

KEWRIOSITY

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Holiday program banishes boredom!

How about baking a chocolate cake and then having a quick jump on the trampoline or a dip in the pool? Or you could dress up as a punk or a fairy and potter around with clay.

These were some of the activities offered to children during Kew Council's Summer Holiday Program, which was held at St Paul's School for the Blind and Visually Handicapped during January.

The aim of the holiday programs is to provide childcare for working parents and to make sure the kids have a great time into the bargain. The summer program has been a success on all counts.

Carolyn Graham, our Recreation Co-ordinator, was very pleased with the number of families making use of the service.

"Kew's holiday programs are different from those of other municipalities in that all activities are run concurrently so that children can organize their own experience.

"This allows for maximum flexibility and no one gets bored.

"We are thrilled with the way that children with disabilities are fitting in. It's acceptance all around," she said.

Staff for the programs are always chosen very carefully for their ability to offer varied activities in a secure and friendly environment. At the Playcentre there was a happy atmosphere of co-operation and constructive play.

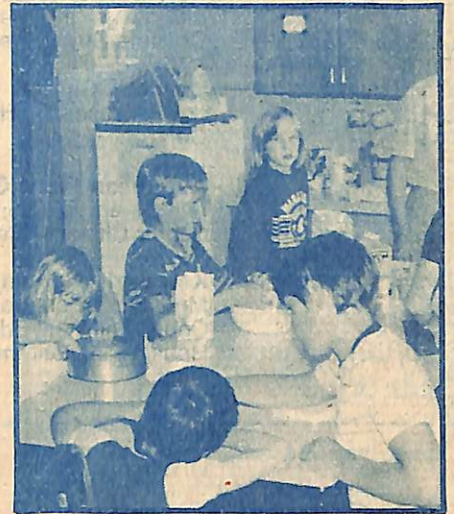
The children were obviously enjoying themselves. Nick liked trampolining; Lucas had finished a stint in the gym and was having a wonderful time cooking, as was Catharine if her well-licked fingers were any indication. "Great", "ace" and "grouse" punctuated their comments.

Activities aimed to attract primary age children were also held at the Traffic School and in the parks around Kew. Young people were catered for in the stimulating program offered at the Youth Centre in Derby Place.

If you didn't take advantage of the holiday program this time, make sure to do so in May. Council runs recreation programs during all school holidays.

Don't forget the After School Program. Again, this caters for children of working parents and offers a similar range of activities.

Details of all programs are available from the Social Development Department. Call in or phone 862 2466.



Restructuring: the issue for '86?

The government's moves to restructure local government are of great concern to small municipalities like Kew. Both Kew and Hawthorn Councils voted against amalgamation late last year but the issue is by no means dead.

Kew Council is keen to receive residents' reactions to the government's proposals. Turn to the Mayor's column, page 3, for further discussion of this important issue.



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The **Kew Philharmonic Choir and Orchestra** will commence rehearsals for 1986 at 8.00pm. The Choir will meet at 241 Cotham Road and all singers, especially tenors, are welcome. Contact Lola Stokes on 817 3186. The Orchestra will meet at the Music Centre, East Kew Primary School, in Beresford Street. It has vacancies for string, brass and percussion players. Contact Valda Fouvy on 817 1881.

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Kew Garden Club. Chris Noble will speak on Hibiscus at 8.00pm in the Senior Citizens Centre, cnr of High and Childers Street, Kew.

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Daytime Garden Club. Joyce Young will speak on the general uses of Herbs at 1.30pm at the Senior Citizens' Centre.

Australian Plant Group. Discussion on summer flowering natives and planning for the 1986 program at 8.00pm in the Senior Citizens' Centre. Contact 817 2255.

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Kew Early Planning for Retirement Group. Guest speaker, Mr Ken Green, retired architect and current tutor at the Council of Adult Education, will present an illustrated talk on Housing in Retirement at 8.00pm in Hall 3 of the Kew Civic Centre.



Are you new to Kew?

If you are a new resident in Kew, Council has prepared a kit containing information which will ease the settling in process and let you know how to make the most of your new municipality.

