

KEWRIOSITY

Municipal Offices,
Charles St., Kew, 3101

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Happy New Year

Welcome to the first *Kew-riosity* for 1985.

In this issue we will be looking backwards as well as forwards, because 1985 is Kew's 125th anniversary.

Kew was declared a municipality in December 1860, and throughout this year we will be featuring articles of historical interest.

If you have memories or photographs of Kew as it was, please share them with us.



*Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky,
The flying cloud, the frosty light:
The year is dying in the night;
Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.*

Tennyson, "In Memoriam"

**What is your
group doing?**

**Advertise your
meeting dates
and times in
Kewriosity.**

**Send details to
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Officer at the Kew
Municipal Offices
by the third of the
previous month.**

**Tell me, and we'll
all know!**

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Hyde Park Fellowship

A warm welcome is extended to all who would care to join us in fellowship. Our **first meeting** of the year will be held on **Wednesday, 13th February**, at **2.00 p.m.** in the **Hyde Park Uniting Church**, Pakington Street, Kew.

The Rev Wesley Lutton will be our guest speaker, so a very informative and enjoyable afternoon is envisaged.

Come and join us and bring a friend. Afternoon tea will be served in the hall after the meeting.

Clubs

Kew Park Rangers Soccer Club

Senior training for the 1985 Season will commence on Tuesday, 12th February, 1985 at Stradbroke Park, Burke Road, Kew, from 6.00 p.m. onwards.

The Senior players, who compete in the First Division Victorian League will have the usual Tuesday and Thursday training nights. Any players living within a couple of miles of the Burke Road sporting complex are invited to contact the Secretary by phone on 20 8584, evenings only. Mr Jim Gorman will be happy to put you in the picture for the Senior side of the Club.

The Junior Club has been expanded for the coming season, and will have teams in six age groups. Under 10, 11, 12, 14, 15 and 18 will provide facilities to bring all boys along to enjoy the international sport of soccer football within their own district. Naturally, all parents are cordially invited to become members, and can phone the Junior Club Secretary, Mrs Jan Vance on 859 4185 any evening. The first Junior date at Stradbroke Park is on Sunday, 10th February at 10.00 a.m. Junior training nights are Wednesdays and Fridays.

Preferences will be given to short, typed notices. Please restrict your notice to 75 words, or less.

Kew Garden Club

Mr John Noble, a nurseryman who has been invited to be a guest speaker at the 'first ever' **World Hibiscus Convention** later this year, will speak at the Kew Garden Club's next meeting.

This will be held at the **Senior Citizens' Centre at 8.00 p.m. on Thursday, 14th February.**

Mr Noble is one of the largest growers of hibiscus in Australia and we are extremely fortunate that he has been able to give this time to share his expertise with us. Members, friends and all those interested, are warmly invited to attend.

Native Plant Group

Are you interested in growing **Australian plants**? Do you want to increase your knowledge of them? Would you be willing to share your experience with us? Do you wish to hear guest speakers at a local venue and visit areas of bushland or established native gardens? What dates and times suit you best? Are practical demonstrations more in your line?

Whatever your views, whatever your wishes, we would like to hear them.

This group grew out of the Kew Garden Club in early 1983 and now needs to take stock. Here is your chance to have your say, whether you have attended previously or not. **A planning and business meeting** will be held at **8.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 27th February**, at **11 Pleasant Avenue, Kew**. For enquiries, **Joan Barrett, 80 2255** or **Chris Ansell 861 9484**.

Kew (Daytime) Garden Club

At our first meeting for 1985 on Monday, 25th of February, **Mrs Ivy Johnson** will speak about **fuchsias**. The club meets at the Elderly Citizens' Centre, Childer's Street, Kew, on 4th Monday of each month, commencing at 1.30 p.m.

(We will have a **plant stall** to help raise funds and a **display table**. Why not show plants from your garden? Points will be awarded for the best exhibit.

Herb Garden — March 25. Cost \$2.00. Meet outside Elderly Citizens'

Centre at 1.30 p.m. Transport available.

For further information, contact **Mrs Win Fearon** on **859 2977**. **New members most welcome!**

Help us to make the 150th celebrations as colourful as possible.

