

KEWRIOSITY

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During its five years of existence, Kewriosity has changed its format a number of times. It is still evolving.

We would like **Kewriosity** to look brighter and tell you more about Council and community events.

We would like to hear from more individuals or groups who are active in the community, so that we can tell everyone what a good job you are doing. If you would like assistance with an article, or would like one written for you, just ask.

We would like to receive letters about items in Kewriosity or about the community in general.

We would like to help you get to know your Councillors better and tell you more about the decision-making process in Council.

We would like more pictures and drawings to enliven the pages.

Help us make this a real point of contact for Council and community members.

Would you like to join the Editorial Committee? It involves meeting for one hour, one morning a month. Don't worry if you have no experience in this area; it's people with ideas and enthusiasm that we want.

Please contact the Information Officer, Susan Schwartz, on 862 2466, between 9.15 and 1.35, Monday to Thursday and 9.15 to noon on Friday.



"Christmas is coming". Norie Takegahi, Prep, East Kew Primary.

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Religious notices

Hyde Park Uniting Church

On Sunday, 2nd of December, at 11 am Hyde Park Sunday School will hold their Sunday School Anniversary Service.

This will be a thanksgiving for the work of our teachers, and the service will be preached by Mr Ken Harris, of Campaigners for Christ.

Sunday School is held in the Church Hall each Sunday at 10.00 am. Why not send your children along?



Christmas Services

Anglican

Kew: Holy Trinity, High Street, 24th Dec — 1.30 pm; 25th Dec — 8 am, 10 am. St. Hilary's, John Street, 24th Dec — 12 midnight; 25th Dec — 8.00 am, 9.45 am. East Kew: St. Paul's, Windella Avenue; 24th Dec — 11.30 pm; 25th Dec — 8 am, 10 am.

Baptist

Kew: Highbury Grove; 25th Dec — 9.30 am (Combined with the Uniting Church Kew, in the Baptist Church).

East Kew: Woodlands Avenue; 25th Dec — 9.30 am.

Catholic

Kew: Sacred Heart, Cotham Road; 24th Dec — 7.30 pm, 10 pm Mass in Dutch; 25th Dec — 8 am, 9.30 am, 11.00 am.

East Kew: St. Anne's Beresford Street; 24th Dec — 7.30 pm Young Families; 25th Dec — 8 am, 10.30 am.

North Kew: St. Joachim's Church, Barnard Grove; 25th Dec — 9 am.

Church of Christ

Valerie Street, East Kew; 25th Dec — 9.30 am.

Uniting Church

Kew: Highbury Grove; 25th Dec — 9.30 am (Combined with Kew Baptist, in the Baptist Church).

East Kew: Normanby Road, 24th Dec — 11.30 pm; 25th Dec — 9 am.

Hyde Park: Pakington St., (near Earl St.); 25th Dec — 9.30 am.

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

Temple Beth Israel, Kew

33 Harp Road. Phone 859 8175. Warm family services every Friday night at 8 pm. Special event for December, Chanukah service and BYO family dinner, Friday 21 December, 6.15 pm. Ring office for booking.



Clubs

North Kew Tennis Club

The club, in Grandview Terrace, North Kew, is looking for new members.

We have three courts and full membership is \$35 per year.

We are holding a **free** social tennis day on Sunday, December 2nd, commencing at 10.30 am. Visitors and prospective members are welcome. There will be barbecue facilities available for a b.y.o. picnic lunch.

Further details from Jan Maginn, 32 Duke Street, Kew. Phone: 861 6938.

Scrabble

The Kew Scrabble Club meets every Friday, 7.30 pm at Community House, 6 Derby Street. Beginners welcome! Contact Ph: 80 1649.

Kew Garden Club

Gardeners know all about seasons — and they certainly know a Festive Season when they meet one! Kew Garden Club is holding its annual Christmas Party in the Senior Citizens' Hall, cnr. High & Childers Sts, at 8 p.m. on Thursday, 13th December.

There will be games, music, a slap-up supper (bring a plate) and everything else that goes with Christmas, including a display by members, of floral table decorations.

Members of Daytime or Native Plant Groups are assured of a special welcome. Phone 80 2255 for inquiries.

FREE child minding

To help shoppers during the Christmas rush, the Kew Junction Traders Association is providing a **free** child minding service from December 12 to 24, at the Holy Trinity church hall, on the corner of High and Pakington Streets, Kew. Qualified staff will be employed and you can leave your children for up to two hours.

Contact 86 1834 for enquiries or bookings.



Correction

The recycling depot at Peel Street, Kew, is open Monday to Saturday, 8 am to 12 noon. It is **not open** on public holidays or Saturday afternoons.

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notes from council

Caring about your community

Christmas is a time for caring, a time to think about family, friends and neighbours, in a special way. Perhaps you will be going next door or across the road to share a Christmas drink, or you might be inviting neighbours to your home.

There is a heightened spirit of community during the festive season; people exchange Christmas greetings in the street, there is an air of celebration.

Telling people that we think about them, that we care about them, is a special part of Christmas. We, in Council, are concerned that everyone should have a happy Christmas and approach the New Year with enthusiasm. We would like to be kept informed about community needs, and to meet those needs.

Your councillors are very approachable. We have an expert staff who can help with your problems or concerns. Council cares about the residents of Kew and allocates a significant part of its resources to social development.

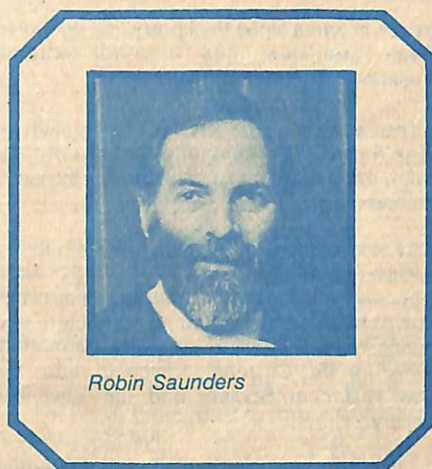
Some people ask, "Why should Council spend money on social services? That is the responsibility of Federal and State Governments. Councils should stick to garbage collection and road maintenance."

Council is more than a mechanism for keeping the city running efficiently. Kew is made up of people from a variety of cultural and economic backgrounds. We are concerned with the quality of residents' lives, with the quality of community life. To meet our aims, it is essential that there is a two-way flow of information.

Meetings of Council and Committees are open to all. They give you a forum to put your case to Council, or simply to see your local government at work. It is at this level of "grass roots" government that you have most chance of being heard, of being effective.

