



KEWRIOSITY

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STREET TREES IN KEW

One of the major reasons why people are attached to the City of Kew is our trees.

Driving along Sackville Street, for example, the visitor or resident is immediately aware of the beauty of the large trees there.

The impact value of such trees is hard to define; often it is only when they are gone, or in danger of being removed, do people attempt to articulate their attitude towards them.

Many of Kew's trees are old — some of them were planted more than 100 years ago, and the death of such trees or their removal due to changes in street structure presents Council and residents with a dilemma.

Do we replace them with similar varieties or do we modify the streetscape by planting smaller, "safer" trees and shrubs,

Many metropolitan councils now limit new planting to small trees, but is this policy applicable to Kew?

This question is one that Council has been reviewing for some time now.

It has twice commissioned the Deputy City Engineer and the Superintendent of Parks and Gardens to report on street tree planting, and recently received a third report on the subject.

This report, prepared by Carol Frank-Mas & Associates, Landscape Architects, evaluates the work done by the Council Officers and recommends that Council adopt a policy largely based on their proposals.

Carol Frank-Mas also proposed that Council attempt wherever possible to maintain the large tree atmosphere of Kew.

However, trees take a long time to grow and nobody wants to lock the City into planting policies that may not be suitable for future generations of Kew residents.

The debate in other words is still open and the Council is keen to get residents' reactions to the most recent report.

What follows is a synopsis of the pro-

Over the years the demands placed on Kew streets have increased dramatically.

Today, streets are underlaid with services: gas lines, water mains and Telecom cables and overlaid with S.E.C. poles, electrical wires, street signs and concrete crossovers.

Streets which, when originally laid out, were able to easily accommodate the growth of large, spreading trees are now busy with all the services activity as well as having to cope with a two-way flow of vehicular traffic.

The ultimate losers in this ever-growing demand for space and access are our street trees, particularly the large ones such as plane trees and pin oaks.

However, residents have grown used to the presence of these kinds of trees.

People do identify with their home, their street and their neighbourhood and trees form an integral part of that identification.

Nearly 100% of Kew's streets are planted with trees, but, according to the Carol Frank-Mas report, only a limited number of those trees are of sufficient scale to be visually effective.

The report rates streets in the following ways:

- Streets which have closely planted homogeneous species with spreading canopies are the most attractive.

- Streets planted in a 50/50 mix are moderately successful, particularly if one species dominates.

- Heterogeneous mixtures are seldom successful given the rigid pattern imposed by Kew's rigid 19th century road design.

- Finally, recent planting of Australian natives have introduced even more variation of type and form within a given species and the con-

posals put to Council in the reports prepared so far. If you are interested you can obtain a copy of the latest report in full from the Engineer's Department.

sultants believe that this further confuses the design harmony of Kew's formal street layouts.

The report asks a number of questions which residents, Council and Council Officers can respond to.

For example, the report queries whether overhead lines should go underground, whether footpaths in some streets might go along one side only, and whether there are opportunities for footpaths and/or roadway realignments within existing reservations.

If the answer to these questions is yes, then this would give Council the flexibility to, in the words of the report, 'make the space' necessary for Kew to accommodate the size and scale of tree that represents not only its past heritage but which will set future values.

Council is now working on the development of a Management Plan for Kew's street trees.

Briefly, the plan would encompass the maintenance of as many streets as possible in a formal avenue style, the integration of landscape planning with future roadworks, the introduction of a broader range of available street tree species, and the planting of large trees (deciduous or evergreen) where adequate space exists or can be created.

The consultants, who clearly favour the use of large trees where possible, are adamant that they should only be planted where they can mature without needing severe pruning or causing damage to public and private property.

The ultimate aim of all this work is to ensure that future generations of Kew residents will enjoy the amenity offered by trees large enough in scale and size to be appropriate to the individual street.

GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS

Gamblers Anonymous is a self help group for compulsive gamblers who suffer with problems relating to gambling, in the same way as alcoholics suffer with alcohol. It is run on similar lines to A.A. The nearest branch of the group meets every Monday at 8.00 p.m. at St. Francis Catholic Church Hall, 1087 Whitehorse Road, Box Hill. For more information, ring John on 404 2155 or Rob on 596 4055.

ACTION PROGRAMME

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.

Our next Meeting will be held in No. 3 Hall, 24th July at 10.30 a.m. It will take the form of the Annual General Meeting, with election of office bearers. Joan Forshaw from "Action House" will be with us.

Visitors are always welcome to attend these R.A.A.V. Self Help Group Meetings. For further information you may phone our President 862 2694, or the R.A.A.V. office, Yarra Boulevard, Kew — Phone 862 2555.

SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND

Thursday 12th July — General Meeting — 10 a.m. Uniting Church, Normanby Road, East Kew.

26th July — Fund Raising Morning at above venue. Morning tea followed by a talk and film on Save The Children Fund, by the Save The Children Fund Public Relations Officer, Mrs Fay Alexander, 10 a.m. Donation \$1.00. All welcome.

Is Scrabble your thing? If so, your thing happens every Friday night at the Kew Community House, 6 Derby Street, Kew. \$1.00 including supper.

KEW GARDEN CLUB

It will be "roses, roses all the way" when Mr George Smith speaks to the Club at 8.00 p.m. on Thursday, 12th July, in the Senior Citizens' Hall, Cnr. High & Childers Sts, Kew.

George, who is Show Manager for the Rose Society of Victoria will concentrate on the beautiful miniatures; but somehow one feels that anyone with an interest in roses, large or small, new or old, will be catered for.

All welcome.

NATIVE PLANT GROUP

Mr Doug Thomas, President of the Victorian Fern Society, will give an illustrated talk at the Community House, 6

Derby St., on Wednesday 25th July, at 8.00 p.m.

Slides of ferns in their natural habitat will be shown — then the scene will move to the Thomas fernery, as Doug shares his experiences of "backyard" fern culture. Some backyard!

KEW BAPTIST CHURCH

We are delighted to advise that the National Boy's Choir will be singing at our next "SUNDAY AFTERNOON AT KEW" to be held on Sunday, July 22nd, 1984, commencing at 2.15 p.m. with a Cuppa and Biscuits, in the Kew Baptist Church Hall, Highbury Grove, Kew, 3101.

A donation of \$1 will enable us to give a contribution to the 80-voice choir on the eve of their Annual Presentation around Australia.

If you will require transport, ring the Church Office on 862 3292, weekdays, Tuesday to Friday, with details.

