



KEWRIOSITY

Municipal Offices,
Charles St., Kew, 3101

MAR 84 2

BRINGING BACK THE MEMORIES — IN STYLE

William Martin is a Kew resident much loved by many people who live in nursing homes or other places offering institutional care for elderly people. Mr. Martin is Kew's own picture show man; he visits eight nursing homes, hospitals and day care centres in and around Kew on a regular basis, bringing with him each time an hour's worth of memories.

Five years ago, Mr. Martin, a retired milliner, spent some time visiting a neighbour in hospital. By chance, one day he ended up at the Occupational Therapy Unit and they explained to him they needed someone to "bring the outside world to the elderly people here". He began by simply telling stories about the places that he'd been to as a travelling businessman, but soon realised that there was only so much one could say about millinery!

Over the past five years he has recorded hundreds of interviews with people from all walks of life and he uses these as part of his hour-long show. People interviewed include Justice Elizabeth Evatt, Tamie Fraser, adventurers just returned from the Himalayas or China, writers and photographers.

The rest of the show is taken up with old-time music, lots of pictures and, to finish up, a quiz show suited to the 60 to 100 age group.

Mr. Martin believes in bringing back people's youth through memories, and perhaps the following list will rekindle some of yours. He would like to borrow or be given these items so that he can incorporate them into his visits. He says that all these things were common when the people he visits were young and they will all bring back memories. Can you help him? If so, you can telephone Mr. Martin on 80 1817.

A copy of "Woman's Mirror" — Comics — Rainbow — Puck, Dreamy Days etc. — Chatterbox Annual — Boys Own — Girls Own — Primer — used exercise books of 1920s — Scrapbook — Autograph book — Old toys of the 1920s

— lead soldiers — Diablo — Girls wooden top — Rag book — Rag doll — Double decker pencil case — coffee or cocoa tin — small show samples of the past — programmes of pantomimes or plays — dance programme — boy-proof watch — picture frame with seed pods and twigs glued on and varnished — small iron kettle — box iron — flat iron — china mug with picture of royalty — silk card from France 1914 — biscuit issued in 1914-18 war — goffering iron — Ration book — Sunday School stamps — Sunday School certificate — Magic lantern — Kaleidoscope — Grandma's fan — empty medicine bottle "Greatheads mixture" — Clements tonic — Hypol — Buckleys Canadiol — Golchrist — Button-up boots — lace collar — Merit Certificate — little book when pages flicked the people appear to move — sealing wax — box wax matches — jack-in-the-box — puppets — cigar bands in box — music box — child's toy piano — cable tram ticket — school slate — bottle with marble — army badges — Anzac book — antimacassar — sampler — moustache cup — china whistling canary — porridge bowl with bear on bottom — Willow pattern plate — sea shell nautilus etc — letter written normally and across — black emu egg.



See pages 4 and 5 for more on this.

PETRIE SQUARE

Mr. Gerry Petrie, a former Mayor of Kew and a man well known for his involvement in a number of community projects, is soon to join a select band of citizens.

He is about to have a park named in his honour.

The forecourt and parkland in front of the Kew Municipal Offices has been chosen by Council as a fitting tribute to the work Mr. Petrie has done for the people of Kew.

Ten years ago, when serving as Mayor, he initiated the first Kew Festival.

As part of the celebrations of the 10th Anniversary Kew Festival, Council decided to recognise his vision by announcing the establishment of Petrie Square.

Petrie Square will also serve to remind Kew residents of the commitment to community development held by one of Kew's most active adopted sons.

Although not born in Kew, Mr. Petrie moved here in 1963.

Twenty-one years later, he and his wife, Marie, have six children and four grandchildren, and share an impressive record of local involvement.

Apart from serving as Councillor and Mayor, Mr. Petrie was a Foundation member of the Kew Ecumenical Council and is a driving force behind the annual Carols by Candlelight celebrations, appropriately held in the now re-named Petrie Square.

He has also served terms as President of the Kew Harriers Athletic Club and the Kew Citizens' Band.

Mr. Petrie, who served an apprenticeship as a silk screen printer, spent many years as a commercial artist in the advertising industry.

He is now an art teacher at St. Joseph's Technical School in South Melbourne, a career which three of his children have also decided on.

Mr. Petrie retains a strong interest in youth work, and is also serving as President of this year's Kew Festival Committee.

BILLABONG CLUB

This club caters for Primary School aged children and meets at the Kew Baptist Church Hall, Highbury Grove, Kew. It will resume again after the School Holidays on May 23rd between 4.00 pm and 5.30 pm. The children participate in activities which include games, stories, skits, songs and craftwork. Please note a Family Weekend is to be held between Friday June 22nd and Sunday June 24th and further details will be provided next month.

Due to the Easter break, Kewriosity is a bit late this month. We hope that the delay hasn't inconvenienced you.

