

KEWRIOSITY

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60th ISSUE

The November issue of Kewriosity is, according to our reckoning, the sixtieth one since the paper began in June, 1979. This is quite a remarkable achievement and means that Kewriosity is one of the longest running community newspapers in Melbourne.

The editor of the first five editions of Kewriosity was Joy Adamson. She was followed by Thea Sartori who served as editor from November 1979 until April this year. Thea was joined by the Rev George Grant for the last few issues of that era and they handed over the paper to the care of Kew's Information Officer and a community editorial committee made up of interested local residents.

The paper has evolved from a broadsheet format to a 12 page magazine style publication which at times carries a 4 page advertising supplement.

Many interesting articles have appeared over the years and hundreds of groups have used Kewriosity to publicise their existence and activities.

In April, the paper's internal layout changed to the current format. In a 12 page issue, three pages are devoted to news coming from the community — anything from a notice of a fair to an article

about foster parenting, three pages to news coming from Council, including the Mayoral column and regular traffic management reports, while the front and back pages are shared.

The internal four pages are currently devoted to youth news which is prepared by the Youth Resource Centre.

The paper is now produced monthly, except for January when there is no issue, and delivered by various community groups based in Kew. You should receive your copy regularly in the first week of the month — please contact the Information Officer on 862 2466 if you do not.

The **Editorial Committee** meets once a month to review all copy sent by the community and to discuss any other relevant topics such as presentation and style. There is room on that committee for new members — the only prerequisite is that you live or work in Kew. The Committee meets the morning of the third Wednesday of each month.

We hope you enjoy reading Kewriosity. Please keep the contributions coming and let us know if you have any comments to make about content or appearance.

Chris Reidy

COMMUNITY FESTIVAL EXTENDED

16th to 31st MARCH, 1985

Community participation is the key to the success of the Kew Community Festival and all residents are encouraged to be involved. Plans to extend the 1985 festival to two weeks provide an even bigger opportunity for organisations and individuals to participate. To do so is simple — just contact the Recreation Officer at the Kew Municipal Offices on 862 2466.

And of course involvement may be on any scale — whether it be a school group willing to produce a play, a community group wishing to run an activity night, or an individual wishing to display their handicrafts in the Alexandra Gardens during the opening day festivities on March 16. Representatives from such groups are also welcome to attend any of the festival committee meetings in order to discuss further details.

While many Kewites have in fact either attended or participated in the Kew Community Festival, no doubt many are still unaware of the tremendous behind-the-scenes effort of the festival committee. The general belief that the festival is run by the council is incorrect for the festival is in fact organised by an industrious group of concerned and caring citizens who give their spare time to ensure the festival's success.

The committee does of course gratefully receive council support in the form of administrative assistance and a monetary grant, but the bulk of the work is done by an industrious group of Kewites. But with an event as large and popular as the festival, a little assistance in the form of new committee members is always welcome.

So if you can spare a little time and are interested in becoming involved, please contact the recreation officer on 862 2466 or the committee chairman, Terry Doyle, on 862 1908 A.H.

The KEWRIOSITY SHEET

Your line of communication to activities within your City.

Vol. 1 — No. 1

Editor: JOY ADAMSON

June, 1979

“WOODLANDS AVENUE” TO ACCOMMODATE 3YO's

The Kew Pre-School Support Group started operating from the hall at the rear of the East Kew Baptist Church in Woodlands Avenue in 1979. Since then it has gradually expanded its services to meet the needs of increasing numbers of young families in Kew.

At present there are 78 families with 106 children using the facilities at Woodlands Avenue once a week.

The sessions, under the guidance of Jennifer Bede, a trained kindergarten teacher, may be used as a playgroup or as occasional care. This year a special session was started for 3YO's not able to be accommodated by Council and was as

close as possible to a kindergarten programme.

With the ending of Council 3YO kindergarten programmes in 1985, Woodlands Avenue is considering expanding its present six sessions per week to eight with the view of running at least three 3YO sessions and four or five mixed age group sessions depending on demand.

To allow appropriate planning, anyone interested in using this group next year or wanting further information is asked to contact the Co-ordinator, Jennifer Bede, on 598 2327 (A.H.) before the end of November.

BOOKS AND GAMES FOR CHILDREN

George and Judy Rogerson, of Decision Games, are organizing discussion sessions on the most appropriate books and games for children of various ages. These will be held on Wednesday evenings, from 7.30 to 9.30, at 54 Kilby Rd East Kew (corner of Belford Rd). Schedule will be:

Secondary Age	Nov 14
Pre-School	Nov 21
and Primary	Nov 28

Games have educational and fun value, and good ones have both. George — a "games fanatic" — will explain several games, how they are played, and their educational contribution. Judy will show a selection of books of various styles, and talk about what the children enjoy in them.

Light refreshments will be served during the evening. You are invited to come along and bring a friend. It will be very helpful with your planning for Christmas. Phone George or Judy on 859 8336 during business hours for places to be reserved.

68th Anniversary HYDE PARK UNITING CHURCH

On Sunday November 11th, Hyde Park Uniting Church, Pakington Street, North Kew, will be holding their 68th Anniversary, and we extend an invitation to all who care to join us in worship. We will be happy to meet old friends and newcomers to the area on this special day.

11 am Our guest preacher at our Worship Service will be Dr A. H. Wood, O.B.E. who for many years was a missionary in Tonga and a former Principal of the Ladies Methodist College. The Tongan Christian Fellowship Choir will delight us with their singing

Games Evening Nov 24 8.00 pm at Melbourne Bridge Centre, 30 Cotham Rd., Kew (opp. P.O.)

Those who missed out on the October Games Evening because their "Kewriosity" was late will be pleased to know that another is planned in November. On Sat November 24, an evening will be held at the Melbourne Bridge Centre, 30 Cotham Rd., Kew (opp. P.O.), starting at about 8 pm.

Among the games to be offered will be bridge, solo, chess and backgammon, but a number of less common games will also be available. If there are takers, players might consider Pente, Diplomacy, Scrabble, Othello, Triples, even Pack your Suitcase and the Pentomino game.

Wine, cheese and coffee will be available for refreshments during the evening. The charge will be \$3 per head. Enquiries from George or Judy Rogerson on 859 8336 (Day) or from the M.B.C. on 862 1449 most evenings.

and will help to make this a memorable occasion.

2.45 pm Come along and join us in a Pleasant Sunday Afternoon, we will be entertained by Peter Breen (who has been blind since birth) and his wife . . . As well as music and singing Peter and his wife will tell us of the work of The Christian Foundation for the Blind. Come along and hear this lovely couple. You will enjoy listening to them.

Afternoon tea will follow which will give you a chance to talk with old friends and make new ones.

KEW (DAYTIME) GARDEN CLUB

The final meeting for 1984 will be a **Social One** at the Elderly Citizens Club, Childers Street, Kew, on Monday, November 26 commencing at 1.30 pm.

Members, intending members and visitors — welcome.

Our guest speaker for September was Mr. Han K. Bongers. His subject Australian Native Orchids created a lot of interest with numerous questions.

To our guest speakers who have so freely given us their time and knowledge over the past year, we express our sincere thanks.

For further details please contact Mrs. Win Fearon phone 859 2977.

