

KEWRIOSITY

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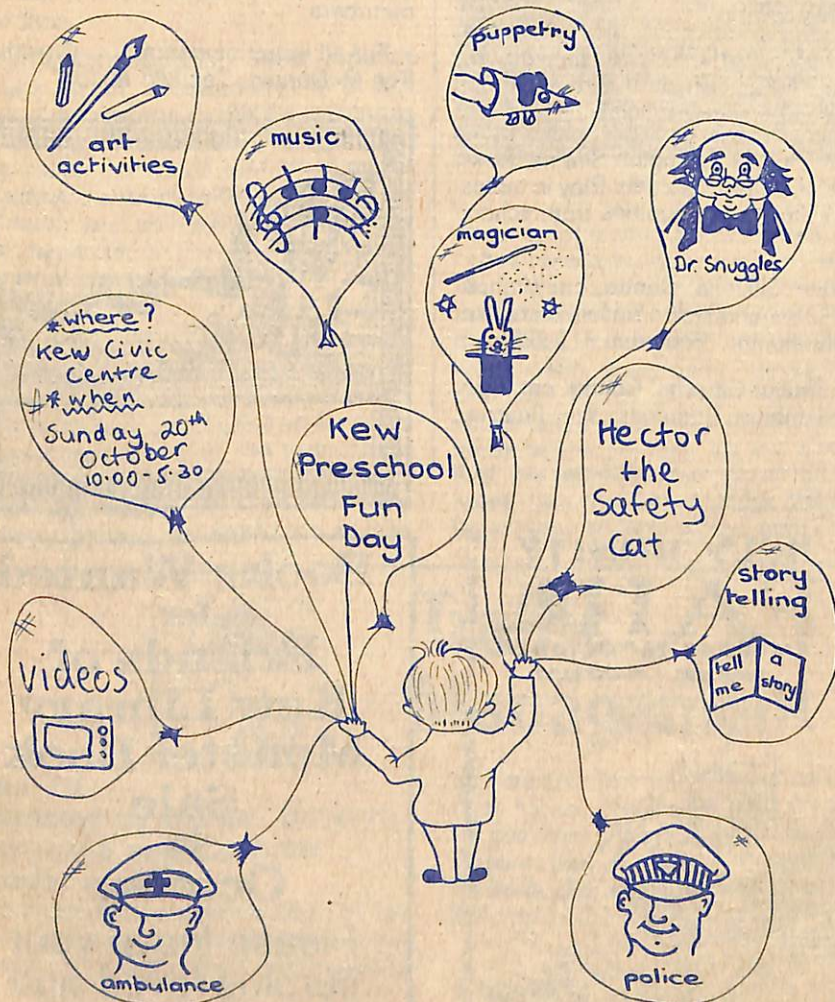
October 1985

Children's Week 1985 October 20-27

The focus of Children's Week in Kew will be a Pre-schoolers fun Day, to be held on Sunday, October 20, at the Kew Civic Centre.

This will be a day for all the family to see what Kew's children's services offer for pre-schoolers. There will be displays and activities including puppetry, collage, music and video, plus visits from the Ambulance, Library Bear, Hector the Cat and a special performance of the DR SNUGGLES PRE-SCHOOL SHOW at 3.00 pm. Admission will be 50c and refreshments will be available.

Come along and be part of Children's Week 1985.



Liquor control commission decides on hotels

The Liquor Control Commission has handed down its decisions on the application for Liquor with Entertainment by the **Harp of Erin Hotel** and the application for annual licence renewal by the **Prospect Hill Hotel**.

The Liquor Control Commission has allowed the Harp of Erin to trade until 1.00 am the following morning on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday and until 3.00 am the following morning on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. Sunday trading hours will remain unaltered.

However, the Commission was concerned about the effects on parking in residential streets and the need for residents to report any incidence of complaint to the Kew Police, the hotel and to Council Officers.

Council is investigating the feasibility of imposing parking restrictions in Harp Road.

