 at 8pm.

## Wasps. Beware

**KEW'S Health Services Department recommends the use of Baygon Household Insecticide Dust for the treatment of concealed or underground European wasps' nests.**

The dust should be shaken into the nest and gardening gloves should be worn.

Fruit, confectionery, soft drinks, meat, perfumed cosmetics, light clothing and the odors from jam-making are all especially appealing to European wasps.

All nests near houses and schools should be destroyed.

The fastest and easiest treatment for a wasp sting is the application of ice.

The Department warns that all labels on insecticides must be read carefully before use.

## Workers needed

**THE Department of Community Services' protective service unit is desperately in need of trained and experienced social workers.**

The unit which covers Camberwell, Hawthorn, Doncaster, Box Hill, Waverley and Kew intervenes in cases of child abuse.

The positions have been advertised several times but no one has applied.

Mrs Avis Meddings who works with the unit said the social workers were required to work with the families and help them survive.

The workers needed a high stress level, she said.

Anyone who thinks they can help should phone the senior protective officer, Mr Bill Davey, on 882-8193 BH.

## Police to stay

**POLICE Commander Ian Game from the William St headquarters has denied the Kew Police Station could be closed down.**

Commander Game said: "There's a certain amount of intrigue going on at the moment but there has been no suggestion that Kew should be closed from within the police force."

"It's never been discussed or contemplated", he said.

The Kew station has a divisional van operating 24 hours a day and employs 29 men.

Kew Council has strongly defended the need for the station and has said that any closure or downgrading would be short sighted. In a statement the Council said that the station provided Kew residents with a feeling of security and acted as a deterrent to crime.

Kew residents have close co-operative ties with their local police as the establishment of 10 Neighbourhood Watch groups in the city signifies.

Kew's Mayor Cr Joe Ormando urged the Ministry of Police to think carefully about any proposed closure of the Kew station.

"Without doubt there is a shortage of manpower in the Police Force, but the closure of small police stations may not be the most effective means of redressing the situation," he said.

"The psychological benefit of knowing the police station is just around the corner must not be underestimated," he said.

## Making plans

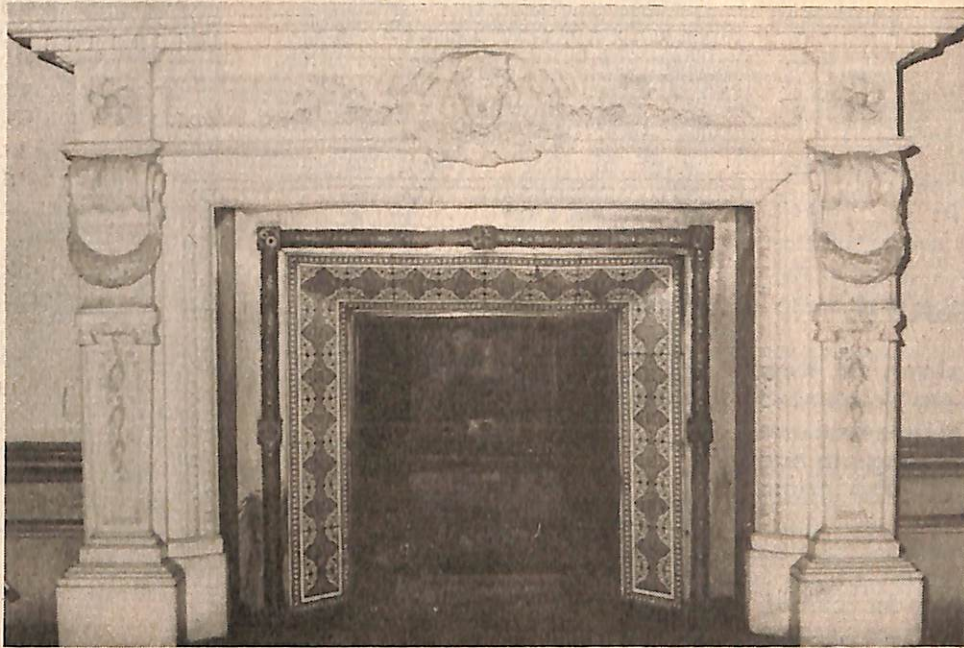
KEW Council's social development officer, Mr John Cleary, will discuss Planning for Kew on May 13 at 11am in the Community House, 6 Derby St, Kew.

