

# KEWRIOSITY

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Charles St., Kew, 3101

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## School's in at Kew Council



*Deepdene Primary School's Grade 6 take over the steps of the Municipal Offices.*

Groups from MLC, Deepdene and Sacred Heart Primary Schools have visited the Council over the last few weeks.

The year 10 girls from MLC were interested in career options in Local Government. They saw a video detailing the wide variety of jobs available and talked to council officers about their responsibilities.

Deepdene's grade six students had a guided tour and, seated in the Council Chamber, showed how well informed they were about this level of government. They were so enthusiastic that they followed their visit with attendance at a Council meeting, to see the decision makers at work.

For the grade 3s at Sacred Heart, talking to the Traffic Officer and hearing his radio and viewing the mayoral robes and chains at close quarters, were the highlights.

All groups agreed that learning about Local Government can be fun!

If you would like to arrange a tour of the Municipal Offices for your school or community group, contact the Information Officer, Susan Schwartz, on 862 2466.

## Who reads Kewriosity?

Kew Council is curious about *Kewriosity* readers. In an attempt to discover more about them and whether they find the newsletter interesting, a telephone survey of Kew residents was carried out in October 1985 by post-graduate students completing the Graduate Diploma in Urban Sociology at Swinburne Institute of Technology.

Kew telephone numbers were selected at random from the Telecom Community phone book and a total of 367 calls were attempted. Of these calls, 266 resulted in successful interviews.

The survey found that almost two-thirds of readers glanced through the newsletter, reading those sections which were of particular interest to them. Most interest was shown in the council information, general articles and community notices. Letters to the Editor and the Youth Page were found to be of least interest. Most people saw the major advantage of *Kewriosity* as being the providing of local information and the fostering of a sense of community.

The typical reader is an older female, long-term resident. Only 14% commented that they did not read it at all.

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# 2 Dates for April

- 5** **Treasure Fair** at Kew Baptist Church Hall, 20A Highbury Grove and the car park at the rear of the hall at 23 Mary Street, between 9.00am and 2.00pm. Treasures on sale include stamps from a private collector's album and good used furniture and clothing. Refreshments available.
- 6** **"Let's Bake and Cook"**, a collection of delicious tried and tested recipes compiled by the Ladies' Auxiliary at Leo Baeck Centre, 32-35 Harp Road, will be launched by Rita Erlich, of The Age at 7.30pm.
- 8** **Friends of Kew Library** will meet in the small hall of the Kew Civic Centre at 8.00pm. Speaker: Mr J.S. Hamilton, President of the Victorian Fellowship of Australian Writers, on "Writers' Views of Libraries". Visitors and potential members welcome.
- 9** **Hyde Park Uniting Church Fellowship**, at 2.00pm. Speaker from the Tally Ho Youth Services.
- 10** **Kew Garden Club**, at the Senior Citizens' Centre, at 8.00pm. Topic: African Violets.
- 14** **Kew High Chaplaincy Committee** Annual General Meeting, 8.00pm at Kew High School library. Speaker: Deaconess Pat Potter, Deputy Director of C.C.E.S.
- 15** **Inner East Foster Care** information night. Hawthorn Recreation Centre, Linda Crescent, 7.45pm.
- 19** **Working Bee** at the Community House, 10.00am to 3.00pm.  
**Exhibition: The Rare and the Beautiful**, at the Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver, 154 Cotham Road, Kew. 10.00am to 4.30pm on Saturday and Sunday. Most exhibits for sale; donations welcomed and should be delivered to the Convent.
- 24** **Kew Arthritis Self Help Group**, 10.30am, Senior Citizens' Centre. Speaker: Teresa Farthing on the M.M.B.W. promotion of parks and gardens. Visitors welcome. Contact 862 2021 or 818 4644.
- 28** **Daytime Gardening Club**. Speaker: Herman Fitz, on bulbs. Senior Citizens' Centre, cnr High and Childers Streets, 1.30pm.

## notices

### Toastmasters

■ Guide Dogs Toastmasters Club meets at the National Guide Dog and Mobility Centre, Chandler Hwy, Kew on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month at 7.30 pm.

Our aim is to learn to speak with confidence and to develop our leadership skills. Despite those serious goals our meetings are conducted in a manner that you will find enjoyable.

Please come along, meet us and find out for yourself just what goes on. You will be very welcome.

For more details please contact Eamonn Moran on 859 3517 (AH).

