

# KEWRIOSITY

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## Kew Council's New Faces

Four new councillors, two of whom are women, have been elected to represent the residents of Kew.

Prospect ward has two new faces, Councillors **Moira Jeffreys** and **Allen Martin**.

Moira Jeffreys has been involved in the peace movement over recent years and her preoccupations have been the global issues of peace and arms control. However, after just one cycle of council meetings, she is "hooked".

"I'm finding the shift of focus to local issues challenging and stimulating. I look forward to a busy year," she said.

And busy it will be. Councillors' workloads are large and Moira Jeffreys will participate in the Kew Junction Planning Committee, the Senior Citizens' Association and the Kew Community House as well as a number of other committees.

Councillor Jeffreys wants to be accessible to residents.

"I hope residents will feel free to con-



*Cr Moira Jeffreys*

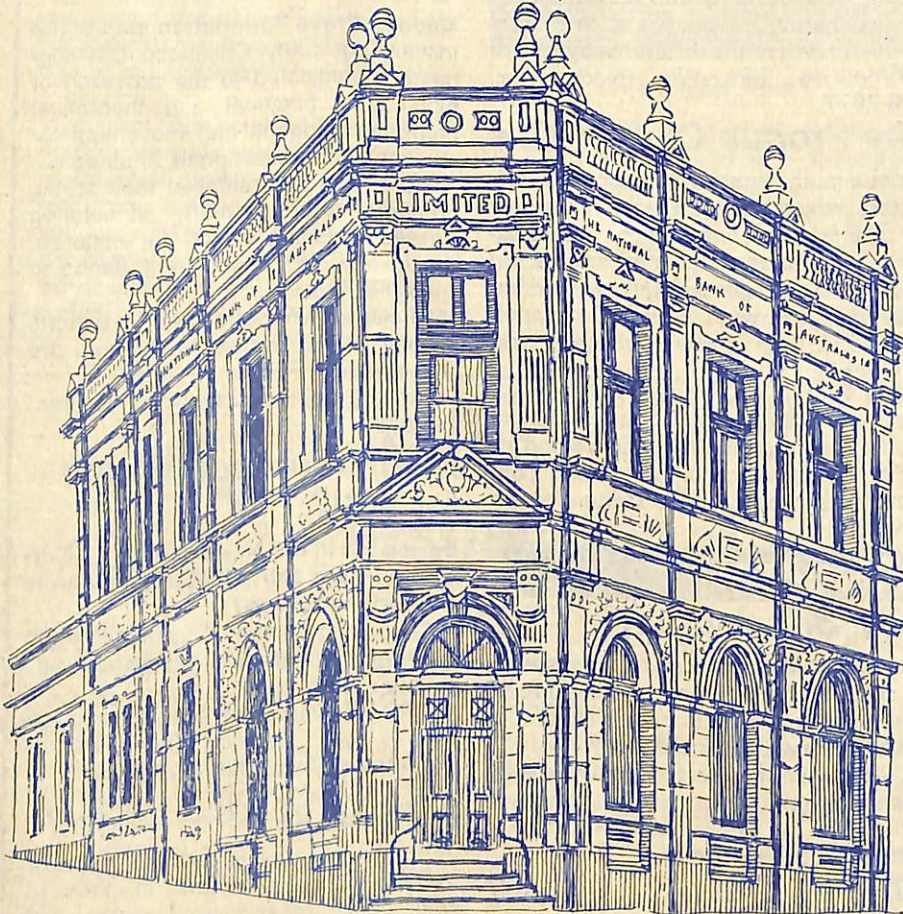
tact me with comments, queries and requests because I believe input from residents is the first step in Council's decision-making process," she said.

Joining Moira Jeffreys and sitting councillor, **Murray Wood**, is **Allen Martin**. He has lived in Prospect Ward for fifteen years and is executive director of the Asthma Foundation.

Allen Martin is concerned with those in the community who are not represented by organized pressure groups. He believes that elderly people living alone are in need of a voice on Council.

