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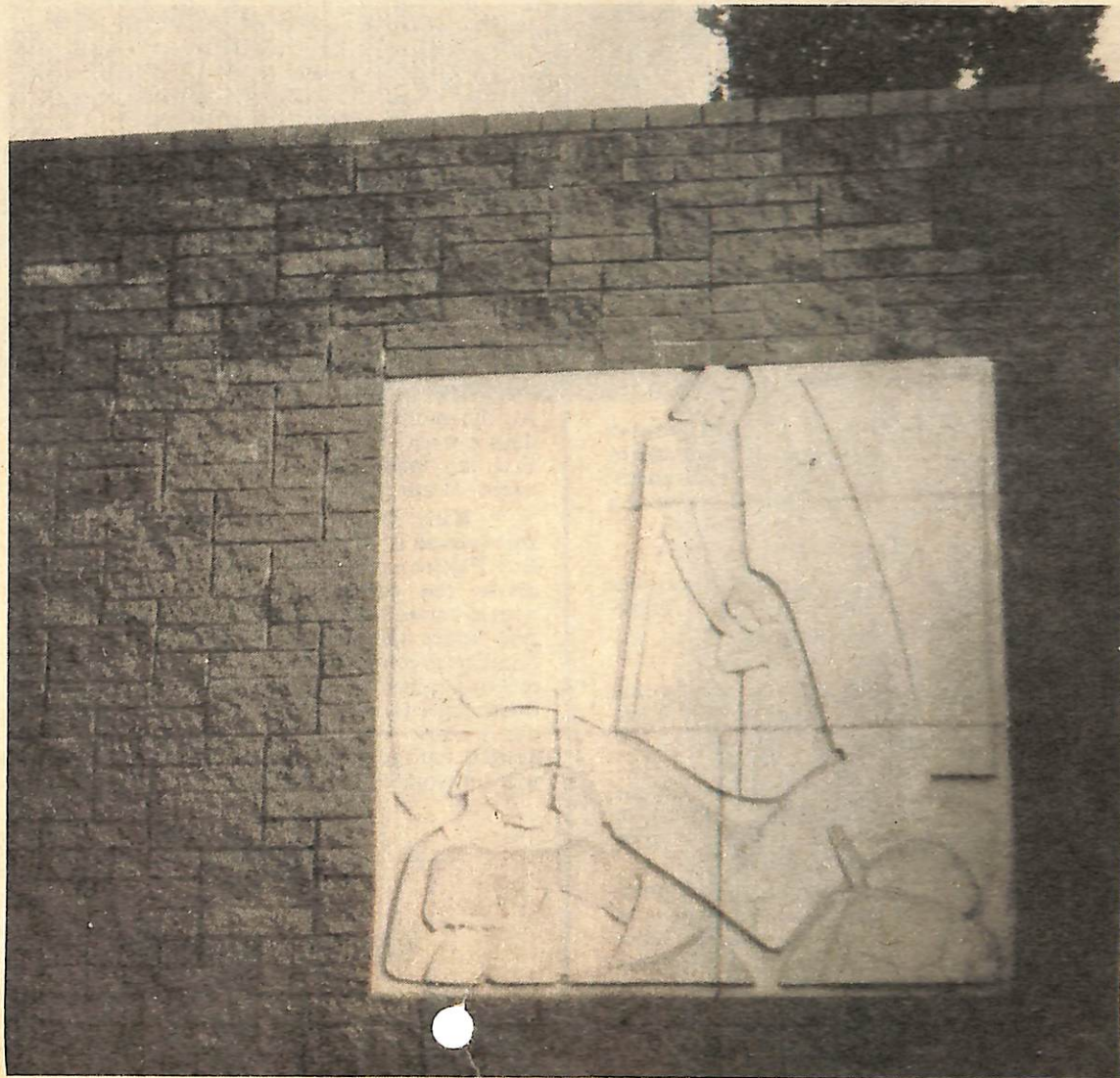
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What's doing in Kew
for
AUGUST