Council has established consultative committees to develop its initiatives with maximum community input. The traffic management, recreation centre and library committees are each examples of Council and its community, working together.

We would like to keep you up to date with our activities. These pages are one way of doing so, but there are others. The **New Residents' Kit**, **Community Directory** and the local papers, are all means we use to keep you informed.



Robin Saunders

The Community House is enthusiastically supported by Council, as a focus for group activities. We hope that more residents will take advantage of the friendly environment and the interesting programs offered there.

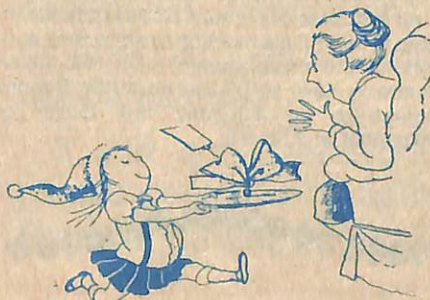
Kew is alive and well. The activities of the community-based committee which organises the **Kew Festival** is evidence of this. They will welcome any new members to their ranks. Why not demonstrate your care, by joining?

Every year Council hosts **Carols by Candlelight**. This event is always well attended and is an opportunity for the spirit of community to be heard loud and clear. Join us on Sunday, December 16th, at 8.30, in Petrie Square, opposite the Civic Centre.

This Christmas, have a thought for your neighbours. Encourage people in difficulty to contact us, or do so for them. We are here to assist you.

On behalf of Kew Council and Staff, I wish you all a happy and safe Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Robin Saunders
Mayor



Depot works on schedule

Work is well underway for the new Kew Council Depot in Princess Street. Earthworks and drainage works are nearing completion and the concrete contractor has commenced constructing building slabs.

"We are very pleased that the work is right on target," said Councillor Jim McCue, Chairman of the Depot Development Project Committee. "Our project managers, McGinley and Partners Pty. Ltd., have advised us that the Council's nursery will be relocated from its present site in Parkhill Road, to the new site, by December this year."

Stage 1 of the project, which includes the nursery, main depot building, earth and road works, carpark and landscaping, is programmed for completion in late 1985. At this time, the final changeover of Council activities from Disraeli Street, will take place.



A model of the new Council Depot. It can be viewed at the Municipal Offices.

Paper and bottle recycling

Kew's new Municipal Depot will include a recycle depot, in its Stage II. This recycling function, however, is not likely to be available for more than a year hence. Council advises residents that Holy Trinity Church has undertaken to continue their existing service, if needed for another six months at least.

Venue: Recycle Depot, Peel Street, next to church tennis courts.

Time: Open 8 am - 12 noon daily, except Sundays and public holidays.

Material accepted: clean paper, magazines, books, cardboard, glass bottles and jars.

N.B. — NO plastic or film accepted.

Kew Library on the Move

If you have been literally "bumping into your neighbour" every time you try to get a book from the shelves at Kew Library, relief may soon be in sight.

Plans to overcome the library's severe shortage of space by relocating it in the present City Hall, are currently being considered by Kew Council.

The Library Review Committee undertook a feasibility study and consulted with a number of community groups prior to recommending the relocation scheme to Council last month.

Anybody visiting the library on a busy Sunday afternoon will know that these days it is not a relaxing place to be; Kew Library is only one-third the size specified in International Standards for local libraries.

This, coupled with the more than 50% in-

crease in loans since the library first occupied these premises, has created extreme pressures for staff and users alike.

The lack of space creates congestion at peak times and makes any further development or extension of library services impossible.

Cr. Kaye Cole, Chairman of the Library Review Committee said, "The larger area proposed will mean that the eventual provision of services like personal computers and videos will be possible, as will a permanent home for the Citizens' Advice Bureau, the Kew Historical Society and the Kew Toy Library.

"It will mean a comfortable and welcoming foyer, better separation of noisy from quiet areas, more seating, adequate workspace

and room for library users to move without obstruction.

"It will also mean turning an under-utilized City Hall into a vital community asset."

The Committee believes that the relocation scheme will be welcomed by ratepayers as it is less than half the cost of a new building and the library will remain in the heart of Kew.

Councillor Cole said that the Committee members were delighted that Council had endorsed their own view that the relocation is by far the most cost-effective solution for the library.

The matter of funding and timing of the project has now to be resolved in conjunction with Council's overall capital plan.

Cr. Cole said she hopes the library will be relocated in the City Hall within the next two years, "Otherwise you'll need a can-opener to get in on Sunday afternoons".



Council meetings for December

Dec. 4: General Purposes Committee
7.30

Dec. 11: General Purposes Committee
7.30. Council 8.15.

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

Recreation centre

On Tuesday, December 4th, at 7.30 pm in the Council Chambers, the Recreation Centre Consultative Committee will present its report to the General Purposes Committee.

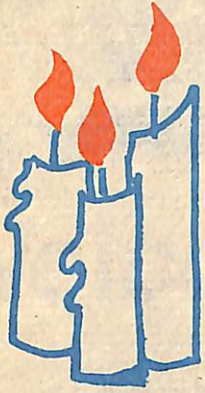
This report is the result of investigations into the Community's requirements for a Recreation Centre, the most suitable components for such a centre and the style of management to make such a Centre a success.

The report will also include several concepts of the most suitable use for the site nominated for the Reception Centre, and prepared by consultants Perrott, Lyon and Mathieson Pty Ltd.

The Recreation Centre Consultative Committee will also make recommendations to Council as to the most viable alternative.

All members of the Kew Community are invited to attend this meeting to show their support for the establishment of a Recreation Centre in Kew, so please be at the Council Chambers on Tuesday the fourth of December at 7.30 pm.





Carols by Candlelight

On Sunday, December 16th, you are invited to join us in the unique atmosphere of our community Carol Service.

Last year, hundreds participated, and we were able to donate funds to St. Vincent de Paul, from the proceeds of candle sales.

This year we will donate proceeds to the famine relief fund for Ethiopia.

At the 1983 Carols, the Gange family — Kew's "Von Trapps" — entertained us, and we hope to see them again this year. A schoolboy choir will accompany all singing and our own Kew Citizens' Band will be performing their A class music. Other artists will participate in what is sure to be a wonderful programme.

The portico of Petrie Square is a fine stage and the lawns and gardens provide a friendly environment. If the weather is unkind, the carols will be held inside the Civic Centre.

The Ministers of East Kew and Kew churches have worked together for this special event.

Mr Gerard Petrie will be co-ordinating the evening's activities and he says he is expecting a bigger crowd than ever. "I believe that a lot of families are looking forward to having a great night out."

Please join us!