We need volunteer designers, painters and helpers to make the east and west wall of the veterinary clinic at 13 Cotham Road, come alive with murals. One wall will depict themes related to the 150th celebrations and the other will be in the spirit of the Kew Community Festival.

*Enthusiastic people should please contact **Debi Stephenson** on **862 2726** as soon as possible. The project must be completed by early March.*

Counselling needs in Kew

Kew has a valuable information resource in the Citizens' Advice Bureau, but we feel there is a need for an on-going counselling and support service for families and individuals in Kew.

A public meeting, chaired by **Councillor Phyllis Tinney**, will be held to discuss this need. Guest speaker will be **Merle Rees** from **Careforce**.

Date: Monday, February 25th.

Place: The Senior Citizens' Centre, corner of High and Childers Streets, Kew.

Time: 8.00 p.m.

For any enquiries, contact **Marie Williams**, chairperson of FACS, on 861 7566

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Kew Council: 125 years on

On the 18th December 1860, Kew was proclaimed a municipality. At that time, there were 220 resident ratepayers, who elected 7 councillors to serve them. The total population of Kew was about 1400.

Like our present Council, the first Council had to deal with building applications, land surveying and valuing, road maintenance and rate collecting. As Kew had to care for nearly 30 miles of roadways, with new roads constantly appearing as a result of private owners' subdivisions, the burden on ratepayers was heavy.

The minutes of the first meeting of the public works committee include the following projects:

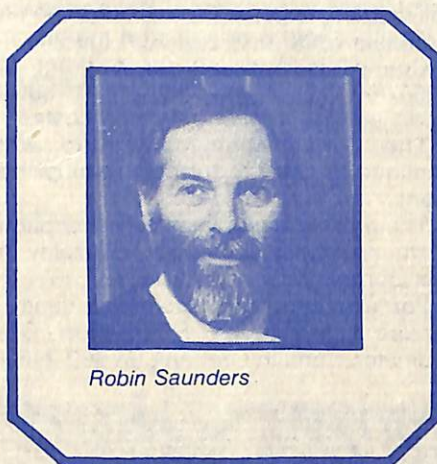
Bulleen Road	£450
Filling the gutters on the Hawthorn and Kew Roads	£200
Cotham Road	£200
Footpath on Hedley Road	£20

Sounds familiar, doesn't it? As the rates collected in 1861 only amounted to £365, these were long range projects. A government grant of £500 for public works must have been a considerable help.

The first Council chose as Kew's crest a shield with 6 stooks of wheat and the motto "Cresco", meaning "I grow". It was rightly anticipated that the municipality would grow rapidly. The inscription on Queen Victoria's jubilee drinking fountain in the Alexandra Gardens, shows that by 1887, Kew had already grown to 921 rateable properties.

In 1985, Kew is a city of 29,000 people, with 15 Councillors. There are 11,169 rateable properties, from which around \$5,120,000 is collected in rates. This is almost half of Council's total revenue.

Even though we have grown considerably, we are still a comparatively small municipality. In fact, Kew is the second smallest city in the Inner East Region in area, and the smallest in population. Compare our situation with that of Waverley, which has four times our population, and three times our revenue. A larger population can often be an advantage in obtaining state or federal funding for projects, as needs are



Robin Saunders

frequently calculated on a per capita basis.

We are fortunate that Kew has a range of educational institutions, health and welfare facilities and extensive parks and open spaces; our city has a green and peaceful aspect. But these areas, belonging to churches, schools, hospitals and government, add up to almost one third of Kew's area, all of it non-rateable.

Local government today has grown far beyond its original role; the expansion into the field of social development, is evidence of this. All members of the community, from infants to the elderly, have Council services available to them. But just as in the past, Council is dependent on government allocations to provide these services.

Within the limits of our revenue, Council is committed to providing as comprehensive range of works and services as possible.

1985 sees the expansion of Kew's children's services programme into the new areas of occasional care and extended hours kindergarten.

We are in the process of developing a

new works depot, and are in the planning stages for a Recreation Centre. And, of course, harking back to our beginnings, we are continuously involved in road maintenance. The more things change, the more they remain the same!

This year we will be installing an in-house computer system, which will streamline office procedures. Although we pride ourselves on the efficiency of our Council offices, we recognize the need to adopt new methods to keep abreast of current technology.