- Fri. 1 Baptist Church of Victoria General Council - 7 p.m. Kew Church.
- 2 East Kew Baptist Hall - High School Youth - 7 p.m. All welcome.
- Sun. 3 OPEN MAYOR'S ROOM - 10.30 a.m.
East Kew Baptist Church - 10.30 a.m. Coffee - 11.15 a.m.
Adult Group & S.S. - 11.30 a.m. (Creche provided).
7.00 p.m. Service - Nurses Christian Fellowship to conduct.
- 4 Fashion Parade by Wellington Clothes to aid Rossbourne House - Contact 861 9842.
- 5 OPEN COUNCIL - 8 p.m.
Bingo - 7.45 p.m. at Kew Civic Centre.
- 6 Missionary Fellowship Luncheon at Uniting Church, East Kew - 11.15 a.m. Contact Mrs. Barnard on 848 5212.
Guide Dog Toastmasters Club - 7.30 p.m. Conference Room, National Guide Dog Centre, Chandler Highway, Contact 861 8271.
Friendship Club - East Kew Baptist Church Hall - 2.30 p.m.
East Kew Baptist Vestry - 8 p.m. - The teaching of Jesus.
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- Sun. 10 East Kew Baptist Church - 10.30 a.m. - Cuppa, 11.30 a.m. Adult Groups & S.S. 11.30 a.m. (Creche provided). Witness 7.00 p.m.
St. Anne's Catholic School East Kew - 50th Anniversary of the Laying of the Foundation Stone and Official Opening of the Extensions to St. Anne's School. Thanksgiving Concelebrated Mass - 2 p.m. and Official Opening Ceremony 3.30 p.m. Afternoon tea will be served in school hall at conclusion of the Opening Ceremony.
- 11 Bi-monthly meeting of the North Kew Progress Assoc. - Hyde Park Church Hall, 152 Pakington St., Kew at 8 p.m. All members and residents welcome.
- 12 Bingo - Kew Civic Centre at 7.45 p.m.
- 13 Missionary Fellowship - 8 p.m. - Uniting Church East Kew.
Kew Girl Guides Local Association Meeting in Auxiliary Room, Kew Civic Centre, 10.30 a.m.
East Kew Baptist Church Annual Meeting - 7.45 p.m. Open to all members and friends.
- 14 Kew Garden Club - contact 861 9198. Cnr. Childers & High Sts., Kew - "Growing Geraniums & Pelargoniums" by Geoff Stockton.
- 15 "Back to St. Anne's" East Kew at the School Hall at 8.15 p.m. Fun & frolics at Basket Supper Dance to commemorate 50th Anniversary of St. Anne's school.
- 16 East Kew Baptist Church Hall, High School Youth - 7.00 p.m. All welcome.
- Sun. 17 East Kew Baptist Church Services - 10.30 a.m., 11.30 a.m. S.S. and 7.00 p.m.
Pleasant Sunday Afternoon in East Kew Baptist Church Hall at 2.30 p.m.
- 18 The Fellowship - 8 p.m., Uniting Church East Kew - Mr. R. Burgess - "Cultivating Camellias".
- 19 Bingo - 7.45 p.m. Kew Civic Centre.
- 20 Ladies Guild - 1.30 p.m. "Oberammergau" at the Uniting Church East Kew.
Guide Dog Toastmasters Club - 7.30 p.m. National Guide Dog Centre, Chandler Highway.
East Kew Baptist Vestry - 8.00 p.m. The Teaching of Jesus.
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- Sun. 24 East Kew Baptist Church - 10.30 a.m. Dedication of Children. 7.00 p.m. - Witness Services.
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- 26 Rowan Club - 8.00 p.m. - Uniting Church East Kew.
Bingo - 7.45 p.m. - Kew Civic Centre.
- 27 East Kew Baptist Church Vestry - 8.00 p.m. The Teaching of Jesus.
- 28 Save the Children Fund - Talk on "Opera Stars on and off the Stage" by Miss Tayore at Auxiliary Room at 10.15 a.m.
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- 30 East Kew Baptist Church - High School Youth - 7.00 p.m. All welcome.
- Sun. 31 East Kew Baptist Church - 10.30 a.m. worship. 11.30 a.m. S.S. - 7.00 p.m. Ron Tibbey Sec. European Christian Mission will show colour pictures. All new settlers very welcome. Literature in many languages available.



