



The KEWRIOSITY SHEET

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What's doing in Kew DURING OCTOBER

- Wed. 1 East Kew Uniting Church - Afternoon Missionary Fellowship meeting at 1.45 p.m. Guest Speaker, Rev. R. Woodgate. All welcome.
Guide Dog Toastmasters Club - 7.30 p.m. Conference Room, National Guide Dog Centre, Chandler Highway. Contact 861 8271.
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- 3 East Kew Uniting Church Springtime Fair from 10 a.m. Refreshments available.
Kew Girl Guides Local Association Cake Stall opp. Kew Post Office, High Street.
- 4 Annual Mission Fair - St. Peter Claver, 154 Cotham Road, Kew and Grand Art Union.
- Sun. 5 Rotaract - District Football match.
- 6 Rotaract - Film Night.
- 7 Bingo - 7.45 p.m. Kew Civic Centre.
- 8 Kew Historical Society Annual General Meeting in Auxiliary Room, Kew Civic Centre at 8 p.m. Guest Speaker Miss Christine Gray - President of Committee of Eastern Historical Societies.
East Kew Uniting Church - Evening Missionary Fellowship meet at 8 p.m. Guest Speaker Mr. Les Banister of Wesley Central Mission.
- 9 Save the Children Fund Meeting - 10.15 a.m. Auxiliary Room, Kew Civic Centre.
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- 11 St. Peter Claver Youth Group gathering at 154 Cotham Road, Kew - 2.15 p.m. Youth all welcome - 80 3715.
Rotaract - Progressive Dinner.
- Sun. 12
- 13 North Kew Progress Association Meeting - 8 p.m. Hyde Park Church Hall, 152 Pakington Street. All members and residents welcome.
Annual District Meeting Girl Guides Association in Fellowship Room, St. Hilary's Church, John Street at 7 p.m.
- 14 East Kew Uniting Church - Congregational Meeting at 7.45 p.m. followed by "cuppa".
Bingo - 7.45 p.m. - Kew Civic Centre.
- 15 East Kew Uniting Church - Ladies Guild Meeting at 1.30 p.m. Guest Speaker Mrs. Jean Yule - Handcrafts of Asia.
Guide Dog Toastmasters Club - 7.30 p.m. Conference Room, National Guide Dog Centre, Chandler Highway - 861 8271.
Picnic Lunch at Davis Street Kindergarten - 12 noon.
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- Sun. 19 Rotaract - Wine Bottling.
- 20 East Kew Uniting Church - The Fellowship meet 8 p.m. Guest Speaker Mr. Andrew Calder - World of Insects.
- 21 Bingo - 7.45 p.m. - Kew Civic Centre.
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- 23 Rheumatism & Arthritis Assoc. of Victoria - 10.30 a.m. in Auxiliary Room, Kew Civic Centre - Spinning & Weaving.
Save the Children Fund Social Morning at St. Paul's Church, Windella Ave., East Kew. The "Halcyon Singers" and luncheon \$3.00 Donation.
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- 25 Carnsworth-Garoopna Pottery & Craft Exhibition - 10 a.m. 8 A'Beckett St., Kew.
Weekend at Mitchelton for Rotaract Club.
- Sun. 26 St. Peter Claver Youth Group's Annual Car Rally starting from 154 Cotham Road, Kew. (233 8530 or 80 3715)
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- 28 East Kew Uniting Church - Rowan Club meet at 8 p.m. Open Discussion Night.
Bingo - 7.45 p.m. - Kew Civic Centre.
OPEN COUNCIL - 8 p.m.
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U.N. Children Week '80

CHILDREN'S WEEK - 19th - 26th OCTOBER, 1980

The United Nations Declaration of the Rights of the Child proclaims the following rights for all children:

- The right to affection, love and understanding.
- The right to adequate nutrition and medical care.
- The right to free education.
- The right to full opportunity for play and recreation.
- The right to a name and nationality.
- The right to special care, if handicapped.
- The right to be among the first to receive relief in time of disaster.
- The right to be a useful member of society and to develop individual abilities.
- The right to be brought up in a spirit of peace and universal brotherhood.