ACTION PROGRAMME

- RESEARCH
- EDUCATION
- SERVICE

The Rheumatism and Arthritis Association of Victoria has a **SELF HELP GROUP** which meets at the Kew Civic Centre on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

Visitors are always welcome to attend these R.A.A.V. Self Help Group Meetings. For further information you may phone our President 862 2021, or the R.A.A.V. office, Yarra Boulevard, Kew — phone 862 2555.

Hyde Park Uniting Church Fellowship

The next meeting of the Fellowship will take place at the Hyde Park Uniting Church, Pakington Street, North Kew on Wednesday, November 14 at 2 pm. Our Guest Speaker will be from the Burke Presbytery Uniting Church Fellowship. This should be a very informative afternoon, so why not come along and join us. As usual a lovely afternoon tea will be served in the hall at the conclusion of the meeting.

ST. PAUL'S STRAWBERRY FAIR

Cnr. Hale & Windella Ave,
East Kew
Saturday, 3rd November, 1984
9.30am-2pm

Fresh strawberries, Gourmet Stall, Cakes, Chocolates, Children's Activities, Plants, Handicraft, Hot Food and huge Trash 'n' Treasure display.

Appearance by East Kew Primary School Band.
See you there.

SENIORS & LIONS

Kew Senior Citizens and Kew Lions Club Opportunity Shop Committee held their Annual Meeting on September 20, 1984.

The meeting was chaired by Cr. Jim Tutt. Office Bearers Mr Noel Lyall, President, Mrs Pat Throssell, Secretary/Treasurer.

The opportunity shop is at 533 High Street, Kew. Donations of articles of any kind would be accepted.

Open Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

GLENDONALD SCHOOL FOR DEAF CHILDREN

FETE

Saturday, November 10th,
1984 — 10 am-5 pm

Lots of stalls, entertainment, brass band, good food and other goodies, Christmas gifts and decorations, plants and planters, books, clothing etc.

At school grounds, 25 Marshall Avenue, Kew.

MAYORAL COLUMN

In September, Council adopted its 1984/85 budget. As with any significant enterprise, our budget is a result of many months work on the part of Councillors and Council officers who face the annual task of matching aspirations with available resources. This month I would like to discuss the budget in general terms.

EXPENDITURE

In any Council budget, the major expenditure item is bound to be that dealing with the most obvious of local government responsibilities — *road works, street cleaning, garbage collection, street improvements, etc.*

The efficient provision of these services is vital to the well-being of our City and we will ensure that these basic but most essential services are adequately maintained.

In recent years, Council's allocation of time and resources towards *traffic management* within Kew has steadily increased. Once again, traffic management is a significant budget item and even though we have decided to slow down the process a little, we are still looking to make real progress in this area over the next year.

The 1984/85 budget also provides increased allocations for a number of *human services*. Youth and after-school programmes, as well as the Community House will receive strong Council support. Two new services for families and children are to be introduced. From

1985, Council plans to conduct an occasional care centre for children as well as an extended hours kindergarten.

It is perhaps in the human services area that we most clearly see a change in community expectation. Our recent initiatives have been introduced as a response to changed needs and all have been thoroughly considered often through consultative committees involving residents.

Our major capital project for 1984/85 is the construction of a new *Council Depot* in Princess Street. There was no avoiding the fact that the old depot was inadequate and the new facility will not only provide us with the opportunity to better manage our depot operations, but also potentially open up the existing depot site in High Street.

The budget also includes provision for further planning towards a recreation centre as well as improved library facilities. Because of the significance of possible expenditure in these areas, Council will very closely analyse options and costs before any final decision is made.

The budget is a "single year" document which will take us towards the end of 1985. For the period beyond, Council has asked its Forward Planning Committee to develop a capital plan. This will look at major projects proposed for the next three years and point to ways in which plans may be achieved without unwanted financial consequences.

REVENUE

Council's revenue comes from three major sources — rates, loans and Government Grants. *Rates* comprise around 50% of our revenue, and this year we expect income of \$5.1M from this source. This is an increase of 8.4% on 1983/84 rate income.

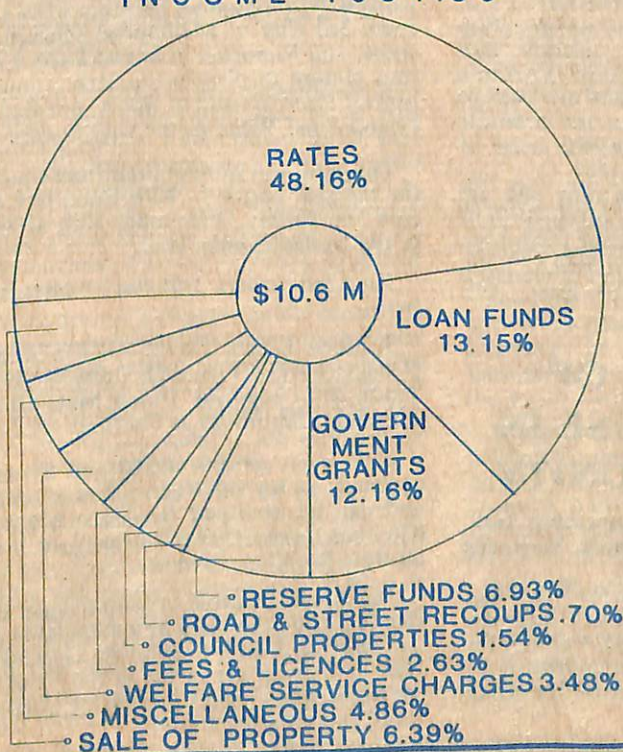
Properties in Kew were revalued this year under guidelines laid down by the State Valuer General. As a result, rate increases will vary across the municipality. As the property market is the main influence on the level of valuations, higher property prices have been reflected in higher valuations. Rates on individual properties will reflect both the overall rate rise and the new valuations.

Income from Government Grants over the next year will total \$1.29M. The largest single grant is Council's share of Personal Income Tax Collections which will be \$445,000.

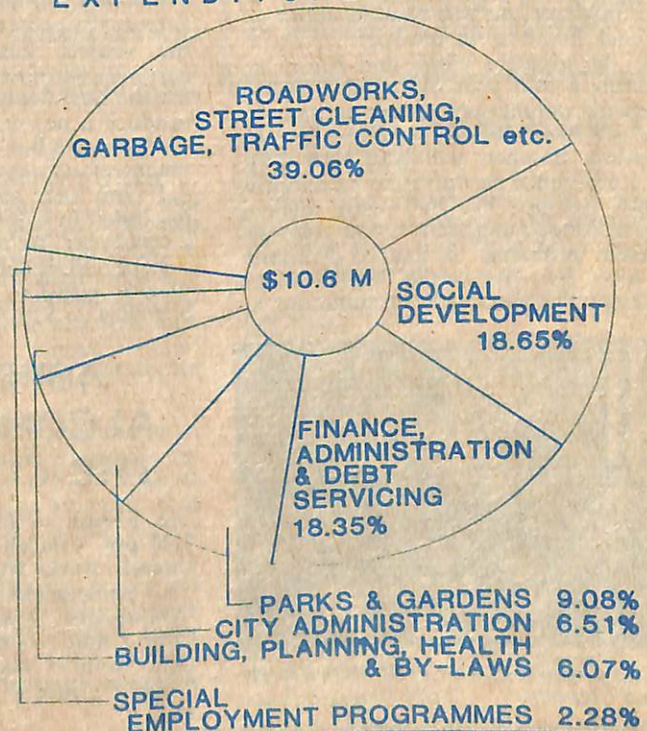
\$851,000 are to be borrowed this year, mainly for the new depot. The cost of debt servicing is an important element in our annual expenditure and it is Council's aim to maintain close control over this area of expenditure, despite continuing high interest rates.