Occasional Care Centre

Since the last edition of **Kewriosity**, Council has received the go-ahead for an Occasional Care Centre five days per week commencing in February, 1985.

The Centre will be staffed by a trained Co-ordinator who will be appointed in the near future. Other staff will be untrained but will need to have a commitment to working with children in a caring and safe environment.

Parents will be able to book their pre-school children into the Occasional Care Centre for up to four hours at a time whilst they attend appointments, shop, play tennis or just take a break.

The Occasional Care Centre will be in Strathalbyn Street, East Kew, behind the Infant Welfare Centre in the building presently being used as a kindergarten. It will be open for forty hours per week and as mentioned earlier will commence operation on Monday 4th February, 1984.

A full session of four hours care will cost \$6.00 but parents will be able to book for from one hour to four hours at a time. Twenty places will be available and while all pre-school ages will be catered for, the number of children under two will be governed by State childminding regulations.

Should you require further information or wish to book your child into the Centre, please contact Rhonda Robertson at the Municipal Offices on 862 2466.



Letterboxing

Kew Council is in need of people who will do occasional letterboxing, on a regular basis. A fee will be paid.

If you are interested, please contact Elizabeth Bennett, on 862 2466.

Full Day Care Centre

A day care centre caters for children between the ages 0-6 and can offer either full day care or regular part-time care.

A local committee has been meeting recently to attempt to obtain funding for a **Full Day Care Centre** for Kew. This committee was formed due to the need for a centre like this in the community. Most families need someone to care for their young children, at some time. The needs will vary with family circumstances and there should be a choice in the type and amount of care available. Kew doesn't currently have any subsidised Day Care Centre for children. The perception of Kew as a suburb of elderly citizens is losing ground with 4.6% of Kew's population in the 0-4 age bracket.

There is a need to obtain Commonwealth funding from the Office of Child Care, to ensure a high standard of care where qualified staff meet the individual needs of children. With funding, fees may be reduced for those with special needs.

A **Full Day Care Centre** for Kew is a positive step in the ever-present problem of child minding alternatives. Help us to support you; write in and tell us how you feel about a **Full Day Care Centre** for Kew. For more information contact the Children's Services Officers, Rhonda Robertson or Merryl Browning, at the Municipal Offices on 862 2466.

Traffic Management

Area 10 — bounded by Burke, Barkers, Glenferrie and Cotham Roads. Design work and consultation with State Government Authorities is proceeding.

Area 9 — Charles Street and environs. The Consultative Committee has met on a number of occasions and has agreed to distribute four options throughout the area for resident comment. The committee will formulate a recommendation on the basis of the responses and Council will consider the committee's report at its December meeting.

Area 6 — bounded by High, Harp, Burke, Cotham and Charles Streets. A Consultative Committee was elected at a public meeting on November 1st, 1984, consisting of three representatives for each of the five sub-areas, and Councillors. It will review the consultant's report (comment on the proposals and recommend the method and timing of implementation).

The first meeting of the committee was held on November 22nd, 1984.

Area 5 — bounded by High, Princess, Earl and Asquith Streets. The consultant's report on traffic management in Area 5 has recently been received, and it is anticipated that Council will release the report to the public this month.

All enquiries to Council's Traffic Engineer, 862 2466.

Kew Bowling Club

— women make history!

History was made when Ladies' President Trish Ellis opened the Kew Ladies Bowling season on September 2nd, 1984. The club admitted ladies earlier in the year, and plans to increase their membership to 150.

Currently the membership is: Ladies — approx. 100 (fee \$55.00); Men — approx. 80 (fee \$110.00). No entrance fee.

In summer the club offers coaching by the Victorian coach, Ray Phillips, excellent greens, pennant competition, mid-week and Sunday tournaments, mixed pairs on the first Sunday of the month, social activities and a licensed club.

In Winter we offer a winter green, indoor carpet bowls (pennant and social) and coaching by the same expert panel.

Bowls has been an excellent form of recreation for over 100 years in Kew. Now that ladies have joined the club, we have the challenge of making it the best mixed bowling club in the metropolitan area.

We are seeking 180 new members. Membership is open to those 18 and over.

Family fun

The Kew Bowling Club offers an opportunity for family recreation. Perhaps you have seen "Jack High" on the television and would like to try the sport. No need to join immediately. Just phone the club and make an arrangement for a try-out or come and watch a game.

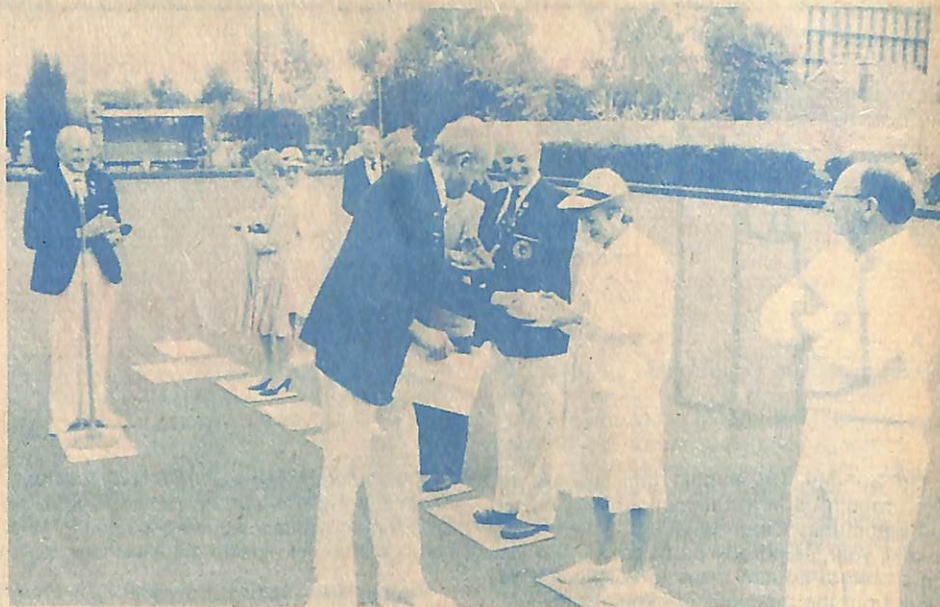
We will make **you** welcome!

The club thanks its sponsors: C.U.B., U.D.L., D. Baker Estate, Stillwells, Roberts of Kew, Kew Junction Traders' Association, Kew Junction Male, A.N.Z. (Kew), Four and Twenty, and the many local businesses who advertised in our handbook.

New sponsors are required for 1985-6, especially for the ladies' section. For any enquiries, please contact Jack O'Shaughnessy 861 9650, Trish Ellis 481 3336, or Pam Dalton 819 3855.