HYDE PARK FELLOWSHIP

The next meeting of the Fellowship will be held on Wednesday, 11th July, at 2 p.m. As usual the meeting will be in the Hyde Park Uniting Church, Pakington Street, Kew.

The guest speaker's subject will be the P.W.M.U. Cookbook. Profits gained from the sale of this cookbook go to help many worthwhile causes.

FILM AFTERNOON

The Missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver and their Auxiliary Committee cordially invite you for a film afternoon, which will be held at 154 Cotham Road, on 15th July, at 2.15 p.m. Entrance is free, but a collection will be taken for the benefit of the Missions. Come along and enjoy the film "Gi Gi". Inquiries: 80 3715.

TOY LIBRARY

The Kew Toy Library was opened in September 1983 and now has a membership of 80 children. It is situated at Monnington Special Education Centre, 15 Adeney Ave, Kew and is open to the children of Kew residents. It is run by a committee of seven and relies upon the voluntary help of parents to raise money for new toys and to administer the toys. There is a yearly subscription for members of \$8.00 for one child, \$12.00 for two children and \$15.00 per family of more than two children. Each child may borrow one toy and one puzzle for two weeks.

The library is open on Wednesdays from 9.30am to 11am, and Tuesdays from 1.30pm to 3.00pm. The committee would like to welcome any interested people to call in, have a chat, cup of coffee and a

browse of the toys. There is a waiting list of about 50 children and Julie Blackmore, phone 80 1307, can be contacted about this. Anyone who is able to repair toys could contact Sandy Illiff, phone 819 2808. This is a worthwhile service so please come along and involve yourself.

ADVERTISING

Recently the Kew Junction Traders approached the City of Kew and the Kewriosity Editorial Committee with a request that they be permitted to advertise on a regular basis in this newspaper.

As the proposal stands, advertising would appear in the form of a four-page insert. The Traders Association sponsoring a particular month's insert would compile the advertisements and meet the additional printing costs plus half the cost of distributing Kewriosity.

Both the Editorial Committee and Council have considered the proposal. They have requested that it be publicised in this issue of Kewriosity so that any concerns or opinions — whether they come from traders or residents — can be identified. They have also requested that the guidelines developed by the Editorial Committee be published. Finally, the Kew Junction Traders will be responsible for a 'trial run' of the advertising insert in the August issue of Kewriosity.

The Editorial Committee believes that compliance with the following guidelines is necessary if the regular inclusion of an advertising insert is to go ahead. If you have any questions or comments, please contact the Information Officer on 862 2466.

GUIDELINES

- (i) That advertisements do not contravene the policies for editorial comment. These policies restrict the publication of information that is of a racist, sexist, or personally abusive nature or if it relates to events of an illegal nature.
- (ii) That all Kew Traders Associations have the right to access to the advertising insert.
- (iii) That advertisements only deal with goods and services available in Kew.
- (iv) That the Traders Association sponsoring a particular month's insert take responsibility for all work associated with the preparation and printing of the insert.
- (v) That the quality of production be to the satisfaction of Council and the Editorial Committee.
- (vi) That the sponsoring Traders Association meet all costs associated with the production of the insert and that they also agree to cover half the monthly distribution cost.
- (vii) That advertisers do not either directly or indirectly seek to influence the editorial content of Kewriosity.

On Sunday, 27th May, the Raoul Wallenberg Gardens were officially opened. These gardens commemorate a man who worked courageously during World War 2 to protect Hungarian Jews from Nazi persecution. Later this year a bust of Wallenberg by sculptor Karl Duldig will be placed in the park.



The Mayor, Cr. Jill O'Brien, with Dr Frank Vajda, Convenor of the Australian Free Wallenberg Committee, Senator Don Chipp and Andrew Peacock, M.H.R.



Senator Chipp spoke about the heroism of Raoul Wallenberg and the Australian Democrats' commitment to seeking more information about his whereabouts.



The Swedish Ambassador, Mr L. Hedstrom, attended the opening ceremony and together with the Mayor, unveiled the plaque. To the left of Mr Hedstrom is Cr. Ros MacMillan, Hawthorn Mayor.



More than one hundred people attended the opening.

KEW RECREATION CENTRE

The Kew Recreation Centre Consultative Committee, comprising Cr. Wendy Smith, Chairman, Cr. Kaye Cole and Cr. Anne Glasson, community representatives Mr Alan Alpess, Mr Rhys Williams, Mr Ian Field and Mr Peter Butler, Municipal Recreation Officer have been meeting regularly.

Following the Committee's request to Council for the approval of the use of Consultants to assist the Committee in its task to report to Council in the development of a recreation centre the following projects and Consultants have been approved by Council for the following tasks:

1) Residential Survey

To enable the Committee to report to Council on the development of a recreation centre including the components of such a centre the need to consult with the Kew community was considered to be vital by the Committee.

To obtain this information a telephone survey will be conducted by market research consultants.

Should you or your family be requested to participate in the survey your assistance would be appreciated.

2) Mixed Usage Feasibility Study (Council Depot/Pool Site)

As part of the Committee's charter is to investigate the combination of community, commercial and residential use of the current council depot site, close review of the best possible funding sources is required.

In order to obtain this information the firm of Perrott, Lyon and Mathieson has been engaged to conduct the study. Once the study has been completed and evaluated, more information will be published in Kewriosity.

However, should you wish to discuss the proposal for the development of a recreation centre in Kew, please feel free to contact Peter Butler, Municipal Recreation Officer, on 862 2466.

KEW HISTORICAL SOCIETY

July monthly meeting

Rev. Aubrey Quick is a new resident of Kew and a new member of the Society. However, his family home was built on an eight-acre site in Cotham Road in 1852. Rev. Quick will be the guest speaker and will talk on his research of the family's history in Kew. The meeting will be held on Wednesday 11th July at 8.00 p.m., at the Manchester Unity Building, Union Street, Kew.

Library Desk

Residents of Kew are advised that the Society has organised for a desk within the Kew Library, Cotham Road, Kew. The desk will be manned on each Monday from 2.30 to 4.30 p.m.

The Society representative will be able to assist residents with historical material available in the library. The representative will also permit residents to contact the Society's archivist for those wishing to undertake more detailed research of their family, home or street.

KEW COMMUNITY HOUSE

Over the last four weeks the Community House has really come to life, with people calling by in a steady stream.