An application has been lodged for alteration and additions to the Harp of Erin, including provision of an enlarged drive-in bottle shop and a 100 person function room. It is anticipated that this matter will be dealt with by the Council in its October/November meeting cycle and plans and accompanying information are available for perusal at the Town Planning Department at the Municipal Offices in Charles Street.

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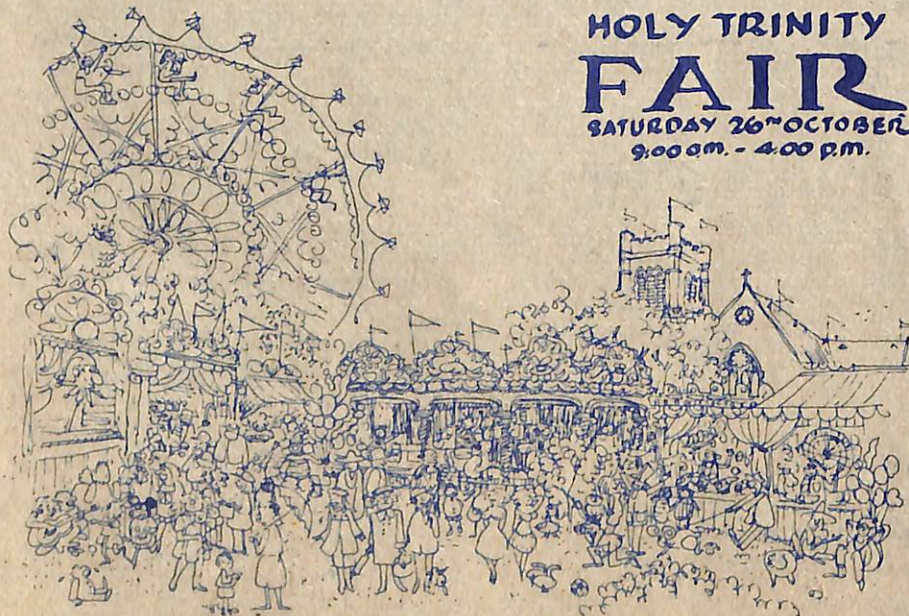
Dates for October

This new method of presenting notices has been necessitated by the chronic shortage of space in Kewriosity. We apologise to contributors for abbreviating their notices and hope that they will follow this format in future. Ed.

- 5** **Annual Mission Fair** in convent grounds of the Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver, 154 Cotham Road, Kew.
- 7** **Kew Rotaract**, 7.45 pm. Information evening at East Kew Uniting Church, cnr High Street & Normanby Road.
- 9** **Hyde Park Fellowship**, 2.00 pm, Hyde Park Uniting Church, Pakington Street, North Kew. Guest speaker: Albert Jenkins, on ferns.
- 10** **Kew Garden Club**, 8.00 pm, Senior Citizens, cnr High & Childers Streets, Kew. Guest speaker: Albert Jenkins, on ferns.
- 14** **East Kew Branch of the ALP**, 8.00 pm, church hall, cnr Hale and Windella Ave, East Kew. Topic: Unemployment with recommendations as to steps which might be taken to reduce its incidence.
- 20** **Leo Baeck Gala Fete**, Leo Baeck Centre, Harp Road, East Kew.
Organ and Piano Recital, 2.30 pm, at Kew Baptist Church, 10 Highbury Grove. For transport, ring Phyl Taylor 818 6851.
- 24** **Rheumatism and Arthritis Association of Victoria**, Kew self help group, 10.30 am, Senior Citizens' Centre, cnr High & Childers Streets, Kew. Guest speaker: Ms Lyn Anderson of the Horticultural Society.
- 26** **Holy Trinity Fair**, 9.00 am - 4.00 pm, cnr High & Pakington Streets, Kew.
Trivia Night, 7.45 pm, at Kew High School, school canteen. Play in tables of eight, prizes. Cost \$7.50 per head; tickets and enquiries from school office, 859 8652.
- 28** **Australian Plant Group**, 8.00 pm, Senior Citizens' Centre, cnr High & Childers Streets, Kew. Guest speakers: Chris and Helen Ansell, on native plant families. Bring along your favourite blooms. Enquiries 817 2255.
- 28** **Kew (Daytime) Garden Club**, 1.30 pm, Senior Citizens' Centre, cnr High & Childers Streets. Display and trading tables. Enquiries: Win Fearon, 859 2977.