KEW GARDEN CLUB

Miss Cattanach, President of the Australian Iris Society, will tell us all we need to know about Iris culture at our monthly meeting, 8.00 pm, Thursday May 10th, in the Elder Citizens' Hall, Cnr High & Childers Sts, Kew.

Come and renew a friendship — or form a new one.

GONE BUSH!

There will be no evening meeting of the Native Plant Group this month. Instead, we're off to the Dandenongs.

If you are designing a native garden or if you would simply like to see well grown Australian plants in a splendid bush setting, join us at Karwarra Gardens, adjacent to the Kalorama Sports Ground, on Sunday May 27th. The gardens are open to the public from 2.00 to 5.00 pm. For more precise information or if you have transport problems, phone Chris Ansell on 861 9484 (A.H.)

Bring family and friends, plan a picnic lunch, afternoon tea, or both!

KEW BOWLING CLUB

PRESIDENT'S DAY

On March 4th, 1984 President Pat Kelson entertained representatives of the R.V.B.A., Presidents and Officials from 16 Clubs also Sponsors to an excellent luncheon and a game of bowls.

Cr. Jack Walsh presented super veterans' badges to Darcy Dolan, Dave Davis, Ken Hochkins (since deceased) also R.V.B.A. badge to Noel Fennell for services as a delegate for several years.

PENNANT RESULTS

After 26 years Kew has again won the Division 1 — R.V.B.A. - HOTHAM White Pennant. Also No. 5 side was a Section Winner in Division 7.

Whilst all players contributed to the success of these sides, special thanks must be given to our coach Ray Phillips for his tuition and guidance during the season. It was unfortunate Ray did not witness the final match against Moonee Ponds at Heathmont but after the match members of the No. 1 side visited Ray in Hospital with the White Pennant.

This season has also seen the inclusion of two Kew members in Interstate sides:

MAX ELLIS: in No. 1 Victorian side played in W.A. against Tasmania, also against N.S.W. and Queensland in the Round Robin Competition.

BARRIE JACKETT: was a member of No. 2 Victorian side and played in the No. 2 position also skippered a rink against Tasmania.

CLUB EVENTS

Singles Championship

MAX JEFFERS played consistent bowls throughout the competition and won the final against a previous winner **JIM WOOD**.

Pairs Championship

MAX ELLIS and **MIKE GAY** won the pairs title for the second year in succession.

THE RHEUMATISM AND ARTHRITIS ASSOCIATION KEW SELF HELP GROUP

Our next meeting will be at the MANCHESTER UNITY HALL, in Union Street, Kew, on Tuesday May 22nd, at 10.30 am.

Mrs Jan Lenartis will speak on "Alterations to Jewellery, especially rings, for arthritis sufferers". Visitors are always warmly welcomed. Union Street is off Cotham Road, directly opposite the Alexandra Gardens.

Come to our stall in the Lion's Caravan, in High Street, Kew; on Friday May 11th, 1984, from 9.00 am. Cakes, plants, a variety of goods; information from the Kew Self Help Group as part of National Arthritis Week in Victoria.

NATIONAL ARTHRITIS WEEK IN VICTORIA

May 6th-12th, 1984

OPEN DAY

Sunday May 6th, 1984, at the Independent Living Centre in South Melbourne. At this Centre there will be displays of a practical nature and information about aids. The official opening of Arthritis Week will take place during the afternoon.

SEMINAR

Saturday, May 12th, at 2.00 pm at the AMP Theatrette, 535 Bourke Street, Melbourne. A panel of speakers will include a rheumatologist and paramedical workers in this field. Fee \$1.00 at the door. Tea and coffee provided.

KEW (DAYTIME) GARDEN CLUB

The next meeting will be held on Monday, May 28th, 1984 at the Community House, 6 Derby St., Kew, from 1 pm to 3 pm. Speaker: Mr Norman White. Subject: Chrysanthemums.

New members and visitors welcome. Child minding facilities available.

At the March meeting — our first in the Community House — Mr Peter Davies (Superintendent of Kew Parks and Gardens) was guest speaker. His subject Landscape Gardens (illustrated with slides) was most suitable for Autumn, and enjoyed by an appreciative audience.

For any further information, please contact Mrs Win Fearon — tel no. 859 2977.

HOCKEY

The Kew Women's Hockey Club has four teams and training has begun in earnest. The season begins on Saturday April 28th and we are still looking for new players. Training is on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at Victoria Park, Adeney Avenue, Kew; from 6.00 pm-8.00 pm. We are also looking for people interested in the coaching/managing side of hockey. If you are interested in either playing or coaching please join us at training or contact Sue Gell on 850 5213.

SCOUTS

Kew District is in need of Leaders for Cubs (age 8-11) and Scouts (age 11-14). Training is provided by the Scout Association and you don't need to have been a Scout or Guide. The District Commissioner's phone number is 80 1440.