There are some who come out of curiosity and some because of a specific need. The main thing is we are getting to know each other and that's a good feeling. There is going to be a change of format in the running of the Spaghetti Night. We are now presenting Spaghetti Plus Night. This will consist of an extended menu and music or guest speaker, speaking on issues of interest/concern to the community.

The Spaghetti + Night will be on the first Monday of the month from 7.30 to 9.30. Cost \$5.00, commencing July 2nd. Bookings: 862 3126.

On the last Monday night of the month commencing July 30th, 7.30 to 9.30, we will have Brenda's Spaghetti Night — a casual night. Cost \$1.00. Bookings please.

We are going to design and paint a mural at the Community House. This will be done with the supervision of Robyn Foot, a qualified art teacher. Robyn has had a One Woman Show and has won the Lygon Street Art Festival prize so this is not going to be just your average mural.

The Committee kids have had a design session and so have a small group of Kew residents chosen to represent the community. It was decided that the mural should tell the story of the Community House. Of the people, old and young, from all backgrounds and the activities there.

The designing and the painting of the mural is seen as a real involvement for the people of Kew with the Community House. We will expect you to come and check its progress, and to get your painting shirt and equipment ready. We invite you to watch our garden grow. The Glendonald School for the Deaf students in conjunction with Peter Davies, Kew Council Parks and Gardens Officer, will

be creating a garden for the Community House. The students will then maintain the garden. Peter Davies' involvement is just another example of the support the Council has given the Community House.

The Community House is owned by the Council and administered by a Board of Management comprised of Kew residents: this is a volunteer committee. The house has a co-ordinator whose salary is paid by F.A.C.S. The Council is helping to maintain the house for this year, after that the Community House will have to be self-supporting.

The Council staff have managed to cope with the constant demands from the House with a good spirit, we thank them also. The support of a small band of loyal and true volunteers helps the House to function.

We have tried to cater for a variety of interests in the programme of lectures and activities we have presented for second term.

We ask you to participate in the planning of lectures and activities for third term.

Also, we will be interested to meet people who would like to run courses. Come and talk to us about it.

The Community House is **your** house, we look forward to making you welcome there.

For further information on Kew Community House, see local papers and library notice boards. Any enquiries ring Marie, Kew Community House, 862 3126.

TERM 2 NEWS — 1984 DAY

Lectures: Psychology, Communications.

Crafts: Smocking, Picture Making, Creative Leathercraft, Pottery, Compendium Making.

Cooking: Italian Cooking, Italian Soup Making, Chocolate making.

Activities: City Walking, Sketching 'round Kew.

Classes: Migrant English, Kodaly Music for Children, Violin, Flute, Recorder, Yoga for Children.

Groups: Garden Club, Dart Club, Scrabble.

EVENING

Classes: Handyperson's Course, Migrant English, Drama, Natural Health, Creative Movement.

Groups: Youth, Scrabble, Discussion, Darts, Men's Social.

ENTERTAINMENT

MUSIC, MUSIC, MUSIC — A Music Night will be held at the Community House on the second Saturday of each month. The night will be run as a folk club, but including all types of acoustic music. There will be guest artists to get the ball rolling; after which all those interested will have the opportunity to play in a relaxed atmosphere. It is hoped that this

will be followed by a "Community Jam".

Listeners are welcome — in fact, necessary! Phone 862 3126 for further information.

MUSIC, MUSIC, MUSIC — There will be two Classical Guitar Recitals at the Community House on Saturdays, 4th and 11th August. Artists Garry Evans and Daryl Buckley. Cost \$5.00, Student and Pensioner Concessions \$2.50.

The programme will consist of works by Sanz, Sor, Granados, Giuliani, Rodrigo, Henze and others. This is a rare opportunity to enjoy superb music in an intimate setting. There will be a discussion of the music after the recital and coffee will be served.

MUSIC, MUSIC, MUSIC — The Creative Movement to Music class will be held each Wednesday at 8pm, enquiries to Community House 862 3126. This will also involve relaxation.

The music and the movement will merge so that there is no beginning and no end — one of life's more beautiful experiences.

YOUTH — See Ian Patching.

DISCUSSION GROUP — A lively and stimulating night is anticipated. Group still forming (want to help?). Late June at the latest.

SOCIAL — The Kew Community House Men's Social Group will be meeting at the House with a view to forming a group which will enjoy — companionship, social outings and activities, e.g., fishing, bus trips, gold prospecting, and cards. All enquiries: Marie 862 3126.

SPECIAL EVENTS — Mothers, fathers and babies are invited to share a beautiful happening at the Kew Community House.

Two sessions of Baby Massage will be held on Saturday July 7th and Saturday August 4th between 2.30 and 4.00pm. The sessions will be conducted by a physiotherapist. Cost will be \$4.00, refreshments will be served. Bookings: Marie 862 3126. Bring a towel and edible oil.

Because of the distraction factor we will not be able to mind other children at the house on these days — although it may be possible to have child minding at another venue.

WEEKEND WORKSHOP — Kew Community House, June 23rd and 24th. There will be a weekend workshop in Touch For Health — Energy Balancing — conducted by Audrey Klein. This will cover the areas of food allergies, tension and emotional stress release. Enquiries Audren Klein, 859 3846.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT — The Victorian Deaf/Blind and Rubella Children's Association will be conducting its Annual Appeal at the Kew Community House on Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th June.

HELP! Scraps of wool for the Kew Community House wall hanging please.



HOW WELL ARE YOU COPING
WITH SOMEONE WHO IS CONFUSED?

IS THIS PERSON SUFFERING
● MEMORY LOSS ● ANXIETY
● COMMUNICATION DIFFICULTIES
● WANDERING etc.

YOU ARE NOT ALONE!

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YOUTH RESOURCE CENTRE
283 HIGH STREET
KEW 3101
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YOUTH PAGES

WELCOME

Welcome to Kewriosity's Youth Pages. In the next few months this insert will include things that are happening, things to do, places to go and special features for young people, and their families, in and around Kew. The Youth Pages are being compiled each month by the City of Kew's Youth Resource Centre, and are being printed with the assistance of a grant received from the Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation.

Each month, the Youth Pages will contain articles from local groups of young people. This will help these groups to publicize their activities and also give

young people an opportunity to find out a bit more about groups that they might like to join. We encourage groups to send us their articles, along with any photos or drawings, so that we can assist your activities.

Also included in the Youth Pages each month will be a feature article related to a particular issue concerning young people. To compliment this article we will be running a "talkback" column where all members of the community will be given the chance to comment on an article and share their views. This month's special feature is International Youth Year 1985. In the following months articles will

include Employment, Accommodation, Recreation, Health and the Law.