Everyone is welcome.

## Deadline

*Kewriosity* is produced by the Information Officer for the City of Kew and a community based Editorial Committee. Copy for the May issue should reach the Municipal Offices by May 4.

## Successful Villa Fair raises funds



*This superb fireplace is an example of some of the restoration work which has already been carried out at Villa Alba.*

● Photograph: Peter Huggins, Kew Council.

**KEW scored an Australian first with the first, major, restoration trade fair held in the historic mansion, Villa Alba, Walmer St, on April 4 and 5.**

The fair was opened by the Minister for the Arts, Mr Race Mathews, on April 5 at 10 am.

The fair was held at the beginning of the nationally, acknowledged Heritage Week.

Villa Alba was chosen as the venue because it is so rich in examples of nineteenth century, interior decoration work.

The mansion which dates from the 1860's was built for the general manager of the Colonial Bank of Australasia, Mr William Greenlaw. It is one of the few, surviving examples of the brilliant, interior decorating style carried out by the Melbourne firm, Paterson Brothers.

Their work in stencil, gilding and hand painting can be seen in the scenes from the Waverley Novels which adorn the Villa's dining room and the putti in the hall frieze showing the practise of photography and cricket as it was then.

The Villa Alba Preservation Committee organised the fair as a fund

raising venture to raise money for the Villa's restoration.

The committee hopes that the Villa will become a decorative arts, resource centre under the auspices of the Museum of Victoria.

If the plan goes ahead Villa Alba will help meet the public demand for information about Victorian and Edwardian decorative finishes and techniques. At present there is no facility for the public seeking independent advice on craftsmanship from the two periods or on modern, reproduction products.

The recovery and restoration of Villa Alba will provide an educational resource for students, apprentices and the public, particularly those involved in the restoration of old houses.

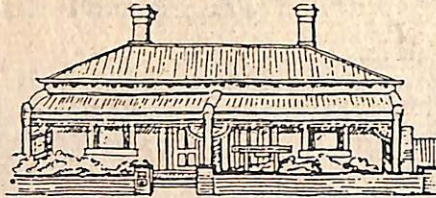
The committee hopes that the trade fair was only the first of many occasions when craftsmen, retailers and Villa Alba would come together and share their talents for preservation and restoration.

The Villa Alba Preservation Committee raised \$15,000 through the trade fair.

The exhibitors were:

- Full Circle, Hawthorn, suppliers of restoration materials and goods.
- Picton Hopkins Australia Pty. Ltd, Preston, reproduction plasterers.
- Wilson Fabrics and Wallcoverings, Notting Hill,
- Wardlaw and Co. Ltd, Hawthorn, fabrics and wallpapers.
- Marvelley Interior Decoration, Bayswater.
- Mrs D. Lamb, Hawthorn, paperhangings.
- National Trust Bookshop.
- Manfax Paint Spot, Fitzroy.
- Haymes Paint and Wallpaper, Ballarat.
- Laura Ashley (Australia) Pty. Ltd, South Melbourne.
- Mr Janusz Kuzbicki, Clifton Hill, stained and leadlight glass work.
- Kosinova Thorn, Hawthorn, consultant conservators.
- Mrs S. Forge, Malvern, wallpapers and fabrics.
- Heritage Restorations, Balwyn.
- Mr William Khoury, East Brunswick, woodcarving.
- Mr Aldo Pierini, Balwyn, guilders and carver.
- Clunies-Ross Interiors Pty. Ltd, South Yarra.
- The Colonial Light Company, McLeod.

# KEW COMMUNITY HOUSE INC.



Co-ordinator: Judy Price

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## First Impressions

**MY early impressions of Kew Community House are dominated by the possibilities of the place and the wonderfully wide range in age group of the people who come along.**

The freshly, renovated kitchen and community rooms seem to be a particularly good set up for cooking classes and while the backyards of the houses, No. 6 and No. 8, look like the far side of the moon at present, there is great scope for a creative, outdoor area for the children in childcare.