He is not in favour of local government becoming involved in areas which are the territory of State and Federal governments, but at the same time he believes that Council should be responsive to the wishes of residents.

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NATIONAL BANK - Kew

The National Bank, on the corner of High and Walpole Streets, celebrated its centenary last month.

This drawing, by local artist Donald Cameron, captures the dignity of this beautiful and imposing old building.

The Mayor, Cr Phyllis Hore, unveiled a plaque commemorating the National Bank's years of service to Kew, at the centenary celebrations.

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## community notices

All notices should be typed (double spaced) or printed very legibly on A4 or quarto size paper. Please keep notices as brief as possible.

### Auxiliaries

#### St. Paul's Auxiliary for Blind and Visually Handicapped Children

A Chinese Night will be held at St. Paul's, 3 Fernhurst Gve, Kew, on Friday September 13th, at 7.15.

Alan Choi will demonstrate an entree and two main courses of traditional Chinese fare, followed by a sweet and wine, is included.

John Cheng will have Chinese handicrafts for sale — 10% of sales will be donated to St. Paul's.

Tickets are \$12.50 per head.

R.S.V.P. 6th September.

Contact Mrs Mary Dossetor, 817 4889; Mrs Vicki Bassett, 743 5003.

### Clubs and Societies

#### Australian Plant Group

Mr. Len Irwin, popular speaker on growing Australian Orchids, will share his secrets with us at the next meeting. This will be held at **8.00pm** on Monday **23rd September**, at the Senior Citizens' Centre, cnr High & Childers Sts. All welcome. Inquiries **861 9484**.

#### Kew Garden Club

"Propagation" is the theme for the September general meeting to be held in the Senior Citizens' Centre, cnr High & Childers Sts, Kew, at **8.00pm** on **12th September**.

An expert guest speaker is available, so come along and join us — a very interesting evening is guaranteed.

#### Kew Historical Society

The next meeting of the Kew Historical Society will be held on **Wednesday 11th September at 8.00pm** in the Manchester Unity Hall, Union Street, Kew.

Members (including visitors) of the Society will be invited to speak at the meeting on "**Something that happened to me on a Monday**". The time limit for each speaker will be two minutes, so

there should be plenty of fun and interest regarding the happenings in Kew.

Visitors are welcome. For further information, please telephone Thea Sartori on **80 3657**.

#### Kew (Daytime) Garden Club

**Terrariums by Mr Ron Hader.** Monday **23rd September 1985** at Elderly Citizens' Centre, cnr Childers & High Streets. Promptly at 1.30pm. There will be the usual display and trading tables.

Childminding available at the Occasional Care Centre in Strathalbyn St.

Enquiries: Mrs Win Fearon, Tel. **859 2977**.

#### The Probus Club of Kew

Probus is an organization sponsored by Rotary, which provides regular meetings for retired and semi-retired businessmen and professional men and retired executives of government and other organizations who appreciate opportunities to meet others of a similar level of interest.

The Probus Club meets for lunch on the fourth Thursday of each month at the RSL clubrooms in Cotham Road.

For further information, please contact the secretary, Don McKendry, on **859 2630**.

### General

#### Any Bric-A-Brac?

The **Lions Club of Kew** are constantly in need of gifts for sale in the **Opportunity Shop**, which is their joint venture with the Kew Senior Citizens.

Items from trinkets to furniture will be thankfully received at the shop, which is situated in the Senior Citizens Centre at **533 High Street, Kew**.

#### All welcome

The Missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver's Annual Mission Fair will be held on **Saturday, 5th August, 9.30am - 4.30pm**, in the Convent Grounds, Missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver, **154 Cotham Road, Kew**. There will be well-

stocked stalls, fresh vegetables and fruits, and many novelties.

The Grant Art Union will be drawn on the day at **4.30pm**.

Prizes are: (1) Video Cassette Recorder \$700; (2) Pakistan Hand Woven Floor Rug \$250; (3) Kodak Disc Camera \$50.