As you read in these pages, moves are afoot in government to give municipalities even more responsibility for human services. We welcome this, for we believe that Council is in the best position to know the needs of the local community.

1985 is set to be a year of Council initiatives and growth. We are looking forward to the challenge ahead.

Robin Saunders, Mayor

Council Meetings for February

Feb 5 Standing Committee
7.30 p.m.

Feb 12 General Purposes Committee
7.30 p.m.

Feb 19 General Purposes Committee
7.30 p.m.

COUNCIL 8.15 p.m.

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

Go ahead for Rec. Centre

Have you been wishing for a heated pool or a sauna, just around the corner? If so, you can expect your wishes to come true . . . in the near future.

Council has approved, in principle, Stage 1 of the Recreation Centre project.

This comprises a 25 metre heated indoor pool with diving, wading and learning areas, a spa and massage room, child minding and service components. It will cost an estimated \$1.9 million.

The centre is to be built on the present swimming pool and depot site in High Street. Council is applying for the rezoning of the site and, as soon as this comes through, detailed planning can begin.

Cr Wendy Smith, who chairs the Recreation Centre Consultative Committee, was pleased with the Council's decision. "Council has responded to a need that has been evident in the community for some time," she said.

"The committee has been very active. We have circulated questionnaires, commissioned a professional telephone survey and held a public meeting, in order to ascertain residents' recreational priorities.

"We have also visited recreation complexes similar to the one envisaged for Kew. We are confident that we will be providing an aquatic centre that will appeal to all sections of the Kew community," said Cr Smith.

Of the eight options that consultants proposed, Council and the committee favoured a two stage development which will be paid for in part by the sale of some Council owned properties on the site.

Council is applying for a grant of \$250,000 from the Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation, towards costs.

The consultative committee will continue to meet to further develop the plans.

The preliminary plan and a description of the recreation area, are on display in the Library.

For any enquiries about the centre, please contact the Recreation Co-ordinator, Carolyn Graham, on 862 2466.

Haven for cricketers

The J.D. Ryan Pavilion in Hay's Paddock, East Kew, named in honour of the former Mayor and Councillor, was officially opened late last year.

At the opening ceremony, Cr Jim McCue outlined Mr Ryan's significant contribution to Council and community, continuing into the present with his current presidency of the Kew Branch of the RSL.

The Mayor, Councillor Robin Saunders, spoke of the importance of the Hay's Paddock development as part of Council's recreation strategy for Kew. This is the largest park in Kew, with two pavilions, two ovals and a pond providing a home for the local ducks. Barbecues, a children's playground and a fun and fitness track will be installed early this year.



J.D. Ryan

Bowen Street closure

In its final meeting for 1984, Council decided to commence the procedure for closure of Bowen Street, at Barkers Road.

This action is supported by the majority of residents affected, and by the Road Traffic Authority. It has been necessitated by the Metropolitan Transport Authority's plan to extend the Kew Tramway Depot.

Council will follow the procedure for closure of a street, as laid down in the

Local Government Act. Having prepared the proposal, notice will be served on residents in the area. Notice shall also be published in the newspapers. If the response of residents is favourable, Council will adopt the proposal to close Bowen Street at Barkers Road and notice of this intention will be published in the Government Gazette.

Any comments on this proposal should be directed to the Traffic Engineer, Mr Chris Fenner.

Traffic Management

Area 10 — bounded by **Burke, Barkers, Glenferrie** and **Cotham**. Design work and consultation with State Government authorities proceeding.

Area 9 — **Charles Street** and environs. At its meeting on December 11th, 1984, Council resolved to proceed with Option 3. This includes:

- an angled slow point in Charles Street, immediately north of the bends.

- splitter islands in College Place and Hansen Street at the intersection with College Parade.

- resurfacing of the road through the bends.

- application to the Road Traffic Authority for a 40 kph speed limit in the area.

Area 6 — bounded by **High, Harp, Burke, Cotham** and **Charles**.

The consultative committee has been meeting in sub-area groups to develop a questionnaire for distribution. At the meeting of the whole committee, on November 22nd, 1984, it was agreed that the consultation with the residents should be deferred until early this month.