If you would like a *New Residents' Kit*, please contact the Information Officer on 862 2466.



notices

"The Friends of Bodalla"

■The first fund-raising function for "Bodalla", the Uniting Church Nursing Home, will be held in the grounds of 32 Walpole Street, Kew on March 1st from 1.30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

"The Friends of Bodalla" plan a garden fete, which will include an art exhibition, patchwork demonstration, pottery demonstration, and groups of madrigal singers and celtic dancers. There will also be a trading table. The entrance fee of \$4 covers Devonshire afternoon tea.

"Bodalla" is always happy to welcome volunteers to assist in the feeding of the patients, their social activities, their craft work, to assist in floral arrangements . . . in other words, just to be a friend. Enquiries from volunteers should be directed to Mrs Isherwood on 862 1355. Enquiries regarding the fete to the Secretary of the Friends on 82 4210.

Kew Early Planning for Retirement Group

■No age is too early to plan for a secure future, and the Kew group is affiliated with the Early Planning for Retirement Association of Victoria. During the year the topics covered are varied and meet the needs of members.

In addition to quarterly general meetings, there are groups for travel, dine-outs, antiques, art lovers, coffee

mornings; solo and other groups form to satisfy the interests of members.

All enquiries may be directed to the Secretary on 817 1621.

East Kew Traders' Association

■For information about the newly-formed East Kew Traders' Association contact Mavis Roberts at 650 High Street, East Kew or phone 859 5903.

Correction

■The address of the Australian Medical Acupuncture Centre (page 28 of the 1986 Directory) should be 56 Princess Street. Apologies for any inconvenience resulting from the error.

Neighbourhood Watch for East Kew

■Moves are afoot to establish Neighbourhood Watch in the area bounded by Belford, Kilby and Willsmere Roads, Earl and Asquith Streets.

If you are interested in this project, contact John Nickless on 859 8485, before 7.00 p.m. Volunteers are needed to collect signatures.

Kew Community House

■Are you interested in your local community? Have you got some ideas about how we can best help people who live in Kew? Have you got enthusiasm, motivations and an interest in worthwhile projects? Then, we need YOU.

Kew Community House needs interested Kew residents to be involved on its Committee of Management. Meetings are held monthly and some involvement with the function of the house would be required. No experience necessary. If interested please phone the House on 862 3126.

Pre-school Music Classes

■Some vacancies still exist for pre-schoolers in our pre-school music sessions. Classes are based on the Kodaly/Orff approach and are planned in such a way as to not only develop fundamental musical concepts within the child but also to extend their social and communication skills.

For further information contact Betty Frey Taylor on 817 3044.

Plant pinchers abroad

■There has been a report to Kew-riosity about plant snatching in the Lister Street area.

Would potential plant snatchers please note that such activity constitutes a criminal offence.

Deadline

KEWRIOSITY is prepared by the Information Officer, Susan Schwartz, and a community based Editorial Committee. Copy for the **March** issue should reach the Municipal Offices by **February 3rd**.

update

notes from council

Commentary

In an historic vote in 1860, Kew separated from the Boroondara Roads Board and, as a municipality in its own right, grew into the distinctive city we live in today.

Last month, another historic vote was called and the Kew City Council again ratified that it wanted to continue as an independent municipality by opposing the moves to restructure local government.

In the short time available since the government announced its initiative to undertake a state-wide review of local government boundaries, Council has assessed the implications of restructure for Kew. The December vote is based on Council's aim to maintain Kew's identity and to avoid a situation where the rights of Kew's citizens may be compromised.

The December decision also reflects the absence of evidence pointing to a lack of effectiveness or viability on the part of the Council and to an uncertainty about the scale of changes proposed by the government.

The provision of human services has always been of paramount importance in Kew. We value the attention to residents as individuals allowed by our relatively small population and have

Kew Community Directory 1986

Have you received your 1986 directory of groups services and institutions in Kew?

If not, please contact the Information Officer, Susan Schwartz, on 862 2466 and a copy will be forwarded to you.

from the Mayor, Cr Phyllis Hore

doubts about the ability of a larger municipality to match this service.

Council rejects the argument that restructuring would reduce administrative costs. Research indicates that on a per capita basis Kew compares very well with larger municipalities in terms of operational expenses. In some areas we fare better.

While we have rejected moves to amalgamate, we would like to invite response from you, the residents of Kew, on this important issue. To this end, a community information and consultation program on restructuring will be implemented.

We are keeping our options open and the discussions with Hawthorn, aimed at further developing any voluntary areas of co-operation between our cities, will continue.