CORNER OF HIGH & PAKINGTON STS, KEW

**HOLY TRINITY
FAIR**
SATURDAY 26th OCTOBER
9.00 am. - 4.00 pm.



BOOKS, Cakes, Plants, Jams, Treasures, Games etc.!!

Notices

Kalker Montessori Kindergarten

■ The Kalker Montessori Pre-School, which runs programs for children from two to five years, has moved from leased premises in Mary Street, Kew, to its own "Children's House", just 5-7 minutes away, at the corner of Balwyn Road and Estelle Street, Bulleen.

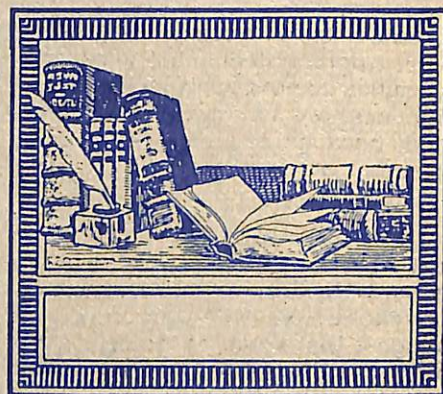
Arrangements are underway for a Double Kindergarten Unit for 1986 for three and four year old children. For enquiries please telephone the Enrolment Officer, Mrs J. Saw, on 819 1248.

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North Kew Tennis Club

■ Are you interested in playing tennis? The North Kew Tennis Club is a largely social club and is seeking new members.

For all inquiries contact — President, Ken McDonald, Tel: 861 8875.



Books Wanted for Friends of Kew Library Monster Book Sale in October

Please leave your surplus loved and never-loved books at the Kew Library desk.

RESTRUCTURING — How will it affect Kew?

The State Government has recently reaffirmed its commitment to the restructure of local government throughout Victoria, and as one of the "smaller" metropolitan municipalities with a population of just under 30,000, Kew is very likely to be short-listed for amalgamation. With whom, when and just exactly how we are not sure, but the impetus is there and we can be certain that there will be changes.

The force behind this latest impetus — talk about amalgamations is not new — is a report to the Government by the Victoria Grants Commission. That report contends that small municipalities do not provide cost-efficient services, are not functionally viable and, because of inequities in rating systems, are subsidised by the larger municipalities.

Of course not everyone will agree with this. Indeed consultants engaged by the Municipal Association of Victoria have even gone so far as to suggest that some of the arguments put forward in the Grants Commission report are "spurious", and that its findings cannot be relied on in the



Cr Phyllis Hore

absence of a cost benefit analysis.

At a recent seminar arranged by the Municipal Association and attended by about 800 local government delegates, it was clear that there are many who share the consultants' criticism of the report. However, it was equally clear from the comments made at the seminar by the Premier and the Minister for Local Government, that the Government is firm in its resolve to see, in the short term,

local government move away from what some people currently perceive as its "3R's" role — rates, rubbish and roads. This would involve total restructuring, including the compulsory amalgamation of some municipalities. In the metropolitan area, the Government has said that it will look closely at municipalities with populations less than 50,000.

If there is to be change — and that seems inevitable — then what we must do as a Council and as a community is work together to ensure that it is change for the good and for the better. A key to achieving this will be consultation.

Although the Government has promised opportunities for consultation between local communities and Government representatives, I know that the Council will want to consult with its own community. Only in this way can we ensure that the Kew community is fully informed of Government intentions for the restructure of local government, and of any proposal to restructure Kew, whether by compulsory amalgamation with another municipality, or by some other means.



Traffic Management

Area 10

Bounded by Burke, Barkers, Glenferrie and Cotham Roads

Construction of the works in Dean Street is proceeding and it is expected that the other works in Area 10 will be completed this month.

Area 9

Charles Street

Final design work on the scheme adopted by Council is now complete,

and construction will commence in the near future. The treatments proposed for this area will be constructed in permanent form as will the existing treatments in Charles Street at Barkers Road and Wellington Street.