KEW HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Researched by Mavis H. Rolley

In this age of freeways and fast cars, we speed to our destinations with only a passing glance at the things of interest and beauty along the way.

How much more aware and appreciative one becomes if a little time is spent strolling around an area, learning something of its history.

Recently a visitor to Kew wished to learn the history of the memorial situated on the lawns in front of the City Hall.

This impressive piece of Sculpture, a memorial to the sacrifice of those who served in the Second World War, was completed in 1960 to coincide with the One Hundred Centenary Year of the City of Kew, and was unveiled on Anzac Day of that year by the Hon. A.G. Rylah, Chief Secretary, Deputy Premier of Victoria.

Mr. George Allen, sculptor, submitted the winning design and through the contribution of a generous bequest of the late Mrs. Annie Anderson, a former resident of Kew, the Municipal Office was able to commission this gentleman's work.

The memorial is mounted on a wall of granite blocks and carved in Sydney Freestone, depicting a scene of war and loved ones at home.

Mr. George Allen was born in Bendigo, Victoria in 1900. He studied as a youth at the Bendigo School of Mines and later at Swinburne Technical College. He married Ethel Prendergast in March, 1936 and left with his bride on a study tour of Europe. Most of his working life was devoted to lecturing in sculpture at the Royal Melbourne Institute Technical College (RMIT), other than during the 1939-45 Second World War period, when he was appointed an official "War Artist". Mr. Allen was a member of the Sculptor's Society of Australia soon after its formation in 1930 and later in 1949, a member of the Victorian Sculptor's Society and Artist's Society. His works were frequently entered in exhibitions. He won an Australia-wide competition with his design for the 1939-45 Memorial Sculpture situated in the forecourt of the "Shrine of Remembrance" Melbourne. This huge sculpture in basalt stands meters high. Mr. Allen also did the Pioneer Sculpture in Ballarat. He preferred working in a formal realistic style using a variety of materials and techniques. George Allen retired from his position as Senior Lecturer and Head of the Sculpture Department at R.M.I.T. in 1965.

His death in 1972, was not only a sad loss to his widow and two academic sons, but also to Victoria and Australia.

ST. ANNE'S SCHOOL - EAST KEW
50th Anniversary of Laying of
Foundation Stone

On 10th August, 1980, St. Anne's Parish, East Kew, will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the laying of the foundation stone of the Parish School. The occasion coincides with the official opening of extensions to the school which have been under construction for some months past.

The event will be highlighted by a Concelebrated Mass on Sunday 10th August, 1980 at 2.00 p.m. in St. Anne's Church followed by the official opening ceremony at 3.30 p.m. Afternoon tea will be served at the conclusion of the formal opening.

All parishioners, ex-parishioners, friends and neighbours from near and far are warmly invited to this happy occasion.

Also to commemorate this event, the jollification will continue at a Basket Supper Dance at the School Hall at 8.15 p.m. on Friday

15th August, 1980 where, it is hoped, the hall will be filled with parishioners, present and past, old and new, sharing stories and nostalgia of happy days at St. Anne's.

Further details can be ascertained by ringing Jack or Kath Gervasoni on 861 9903 or Dan or Leonie Power on 859 8727.

EPILEPSY MONTH

On Tuesday 26th August, at 8 p.m. a Public Forum will be held at Assembly Hall, Collins Street, Melbourne. Open to all, with questions answered about epilepsy. Chairman: Dr. G. Keys Smith, Consultant Medical Officer (EFV); Dr. John King, Chief Neurologist, Royal Melbourne Hospital; Monica Bannikoff, Senior Social Worker (EFV); Phil Slattery, Social Worker, Nunawading Neighbourhood Centre; Peter Sester Telecom.

STUDLEY PARK PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

By Marshall Slattery

A special public meeting was convened by the Studley Park Progress Association on Monday, May 26th, 1980; in the Auxiliary Rooms of the Kew City Council, Charles St., Kew.