I believe that the 1984/85 budget is a steady one, but one which allows Council to undertake a number of initiatives without compromising established services. The charts below summarise Council income and expenditure for the next year.

INCOME 1984/85



EXPENDITURE 1984/85



A FOSTER FAMILY'S EXPERIENCE

INNER EAST FOSTER CARE urgently requires foster parents who live in the Kew area. Our foster care programme is community based which means, wherever possible, we attempt to place children with foster parents in their own municipality. This often enables the foster child to remain at the same school or kindergarten.

Chris and Kathy Taylor are one of our foster families who live in Kew. They are a young couple with an 11 month old baby, Abby. Both Chris and Kathy had been interested in foster care for some time and earlier this year, they decided to attend one of our Information Nights to find out more about foster care. Chris and Kathy saw films on foster care and were involved in discussions led by experienced foster families. These Information Nights further stimulated Chris and Kathy's interest in foster care. The next step was a series of interviews with one of the Agency social workers. It was not long after these interviews that the Taylors were accepted as agency foster parents.

Since then Chris and Kathy have had two emergency and one short term foster placements.

Their first placement was a two year old boy. Anthony's mother had been hospitalized for an operation and there was no one else who could care for Anthony. Chris and Kathy were both excited and nervous when Anthony came to stay with them. Anthony quickly settled in and enjoyed playing with Abby. Anthony stayed for two weeks and the Taylor family enjoyed having Anthony with them. Anthony also enjoyed his time in foster care, however, he was pleased about going back home to his mother.

At the moment Chris and Kathy are fostering a four year old child, Stephen. Stephen's parents are unable to care for him and have decided to place him for adoption. Stephen will stay with Chris and Kathy until he moves to an adoptive family. Stephen has had some difficult early childhood experiences and presented different problems to that of Anthony. But after four-five weeks Stephen began to accept the family placed limits on his

behaviour. Stephen has benefited enormously from his foster placement with Chris and Kathy. It has provided him with warmth and security at a very difficult time in his life.

Chris and Kathy have found fostering Stephen enjoyable but different to the experience they had with Anthony. Stephen has demanded more time than Anthony which can, at times, be tiring.

Chris commented that he enjoyed fostering as it meant providing care for children temporarily unable to remain with their families. This in turn made him feel useful as he was helping a child through a potentially difficult situation. Chris also felt it was important that foster parents enjoyed caring for, and being with children.

Kathy stated that foster care for her, meant forming a relationship with a child, for whatever time period, which was mutually beneficial to the child as well as

the foster family. Kathy also felt foster parents have a crucial role in helping children return to their families. This often means being supportive of parents when they visit the child in the foster home.

Both Chris and Kathy see foster care as an extension of their family experiences. While they have had to make adjustments to foster, they feel fostering has enriched their life.

Inner East Foster Care is the foster care programme for the Kew, Camberwell, Hawthorn, Box Hill, Waverley and Doncaster/Templestowe areas. If you live in one of these areas and are interested in foster care, please contact us on 288 0511 for further information. For people interested, we will be running a foster care Information Night in November.

The address of Inner East Foster Care is 87 Elgar Road, Burwood, 3125.

VOLUNTEER HELPERS NEEDED

Would you like to be involved in a unique learning project for less mobile adults in Hawthorn?

Learning for the Less Mobile is designed to cater for people of all ages who may not find it easy to get out and about, but are longing to meet people, think and continue to learn.

Many of those attending classes are older adults keen to further their education, and assistance with transport is available to those who live locally.

Over the past two years of its operation the project has grown steadily and currently enrolments peak at 65. Learning for the Less Mobile members are keen to produce a newsletter to further promote the project, but are in urgent need of volunteers to assist in this task.

If you have some spare time and are interested in helping in the production of a newsletter, we'd like to hear from you.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, please contact: Ann Skewes, Tel: 819 8824 — 819 8869.

ASPECTS OF ALCOHOL USE IN THE COMMUNITY

A Forum — Friday, November 16th, 8.00 pm, Church Hall, Paton Memorial Church, Burke Road, Kew.

Guest Speakers: Dr. Heather Manning, Psychologist Superintendent, Children's Court Clinic — Children and Alcohol, Mr Kent Stone — Alcohol and Industry, Dr Gordon Trinca — Alcohol and the Road Toll.

KEW CITIZENS BAND

FINISHING THE YEAR ON A HIGH NOTE

To complete a very busy and rewarding year during which the band had the following successes:—

Chosen to play at the Davis Cup, 3rd Australian Band Championships, completed a concert tour of U.S.A., 4th New Zealand National Band Championships, won the Geelong and Traralgon Eisteddfods, 3rd City of Melbourne Championships, 2nd Victorian Sole and Party Contest, chosen to play in the 25th Anniversary of HSV7 World of Sport, opening of Grand Final Week in the City Square.

The band will present their final concert for the year entitled "Kew Brass in Concert" on Friday, November 30th at 8pm in the Dallas Brooks Hall.

Featured artists for the concert will be:—

Suzanne Steele, David Ashton-Smith, Nehama Patkin, Glendells Precision Drill Team, St. Gregorius Dutch Male Choir with John Stubbings as featured vocalist.

Tickets are priced at \$10 and \$7 with concessions for pensioners and students and can be obtained from Ian Mathers 878 3122 (home) 729 4988 (bus.) or from all Bass Booking Agencies.

The Annual Carols by Candlelight service featuring the band and associated artists will be held on Sunday, December 16th at 8pm on the lawns in the front of the Municipal Offices, corner of Cotham Road and Charles Street.



Chris and Kathy Taylor at home with Abby and Stephen.

YOUTH PAGES

WELCOME

Hi there, and welcome to the second 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.

Just to get the ideas started our feature article this month is on recreation centres and activity facilities in and around Kew. If you are still stuck for something to do then look at all the fairs and festivals on at the moment; we have listed a few in "A Bit Further Afield".

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.

As mentioned last month we now have a full-time youth worker in Kew and we have an introductory article from him and also some facts about him. Now, read on.

KEW APPOINTS FULL-TIME YOUTH WORKER

Youth Services in Kew, an unheard of thought just two years ago, have now become a reality. Kew Council in the past has only touched on youth services with the more traditional associations such as church, sporting, scouts and guides providing those services. However over the past ten years the role of young people in society has changed.

With dramatic changes in the economy, youth unemployment has become a major influence on young people's lives. There are also many young people who do not fit into traditional youth agencies and therefore in the eyes of the community become "problem youth".

Ian Patching came to Kew as a student of the Diploma of Youth Work in 1982. He did a two day a week placement with the Municipal Recreation Officer, Peter Butler. Ian was also living in East Kew at the time and was aware of some of the problems of youth within the community.