Area 6

Bounded by High Street, Harp, Burke and Cotham Roads and Charles Street

The results of the questionnaire have

been compiled and the consultative committee is currently reviewing the proposed scheme and preparing a recommendation to Council.

Area 5

Bounded by High, Princess, Earl, Asquith Streets

Council considered the report and recommendations of the Area 5 Consultative Committee at its meeting on August 27th, and resolved to defer the matter to the next cycle of meetings. The Area 5 Consultative Committee, interested residents and Councillors met on September 11th, 1985, to further discuss the matter.

If you require further information, please contact Ian Poulter on 862 2466.

The latest on Safeway

Council has approved in principle the proposal to enlarge Safeway on the following basis:

- Detailed proposals for improved access between the park and the arterial road system are to be prepared.
- Additional and/or alternative traffic control measures are to be devised should unanticipated traffic problems arise.
- Plans and documentation for a joint planning permit application be prepared after a review of the parking layout and after discussions with the owners of adjacent property.

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No approval for Child Care Centre site

The state government has refused Council's proposal for a full day child care centre to be sited in Victoria Park. Alternative sites are under consideration and Council will continue to lobby for funding and to support community groups in this objective.

Hotels cont.

The Commission's decision to renew the Prospect Hill's licence is subject to the inclusion of certain conditions relating to noise and patrons' behaviour which were part of the agreement reached by Council and the hotel earlier this year.

Council has decided to pursue its objection to the grant to sell, dispose of and supply liquor between 12 noon and 8.00pm on a Sunday, unless conditions are included on such a permit which would restrict the hours in which entertainment can be provided to between 6.00pm and 10.00pm, and which would ensure that noise emission is in accordance with the standards contained in the EPA's Draft Policy DN-2.

Council meeting times for October

Tues 8th Standing Committees
7.30 pm
Tues 15th General Purposes
Committee 7.30 pm
Tues 22nd General Purposes
Committee 7.30 pm
COUNCIL 8.15 pm

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

IN BRIEF

Congratulations STRIDE!

Council has congratulated the STRIDE Committee, a voluntary organization, on its success in establishing an early intervention program for intellectually disabled pre-school children in the inner Eastern Region. For enquiries contact the Social Development Department, on 862 2466.

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Women's cricket in Kew

The coming summer will be a landmark for women cricketers. For the first time there has been an agreement between the Melbourne Ladies Cricket Club and the Kew Cricket Club for joint use of the Victoria Park ground. The men will play Saturday and the women, Sundays. More news on women's cricket in the next issue.

Budget time

Council's budget for 1985/86 has just been brought down. The rate was struck on September 27th. Every effort has been made to maintain existing levels of revenue and expenditure but some increases have been necessitated by rises in the CPI. More on the budget next month.

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Feel free to donate a tree

A Colorado Spruce has recently been planted in the lower lawn of the Alexandra Gardens. The spruce, donated by Mrs Steele of Rowland Avenue, is a handsome symmetrical tree which will grow to a height of about 10 metres. It joins a Blue Spruce in the gardens which was donated by Mrs Brain from Bennett Parade, several years ago. Both trees were transplanted by Council gardeners and are flourishing in their new locations.

The Alexandra Gardens has many fine trees and shrubs which make it a very attractive place to have a barbecue or spend some time relaxing.

Thank you!

There was no space in last month's paper to thank our contributors for their drawings.

We would like original artwork in each issue, so young or old, amateur or professional, see YOUR work in **Kewriosity!**

Send material (preferably in black and white) to:
Susan Schwartz,
Information Officer,
Municipal Offices,
Charles Street,
KEW 3101



ODE TO THE PEDESTRIAN

Kew resident, Mr Warwick Hastie, has been moved to verse in his concern about the obstruction of footpaths.