The purpose was to support "The Age" newspaper's promotion . . . "GIVE THE YARKA A GO" . . . and to applaud the articles written by Journalists John Larkin and Peter Ellingsen, together with the associated photographers.

The Mayor of Kew, Cr. Kaye Cole, J.P. was unable to attend but deputised former Mayor and Commissioner on the M.M.B.W., Cr. J. Ryan. The Councils of Hawthorn, Richmond, Collingwood and Northcote and a speaker from Prahran District together with the Victorian Chamber of Manufactures, the Lower Yarra Advisory Council and the Studley Park Conservation Society Limited were invited.

The President, Mr. Marshall Slattery invited Cr. Jack Ryan to Chair the meeting and introduced the Guests, members and visitors. Representatives from the various groups spoke on the need for the rehabilitation of the Yarra River and adjacent areas, beautification and restoration of the natural environment.

What is envisaged is a nature trail alongside the river from Prince's Bridge Melbourne, through Richmond, Burnley, and Abbotsford to Dight's Falls Kew.

The articles in "The Age" have aroused much interest and has impressed the Government whose Ministry for Conservation Environment Protection Act, 1970, gives "Notice of Intention to declare a -

State Environment Protection Policy.

The Environment Protection Authority has a draft Policy for the "Yarra River and Tributaries" for public review and comments.

Committee report out soon

The Government Committee investigating a possible single authority to control the Yarra River is expected to report within the next few weeks.

The Committee will consider whether the Yarra should be controlled by the Board of Works, the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission, or a special new authority.

The Government set up the Yarra Committee several months ago after a campaign by "The Age" to have the river cleaned up:- The input at this meeting augurs well for subsequent meetings at which prominent speakers on these subjects are to be invited.

GREEN ACRES GOLF CLUB

The competition between all of the medallists of the year for the Annual Medallist Trophy was conducted on Saturday, 5th July 1980.

The winner was Mr. Ray Shuck off a handicap of 12 who scored a nett 67.

The monthly medal competition was conducted concurrently with the annual medallist trophy and the winners for July were:-

A. Division Mr. Ray Shuck (12) Nett 67

B. Division Mr. Bill Burnham (25) Nett 67

A coming event for August is on Sunday August, 10th - the Final of the Green Acres Cup.

On the last Sunday each month the Club conducts a mixed 4 Ball Better Ball Competition followed by a Smorgasbord Tea - this is a very popular event on the social calendar.

ST. HILARY'S YOUTH CLUB

For all those interested St. Hilary's Youth Activities are at 12 John Street, Kew (opposite St. George's Hospital).

We have:-

- Junior Fellowship - Forms 1 and 2.
- Youth Group - Forms 3, 4 and 5 each Friday.
- Drop-In Coffee House each month on First Sunday. Youth Service 7 p.m. then Coffee House. Saturday Night Coffee House - 8 p.m.

For all information contact the Youth Worker - Nick Elith on 80 2036.

KINTORE SOCIAL CLUB

The Kintore Social Club for people who suffer with Epilepsy meets on the second Wednesday of each month at The Kintore Epilepsy Centre, 818-822 Burke Rd., CAMBERWELL starting at 7.30 p.m. All new members and interested persons welcome. Enquiries - P.O. Box 1046, Richmond North, 3121 or phone 819 4715 After Hours.

Here are some coming Events for August: Saturday 2nd August - Visit to Old Melbourne Jail.

Saturday 16th August - Barbecue (Location to be advised).

Wednesday 13th August - Meeting at Kintore Epilepsy Centre, 818-822 Burke Road, Camberwell at 7.30 p.m.

EARLY LANDMARK OF KEW

By Elizabeth Mackie

Do you know what would be the most beautiful and historic public building in Kew?

It would undoubtedly be the Post Office and Law Court Building (erected in 1888), which rises with Queen Anne grandeur and opulence above the busy twin roads of High Street and Cotham Road. Hampton Court Palace on the Thames, beyond Kew in England is partly decorated in this style.