The government's stand looks set to harden despite widespread opposition but without facts to justify larger councils we feel it would be irresponsible to support moves towards restructuring or amalgamating Kew.

Please think seriously about the future of your city and let your ward councillors know your opinion on this fundamental issue.

Council meeting times for February.

4 Standing Committees
7.30pm

11 General Purposes Committee
7.30pm

18 COUNCIL 8.00pm

25 Standing Committees
7.30pm

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

Traffic Management

With the holiday period just past most traffic management activities have not progressed from the position reported in the December edition of Kewriosity.

Exceptions to this are **Area 5** (bounded by High, Princess, Earl and Asquith Streets) and **Area 9** (Charles Street).

With **Area 5** the detailed design of the scheme approved by Council has been proceeded with and it is expected that some works should be able to be commenced in the next month.

Work on installing the approved devices in Charles Street and Hansen Street has been completed.



Wake up!
Playgroups are
resuming again in our
neighbourhood for all
pre-schoolers.

Contact Children's
Services Officer on
862 2466 from 3rd
February, 1986,
12.00 noon to 2.00
p.m. Monday to
Thursday.

A question of aesthetics

An Aesthetics Advisory Panel is to be appointed to give independent advice and guidance to Council on questions of aesthetics, quality and finish of building and landscape design in Kew.

The panel will comprise two architects, a landscape architect, an architect historian, a local artist and an urban planner which are yet to be named.

Billabong study comes first

Consideration of the Kew Hockey Club's proposed alterations and improvements at Willsmere Park has been deferred until the Willsmere Billabong Study has been completed and analysed. A meeting of all those interested in the future of this area will then be called to further discuss the issue.

IN BRIEF

Grants allocated

The Community Assistance Grants for 1985/6 have been allocated. Details of grants may be found in the Council minutes for December 10, 1985, in the library.

Keeping the noise down

Council's concern about excessive noise from construction sites is reflected in a move to formulate a by-law to control noise emission. The Environment Protection Authority is shortly to issue guidelines on this subject to local government and council will take formal measures on this basis in the new year.

A spot of trivia

There were 5,393 traffic infringements last year in Kew. That's 14.7 a day!

No to power line

Council will continue its support for the Merri Yarra Municipal Protection Committee's opposition to the proposed 220 kV power line.

Peter Davies, Superintendent of Parks and Gardens, has examined the proposed landscaping treatments for the poles in Kew and has submitted his comments to the SEC. While finding the SEC's proposals generally sympathetic to the Yarra environment, he sees need for extra landscaping to improve screening of poles from residents of Walmer and Young Streets.

Eating al fresco

In a bid to encourage restaurateurs in Kew to extend their service to the pavements, Council has brought down policy guidelines for chairs and tables on pavements. Those interested in taking advantage of this move should contact Alan Chung to find out permit requirements.

Profile

Our Mayor, Councillor Phyllis Hore, is not one to sit back and hope that someone else will take responsibility for an issue which concerns her.

She approached becoming a councillor with a desire to know exactly how the system functioned. As a resident, she attended council meetings, studied the Local Government Act and so was prepared to be a representative of College Ward.

Phyllis Hore sees her role in terms of keeping the residents informed about the issues under discussion by Council. She speaks about the vital importance of the provision of information and open channels of communication between residents and councillors.

"The importance of an informed public can not be underestimated," she said. "That is why I fought for 10 years for open committee meetings."

From her experience as observer in the public gallery at open council meetings she knew that it was in committee meetings that issues were discussed in full and she felt that residents should have the opportunity of learning the background as well as be able to contribute their ideas to the decision-making process.

Phyllis Hore nominates the ability to help individuals as her chief satisfaction during 15 years as councillor.

"It is vitally important for councillors to be accessible to residents, to be in touch with their concerns and bring these concerns before Council," she said.

She identifies with the powerlessness that people can feel in the face of bureaucratic decisions primarily because they do not know who to speak to or what to do.



Cr Hore and family

Phyllis Hore has taken a low profile as councillor. She does not see her role in terms of grandstanding but rather in ensuring that maximum community exposure is given to issues which affect the nature of Kew.

It is clear that her affection for Kew is very genuine as are her worries about the city's future under the ever-present threat from freeways, undesirable types of high-rise development and the possible amalgamation/restructure of Kew from being a small but financially viable municipality providing the required human services into an unknown future based on an unproven claim to greater efficiency.