MAY SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

The City of Kew will be conducting recreation programmes during the school holidays from Monday 7th May to Friday 18th May. For further information please contact Mr. Peter Butler, Municipal Recreation Officer, on 862 2466.

PLAY CENTRE — St. Paul's School for the Blind

Open from 8.30 am to 5.30 pm. Staff in attendance between these times for supervision of children. (Bring your own lunch.) An indemnity form must be filled out by parents. Fee: \$2.00 per day for Activity Programme (10 am to 4 pm); \$4.00 per day for All Day Care (8.30 am to 5.30 pm); \$6.00 maximum charge per family per day.

SPORTS COACHING

Kew Tennis Club: One coaching session will be held on Monday 7th May from 10 am onwards at Victoria Park. Lunch provided by club; please bring own equipment if possible.

Football: One football coaching session will be conducted by the Hawthorn Football Club at St. Paul's School for the Blind (oval entrance from Studley Park Rd) on Wednesday 9th May from 10 am onwards.

MOBILE NEW TRAILER GAMES

The Mobile New Games Trailer will be visiting the following parks at the times listed below. (Please note the times are approximate only.) Throughout the rest of the day it will be visiting other locations throughout the City at random.

Monday 7th & 14th May: Eglinton Reserve — 10.30 to 12.00; Foley Reserve — 2.00 to 3.30.

Tuesday 8th & 15th May: Reservoir Reserve (next to Traffic School, Cotham Road) — 10.30 to 12.00; Victoria Park (mound) — 2.00 to 3.30.

Wednesday 9th & 16th May: Willsmere Park — 10.30 to 12.00 (both days); Kellett Reserve — 2.00 to 3.30 (9th May only); St. Paul's School — 2.00 to 3.30 (16th May only).

Thursday 10th & 17th May: Hyde Park — 10.30 to 12.00; Stradbroke Park — 2.00 to 3.30.

Friday 11th & 18th May: Harrison Reserve — 10.30 to 12.00; Victoria Park (Parkhill Ave) — 2.00 to 3.30.

DROP-IN CENTRE

A Drop-In Centre is being run at the Sacred Heart School, corner Cotham & Glenferrie Roads, Kew, from Monday 7th May to Friday 11th May, 1984, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Children aged 10 to 16 years are welcome. A charge of 50 cents per day will be made.

KEW TRAFFIC SCHOOL

Kew Traffic School, Grange Road, Kew will be open from Monday 7th May to Friday 18th May, from 12.30 pm to 4.30 pm, not on weekends. This is **not a care centre**; therefore children will be allowed to come and go as they please. Some bikes available. Entrance fee: 50 cents per child.

TODDLER PLAYGROUP

The Uniting Church of Kew, 23 Highbury Grove, Kew. These programmes will take the form of extended playgroups for up to 7-year-olds. Mothers are expected to stay with their children. Admission: 40 cents daily. Please bring your own lunch. Times: Monday 7th & 14th May, 10 am to 12 noon; Wednesday 9th & 16th May, 10 am to 12 noon; Friday 11th & 18th May, 10 am to 12 noon.

BUILDING OR RENOVATING?

Householders are required to:

1. Obtain a Householder Notification Form (available from the Municipal Offices).
2. Complete this form and return it to the Taxation Office.
3. The Taxation Office will issue you a Household Reference Number.

Quote this number on all documents and correspondence sent to the Taxation Office.

Where all or part of the cost is financed through a bank, building society, etc. and the lender makes payments on behalf of the Householder to contractors, the Householder is still required to report details of these payments. A Householder is to treat these payments as though they were made directly to the contractor by the Householder.

We suggest that if you are contemplating any building works exceeding the \$10,000 minimum you should contact the Taxation Office on 60 0281 and ask for the **Prescribed Payments Section**.

Council's Building Department can also help you and give you a copy of the Householder's Information Booklet, which details your obligations.

Householders who are renovating should be aware of the Prescribed Payments System. Under this system, if you are spending more than \$10,000 you must deduct tax from payments to contractors.

KEW YOUTH RESOURCE CENTRE

The Kew Youth Resource Centre is now operating at 283 High Street, Kew. The Centre is open from 10 am to 6 pm, Monday to Friday and can be contacted on 861 7259.

The Centre offers an information and referral exchange, and unemployment support services for young people who live in and around Kew.

People may call into the Centre at any time, have a coffee and a chat, and take part in our seminars and discussions. We also offer support for parents of young people.

Further information can be obtained by phoning 861 7259 or calling in at 283 High Street, Kew.

HOW GREEN IS OUR VALLEY — A CONTINUING SAGA

If you are interested in statistics, you might like these. Given the existing physical infrastructure for transmitting electricity throughout Melbourne, a breakdown in power supply lasting 3.7 hours will occur every 9 years.

This may seem a fairly insignificant fact, but it is precisely this possibility and a determination to decrease the likelihood of its occurrence to once in every 270 years, that has led the State Electricity Commission (SEC) to propose the construction of a new 220 kV transmission line.

