



The KEWRIOSITY SHEET

Your line of communication to activities within your City.

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What's doing in Kew during June



- 1 St. Hilary's, John St. PANCAKE PARTY, 8 p.m.
- 1 Pakington St. Kinder (Under 5's), 1.30-4.15 p.m.
- 1 St. Hilary's Youth Group, Surrey Hills Y.G. 8 p.m.
- 2 St. Hilary's, John Street, COFFEE HOUSE, 7.30 p.m.
- 3 St. Hilary's, John Street, YOUTH SERVICE, Coffee, 7 p.m.
- 4 C.W.A. Normanby Road Church Hall, 1 p.m.
- 4 ROTARACT FILM NIGHT, Kirana, Walpole Street, 7.45 p.m.
- 5 BINGO, Kew Civic Hall, 7.30 p.m.
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- 7
- 8 Chess, Scrabble, Kew Auxiliary Room, 7.30 p.m.
- 8 St. Hilary's, John Street, SCAVENGER HUNT, Supper, 8 p.m.
- 8 NMAA CAKE STALL, Lions Club Caravan, Junction, 9.30 a.m.
- 8 Pakington Street Kinder, Under 5's, 1.30-4.15 p.m.
- 9
- 10
- 11
- 12 BINGO, Kew Civic Hall, 7.30 p.m.
- 13 Pensioners' Assoc., Uniting Church Hall, Highbury Grove, 1.30 p.m.
- 14 Nursing Mothers' Assoc., 18 Grove Road, Hawthorn, 8 p.m. 861 6366
- 14 Kew Garden Club, elderly Citizens' "Rose Cultivation"
- 15 St. Hilary's, John St., ROLLER SKATING, Collingwood, 7.30 p.m.
- 15 CHESS, SCRABBLE, Kew Auxiliary Room, 7.30 p.m.
- 15 Pakington Street Under 5's, 1.30-4.15 p.m.
- 15 Windella Ave Kinder, CAKE STALL, High St., E. Kew, 9 a.m.
- 15 Kew Chess Club, 1979 CHAMPIONSHIP, 7.30 p.m. Auxiliary Room, Kew Civic Centre.
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- 18 Rotaract meets, Auxil. Room, Kew Municipal Centre, 7.45 p.m.
- 19 BINGO, Kew Civic Hall, 7.30 p.m.
- 19 NMAA, 42 Bowler St., East Hawthorn, 10 a.m. 82 2827
- 20 Nurses' League, Heale Wing, St. Georges' Hospital, 8 p.m.
- 20 NMAA, 18 Grove Road, Hawthorn, 8 p.m. 861 6366
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- 22 St. Hilary's, John St. CREATIVE NIGHT, 8 p.m.
- 22 CHESS, SCRABBLE, Kew Auxiliary Room, 7.30 p.m.
- 22 Pakington St. Kinder Under 5's, 1.30-4.15 p.m.
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- 25
- 26 NMAA, 8 Erin St., Richmond, 10 a.m. 42 5185
- 26 BINGO, Kew Civic Hall, 7.30 p.m.
- 27 Pensioners Assoc., Uniting Church Hall, Highbury Grove, 1.30 p.m.
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- 29 St. Hilary's FANCY DRESS PARTY, 8 p.m.
- 29 CHESS, SCRABBLE, Kew Auxiliary Room, 7.30 p.m.
- 29 Camberwell Scout GANG CONCERT, Kew High School Theatre
- 29 Pakington St. Kinder Under 5's, 1.30-4.15 p.m.
- 30 St. Hilary's John St. Coffee House
- 30 SCOUT GANG MATINEE, Kew High School Theatre
- 30 Vic. Bands League, DINNER DANCE, 8 p.m. Combined Hall, 354 7821

What IS this Kewriosity Sheet? Where did it come from? What's it for?

(Well, we HOPE you don't wrap the garbage in it until you've had a good look at it!)