**"The time has come the walrus said
to speak of many things
of by-law violation
and ill-will that it brings.
The paving of our sidewalks
is meant for foot power motion
not for parking cars across
impeding ambulation.**

**The rain soaked shrubs
and limbs that droop
they drench the walker
and make him stoop
to miss the barb
hanging o'er the fence
a twist and a turn
is the only defence.**

**So clear up our footpaths
of all ilk obstructions
and comply with the Council's
by-law instructions."**

Readers are reminded that it is an offence to allow any tree or shrub to overhang a footpath at a height of less than 3 metres from the path.

For any enquiries concerning by-laws, contact the By-Laws Officer, **Ron Cook** on 862 2466.

RECTIME

With the increase in leisure time, recreation is assuming a greater role in our lives. The aim of "Rectime" is to make residents aware of recreation opportunities in Kew.

As Recreation Co-ordinator I aim to liaise with community groups and individuals and to be available as a resource person to ensure that wherever possible recreational opportunities for all residents are available on an equitable and accessible basis.

At present we are operating the following programs:

Children's Services:

After School Program at East Kew Primary School; Holiday Program — Playcentre; Drop-in Centre; Kew Traffic School; New Games in Kew parks.

Youth Services:

Ian Patching is the full-time Youth Worker. He organises the: After School Program Drop-in Program

**Resource Program
Holiday Program
— all based at the Youth Centre, 4 Derby Place.**

**Adult & Aged Services:
Community Recreation Program
each weekday morning.**

Disabled Services:

The Council is pursuing a policy of integration of disabled into community programs.

In addition, unstructured play is catered for by the many parks and playgrounds around Kew.

Most residents would also be aware of the proposed Recreation Centre. Planning for this is well under way and updates on progress will be made in Kew-riosity in the future.

It is important that, if Council is to be responsive to your needs, there are open communication channels between the Recreation Department and the Community. If you have any questions, suggestions etc. regarding Recreation, please feel free to contact **Carolyn Graham**, Recreation Co-ordinator on **862 2466**.



KEW COMMUNITY HOUSE

Co-ordinator: Jo Osborne,
6 Derby Street, Kew, 3101. Phone 862 3126



Community Houses are for people. They are places to sit, talk, laugh and learn. We offer these facilities to everyone in this community.

Term three course program is now available and will be distributed through the council offices, library, playgroups, kindergartens, shops, notice boards etc. If you have missed out on a program, call at the house or telephone 862 3126 for a copy.

HERE'S WHAT'S ON: If you want to join a group, ring us immediately.

MONDAY:

Chocolate making workshop. Sewing children's clothes. Migrant English classes.

TUESDAY:

Pritikin lifestyle cookery group. A "Bird's eye view" Discussion group. Libby's fresh start exercise group. Know your community resources. S.T.E.P. Painting and drawing for beginners (evening). Guitar for beginners (evening).

THURSDAY:

Recorder playing for beginners. Thinking of Xmas (Hand made gifts). Exotic cuisine (Haliou, Chinese, Indian).

FRIDAY:

Kew word games group (evening).

English classes for migrants

At present there are FREE English classes operating at the Kew Community House. Classes are run by experienced qualified teachers.

Classes are held every Monday and Wednesday evenings from 7.30-9.30 pm (Except School Holidays).

For more information 862 3126.

The Penguin Club

The Penguin Club provides an opportunity for women to gain satisfying self development through self expression in effective speaking.

With helpful advice at our one hour meetings twice a month, you can acquire the all important skills that flow from chairmanship — effective letter writing, simple bookkeeping and the art of being hostess as well as chairman.

Members take their place confidently in the professions, business, local and state government, in community organizations and helping husbands and family.

For further information, contact **816 8315**.

The play's the thing!

Toorak Players began at Toorak Presbyterian Church in 1963, hence the name.

Now it operates in Kew and Hawthorn with three major adult productions at the AMP Theatre in the city, and an off-Broadway production in Hawthorn.

The Children's Workshop has just finished its production of *Man of Steel* at the Kew Community Theatre.

The Teenage Workshop involves 16 young people aged 14-19, mainly from Kew/Hawthorn/Camberwell.

Both workshops have been operating since 1980. They are non-profit groups, run by Ed Bailey (a Kew resident), a computer lecturer at Swinburne Institute of Technology.