The SEC recognises that there is no need for an increase in power supply: the primary function of the new line would be to provide back up in case of failure.

The SEC believes that this is a good enough reason to spend at least \$12 million and, so far, the Parliamentary Committee which is reviewing the proposal, the Natural Resources and Environment Committee (NREC), agrees.

The line would basically follow the route of an existing 66 kV power line that runs along the Yarra and Merri valleys between Richmond and Brunswick — (see map for details).

However, as you may be aware, many people are not happy with the proposal. Representatives from eight Councils — Brunswick, Collingwood, Fitzroy, Hawthorn, Northcote, Prahran, Richmond and Kew — and local residents' groups have got together to form the Merri-Yarra Municipal Protection Committee (MYMPC).

Over the past 20 months this committee has been evaluating the SEC's plans and is now firmly united against the construction of any new overhead power lines.

Some councils are not convinced that there is a need for such an expensive failsafe system; nor do they believe that the imposition of 3.7 hours without power once every 9 years is something that the community cannot bear, keeping in mind that services like hospitals have their own emergency power supplies.

All councils and residents' groups agree that if the power line is to go ahead, it must go underground or along streets.

Undergrounding will add \$24 million to the cost, but Paul Jones, a Hawthorn Councillor, had this to say in the MYMPC's 1983 submission to the NREC:

"You cannot be persuaded by cost dollars alone. What cost do you put on our valley without which there would be no Melbourne? It cannot be a 'sale price' ticket. The mood of the community demands that environment be the dominant factor in your deliberations."

Unfortunately, the NREC has yet to be convinced of the sense of this argument.

The MYMPC believes that the valley would never recover from the destruction caused by the installation of overhead lines. Once the lines are in place it would be necessary to maintain large areas of cleared space around them. They also believe that the visual incongruity of the poles, which will be up to 34 metres or the equivalent of an eight storey building in height, would detract from the pleasure that inner city residents get from this rare parkland.

Once the Merri and Yarra Valleys were regarded by most Melburnians as rubbish dumping sites, open sewers and ideal routes for freeways and power lines. Things have changed, and the valleys are now seen as valuable open spaces. They are used by people for a wide range of recreational activities and also provide shelter and breeding grounds for thousands of birds and animals.

Over the past few years Councils have poured millions of dollars into reforestation programmes, bicycle paths and other projects with the aim of ensuring that the valleys can return to a more natural state while maintaining access to the many people who regularly visit them. It would be sad and ironical if this work was to be hindered or destroyed by the construction of an overhead line.

In the 20 months since the SEC first announced its plans for the new line, a great deal has been achieved by the MYMPC on behalf of residents.

The SEC has been made more accountable and has had to explain in more detail the need for the 220 kV proposal.

Small victories have been won.

The most recent SEC plan now includes:

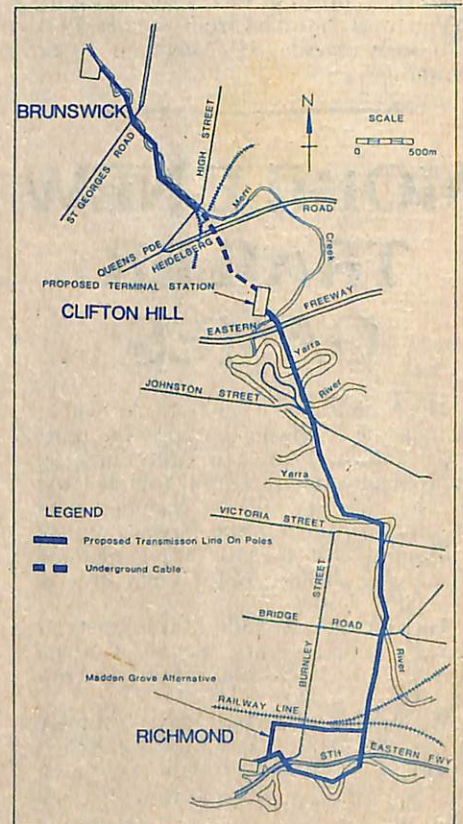
- the use of poles rather than traditional latticed towers;
- the placing of a section of the route (along the Esplanade, Clifton Hill, for one kilometre) underground;
- an allocation of \$5 million for environmental improvements after the line has been put in place.

However, the MYMPC still considers that the major issues have yet to be satisfactorily dealt with by the SEC.

They still want to know more about the need for the line and they are still seeking SEC and State Government recognition of the need to have environmental and not financial considerations be the priority when the final decision is made. The

MYMPC will be meeting with the SEC again on May 3 to once again debate these issues, and **Thursday, May 24** the Kew, Hawthorn, Richmond and Prahran Councils have organised a **public meeting** at which SEC representatives will be present. The MYMPC is expecting a big turnout of residents at this public meeting, and plenty of time has been allocated for questions from the audience.