The Youth Pages will also include a diary of events and happenings both in and around Kew, and on a larger Melbourne wide basis. Again, we encourage individuals and groups to let us know of activities that are coming up so that we can publicize them.

If anyone wishes to enquire about the Youth Pages, please feel free to contact Robyn Molloy at the Youth Resource Centre, 283 High Street, Kew, phone: 861 7259.

NEW YOUTH CENTRE FOR KEW

The City of Kew has recently allowed the temporary use of its Walpole Street Hall for the development of a central focus point for youth activities in Kew.

Activities will be managed and conducted by Council's Youth Resources Programme, which combines the activities of Youth Worker, Ian Patching and the Youth Resource Centre staffed by Robyn Molloy, Tony Jecks, and Merry Browning.

Ian is primarily responsible for an evening programme and school holiday activities for teenagers. These activities are recreation based and open to all young people.

The Youth Resource Centre is operating an afternoon programme for unemployed young people and a variety of after-school activities for teenagers at the Walpole Street location. It is maintaining its Information and Referral Exchange and office at 283 High Street, Kew.

Ian Patching can be contacted at the Council Offices on 862 2466.

The Youth Resource Centre can be contacted on 861 7259.

The Hall at 3 Walpole Street, Kew is open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons and Wednesday and Thursday evenings, phone 861 6281.

UNEMPLOYED?

At last there is now a programme in Kew for unemployed young people during the day. The City of Kew Youth Resources Programme has recently commenced a programme designed to meet some of the specific needs of Kew's young unemployed, and provide a meeting place for people to share their experiences and frustrations with others.

The programme operates at the Walpole Street Hall, 3 Walpole Street, Kew on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons from 12.00-5.00pm.

It is aiming to assist young people in a variety of ways including helping them to make the most of their situation, providing advice on seeking employment or hassles they may be experiencing with such places as C.E.S. or Social Security. The programme also offers a variety of skills that may help young people to find employment.

These include basic typewriting, word-processing and computer skills that can help young people to increase their work prospects, as well as many other practical skills that can help young people to generate additional income.

The programme kicks off each with a light lunch. A variety of activities are available during the afternoons including silkscreening, cooking, leatherwork, woodwork, videos, pottery, billiards, tabletennis, excursions and lots more.

From 3.30-5.00pm secondary school students are also able to make use of the Hall and the activities that are available. We have timetabled an Aerobics class, for example, on Wednesday afternoons from 4.15-5.00pm especially to cater for school students as well as our other young people, and at a very reasonable price of just \$1.00 per session.

If you or people that you know would like to attend any of these activities, please call into 3 Walpole Street at any time. Enquiries can be directed to the staff during programme hours on 861 6281 or during normal business hours at the Youth Resource Centre at 283 High Street, Kew, phone 861 7259.

EQUIPMENT NEEDED

The Kew Youth Centre is looking for equipment to stock its kitchen. If anyone has any utensils they no longer need, donations would be most gratefully accepted.

We are looking for:
pots and pans
cutlery
crockery
mixing bowls
sandwich maker
frying pan
etc. . . .

Please contact the Youth Resource Centre 861 7259, so that we can arrange for collection.

INTERNATIONAL YEAR

WHAT IS IT?

International Youth Year is a year that the United Nations has declared will be dedicated to young people from 12 to 25 years, and will be held in 1985.

It is seen to be a time in which the needs, contributions and problems of young people will be highlighted. It recognises the importance of youth participation in shaping the future of society, and in doing so calls for an assessment of the needs, aspirations and potential of youth and an increase in opportunities for youth to participate in personal growth and national development activities.

The United Nations has proclaimed three themes of IYY and these are Participation, Development and Peace. In Australia, this means increasing awareness of the situation of youth in our society and recognising their rights as members of society. It means promoting policies and programmes at all levels of government and the community and encouraging youth to have the ideals of peace, mutual respect and understanding of people.

SO — — —

So what does this mean to the average person in the street, the parents of young people, and of course, the young people themselves.

Ultimately IYY is about change. It is about involving young people in their own destiny and creating a society that has a deeper understanding and tolerance of today's youth.

IYY reinforces the need for young people to make decisions about their own lives and things that are important to them, and more important is the need to have the skills that are required to be able to do this in a meaningful way. Young people need the support and understanding of their community so that they may grow, learn and participate in our society. This will not be achieved while basic problems like unemployment and homelessness are understood and controlled by communities.

IN KEW!

Our National and State governments and organisations are, and will be working to achieve change during IYY, but our most effective changes will take place where the young people are — in their homes, their schools, work and local communities. It is at this level that we can all participate in IYY and work together to achieve understanding and acceptance of our youth and therefore improve the community in which we live.

The City of Kew Youth Resources Programme has outlined some realistic objectives for our local community to work towards. These include promoting and encouraging youth participation and youth representation in decision making processes that affect young people. This is not so hard to do. Local groups can ensure that young people are represented on committees and youth groups organising activities can pass on these tasks to their participants and support them through to planning processes.

The Youth Resources Programme will be working towards increasing young peoples' understanding of issues affecting themselves and their peers, either on an individual or groups basis, and other groups can do the same.

It will also be working towards increasing the local community's awareness of the situation of youth. This will mainly be achieved through articles such as this in Kewriosity each month, but will also involve activities in 1985.



NAL YOUTH

1985



PLANS . . .

In planning for IYY there will be a series of workshops organised by the Youth Resources Programme to take place in 1984. These will involve young people and workers with youth, in identifying local areas of need and planning for activities in 1985 to meet these needs. It is envisaged that a Youth Committee will be established which will act as a co-ordinating body for IYY activities in Kew. Youth Groups have been notified of these intentions and any individual young people who may wish to be involved may contact the Youth Resource Centre for details.

The Youth Resources Programme offers its support to all local groups and individuals to assist in achieving the aims of IYY. With the skill of our trained Youth Work staff, we can offer advice to groups wishing to involve young people in their activities and decision making processes, and work with your young people to assist them in attaining the skills they need to participate meaningfully in our community.

The Youth Affairs Council of Australia has published a "checklist" for IYY. Included in this is that "If the situation of young people in Australia improves meaningfully; if issues that young people think are important are raised and acted upon; if action is taken at local level to involve young people, to act on local problems and create local solutions; if the contribution young people make to their local community is recognised; if the community understands young people more; if institutions that have young people as their clients (like schools), become more accessible, responsive and relevant; . . . then IYY will have served a purpose."