The Toorak Players' Teenage Workshop will be performing three one-act plays at Deepdene Uniting Church, Burke Road, at 8.00 pm on October 24th, 25th and 26th. Admission will be \$4.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children and pensioners.

For tickets, ring Fran Toone on **836 8572**.

YOUTH PAGE

Are YOU a dag in Kew?

Do this survey and find out!!

1. On a Saturday night in Kew, do you:
 - A do your homework?
 - B work at the local pizza joint?
 - C go to a wild party?
2. Do you use Kew's shops:
 - A never?
 - B well . . . sometimes?
 - C always — I can't seem to leave the junction!
3. After school do you:
 - A go to a friend's house?
 - B go to the library to study?
 - C pick up litter and tidy the streets?
4. Which sport, in Kew, do you participate in:
 - A work out with the Kew Park Rangers?
 - B practise roller-skating on the back lawn?
 - C cheer on the footy club?
5. When you visit Billabong Park (off Kilby Road) is it to:
 - A frolic on the grass with friends?
 - B feed the ducks?
 - C have a picnic with the whole family?
6. When local election time comes around, do you:
 - A ask "what's that?"
 - B distribute candidates' pamphlets?
 - C consult the candidates and find out their views about Kew and its youth?
7. How often do you attend Kew Council meetings?
 - A never
 - B only when taken (by force!)
 - C I camp out to ensure a good seat
8. When you use the Kew cemetery, is it to:
 - A vandalize the tombstones?
 - B research Kew's history?
 - C run through, at night, for a scare?
9. When you drop in at Derby Street Youth Club, is it to:
 - A check out the crowd?
 - B I don't — I'm still doing homework.
 - C hang out and cause trouble?
10. Why do you live in Kew?
 - A I like being on page 45 in the Melways.
 - B it's close to churches and synagogues
 - C quick access to all the action!

HOW DID YOU GO?

10-15

Call yourself a citizen of Kew do you? You may live in Kew but that's about it. You have earned yourself the title of 'super, mega, maxi, ultra DAG'. You probably don't know what's going on in the Kew community, and what's more disturbing is that you really don't care. You consider Kew boring with a capital 'B'. Well, you don't know what you're missing out on.

15-25

You're on the way to becoming a model citizen. It's pleasing to see that you are aware of the many services supplied by our local government. You participate in a few activities in the community that are thanks to the local government. All you need to do is brush up on your awareness of the suburb — keep it up.

25-30

Well you should be proud of yourself. We have given you the title of A1 cool citizen! Everything you do and enjoy doing is in Kew. You are also aware of the fact that the facilities are there for your use and, boy, do you use them. One word of advice: slow down, we don't want to exhaust the services supplied by Kew City Council.



Competition — Why is Kew BORING??

If you can tell us in 50 words or less you will be in contention for the major prize of a guided tour of Kew's places of interest! Get writing and send it to:

Kew Boring Competition,
C/- The Information Officer,
Municipal Offices,
Charles Street,
Kew.

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2. A1 B2 C3
3. A1 B2 C3
4. A3 B1 C2
5. A1 B2 C3
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7. A3 B2 C1
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9. A3 B1 C2
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SCORE

Produced by: Belinda and Michael with the assistance of George, Liz, Chris, Peter, Effie, Cameron, Julie, Nauras, Lydia — Year 11 Politics, Kew High School.



Those halcyon days . . .

Third in a series by Bill Stent.

In 1918, the youths of Kew were a friendly crowd and I soon enthusiastically fell in with their ideas of sport and recreation.

There were plenty of competitive matches of cricket and football. The latter was especially popular, as Kew was in the Reporter District and we also had some very keen church teams.

The Kew Presbyterians Football team won the 1923 Eastern Suburban Churches Comp. Bill Glynn played with Collingwood and Kew Postman, Danny Minogue, for Richmond. Saturday morning was the norm, so the young players had to race home, snatch some lunch and sometimes, in order to play, ride their bikes out as far as the Burwood Reserve.