Tickets are available now from 154 Cotham Road, or on the day. 50c per ticket.

#### Springdance 1985

**Madden Grove Foundation**, part of the Institute for Early Childhood Development, is dedicated to the provision of high-quality practical and theoretical programs in dance and movement for students and professionals of all ages.

They have just released their spring program, offering many stimulating classes including dance for children, psychology and dance, and dance in special education.

All classes are conducted by experts in their fields. Certificate courses are also offered.

For further information, contact **861 9798**.

#### Neighbourhood Watch for you?

Do you live in the area bounded by **Normanby, Park Hill and Cotham Roads and Ridgeway Ave?**

Are you interested in having a **Neighbourhood Watch** program established in your area?

If the answer to the above two questions is "yes", contact Mrs Quigley on **817 2632** or Mrs White **817 5926**.

#### Friends of Kew Library

At the July meeting Mrs. B. Fincher, formerly a Senior Lecturer in Librarianship, spoke on modern libraries, with special relevance to Kew City Library.

Members are to visit the Victorian State and LaTrobe Libraries, gathering at the latter at 8pm on Monday September 9th.

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## notes from council

### Meet our new mayor

Kew's new Mayor is **Councillor Phyllis Hore**.

Cr Hore was first elected to represent College Ward in 1971 and since that time she has been involved in a number of council and community committees.

One of her main objectives in becoming a councillor was to open committee meetings to the public. She is very concerned that councillors should be accountable to residents and the opening of committee meetings to the public in 1982 was a highpoint in her local government career.

Councillor Hore has always been a champion of the right of ratepayers to participate in the decision-making process and to have a say in how their rates are spent.

Councillor Hore sees the mayoralty as an office, being of more importance than the individual privileged to fill the role. Yet she acknowledges that each mayor contributes something of his or her individual style to the position.

What emphasis will Cr Hore give to her term as mayor? She answers in a word — "unity".



*Cr Phyllis Hore*

"I would like to adopt the theme 'unity' for the next 12 months for it suggests that regardless of the different views we share, the Council must act concertedly in doing what it perceives to be best for our city."

The Mayor sees Council as a collective with input from councillors representing the needs of their con-

stituents, residents contributing their views and staff providing their local government expertise.

"Although composed of different elements, Council and the community are able to come together with the aim of making decisions for the wellbeing of the city as a whole. Consultation and co-operation have never been as visible in our city as they are at this time.

"The growing public response to open meetings and the community's willingness to participate in and promote local activities is very encouraging," she said.

Councillor Hore anticipates a busy year ahead. It will be a period when important Council initiatives like the relocation of the library and the construction of a heated swimming pool will be realised.

"There will be many important issues and difficult decisions for us to face together and it is essential that we approach them in a spirit of co-operation," said Cr Hore.

**Kewriosity** wishes Cr Hore all the best for her mayoral term.



## Traffic Management

### Area 10

**Bounded by Burke, Barkers, Glenferrie and Cotham Roads**

Implementation of the scheme adopted by Council has commenced. All works are to be constructed in permanent form, followed by the permanent installation of most existing temporary works.

### 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 per-

manent 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 and Asquith Streets**

The consultative committee has written its report and presented it to Council's

General Purposes Committee on August 20th. Council's response to this report will be included in the next issue of Kewriosity.

If you require any further information, please contact Council's Traffic Engineer, Chris Fenner, on 862 2466.

### Council meeting times for September

**Tues 10th** Standing Committees 7.30pm

**Tues 17th** General Purposes Committee 7.30pm

**Tues 24th** General Purposes Committee 7.30pm, **Council** 8.15pm

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



## Recycling centre to open

Council is currently constructing facilities for residents to be able to recycle cardboard, paper, bottles and glass.

These facilities are being provided at the Council's new works depot off Princess Street (opposite Duke Street).

The recycling facilities currently provided at Holy Trinity Church in Peel Street will be closed after the Council's Centre is operational.