### The Friends of Kew Cottages need your help!!

■ The Friends of Kew Cottages are in need of people willing to assist them by sewing, knitting, jam making, cake baking etc. etc. These goods are needed for sale at the Cottages Annual Fete, local festivals, and community caravans, to raise funds to improve the quality of life of cottage residents.

All materials can be provided and donations would be gratefully appreciated.

If you think you can help or would like to work as a volunteer, please ring Karen on 862 1189.

### A second chance at basic education for local adults

■ For some years two free courses have been offered to adults who want to have a fresh try at basic education, particularly those who were early school leavers. These are arranged through the Community Access Unit at Swinburne College of TAFE.

For those who want to work on English for everyday, English Workshops are offered in cycles of ten weeks. In these a small group of adults work on writing, spelling and discussion skills for two hour sessions. They are held on Wednesday evenings or Monday mornings.

Some adults don't feel ready to work in a group, but want to update their basic reading, writing and spelling first. For them individual sessions with a volunteer tutor can be arranged, either in the day or evening. (Both these programs assume that the student can speak English fluently.)

Individual needs can be discussed with Robyn Thomas or Mary Sutherland on 819 8816.

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### Australian Plant Group

■ No evening meeting this month but members are reminded of the intention to investigate Society for Growing Australian Plants meetings. Phone 817 2255 or 861 9484 for details.

### Leo Baeck Centre

■ Shabbat eve services are held each Friday at 8.00pm, except for the last Friday in the month when there is a family service commencing at 6.15pm. For enquiries, ring 859 8175.

### New number

■ The new number for Wurundjeri Industries, a home help and gardening service provided by mentally disabled people from Kew Cottages, is 861 5820.

### Kew Senior Citizens

■ Could you please assist the Senior Citizens by donating unused hard or paperback books to their club library? If you are unable to drop them in to 533 High Street, phone 817 1620 and they will be collected.



# update

## notes from council

### Commentary

Local Government has taken a united stand in support of the move to give formal recognition to this third tier of government in the Australian Constitution.

This proposal, which was supported at the 1985 Session of the Australian Constitution Convention, is seen as highly significant for the future of Local Government.

The Convention recommended that a clause be inserted into the Constitution recognizing the responsibilities and rights of Local Government. As well, the Convention proposed that the Commonwealth and States consider enacting legislation to ensure that fair and reasonable local government rates can be applied to government properties.

These properties are at present rate exempt if they are untenanted, and legislating for rateability would contribute markedly to the revenue security of municipalities and their ability to execute their powers with confidence.

This is particularly relevant for Kew where there are a number of government properties, most notably Willsmere Hospital.

An amendment to the Constitution would be consistent with the Commonwealth's stated commitment to strengthen the capacity and raise the status of Local Government.

The role of Local Government has changed dramatically from the maintenance and construction of roads, drainage and rubbish collection, as was originally envisaged for it prior to Federation.

Today, a relatively smaller proportion of total revenue is spent in these ways and far more in such areas as recreation and human services, where increasing responsibilities have devolved on to the municipality.

Local Government is an informed and responsible decision-maker, acting in the interests of developing the community and its resources. It is an effective provider and co-ordinator of public services at the local level and it represents its community to other governments and the wider society.

Local Government is also both a direct and indirect contributor to the nation's economic development as employer of labour, producer and consumer of goods, investor and borrower and developer of land.

Local Government is a system of government in its own right. It does, in practice, participate as a partner in the political decision-making of the Federation and Constitutional recognition would formally proclaim the significance of this partnership.

In December, 1985, the Commonwealth formed a Commission to look into the Australian Constitutional Convention's recommendations. Two of its members have Kew connections: Sir Rupert Hamer, former member for our state electorate, and Haddon Storey, MLC for East Yarra Province. The Commission is not state-based and is to report its findings by June 30th, 1988.

While some difficulties are anticipated in the framing of the proposed constitutional amendment, there is widespread enthusiasm at all levels for the recognition of the importance of Local Government. It is hoped that this change in the Constitution will be achieved by referendum in the period leading up to the Bicentennial Year.

#### Council meeting dates for April

- 8 General Purposes Committee 7.30pm
- 15 COUNCIL 8.00pm
- 22 Standing Committees 7.30pm
- 29 General Purposes Committee 7.30pm

Meetings are held in the Committee Rooms at the Municipal Offices in Charles Street and are open to the public.