Do you agree with IYY and its objectives? The Kewriosity Youth Pages give you an opportunity to have your say.

"TALKBACK"

This space, and more, has been set aside for your chance to tell us what you think.

Each month, the Youth Resource Centre will be introducing a feature article on a topical issue related to young people. You may or may not agree with some of the things we say. Either way, we, and the community, would love to hear your comments so that we can work together to help our young people to grow.

Please take advantage of this space provided, and also use it to raise any other issues that you might think relevant to the Youth Pages. All we ask is that you write to the Youth Resource Centre, and include your name and address. We appreciate that some people may not like to have their name printed in Kewriosity, so please let us know if this applies to you.

We look forward to receiving your responses.



YOU TOO!

Kewriosity's Youth Pages are not just for young people. They are designed to interest all members of the community.

LOCAL HEROES?

Do you know any local young people who have recently achieved something worthy of recognition? Maybe a Queen's Scout Honor or an international study exchange. Why not share it with our community? If so, please contact the Youth Resource Centre.

THINGS TO DO IN KEW

KEW DROP-IN

Opens on Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 6.30-10.30pm at the Kew Youth Centre, 3 Walpole Street, Kew (next to Safeway). It is open to people 14-18 years and the cost is 50c per night. Activities include billiards, table tennis, board games, videos, some excursions and of course coffee and tea is available. Contact Ian Patching, 862 2466.

AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Are now available at the Kew Youth Centre on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3.30-5.00pm for secondary school aged people. Activities include music and coffee, aerobics and a variety of crafts. Billiards and table tennis are also available each afternoon and we may be able to help with some of your homework problems. Details can be obtained from the Youth Resource Centre, 861 7259.

THE GAP

The Gap is an activities group at St. Hilary's Anglican Church, 12 John Street, Kew for people from Year 9 upwards. It starts at 8.00pm and finishes between 10.30 and 11.00pm. In July special activities include Ice Skating (6th July) and a "Formal Dinner" (28th July). Contact Russell Downie, 80 1236.

A BIT FURTHER AFIELD

July 1:
Open Day — Melbourne College of Advanced Education from 12.00-5.00pm, 757 Swanston Street, Carlton. Contact Hugh Markwick 341 8516 for details.
Open Day — Lincoln Institute of Health Sciences from 11.00am-4.00pm at Carlton Campus, 161 Swanston Street, Melbourne and the School of Nursing, 2-6 Slater Street, Melbourne. A free bus will run between the colleges. Contact Belinda Lamb, 342 0204.
Discovery Day — Melbourne University, Grattan Street, Parkville from 11.00am-4.00pm. Contact David Lewis, 341 7263.



DROP-IN CENTRE
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OPEN DAYS

TEEN CLUB

At Kew Baptist Church Games Hall in Highbury Grove, Kew. It is open for all secondary school aged people from 7.00-9.30pm every second Friday night. This month there will be two Club nights on the 6th and 20th July. Other activities have included film nights and a night tour of Melbourne. A special feature this month is the Church's Youth Service where John Smith, founder of the 'God Squad' will be speaking. Contact Laurie or Wendy Barton, 861 5316.

July 12-18: Herald National Boat Show — Exhibition Buildings, Nicholson Street, Carlton.

Luna Park: Friday and Saturday evenings, 7.15-11.15pm and Saturday and Sunday afternoons, 1.30-5.30pm. Luna Park is on the Lower Esplanade, St. Kilda, 534 0653.

World Trade Centre: Cnr Spencer and Siddely Streets, Melbourne, open 8.00am-6.00pm daily, phone 611 1666.

COMMUNITY HOUSE

A new youth activity under the Council's Youth Resources Programme will begin at the Community House on Thursday, 7th June, at 7.00 p.m.

The programme will cover issues relevant to young people in Kew through discussion and films. It is designed as a small group activity over an eight week period.

For further information please contact Ian Patching on 862 2466 or Marie Scomazzon on 862 3126.

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, 283 High Street, Kew. Enquiries can be made to Robyn Molloy on 861 7259.

MAYORAL COMMENT

"VILLA ALBA"

Recently the Villa Alba Preservation Committee (VAPC) prepared a report on the feasibility of undertaking restoration of that historic and unique Kew building. Historic because it is believed to have been first built before 1863, unique because it is the interior rather than the exterior design which warrants preservation.

The VAPC is made up of local residents, Kew Councillors, Council Officers, representatives from the National Trust, the National Gallery, the Council for the Historic Environment, Mrs. Prue Sibree, M.P. and other experts. The chairman is Sir Rupert Hamer.

The report was presented to the Australian Bicentennial Authority for evaluation. We are hoping that they will agree to fund most of the restoration costs, which total \$202,000, and that they will also contribute to the adaption of the restored building to an Interior Design Resource Centre. We will also be seeking some financial support from local sources for restoration work and from the Victorian Government to assist in funding the operation of the Resource Centre for the first five years.

The Villa Alba stands at the extreme western end of Kew, overlooking the Yarra Bend Park. It was remodelled in its present style in 1882/3 for William Greenlaw, the Manager of the Colonial Bank of Australasia.

The house, and especially its tower, must always have been a landmark in the Yarra Valley, though today it tends to be obscured by the trees in the park. Its architecture is unusual, and almost Norman in style, but it is the interior which is most remarkable, for it is here that Greenlaw's penchant for luxury, and the skills of Melbourne's leading decorators, Paterson Brothers, were allowed full play.

In the main hall were gilded statues of cupid holding gas burners aloft, and a range of black oaken boxes with glass fronts, within which could be seen stuffed ptarmigan, pheasant and grouse. Later these were removed, and scenes of Venice were painted on the walls. All the other rooms were lavishly decorated, including the main upstairs boudoir in the style of an Oriental sultan's palace, with a sky blue and russet red ceiling relieved by golden crescents and suns. There were panels at intervals depicting the sacred ibis and other mystic birds.



Today a large proportion of the splendid decoration survives, and even though a number of wall surfaces have been painted over, it is possible to strip the coating and recover the original. There are gilded and stencilled skirtings, friezes with scenes from Rob Roy and the Waverley Novels, and above all, a series of ceilings of exquisite artistry and delicacy, not over-painted, and, by and large, in astonishingly good condition. There is no house in Australia which is comparable in these respects, and though there are others with interiors of great importance in their own right, the Villa Alba is undoubtedly amongst the first rank.

