



The KEWRIOSITY SHEET

Your line of communication to activities within your City.

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What's doing in Kew for MARCH

- Sat. 1
- 2 "Open Mayoral Room" - 10.30 a.m. - 12.00 p.m.
- 3 Kew & North Kew Branches of A.L.P. joint meeting - 8 p.m. at East Kew Uniting Church Hall, Normanby Road (contact 861 7416 or 861 8749).
- 4 Bingo - Civic Centre, Kew - 7.45 p.m.
- 5 Guide Dogs Toastmasters Club - 7.30 p.m., Conference Room, National Guide Dogs Centre, Chandler Highway, (Contact 861 8271).
Arts & Crafts Club, Early Planning for Retirement - National Gallery - 2 p.m. Gardening in Colonial Australia, Australian Drawings in 40's and 50's - Contact Mrs. Lambert on 859 1311.
- 6 Bingo - Civic Centre, Kew - 12.30 p.m.
Oceanic Research Foundation - Documentary Film - 7 p.m. - 11 p.m. (Contact 862 1801).
- 7 Women's World Day of Prayer - Service in Holy Trinity Church, Cnr. Pakington & High Sts., Kew at 10.30 a.m. Service prepared by the women of Thailand.
- Sat. 8
- 9 Harvest Thanksgiving Service - Highbury Grove Uniting Church.
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- 11 Bingo - Civic Centre, Kew - 7.45 p.m.
Biralee Club Meeting at Nicholas Hall, 148 Lonsdale St., Melbourne - further information, write to P. Box 1046, Richmond North, 3121.
- 12 Kew Historical Society - General Meeting in Aux. Room, Kew Civic Centre at 7.45 p.m. - Mrs. E. Trewarne from Heidelberg Historical Society will speak and show slides on places of interest in Heidelberg.
A.G.M. - Kintore Social Club at 818 Burke Road, Camberwell at 7.30 p.m.
- 13 Bingo - Civic Centre, Kew at 12.30 p.m.
Garden Club, Early Planning for Retirement Group - "Bulbs" - Speaker H. Spitz (contact J. Lyons 861 9198).
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- Sat. 15
- 16 50th Annual Mission Concert - Mission Sisters of St. Peter Claver at 2.30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Hall, 116 Cotham Road, Kew.
Uniting Church, Highbury Grove Congregational Picnic.
- 17 Royal Victorian Eye & Ear Hospital Kew Auxiliary - Meeting - 1.30 p.m. Aux. Room, Kew Civic Centre.
Antiques Club, Early Planning for Retirement Group - Speaker Mrs. Daniels, Collector of Antiques. (Contact Mrs. Peters on 859 3953).
- 18 Open Council Meeting - 8 p.m.
- Bingo - Civic Centre, Kew - 7.45 p.m.
- 19 Guide Dogs Toastmasters Club.
Bingo - Civic Centre, Kew - 12.30 p.m.
- 20 "Photo Flora 80" - Paton Memorial Uniting Church Hall, Burke Road - 8 p.m.
- 21 Elder Citizens Dance.
Young People's Group - Uniting Church, Highbury Grove, Kew - details 861 7363.
- Sat. 22 "King KewFun Day".
Travel Club, Early Planning for Retirement Group - visit to Ricket's Sanctuary, etc. at Mt. Dandenong. (Contact Mrs. McLeish on 850 6223).
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- 25 Bingo - Civic Centre, Kew at 7.45 p.m.
- 26 Bingo - Civic Centre, Kew at 12.30 p.m.
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- Sat. 29 B.B.Q. Fair - Davis Street Kindergarten - 11 a.m.
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LOOK AT ALL THESE VACANT DATES

We can't believe so little is happening in Kew. Let us know about your Fund Raising Events, Coffee Mornings, Social Evenings and Sports Days before the 10th of the month.

His Majesty, King KEWFUN Presents

FESTIVAL TIME

Commencing on Friday 21st March, this year's Community Festival will begin and run through to the 30th of March.

The Festival Committee have been in the process of planning for the Festival since July 1979. While many community groups are already involved there is still room for greater participation, so if you interested in participating please feel free to contact Peter Butler, Municipal Recreation Officer on 861 6292.

The following is a draft programme that will be followed up with a Festival Brochure that will be delivered to each household.

FRIDAY 21st

Elderly Citizens Club Dance
venue - Elder Citizens Club

Chess and Scrabble Club
venue - Auxiliary Room 7.30 p.m.