How many times have we dashed up the steps to buy stamps or send off a parcel overseas without stopping to look at the elegant brick with decorations in cream plasterwork. The Baroque influences can be seen in the classic scallop shell decoration and in the swags of leaves, draperies and fluttering ribbons on the walls. The cream tower of painted wood and metal echoes the style originating in the English throne after the Stuart Monarchs.

The interior of the Post Office is functional and austere. In comparison, the Court House contains a magistrate's room with a black rose pattern and the spacious Court Room is an echo of Victorian Ecclesiastical Gothic. A beautifully made dark polished wooden ceiling has an intricate grill of gold and metal from which the candlebra once hung. The witness box and judge's bench are in the same dark wood carved with the Gothic quatrefoil design on the posts.

The future of this building is uncertain. At the moment, the Court only operates two days a week. Whatever may happen it is essential that this landmark of Kew will remain at the centre of our city.

Many years ago old residents remember that instead of the War Memorial, a huge Moreton Bay Figtree spread its branches over the corner, above the carriages, carts and hansom cabs whose horses trotted past its green shade. "Meet you under the tree at the Post Office", was a familiar greeting in Kew - it was a favourite meeting place in quieter days. Today as the traffic speeds past, let us take time to glance at our historic building and appreciate the care, design and good craftsmanship with which it was constructed 92 years ago.

KEW GARDEN CLUB

Kew Garden Club members have been very fortunate to have amongst their Guest Speakers for the winter months, very highly qualified people, such as Mr. Ivan Earle who recently gave an outstanding address, highlighted by beautiful filming on the subject of "Trees" - their value in the world, their needs and the threat of extinction which faced so many of them. Listeners were alerted to the part that each could play in the conservation of the ecology.

On July 10th, at the Clubrooms, Cnr. High and Childers Streets, Kew at 8 p.m. a very pleasing film of "The Chelsea Flower Show" and "Some Australian Gardens" with suitable commentary was presented by M/s Ann Smallpage.

Sunday August 10th, is a day of special significance. This is "Bone-seed Day" which denotes a special effort sponsored by Kew Garden Club, supported by teachers and senior pupils of many schools and colleges in Kew and neighbouring suburbs and many people interested in preserving the native plant life along the Yarra banks, which at present is threatened with extinction, as the dreaded "Bone-seed" plant takes over.

Working groups will each endeavour to clear certain sections allotted to them. As it is necessary to pull up the plants before the flowering period, it is to be hoped that many public-minded people will help.

Meet at Kane's Bridge at 10.30 a.m. on August 10th, bring lunch. Barbecue facilities will be available.

For further information ring 45 3478.

BOWLING CLUB NEARS CENTURY

When the Kew Bowling Club's greens are officially opened on Sunday 31st August, it will usher in the Club's centenary season.

President Noel Lyall, a noted Kew Lions' official, leads a strong committee which has already drawn up a most imposing series of tournaments to celebrate the historic occasion. Most of the tournaments have been well sponsored, but two events are available for support.

Mr. Lyall would like to see a local sponsor come forward.

Appropriately enough, Kew enters the top competition, Division 1, after having won the metropolitan A2 pennant last season.

The Club invites any interested man to visit the premises in Wellington Street, with a view to becoming a bowls member or a social member.

The Secretary can be contacted any afternoon on 861 9650.

COUNCIL NEWS

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS

Please note that as from the 1st of August, 1980, enrolments for kindergartens in the City of Kew will be accepted only for children who have turned 2 years of age.

FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR LOCAL GROUPS

Applications for community service grants to assist the development of welfare, community development and neighbourhood groups can now be made. The Department of Community Welfare Services makes allocations available through its regional office and community committees at a local level assist in determining priorities for each municipality.

Guidelines on who and what types of programs are eligible can be obtained from Kew Municipal Offices by contacting their Social Development Department (861 6292).

In past years St. Hilary's Care Group, Henry Pride Hospital Volunteers, Kew Pre-School Support Group and North Kew Neighbourhood Contact Scheme have received funds to assist their activities.