Looking forward to meeting you on the green!

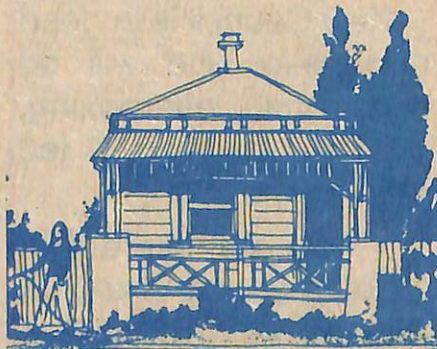
Jack Gervasoni
Chairman, Promotions,
Sponsors Sub-Committee, 861 9903



Secretary Jack O'Shaughnessy presents a bouquet of flowers to Lady President Trish Ellis, after the first opening of Ladies' Bowls at Kew.



"We made it!" — Kew's lady bowlers.



Housing needs in Kew

At their meeting, on Monday December 10th, the Kew Local Consultative Committee of the Family and Community Services Program, will be discussing the topic, "Housing needs in Kew".

The meeting will be addressed by Mr David Haywood, from the Centre for Urban Studies, at Swinburne Institute of Technology. He will speak at the conclusion of general business.

The meeting will be held at the Elderly Citizens' Centre, at the corner of High and Childers Streets, at 7.00 pm.

Any people concerned with housing needs in Kew are invited to attend.

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

YOUTH PAGES

Welcome

Hi there, and welcome to the last Youth Pages for 1984. For those of you at school we wish you all the best for the end of the year. For the others, start planning your holidays which are not too far off now.

Christmas is very fast approaching, and if you are like me then the money in your wallet is dwindling as the pile of presents in your cupboard grows in preparation for that big day. Christmas to me is a very special time of year when we can all forget our differences and be happy. It is a time for the whole family to get together, and also a time to catch up with friends which you may not have seen for a while.

This month we have the opinions of young people in Kew on Christmas and what it means to them and also information on holiday programmes available for you in Kew and surrounds.

We are now beginning to receive articles from youth organisations in Kew but would love to receive lots lots more. If you do anything you thought was fun then write and tell us all about it.

We hope that you have enjoyed "Youth Pages" for 1984 and we hope to be back with you in 1985; however you may have to look carefully to find us with the facelift that should be finished by then. As you know 1985 is International Youth Year as well as Victoria's 150th Anniversary, so it appears that we are in the right place to really have a fun year next year.

MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR from all of us at the Youth Resource Centre, have lots of fun but please be careful. See you next year.

Deadline

The closing date for articles and events to be included in the Youth Pages is the 5th day of the preceding month. This allows time for us to compile our information and still meet Kewriosity's editing deadline. All correspondence should be directed to City of Kew Youth Resource Centre, 3 Walpole St, Kew. Enquiries can be made to Ian Patching on 861 7259, or Merryl Browning on 862 2466.

Scouting in Kew

Although we never tend to hear too much about the scouting movement most of the time, they certainly are still going strong in the Kew area. Every night of the week one or more groups meet somewhere in Kew.

There are four different levels of the Scout Association in Kew. They are:

CUBS

Boys from eight years old upward to about 10 years are able to join a Cub Pack. From Cubs it's on to Scouts.

SCOUTS

From about 10 years boys can then join Scouts, but you do not have to have been a Cub to join Scouts. You stay in Scouts until you are about 14.

VENTURERS

Boys and Girls from 14 to 18 can be Venturers. Again the same applies in that you don't have to have been a Scout or a Cub.

ROVERS

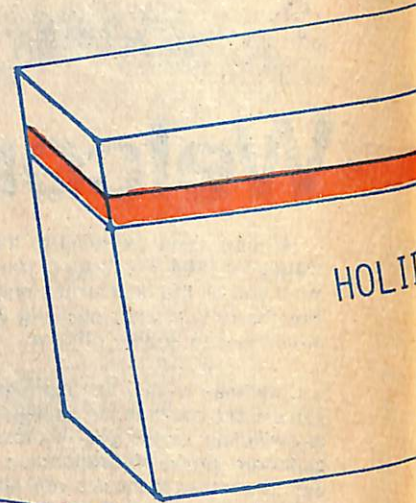
Again a club for mixed company between the ages of 17 and 26 and you don't have to be a member of the Scouting Association to become a Rover.

Then there is always leadership for those willing to help the many young people in the Scouting Movement.

If you wish to find out more information ring John Pennington, Kew District Commissioner on 80 1440.



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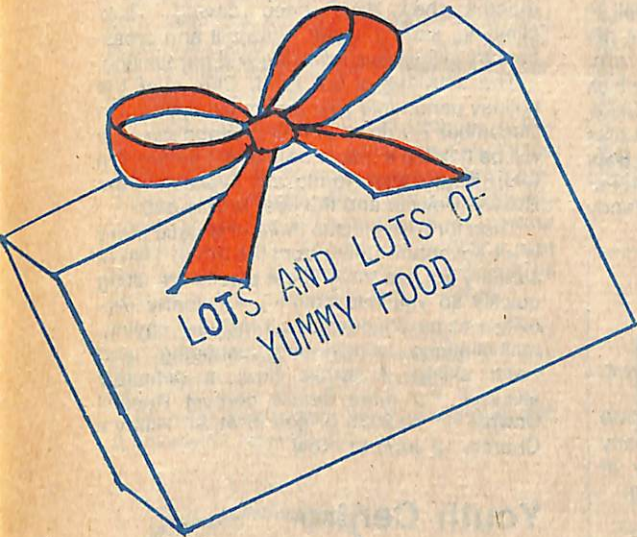
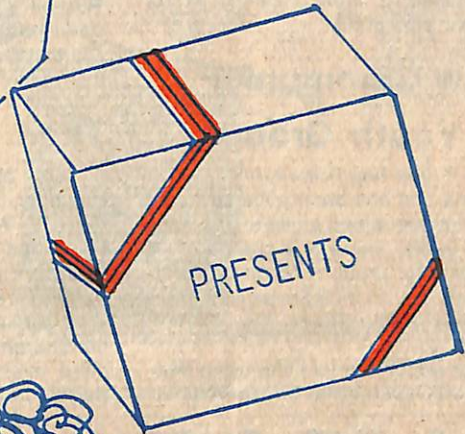


WHAT DOES CHRISTMAS MEAN TO YOU ?

THAT WAS THE QUESTION WE ASKED SOME YOUNG PEOPLE IN KEW AND HERE ARE THEIR ANSWERS.