SATURDAY 22nd

King Kew Fun Day
venue - Alexandra Gardens - 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Displays:

- Don Cameron Art School
- Kew Garden Club
- Computer Bridge
- Orienteering
- Food Stands
- Karate
- Dog Obedience
- New Games
- Amusements

Portico:

- Kew Citizens Band
- Melbourne Guitar Ensemble
- Kew Ballet Centre
- Elderly Citizens Club Choir
- Morris Dancers

SUNDAY 23rd

- Various Church Services
- Kew City Bowmen
venue - Hyde Park - p.m.
- Organ Recital
venue - Carmelite Monastery - p.m.
- Australian Foster Plan - Ethnic Concert
venue - Kew Civic Centre - evening
- Kew Philharmonic performance
venue - Kew Civic Centre - p.m.

MONDAY 24th

- Kew for Kampuchea Concert
venue - St. Hilary's Church of England - evening
- Hawthorn Football Club Film Night
venue - Kew Civic Centre - evening

TUESDAY 25th

- Bingo
venue - Kew Civic Centre - evening

HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICE

On Sunday 23rd March at 10.00 a.m. there will be a Harvest Thanksgiving Service in the East Kew Uniting Church at Normanby Road, East Kew.

This Service will be a bright, happy, stimulating time with Music, Hymns, Prayers, Readings and other interesting features and should, therefore, appeal to people of all ages and members of the Community who are not in the habit of attending public Worship. We have arranged for this Service to be registered as a Kew Festival Occasion.



WEDNESDAY 26th

Organ Recital
venue - Carmelite Monastery - p.m.

THURSDAY 27th

Merry England
venue - Kew Civic Centre - evening

FRIDAY 28th

Family Film Night
venue - Kew Civic Centre - evening

SATURDAY 29th

- Soap Box Derby
venue - Wellington & Davis St. - 12 noon
- Athletic Carnival
venue - Stradbroke Park - p.m.
- Melbourne Guitar Ensemble
venue - Foster Parents Plan - evening

SUNDAY 30th

- Mayoral Musical Happening with George Dreyfus
venue - Kew Civic Centre - p.m.
- Kew Bowling Competition
venue - East Kew Bowling Club - p.m.
- For further information please contact Peter Butler, Recreation Officer on 861 6292.

KEW PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY

At the beginning of February the Kew Orchestra commenced rehearsals for 1980.

The first concert is during the Kew Festival and will be held in the Kew City Hall, Cotham Road on Sunday afternoon, 23rd March at 2.30 p.m., with a programme of Gilbert and Sullivan excerpts, assisted by the Gilbert and Sullivan Society's Choir.

There are vacancies in the orchestra for Bass and Trombone players. If you play one of these instruments and would like to join an orchestra, please phone 29 4697, or call at the Music Centre, Beresford Street, East Kew (in the East Kew Primary School grounds) on a Tuesday night between 8 and 10 p.m. when the orchestra will be rehearsing.

Three subscription concerts will be given during the year, the dates being - May 29th, September 18th and November 27th. Further particulars may be obtained from the Secretary, Mavis Washfold on 29 4697.

WHERE TO PICK UP YOUR KEWRIOSITY SHEET

Copies of the Kewriosity Sheet may be picked up at the Kew City Library, Municipal Offices and Citizens' Advice Bureau, all situated at the Civic Centre, Charles St., Kew, also from all Kindergartens and Baby Health Centres.

"KEWRIOUS HAPPENING"

14.1.80

Dear Mrs. Crofts,

Today I visited the library for the first time and was pleased to see the newspapers for reading and after my perusal of the Kewriosity Sheet I felt you may be interested in my reason for living in Kew. The actual reason is yet to be discovered but the events so far have been quite extraordinary in a way - the biggest step I have taken.

Sincerely
Ms. Elaine Liston
East Kew

I waited all day in excitement to pick up my first new car, it was like a dream coming true and the cost was forgotten momentarily when my eyes fell upon the number plate KEW. "I should be living in Kew", I exclaimed, having not ever been to Kew didn't seem to detract from the inner, silent excitement as the words spoke from my mouth. This was in April 1979 and by August, I was on my way, with my son Brenan, for 2 week holiday in Melbourne.

During the year I had begun to visit Christ Church, St.Ives and before my departure, I enquired of the Rector if he could give me a church to visit during my holiday. You can imagine my surprise when I was given St. Hilary's Kew, Rev. Peter Corney was a friend of his! "I think I am going to be living in Kew" I exclaimed. The Rector had no idea of the truth in that statement, but I knew that it would all come to pass, yet my life was so stable and secure as it was. A lovely home a good job and friends and fellowship - why leave it all.

It is now January and I have been in Kew for a month. Yes, after my initial visit to this lovely area I knew that this is where I was to live. Of course, my son had to want to make the move and to my delight he was as keen as I was.

I am in the process of buying a town house, Brenan is to attend Trinity Grammar School and now I am to seek employment.

The blend of old and new, the closeness yet feeling of distance from the city, the friendly response from people met to date, all add up to a very Kewriosity step in my life, but to tell you the truth that is why and how I am living in Kew.