In fact this is the very first issue of Kew's own community news sheet. It's the brainchild of quite a number of "Parents" — the Kew FACS Committee, the Citizens' Advice Bureau, the Recreation Council, the Uniting Church of Kew, the School Holiday Programs group and the Kew Council.

Some of us from these groups had the idea that we needed better ways to share news about Kew happenings and Kew people, and to exchange ideas about living in Kew. So we got together to start something, and six months later here it is.

The Kewriosity Sheet will come out at the end of every month, with a diary of the next month's events in Kew. We'll also have news and other items from as many groups and individuals as possible. Anyone who has something to tell of local interest is invited to send it in for publication. We'll be pleased to have news items, drawings, photographs, poems, stories, letters, ideas — you name it — from anyone, adults or kids, in Kew.

If you let us know the details of your next street stall, dinner dance, working bee, visiting speaker or whatever, by the tenth of the month before, we'll publish it in the diary.

You can leave "Copy" for the Kewriosity Sheet at the "Copy Shop", 3 Walpole Street, or at the Municipal Offices, Charles Street, by the tenth of each month. The Editor Miss Joyce Adamson can be reached on 80 4842.

If you're wondering how the Kewriosity Sheet is being financed, we're pleased to tell you that the Kew Council and the Department of Community Welfare Services have jointly given us a grant to get the project started. Both bodies think a community newsheet is a great way of helping everyone to get to know what's happening in Kew, to share resources more effectively, and to develop a real feeling of belonging to our own suburb.

Kew's Mayor, Councillor Jack Gervasoni is very enthusiastic about the possibilities for "Togetherness" opened up by the Kewriosity Sheet. He believes there are all sorts of ways the paper can encourage groups to work together, as well as helping people get better acquainted with Kew and with one another.

The editorial committee is keen to see as many people as possible involved in the news sheet, so if you can help by writing something for us, don't be shy — we want to hear from you. If your talents don't lie in that direction, maybe you'd like to help distribute the paper to some of the pickup points in milk bars, kindergartens, churches, etc. during the last week of the month. If you can help, leave your name and phone number with Jim Fyfe or Peter Butler at the Municipal Offices (861 6292) and we'll contact you.

You might find it helpful to appoint one "Contact" person in your group who will be responsible for gathering up the news and passing it along to us.

— Kaye Cole

PEOPLE WANTED

to provide Social Stimulation for patients and ex-patients of Mount Royal Henry Pride Geriatric Centre, Nonal Avenue, Kew.

If you can spare a few hours a week or fortnight to drive someone to a doctor's appointment, If you can sing, play a musical instrument, If you have a craft you would like to share or teach,

If you are willing to read, or write a letter OR JUST TALK!

Please ring Mrs. Oswald on 861 6267 or at home on 29 1695.

Pensioners' Association

The Combined Pensioners' Association meets on alternate Wednesdays, this month June 13 and 27, at the Uniting Church Hall, Highbury Grove, Kew. Annual fee is only 50 cents plus 25 cents at each meeting. Here elderly citizens can meet and chat over a friendly cuppa and enjoy some entertainment.

AND they need a secretary. Mrs. Middleton, who for so long, carried that office, has had to retire for health reasons.

AND they need a pianist! Anyone interested, come along to the next meeting, 1.30 p.m. in the Uniting Church Hall, Highbury Grove, Kew.

WE NEED YOUR NEWS

... This is the paper you write. As well as dates for the Kew Calendar, send us items about historic houses you know, funny things the kids say and the pets do, your favourite poem (short), your favourite limerick (clean), some lovely holiday you've had . . . or dream about. And good clear, black and white pictures.

Here is our first attempt at a news sheet about the people of Kew . . . trying to bring together all the many activities of Kew. So many of us only tell our circle of friends about that school concert, that art display or social evening, and this is your opportunity for free publicity to bring round you other interested and concerned people like yourself, all dying to know what's happening in Kew . . . in July!

Those Vacant Dates!

Look at all those vacant dates!

We can't believe so little is happening in Kew in June!