#### Some spare hours to fill??

The Kew Community Bus would welcome the assistance of "jockeys" to help our senior citizens board and alight safely.

Jockeys are required every second Monday from 1.30pm to 4.15pm and every second Wednesday from 9.00am to 11.00am.

Anyone interested should contact Leanne Evans in our Social Development Department, on 862 2466.



### Traffic Management

#### AREA 5 — bounded by High/Princess/Earl & Asquith Streets

The detailed design for this scheme is nearing completion and approval by the Road Traffic Authority for the "Major Traffic Control Items" included in the scheme should be received shortly. Tender documents will now be prepared to enable a contract for the works to be let.

#### AREA 6 — bounded by Cotham/Burke and Harp Roads/High & Charles Street

The further meetings of the Committee have now been scheduled for April.

#### AREA 10 — bounded by Cotham/Burke/Barkers and Glenferrie Roads

Council has decided that the existing temporary traffic management devices in Wrixon Street are to be made permanent. The temporary island in Wellington Street is to be removed but the kerb extension on the west corner of Wellington Street at Coleridge Street is to be constructed in a permanent form.



## Concern over outdoor advertising

Council is concerned about the Ministry for Planning and Environment's proposals to modify controls over outdoor advertising which would have the effect of limiting council's power to disallow signs which were felt to have a detrimental effect on the amenity of an area.

The changes include a more comprehensive set of criteria for assessment of those signs over which council would retain control, effectively precluding the need for municipalities to have their own codes.

At this stage, Council is objecting to the proposed changes and is considering formulating its own policy on outdoor advertising.

## IN BRIEF

### Fenced in for safety

The campaign to have a fence erected in the area abutting the Denmark Street Infant Welfare Centre is being stepped up.

The area to be fenced is part of the RCA's grounds and the authority will not agree to the erection of the fence despite the dangers to children using the centre.

Council has made many approaches to the RCA on the matter but as the need for a fence is imper-

ative, efforts to achieve its construction will be increased.

### The latest on Safeway

Things are well underway for the expansion of Kew Safeway.

Working drawings are being prepared incorporating changes as a result of resident and other objections. Resident objections have also been taken into account in the condition subject to which the permit has been granted.

The Town Planner, John Waugh, is working with the Kew Junction Committee to plan the construction program. They will be paying particular attention to landscape design and the retention of carparking during the construction period.

## Profile

### Cr Chester Keon-Cohen

Chester Keon-Cohen, Central Ward Councillor of 18 months, did not stand for council on a single issue platform. He nominated because he wanted to contribute to the Kew community.

He is very community oriented. A past member of the Deepdene Primary School Council, he is now in the Carey Music Association. He also represents Kew Council on the Kew Philharmonic and Kew Citizens' Band committees.

To an extent, these activities represent a mixture of business and pleasure. Cr Keon-Cohen loves music of all sorts and is a keen opera and concertgoer. He is very proud of his daughter Cathy's prowess as a tuba player. He sees music as not only important at the personal level but as having a very significant function in the community.

"Music brings people of all ages and backgrounds together and gives a deal of enjoyment to participants and non-participants alike. It can also break down the barriers between institutions and the community, as has happened since the Kew Music Centre was built at East Kew Primary," he said.

Cr Keon-Cohen is a Barrister and finds his legal training helpful in dealing with various items at Council

meetings. He is aware of potential problem areas and is happy to be able to contribute his expertise in this way. He would like council procedures to be streamlined so that the large volume of business could be handled more effectively.



Cr Keon-Cohen with his wife, Sue.

He has a consensus approach to decision-making. While he is pleased to see a proliferation of special interest groups in Kew, he believes it is very important to balance community demands.

There are certain issues on which Cr Keon-Cohen has strong views. He is a committed opponent to restructuring and considers his role in lobbying for a negative vote on this issue to be a significant achievement for the citizens of Kew generally. He would like to see a referendum held in Kew to gauge resident opinion on this important but contentious issue.

He is very much in favour of the relocation of the library to the City Hall and of the Recreation Centre Project. He sees the Rec Centre, along with the adjacent Community House and Youth Centre, becoming a real focus of community activity in Kew.

He is an all-round sportsman, nominating golf, scuba diving and following the fortunes of the Melbourne Football Club, among his favourite pastimes.

Cr Keon-Cohen is also a family man. He and his wife Sue, a physiotherapist, have four children: Cathy, George, Ben and Edward, who range in age from 19 to 12. Like their father, they share an interest in sports and outdoor activities in general.