PHOTOFLORA '80

Ninety minutes of nature pictures from the eleventh photoflora competition.

FLOWERS PLANTS BIRDS WILDLIFE presented by the Native Plants Preservation Society of Victoria on March 20th, at Paton Memorial Uniting Church Hall, Burke Road, Deepdene - screening at 8 p.m.

Admission: Adults \$1.50
Pensioners & Children concess.

CHORAL EASTER MUSIC SERVICE

On Sunday 30th March, at 10.00 a.m. the East Kew Uniting Church Choir will present a Choral Easter Music Service, based on John Stainer's CRUCIFIXION. This service should appeal to all ages and to the Community in general and will be listed as a Festival Service.

KEW HISTORICAL SOCIETY

by Elizabeth Mackie

On June 6th, 1835, John Batman made his treaty for the land at Port Phillip District on the Merri Creek with the rising hills of Kew in the distance covered with wattle trees and fine eucalypts. Good land was to be found along the banks of the Yarra for grazing herds of cattle and sheep, and in December 1836, eighteen months later, the first mob of cattle driven across from New South Wales crossed the Yarra at Dight's Falls.

Settlers moved in, buying land in the first Land Sales in blocks of anything from 35½ acres to large holdings of 196 acres. For years dairying, grazing and market gardening were the chief occupations and old residents in their eighties still remember mushrooming in the paddocks from Princess Street down to the river.

The little village of Kew sprang up with hay and corn stores for the horses, and small shops. On December 18th, 1860, Kew was proclaimed a municipality. It was not until December 1910 that it was large enough to be a town, and eleven years later, in 1921, it became a city.

Some of the original bushland still remains around the winding bends and banks of the Yarra, a rural retreat only a short distance from the busy city, and the river still froths and slides over Dight's Falls on its way to the ocean.

BRIDGE

It has come to my notice that Kew is the home of the Melbourne Bridge Centre at 30 Cotham Road, Kew (opposite Kew Post Office) where both members and non-members can enjoy the fascination of Bridge.

Membership is currently about 250 people from all ages, groups and walks of life and classes are held regularly to initiate new members.

Table fees are charged for each session of play and tuition fees are charged for people wishing to discover Bridge as a recreation.

Last year the Club raised \$800.00 for the Red Cross and this year Kew Rotary will benefit from a Bridge Luncheon.

For further information about the Bridge Club please contact the Director - Mr. Marshall Inman on 862 1449 at any time.

PLAYGROUP

Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday - 10 a.m. - 12 noon at the Uniting Church, Highbury Grove.

For further information phone 80 3730.

YOUTH CLUBS

For 13 year old - 20's. Every Friday night plus camps and outings.

Coffee House - The first weekend of each month.

St. Hilary's Church of England, John St., Kew (opposite St. George's Hospital) - contact Nick Elith on 80 2036.

YOUR NEWS IS GOOD NEWS

As you can see, the interests of Kew are wide and various. Keep telling us about them for the interest and information of other Kew Dwellers.

Drop your notice at the Copy Shop, 3 Walpole Street, or to the Municipal Offices, Charles Street, by the 10th of the preceding month.

KINTORE SOCIAL CLUB A.G.M.

The Kintore Social Club is having their Annual General Meeting at The Kintore Centre, 818 Burke Road, Camberwell, Cnr. Kintore St., on the 12th of March, starting at 7.30 p.m.

They are also having a picnic at Werribee Park at a later date that is not known yet and this will be brought up at the meeting.

Any persons interested in coming along are more than welcome and further information regarding these activities may be obtained by writing to the Secretary of The Kintore Social Club, C/- P.O. Box 1046, Richmond North 3121.

A STORY TO TELL, 1803 -

A group of residents and former residents of Studley Park area have asked Historian and Cemeteriologist, Marshall Slattery, to prepare a panorama of historical Studley Park and significant sites of the past.

His knowledge of Studley Park area is comprehensive, having been a resident since his school-days at Studley Hall, a Preparatory of Xavier College.

Knowing many of the personages and their families and being a guest in their homes, his is an interesting historical journey. One of his family's earlier connections was John Oxley, Surveyor-General for the Colony of New South Wales, who journeyed up the Yarra Yarra River in 1804 to this area.

The loan of books, pictures, sketches and notes would be appreciated and every care will be taken.

The co-operation of interested persons so far is encouraging, the use for re-production of records is appreciated, which is well in hand.

An "HisTOURical" of this area by bus is planned for March to aid RED CROSS APPEAL.

Inquiries - "Raheen Close", 1/82 Studley Park Road, Kew, 3101.

WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN NO-ONE SEEMS TO HAVE THE RIGHT ANSWER

At the Citizens' Advice Bureau you will find trained volunteer staff on duty from 10.00 a.m. - 3.00 p.m. weekdays, and professional legal advice each Tuesday Night - 7.30 - 9 p.m.

All calls are free and confidential, come in and talk it over - you have a friend at the Citizen's Advice Bureau.

Situated opposite the Kew Library at the Civic Centre, or phone us if you'd rather on 861 5244.

COUNCIL NEWS

"KEW PLANS FOR JUNCTION"

In early 1977, the Kew Council began its investigations into problems associated with the Kew Junction Shopping Centre in an attempt to isolate the causes and processes of the centre's decline in its retailing strength and its function as a community focus.

Following the release of some development ideas, a Kew Junction Community Consultative Committee was established at a public meeting in 1978, and in December of that year the Committee presented Council with a set of recommendations which rejected the idea of a pedestrian mall in High Street, and suggested that the following matters should be further investigated.

- Encouraging the provision of rear access to shops from car parks and general improvement to shops;
- Provision for additional community facilities, including public toilets, green areas and facilities for the aged and children;
- Better utilisation of the Fenton Way car park and its improved integration with the Junction Centre;
- Improved pedestrian circulation within the Junction Centre, possibly including arcades and pedestrian access;
- Improved access to car parking areas, including improved and more prominent directional signs;
- Possible introduction of a "theme" or "character" for the Junction Centre;
- Limited development to provide additional specialist shops and additional car parking north of High Street generally within the existing commercial zone, and in the area bounded by High Street, Cotham Road and Derrick Street to meet the broad spectrum of community needs;
- The setting aside of an area for future office development.

The Committee also stressed the need to protect residential streets from heavy through traffic.

The Committee, which is once again meeting on a regular basis under the Chairmanship of Councillor Ivan Wade, also has as its members Cr. Rob Pritchard, Messrs. Peter Harkin, Bob Thwaites, Andrew Fry and Doug McLaren (Kew Chamber of Commerce), and Mrs. Jill O'Brien and Messrs. Tom Schreiber, Doug Hocking, Peter Davies (resident representatives).

Councillor Wade said the Committee now has before it some detailed development options and strategies which aim to:

- Improve the physical, social and economic environment of retailing in Kew.
- Actively promote the modernisation, redevelopment and restructuring of retailing and retail premises in Kew, so that -
 - the increasing leakages of retail expenditure by Kew residents to shopping centres outside the City are halted;
 - most of the everyday food, clothing and household needs of Kew residents can be satisfied in Kew most of the time.
 - Kew shopping centres are revitalised and strengthened to effectively counter the attractions of other centres and to adequately satisfy the needs of the less mobile proportion of Kew residents.

To assist in achieving these goals, the Council will:

- Oppose further retail growth in regional centres.
- Actively promote the concept of balanced retail development in the Melbourne Metropolitan Area under a Metropolitan Retail Strategy.
- Actively encourage retail development which might have otherwise occurred in regional centres to take place in local centres.
- Actively encourage the physical redevelopment of local centres to meet modern needs.
- Resist changes of use or development which, in the opinion of the Council, will detrimentally affect the retailing functions of a shopping centre and reduce the viability of remaining or existing retailers.

Councillor Wade said, "The earlier public participation and consultation programme which the Committee conducted has enabled it to proceed to its further investigations with a knowledge of the sort of development that is favoured both by traders and the community".

"The Committee", Cr. Wade continued, "is now in the process of deciding the broad directions that centre development should take, and I hope that we will be in a position to recommend a preferred strategy to the Council before the end of March."

Cr. Wade pointed out that adoption of a strategy will not see the end of the consultative processes. "The Committee will certainly want to see a period of public exhibition and comment on any proposals before they are implemented, and will certainly recommend this course of action to the Council".

MAYORAL NEIGHBOURHOOD BARBEQUE

Over the next three months the Mayor, Cr. Kaye Cole, will be holding four Family Neighbourhood barbeques which will aim at encouraging community spirit amongst Kew residents.

Please bring your own food and drink, free ice creams, soft drinks and barbeque will be provided.

The Council's New Games Equipment will be available for those of you who are energetic enough to join in the fun that can be created by using the equipment.

The Mayor offers an open invitation to Kew residents to join her at these barbeques.

If you would like further information please contact Mr. Jim Fyfe or Mr. Peter Butler at the Municipal Offices on 861 6292.

DATES AND VENUES: (12 Noon Onwards)

- Sunday, March 16th - **Norris Reserve (Studley Park)**
Sunday, April 13th - **Eglinton Reserve (North)**
Sunday, April 27th - **Reservoir Reserve**
(Next to Traffic School)
(Harp to Barker, Adeney/Davis/Wrixon to Burke)
Sunday, May 18th - **Harrison Reserve**
(Next to Glass Street Kindergarten)