Let us know about your fund raising events, coffee mornings, social evenings, sports days, before June 10, by sending your copy to —

The Copy Shop,
3 Walpole Street, Kew, or the
Kew Civic Centre, or straight to
The Editor, Joy Adamson,
5/233 Cotham Road, Kew.
Telephone: 80 4842.

MORE INFORMATION ON ST. HILARY'S ACTIVITIES FROM —

Ken Hodge 818 5198

Nick Elith 80 2036, 14 John Street, Kew.

THE BIRTH OF A VILLAGE

In the year, 1803 white man first saw the swift flowing fresh water river meandering through the fertile valley and on the higher ground majestic Red Gums casting their shadows across the wild flowers, ferns and wattle. He was impressed and recorded that everying required for setting up a village is here in abundance.

This was the first report on the area we call "Kew". Many years passed, the Aborigines of the Yarra Yarra tribe were left in peace to roam their favourite hunting ground.

The location attracted attention again in 1838, when land auctions were being held in Sydney, 396 acres were set aside in the County of Bourke, reserved for a future village site, across the river, from the new colony (Melbourne town). This acreage surrounds Willsmere Hospital, Kew. Surveyor, General Hoddle and party crossed the river in 1843 and marked off a tract of country, an area of 24 square miles. One hundred and fifty portions, varying from ten to two hundred acres formed the Parish of Boroondara, a native name meaning "A Shady Place". The larger blocks with a river frontage in the northing part of the Parish were sold in 1845 for farming and pastoral. This was a successful venture, soon produce, stocks and timber was being transported from the the Wills, Cowell, Oswin and Annand farms in the valley, where the Freeway extends today. A Punt which was installed in 1840 by John Hodgson, below the present Johnston Street Bridge. The Punt offered easier access to the Colony beyond, and Dight's Gram Mill near the Falls. The immediate area remained underdeveloped until 1851 when the settlement in the district of Port Phillip Heads gained independence from the administration of New South Wales. Within weeks gold was found at Warrandyte and other places.

This brought an influx of population and consequently land sales followed. Private speculators purchased large holdings.

Mr. N. Fenwick, commissioner for Crown Lands in the County of Bourke passed through the area on his way to inspect the new gold fields, he returned to purchase one hundred and twenty-two acres, during the Boroondara Land Sales in 1851. His portion extended from the corner of High and Princess Streets, along High Street to Derby Street, north to Eglinton Street to west to Princess Street. This was cut into allotments for sale, and Streets were laid, the man employed to do this survey was George Whaton. He attached a large board to a tree where the Junction is today with the wording, "The Village of Kew extends 976 yards East from this point.

Researched and compiled by —

Mr. H. Rolley,
Research Officer,
Kew Historical Society.

General Meetings are held in the Auxiliary Room, at the Kew Civic Centre, Charles Street on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, February to November inclusive. Time: 7.45 p.m. to approximately 9.45 p.m.

KEW HISTORICAL SOCIETY
P.O. Box 175, Kew, 3101

Next Meeting —

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13th
Speaker: Miss Winifred Hall,
President.

TOPIC —

The Rock's Area Sydney.

— Miss Winifred Hall,
President.

LIMERICK OF THE MONTH

There was a young man from Balmain
Who consistently bathed in champagne.
When they asked "Is it dear?"
He said "Cheaper than beer,
I rebottle and use it again."

KEW CHESS CLUB — 1979 CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Club's 1979 Championship will be held at its regular meeting place — the Auxiliary Room, Kew Civic Centre — commencing at 7.30 p.m. on Friday, 15th June.

This year the Championships will be run in three sections — for stronger players, intermediate players and beginners. Trophies will be presented to placegetters in all three sections.

An open invitation is extended to all chess enthusiasts to participate.

Further information on the Championships or on Club Membership can be obtained from —

Peter Hawkesworth, 232 9171 or
Max Grange, 80 3138.