It is expected that the new recycling centre will open towards the end of September. The opening dates and times of operation will be advertised in the local papers when construction is more advanced.

Any queries can be directed to Council's Engineering Department.

## Pollarding

As part of Council's policy to plant and maintain large street trees, Peter Davies, Superintendent of Parks and Gardens, has recommended pollarding as the most effective method of pruning certain species, particularly plane trees.

Pollarding, which involves cutting the tree back to its main limbs every four years, looks severe initially but the growth is rapidly replaced and the shape of the tree is maintained.

## Motel permit granted

Council has determined to grant a permit for the construction of a 33-unit motel and associated car park at 7-9 Studley Park Road.

Council responded to the residents' objections received by making the permit subject to a number of conditions which would minimise the motel's effect on the amenity of the area. The proposal to include a 65-seat restaurant has been previously refused.

The conditions include restrictions on delivery vehicles, lighting, refuse and noise. No incinerators will be permitted on the site and landscaping must be undertaken as a buffer between the motel and neighbouring properties.

Residents in the area have made a submission to the Planning Appeals Board against the granting of the permit.

## Kew's 125th

A meeting was held recently to propose means of commemorating Kew's 125th anniversary which falls in December this year. Those present were mindful of the need to limit cost,

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but were concerned to mark the occasion in an enduring way.

Among the proposals before Council are: the installation of a stained glass window in the east wall of City Hall, the gift of a substantial tree to each school in Kew, the introduction of an HSC-level acquisitive annual local history prize, an historical display in the library, a souvenir edition of *Kewriosity* and a lunch for Senior Citizens and two children from each school in Kew.

## Kewriosity survey

Council has commissioned a survey on residents' attitudes to *Kewriosity*, to be carried out by postgraduate students at Swinburne College of Technology. The survey will be carried out in October and more details will be given in the next issue.

## School Holiday Program

Council will be running a School Holiday Program providing a wide range of activities for primary school children. If you have not received detailed information about the program from your local school, contact the Recreation Co-ordinator on 862 2466. A Youth Holiday Program will also be operating, run by the Youth Services Officer, Ian Patching. He can be contacted on 861 6828.

## Council angry over E6 delay

Council is angry over the low priority the Ministry of Transport may give to the E6 route connecting the Chandler Highway to Harp Junction, despite repeated submissions from Council requesting the E6's construction.

Council is very concerned about the continued detriment to residents of Valerie, Earl and Asquith Streets caused by motorists using this route as a feeder to the freeway.

The lack of certainty about the road also affects the plan to develop a linear park along the outer circle reservation east of the Harp and makes planning for the urgently required safety improvements at the Harp intersection impossible.

## Disabled Persons' Parking Scheme

The operating guidelines for the Disabled Persons' Parking Scheme have been revised to restrict the provision of stickers to disabled persons only and to specific vehicles nominated by the applicant.

Applicants must be resident in Kew to be eligible.

## Secretarial and administrative support to community groups

Comment from local groups has been received on the draft policy for secretarial and administrative support.

Formulation of a policy has been necessitated by the increasing demand for support services from local groups.

For information about the guidelines, please contact the Social Development Department on 862 2466.

## Toilet blocks get thumbs down

There has been a resounding "NO" from residents in response to the proposed toilet blocks in Eglinton Reserve and Victoria Park.

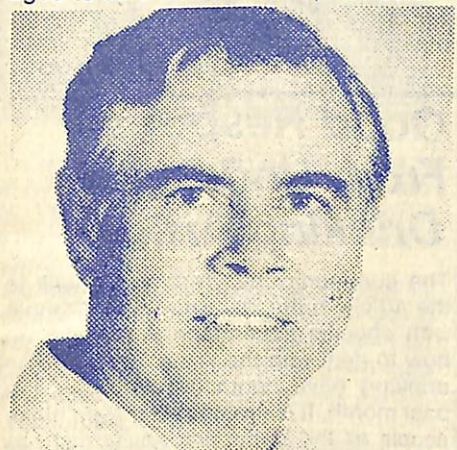
In view of the extent and nature of objections, Council has decided not to proceed with construction of the blocks.