ND HAPPY NEW YEAR



THINGS TO DO IN KEW

Kew Women's Amateur Athletic Club

K.W.A.A.C. is a group of young women who as members of an athletic club compete in Interclub track and field competition each Saturday afternoon during the athletic season, October to March, at the Doncaster Track, George Street, Doncaster.

Supervised training is also available mid-week and Sundays at Stradbroke Park, Kew which is the club's home ground.

Enquiries with regard to registration and costs can be directed to the Club Secretary, Mrs. B. Harding, 5 June Avenue, North Balwyn. Phone: 857 9052.

The Kew Community House Youth Group

The Youth Group has been running since the 7th of June and has been quite successful. We welcome teenagers between the ages of 12 and 16 years. There is a charge of 60 cents per night. The group runs on Wednesday nights from 7.00 till 9.00 pm at: The Community House, 6 Derby Street, Kew. Phone: 862 3126.

Activities for December include: a rap dancing session on December 5 and a break-up

barbecue on December 12. For more information contact Marie at the Community House.

The Gap

This is a group of young people in year 9 and upwards who meet on Friday night at 8.00 pm at St. Hilary's Church, 12 John St, Kew. Activities for December include: Swimming Night December 7; a Bush Dance on December 14 and the Christmas Break-up on December 21. Also The Gap will conduct Carol Singing on Christmas Eve around Kew. Meet at the Baptist Church at 6.30 pm. The Gap has a programme for January so contact Russell. Costs are kept to a minimum and participants only pay for special activities. Contact Russell Downie on 80 1236 for more information.

Teen Club

Meets at the Kew Baptist Church Hall, 6 Highbury Grove, Kew two Friday nights per month. Activities for December are: Christmas Break-up on December 2 which will be a trip on Puffing Billy to Emerald Lake, barbecue and waterslides. Bring \$4.00 plus your own meat for lunch and meet at the Baptist Church Hall at 12 noon. Don't miss it. For more information contact Laurie or Wendy Barton on 861 5316.

St. Hilary's Junior Fellowship

J.F. is a group for young people in years 7 & 8. We meet fortnightly on either a Friday or Saturday night, for social activities such as: films, games, cooking, camping, bowling and skating. We also meet every Sunday morning for studies and discussion. The group is open to all young people not just those who go to church. Newcomers most welcome. For more information contact Russell Downie 80 1236 or Cathy and Michael Fraser 862 2856.

St. Hilary's Earth Club

The Earth Club is open to anyone in Year 9 or over who has an adventurous nature as there is practically nothing the members of the Earth Club don't tackle. Over the past 12 months they have been caving, rock-climbing, surfing, water, downhill and cross-country skiing, bush walking and parasailing.

The activities of the Earth Club over the holiday period this year are no exception. On December 7-9 down at Phillip Island the club will be holding a beach walk (a gentle one I'm told). Registration forms are available from Russell Downie and the cost is only \$20.

Then for those a little more energetic there is an Adventure Camp from the 3rd to 11th of January at Lake Victoria but places are filling quickly so you had better get in early. Activities to be conducted will include: caving, rock-climbing, windsurfing, canoeing, and water skiing. A terrific time is definitely assured. For more details contact Russell Downie on 80 2036 or call in at St. Hilary's Church, 12 John St, Kew.

Youth Centre

The Youth Centre at 3 Walpole Street, Kew is open Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 6.30 till 10.30 pm and offers a general Drop-In programme. The centre is open to any young person between the ages of 12 and 25 years.

A holiday programme is also being run at Victoria Park from the 7th January to 1st February 1985. The programme will include such things as billiards, table tennis, videos, computers and also trips in and around Melbourne.

A BIT FURTHER AFIELD

December 1-6

Let's Dance 1984 — World Trade Centre

December 1-9

Great Victorian Bike Ride, starts Wodonga finishes Melbourne

December 1-25

Christmas in the City — what fun!!! Traditional Christmas decorations, the famous Myer window displays, Carols by Candlelight. For more information contact the Melbourne City Council on 63 0421.

December 6-8

Toy Run. Motor Cycle Riders Association. Starts in the City Square

December 9

"One for the Kids" — Midnight Oil charity concert, Sth Melbourne Cricket Ground. Proceeds to youth housing. Book at Bass. Youth Judo and Gymnastics Display — Albert Park High School, YMCA.

December 14

Christmas Carols presented by the Girl Guides Association — City Square

December 24

Christmas Eve Festival, rides, games stalls and children's entertainment, Main St, Mornington. Carols by Candlelight — Myer Music Bowl.

December 25

CHRISTMAS DAY — Merry Christmas

December 26

BOXING DAY — Another holiday, so enjoy it.

December 29-January 7

Asia/Pacific Region Jamborella, 5000 Guides, Scouts and Leaders from many countries attending sesqui-centenary of Victoria, Police Paddocks, Dandenong.

January 1

NEW YEARS DAY — Happy New Year

January 1-5

Hang Gliding Championships — Mount Buffalo

January 6-20

FEIP concerts at Myer Music Bowl

January 25-28

Williamstown Summer Festival — Williamstown

January 26

The Great Australia Party, FEIP and Australia Day Committee — City Square

January 26-28

Victorian Hot Rod Show — Royal Exhibition Buildings

January 26-27

Hawthorn Street Party

January 27-28

Shire of Mornington — Australia Day Celebrations

January 28

AUSTRALIA DAY — Australia Day Festival — Fitzroy Gardens





Someone to talk to

Christmas is a joyous season, a time to get together with family and friends and celebrate.

However, for many people in the community, Christmas can be a very lonely time. They might look back to Christmases spent with people no longer there, or relive childhood memories.

If your Christmas is not going to be all that you might wish it to be, why not come and have a chat and a cup of coffee with the volunteers who work for the Citizens' Advice Bureau? We can provide a friendly environment and a ready ear to listen to anything you may want to talk to us about. We have time to spend with you.

Perhaps you are having problems with neighbours or you might be feeling the pinch economically. Perhaps your problems are of a personal nature. No matter where problems stem from, we will try and help. Just talking to us may clarify issues for you or we can refer you to others who may be able to assist. Our service is completely confidential.

Our normal hours are 10-3, Monday to Friday, with free legal advice at the Kew Office 7.30-9.30 pm on Tuesdays and at Hawthorn, 7.30-9.30 on Wednesdays. The Kew Office is just opposite the library entrance (at the rear of the Town Hall). The Hawthorn Office is at the corner of Glenferrie and Manningtree Roads, at the front of the R.S.L. Office.

Many volunteers will be away over the Christmas break, so the Kew office will only open from 10-1 during this period.