In 1983, Ian used a 15 week placement in Kew to research and report on youth needs in Kew. From his report "Youth in

Kew, their Needs, Resources and Expectations" he was employed part-time to develop youth programmes and strategies for Kew.

With the success of these programmes the City of Kew employed Ian full-time effective from 19 November 1984. Ian has the responsibility of co-ordinating youth programmes and developing youth policy.

Below is a profile on Ian.

IAN PATCHING



AGE: 28

QUALIFICATION: Diploma of Youth Work. Phillip Institute 1984.

MARITAL STATUS: Almost.

ENJOYS: Music, good food, relaxation.

FAVORITE GROUPS: Beatles, U2, Billy Joel, and Angels.

SPORTS: Gliding, tennis, football (carnie Cats).

Ian is almost a local in relation to Kew.

He grew up just over Burke Rd and attended Deepdene Primary School and Kew and Balwyn High Schools. He was involved with St. Martin's Youth Group in Deepdene, both as a participant and as a committee member. He played football for North Kew and cricket for East Kew Uniting at various times. Local knowledge is a big help when working in the youth field.

Ian sees his new position in terms of helping youths with problems and contacting young people who can contribute so much to the community. He hopes that International Youth Year may help in this aspect of his work.

Ian will also continue to supervise the Youth Drop-In Centre and Teenage Holiday Programmes in Kew. He will be based at 3 Walpole Street, Kew from Monday November 19. His phone number will be 861 6281.

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR 1985

As you should know by now, 1985 is International Youth Year (IYY) and as a lead up the Kew Local Consultative Committee of F.A.C.S. will be discussing IYY at its meeting on Monday 12 November 1984.

Mrs P. Sibree MP, Member for Kew and Opposition Spokesperson on Youth Affairs, Children's Services and Status of Women, has been invited to address the committee on this topic.

She will outline the State Government's role, local activities and future action.

The meeting will be held at the Elderly Citizens' Centre, corner of Childers and High Streets, Kew, on Monday 12 November 1984 commencing at 7.45 pm.

Members of the general public are invited to attend at 9.00 pm at the conclusion of general business when Mrs Sibree MP will speak.

All enquiries to Mrs M. Williams, Chairperson F.A.C.S., 861 7560.

YOUTH RESOURCE CENTRE

The Kew Youth Resource Centre is moving from its present location at 283 High St., Kew, to 3 Walpole St., Kew, as of November 19.

The phone number will stay the same, 861 7259.

— RESEARCH — EDUCATION — SERVICE

The Rheumatism and Arthritis Association of Victoria has a SELF HELP GROUP which meets at the Kew Civic Centre on the 4th Tuesday of each month.

Visitors are always welcome to attend these R.A.A.V. Self Help Group Meetings. For further information you may phone our President 862 2021, or the R.A.A.V. office, Yarra Boulevard, Kew — phone 862 2555.

SUMMER — A TIME FOR RECREATION

AH SUMMER! That time of year when you can relax, take it easy and enjoy yourself. It's also a time to get bored with six weeks off school, for those of you lucky enough. Well, did you know that there are over 100 recreation, leisure and sporting organisations in Kew alone? Betcha didn't. Activities range from backgammon to writing groups and archery to tennis so there should be something to suit you.

Some groups like football and hockey are primarily winter activities but there are plenty of summer activities to partake in as well. These include swimming at the Kew swimming pool, which is open from the end of October each year. You can just go along for fun, but if you wish for competition the Kew Amateur Swimming Club will supply all you could wish for. For more information about pool times ring the Manager direct on 861 7337.

If you live on the boundaries of Kew then swimming pools in other municipalities may be closer for you, so try:

Camberwell (Northern) — Belmore Rd. Hawthorn — Linda Cres. near the Hawthorn Footy Club, or Richmond Baths or the City Baths heated pools, great for those colder days.

Other heated swimming pools are located at Clifton Hill, Doncaster and Box Hill so there is no need to freeze just because you would like to swim on one of our colder Melbourne days.

For a considerably dryer person why not try Archery; the Kew City Bowmen are located at Hays Paddock, off Leason Street in North Kew. For more information contact Mr Bagnell on 861 5640. Now that we have enticed you into the out of doors why not try your hand at cricket.

There are two cricket clubs based in Kew for those who wish to play or just be absorbed into watching willow strike leather. Cricket as a spectator sport can be both relaxing and exciting. Most of the parks in Kew have a cricket oval, so why



not spend an afternoon in the sun.

Other sports around Kew include kites, skindiving, tennis, croquet, marching, athletics and bocce, just to name a few. Peter Butler, the Recreation Officer on 862 2466 would be only too pleased to help you with more information or consult your Community Directory.

For the less actively bodied person there are mind active clubs around as well. Backgammon, billiards, bridge, chess, music, scrabble, and theatre groups are all available and you can enjoy many a pleasant summer evening indulging yourself.

Let's now look at some of the other things that can be done over the summer, places to go and see around Kew.

Hire bikes at Studley Park, Yarra Bend or 502 Swan Street, Richmond for scenic rides around the Yarra River. The bike track (no cars) runs from Richmond to the City and takes about 30 minutes riding at a leisurely pace.

Hire boats at Studley Park for a different view of the river and surrounding parklands.

In Kew and neighboring municipalities there are now a number of centres designed specifically for young people so I hope you will make use of them. These include such centres as:

KEW

Youth Centre, 3 Walpole Street, phone 861 6281. Activities include holiday programmes over summer with bus trips, swimming, barbecues etc.

St. Hilary's Youth Programme. The Gap, The Earth Club, and Junior Fellowship are all running activities during the holidays so ring 80 2036 for more information.

Baptist Church Youth Club is aptly named "Teen Club", contact Laurie Barton on 861 5316.

HAWTHORN

The Centre, 345 Burwood Road, phone 818 6186 operates holiday programmes over the holidays as well as programmes throughout the year.

Citizens Youth Club is at 241 Auburn Road, phone 82 2047 and operate recreation facilities which include such activities as weightlifting.

CAMBERWELL

Balwyn Leisure Centre, 230 Balwyn Road, phone 857 8031. General recreation and holiday programmes are the order of the day here.

If you would care to meet people and enjoy each others company over a cup of coffee why not try one of the many community houses around us.

Kew Community House, 6 Derby Street, phone 862 3126.

Balwyn Community Centre, 412 Whitehorse Road, Surrey Hills, phone 836 7942.

Box Hill Community Centre, 17 Bank Street, phone 898 6186 or 831 1611.

Craig Community Centre, Samarinda Avenue, Ashburton, phone 25 7789.

Camberwell Community Centre, 563 Riversdale Road, phone 82 2611.

Hawthorn Community Recreation Centre, Linda Crescent, phone 819 2444.

Hawthorn Neighborhood House, 39 William Street, phone 819 2629.

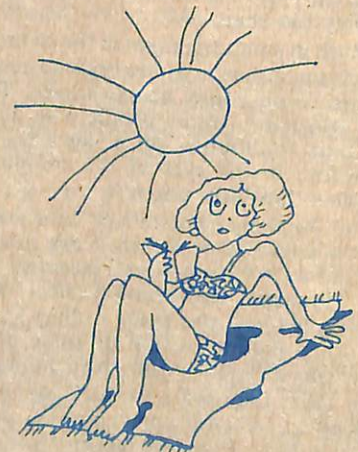
Surrey Hills Neighborhood Centre, 161 Union Road, phone 890 2467.