For further information contact Kew Playleader on 862 2466, Monday-Thursday between 12.00 and 2.00pm.



"Council planning should be made in a long-term context and there should be restraint on large-scale developments. Private enterprise should be encouraged to take an active role," he said.



*Cr Allen Martin*

**Councillor Maree Williams** is the new face in North Ward, joining **Councillors Wendy Smith and Joe Ormando**. "New face" is perhaps a misnomer for a person who has been so active in community affairs and who has been representing the interests of various groups at Council meetings for some time.

Councillor Williams was chairperson of the Family and Community Services Consultative Committee, and of the Children's Services Consultative Committee. She is also active in the North Ward Action Group.

Cr Williams practises part-time as a midwife and is a consultant on the Family Planning Council, so it is not surprising that her concerns are with the needs of families in Kew. She sees her role as a councillor in terms of representing these needs.

"I've had extensive experience as a lobbyist, now it is time to be involved in the decision-making process from the other side," Cr Williams said.



*Cr Maree Williams*

**James McKenzie** takes his seat in Council after a cliff-hanger result in Central Ward. He is motivated by his con-

cern for the needs of families and small businesses in Kew.

"I would like Council to protect the residential environment. We need improved planning to limit through traffic, and to enhance our parks and street-scapes.

"I'm also concerned that the Recreation Centre and plans for a full day child care centre should go ahead," he said.

Cr McKenzie is also interested in services for the aged in Kew and would like to promote the encouragement of resident interest and input into the decision-making process.

Cr McKenzie will join sitting councillors, **Anne Glasson** and **Chester Keon-Cohen**, in Central Ward.



*Cr James McKenzie*

## *The end of an era*

**Council election time is always an occasion for goodbyes.**

**Kaye Cole** concluded a very distinguished career in local government to take up a position as consultant to . . . local government. She has served — with a two-year break — as councillor for Prospect Ward, since 1973. She was Mayor in 1979/80.

Kaye Cole has been an active participant of committees too numerous to mention. It is fitting that one of Council's last decisions was to relocate the library as part of the Five Year Plan. This is a vindication of all her hard work promoting Kew Library.

As Councillor, Kaye Cole was elected to the executive of the Municipal Association of Victoria, a first for Kew, and has been active on various regional bodies.

Her expertise and thoroughness will be missed by fellow councillors but she will no doubt make the most of her experience when acting as consultant.

Another former Mayor, **Jim McCue**,

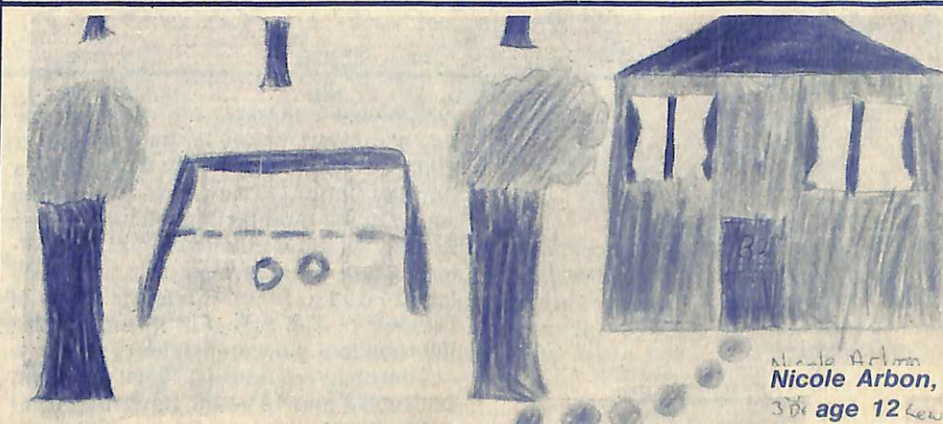
has resigned as councillor for Prospect Ward after serving for six years. He has been active on a number of Council committees, taking as special interest the E6. He has served as Council's representative on regional bodies and on the Kew High School Council.