In the evening, if funds permitted, we would shout a girl to the two-bob dance at the Recreation Hall or to Percy Silk's, in Glenferrie Road. If funds were low we met our friends inside. Silk's "White Night" on Cup Eve, when everyone wore white, was an occasion we looked forward to in particular.

The Yarra was a source of entertainment and romance. Chipperfields and McCauleys hired out canoes and boats and these were well patronised by the young people. In summer times, the Yarra at the Marshes on the bend of the river near Chipperfields, Flynn's Hole at the bottom of Princess Street, and McCauleys at the bottom of Molesworth Street were the mecca of Kew swimmers and would-be swimmers.

The Yarra also provided a great number of young people with the fascination of fishing. Good catches of perch and eels were often obtained, not forgetting the occasional tiger snake. Although in diminished numbers, tiger snakes are still there.



The Kew Brass Band used to play on Sundays from the bandstand in Alexandra Gardens. In keeping with the morality of the times, the Alexandra Gardens were locked up at 5.00pm. The responsibility of locking up fell to Jim Large. At the weekends the young people made it a rather arduous task for him.

On Public Holidays, King's Birthday, Cup Day etc. the young people would organise picnics. A furniture van would be hired for 30/-. The boys paid for the van, the girls contributed to eatables. We generally met at the cemetery gates and proceeded to Eltham, Greensborough etc. under three horsepower.

The drivers were very jealous of the good name of their teams. On one occasion, the leading horse was in fairly poor condition and stumbled badly going into the Eltham Park. One unthinking wit suggested that a knot ought to be tied in his tail or he would slip through the collar. The driver took strong exception to the witticism and it took quite a deal of diplomacy to pacify him.

Picnics in the summer were mainly trips to the beach, Edithvale and Chelsea areas being the most popular. The neck-to-knee costumes were strictly enforced, with white-coated inspectors patrolling the beaches. Day trips to Belgrave and Ferntree Gully were also favoured.

In addition to the happy day, the journey home in the gloaming, either in a horse van or in a darkened carriage, left nothing to be desired.



Kew loses a very generous man

Brian White died suddenly on September 6th at the age of 43. The community will be the poorer for the loss of this lifelong Kew resident who gave so freely of his time and abilities.

Brian White was a real community person. He was active firstly in the Presbyterian, then Uniting Church, in the scouts, on the Kew Festival Committee, the Historical Society and on school committees. He was among the founders of this paper.

He will be missed by the many people that he helped in so many ways.

We at Kewriosity extend our sympathy to his family.

KEW LITTLE ATHLETICS

*We may win
and we may lose.
But we never quit
We are in it for fun
and we wanna get fit
We are proud little Athletes
and we run for Kew
Come on and join us
You should too!*

The Kew Little Athletics Centre is now taking registrations for the 1985/86 track and field season. Children from ages U/17-U14 can be registered at Stradbroke Park (corner Harp and Burke Roads), each Saturday morning between 9 am and 12 noon. The season will commence on **October 5th**.

FAMILY, FUN AND FITNESS is our motto, so if these types of activities interest your family, come down, we would love to meet you.

Enquiries welcome — contact Centre Secretary, **Mrs Charlene White** on 82 6915 or Centre President **Mr Michael Van Assche** on 859 2752.





Kew Rotaract

Rotaract is a worldwide organisation open to males and females between the ages of 18 and 29. Within Rotaract there are many community projects and social activities.

The Rotaract Club of Kew (which is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Kew) is holding a special meeting on Monday the 7th October, to welcome any people who would like to know more about the organisation.

The meeting will be held at the East Kew Uniting Church, at the corner of High Street and Normanby Road, at 7.45pm. Activities planned in the future with the club include a night at the pictures, a Rotary/Rotaract cricket match, a video night, Melbourne Cup Day BBQ, helping at Kew Cottages in the canteen, and a weekend away.

If you would like to know about Rotaract, or have any queries at all, please do not hesitate to contact **Wendy Roper** (President) on 527 6350 (H) or **Lynda Bowman** (Secretary) on 658 3349 (W).

This KEWRIOSITY is brought to you by the boys of the Fourth Kew Scout Troop

The money raised from this delivery will go towards their fundraising effort to send fourteen boys and one leader to the 14th Australian jamboree in Sydney this January.