We wish everyone a happy Christmas and a wonderful New Year.



Dominic Picone, Prep, St Anne's Primary.

library news

Books are an essential part of our holiday luggage.

For children the following books, which are available at Kew Municipal Library, are recommended:

For younger readers:

Dear Mr. Menshaw — B. Cleary
The way to Sattin Shore — P. Pearce
Conrad's War — A. Davis
Anastasia Again — L. Lowry.

This is an indication of Lowry's novel — "Moving house, a precocious little brother, and a next-door neighbour who looks like a witch are just some of the problems that irrepressible Anastasia takes in her stride."

For older readers

Goodnight Mr. Tom — M. Magorian
Ask me no questions — A. Schlee
The Blue Sword — R. McKinley
The Huntsman — D. Hill

Kew Library also caters for adult readers of popular fiction. There are many easy-to-

carry paperback novels. These writers are just a few of the many who are published in paperback — Jeffrey Archer: **The Prodigal Daughter**, R. Ludlum: **The Parsifal Mosaic**, Winston Graham: **The Poldark** series, Stephen King: **The Shining**, J. May: **Saga of the Exiles** series, M. Mosco: **Almonds and Raisins**.

However, if you do not mind carrying hardbacks, one-volume collections of the novels of one particular author are good value. For example, omnibus editions of the works of Sir A.C. Doyle, Frederick Forsyth, John Galsworthy, Herman Hesse, Jack Higgins, Agatha Christie, D.H. Lawrence and W. Somerset Maugham are all held at Kew Library.

Kew Historical Society members will not be available to answer local history queries at the library during December and January. Kew researchers into Kew history may find a library publication **Guide to Kew Local History Resources** quite useful.



RED ALERT FOR SCOUTS

Parents and members of the 2nd Kew Scout Group held an emergency meeting recently, to discuss the future, or more correctly, lack of future, for the group.

The current group leader will be leaving shortly and if a replacement is not found soon, the group will have to fold on December 31st.

There is a leadership crisis in the scouting movement, but the 2nd Kew Group has been hit particularly hard. Not only do they need a Group Leader, but a Scoutmaster and two Assistant Leaders for the Cubs.

It would be very sad for the community if this closure went ahead. The Scouts provide a very important focus for many young men. They can speak for themselves:

"It is in scouts that you learn not only about yourself, but about other people as well. I think this is the main idea behind the scouting movement.

"Scouts has helped me to face up to the challenge of the world, and it has been the leaders involved with the scout troop that have helped me to achieve this confidence." —Matthew Jose, Queen's Scout.

"I think that Scouts is great fun because it is exciting and adventurous. The camps are good because we do things like hiking, which gets us out of the city and keeps us fit." —C. Loader.

"I have got a lot of fun out of Scouts. You get taught hardship, abseiling and how to make do with what you've got (often very little). Also, I'm about to buy my scout uniform and if we don't get a leader I will have bought my uniform for nothing." —Ravanagh Allen.

"We need a scout leader so that we can continue going on camps, abseiling, overnight trips and meetings. Scouts is great fun. Before I started I hadn't been on any really good camps. I have learnt a lot of really useful things which can come in handy.

"2nd Kew is not like other scout groups. It is good because we are a small group of 12 boys. Our leaders are great, but they cannot put in as much time as they would like to, so we are in need of new leaders.

"Scouts has taught me to think for myself and I have learnt to like and help other people." —Richard Glasson.



Darren Weston, a member of 2nd Kew Scouts, abseiling at Camel Hump, Mt. Macedon.

"Scout leader needed"

The Scout leader's task is to help motivate young men to leave their TVs and do something for themselves. The best received activities, while not strictly "scouting", are those that everyone can join in. Not much in the way of scouting knowledge is needed, but lots of enthusiasm is.

This is fun and enlivening, a job that is totally rewarding.

If you feel you can help our group in this time of crisis, please contact Neil Lambourn on 80 4817.



KEW FESTIVAL

Just to keep everyone up to date with the latest Kew Community Festival news . . .

After much work and organisation from committee members, plans are at last coming together to ensure a fun-packed festival which will provide something for everyone.

As always the ever-popular Kew Fun Day will kick off the festivities.

During the early morning bustle and preparations on March 16, the generally serene Alexandra Gardens will be transformed into a lively arena where various crafts, stalls, musical entertainment and activities will provide a large audience with a vast array of delights.

However the festival fun does not end here, for all sorts of activities are planned to follow.

These include the Soap Box Derby, historical tours and various sporting events.



Festival innovations will include a disco, a regatta on the Yarra, and plans to hold a youth market. These will ensure all sectors of the community are catered for.

With Christmas just a few days away and the New Year looming, the 1985 Festival is also just around the corner.

With no January issue of *Kewriosity* to look forward to, the pre-festival issue will provide a more detailed schedule of different activities.

Further information regarding the festival may also be obtained from the Municipal Recreation Officer, telephone 862 2466.

Would those groups participating in the festival, whether it be a Fun Day or weekday activity, please forward relevant details (including contact number) to the Kew Community Festival Committee, c/- Kew Municipal Offices, Charles Street, Kew, or contact Lucynda Dwyer on 819 3069 as soon as possible.

KCA responds to METRAS

The Kew Citizens' Association has prepared a submission in response to the Ministry of Transport's Metras Issue Paper on the reserve between Chandler Highway and Burke Road. KCA has actively voiced community concerns about the types of development along the outer circle reservation since 1979, when it was the first community group to formally articulate the problems of an expressway proposal along the Earl, Asquith, Valerie Streets route.

This submission has been prepared by the KCA committee after consideration of members' opinions, discussions with private citizens and community groups, published data from the Environmental Effects Study, a survey of residents along the reserve, discussions and meetings with Kew Council, and the views expressed at a public meeting which was publicised by an article in the local press and leaflets distributed to 5,000 households.

This submission addresses the future use and development of the reserve from the Chandler Highway to Burke Road and considers all the major factors which presently need to be evaluated so that a final decision can be made and continued uncertainty eliminated.

In summary the submission makes the following major conclusions and recommendations that:

(1) the **entire** reservation east of High Street be rezoned and redeveloped for passive recreation, this park be part of a linear park linking several eastern and south-eastern suburbs and, that **no** other development be permitted along this section of the route;

(2) a new **two-lane** road be constructed within the reservation between Chandler Highway and Harp Junction to overcome operational difficulties and to improve the amenity along this section and that existing roads be remodelled and landscaped to provide access and parking for local residents;

(3) consistent with a design solution to traffic problems, the amount of parkland be maximised along the section from Chandler Highway to Harp Junction to provide a critical link in the linear park through to the Yarra. Only a two-lane road with appropriate intersectional treatments would achieve this objective along the narrow sections of the reserve.