**Max Sartori**, representative for Central ward since 1978, has also resigned. He has been a member of the E6 Working Party and the Historical Buildings Committee, amongst others, and has represented Council on the Kew/Hawthorn Citizens' Advice Bureau and the Kew Philharmonic Society.

**Roger Streeton's** career as councillor for North Ward has been curtailed due to work commitments.

During his year as councillor, he served on the Physical and Community services, Depot Development Project, Forward Planning and Kew Junction Planning Committees.

A vote of thanks is due to all retiring councillors for their hard work and commitment to the wellbeing of Kew residents.



*Nicole Arbon,  
30, age 12 Kew*



# YOUTH PAGE

## Premier Theatre Co. booming

Since our last report we have held our first workshops at the Youth Centre. Each workshop has seen more young people attend and be introduced to theatre. The Chairperson, **Kelly Hutchinson**, has been impressed with the number of participants and the variety of schools being represented. These included Ruyton, Xavier, Kingswood Col-

lege, Kew High and Carey. Further advertising will be carried out by Tim and Alex so watch shop windows.

**Steve Webster**, our Chief Programmer, organised **Bronwyn Muizulis** to run the first workshops bringing warm-up, drama and movement skills to the young people. The next series of workshops will be on writing around the theme of "Youth". The drama teacher at Kew High, Marlena, will run these with the aim of coming up with a small production to take to the community of Kew.

All meetings are informal and enjoyable, so why not come along and meet other young people who are interested in what you're doing? If you want more information call **Ian** at the Resource Centre on **851 6828**.

## Good Response From Under Age Drinking Article

The community has responded well to the article in the last Kewriosity. People with specific experience and ideas on how to deal with the issue of under age drinking have contacted me over the past month. It is great to hear from these people as this is the first article that has received any response. Over the next month these ideas and suggestions will be formulated into strategies for the future. Keep an eye out for these plans in future issues of Kewriosity.

Ian Patching

## Thank You Again Neighbourhood Watch!

In an unprecedented gesture the Kew Neighbourhood Watch group has made another donation to the Youth Centre. This donation came from members who attended a very informative general meeting at Kew High School.

The Co-ordinator, **Mr. Peter Barson**, called on members to donate to the Youth Centre in recognition of the fine work being carried out with young people from Kew. The young people really appreciate this gesture and thank Neighbourhood Watch for their second donation.



by Stephen McInnon  
30/7/85

## Kew Kids Support Famine Victims

World-wide concerts are not the only way of making money for famine relief in Ethiopia. Children from **St. Hilary's Sunday School** in Kew have been working for some months to raise funds. Last Sunday was the culmination of their efforts when they handed over a cheque for **\$241.02** to Steve Bradbury, National Director of **T.E.A.R. Fund**, a Christian international aid organisation.

The children from St. Hilary's, aged between 4 and 12 years, have made and sold pikelets, donated from their own

pocket money and done odd jobs to acquire the money. One 6 year old laboriously weeded every little bit from tough brick paving. In the next few weeks fourteen Ethiopian families in the **Gamo Gofa** region will be provided with the essential seed grain that could change their lives from despair to hope.

All thanks to the efforts of a group of compassionate Australian Children.

Ellaine Downie



## Kew full day care needs your help

You may recall from an earlier article in KEWRIOSITY that the Kew Full Day Care Centre Incorp. sent a submission to the Office of Child Care for a 35 place centre, in May this year.

Writing this submission involved a lot of time, and research, by a small group of parents. We have established that there is a need for a government-funded child care centre, offering quality care at a reasonable cost.

However, there is much lobbying to be done before Kew will have a centre. Kew is now the only municipality in the inner eastern region which doesn't have a government-funded child care centre.

If you have had difficulties getting quality child care, or find yourself on the waiting list with the Family Day Care Scheme, then we need you to write to the Government. Please state the specific problems you've had and highlight the need for government-funded child care in Kew.