Or last but by no means least — Unicare, 59 Doncaster Road, North Balwyn, phone 859 5205.

As you can see there is plenty to do in and around Kew over the summer months. However if you are still stuck for some entertainment then ring the Entertainment Hotline on 11681, the Leisure Line in 11671, The Age Information Centre on 67 5831, or call Norm on 11629.

Summer for young people should be fun, and for parents summer should be cheap. The clubs and centres shown all have reasonable rates for maximum enjoyment. We hope that your summer will be enjoyable, not boring and above all safe. For more information ring Ian Patching on 861 6281.

ROLL ON SUMMER



RECREATION CENTRE UPDATE — REPORT FROM CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Over the past months the Kew Recreation Centre Consultative Committee have been investigating the components that go to make up a successful Recreation Centre. As part of these investigations the Committee borrowed the Council's mini bus to visit a number of Recreation Centres in the metropolitan area. Apart from being a pleasant way to fill in a Sunday afternoon, it was extremely informative, and gave some solidarity to ideas that have been discussed recently. The Centres visited were Broadmeadows, Ascot Vale and Box Hill.

SWIMMING POOLS

The focal point of each Centre was the swimming pool and ancillary including toddlers pools, spas and saunas. All three pools were designed with a learners area to one side of, but attached to, the main pool.

The managers of each of the three Centres emphasised that the pool's main use is by the general public, and although they are primarily designed with lanes for competition swimming, they should also be considered as aquatic play centres.

Each of the Centres had their own way of catering to the needs of the community, the most successful being Box Hill with such attractions as a diving pool (1 and 3 metre boards), slides, waterfall in the toddler's pool, and also gigantic inflatable water toys on special occasions.



COMBINATION IMPORTANT

The strongest point made during our visits was that a combination of facilities was extremely important. Although the pool was essential as the focal point of the Centre, other activities for health and fitness were also required. The most popular of these being Aerobic exercise classes, Ascot Vale running two classes on both Saturday and Sunday of 100 people each.

Gymnasiums were also very well used, providing a variety of exercise machines and weights. A multipurpose games hall can be used for a number of sports and Centre Management arranged competitions and provided rooms for teams to meet regularly.

TENNIS REVIVAL?

Of interest were the racket sports, as there seemed to be a decline in interest in squash, except as a competition sport, and an increase in the popularity of tennis, particularly when the weather was fine.

CHILD MINDING

All three Centres provided child minding facilities, but these had been installed as an afterthought, or the space was used for other activities as well. Managers pointed out that it was important to include properly designed creche facilities in the overall plans.

REGIONAL ASPECT

All three Centres were well run, and located in attractive landscaped surroundings, offering pleasant grassed areas for picnics, or just sunbathing during summer. This also allowed for expansion of facilities as they are required in the future, and thus making the Centres truly regional, catering for the wider needs of a growing community.

BREAKING EVEN?

On the financial side, the three centres operated at either break-even or just below, as a matter of Council policy. The philosophy being that the facilities are provided for the community and that a profit should not be made at the expense of that community. However excess funds have been used to build additional facilities. This attitude has also led to many concessions being available to disadvantaged persons wishing to use the centres.

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

Area 10

Special meeting of General Purposes Committee on October 2nd attended by many interested residents and others. Approximately 30 spoke. The Committee considered four schemes A & B developed by resident committees, C & D developed by Councillors. In view of the division of opinion in the community, the Committee decided to recommend to Council that scheme D be implemented. Scheme D involves the removal of the islands in Davis Street at the kindergarten, road narrowing of Edgevale Road at Barkers Road and Cotham Road, and treatment of the intersection of Edgevale Road and Stirling Street. Council adopted this recommendation on October 23rd.

Area 9 — Charles Street Area

The Consultative Committee has met on several occasions and has discussed a number of options to reduce the incidence of accidents and other traffic problems. This group's deliberations are proceeding.

Area 6

Council has received the consultant's report on Area 6 and it is available in the library and for sale at the Engineering counter for \$3. A circular has been distributed to all properties in the area advising of the proposals, and the report's availability. Council has determined to establish a Consultative Committee to review the proposals and to recommend the method and timing of implementations. This committee will comprise three residents from each of four sub-areas, and Councillors. The resident members of this committee were elected at a Public Meeting held on Thursday, November 1st.

Area 5

The resident's committee has met with Consultants on a number of occasions and a traffic management plan has been developed. Council is now awaiting the consultant's reports.

For further information please contact the Traffic Engineer, Chris Fenner on 862 2466.



CORRECTION

In the September issue incorrect opening hours for the Toy Library were given. The correct hours are: Tuesday & Wednesday mornings, 9.30 to 11.00. Ring 80 1665 for more information.

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.

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.

THE GAP

This is a group of young people over 13 who meet on a Friday night at 8 pm at St. Hilary's Church, 12 John St, Kew. Activities for November include: November 2 — Kriptic Kidnap; November 9 —

Camp; November 16 — City by Night; November 23 — Option Night, Christmas Gifts to Make; and November 30 — The Amazing Nick Corney Wide Game. 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 November are: November 9 — Club Night in Games Hall; November 23-25 — Club End of Year Camp at Cape Schanck. For more information contact Laurie or Wendy Barton on 861 5316.

THE KEW COMMUNITY HOUSE YOUTH GROUP

The Youth Group at the Community House revolves around a variety of different activities, for example movies, discussions and games, to help us know each other better. We will also be having group outings in the future and also we will be sharing meals and making them together.

The Youth Group has been running since the 7th of June and has been quite successful. We welcome teenagers bet-

ween 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.

ST. HILARY'S JUNIOR FELLOWSHIP

J.F. is a group for young people in years 7 and 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.

CHARITIES COMBINED CHRISTMAS CARDS

Cards are now available from 283 High Street, Kew, during the hours 9.30 am-4.30 pm Monday to Friday and 9.30 am-12.30 pm Saturday.

All Christmas cards sold aid Kew Auxiliaries.

FIRE

In May this year the Metropolitan Fire Brigade introduced a new emergency telephone number 11441 — for fire calls.

The changeover is now complete, and a small 'emergency sticker' suitable for placement near your phone, will be available soon from the Library or the Municipal Offices.

PAPER & GLASS RECYCLING

The recycling depot, at 10-12 Peel Street, Kew is now open at the following times:

8 am-12 noon — Monday to Friday (not Public Holidays), 12 noon - 5 pm — Saturday.

NEXT ISSUE

The deadline for copy for the December issue is November 9. Please send your typed contributions to Kewriosity, PO Box 42, Kew 3101, or drop them in to the Information Officer at the Municipal Offices.

A BIT FURTHER AFIELD

November 1-7

"Cosmos" Soviet Space Achievement Exhibition — Museum of Victoria.

November 1-10

Technology Week — City Square.

November 1-14

Textile Exhibition — Meat Market Craft Centre.

November 1-21

Ceramics Exhibition — Meat Market Craft Centre.

November 2-11

Mornington Tea-Tree Festival — Shire of Mornington.

November 5

Melbourne Cup Cavalcade — Bourke Street.