Contact: Linton Staples, Kew Citizens Association, 80 1350.



Children's Holiday Programme

The City of Kew will be conducting recreation programmes during the summer school holidays from January 14th to February 1st 1985.

Playcentre

St. Paul's School for the Blind, Fernhurst Grove, Kew, will operate a playcentre from 8.30 am to 5.30 pm, Monday to Friday. Staff will be in attendance between these times for supervision of children. Children please bring your lunch.

Fees for the programme are:
 \$2.50 per day for the activity programme (10am-4pm)
 \$5.00 per day for All Day Care (8.30am-5.30pm)
 \$7.50 per day maximum charge per family.

Kew Traffic School

The Traffic School, Grange Road, Kew will be open from 12.30 to 4.30 pm, Monday to Friday for the duration of the holiday programme.

The Traffic School will be open as a drop-in centre for children to come and use its facilities. It is not a care centre, therefore children will be allowed to come and go as they please.

Some bikes will be available for those children who are not able to bring their own.

Entrance Fee: 80 cents.

Mobile New Games Trailer

The New Games Trailer will be visiting the following parks at the times listed. Throughout the rest of the day it will be visiting other locations throughout the City at random.

Monday 14 and 21 Jan: Eglinton Reserve, 10.30 to 12.00; Foley Reserve, 2.00 to 3.30.

Tuesday 15, 22 and 29 Jan: Reservoir Reserve, 10.30 to 12.00; Victoria Park (mound) 2.00 to 3.30.

Wednesday 16, 23 and 30 Jan: Willsmere Park, 10.30 to 12.00; Kellet Reserve, 2.00 to 3.30.

Thursday 17, 24 and 31 Jan: Hyde Park, 10.30 to 12.00; Stradbroke Park, 2.00 to 3.30.

Friday 18, 25 Jan and 1 Feb: Harrison Reserve, 10.30 to 12.00; Victoria Park (Parkhill Ave) 2.00 to 3.30.

Tennis Coaching

Kew Tennis Club: One coaching session will be held on Monday 14 January 1985 from 10.00 am onwards at Victoria Park. Lunch will be provided by the club for those wishing to attend. Please bring your own equipment if possible.

For further information contact Merryl Browning, Children's Services Officer on 862 2466.

Community notices cont.

Change of address

Please note that as from Monday 19th November 1984, the new address and phone number of Inner East Foster Care will be:

611 Camberwell Road,
 Hartwell, 3124
 Telephone: 299 2744



Tell us what you think. Write to the Information Officer, Municipal Offices, Charles Street, Kew.

Support Groups

Kew Early Planning for Retirement

Mr Earle McNamara will be the guest speaker at our Annual General Meeting. He is a member of Toastmasters International and an amateur historian. He will tell us of his experiences and show slides of his visits to Antarctica. He is a long-standing member of the N.Z. Antarctic Society.

Please come, and bring a friend.

Date: Thursday, December 6th.

Time: 7.45.

Venue: Uniting Church Hall, Highbury Grove, Kew.

Politics

Kew Young Liberals

We would like to invite the young people of Kew to our annual General Meeting, to be held on Tuesday, 11th December, at 8.00 pm. After the election of office-bearers for 1985, there will be a champagne supper and dance. The guest speaker will be the Member for Kew, Prue Sibree, MLA.

We offer a wide range of activities, so it is more than likely that something will interest you!

Membership is open to all persons aged 16-30.

For further information and details of future functions, contact Clare on 859 8344, or Anthony, on 80 3852.

Open day talent time!

When children and artists get together, something exciting is sure to happen. That it has, was clear at the Open Day held by the Artists' Co-operative for the Kew and Deepdene area, on November 7th, at the Kew Community Theatre.

This was an opportunity for the children involved in the program to exhibit their work, and very impressive it was too.

All our children have talent, but it often takes the dedicated artist to bring those talents out and develop them. That is why this program has been so valuable. Children have been able to watch artists at work in their schools and have become painters, sculptors and dancers in their own right.

Did you know that Sacred Heart Primary School had a circus? **Jacinta Groutsch** has formed a skilful troupe of acrobats and magicians. And what about the rapdancers at **Glendonald School for Deaf Children**? **Pauline Bennett** choreographed a sinuous display of rapdancing. The majority of students came to her as novices and went away very proficient at the art. The "Glendonald Breakers" are in demand to perform at fetes and community events.

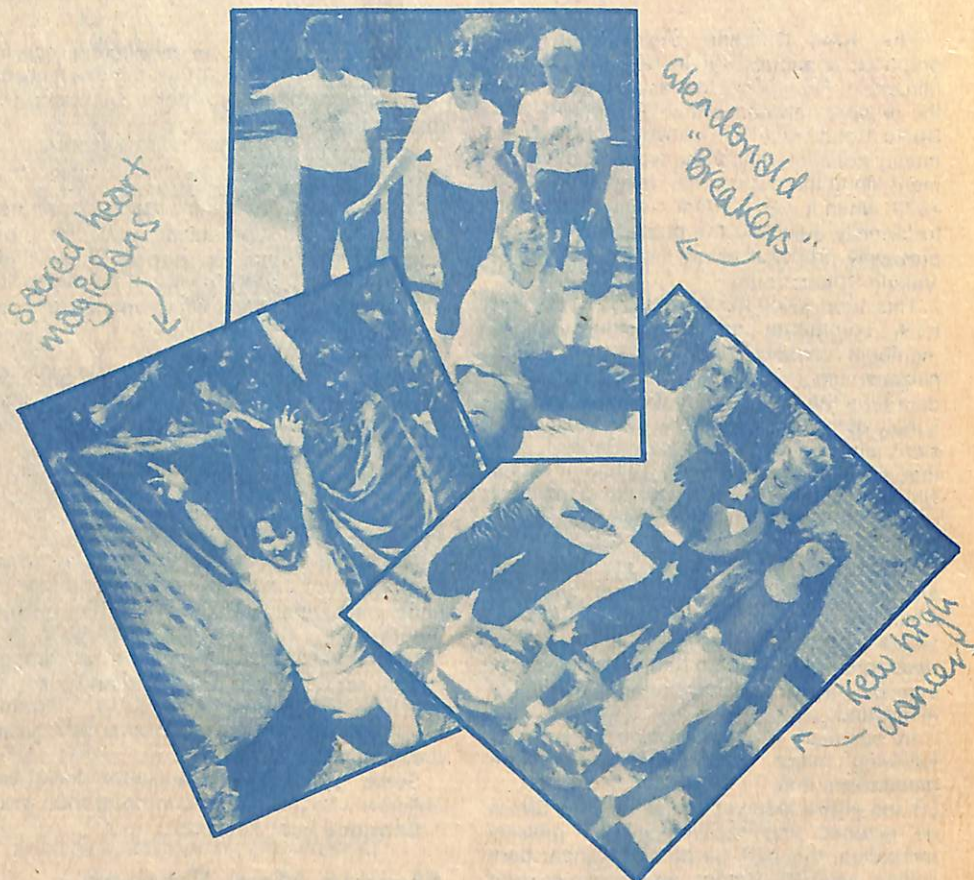
Pauline Bennett also choreographed **Pink Floyd's "Time"** and **"Money"** for the **Kew High dancers**. The costumes and movement in these numbers made the performance visually exciting. The hard work behind the scenes and the group's commitment to meet the challenges of ensemble dancing were obvious.