How does Phyllis Hore see her role as Mayor?

"It is a wonderful opportunity to meet and talk to people to see the way the city functions. I have become much more aware of the complexities of problems and can use my position to speak out if I see the need."

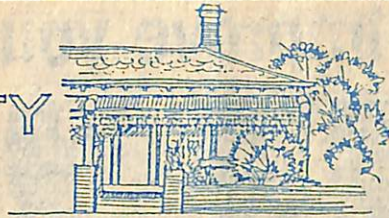
When not involved in council business she enjoys spending time with her five adult children and four — soon to be five — grandchildren. She has also taken up two hobbies over the last couple of years: painting (she says she is the world's worst painter but loves playing with colour) and horse riding.

Cr Hore is clearly open to new experiences and is full of admiration for the expertise of people she has come across. She is pleased that a small amount of their knowledge has rubbed off on to her.

One wonders how she fits all these interests and activities in.

"The busier you are the more you get done," she says with a smile and hurries off to her next appointment.

KEW COMMUNITY HOUSE



New Co-ordinator Rhonda McCaw 6 DERBY STREET, KEW. 3101. Phone: 862 3126

The Kew Community House is running an exciting and versatile first term program. Details are available at the House from Monday 3rd February or in our pamphlet which will be distributed to the library, council, and other community meeting points.

Courses include: *two T.O.P. courses* (see below for details) *CITY WALKS, MIGRANT ENGLISH, PRITIKIN AND INDIAN COOKING, FUN WITH FIMO, CROCHET AND CLAY MODELLING, EFFECTIVE SPEAKING CONDUCTING MEETINGS, CONVERSATIONAL GERMAN, ART APPRECIATION AND LIFE DRAWING, CREATIVE KNITTING AND CHOCOLATE MAKING AND DAYTIME WORD GAMES GROUP.* (Enrol from Feb. 3rd at the house.

Most courses are in the mornings and community lunch will be on each day 12.30 - 1.30pm. Feel free to stay on after classes for a chat. Childcare will be available for all morning classes.

Resource Room

Has your sewing machine broken down at the crucial moment? Do you need to use a sewing machine but can't afford one? Would you like to practise your typing skills? Have you something you wish to photocopy? During our opening hours we can offer you the use of a typewriter, sewing machine or photocopier (10c 1 copy) in our Resources Room. Any donations for our sewing box will be greatly appreciated.

Groups using the House

Kew Word Games Group meets every Friday night 8-10.30pm.

Willsmere Q Group meets every Wednesday afternoon 12.30-3.30pm providing socialization and support for discharged Willsmere Patients.

Grow provides a caring and friendly environment where people can gain encouragement and support to tackle

life's problems in a better way and meets Tuesday evenings 8-10pm.

Kew Writers Forum is a group of enthusiastic writers meeting every Wednesday evening 7.30 - 9.30 pm.

If you would like to join any of the above groups or know of a group needing a warm friendly place to meet then please ring Rhonda at the House on 862 3126 to enquire about bookings.

T.O.P. at the House

What is T.O.P.

T.O.P. is Tertiary Orientation Programme, an alternative course to Higher School Certificate and it's now recognized as a Tertiary entrance requirement for many tertiary institutions. Yes, there is assessment but this also gives recognition of a year's work. The two subjects that we have selected to be taught at the House by Box Hill TAFE tutors are English and Australian Social History. English will be held on Tuesday mornings and A.S.H. on Monday mornings from February 10th.

What we offer you is:

- a warm and friendly, comfortable place to learn.
- Convenience, we're close to home, and therefore transport costs are less,

and you can park in our own Community House carpark, two doors up from the house.

c) Quality Childcare.

Cost:

Registration with Box Hill TAFE \$30 and contribution to the House, Term I \$5, Term II \$10, Term III \$10.

If you are interested, contact Rhonda straight away to secure a place.

Childminding

Kew Council has offered us the use of No. 8 Derby St. (next door) for use by the Kew Community House for Childcare and courses and activities. We can now offer quality childminding on the premises whilst you do a course or activity at the House. Mrs. Virginia Kemp, a qualified kindergarten Directress and mother of three is our new Childcare Co-ordinator. Mothers will be asked for a subscription of \$1 per session per family to help with costs of running courses.