# The Gladstone College Saga: Part 3

Interest in Gladstone College is still running high. We have been contacted by Mrs Annie Taylor (nee Slade) and the Rev. Reg Miles, who with his sister Doris attended the school from 1904 to 1908. The Rev. Miles alerted us to the fact that it was known as Gladstone School, not College.

We have the address of Miss Vera Brook-Smith, daughter of the Mrs Smith who ran the school. Anyone wishing to contact her or the above ex-pupils should ring the Editor on 862 2466.



**Mrs Annie Taylor today and as a child in the backyard of Gladstone School. She is still proud of her third grade prize for reading and spelling!**



## They call her "Amazing Grace"

Mrs Grace Chambers is quite a lady. Stating her age proudly as 85 and looking a good 10 years younger, her brightness is infectious.

She lives in Mary Street, in the home in which she was born and has been a Kew resident for the greater part of her life. Her maiden name was Bennett and she is related to the Bennetts, Rattens and Rimingtons, who gave their names to Kew's streets.

Mrs Chambers was the youngest of eight and her father, a carpenter, who built hers, and the neighbouring houses, died soon after she was born.

Her mother was forced to go out to work cleaning houses, to support her family. Baby Grace was carted along in a pram until she was old enough to go to school. She went to Gladstone College because they accepted four year olds.

She remembers those early years as very happy, although money was always short. She fondly recalls school concerts and her brother wagging school to make butterscotch for her.

"No one could make toffee-like Fred," she said wistfully.

When she married, Mrs Chambers and her husband moved to Irymple Street in East Kew but, like many Kew families, they lost their home during the Depression. The Chambers, now with their son



**Mrs Chambers, in her garden.**

Allen, moved to Burnie, Tasmania, where her husband was offered a job.

Mrs Chambers was widowed over 30 years ago and moved back to Mary Street around 1970, when the last of her three remaining brothers and sisters died.

How does it feel to live in the original family home? "Very safe and secure. I'm never lonely," she states.

Mrs Chambers is surrounded with mementoes of the past. The large living room, typical of a Victorian home, is a reminder of the days when her sisters used to cater for receptions held there.

Mrs Chambers is not one to live in the past. The house is shining with a fresh coat of cream paint and the cottage garden, with its profusion of geraniums, is immaculate.

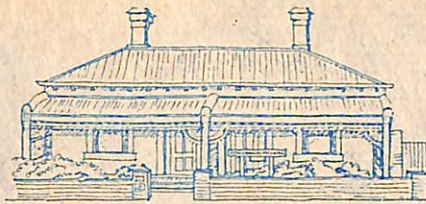
"I'm always out, always doing things. You'll only find me at home in the mornings — I'm at the club every afternoon." She adds, with a laugh, "My friends call me amazing Grace!"

It's easy to see why. Keeping busy, having close contact with family and friends and a constant interest in what is going on around her are all part of Grace Chambers' recipe for a long and healthy life.



# KEW COMMUNITY HOUSE

Co-Ordinator: Rhonda McCaw



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The Community House courses started in the last week of February with much noise, activity, laughter AND some mild cases of confusion.

The House operates on people's generosity and a willingness to get involved, from the small but dedicated committee which looks after paying the bills, and planning ahead, to volunteer tutors and individuals who offer to help *the effect of limiting Council's power conditions subject to which the permit has been granted.*

Nonetheless with expansion to No. 8 Derby Street have come some urgent needs for furniture, helpers to mind children, office helpers and gardeners (there is plenty of scope!).

We need: *small solid tables, baby's cot, small wardrobe for storage, cassette recorder, standard lamp, extension ladder, carpet, items for sewing corner, baby's changing table, coffee table, gas hotplates, electric typewriter, moulded sandpit.*

## Migrant English

Spread the word! Free migrant English classes will be run at the Community House on Monday and Wednes-

day nights if there is sufficient response. If you know someone who might be interested or who would like to improve their English, do them a favour and let them know that classes are free and available close to home. Ring the Community House for more information.

## Photocopier

Our photocopier is available during the hours of opening of the Community House, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 9.15 - 3pm. It can copy A4 and A3 size paper, can enlarge and reduce and can do double-sided copies. Several people have been trained in its use so there will always be someone there to help you.

## Term II

Believe it or not, it's time to plan 2nd term courses, so if you have something special you would like us to put on, then please let us know now so that there is time to follow it up.