Even if you haven't had such problems, but you believe that Kew should have a Child Care Centre, please support us in writing to Senator Grimes:

**Senator Grimes,  
Minister for Community Services,  
Parliament House,  
CANBERRA ACT**

If you would like to write to Senator Grimes, but are unsure of how to word the letter, please call Margaret Hillier on 861 7854.

We hold our meetings on the second Wednesday of each month at Marg Hillier's, 17 Spruzen Ave., East Kew at 8 pm. The meetings are very relaxed and friendly, so if you would like to join us please don't hesitate. Our next meeting is on Wednesday, 13th September. Without more support our goal will never be achieved.

Margaret Hillier  
President

### Deadline

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

## KEW LIONS' NEW PRESIDENT

The Lions Club of Kew have elected a Past District Governor as their president for 1985-86. Herbert Joyce and his wife Helen have been active in the International Association of Lions Clubs for many years. Helen was 1984-85 president of the Lioness Club of Kew which she began in 1978.

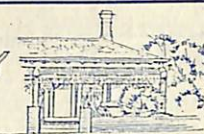
Both are strongly motivated and service minded. At his recent installation in the presence of the Mayor and Mayoress of Kew, Councillor Robin Saunders and Mrs Saunders, President Herbert indicated ever increasing attentions to both Council and the citizens of Kew.



*Kew Lions President Herbert and his wife, Lioness Helen, contemplate a happy year ahead.*

## KEW COMMUNITY HOUSE

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



*The Kew Community House is proving to be most successful in providing for many of the learning and recreation needs for the residents of Kew.*

*We are presently looking at ways of expanding the range of options that can be offered, and if our submission, regarding our future plans for the house, which is currently being examined by Kew council is successful, we will hopefully be a bigger and brighter facility in 1986.*

*The house will continue to function as it always has, offering a drop-in centre and a full range of activities for all age groups. During Term III this year Child Care with skilled minders will be provided at a very low cost — ask us about this!*

*To whet your appetite here are some of the groups you can look forward to in the coming weeks:*

- \* Pritikin Lifestyle Cooking Group
  - \* Making sample clothing for your children
  - \* S.T.E.P.
  - \* Know your community resources
  - \* Hand made christmas goodies
  - \* Women's support group
  - \* Migrant English classes
  - \* Bridge players group
  - \* Recorder group
- and many more.

*The course program will be distributed during the first week of Term III at the library, council offices, schools, preschools play groups etc. As soon as you receive your program and you decide what group you want to join, ring the house to enrol as places fill quickly. Calls will be taken on 862 3126 Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday between 10 am and 3 pm.*



**DID YOU KNOW** that the Kew Festival Committee is made up from interested and concerned residents of Kew?

If you are interested in helping in ANY WAY with the 1986 KEW COMMUNITY FESTIVAL please contact either Carolyn Graham, Recreation Officer 862 2466 or Anne Riseborough, Secretary, 861 6740.





## community notices continued

We appeal for donations of books — loved or never loved, paper or hardbacks — for a big **Book Sale** to be held in October. The proceeds will help our Library. Please leave at the Library desk or telephone **85 6415** if you wish the books to be picked up.

Friends of Kew Library is growing. Become a member at very modest fee and participate! Membership forms are at the Library desk.

## Politics

### East Kew A.L.P.

The next meeting will be on September 9th at St. Paul's Church Hall, on the corner of Hale St & Windella Ave, East Kew, at 8pm. The speaker will be **John Matthews**, of R.M.I.T., and a resident of Kew. His subject — technology and employment, and the opportunities for industrial democracy. All welcome. For enquiries, ring **859 6494**.

## Religious notices

### Kew Baptist Church

A fascinating presentation of Australian costumes through the ages, from 1840 to present day, will be enjoyed by those attending the comprehensive Parade, to be presented by the group "**Down Under Dressmakers**", for the Ladies Evening Group.