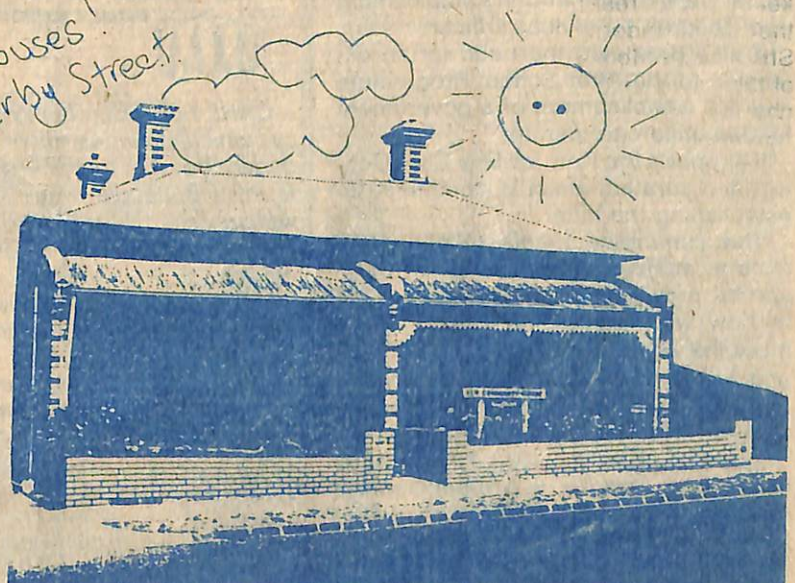
Because we believe in low cost childcare being available to all who wish to participate in the House's courses and activities, we rely entirely on the co-operation and commitment of the parents using the childminding facilities.

Parents will be expected to:

- fill out a form covering relevant health information.
- for every class attended, the parent must repay 1/2 the time, in childminding and cleaning. Please fill in the roster when enrolling.
- attend one working bee per term.
- support fundraising activities.

For other details parents are invited to visit the House or ring Rhonda on 862 3126.

Our houses!
6-8 Derby Street.



6 An opportunity to improve your English

Enrolments are invited for the adult migrant English class held at the Denmark Street Infant Welfare Centre.

The class, under the skilled hand of Mrs Caroline Burns, is entering its twelfth year of operation.

Its story began in 1974 when the Health Centre Sister was having difficulty communicating with the large number of migrant mothers attending with their babies. Originally it was for women only and for many it was the only opportunity to meet and talk to other new mothers and to develop friendships in their own neighbourhood. Many of the original students have remained close friends.

The class has changed with the needs



The class in action.

of the students of the time and is now used by both men and women as an opportunity to learn and practise English at a convenient location and time. Many students attend the class while waiting for places in more intensive courses and in conjunction with other classes or lessons.

The lessons are given in English and are part of Adult Migrant Education Services Community Class Programme. Students of all ages and backgrounds are welcome to attend the friendly informal classes.

Enquiries should be directed to Mrs. C. Burns Tel. 817 3803.

Classes for 1986 commence Monday 10/2/86.

All about the C.S.C.C.

The Children's Services Consultative Committee was formed at a public meeting in December 1983, called by Council to set up a committee to review children's services in Kew and establish future directions for such services.

Since its inception, this committee has convinced council of the need for an Extended Hours Kindergarten, Occasional Care Centre and the employment of a Children's Services Officer.

It also promoted the need for an extension to the After School Programme and the establishment of a government funded child care centre.

It supports the Kew full Day Care Centre Incorporated which is committed to establishing the latter.

The committee meets monthly and aims to achieve an effective and widespread provision of children's services in Kew whilst ensuring such services meet the needs of the local community and are planned, co-ordinated provided and evaluated, with community involvement.

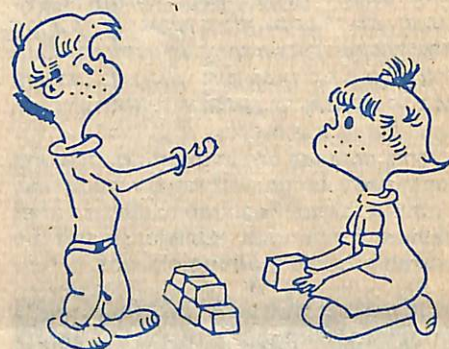
The Children's Services Consultative Committee will have its **Annual General Meeting** on Thursday 6th March at 8pm at the Senior Citizens' Centre, High Street, Kew. A speaker from the Playgrounds and Recreation Associa-

tion of Victoria has been invited to address the meeting.