Looking forward to seeing you at the House.

*Rhonda*

## Kew families needed

Inner East Foster Care is looking for families in Kew and Hawthorn who would be willing to act as foster parents. During 1985, 69 local children were referred for placement but there are only two foster families in our area.

Fostering means caring for a child for a specified time until the child can be returned to his or her own family. It will involve the child keeping in touch by phone and with visits to his or her family. This reassures the child that he is still part of his own family and to hold onto those important relationships with parents and siblings. With the aim of most foster placements being to reunite child and family, maintaining the link with the family is critical.



The reasons for a child needing foster placement are varied. It may be due to a crisis within a family; it may be that there are more longstanding difficulties which need to be worked on but with the child and family having some time and space away from each other; or it may be that a parent without family or friends providing support needs a regular break to be able to continue caring for her or his children.

If you are interested in fostering but unable to provide full-time care you may like to consider occasional weekend care (respite care) to give a parent a much-needed break. It will also mean that the child will be kept as close to the familiar neighborhood as possible.

Social Workers at Inner East regularly keep in touch with the families involved to give advice and support.

There are other ways in which you may wish to help support the Agency without actually being a foster family. This could include fund-raising activities, donations of goods, time or money or other practical assistance.

If you wish to know more about how you might become involved in this rewarding community service then ring Inner East Foster Care on 299 2744 or attend the meeting in April.



Rhonda (left) chatting with a visitor to the Community House.



# Ramblings of Kew's Last Cowboy

FIRST OF A NEW SERIES OF ARTICLES BY BILL STENT

Only Kew citizens of more than 60 years of age will remember, besides many small dairies, the many house cows tethered on vacant blocks. In 1933 a Bylaw prohibited the keeping of cows in the Municipality of Kew, but an exception was granted to the north-eastern part of Kew which left intact Kennedy's dairy in Kilby Rd, now Arden Court, Brooksby's dairy, now Green Acres Golf Links, and Grant Hay's farm, now Hay's paddock recreation area. The Kew Asylum's dairy farm, piggery and market gardens continued to function profitably.

My residence was one of five houses in Longstaff St, which was outside the Council's cow-restricted area. In 1939 an aunt from the country spent her holiday with us and her frugal mind was amazed at the beautiful lush pastures on the vacant blocks apparently going to waste. Our second child was only a few months old and my good aunt visualised what a benefit a milking cow would be to the family. As a boy my ambition had been to be a farmer, but later I realized that at 15 shillings a week the possibility of owning a farm would be on the "never never", so I settled for a more stable and lucrative job. However, I agreed with my aunt's sentiments. Imagine my surprise when I learned that a Jersey cow would be sent down the next time a transport was coming to town.

I was a member of a Lodge which met on Thursday evenings. On arriving

home from one meeting my wife astounded me by saying "Your cow has arrived. She's in the backyard." In anticipation of the animals' arrival I had made a bail and fenced in a couple of adjoining vacant blocks. My wife would often recount that event with colourful embellishments: how I dashed out and milked the cow at about midnight in my dress suit. For the next 35 years I was associated with cows and thus had the best of both worlds by being a hobby farmer and having a regular wage job.

Over the years I have enjoyed the company and co-operation of every one of my neighbours. Fortunately I had one who had children and was able to milk. So an arrangement was made that we milk the cow on alternative weeks with the milker taking the morning's milk. The cow proved to be quiet and a good cream producer and we revelled in having clotted cream on the table every day. I was rather embarrassed when on holidays at Healesville my four year old plaintively asked "Where's the cream?"

As is usual, animals are occasionally apt to push through their enclosures and mine was no exception. On the first occasion she ended up in the Parkhill Rd Pound. I retrieved her with the first offence being a warning and no charge. Several weeks later she was again in trouble and my neighbour went up and claimed her with the same result. On the third occasion the Municipal Officer called at our place and with a broad Scotch accent demanded, "Whoo noo oones the coo?" We paid up and were more careful.

Later on my neighbour bought another cow and so we were able to have a continuity of milk when one cow dried off. He worked at North Melbourne and was very concerned with the poverty in the area. He used to take the surplus milk daily to a large disadvantaged family there.

At first, when calves arrived, a butcher from South Melbourne would take them for a pound. Later, I sold them at the Croydon market. We obtained fodder from Lambert's Hay and Corn store in High St near the top of Westbrook St. The cost per bag was 4/6 for chaff or bran.