If you would like to know more about the SEC proposal or would like to attend the meeting, which will be held at the **Kew Civic Centre**, you should contact the Kew Municipal Offices on 862 2466.



MAYORAL COMMENT

Kew, its park, and the SEC

Yarra Bend Park and Studley Park were not always the beautiful areas they are today. Sixty years ago the area was largely inaccessible, weed-infested and rock-strewn — particularly so on the approximately 150 acres which is now the Yarra Bend Public Golf Course.

In 1926 after a Government-appointed inquiry, a Committee of Management was established to administer this and the other 400 acres of the park. The first nine-hole golf course was opened in 1932 and in 1933 management was transferred to a Trust consisting of six State Government representatives and two Councillors from each of the Councils of Kew, Collingwood and Heidelberg (now Northcote). This situation continues today. During the early 1930's a 66 Kilovolt (kV) power line was strung through the park, but on what terms and conditions is uncertain. No formal easement agreement can be found by either the SEC or the Park Administration.

It is along this same route that the SEC now proposes to put the 220 kV line and this proposition is being strongly resisted by the adjoining Councils and their representatives on the Trust. These Councils, together with Brunswick, Heidelberg, Richmond and Prahran, have formed the Merri Yarra

Municipal Protection Committee (MYMPC) as reported opposite.

In July 1982 on being advised by the SEC of the proposal, Kew Council replied that it held the firm view that "any new transmission lines in the Yarra Bend Park area of the Yarra Valley should be constructed underground". This has now been reiterated in the following terms — "There has been no change to that view, and the Council is in total opposition to the SEC proposal and the recommendations of the Natural Resources and Environment Committee. It is prepared to take whatever action is necessary, either alone or in association with the other Councils comprising the Merri Yarra Municipal Protection Committee, to ensure that the proposal in its present form does not proceed." (From a letter sent to the Minister for Minerals and Energy on 12/4/84.)

The SEC has requested a meeting with Council and residents. Kew Council has arranged for the SEC to mount a public display of the proposal and to present its case for the new power lines. Please view the display in the Library in mid-May and come to the public meeting at the Civic Centre. It starts at 8 pm on Thursday 24th May.

Cr Jill O'Brien

KEW HERITAGE

It is important for the Council, when formulating planning policy and considering applications for building demolition or approval, to know those buildings and places which have special aesthetic, historic, scientific, social or other special significance to Kew residents.

In 1983 the Council applied for National Estate Programme funding for a heritage study of the City. Unfortunately, the application was unsuccessful. Council has, however, resolved to re-apply for a grant and to place on forthcoming budget estimates \$9500 to carry out a heritage study in 1985.

The objectives of the proposed heritage study are:

(i) to identify those buildings and places within the natural and cultural (urban) environment of Kew which have special significance;

(ii) to prepare a descriptive inventory of such buildings and places with photographs, drawings and descriptive text which describes their historical, architectural or social context;

(iii) to assess, and recommend to Council, priorities for preservation and restoration of identified buildings and places;

(iv) to assess, and recommend to Council, appropriate management techniques to assist preservation (planning and building controls/policies, registration, possible financial and other incentives, etc.).

The National Trust (Victoria Division) has classified or recorded 27 buildings in Kew.

Town Planning Department staff, with the valued assistance of members of the Kew Historical Society, have prepared a preliminary list of over 100 buildings and places in Kew for thorough investigation as part of the study. The National Trust and preliminary local listings are available in the Kew Library.

The list is not exhaustive. There may be other buildings or places which ought to be included. There may be unlisted buildings or places in Kew which, to you, are landmarks, or provide a sense of identity with Kew or are particularly old, interesting, beautiful or appealing. If there are, or if you have any important information about those already listed (or old photographs or plans of them), please contact John Waugh, Council's Town Planner (862 2466) or Thea Sartori, Secretary of the Kew Historical Society (80 3657).

Your help in identifying buildings and places of interest and giving general support to the heritage study will be invaluable.

CORRECTION

The article about the Kew City Bowmen in the April issue of Kewriosity gave an incorrect phone number. The contact number for Kew City Bowmen is 861 5640. Our apologies to the Kew resident who must have believed for a while that she was back in Sherwood Forest!



KEW & HAWTHORN CITIZENS' ADVICE BUREAU

DISCUSS IT!

IT HELPS!

**FREE AND CONFIDENTIAL ADVICE,
HELP AND INFORMATION
AVAILABLE**

Trained volunteer interviewers can provide information and help on almost every query, whether simple or complicated.

**KEW CITIZENS' ADVICE
BUREAU**

**City Hall, Cotham Road, Kew
Telephone: 861 5244**

Monday to Friday: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Tuesday: 7.30 p.m. - 9.00 p.m.
(Including Free Legal Advice)

HOLIDAYS EXCEPTED

PHILHARMONIC

The Kew Philharmonic Orchestra will present the first of three subscription concerts for 1984 on Thursday 31st May, 8.00 pm at the Kew City Hall. The programme will include an overture by Mendelssohn, and two works by Tchaikovsky — Symphony No. 2 and Serenade Melancholique. Solo violinist will be Vladimir Teodorsijevic, one of our members.