November 6

"Melbourne Cup" Entertainment — Scotchman's Hill, Footscray Park.

November 10 & 11

Lygon Street Festival — Carlton.

November 11

Remembrance Day.

November 17

Aviation Expo — Essendon Airport.
Country Music Festival — Frankston Park.

Doncaster and Templestowe Kiwanis Music Festival.

November 17 1984 - November 11 1985

Victoria's 150th Anniversary Celebrations — Opening Ceremony in Melbourne and Portland, open air and indoor concerts.

November 17 & 18

Lilydale Show — Lilydale Recreation Reserve.

Richmond Community Festival — Bridge Road Richmond.

November 19

F.E.I.P. Victoria Day — City Square.

November 23, 24 & 25

Dandenong Oktoberfest — Greaves Reserve Dandenong.

OCCASIONAL CARE CENTRE

In 1985 an Occasional Care Centre will operate in Kew four days a week. Occasional care caters for residents who would like to leave their children under the supervision of trained staff on an irregular basis. For example, if you have a hospital visit, a need to shop in town, a meeting to attend or simply a desire to spend a little time without your children, then this facility will be of benefit to you.

The centre will operate for eight hours a day in a spread of approximately 9.00 am to 5.00 pm during school terms. It will not be open during holiday periods.

The co-ordinator will be suitably qualified and he/she will be assisted at all times by one other person.

Parents will be able to leave children for a maximum of four hours per daily session and bookings will generally only be taken one week in advance. Due to the nature of the service it is also proposed that no resident shall have access to more than three sessions per week; this will ensure that all people who wish to make use of the service can do so.

The maximum fee is likely to be \$6.99 for a four-hour session.

Council is interested in receiving community response to this proposal so that some understanding of likely use can be obtained.

Please ring Merryl or Rhonda Robertson at the Municipal Offices on 862 2466 if you are interested.

LIBRARY NEWS

The book of heroic failures, the official handbook of the not terribly good club — yes, we have this book by S. Pile at Kew Municipal Library along with a large number of other humorous, hilarious and witty books.

The complete works of Shakespeare and Monty Python, volume one, The Goon Show scripts and Dame Edna's coffee table book, a guide to gracious living are very popular. So too are the works of Australian cartoonists such as — Tandberg, Tandberg draws the line; Michael Leunig, A bag of roosters; Mary Léunig, There's no place like home; Patrick Cook, Self esteem; and Peter Nicholson, Twenty-seven deadly sins.

Fiction writers who often have readers smiling include Peter Carey, Nino Culotta, P.G. Wodehouse, Richard Gordon, Morris Lurie, Pook, G. Guareshi, John Irving, Tom Sharpe and Michael Frayn.

We also have Mad magazines, books of jokes, silly verse and limericks in the adult and children's sections, and a collection of Groucho Marx's letters.

Books which are as amusing as their titles suggest are The armchair anarchist's almanac by Mike Harding; How to live with a neurotic husband by Stephen Baker; First aid for hypochondriacs by James Gorman and The grass is always greener over the septic tank by Erma Bombeck.

TIPPING FACILITIES

The City of Kew has an agreement with the City of Heidelberg which gives Kew residents access to the Heidelberg Tip, on the corner of Banksia and Waterdale Roads.

All Kew ratepayers will have received, with their October 1984 rate notice, an information pamphlet which contains 4 free tipping vouchers which are valid until 31st December, 1985.

The tip can be used without presenting vouchers, and the following prices apply: Car boot loads \$3.00; utilities, station wagons, small trailers etc. \$6.00; trucks, large trailers etc. \$6.00/cubic metre; derelict vehicles \$10 private, \$20 commercial wrecks.

SENIOR CITIZENS' ACTIVITY GROUPS IN KEW

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
KEW COUNCIL CRAFT GROUP 9.45-11.45 am No Charge \$2.00 for Lunch Contact: Fran Harper ph. 862 2466	"GATEHOUSE" 10 am-3 pm \$3.00 includes lunch, am & pm teas Contact: Eunice Barter ph. 862 1233 ext. 538	H.K.C. ACTIVITIES CENTRE 9.45 am-2.30 pm \$2.00 includes lunch Contact: Marie Petrie ph. 861 9500	ST. ANNE'S SENIOR LADIES (First and Second Thursday in the month) 11 am-2 pm, 1.30-4 pm No charge, BYO plate for arvo tea Contact: Sister Norah ph. 859 2440	"GATEHOUSE" as for Tuesday
	CARITAS CHRISTI DAY CENTRE 10 am-3 pm \$2.00 includes lunch Contact: Sister Loretta Bani ph. 862 2344	CARITAS CHRISTI DAY CENTRE as for Tuesday	CARITAS CHRISTI DAY CENTRE "Italian Day" as for Tuesday	CARITAS CHRISTI DAY CENTRE as for other days
		CARNSWORTH-GAROOPNA DAY CENTRE 10 am-2 pm No charge Lunch included Contact: Elizabeth Clifford ph. 862 2011	CARNSWORTH-GAROOPNA DAY CENTRE as for Wednesday	
KEW COMMUNITY HOUSE Open from 10 am Various activities, classes and entertainment for all ages Contact: Marie Scomazzon ph. 862 3126	KEW COMMUNITY HOUSE	KEW COMMUNITY HOUSE	KEW COMMUNITY HOUSE	KEW COMMUNITY HOUSE
KEW SENIOR CITIZENS' CENTRE Open from 9 am Lunch \$2.00 each day Contact: ph. 861 7308 10 am to 12 noon Choir 1 pm Bowls	KEW SENIOR CITIZENS' CENTRE & DINING CENTRE as for Monday 10 am Entertainment Day 10 am-12 noon Craft Group 1 pm Cards	KEW SENIOR CITIZENS' CENTRE & DINING CENTRE as for Monday 1 pm-4 pm Bowls	KEW SENIOR CITIZENS' CENTRE & DINING CENTRE as for Monday 1 pm-4 pm Bowls & Cards	KEW SENIOR CITIZENS' CENTRE & DINING CENTRE as for Monday 1 pm-4 pm Bowls

KEW/HAWTHORN CITIZENS' ADVICE BUREAU

The Kew/Hawthorn C.A.B. is a service of information and referral, given freely, impartially and confidentially to all members of the community.

It is staffed by about 60 trained volunteers, and aims to provide a warm friendly non-official atmosphere in which enquiries can be made or problems discussed without names or addresses being asked for.

We work in close co-operation with the Social Development Department of Kew and the Social Welfare Department of Hawthorn.

Despite our name, we do not give advice. Rather, we try to offer a range of sources from which help may be obtained, but leave the client free to choose any — or none — of them.

We have extremely comprehensive files, covering community resources of all kinds, and a small team of volunteers is constantly at work updating these.

Last year we compiled a Register of Accommodation in Kew and Hawthorn, and we have also established the Bureau as a Volunteer Resource Centre, receiving enquiries from all potential volunteers and offering them suitable alternatives from our Volunteer Register.

The C.A.B. service also includes Financial Counselling on one day a week, and a free Legal Service on different evenings at the two Bureaux.

Kew C.A.B., Rear of City Offices, Charles Street. Phone: 861 5244. Hours: 10 am-3 pm Monday to Friday. Legal Service: 7.30-9 pm Tuesday.