Area 5 Traffic Report released

The Consultant's report on Traffic Management in Kew's Area 5 (bounded by High, Princess, Earl and Asquith Streets), is now available.

The report, a result of meetings between the Consultants, Loder and Bayly, members of the Advisory Committee and residents, presents a variety of traffic options for the area.

Kew Council's Traffic Engineer, Mr Chris Fenner, said he was confident that the recommended proposal would successfully modify traffic behaviour in Area 5.

Copies of the Consultant's report will be available in Kew Library, or can be bought for \$3.00 from the Engineering Department, at the Municipal Offices in Charles Street.

"We are very keen that this report is circulated as widely as possible, and we invite residents to comment on the proposals," said Mr Fenner.

This scheme, a unanimous choice of all those present at the final committee meeting, seeks primarily to deal with specific spot problems.

It involves the implementation of a number of traffic regulating devices, including roundabouts, one-way sections, one and two lane slow points, splitter islands, half road closures and kerb extensions.

Supplementary measures have been arranged to prevent a transfer of traffic problems to vulnerable areas such as Disraeli Street, Ridgeway Avenue, Parkhill Road, Peel, Tennyson and Childers Streets.

If problems arise in other areas, they will be monitored.

The Advisory Committee formed by Loder and Bayly, will be invited to form a consultative committee which will consider resident reaction.

The consultative process will begin in February.

Respite Care –

Hamer Court, an independent living hostel for 30 frail aged residents in High Street, Kew, has a room permanently available for respite care. This is care on a temporary basis, for a period not exceeding 6 weeks.

Many frail aged people are able to live in the community because they are cared for by family and friends, but from time to time, circumstances arise to reduce or remove this support.

Perhaps the caregiver becomes ill, plans to go on holiday, or needs a well earned rest.

Where the level of support provided could be considered similar to that available at a hostel, rather than a nursing home, respite care could be considered.

To qualify for respite care, the elderly person must be continent and ambulant; applicants will be assessed prior to admission. While applications are welcomed from anyone requiring this assistance, preference will be given to Kew residents.

Respite care enables caregivers to take a break, knowing that their parent or relative is in good hands.

For any enquiries, please contact the Aged Services Co-ordinator, Maureen Day, on 862 2466.

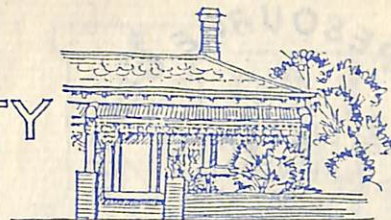
Places filling fast

Families in Kew have been quick to take advantage of the extension of children's services into the areas of occasional care and extended hours kindergarten.

Places in the extended hours kindergarten, at Davis Street's Unit 2, have been filling rapidly and the first advance bookings for the Occasional Care Centre in Strathalbyn Street, were made in December.

For enquiries about either of these services, please contact the Social Development Department at the Municipal Offices, on 862 2466.

KEW COMMUNITY HOUSE



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

1985, here we come!

The **Community House** program for 1985 is now underway. We are hoping for a stimulating year, with more involvement from the Kew community. You know we are here, so why not come and visit us?

Opening times

The house will be open from 10-3 daily, with special opening times as advertised.

New class

If you have completed a class in Migrant English, you will be interested in our new class in **Conversational English**. This will be held in the mornings, so come along and practise your skills.

Almost free lunches

After the class, why not stay for the **community lunch**? For a small donation you can have lunch around the big table in the community room and join in the life of the house. Good food and good talk guaranteed!

1985 Program

Classes in a variety of subjects will commence in late February. Craft and Art will continue and there will be a special pre-Easter class in **egg decorating**.

We will also be having workshops in those delicious old fashioned skills **fruit preserving** and jam and jelly making.

Enquiries

For any information on what is going on, contact the **Community House** on 862 3126, or drop into 6 Derby Street.

We hope to see you!

New Co-ordinator

We would like you to meet **Jo Osborne**, who will be co-ordinating our activities. She comes to us with a background in teaching and 10 years involvement with the Eltham Living and Learning Centre, which she helped to establish.

Jo's husband is a teacher and she has two teenage children.