The performances will be conducted by Melvyn Cann, and it will be his last appearance for some time as he is going overseas. Michael Tortoni will feature as Double Bass soloist.

Choir rehearsals will take place on Tuesday evenings during June and July, and any interested singers who would like to join this performance, please ring Valda Fouvy on 80 1881 after 6 pm.

KEW HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Organised by Sacred Heart Church, Cotham Road, Kew.

Dates: 9th to 13th May, 1983

Age: 10 to 17 years

Admission: 50 cents per day

Venue: Sacred Heart Church Hall, Kew

Time: 10 am to 4 pm

THE GIBBS WATHEN FAMILY RE-UNION

The first GIBBS WATHEN FAMILY RE-UNION was held at the KEW CITY HALL on March 11 to celebrate the arrival of EDWARD and THOMASINE (called Thamsin) GIBBS and EDWIN and KEZIA WATHEN. These FIRST SETTLERS migrated to Australia arriving in Melbourne aboard the sailing ships "British Empire" and "Appleton" in 1849 and 1857 respectively.

The Kew City Flag was unfurled to welcome descendants of the two families which were united by subsequent marriage in the second generation. Over 200 cousins came from South Australia, New South Wales, Tasmania and regions of Vic-

YARRA RIVER STUDY — DIGHTS FALLS TO BURKE ROAD

The study report prepared by the Middle Yarra Advisory Council has been released to the public for comment by the end of May 1984.

The report itself deals comprehensively with the future use and management of the Yarra River, including its banks, floodplains and adjacent open space, between Dights Falls and Burke Road — that part of its course through the municipalities of Kew, Northcote and Heidelberg and most of the Yarra Bend Park.

The major actions recommended in the report include:

- means for co-ordinating recreational development and management of the river and its environs;
 - definition of "Activity Use Areas" — the preferred location of Passive Bushland, Nature Conservation, Active and Passive Recreation zones adjacent to the river;
 - the preferred location of a multiple use trail system to link existing or proposed river trail systems east of Burke Road and south of Dights Falls.
- Anyone interested in the study may obtain a copy of the report on loan from the Kew Library.

STARLIGHT THEATRICAL COMPANY

Starlight Theatrical Company are preparing for their major 1984 production, Cole Porter's bright musical, KISS ME, KATE.

Although performances won't be held until October, planning has been underway for several months, and scenery is already being prepared.

Starlight always opens its auditions to everyone interested in performing. Vocal auditions for KISS ME, KATE will be held on 6th and 7th May, and dancing auditions will be held on 8th May. Any

actors/singers and dancers (minimum age 16) interested in being in the show should ring the Secretary, Robert Thompson (842 2453 evenings or weekends) to make an appointment for an audition.

KISS ME, KATE will be the company's 22nd production. Performances will be held in the Kew High School Community Theatre between 4th and 13th October. The Secretary will be pleased to receive any enquiries about tickets, party bookings, or helping with the show in a non-performing role.

toria. It was discovered that our eldest living relative on the Gibbs and Wathen Families (although absent) are 93 and 91 and our youngest baby, 4 weeks and five days old. We had a Wathen Girl and a Gibbs Girl celebrating birthdays on March 11 and so with name tags with green, blue and red spots indicating origin and those "married in" to both families and balloons of the same colour to match, it was agreed unanimously to be a long overdue experience. There was a great deal of kissing and words like this: Isn't this great . . . fancy meeting you after all this time . . . we were at school together . . . how are you related to me . . . where did your Grandfather come in the family . . . yes I knew two brothers married two sisters . . . now I get it . . . she was born in Kew not Clovelly Devon.

At noon we saw an audio visual with concise family trees and photos

of First Settlers and second generation Australians. This beautifully prepared film is to be added to and made available on loan. Of course everyone brought mementos, portraits, visiting cards, a family Bible, a fan, the precious relic of lace, the parasol, references to cousins, Birth, Marriage, Death Certificates; all the small precious reminders that values do not change.

Sincere thanks to our friends at the Municipal Offices for fulfilling our requests, facilitating in every way our needs thereby adding to the enjoyment of families unknown to each other in many cases until THAT DAY when we paid tribute to our own courageous and intrepid forebears — Edward, Thamsin, Edwin and Kezia who lived so many decades in the City of Kew, as did so many of their descendants.

KEW COMMUNITY HOUSE

2nd TERM PROGRAMME

Activities and programmes will commence from May 28th. **Enrolment day is Saturday May 26th** from 10 am to 2 pm, at Kew Community House, 6 Derby St, telephone 862 3126. Watch Kewriosity, local papers or ring the Community House for information regarding times.