Kew Rovers Start Well

The Kew Rovers Football Club, competing in the D.D.J.F.L. have started the season off with excellent results in most grades.

After five rounds:

Under 15—4 wins, 1 loss — 2nd on ladder.
Under 13—4 wins, 1 loss — 3rd on ladder.
Under 12—5 wins, 0 loss — 2nd on ladder.
Under 11—2 wins, 3 loss — 5th on ladder.

The odd team out is the Under 10s, who have lost all four games, while the Under 10 Reserves have won one and lost one.

Players are urgently required in the Under 10 age group, and indeed there are also vacancies for boys in the older age groups.

Boys interested in playing football for the Kew Rovers are urged to ring Mr. MICHAEL FOX on 818 2391 who will provide all details regarding training and playing times.

Highlights of the season so far have been a club record score of 29.19.193 scored by the Under 15s against Doncaster Heights.

And the performances of both the Under 12s and Under 13s in keeping last year's Premier B.T.Y.C. and Macleod goal-less in their respective matches.

The large number of new players have blended in well with the "veterans" in all grades, and the club is looking forward to the rest of the season with confidence. But where are those Under 10 players!!

Club Publicity Officer:

Mr. MICHAEL FOX,
4 Stirling Street, Kew.
Phone: 818 2391.

THE COPY SHOP

Handily situated at 3 Walpole Street, the Copy Shop is where you take your notices of meetings, minutes, etc., type a stencil and run off your copies.

The FACS people started it, and it meets a tremendous need for communication.

Ring Thea Sartori on 80 3657 for details, or if you want to borrow the key.

AREA PLAY GROUPS

Play groups for pre-school children are increasing in popularity, so Kew is not at all behind.

The Kew Play Group meets on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 10.30 to noon at the Kew Uniting Church, Highbury Grove. Ring Coralie White for more information on 80 3730.

Play groups provide an outlet for children's energies, they meet others of their own age, learn new games — and allow mothers a breathing space, while they compare notes and form their own new friendships.

Play groups? Every street should have one!
Editor.

COUNCIL NEWS

STRADBROKE PARK PAVILION

In May saw the completion of the new Stradbroke Park Pavilion which was constructed on behalf of the Council by Civil and Civic on a project management basis.

The new two-storey pavilion of 428 sq. metre has a large main room, umpires' and first-aid rooms, time keeper and control area, a large kiosk, adequate shower facilities, and storage facilities for the equipment necessary in maintaining the Park.

A subsidy and an interest free loan totalling \$77,500 was received from the Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation towards the total cost of \$160,000 for the project.

Large scale improvements have been carried out at the Park in recent years and the new pavilion, which will be ready for occupancy in the last week of April, will be of great benefit to those sporting clubs using the facilities.

Now that the new pavilion has been completed, far greater use can be made of the total Stradbroke Park complex, including the two pavilions and two playing fields.

RECREATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT OF THE YEAR AWARD:

The Recreational Achievement of the Year Award was announced by the Mayor, Cr. J. Gervasoni, in conjunction with the Whitehorse Standard, at the beginning of the present Mayoral Year in August 1978.

These Awards fall into two categories —

1. The Mayoral Award — which is an individual one for achievement in any recreation area for any age group.
2. The Standard Newspaper Award — which is an organisation award, again in any recreation area for any age group, with special attention being given to new initiatives, e.g. local competitions, etc.

Any group or individual who would like to submit an application for a Monthly Award, would need to forward their application to the Municipal Offices, addressed to the Mayor, Cr. J. Gervasoni, no later than the 7th of each month.

So far Monthly Awards have been won by:

August	Auburn Heights Women's Tennis Team
September	Robin Parson — Kew Park Rangers Soccer Club
October	Billy Walker — Kew Hockey Club
November	David Byrnes — Kew-Camberwell Amateur Athletic Club
December	Kew Little Athletic Centre
January	Kew Citizens' Band
February	Kew Tennis Club Junior Coaching

The Recreational Achievement Award of the year, together with the Monthly Awards will be presented to the respective winners at a Charity Dinner Dance which is to be held at the Kew City Hall on Friday, 16th July, 1979. The proceeds of the Dinner Dance will aid the City of Kew International Year of the Child Fund.