Hawthorn C.A.B., Cnr. Manningtree and Glenferrie Roads. Phone: 819 2772. Hours: 10 am-3 pm Monday to Friday. Legal Service: 7.30-9 pm Wednesday.

AUSTRALIAN LABOR PARTY

The next meeting of the Kew branch of the A.L.P. will be held at 2 Kent St, Kew, on Wednesday, 7th November, at 8 pm. The speaker will be Ms Margaret Willshire, long connected with parents' organizations; her subject, "What's happening in Education".

The East Kew branch will meet on Monday, 12th November, at St. Paul's Church Hall, cnr Hale St and Windella Ave, East Kew, at 8 pm. The subject will be "What is the State government doing to combat racial tension?"

Kate Nash is the A.L.P. candidate for Kooyong in the Federal election. Kate is a trained primary teacher and research officer for the Victorian Teachers' Union.

KALKER MONTESSORI KINDERGARTEN

The Kalker Montessori Kindergarten was established in Kew in 1977 by a group of enthusiastic parents. For some years premises were leased in Hawthorn, but in 1984 the Kindergarten returned to Kew, where the parents intend staying. It is presently located at the Baptist Centre, 23 Mary St, Kew.

A two-year programme of four 2½-hour sessions a week is provided for two groups of pre-school children, based on the Montessori educational philosophy.

Apart from painting, playdough, dancing, music, craft, singing, stories, "show and tell", outdoor play, the kindergarten provides a challenging environment to extend the child's abilities, at his/her own pace, with activities in the following areas:

- practical life
- development of the senses
- study of the world in which we live
- numerical and language skills.

Each activity and piece of equipment is designed to appeal to the child, and is self-corrective. The child chooses his/her activity, works at it for as long as he/she wishes, then returns it to its special place. There is only one of each piece of equipment, thus discouraging competition and encouraging patience and self-discipline.

The kindergarten is very popular, and any parents interested are encouraged to enrol their children as early as possible. Although there is a waiting list for 1985, applications are being received for 1986 and 1987. The Enrolment Officer (Jenny Saw ph. 819 1248) would be happy to answer any parent enquiries.

THE BILLABONG CLUB

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM IS ON AGAIN

The Billabong Club primary school children's holiday program will be starting on Wednesday 19th December (the day after school breaks up) and will run until Sunday December 23rd. Last year many many children from all around Kew joined together for the great fun activities of the Club.

Billabong Club is led by Wilma Wombat, Barry Hutler and a large team of experienced leaders. Activities include games, craft, stories, puppets, skits, singing and memory verses. The Club is held in the Kew Baptist Church Hall, Highbury Grove, Kew, and is an activity of the Church family.

ALL primary school aged children are invited to attend, there is no cost for the club, morning tea is provided, and children can be driven home afterwards in our special "Billabong Club Bus".

Times for the Club are:

Wed. December 19th: 9.30 am-12 noon
Thurs. December 20th: 9.30 am-12 noon
Fri. December 21st: 9.30 am-12 noon
Sat. December 22nd: 9.30 am-12 noon
and also: an extra special Billabong Club Film Night Sat. evening, December 22nd, from 7.30 pm (more details later).
Sun. December 23rd: 10.30 am Billabong Club Family Christmas Church Service in the Kew Baptist Church.

The Billabong Club will also be running during the mornings of the last week of the school holidays — Monday January 25th-Friday February 1st, 1985.

During the school year Billabong Club is held in Kew Baptist Church Hall on Wednesday afternoons from 4.00-5.30 pm. Information about the Club can be obtained by ringing Laurie Barton on 861 5316 or Elaine Paxton on 861 9806.



A scene from last year's successful school children's holiday programme.

KEW GARDEN CLUB AND NATIVE PLANT GROUP

The two groups will combine in November when Mrs Helen Richards, President of the Australasian Orchid Society (Victoria) will speak about our Native Orchids.

The meeting will take place at 8.00pm on Thursday, 8th November, in the Senior Citizens' Hall, cnr. High and Childers Sts, Kew.

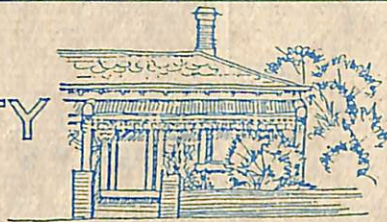
PARENTS OF GAYS

A group where discussion with other parents can help you understand your child's homosexuality or lesbianism meets first Thursday in the month, 8 pm Y.W.C.A. 489 Elizabeth St., Melbourne.

For more information write C/- Box 21, Carlton South, 3053 or ring 534 5711 A.H.

KEW COMMUNITY HOUSE ANNUAL REPORT

KEW COMMUNITY HOUSE



Co-ordinator: Marie Scmazzon.

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

Since its opening on the 24th March 1984, over a thousand people have visited the Kew Community House.

During that time the Kew Council have been most supportive, showing their commitment to the House in many ways. Their co-operation is also reflected in the support that we have been given by Council staff.

The people who come to the Community House do so for a variety of reasons. Some take part in courses and activities, some are seeking social interaction, others share their skills, some people seek support — both emotional and physical, gain information regarding other Community Services, and yet others seek a better quality of life.

We are concerned for the people in the community who do not find what they are seeking in existing services. I refer to the disabled, the frail elderly, the young people who don't have the confidence to involve themselves with traditional activities, the over 40 unemployed, and the single parent without the benefit of extended family.

GLENDONALD

We have formed a link with Glendonald School for the Deaf. Five students from Glendonald have planned our garden and maintain it on a regular basis under the supervision of Council Parks and Gardens Officer, Peter Davies. The students come for lunch each week and hopefully will eventually see the House as a place which they can visit and be involved with outside of school hours.

ELDERLY

The elderly people who come to the House do so because they enjoy the company of people of different ages, and because of the activities available here.

YOUTH

There is a Youth Group which meets here each week. This caters for 12-15 year olds, who, after a time, because of the small-group situation should be able to gain confidence and move onto the Council Youth Drop-In Centre or, if they prefer, continue to be involved with the Community House.

UNEMPLOYED

We attempt to give the unemployed a

sense of purpose in relation to the House. We stress that, as we are just starting out, they can be part of the growth process, and give us their practical support.

SINGLE PARENTS

We make a place for the single parent and involve other users of the House in being concerned for them. We encourage them to participate in social occasions — such as the Music Nights — with their children and also arrange childminding with outside agencies so that they can have time to themselves to enjoy other social activities. Other agencies frequently refer people to the House. Often these people are not coping with their present circumstances and while we have been able to help some, others have problems which we cannot cope with.

COUNSELLING?

In many instances it is obvious that there is a need for counselling and the skills of a case-worker. It is felt that there is a gap in the services which are offered at the Community House. We are concerned that this will become more of a problem as the numbers using the House increase.

C.A.B.

We have had frequent contact with the Citizens' Advice Bureau during the time that the Community House has been operating, and we have found that contact invaluable. The C.A.B. asked for our support in their recent request for a Social Worker. We were glad to have the opportunity to assist them. We also believe that there is a need in the community for someone to hold this position.