We have plans for a good bike path and a sunny, winter corner which will include a sandpit.

An example of the age range became evident when we prepared 1,000 beef satay sticks for our fund raising effort during the Kew Festival. Our volunteers ranged from young mums with toddlers and babies to 70 year olds, Rose and Harry, who list the conversational Italian class run at the House, as their hobby.

Another positive plus for me has been to walk into the childcare area run by pre-school teacher, Virginia Kemp, who works to a totally, flexible program. She provides childcare as its needed when people book into the courses.

Nearly all the courses are run by volunteers which keeps costs down so look carefully at what we are offering. You won't get it cheaper elsewhere!

- There are places available for
- Painting — May 4 (6 weeks) from 1-3 pm, experimental art classes using mixed media. \$18.
- Pasta making — May 12 (1 week) from 9.30 am-11.30 pm. \$5.
- Relaxation — May 14 (4 weeks) from 9.45-11.15 am, gentle, yoga exercises to loosen up tight muscles. \$12.
- Patchwork cushions — May 28 (3 weeks) 9.30-11.30 am. \$9.

And at least 15 people are needed to take part in an assertiveness training, goal setting and coping with change course which is planned for eight weeks from May 6 from 7.30-9.30 pm. at a cost of \$24.



Judy Price

Please book early for this course. It is open to individuals and small groups.

I invite all Kew residents to call in and inspect me and/or the House on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays between 9.15 am-3.15 pm.



## Help in the Garden

**RESEARCHER Jennie Churchill is preparing a book on the well known, Australian, landscape designer, Edna Walling.**

She is keen to track down the present owners and correct addresses of her gardens, some designed as early as 1930.

In particular she needs information about a garden designed for a Mrs T.A. Patterson in Barry St, Kew. The date is unknown. And for gardens designed for Miss Lucy Swanston of Kew in 1932 and for Mr S. Cunningham, Studley Ave, Kew.

Anyone who has any information about the gardens should write to: Jennie Churchill, C/- information Officer, Kew Council, Municipal Offices, Charles St, KEW.



## Letters

Dear Readers,

Perhaps you go everywhere by car, and never use the footpath.

If so, you may not realise that your shrubs and trees are a nuisance and a hazard to those who do.

In wet weather one can get a dousing from low branches; there is sometimes not even room for an umbrella.

It is required by Council regulations that shrubs be cut back to the fence

line, and to three metres above the ground.

Barbara Giles  
Kew  
Kewriosity Editorial  
Committee member

\*KEWRIOSITY welcomes letters to the paper. Letters for June should be addressed to:

Kewriosity,  
Information Officer,  
Kew Municipal Offices,  
Charles Street,  
KEW, 3101.





## Stained Glass Window on view in May

**A STAINED glass window called Four Seasons and created by artist Alan Sumner will be the focal point of the new Kew library.**

Kew librarian Alex Tarr anticipated that the window which will effectively filter light from the four seasons into the new building, would be in place by the end of May.

The move into the new \$767,000 library should be completed by the end of June, he said.

The old library housed under the Kew Civic Centre had 600m<sup>2</sup> of floor space. The new library has 1200m<sup>2</sup> to accommodate the city's 90,000 books.

"Interesting aspects about Kew's library are that the residents read

more books per head of population than any other group in Victoria so it's a very busy library," Mr Tarr said. "And we have the only family history resource collection of its kind housed in the library."

These facilities as well as a new personal computer and new listening posts will be more accessible in the new library.

The window and the pleasant outlook from the new library across the park are the two most attractive features of the new building, Mr Tarr said.

"We are going to set up a leisure reading area with the newspapers and magazines so that people can enjoy

**Council meeting times for May:**

12 Standing Committee 7.30

19 General Purposes

Committee 7.30

26 Council 8.00

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

**THE installation of the stained glass window, Four Seasons, which commemorates Kew's 125th anniversary as a city should be complete by the end of May.**

The window is being installed in the east wall of Kew's new library in the converted town hall in Cotham Rd.