Her emphasis will be on **day time**

activities and she is keen to foster classes in skills for daily living. At the Learning Centre, she was involved in developing herb and organic vegetable gardens and natural dyeing techniques. So be on the look out for new happenings at the **Community House!**

Xmas Party

Here comes the merry troubadour
Juggling happily away.

All the house on its toes,
Eyes stuck on the juggler.

From pots and pans

To popcorn and spoons

He juggles to the mandolin.

Then Santa Claus arrives

Amidst the singing of carols,

And Ho! Ho! Ho!

Here's balloons for everyone!

Vince Vella

Volunteers to teach Migrant English

Would you be interested in assisting people to learn English?

In 1985, the Kew Community House will offer informal, small group sessions in **English** for people from other countries. A course of 5 two-hour **training sessions** is available to help you run the groups. An important quality is the tutor's ability to develop friendship and understanding with people from different cultural backgrounds.

CONTACT Kew Community House, Mon-Thurs, 10-3pm. 862 3126.

YOUTH RESOURCE CENTRE
 283 HIGH STREET
 KEW 3101
 Ph.: 861 7259

YOUTH PAGES

1985 is yours!

Hello there. Welcome to the 1985 International Youth Year. This month's Youth Pages will look at some of the changes coming up for the Youth Resources Programme for 1985, what new programmes and directions the Programme will feature in 1985, the reasons why and the hopeful aims and objectives for the year.

We hope you had a great holiday break and that it was enjoyable and relaxing and that those of you who are going back to school have a good year. Those of you who aren't and don't have work yet, you may find what's coming up in the Youth Resources Programme helpful.

Have a great year and remember it is YOURS.

Youth Resources Programme 1985

The Youth Resources Programme hopes to be located in a permanent building by late March 1985. The new address is 4 Derby Place, Kew, which is near the swimming pool. With the new building comes a range of new programmes for young people. These include Unemployment, After School, Drop In, Information and Referral, Counselling Services and Holiday Programmes.

After School Programme

This will operate Tuesday to Thursday from 2.00 p.m. until 5.15 p.m. This service will offer a range of Drop-in type activities for **SCHOOL ATTENDERS ONLY**, generally aged between 12 and 17 years of age. The activities include, indoor recreation such as table tennis, pool, music and discussions on relevant topics.

This programme is not devised as an alternative to home so no T.V. or videos will be used during the afternoon, except

on purely educational shows. The simple reason for this is one can do that at home and the aim of the **After School Programme** is to offer alternatives to that life style that is easy to achieve at home.

Again a small fee will be charged for this programme; however, if the participant returns for the night Drop-in programme a reduction will be made.

Unemployment Programme

This programme is a 10 week intensive service aimed primarily at unemployed youth between 16 and 25 years. The programme will operate from 10.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

The programme will include such items as job search, interview techniques and support. A main component will be a follow up on all interviews participants go to and specific discussion from people who went to the interviews, concerning what happened.

Also, guest speakers will be engaged to come and talk on issues relevant to unemployment such as Commonwealth Employment Service, Department of Social Security, Unemployment rights and services and hopefully they will help, with information given in a better atmosphere.

The unemployment programme is designed to help you in those difficult times, with support from people who are

in the same boat as you and **commitment** is the key word to this service.

Anyone who joins the programme must be committed to the group, which means attending when required and being prepared to participate. A small fee will be required to cover costs of coffee, tea and such.

Information/Referral and Counselling Services

This will take the form of the **Youth Resources Programme**. If any young person requires information on any issue we may be able to help. This also goes for any counselling the young person may need. Issues such as emergency accommodation, drugs and alcohol, employment rights, legal rights, etc. can be of concern to youth and sometimes it is easier to talk to someone else other than parents or teachers.

If the **Resource Centre** cannot help any person it possesses a wide range of other agencies who deal specifically with problems. Family breakdown and specific drug and alcohol problems are just two issues that may need specialised agencies to deal with them.

This particular service will be available during the following times: Monday to Thursday from 8.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. and each afternoon between 1.30 p.m. and 2.00 p.m. Problems, however, don't happen between these times as you may know. If the problem is serious, such as sitting in on a police interview, attempts will be made to bring in a relief worker to staff the **Youth Centre** while the youth worker is on call. However, we are working to a specific budget and this may not be possible.