There is a volunteer from the C.A.B. working at the House one day a week; they are here to make contact with users of the House. This is done in an informal manner, establishing any needs and arranging future appointments wherever necessary. Accurate information is relayed to the Bureau, so that support is available as soon as the person concerned keeps the appointment — in times of stress this is very reassuring.

CHURCHES

The Youth Minister from the Kew Baptist Church and several members of the congregation are constantly involved with the House. They are endeavouring to recruit volunteers for us and have offered to help in many areas. We will be holding a Community Thanksgiving Service at the Church on Sunday the 25th of November at 10.30 a.m.

MURAL

The painting of a mural is seen as a way to actively involve the people of Kew in the Community House. Robyn Tooth has designed the mural around the people who use the House, the activities here, and familiar landmarks in Kew. Her creative participation is an example of how people have shared their talents with us.

COURSES & ACTIVITIES

Our courses and activities are an important part of what happens here. Originally the Kew Recreation Program was formed by a small group of Kew residents and at the time was held in a church hall. When the Kew Community House opened, Rhonda McCaw and Helen Wright — who were two of the original organisers — were responsible for establishing the group at the House. People came to the Community House to participate in handicrafts and cooking classes run by the Recreation Program, and returned to become involved with the House in various ways.

We then offered classes in Pottery, Drama, Psychology, Natural Health, Communications and Handypersons. Not all of these courses were successful, so we changed our direction and started again. For this coming term we are running classes in Breadmaking, Survival Cooking, Basic Photography, Natural Health, Handicrafts, Vegetarian Cooking, Travel Talks and House & Garden Lectures. Many of the people running these courses have donated the proceeds to the House — this is a bonus for us, and we are most grateful. There are classes in Kodaly Musical Appreciation for pre-school children held at the House.

Guitar, violin and cello will be taught on Saturday mornings, and there is a Musical Night on the second Saturday of each month. This is a family night during which experienced and inexperienced musicians participate and music lovers listen. There is a Discussion Group

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meeting here once a month and the Kew Scrabble Club meets weekly.

Dissatisfaction with childminding offered has been a constant complaint and is an ongoing problem. The childcare co-ordinator, Elaine West, does a most efficient job under difficult circumstances. The room used for childminding can only accommodate six children safely and comfortably, the size of the backyard is also inadequate for children. As the policy of a Community House is to make courses and activities available to all people, the fact that we cannot offer people adequate childcare is a concern and an embarrassment.

We are aware of our responsibility to

provide courses which are essential to such things as safety and a better standard of living. We presently have Migrant English Classes and plan in the future to hold classes in Mouth-to-Mouth Resuscitation, First Aid, Adult Literacy and Effective Parenting etc.

We are careful to plan events for the House which place no limitations on age or sex.

6 DERBY ST.

DROP-IN CENTRE

The House is open as a Drop-In Centre from Monday to Thursday from 10 am until 3 pm. We offer coffee and hospitality and we Prepare and Share lunch each day between 12.30 and 1.30. This is the time when all the people involved with the House and whoever is

visiting gather together in the Community Room.

The people from Artists' Co-operative in the Kew and Deepdene areas have made a significant contribution to the Community House. Their co-ordinator has been most supportive and has always found a place for the Community House in the artists' busy timetable. They have run Creative Movement, Leather Carving and Sketching Classes, and Richard Evans runs the Music Nights in his own time.

Elderly people have said that they don't appreciate doing Courses by terms. Because of this we have arranged for two students of Recreation Studies to do a placement here, one developing men's recreation and one, general recreation. This will be structured on a day-to-day basis. The use of students provides mutual benefits for us and for them. Nancy Mariani, a Social Work student, has spent part of her placement at the Kew Community House. She has compiled an Evaluation Study of the Consumers of the House which has provided us with valuable information, and will help us in our future planning. Nancy spent one day a week in the Community Room. She related extremely well to a wide range of people there, and proved that people need and enjoy more than one person as the focal point of the house.

We have two typists working one day each a week through the Commonwealth Employment Program. This type of help is necessary for the survival of the House, along with the support of four volunteers who work on a regular basis. These people, with their encouragement and dedication, have been an inspiration.

VOLUNTEERS

We desperately need volunteers although we are looking forward to an increase in volunteer participation through the efforts of Gary Riches. Gary has been employed as Community Education Officer replacing Nancy Nankervis during her absence.

It has been a challenging period for the Board of Management and myself. We all have our ideas and plans for the Community House, and we are constantly looking to the residents of Kew to tell us what direction they would like to see the House take.

I thank the people who have shown their strength and given me their support. Helen Wright has worked tirelessly from the beginning. There would have been no Community House without her.

The Board of Management and I believe that the Kew Community House will provide people with the opportunity to be encouraged towards self-help. Our aim is to endeavour to help people develop an optimistic view, and a spirit of hope for the future.

Marie Scomazzon,
Kew Community House Co-ordinator.

KEW COMMUNITY HOUSE YOUTH GROUP

The Kew Community House Youth Group is for young people aged 12-16 years and is held each Wednesday at 7.00-9.00 pm.

Program:

- 7/11/84 Billiards or bowls.
- 14/11/84 Video Night.
- 21/11/84 Discussion on smoking and drugs.
- 28/11/84 Billiards competition against Walpole St. Youth Centre.
- 5/12/84 Rap Dancing Session.
- 12/12/84 Break-Up Barbecue.
- Music Lessons Saturday mornings.
- Guitar classical/modern all ages \$5.00.
- Enquiries Glen 848 3383.

Singing classical/modern all ages.
Enquiries Jacque 419 8659.

House and Garden Discussions.
Royal Horticultural Society.
Monday 5th November 9.30-11.00 am
Herbs.

Monday 3rd December 10.00 -
Botanic Garden Walk.
Kids and Critters Club.
Teaching primary school aged children to care for and understand their pets. Diet, grooming, exercise.
Each Monday 4.30-5.30.
6 weeks subscription \$5.00.
Enquiries Belinda A/H 861 6218 and Community House.

MUSIC NIGHT

Guitar, dulcimer, flute and others.
Musicians and music lovers welcome.
Coffee and companionship.
November 10th, December 8th, \$8.00 donation

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Kew Baptist Church, Highbury Grove, November 25th, 10.30. The people involved with the Kew Community House extend an invitation to the members of the

Kew community — men, women, and children to join them in giving thanks for the friends we have made in our first year in Kew.

DO YOU THINK OF VOLUNTEER WORK AS . . . boring, frustrating, monotonous and unrewarding?

Voluntary work at the Kew Community House is different — it can be anything you want it to be!

We need people of all ages with a variety of interests, from making friends to running courses.

People who will commit themselves to regular involvement with the Community House or people who will give us whatever time they can.

You can be part of a group participating in regular Support Group meetings and ongoing Training Sessions which are optional, OR bring a friend for lunch along with your conversation and make new friends.

We need: typists, drivers, flower growers, fishermen & women, book readers, carers, painters, fixers, signwriters, childminders, musicians, scrabble players, fundraisers, book readers, gentle talkers, good listeners, welcoming people, card players, play readers, planners, doers, dreamers, schemers, watchers.

People who will make the house shine.

People who will bring their hand-craft and allow us to watch.

People who enjoy the outdoors.

Children, men, women, and young adults.

Enquiries: Marie 862 3126.

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