The VAPC is keen to see the building restored and used for something as suitable as the Interior Design Resource Centre. The Centre would be used as the basis for training specialist tradespeople in the various crafts associated with historic interior decoration, and would also house a collection of valuable interior design, initially consisting of works such as wallpapers, designers' drawings, books and journals, trade catalogues and decorators' log books.

Over time, the collection could be expanded to include furnishing fabrics, tiles, light fittings, glass work, internal woodwork, furniture, ceramics, etc. A properly set up Resource Centre such as this would, of course, act as a magnet for this kind of material. The multi-use nature of a restored Villa Alba would attract a variety of visitors, including people from the building trades, students, tourists, artists, architects, interior designers and owners of old buildings.

Villa Alba is situated on land owned by the Mount Royal Hospital. On behalf of the VAPC I would like to thank the Committee of Management and staff for their co-operation in assisting us and other interested people in our work. The Committee of Management has also offered to make the building available to the City of Kew or appointed trustees at a peppercorn rental.

COMMUNITY DIRECTORY UPDATES

Leisure/Recreational/Sport

Hockey: The Secretary of the Kew Women's Hockey Club, Sue Gell, can be contacted on 509 5213.

Bowls: The Secretary of the East Kew Ladies Bowling Club is Mrs. Joyce Watkins, 859 2535.

Scouts: The Area Commissioner for the Scouts is Cr. Mervyn Tebbutt, 49 3944.

Council Services

Kindergartens: North Kew Secretary is Mrs. Margie Dunphy, 861 8294.

Education

Adult Literacy Programme based at Swinburne TAFE, 819 8816.

Medical

Additional G.P. listings: Dr. F.

Brunton, 27 Eglinton Street, Kew, 861 7035; Dr. M. Lustig, 140 Barkers Road, Hawthorn, 818 4113.

Hearing: Better Hearing Australia now at 5 High Street, Windsor. They offer aural **not** oral rehabilitation.

Childbirth: Inner Eastern Region of Childbirth Education Association, Maureen McBain, 758 7813 or Lauren Foster, 890 7746.

Mental Health: St. Gabriel's Mental Retardation is now the Regional Mental Retardation Services, Suite 14, Level 2, Whitehorse Plaza, Box Hill Shopping Centre.

The Personal Emergency Service

number listed on the back page is not for psychiatric information, it is for general enquiries, 329 5022.

Legal

Leonard Letwin, 15 Baker Avenue and Mrs. Bradbury, 10 Baker Avenue, are no longer available as J.P.'s.

Political

The contact for the Australian Democrats is Ms. Brigid Aird, 4a Fenwick Street, 862 1017.

Religious

The St. Hilary's Accommodation Coordinator is no longer Mrs. Sharon Fisher. The contact number is that of St. Hilary's Church Office, 80 1236.

SAHAJA YOGA

"All happy families resemble each other, each unhappy family is unhappy in its own way" (Tolstoy). Just around the corner from the No. 44 Cotham Road tramstop at 1267 Burke Road, Kew is a large residence that is now the home for the Sahaja Yoga Centre.

Here, in the leafy surrounds of Kew, a number of families have got together and organised their domestic activities around the teachings of Shri Mataji Nirmula Devi. Shri Mataji stresses the importance of the traditional values of a happy home life, moderation and balanced living. She believes in the sanctity of marriage and the importance of a proper mother-child relationship. She also encourages men to free themselves from the "one of the boys" mentality and to accept the responsibilities of adulthood.

Those with an intellectual bent can investigate the teachings of Sahaja Yoga to the depth they desire, for parallels and similarities may be discovered in all of the world's major religions.

The word 'yoga' itself means "union with the highest God or the Divinity" and that union has always been the ultimate aim of all the forms of yoga over the years.

Sahaja Yoga however does not require any tediously learnt body contortions or complex breathing techniques for the method is achieved quickly and effortlessly. This is where the meaning of Sahaja becomes clear, for the word translates as 'spontaneous' . . . sounds too easy, doesn't it? In fact, when many newcomers ask "what do I do now?" they are told "nothing . . . don't worry it will just happen within you".

So if you are interested in finding out how others are beating the rush, drop in at the Sahaja Yoga Centre and enjoy the pleasant atmosphere and old-fashioned values of this ultra-modern movement. The cup of tea and biscuits may calm your nerves more than you think.

The centre invites the public to programmes every week night starting at 7.30 pm and finishing around 9.00 pm. There is no charge . . . ever. For more information ring 80 1339.

COMMUNITY ARTISTS

It is the second month now for the Artists in the Community Project. Kew and Deepdene are experiencing artistic enrichment as the artists employed in the programme get underway to implement their creative art skills.

Pauline Bennet, the Co-ordinator of the programme, said all the artists are enthusiastic about the work they are undertaking. The schools and community centres in the Kew/Deepdene area are also excited about the residency programme.

Pauline said that for the remainder of the school term the resident artists will be

working on a wide variety of projects. Those initiated to date by Raewyn Turner are window painting at Sacred Heart Primary School, and painting and sketching activities at the Kew Community House. Raewyn Turner said, "My first sketching expedition was a great success as a group of budding artists sketched the Kew Convent." Now part of the I.E.C.D., the Convent provided an inspiring landscape.

Richard Evans is creating a mixed media sculpture for the Glendonald School for the Deaf, a sculpture for Kew High School, and plans are underway to begin screen printing classes for the Kew Youth Resource Centre.

The Kew Community House has a fortnightly Spaghetti Night which will feature guest artists and guest speakers. Richard played flute for this evening on the 18th June. There is also a monthly Folk Night on the 2nd Saturday of each month where Richard will be occasionally featured.

Jacinta Groutsch, the artist concerned with drama activities, said she had learnt a great deal from working with students from St. Paul's School for the Blind and the Glendonald School for the Deaf who are both providing time for Jacinta to work with their students. Local Parish Primary Schools also will be working with Jacinta and two end of year school productions are underway.

Pauline said that she would like to extend an invitation from all the artists to become involved in any of the activities available to the public, through the Community Artists Programme. Those programmes currently available for community participation are Aerobic classes at the Kew Youth Resource Centre and Screen Printing Activities. The Kew Community House welcomes those interested in creative movement; leather work classes; musical evenings; and sketching expeditions around Kew as well as painting activities at the house.

Anyone wanting information about classes or activities available for the community participation can contact Nancy or Pauline at the Kew High School Community Education Office on 859 8368.

HIGHBURY GROVE PLAYGROUP

Highbury Grove Playgroup welcomes new members. Playgroup meets three times a week in the Uniting Church (rear) Hall in Highbury Grove, Kew.