This Association carries out research into use of playgrounds and their value, encourages the better planning, design and development of play opportunities in general.

Members of the public are invited to attend and nominate for membership of the Children's Services Consultative Committee.

For enquiries contact Cr Maree Williams 861 7566.



CARE-FORCE

FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES



CARE-FORCE, a family support agency, which provides services to families under stress, in the inner eastern region, is inviting people who care about the welfare of families, and who enjoy working with others, to join their Volunteer Team.

Right now, we urgently need people who can provide regular transport to the After-School program in Hawthorn, or who have specific skills or hobbies that could be used, on an occasional basis in this program. There is also an opportunity for a person with office experience to give assistance for an occasional half-day.

If you could be a supportive friend to families, assist with occasional

transport, typing or office tasks or are interested in being part of the fund-raising group, or would like the opportunity to be involved at Peppercorn Cottage, either providing child-care regularly or occasionally, or sharing skills and hobbies in mothers' groups, please call and make a time to talk further with the Volunteer Coordinator, Amy Whittaker on 82 2523 — she'll be glad to hear from you.

To help you to help others, training and support is provided. The next Volunteer Training Program of 6 sessions, covering such topics as acceptance, confidentiality, self esteem, communication and helping skills will be commencing shortly.

Care-Force is a community agency offering family support services in the inner eastern region. It is located at 61A Victoria Road, Hawthorn, and is sponsored by St. John's Homes for Boys and Girls, Canterbury.

Kew and Hawthorn share socialworker

As a result of the submission made to Kew and Hawthorn Councils by the Citizens' Advice Bureau and widespread community support for the proposal, a part time socialworker, specialising in casework, has been employed to service both municipalities.

Mrs Margaret Barnard will start work on February 10 under a one year pilot scheme. She will work through the Kew-Hawthorn CAB and her help will be available on referral from the Bureau.

Margaret Barnard has had considerable professional experience in counselling and casework and will provide a much needed support and extension of the volunteer service provided by the CAB.



Margaret Barnard and younger daughter.

What's planned for Senior Citizens' Week?

The committee has been busy planning activities for **Senior Citizens' Week** which falls between March 16th and 23rd this year.

So far they have arranged the following events:

Monday: Open Day at Hamer Court

Tuesday: Scottish event at Carnsworth Garoopna

Wednesday: Film night with supper at the Senior Citizens' Centre and waiting assistance.

Thursday: Meals on Wheels luncheon with entertainment and waiting assistance from local schools.

Friday: Dance in Senior Citizens' clubrooms. Good band and supper provided.

There will be a display of arts and crafts throughout the week in the Civic Centre. For further information contact Pat Throssell on 861 6995.

Headway needs volunteers

Who and what is Headway? Where is it? How can I help? . . . are all questions you may well ask. Headway Victoria is based right here in East Kew and operates as a support group and a central administration for the Headway Organisation across the State. Headway is a group designed to support and encourage individuals and families suffering as a result of a head injury. Each year approximately 2,000 more individuals sustain life-long injuries as a result of car accidents, industrial accidents etc. Many young children sustain damage as a result of simply bike riding or skate board riding accidents.

Injury is permanent but often not debilitating, the major impairment being a loss of the short term memory. This of course means inability to hold jobs, loss of self esteem and associated problems. At Headway, we operate regular support/activity sessions for these individuals to help give purpose and encouragement. **BUT WE NEED HELP.** Our task is an enormous one and our resources limited.

We would love to hear from anyone with a little time on their hands to be involved with us — working in the activity sessions, clerical assistance, gardening — the list is endless.

Whatever your talents, we will find a spot for you. A couple of hours a week is

all that is required but you can be assured it will be a rewarding and fulfilling experience.

If you are interested in being involved or would like more information please phone Lois Craig, Co-ordinator of Volunteers on 859 9477.

Headway Victoria is based right here in East Kew and operates as a support group and a central administration for the Headway Organisation across the State.



Who remembers

Gladstone College?