TUESDAY MORNING PROGRAMME

Vegetarian Cooking: Tuesday 5th & 12th June, 3rd & 10th July (different recipes).

Italian Soups: Tuesday 19th June, 24th July. Cost \$2.00/class, limit of eight people.

Chocolate Making: Tuesday 17th July, 31st July. Cost \$2.00/class, limit of eight people.

Smocking: Tuesday 5th, 12th, 19th of June. Cost \$10.00, bring own needles, pins, embroidery cottons, scissors. Sampler provided.

Compendiums: Tuesday 3rd July. Cost \$6.00, limit of five people. Materials provided.

Picture framing: Tuesday 10th July. Cost \$6.00, limit of five people.

HANDY PERSONS COURSE

Do you know there is a difference between a chisel and a screwdriver? Can you replace a fuse or a worn-out tap washer? Our handyman will share his skills with you. Contact Community House for more information.

POTTERY CLASSES — Tutor: Helen Hanrahan

Get in touch with yourself and your creative possibilities through working with clay. Times to be announced.

DRAMA CLASSES — Tutor: James Haggart

An entertaining and instructive course where participants learn the art of storytelling, play-reading and improvisation in acting while exploring the beauty of the English language. No experience required. Times to be announced.

ENGLISH CLASSES FOR MIGRANTS — Tutor: Sarah Wettenhall

Every Tuesday, 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm or 9.30 am to 11.30 am. Beginners welcome. Small class, friendly atmosphere. Individual methods of learning as well as group work, learn at your own speed. Both classes are free.

MUSIC FOR PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN

Lay the foundation for a wide appreciation of music and other related art forms at an early age. Involves moving to music,

singing, dancing and playing of small percussion instruments to create a natural atmosphere for children to learn an instrument like the piano, recorder or guitar. Activities will be based on a combination of the Orff and Kodaly approaches to music. Tutor: Gary King. Times: Thursdays, 10 am to 10.45 am, preferably 4 y.o.; Fridays, 9.15 am to 10.00 am, 10.00 am to 10.45 am. Classes begin on May 31st and June 1st. Contact house or Gary King direct on 859 3846.

LECTURES

COMMUNICATIONS "YOU AND YOUR WORLD" — Tutor: Sharley McLaren

Series of four lectures embracing assertiveness training, community awareness, listening skills and communicating skills with the aim of improving our personal communications.

NATURAL HEALTH — Tutor: Audrey Klein

A series of lectures based on herbal medicines and folklore. Teaching the medicinal properties and uses of herbs which can be grown in your garden and the way to prepare them for use for nutrition, e.g. vitamins and minerals, and the value of combining certain foods. Massage and Touch for Health will also be discussed.

PSYCHOLOGY — "FOOTSTEPS ON THE WAY" — Tutor: Ann Donn

A series of 10 lectures arranged to give concepts and models, either Jungian, Sociological or Philosophical, to give a deeper understanding and clarification of one's experience. Book list available.

NEW GROUPS

YOUTH CLUB

Will be meeting Thursday evenings, 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm, from May 1. There will be various activities organised including films, discussions, tours, and cooking. Enquiries: Community House.

SPECIAL EVENT

Classical Guitar Recital by Daryl Buckley and Gary Evans. They will perform at the Community House on Saturday, May 26, commencing 8.00 pm. Light refreshments will be served. Admission \$4.00, concession \$2.50. Bookings required — ring Community House on 862 3126.

REMEMBER

Contact the Community House for more information about all of these activities.

PUBLIC MEETING INFORMATION SHARING IN KEW

The public meeting, held at the Kew Civic Centre on Monday April 9th was attended by 35 people, including the Mayor, Cr. Jill O'Brien, Crs. Glasson, Tinney and Cole, Council Officers and representatives of various community groups.

An editorial committee for Kewriosity was established. This committee is made up of local residents and the City of Kew Information Officer. The role of this committee is to review all information sent in for publication in the community section of Kewriosity. They will develop an editorial policy which will be presented to the community (via these pages) and Council for appraisal.

Agreement was also reached between representatives from the Kew/Hawthorn Citizens Advice Bureau, the Community House, the Youth Resource Centre, Kew Library, the Kew/Deepdene Community Education Officer and the City of Kew Information Officer about the value of meeting on a regular basis to discuss the way they collect and disseminate information.

When closing the meeting, the Mayor thanked previous editors of Kewriosity, Mrs Thea Sartori and Rev. George Grant for the many hours of work which they have devoted to preparing monthly editions of the paper.

RECYCLOTRON

Although not in Kew, the Community Work Society Co-op (WORCO) which is based at the Ice Works in William St., Hawthorn, is near enough to Kew to be of use and interest to us. Among other things they run a Recyclotron, which stocks and sells a huge range of factory offcuts, including leather, fabric, timber, ribbons, lace, paper, buttons, and in fact anything that is produced in a factory. The Recyclotron is at the Ice Works, 49 William St., Hawthorn and is open from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm, every weekday except Thursday. All profits from the Recyclotron are contributed to WORCO's fund to help the unemployed find self-employment.