The three main objectives of the Playgroup are to provide an opportunity for the pre-schooler and their parents/guardians to meet in an informal environment, to provide stimulus in learning and social skills for the pre-schooler and to provide a meeting place for parents/guardians of pre-schoolers (babies welcomed) at which they have the opportunity to share their experience.

The Playgroup meets Mondays and Wednesdays (except on Public Holidays)

from 10.30 am till 12.00 noon, the cost is 30 cents per family per session, parents are asked to provide one piece of fruit, tea and coffee provided. No co-ordinator available these two days. On Friday the Playgroup operates from 10.00 am till 12.30 pm, the cost is 50 cents per family per session, parents are asked to bring one piece of fruit. Sandwiches, fruit and cordial are served at 11.00 am for the children. Tea and coffee provided for the adults. Our co-ordinator, Mrs Elaine West, is present (Fridays only) to co-ordinate the various activities for the morning, e.g. painting, pasting, stories and music instruments.

In the past we have found that the Friday morning sessions are the most popular (still are) but the Mondays and Wednesdays sessions are also gaining popularity, attracting a regular number of four or five parents/children.

Playgroup does function over the school holidays except for a short break over Christmas/New Year. There is no co-ordinator available at these times, therefore the parents are asked to stay and help organise activities. In the past we have found that children over the age of six cannot be catered for. During these holiday periods the times and costs are Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 10.00 am till 2.00 pm, bring your own lunch and fruit. Tea, coffee and cordial provided. 50 cents per session per family will be charged. No childminding available during holidays.

The Highbury Grove Playgroup has many activities and play equipment both for indoor and outdoor use.

For any more information or queries please contact Monica Burt on 80 1240, Virginia Kemp 859 2505 or Marion Erjavec 859 2144 or just drop in one Friday morning for a chat.

A coffee/tea morning has been arranged for Friday 20th July from 10.00 am onwards. New or old members and visitors are welcomed. This is a great opportunity to meet present members. Remember Friday 20th July. See you there.

KEW SENIOR CITIZENS CENTRE

Have you ever called into our "Centre"? Folk, 55 and over, are eligible to join us for the reasonable fee of \$2.00 per year which enables them to partake in all our activities.

Tuesday is our main club day when entertainment is organised by the committee. Senior citizens are not what most people conjure up in their minds, we are quite active and have the enjoyment of one another's friendship; how about a visit?

Come to our "Trash and Treasure" Day to see us in action. When? . . . Saturday 18th August, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Lots of bargains, baby clothes, etc. Devonshire teas will be served.

POWER LINES AND STREET TREES

The Council Parks and Gardens department have recently commenced the winter street pruning programme to clear low limbs over the road and footpaths and to clear branches from the S.E.C. power lines. Street trees are trimmed on a regular basis of intervals of 2-5 years apart, depending on the type and growth of the tree. Many small branches grow into the power lines within this period. However, there is no need to be concerned about the possibility of fires starting as occasionally occurs in country areas. These fires usually occur due to sparks falling into dry grass. Any cases where movement of branches is causing wires to clash together with sparking resulting should be reported to the Council as soon as possible.

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS

Enrolments for Kindergarten in 1985 are now being received at the Municipal Offices, Charles Street, Kew.

The four-year-old programme is still receiving State Government subsidy and will continue to operate at various kindergartens throughout the City of Kew. Children eligible to enrol for 1984 are those whose birthdate occurs between 1st July, 1980 and 30th June, 1981.

The future availability of a three-year-old Kindergarten Programme remains uncertain, although it is clear that the Minister of Health, the Hon. T. Roper M.P. is unlikely to reverse the decision to withdraw State Government subsidy. Enrolment applications for the four-year-old programme will be received from all eligible children irrespective of residential address but parents are encouraged to make application as soon as possible.

IMMUNIZATION SESSIONS

Residents are asked to note the next evening Immunization Session will be held in Hall No. 3, Kew Civic Centre, Cotham Road, Kew on Tuesday, 3rd July, 1984.

This session will be conducted between 6.00 p.m. and 7.30 p.m. This is an extension of the Infant Immunization Sessions that are held on the first and third Wednesdays of the month, and includes an Adult Rubella Session.

Enquiries about the Immunization Programme should be directed to the Social Development Department at the Municipal Offices on 862 2466.

ROADWORKS

The City of Kew is now reconstructing the "horror stretch" of Glenferrie Road between Barkers and Cotham Roads.

The project, which will cost \$370,000, is to be undertaken for Council by Negri Contractors (Aust.) Pty. Ltd.

Work commenced in June and will continue through to September.

Mr. Ron Gould, the City Engineer, said that the road was currently in very poor condition.

He said that the work, which involves the reconstruction of the roadway and footpath plus new kerbing and channeling, will result in safer conditions for vehicle and pedestrian traffic.

Some disruption to traffic flow will be caused by the works and it is suggested that if possible, motorists use an alternative route for the period of the Contract.

DRIVERS NEEDED

Volunteer drivers and helpers for Council Mini-Bus needed. No special licence required. If you can spare 2-3 hours (minimum) per week, fortnight or month for this very much appreciated service to transport elderly people to clubs, day centres, etc. please contact the Mini-Bus Service Co-ordinator, Mr. Eric Weiskopf on 862 2466, Ext. 60.

CORRECTION —

DOMESTIC NOISE

In the June issue on page 6, we published an article on the draft amendment to the Environmental Protection Act concerning domestic noise. The number to ring if you want more information or if you want to make any comments is 651 4221. Ask for Mr. Claude Senece.

C.A.B.

The Citizens Advice Bureau is a place where you can talk about anything freely and in confidence, and where you can ask for information about any matter at all. If the answer is not in our files, we can refer you to somewhere, where your question can be answered.

We don't ask for your name or address and we keep all enquiries strictly confidential.

Our staff of trained volunteers is ready to try to help you in any matter, whether great or small.

The Bureau also offers financial counselling and a free legal service.

Kew C.A.B., opposite Kew Library, entrance Cotham Road, Kew, phone 861 5244, Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Hawthorn C.A.B., corner Manningtree and Glenferrie Roads, phone 819 2772, Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

KEW (DAYTIME) GARDEN CLUB

Rose pruning and miniature roses.

At our next meeting on 23rd July Dr. Ferris will give a demonstration and speak generally about growing roses.

The club meets on the fourth Monday of every month commencing at 1.15 p.m. (note change of time).