The jamboree will be the highlight of another full year of scouting at Fourth Kew. As well as the normal Wednesday night meetings of fun and learning activities, the troop has an active camping program with monthly camps including snow trips, horse riding, hiking, and water activities.

The troop meets at Glass Street and presently has 26 boys and three leaders. It has vacancies for four boys (11 to 15) and two adult leaders. Enquiries to Mr Spurgeon on 857 6918.

Deadline

Kewriosity is prepared by the Information Officer, Susan Schwartz, and a community-based Editorial Committee. **Copy for the November issue** should reach the Municipal Offices in Charles Street, Kew, by **October 3rd**.

Letters

Motel permit challenges

I refer to page 4 of Kewriosity, September 1985, regarding the motel permit. Unfortunately the readers were not given the full facts in your report which says "Council responded to the residents' objections". This is totally incorrect. The Council in fact **totally ignored residents' objections**, over 80 of whom formally objected in addition to a petition signed by over 700 being presented to the Council against a motel at 7-9 Studley Park Road, a residential zone.

Three previous applications for a motel were refused by the Council as well as the Appeals Board. This was in spite of the Statutory Planner's report to grant a permit, subject to conditions for the second application. The Council as well as the residents of Kew are well aware of the conditions and to what extent these conditions could be implemented once the permit is granted. The problems with the Prospect Hill Hotel are well known to the community.

The Council in the past supported the residents, and appeals against all three previous applications were won by the residents. It is a shame that the residents do not have the Council's support this time, especially the support of the local ward Councillor, Cr Saunders. His motives are ill understood and the residents are very disappointed and disillusioned with him.

The residents are very thankful for all the support received from our other ward Councillor, Cr Jim Tutt and other Councillors.

We are hoping to present our case again at the Appeals Board and see if justice could be done.

Jay M. Rao

Cr Saunders responds

This letter was sent to Dr Rao on July 31, 1985, and was read to Council in the presence of objectors on the night Council passed the motel.

Over the last week I have received a number of letters expressing opposition to the proposed motel at 7-9 Studley Park Road, and disappointment at my perceived failure to represent the residents of the Ward.

Let me say at the outset that the issue of the motel is one which I have considered very seriously over the past 18 months. I am also sensitive to local opinions and values. In fact I formed a preliminary view that the second proposal (motel plus restaurant) should be supported, and said so at a meeting of the Studley Park Progress Association in August 1984. The strong opposition to that proposal, which included a public restaurant, caused me to review the issue and, on balance, to vote against that proposal.

I should also clarify my view of the role of a Councillor. I believe that a Councillor is elected to represent the community by gathering the relevant facts on issues, taking account of community views, and making a decision based on all that information. Decisions based solely on the views of a segment of the community may be flawed if detailed technical matters have not been considered, or if the views of significant segments of the community have not been taken into account.

Concerning the third proposal by Mr Jacobson, this time for a 33-bed motel with a dining room for residents and guests, I have formed the view that the proposal is consistent with the provisions of the Planning Scheme, and I am satisfied that the proposed use of the land is appropriate for the site. I appreciate that there are a number of residents who are very strongly opposed to the development. In order to get some indication of overall local views, I have undertaken a small poll of people on the Studley Park Ward electoral roll. I selected 30 names at random from the roll, and looked up their telephone numbers. Those whose phone numbers were not available I visited personally. Of the sample 30, I was able to make contact with 25. Of these 14 (56%) were in favour of the motel, 10 (40%) were against, and 1 (4%) was undecided.

Now I realise that no firm conclusions should be drawn from such a small sample, and that the respondents had very variable knowledge of the proposal and variable strength of commitment either for or against it. However, it is clear that there is a variety of opinion about the motel in the local community.

It has been put to me that, regardless of my personal view, it would be expedient politically to vote against the proposal, and leave it to the Planning Appeals Board to rectify any error. That proposition is repugnant to me.

On balance, and having carefully considered all the evidence available to me, I exercised my vote in favour of the proposal.

Robin Saunders