We were shown slides of murals and sculptures completed by **Raewyn Turner** and **Richard Evans**, and saw students creating their own works. The skeleton being made by the students at **St Paul's School for the Blind** was a particular achievement. I would not like to come across the skull on a dark night!

The Open Day was a testament to the talent and inspiration of the children and artists, and affirmed the success of co-operative programs.

You will have a chance to see the artists and children in action at the **Kew Festival** in March next year. They plan to present an integrated schools' art project, which, says **Pauline Bennett**, is an innovative approach to arts education.

We are looking forward to it.



Review

The small girl cavorting through the pages of **Kewriosity**, spreading Christmas cheer, is **Eloise**. You will meet her at greater length in **Kay Thompson's Eloise at Christmastime**, with exuberant drawings by **Hilary Knight**.

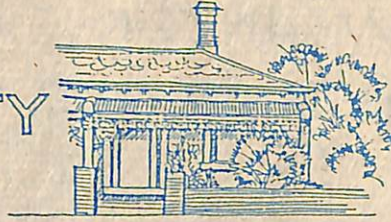
This delightful story, first published in 1958, will appeal to adults just as much as it will to children. **Eloise** is a rather, or, as she would say, "rawther" sophisticated child, living as she does with her Nanny on the top floor of the New York Plaza.

Nanny is her "mostly companion, but **Eloise** has other friends — her turtle, **Skipperdee** and **Weenie**, her dog. The staff and residents of the hotel appear to regard her with some bemusement.

The story is written in very rhythmic language and, in **Eloise's** words, "it's absolutely full of tinkles and skinkles of Christmas fun".

Eloise at Christmastime is published by **Simon and Schuster**, and is available at **Kew Library** or at your booksellers, for \$21.50.

KEW COMMUNITY HOUSE



6 DERBY STREET, KEW. 3101. Phone: 862 3126

Farewell Marie

To the users of the Kew Community House, Marie has been a source of advice, a sympathetic ear and the initiating force behind the commencement of courses and the recruitment of volunteers. Due to Marie's presence, the House has developed at an amazing rate.

Her ideas and initiative have meant that the House has offered varied and interesting activities as well as being supportive and encouraging to those in need.

We are sorry to see Marie leave, however we trust that the person who succeeds her will follow in her footsteps and be able to maintain the high standard of community mindedness that she has.

The users, volunteers and committee of the Kew Community House wish her all the best for the future and assure her that Kew Community House will not forget the contribution she has made.



Break-up

The Community House is planning a Christmas party and everyone from around the community is invited to join in and help celebrate the festive season. It will be held sometime in mid-December, details will be posted outside the House and on the noticeboard in the Municipal library.

Next issue

The deadline for copy for the February issue is **January 10**. Please send your typed contributions to **Kewriosity**, PO Box 42, Kew 3101, or drop them in to the Information Officer at the Municipal Offices.

Prepared by the City of Kew Information Officer and the Kew Community Editorial Committee. The views expressed in the articles appearing in this newsletter are not necessarily those of the City of Kew or of the Kew Community Editorial Committee.

Writing and Drama Workshop

A writing and drama workshop will run at Kew Community House from November this year to March next. The co-ordinator is Paul Brown, a theatre worker who has recently joined the Kew Deepdene Artists' Co-operative.

The aim of the workshops is to gather, discuss, and experiment with ideas for theatre which will reflect the concerns of local residents. Some material will be produced during the 1985 Kew Festival in March, probably as Street Performances.

If you would like to join or contribute to the workshop, come to the weekly meeting, or contact Paul on 859 8368 or (A.H.) 818 7627.

Holidays

While most people take holidays during December and January, a lot of people remain in the community and this time is boring and lonely. The Community House will be open for most of the holiday period when people at a loose end can join in with the informal activities planned for this time, or just drop in for a chat.

There will be no 'January Blues' in Kew this year.



Skye Sinclair, Prep, East Kew Primary.

Where to from here?

At the Kew Community House there is no division between people. Here is a place for the handicapped, the young mix with the elderly, there are families and single parents with their children. At first, people can be awkward with each other.

At times, I have had to talk fast to fill the gaps created by long silences. At other times there has been a flash of friendship and an understanding develops between people, making the difference in age, background or experience unimportant.

I have watched people become aware of their needs, and the needs of others. Many people do not share the quality of life for which Kew is famous; their lives are spent mainly trying to survive. There is poverty in Kew, just as there is unemployment and loneliness.

Often people ask, "Do we need a Community House?" **We need people who are involved, who are willing to take a responsibility for the community.** The Community House provides a haven for those who need help, it provides courses for those who wish to learn and share skills. It is a place for social interaction, mirroring all groups in our community.

Those who are involved with running the House are struggling against community apathy. We have had some help from Kew residents, but they are few in number. Applications for funding can be refused on the grounds that Kew is a wealthy area. This attitude, combined with the shortage of volunteers, makes our job very difficult.

If the Community House is to have a future, it can only be through the support of the people of Kew. If you question the need for the House why not come along and see what community life is all about.

There is now a new co-ordinator. There will be new ideas and directions, so keep watching!


This has been a rich experience for me, with laughter and tears and special people whom I will miss, among them Jamie, Glenn, Susie, Lizzie Scott and Marie, from the **Glendon School for the Deaf**.

I wish the Community House well. People of Kew, it's over to you.

Marie Scomazzon

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CAROLS by CANDLELIGHT

A blue line drawing of four children, two boys and two girls, singing and holding candles. They are positioned behind the word 'CAROLS' and in front of the word 'CANDLELIGHT'.

SUN. 16th DEC. 8:30

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