Our May meeting was very well attended and Mr. Norman White outlined the necessary guidelines to grow chrysanthemums successfully.

New members and visitors always welcome. Child minding facilities available.

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

KEW PEOPLE FOR NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT

Kew People for Nuclear Disarmament meets on the third Monday of each month at 8 pm at 69 Strathalbyn Street, East Kew.

Meetings are friendly and informal, and aim to provide information, to allow discussion and to arrange future projects and events.

"Should we mine and export uranium or not? Is there a link between nuclear energy and nuclear weapons? What targets are there in Australia? How will the nuclear winter affect us? Can I do anything anyway?"

Well, yes you can. The first step is to come and try one of our meetings. Bring a friend. Inform yourselves by discussing our films, videos, articles, etc.

We're sure you'll stay and help us in our "peace" work.

Contact — Maria 859 3387.

H.K.C. ACTIVITIES CENTRE

A well-known Kew resident, Mrs. Marie Petrie, was recently appointed Co-ordinator of the Day Care program provided at the H.K.C. Activities Centre on Wednesdays at Kew Baptist Hall.

This centre provides stimulation and socialisation for the frail elderly participants and referrals or enquiries regarding the inclusion of any person should be directed to Mrs. Petrie on 861 9500 or personally at the centre on Wednesdays between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Persons who care for elderly relatives are particularly encouraged to enquire.

CHILDREN'S SERVICES IN KEW

Do you think you, your family or your children could use one of these children's services in Kew?

An occasional care centre, a children's services officer, a full-time day care centre, three year old kindergarten, an after-school programme, an extended hours kindergarten.

The Children's Services Committee feels there is a need for these services in Kew and our Council has endorsed these views subject to budgetary considerations for 1985.

What of the existing services such as sessional four year old kindergarten, family day care, holiday programmes and the Infant Welfare Centres? These will continue and the proposed children's services are to provide a wider range of appropriate services which the Committee knows there are a lack of in Kew. We know from the services provided in other municipalities, from the "Family Support Services Needs Survey" held in 1983, and from community comments.

A brief description of each of the services follows and where appropriate an idea of the proposed costing at this stage is given. They are listed in a priority determined by the Committee.

1. Occasional Care Centre

A centre, initially with a capacity for twenty children at any one time, where you may leave your child or children for up to three times a week for a set period of time up to a maximum of approximately twelve hours per week. This could be used to allow parent or parents to attend that doctor's appointment, meet the Bank Manager, carry out the weekly shopping, attend that children's clothes sale or any of these hypothetical commitments to family living, knowing that the children are cared for in a children's environment.

The cost could be in the region of \$2-\$3 per hour and the booking arrangements organised to extend to a wide range of parents. We do not see the service as being suitable for regular part-time work but rather those irregular events that occur frequently.

2. Children's Services Officer

An indirect service, but someone responsible to Council, and the community, who can plan, co-ordinate and integrate children's services.

At present, we have no specific Children's Services Officer to represent us on this matter to Council, to listen to those organised and unorganised community groups, to seek out or hear about other funding sources, to talk to those who work in the kindergartens, the infant welfare centre, the family day care centres or even the Citizens' Advice Bureau. Currently this happens in a limited capacity

whereas a Children's Services Officer position will be full-time.

This is a position that other Councils have created for children's services and those Councils seem to provide a wide range of children's services similar to those we are seeking.

3. Full-Time Day Care Centre

This service will probably not be provided in 1985 but is a longer term endeavour as application will have to be made to the Federal Government for funding. However, the initial steps are being made and a parent co-operative is to be formed (probably after our public meeting) and the necessary steps in applying for funding can commence.

This centre, location to be determined, will provide full-time care for children during the day for approximately 10 hours, five days per week for most of the year. The fee structure will be determined when opened but the range should be as for other funded, parent co-operative centres in other municipalities.

The application for funding of this centre will be supported by Council and Council may be asked to assist in providing a building. However, management will be by parents in a parents' co-operative where parents will be able to have a say in the running of the centre.

If you have an interest in this centre and wish to help in the formation or become part of the parents co-operative, why don't you contact the Social Development Office at the Municipal Offices on 862 2466.

4. Three Year Old Kindergarten

Most parents will be aware that funding for three year old kindergarten was withdrawn last year by the State Government. This year Council has contributed, along with the parents using the service, and the Kew Pre-School Association is fund-raising the other third. Council was only committed to providing this service in 1984 and the Kew Pre-School Association feel they cannot continue the fund-raising next year.

The Committee feel that if Three Year Old Kindergartens can only be provided on a user pay basis at approximately \$187 per term then such a service should not be provided at all.

5. After School Programme

An after school programme exists as a pilot service in East Kew Primary School with children from this and St. Anne's School. The Committee knows there are other children who could attend a programme and the use of a small bus would allow these children to attend. The Com-

mittee also feel that the existing service may receive better patronage if parents were assured that it was to continue and the fees are known to be \$3 per night, \$15 per week — payable weekly.

We feel another after school programme could be initiated in 1985 just from the large number of children attending school in Kew; however, we need to know from schools and parents the 'need' for this service.

It would be expected that the use of a bus can be arranged in 1985 for use in the afternoon to help take children to one, two or three centres.

6. Extended Hours Kindergarten

A kindergarten operating five days per week from 9 a.m. until 3.30 p.m. for four year olds with children bringing their own lunch. A kindergarten programme in the morning, lunch, afternoon rest and play session to complete the day.

This service is an extension of the existing sessional programme, however it provides a longer and more regular service offering benefits to parents who wish to give more time to younger children, to allow regular part-time work, etc. The fee range is expected to be \$32 per week together with term fees as paid.

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This completes the range of children's services the Committee feels there is a need for in Kew; however, we now need to know what support there is for the services. A public meeting is to be held on 10th July and your attendance will be a gauge to Council of the residents' position. The meeting will take place in Hall No. 3, Civic Centre at 8.00 pm.

A public meeting is not always convenient so we would also encourage people to write to the Children's Services Consultative Committee, C/- City of Kew and all we need to know is "Yes, I feel there is a need for increased children's services in Kew, I have . . . children and I would be most interested in . . .".

Residents may also wish to talk to their Councillors in their respective wards. Let them know of your feelings towards children's services and whether you would like Council to increase its budget to provide these.

The Children's Consultative Committee would like to thank Council for endorsement of its report and seeing the need to provide additional children's services in Kew.

We hope in the coming months that Council will feel the need to include for these services in its 1985 budget and the years beyond.

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