Three metres in diameter with a central and four outer panels, the window depicts autumn in yellow and brown, winter in blue and mauve, richly colored spring and the warm, vivid colors of summer.

The window will be spot lit at night.

the view of the park," he added.

All of the old library's shelving and furniture will be moved across into the new library.

The move will be the second for Mr Tarr who has been Kew's librarian for the past 15 years. He spent six months in Kew library when it stood on the Safeway site, Walpole St, before moving to the Civic Centre.

Parts of the old town hall have been converted to house the Kew Citizens Advice Bureau, the Kew Toy Library and the Kew Historic Society.

Access to the new library is from Cotham Rd or from the service road which runs off Cotham Rd between the Civic Centre and the library.

## Footy news

**THE Kew senior team maintained their record as a top local side when they defeated Balwyn in a recent practice game at Balwyn Park.**

Kew led all day only to see Balwyn using the wind and their home ground knowledge to their advantage and steal the lead in the hectic last quarter.

Goals by Brett Burden and Mark McColl saved the day and Balwyn regained the lead.

Strong defence by the Love brothers, Ken, Rowland and Robert saw Kew win by two points.

The reserves recorded a fine win of over seven goals with Mick Peric, Victor Wong, Danny Lewis and Brian Irwin showing out.

Club XV111 recorded a 15 goal win against a depleted Old Xavier side.

After fine practice form from the three Kew teams we can enter the season with confidence providing our players take this notion of success into home and away rounds.

President of the Kew Football Club Mr Ted Kelly praised the club's new Captain/Coach Brett Burden at the recent jumper presentation night.

By new innovative training and fitness routines Brett had created a strong team and club spirit, Mr Kelly said.

This was demonstrated in Kew's win against Balwyn after which it became the best local team and in the large attendances at training and social functions.

Club contact: Mick Bollman 818-6536 AH; 63-0481 BH; 817-1118 pavilion.

### MORE DATES . . .

**May 9** Kew Football Club — Club XV111 (11.45 am.) at Victoria Park.

**May 16** Kew Football Club v Old Brighton Reserves (11.45am.) Seniors (2pm.) at Victoria Park.

**May 23** Kew Football Club — Club XVIII (11.45am.) at Victoria Park.

**May 30** Kew Football Club — Club XV111 (11.45 am.) at Victoria Park.



## Free Files

**THE Kew Citizens' Advice Bureau based in City Hall near the library entrance, offers more than just practical help for problems.**

The Bureau is also an information service and has on its files all kinds of information which could help Kew residents organise all kinds of occasions.

Whether it be a marriage, graduation, birthday party or golden wedding the Bureau has information about Kew's catering services, halls and venues available for hire and their capacities, entertainers including clowns, ventriloquists and musical groups.

The Bureau is open each week day from 10 am until 3 pm and is staffed by friendly volunteers who are willing to help with Kew residents' needs.

And a free legal service is available at the Bureau on Tuesday evenings between 7.30 and 9 pm.

For more information phone 861-5244 between the hours mentioned above.

### Tenancy

The relationship between Landlord and Tenant has always been one with a potential for friction. Both have clearly defined privileges and responsibilities and if differences arise it is better that they be resolved without recourse to litigation.

Details of legislation covering most aspects of tenancy are available at the Citizens' Advice Bureau and, if you need legal advice, a solicitor can be consulted without charge. The Bureau is open for enquiries on all matters from 10am to 3pm daily from Monday to Friday, and the free legal service is available each Tuesday evening between 7.30 and 9pm. No appointment is needed and telephone enquiries can be made by calling 861-5244. The Bureau is located at the rear of the City Hall directly opposite the Library.

## Kew Municipal Library



## Your Free Public Library Service

### Kew Library offers patrons

RED Cross volunteers deliver books to homebound or permanently hospitalised patrons. The Council bus visits the Library regularly bringing those borrowers who are unable to get to the Library any other way. For information on these services enquire at the Library.

### Hours of Opening

Monday-Thursday .....	10.30-9.00
Friday .....	10.30-6.00
Saturday .....	9.00-12.00
Sunday .....	2.00-5.00
Telephone: 861 6745; 861 6530.	