The right to enjoy these rights, regardless of race, colour, sex, religion, national or social origin.

Full details of children's activities will be featured in the local newspapers the week before Children's Week. Some of the regular services available in Kew for children are mentioned here and more detail can be found in the 1980 Kew Community Directory or from the Municipal Offices.

INFANT WELFARE SERVICE

The Maternal and Child Health Centres give information and advice on the care and development of children 0 - 6 years of age.

KINDERGARTENS

Kew Council provides 7 Kindergartens for the children of residents and ratepayers. All are well equipped and provide a challenging educational environment under the control of trained kindergarten teachers. Three year old children are offered 3 afternoons per week and four year old children are offered 5 mornings per week. Contact the Municipal Offices on 861 6292 for details of the centre nearest to you.

FAMILY DAY CARE

Kew and Hawthorn City Councils run a joint Family Day Care Scheme whereby young children are cared for in small groups in private homes. Anyone interested in this Scheme, either as a minder or user can contact: JENNY NELSON at the Hawthorn Municipal Offices - Phone 819 2444 between the hours of 9 a.m. - 4.30 p.m.

HOME HELP SERVICE

- Emergency care for families where the mother has been hospitalized or during post-operative recuperation, and post-confinement care.
- Assistance for families with a mentally or physically handicapped child.

For information about this service, contact GRETA GRUTZNER, the Home Help Supervisor - Phone 861 6292.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

The Council offers recreation programmes with a child care component during the school holidays. Programmes operate during the January, May and September School Holidays.

For recreation enquiries, contact: Municipal Recreation Officer - PETER BUTLER on 861 6292.

LIBRARY SERVICES

Ground Floor, Civic Centre, Cnr. Cotham Road & Charles Street, Kew. (Enter opposite City Hall) Phone: 861 6745, 861 6530.

Opening Hours:

Monday to Thursday 10.30 a.m. - 6 p.m.,
7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Friday 10.30 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m. - 12 noon

The Library has:

- extensive bookstock reflecting all aspects of human experience
- relaxed atmosphere conducive to study and browsing
- photocopying facilities available
- special collections for particular groups, e.g. large print books, foreign language collections
- Library Bear, storytime and holiday programmes for children

LIBRARY STORYTIME - Every Wednesday for children between the ages of 4 and 12 years from 3.45 p.m. - 4.15 p.m.

OCCASIONAL CARE

Tuesdays 10 a.m. - 3.30 p.m. East Kew Baptist Church Hall, Woodlands Ave., East Kew.

An opportunity for parents and children to meet socially, and also to leave children in supervised care for a few hours while shopping, keeping an appointment or relaxing at home without the children.

The Co-ordinator, Jennifer Bead, assists parents develop activities of common interest and provides support and guidance on child development.

Enquiries - Jennifer Bead - 598 2327.

A similar group operates at Uniting Church, Highbury Grove, Kew Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Contact - Coralie White - 80 3730.

PLAYGROUPS

The Victorian Playgroups Association, 191 Brunswick St., Fitzroy on 41 6825 (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.) will provide information on playgroups in Kew and surrounding area.

TRAFFIC SCHOOL

The re-establishment of the School in Cotham Road has been made possible by assistance given by the Education Department in appointing a teacher to be based at the Deepdene Primary School, to provide the necessary instruction, and by the Road Safety and Traffic Authority in providing the necessary expertise. A number of private companies have also provided generous assistance in refurbishing the school.

For use of the Traffic School during the week contact the teacher, Miss Jillian Collins - phone 80 1917 - Deepdene Primary School.

Bookings for childrens parties or your organization's picnic should be directed to PETER BUTLER, Municipal Offices 861 6292.

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

An After School Programme is held at East Kew Primary School, Kitchener Street, East Kew Tuesday and Thursday - 3.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.

Contact PETER BUTLER - 861 6292.