This also holds for the provision of weekend services. At this time they just cannot be achieved. Each person who comes to the centre will be given an emergency card with phone numbers of agencies specific to their immediate problems. The problem of full-time people being available on a 24 hour basis needs to be addressed but does not have any simple solution.

Although the **Resource Centre** is on the same site, it is totally separate from the **Youth Centre** so no hanging around is possible in the Youth Centre. Young people are encouraged to come in and see me with any hassle or good tiding.

Holiday Programme

The Holiday Programme will operate each school holiday period, Monday to Friday. All the usual activities will be offered including others such as bus trips and computer games as an added bonus. Times of operation may vary but before each programme these times will be announced. The cost may also vary depending on costs that may be incurred with activities such as horse-riding but a basic price of 75 cents per day will be expected. If this is not achieved individuals may not be permitted to go on excursions, etc. Holiday programmes are run as much as possible to young peoples' needs, but the staff are not there to do all the organizing. They will act as resource personnel and help the young people achieve what they want to do with help and support.

Drop-in Programme

This will operate on **Wednesday** and **Thursday** nights from 6.30 p.m. to 10.30 p.m. and is open to any youth aged between 14 and 25. However, the programme is aimed at the younger age group due to the lack of facilities in and around Kew for under 18's. Older people will be permitted to attend but they must realise the priorities of the Centre.

Usual drop-in type unstructured activities are offered, also table tennis, pool, board games, video and T.V. The operation of the programme is designed to run as smoothly as possible and therefore people must abide by general rules and objectives. If participants don't follow these, suitable penalties will be enforced. Also no **alcohol** and **drugs** are permitted in or surrounding the Youth Centre. The centre will be staffed by a team of four people who will be able to offer a range of experience and philosophies to young people.

The main aim and objective of the **Drop-in Programme** is community development. This includes the acceptance of community rules and expectations by participants and hopefully this can be achieved by a series of developmental attitudes in the Youth Centre.

A fee of 75 cents is charged for this programme, and this fee is used to cover costs of videos, tea and coffee and

replacement of broken items. If these costs aren't covered then a winding down of services should be anticipated.

It's all happening

This report covers what is happening at the Youth Centre in 1985. Since the Centre began in 1983 over **500 young people** in Kew have used various services offered by the Youth Resources Programme. With a permanent venue and full-time Youth Worker these services will become better defined and we expect to see more young people use the services provided. All programmes have an element of fun included so don't be bored, come and discover what is happening.

If you want to know more, contact Ian Patching, Youth Worker on 80 5536 or 862 2466.



WANTED — people under 25 for I.Y.Y.

The City of Kew requires a committee of 12 young people to be a **Youth Committee** for International Youth Year.

We need young people from different backgrounds and schooling, unemployed and employed — **WHATEVER** — but who are committed to helping Kew develop ideas and activities for 1985. The **Youth Worker** will convene the committee and act as a resource for the group to help with any problems the group may have.

A total of \$2000 is available to our municipality to use on youth and it would only be appropriate that the ideas come from the young people who are going to use it.

Other municipalities have already got their groups together, so come on, don't let us get left behind. Ring Ian Patching **NOW**.



A street parade, musical entertainment, displays and firework finale will ensure the success of the **Kew Community Festival's Fun Day on March 16**.

Following the **morning street parade** and opening ceremony, the usually serene Alexandra Gardens will become the lively arena for a host of **craft and other displays**.

When these activities wind down, the **evening spit roast** and music of the **Rouseabouts Bush Band** will provide continued entertainment until the exciting **firework finale**.

But the fun does not end there for numerous activities are planned for the following two weeks.

Past experience has shown that the **Soap Box Derby** on March 23 is sure to be popular. **Classes** for homemade and super carts will be held in Adeney Avenue from 1.30 p.m. and enquiries may be directed to **Earl Davey-Milne**, phone 240 1380.

New Festival events will include a **regatta** on the Yarra at Studley Park on March 23, a **disco** on March 22 and a **production** by the Artists Co-operative for the Kew/Deepdene Area.

Entitled "**Krystal Flight**", this dance/drama production will involved more than 70 students from seven local schools.

Performances will be in the **Kew High School Community Theatre** at 8.00 p.m. and 2.00 p.m. on March 29 and March 30 respectively.