**Date:** Tuesday, 17 September  
**Time:** 7.45pm

**Place:** Newnham Hall, Highbury Grove, Kew (two doors from Kew Baptist Church).

Admission: \$4 adult, \$2.50 pensioners/students, \$10 family (supper included).

An offering will be received for Home Missions.

All welcome — ladies, gents, young people.

Enquiries: **862 3292**.

### Hyde Park Fellowship

On **Wednesday 11th September** at 2pm in the **Hyde Park Uniting Church, Pakington Street, North Kew**, the Fellowship will have as their guest speaker **Deaconess McKechnie** of the Uniting Church National Mission Frontier Services. This will be a most interesting afternoon, so why not join us in fellowship and afternoon tea. All are welcome.

## Our doors are open

On many occasions during the week the doors of the Uniting Church, Normanby Road, East Kew, are open. This is a symbol of our warm invitation to anyone in the community to come into our sanctuary for private devotions or prayers.

## Musical afternoon

The Kew Highbury Grove Uniting Church Mission Group invite all who would like to join us in a musical afternoon, to be presented by the National Boys' Choir on Sunday 15th September at 2pm in the Highbury Grove Uniting Church. Admission \$6, Students/Pensioners \$4. Proceeds in aid of the Missions.

## Support Groups

### Rheumatism and Arthritis Association of Victoria

The Kew Self Help Group has changed the place and day for their September meeting.

**Venue:** Kew Senior Citizens' Centre, cnr High & Childers Sts, Kew.

**Date:** Thursday, 19th September, time 10.30am.

**Speakers:** Helen Wood, Supervisor of the new Senior Citizens' Centre; Janet Dobbyn, Hostel Supervisor at Hamer Court Hostel for frail aged residents — an independent living setting.

Visitors are most welcome.

Information: President 862 2021, Secretary 818 4644.

## Letters

### "Friends" answer back

In **Kewriosity** for August Mr. Stan Meyer took Friends of Kew Library to task re the plan to move Kew Library into the main City Hall. He is probably unaware of the facts:

- Kew Council during 1984 investigated both Halls use and Library needs.
- It concluded that the main Hall is used largely by other than Kew people, operates at a loss, and that the smaller No. 3 Hall could continue to accommodate the majority of Kew-based needs.
- It also concluded that the best solution for a clear need to expand the Library would be to use the Large Hall at a cost of \$600,000 rather than build afresh at \$1.6 million or more.
- Friends of Kew Library was estab-

lished in March of this year, as a continuing support group of citizens, and immediately lent its support to Council's proposals.

Council last month resolved to implement this plan as soon as funds become available, hopefully this year.

I hope that Mr. Meyer will therefore appreciate that the present Library has been overtaken by public needs and that the Council, not Friends of Kew Library, properly initiated matters and resolved to act, after an investigation of the facts. We look forward to helping the Library, in a small way, to be a better facility for its 4000 users per week.

**E.J. Flynn**  
President

Friends of Kew Library

## Deepdene Primary School opens its doors

Although on the "wrong" side of Burke Road, **Deepdene Primary School** has students from Kew and its Open Day in late July was attended by a number of interested Kewites.

The focus for the day was **School House**, in Abercrombie Street, Balwyn, home of the preps.

**School House** is in the grounds, but separate from the main school and provides a secure and cosy environment for preps to become adjusted to the larger world of school.

**School House** is one of the unique features of Deepdene Primary. The school's principal, **Mr Gordon Chancellor**, spoke of each school having its differences, according to the community it serves.

"At Deepdene, our emphasis is on education as a joint effort. Parents want the best for their children, we want the best for their children and we can achieve it by working together," he said.

It is not surprising to learn that parental involvement in school programs is encouraged at Deepdene!

East Kew and Kew Primaries also offer programs catering to the individual needs of their students and together with Deepdene, offer a high standard of education to the primary students in our community. The schools work in co-operation and there are meetings to discuss ideas.

If your child will turn five by June 30th, 1986, he or she is eligible to be enrolled for prep. next year. Enrolments at the three state schools commence this month.