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Kew Elder Citizens' Club has a new Supervisor. Pat Grydzyń, who comes from a similar position with Richmond Council, also supervises the meals on wheels service. To help people remain independent and comfortably care for themselves, Kew Council provides a hot meal and dessert Monday to Friday. Each day roughly 150 meals are prepared at the Club's kitchen and delivered by volunteer drivers and jockeys.

With winter approaching many more elderly people in Kew will be needing a hot meal. If you would like to volunteer on a regular basis as a driver or jockey to deliver meals, contact Ros Osborne (862 1096). This may interest local service clubs or auxiliaries who would like to cover one day each week from a roster of their own members. It would certainly be a unique opportunity for providing a community service to those who need our help most.

A new activity at the Kew Elder Citizens' Club is a woodwork class on Mondays. It has been suggested by club members that a home maintenance course be run also, e.g. how to fix fuses, tap washers, etc. If there are sufficient people interested we will try and arrange one. Contact Janet May at the Council Offices (861 6292) or Pat Grydzyń at the Club (861 7308) if you are interested in either of these activities.

Winter Sporting Activities Operating Throughout Kew:

Throughout the winter season a variety of sports can be seen on the various recreation grounds within Kew, these are outlined below at each oval.

Stradbroke Park (Corner Bourke Road and Harp Road, Kew):

North Kew Football Club have just recently moved into the new pavilion and can be seen playing on the south oval (upper oval) each Saturday morning and afternoon. Training sessions are held throughout the week. The Kew Rovers Football Club have also moved into the new pavilion and can be seen training on Friday evenings and playing on Sunday afternoons, also on the southern oval.

The Kew Park Rangers Junior Soccer Club who previously played at the Reservoir Reserve (behind the Traffis School), have now moved into the "old" pavilion at Stradbroke Park. They can be seen training on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and playing on Sunday morning and afternoons.

Victoria Park:

Victoria Park is the home of the Kew Football Club who train throughout the week and who can be seen playing on both Saturday and Sunday.

Kew Womens' Hockey Club have this season moved back into Kew and play on the southern oval (top) on Saturday afternoons.

Willsmere Park (Willow Grove):

It is the home of Kew Men's Hockey Club, who can be seen training on Tuesday and Thursday evenings with competition matches being played on Saturday morning and afternoons.

Hyde Park (Cnr. Willsmere and Kilby Road):

Hyde Park is the home of Archery within Kew with the Kew City Bowman using the ground each Sunday (all day).

If you would like any further information on any of the clubs concerned please contact any of the clubs below.

North Kew Football Club	Peter Charman	842 5026
Kew Rovers Football Club	Gavin Bourke	818 4218
Kew Womens' Hockey Club	Rhonda Boyd	231 2028
Kew City Bowmen	Gerry Hevey	49 3852
Kew Men's Hockey Club	Don Shaw	848 1198

CITIZENS' ADVICE BUREAU

Did you know that at the rear of the City Hall in Cotham Road and opposite the Library, the Citizens' Advice Bureau offers a free and confidential service to all citizens.

The Bureau is staffed by trained volunteers, who are in attendance from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays; and also provide free legal advice Tuesday nights 7.30 to 9.00 p.m.

If you have any query or problem which we may be able to help with, please call in or telephone 861 5244.

In the past Kew residents seeking advice on pensions, benefits and allowances have generally approached the nearest branch of the Department of Social Security, which happens to be the head office at the corner of La Trobe and Spring Streets, Melbourne. Getting in touch with this tremendous department has often been a frustrating business.

Now things have changed for the better.

A branch of the Department has been opened at 697 Burke Road, just south of Camberwell Junction. This office serves Kew, Hawthorn and Camberwell. Kew residents wishing to telephone should dial 813 1411.