Further details and bookings may be made through the co-ordinator of the programme, **Pauline Bennett**, phone 859 8368 (b) or 818 6580 (p).

Further details of what's on, when and where throughout the Festival may be gained from the **Municipal Recreation Officer** on 862 2466.

This Kewriosity is being delivered to you by —

The Kew Toy Library was opened in September, 1983 and now has a membership of 90 children.

It is situated at **Monnington Special Education Centre**, 15 Adeney Avenue, Kew, and is open to children of Kew residents.

It is run by a committee of 8 and relies upon the voluntary help of parents to raise money for new toys and also to manage the library.

Yearly subscription fees are: **\$8.00** for one child, **\$12.00** for two children and **\$15.00** for a family. Each child may borrow one toy and one puzzle for two weeks.

The library is open on **Tuesdays** and **Wednesdays**, from 9.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. Why not drop in, have a chat and browse around the stimulating collection of toys and puzzles?

Interested people should contact the president, **Barbara Mowat** on **80 1665**.

NEW DEAD-LINE for *Kewriosity* and *Youth Pages*!



Owing to difficulties in getting *Kewriosity* delivered on time, we have decided to bring forward the deadline to the **THIRD** of the previous month. This means that copy for the **MARCH** issue is due on **FEBRUARY 3rd**.

We apologise for any inconvenience to our contributors, and to ease matters for this transitional **March** issue, copy will be accepted up until **February 6th**, as long as it is typed and double spaced.

Send copy to the Information Officer, Municipal Offices, Charles Street, Kew 3101.



Letters

Dear Editor,

I wish, on behalf of many members of the audience, to express our thanks and appreciation to the Rev. George Grant and his board of management, for organizing and providing hall facilities for the citizens of the Kooyong electorate on Sunday, 25th November, to meet, hear and question the candidates for the federal seat of Kooyong. Our Mayor capably performed the duties of chairman.

Unfortunately, the attendance was not as large as it could have been, and although we are apt at times to rail against our politicians, the sobering alternative is a Hitler type of government.

Again, thanking those responsible for giving the average person this opportunity of hearing our fellow citizens give expression to their various ideas.

W. Stent,

Resident of Kew for 66 years.

Carols a success

Kew's **Carols by Candlelight** raised \$201 for the Ethiopian famine appeal.

The organisers were very pleased with this result and with the high attendance.

The numbers attending **Carols by Candlelight** have been growing every year, to this year's high of 900. It was a wonderful evening, filled with Christmas and community spirit, particularly enjoyed by the children.

Keep an eye open for this year's **Carols by Candlelight** notice, and come along. Before you know, Christmas will be here again!

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Kew Early Planning for Retirement

At our quarterly general meeting, our guest speaker, **Miss Jane Bockholt**, will address the topic "The Basics of Investment".

Miss Bockholt worked for many years as a senior advisor with one of Melbourne's oldest and most respected firms of brokers. She will emphasise how to assess investments, rather than in what to invest.

For the past 16 years, she has tutored for the Council of Adult Education in Financial Management. We all need this knowledge, so please come and bring a friend.

Venue: **Kew City Hall**

Time: **8.00 p.m.**

Date: **Thursday, February 28th.**

New Secretary

The new correspondence address for the **Manchester Unity IOOF** is:
c/- **Mrs D. Adams, PO Box 105, Box Hill, 3128.**

Kew Historical Society

1985 promises to be an exciting year, under the leadership of our new President, **Thea Sartori**.

There will be a bus trip to "**Coolart**" in March, and the Society will take part in the **Kew Festival**, also in March.

A comprehensive twelve month calendar is being prepared for monthly meetings.

Meetings are held at the **Manchester Unity Building**, Union Street, Kew at **8.00 p.m.** on the **second Wednesday** of the month. New members welcome.

Toastmasters

The Guide Dogs Toastmasters are speaking again!

Yes, we commence another enjoyable year of meetings at **7.30 p.m.**, **Wednesday, 6th February, 1985** at the **National Guide Dog Training Centre, Chandler Highway, Kew.**

Our aim is to learn to speak with confidence in front of an audience, be that two or two hundred people.

This all sounds very serious, but although this certainly applies to our goals it does not necessarily apply to the conduct of our meetings!

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

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