Enquiries about applications can be made to Mr. Jim Fyfe at Kew Municipal Offices on 861 6292 or to Ms. Karin Coventry at the Department of Community Welfare Services, Camberwell on 82 8193.

PROMOTING KEW

Do you have ideas about how the things you enjoy in Kew can be promoted to give others a chance to share them? The Kew Family and Community Services (F.A.C.S.) Committee would like to hear from you if you have ideas that would lend themselves to a theme such as family activities, children's services, recreation and leisure opportunities.

One idea is to make slide-set presentations on different aspects of life in Kew and show them in shops or centres using slide display units that have a built-in screen and play taped commentaries. Videotape documentaries are also a possibility. If you are handy with a camera, if you are a photography student looking for assignments, or just have ideas you would like to share and be involved, contact Loris Crofts (80 2947 or Jim Fyfe (861 6292).

ENTERTAINMENT IN PARKS

Another idea is to develop regular family entertainment in Kew's parks and gardens. If you have some ideas for things you would like to see, or belong to a music group, ethnic dancing group, bush or brass band, etc. and would be interested in performing, organizing or just making suggestions, contact Loris Crofts (80 2947) or Peter Butler (861 6292), or write to either, C/-Kew Municipal Offices, Charles Street, Kew.

WHAT IS R.A.A.V.?

The Association was first formed for the purpose of helping the people who needed to adjust to living with arthritis. "Action House" is the present administrative office of the Rheumatism and Arthritis Association of Victoria, and is located in the grounds of the Royal Talbot Rehabilitation Hospital, Yarra Boulevard, Kew. On the fourth Tuesday of each month at 10.30 a.m. in the Auxiliary Room of the Kew Civic Centre, a Self Help Group meets regularly. Guest Speakers will be present at these meetings until November 25th, which will be the last meeting for this year.

A New Members Night will be held at Action House at 8 p.m. on Thursday, 25th September. The program will include a mini fashion parade and a lecture by Dr. L. Koadlow, the President of R.A.A.V. Supper will be served. R.A.A.V. members and their friends are invited to attend this special evening program which is being organised by the Box Hill Evening Group.

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held on Tuesday 23rd September at 8 p.m. in Hall No. 3, Kew Civic Centre. Guest speaker will be Dr. M. L. Ingpen. R.A.A.V. members and visitors who would like to know more about R.A.A.V. will be welcome to attend. At the conclusion of the meeting, supper will be served.

Enquiries concerning the above evenings may be directed to Action House, telephone 862 2555.

WHERE HAVE ALL THE PEOPLE GONE

By Rev. Stan Simmons - East Kew Baptist Church

"This is a closely settled urban area", Rev. Stan Simmons stated, "and I see hundreds of people shopping and enjoying sporting fixtures, but where are these people on Sunday?"

Mr. Simmons is the new minister of the East Kew Baptist Church and has expressed surprise that so many people who once had a Christian "lifestyle" seem to have dropped the habit of worship . . . "Maybe," he said, "They're not so much 'knocking Christ and the Church' as neglecting it, but the end result is pretty tragic. That's why we at East Kew Baptist are planning to meet face-to-face with people . . . we want to get acquainted, become friends and do what we can to help folk to pick up things where they left off . . ."

About twenty people are spending six weeks to prepare themselves for this community service. Christians interested to be in these classes should contact Rev. Stan Simmons on 859 3751.

SCRABBLE

Are you a Scrabble Fan - if so, did you know that the Kew Scrabble Club meets every Friday night in the Auxiliary Room, Kew Civic Centre, at 7.45 p.m. Anyone interested is invited to come along any Friday evening.

KEW & HAWTHORN CITIZENS' ADVICE BUREAU

Free and confidential advice, help and information is available from the Kew Citizens' Advice Bureau situated in the City Hall, Cotham Road, Kew, Telephone 861 5244.

Trained volunteer interviewers can provide information and help on almost every query, whether simple or complicated from Monday to Friday each week - 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. and Free Legal Service is available on Tuesdays from 7.30 p.m. - 9.00 p.m. - Holidays Excepted.