PUBLIC MEETING — SEC POWER LINE

8.00 pm, Thursday May 24, Kew Civic Centre

This meeting will be addressed by SEC spokesmen, representatives from Merri Yarra Municipal Protection Committee, and Kew Councillors. There will be an opportunity for questions and discussion about the SEC's proposed power line. See pages 4 and 5 of this issue for more details.

DATELINES

The Asian Evangelical Fellowship is holding an 'Indian Adventure' on the 13th May, from 7.00 pm at the East Kew Baptist Church, Woodlands Ave, East Kew. Music by the Lazzaro family and the Messengers. Film 'Come Visit India'. The evening will be presented by C.P. Phillip from Kerala in India.

The Missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver and their Young Adult Mission Group cordially invite you to a film afternoon, which will be held at 154 Cotham Road, Kew, on Sunday 27th May at 2 p.m. Entrance is free, but a collection will be taken for the benefit of the missions. Come along and enjoy the film 'The Inn of the Sixth Happiness' and help the missions.

The Lioness Club of Kew will be holding a Diabetes Survey on the morning of Saturday, 26th May, between 9.00 am and 1.00 pm. The Diabetic Caravan will be placed in Safeway's Car Park, Walpole St.

Windella Avenue Kindergarten's next fund-raising venue will be a cake stall in the Kew Council's caravan outside the State Savings Bank, High Street, East Kew, on Friday 8th June (Queen's Birthday weekend) commencing from 9 am until 1 pm.

Uniting Church East Kew: Enjoy an evening of good food and good music at the Fellowship Committee Dinner and Music, Friday 4th May at 7.00 pm in the Church Hall, Normanby Road. Tickets \$6.00 each. Contact 859 2207 or 859 5477.

Hyde Park Fellowship: Hyde Park Uniting Church Fellowship, Pakington Street, Kew, will hold their next meeting on Wednesday 9th May at 2 pm. This month our guest speaker will be from the 'Save the Children Fund'. This organisation is dedicated to helping children of all races, nationalities and creeds, and at this meeting we will see a film of their work. As usual, afternoon tea will be served at the conclusion of our meeting. All welcome.

City of Kew meetings: Council, May 8th; Standing Committees, May 22nd;

General Purposes Committee, May 29th; Council, June 5th. All Kew residents are welcome to attend these meetings, which are held in the committee rooms and Municipal Chambers at the Kew Civic Centre. Ring 862 2466 for more details.

K.P.S.A. AUCTION OF PRE-LOVED GOODS

Come along and find a bargain at this Auction of fine quality merchandise.

Wide selection of goods to suit everyone's taste (e.g. black & white TVs, doors, old radios, prints, plants, etc.).

To be held at Davis Street Kindergarten, 40 Davis Street, Kew on Sunday, May 20th at 1.30 pm.

Further enquiries, contact Graham Lowe, 80 6006.

A.L.P.

The next meeting of the East Kew Branch of the A.L.P. will be held in conjunction with the North Balwyn Branch and will take place at St. Bede's Church Hall, Marwall Avenue, North Balwyn, on Monday May 14th at 8 p.m.

The video film "Lousy Little Sixpence" recently shown at the Longford Cinema will be screened and anyone interested in Aboriginal affairs is invited to be present.

Refreshments will be served after the film. Admission is free, although donations would be appreciated.

GUIDE DOGS TOASTMASTERS CLUB, KEW — 100TH MEETING

The 100th meeting of the Kew Guide Dogs Toastmasters Club is a special occasion. The Club has been fortunate to secure the International President of Toastmasters, Eddie Dunn, to speak at the meeting.

Guide Dogs Toastmasters Club is so

named because it meets at the Guide Dogs Centre, Chandler Highway, Kew on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month. However, the Club has decided to hold its 100th Meeting at Angelucci's Restaurant, on the corner of Walpole & High Sts.

Eddie Dunn's visit to Australia emphasises the growing international appeal of Toastmasters Clubs.

Anyone interested in joining Toastmasters — to improve their public speaking, meeting skills or for general confidence-building — is welcome to join us at the Guide Dogs Club 100th Meeting.

Further information can be obtained by phoning Ivy Lathlean on 458 3722 (business hours) or Phil McGinn on 80 5255 (evenings).

BUILDING?

Residents planning building works are strongly advised to sort out access to the job by machines before the work starts. Council was recently alerted to a building job where considerable damage was done to a protected tree reserve by excavating equipment.

Not only is the resident financially responsible for the actions of his/her contractor, it is also important to recognise that public reserves can take a long time to recover from damage inflicted in this way.

NEXT ISSUE

The deadline for copy for the June issue is the 10th May. Please send your typed contributions to "Kewriosity", P.O. Box 42, Kew, 3101 or drop them in to the Information Officer at the Municipal Offices.