An elderly Kew resident has contacted Kewriosity about the omission of Gladstone College from lists of schools in the various souvenir publications for Kew's 125th Anniversary.

Our sleuthing through Kew history books has revealed a Mr. J. Gladstone who was head teacher of the Independent Church School (No. 356) in 1863.

Apparently Mr Gladstone was highly regarded as a teacher and attracted pupils from as far away as Hawthorn.

In 1875, School No. 356 was amalgamated with the Church of England School (No. 346), to become school No. 1075 under the leadership of Mr Gladstone.

In 1883, much to the consternation of Kew residents, Mr Gladstone was appointed head master of the Central State School in Manningtree Road, Hawthorn, where he stayed until his retirement in 1909.

Could this central school be our caller's Gladstone College? Or was School No. 1075 known as Gladstone College in acknowledgement of its well respected headmaster?

If anyone can provide a solution to this puzzle, please contact the editor at the Municipal Offices, Charles Street.

★ What happens when you turn 18? ★

What does it mean to be an adult? How can 18 year olds have a say in their future?

These are two of the questions raised in the 20 minute video *Turning 18* which was launched at the Kew High School Community Theatre late last year.

The video was sponsored by Victoria's 150th Anniversary Education Committee, of which our Community Education Officer, Nancy Nankervis, is a member.

Nancy is delighted with the video.

"We hope it will be used by community groups, schools and parents of adolescents.

The video works particularly well as a stimulus for discussion as so many important issues are raised," she said.

While *Turning 18* addresses important issues related to the role of young adults in today's society, the video is very funny.

It takes the form of a sendup of 60



Minutes, with "George", "Jana" and "Ian" taking their roles very earnestly

indeed. There are pregnant pauses, deep and meaningful looks into the camera and the intense style of questioning typical of current affairs interviewers.

Within the comic framework, issues such as voting, credit, legal contracts and employment are discussed in an intelligent and thought provoking way.

All the 18 year olds interviewed were grappling with the implications of reaching legal majority and had a desire to speak and be heard. They were very articulate and positive even though they were aware of the problems around them.

The organizers hope that the video will encourage and inspire young adults to contribute their ideas to issues which affect them.

It was very well received by the Kew High students in the audience.

The video and the lively booklet full of topics for discussion which goes with it, are available from Open Channel, the State Film Centre, and the Education Department.

A peaceful way to start the year

You may have been strolling in the Alexandra Gardens of a Saturday afternoon and come across a group of people moving slowly and gracefully as if in time with the swaying trees. In ever changing formations, their feet and bodies turn through a series of dance like movements.

They are not dancers but members of the Li Wong Tai Chi School taking advantage of the calm surrounds of the gardens to practise their art.

Tai Chi is a traditional and popular Chinese exercise practised extensively in China and gaining many devotees here. It meets the needs of the present day bringing a complete mental and body exercise to city dwellers.

The founder of the Li Wong Tai Chi School, Mr. Li Wong, has been training

since childhood. He taught students in China under the successor to the founder of the Wu Dang style, Master Fu Wing Faie.

Mr. Wong says that when Tai Chi is practised regularly, the student will have better health and vitality, more confidence and a sense of well being. He has hopes that Tai Chi will play a role that will enrich the relations between Australia and China.

The Li Wong Tai Chi School also meets every Wednesday evening in the Hall of the Holy Trinity Church, Cnr. High St. and Pakington St. and Mr. Li Wong can be contacted on 836 7381 on Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, or on 380 8248 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.



Tai Chi in the Alexandra Gardens

letter

Our archives threatened

The citizens of Kew need to be made aware that their archives, which have been faithfully kept by the Historical Society for the past 25 years, are in danger of being destroyed.

For the last two years the archives have been kept in the basement of the city halls — along with motor bikes, chairs, trestles and any other paraphernalia that needs to be stored. The archival collection is insect-ridden and damp.

The collection has demands put upon it by the Kew Council, Kew library, students, researchers and other interested people. Recently, some of the contents were displayed at the library for Kew's 125th anniversary. The Progress Press publication for Kew's 125th relied heavily on the archives' material.

If Kew citizens want their archives to be kept for posterity, then a new home has to be found. Does anyone have a dry, secure, fireproof room that is accessible to the public and has space in which researchers can work?

The Historical Society would welcome comments. Please ring 817 4660.

Sue Leong (President)