Nineteen forty-four was a very dry year and Mr Brooksby brought a flock of sheep from his country property to graze under his supervision on the vacant blocks along Kilby Rd. It was a source of fascination for the young fry in the neighbourhood. Mr Brooksby was a kindly man with only one arm. He was often to be seen behind his sheep with three or four children about four years old, holding hands, the nearest holding his hand, a pleasant peaceful sight contrasting with the daily war news.

During the war years, Kennedy's dairy was sold and the area around Glass Creek became a market garden. At the end of the war Kew Council bought it and for a nominal sum I became the lessee.

To be continued next issue.

## Care-Force needs new financial supporters

Inner East Care-Force works with disadvantaged families in Hawthorn, Kew, Camberwell, Doncaster and Templestowe. It offers a variety of family support services, including financial counselling, casework, family aides and youth work. It also has a volunteer program.

This year, three of these programs are at risk because of insufficient government funding. There is a shortfall of \$7,000 which must be found if these programs are to continue throughout 1986 at the present level.

Care-Force does not want to take from existing donations to its auspice agency, St John's Home for Boys and Girls, as they are needed for the normal matching of government grants and general running costs.

They are looking for new supporters.

Gifts are tax-deductible but need to be accompanied by a note stating that they are to go towards the present Inner East Care-Force shortfall.

### Deadline

KEWRIOSITY is prepared by the Information Officer, Susan Schwartz, and a community-based editorial committee. Copy for the May issue should reach the Municipal Offices by April 3rd.



Bill Stent returning from milking for the last time in 1974.



## Footy news

The Kew Football Club has begun an intensive training program under new coach Sergio D'Angelo at Victoria Park, Kew. Serge was a member of Prahran's last Premiership team (1978) and also the Assistant Coach at Box Hill during 1984-5. His experience will be invaluable in helping Kew to achieve success in the Amateur competition.

Players showing out at practice are Ollie Filipovic, the Peric and McColl brothers, Adrian Jenkins, Richard James, Joey Bussitil and Reserves Captain Colin Heald.

The younger brigade of Rob. Barry, Lee Bradley, Ben Casuria and Roger

O'Kalyi are leading the way with new recruits Mick Lord (Old Carey), Cameron Reinke (Old Ivanhoe) and Richard Eason (Tooronga/Malvern).

With the retirement and employment transfers of several players Kew is eager to obtain recruits for all playing positions in either Seniors, Reserves, U19 and Club XVIII.

President Ted Kelly heads the Committee including enthusiastic new faces Greg Toogood, Don Mullin, Mick Bollman, Robin Berry and Brian Saunders. Any queries regarding playing or administration, including the planned new Community Sponsorship Scheme, contact Club Secretary Mick Bollman 63 0481 (W), 818 6536 (H), 817 1118 (Pavilion).



## notices cont.

### Chaplain for Kew High School

■ The Kew High School Chaplaincy Committee (comprising representatives of the school, local churches and community) is delighted to announce the appointment of the Reverend Peter Whitaker as the first full-time Chaplain to Kew High School. Mr Whitaker, a South African by birth, spent some time in Australia in the late '70s when he was Chaplain at Colac High School. Since then he has been working with the Presbyterian Church in Wales (U.K.). When he returns, hopefully at the end of April or early May, he will act as a minister of the Uniting Church of Australia. Mr Whitaker is emigrating to Australia with his wife Gillian, and three children, Bradley, Robyn and Heather.

### Kew Uniting Church

■ Kew Uniting Church is now holding services run by and for young people on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 7.00pm.

A young people's group meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month. The group has discussion nights and recreational activities. Ring 861 7425 for details.

### Kewriosity survey continued

There are apparent problems with distribution of the newsletter. Many residents, particularly those living in flats and home units, claimed that they did not receive a copy of *Kewriosity* regularly.

Residents were encouraged to make recommendations concerning the improvement of *Kewriosity*. Although the majority of readers were satisfied with the newsletter in its present form, some people did suggest areas of improvement. Suggestions included the expansion of content to include more articles for older members of the community.

So it appears that *Kewriosity* is appreciated by most members of Kew who were interviewed. But we knew that all along!

Thank you for showing us all the pictures of the new Mayor. This is what I think Mayor looks like in her robes.



Liam Nolan

"This is what I think the Mayor looks like in her robes". Liam Nolan, Grade 3, Sacred Heart Primary School.