MARATHON MAN

Swinburne Institute of Technology biophysics student Robert de Castella, 23, of Kew, ran the best ever time by an Australian in the Olympic marathon in Moscow earlier this month.

De Castella finished 10th in 2 hours 14 minutes 31 seconds, just 2 minutes 24 seconds behind the winner, East Germany's Waldemar Cierpinski.

Australian athletics team manager Ray Durie said de Castella also ran the best ever placing by an Australian in an Olympic marathon. "Tenth place in that field is a mighty performance," he said.

Sixty-five runners from 32 countries competed in the 41.6 km (26 mile) race.

De Castella has one semester left to complete his Bachelor of Applied Science degree. He deferred his studies this year in order to prepare for the Games and will resume his course next year. He covered more than 8000 km in training over the past year.

AN EARLY HISTORY BOOK OF KEW

by Elizabeth Mackie
Kew Historical Society

James Bonwick (1817-1906), School Teacher, writer and historian, was an early settler in Kew. He published his slender volume "A Sketch of Boroondara" in 1858, and it was last printed in 1968 in a special limited edition. He wrote about his arrival in Kew in the early 1850's.

"We heard of a plot of land for sale. We purchased a couple of acres in a pretty thick forest, with a close underwood of wattles . . . we could see through the trees one or two other tents or rude huts at a distance . . . my friend and I had to walk in some 5 or 6 miles to our duties in Melbourne, and walk back the same distance in the evening. For 5 months my family only had the shelter of a couple of tents . . . my 2 little boys and I walked, with pail and other utensils, early every morning, a mile and a half to the Yarra Yarra for daily supply of water."

Bonwick was one of the founders of the Kew Independent Church, which was later rebuilt in Walpole Street on the original site, and was recently demolished to build Bodalla Home for the Elderly.

In those days there were a few hotels in Kew, "The Bee-Hive", "The Woodsman's Arms", the substantial brick "Kew Hotel" and "The Harp of Erin" at East Kew. There were many large properties of spacious acreage with their market gardens and orchards. The first general store was built in 1853 for Mr. French.

Bonwick wrote about Kew in lyrical terms:

"Let us not be thought too indulgent in praise of our Boroondara, the "shady land" of the natives. We have long loved it. We are the first to publish its glories . . . we cannot but regard it as the most salubrious, agreeable, and beautiful spot for a home. Within half an hour's reach of dusty Melbourne, it is supplied with the conveniences of civilized life, and amply provided with education and moral appliances. All hail to Boroondara!"

There is another early history of Kew printed in 1910, entitled "Jubilee History of Kew" by F.G.A. Barnard. Kew Historical Society has only one copy in poor condition, and if any resident of Kew has a copy of this book which they could give to the Society we would be very pleased to receive it on behalf of the people of Kew.

CARNSWORTH-GAROOPNA VOLUNTARY HELPERS ASSOC.

A Pottery and Craft Exhibition and sale will be held at Carnsworth on Saturday, 25th October, from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. and repeated on Sunday, 26th October, from noon until 5 p.m. The Honorable Andrew Peacock has agreed to attend and open the function.

There will be a variety of crafts including leatherwork, copperware, pot-pourri, copper enamelling, sterling silver jewellery, soft toys, sketching and spinning and weaving. There will also be demonstrations of lead lighting and spinning.

This is a wonderful opportunity to purchase Christmas gifts and also contribute to our funds, so do please come along.

KEW YOUTH CLUB

Kew Youth Club meets every Friday night at 7.30 p.m. at the Hyde Park Uniting Church Hall, 152 Pakington Street, North Kew. New members are always welcome so don't hesitate to come along and see what it's all about.

SCRABBLE

Scrabble Fans — don't forget that Kew Scrabble Club meet every Friday night in the Auxiliary Room, Kew Civic Centre at 7.45 p.m.



KEW ROTARACT

Pictured above are Helen Hatherly and Peter King helping out at the Boneseed Day which was held at Studley Park a few Sundays ago.

Helen and Peter are just two of the active members of the Kew Rotaract Club.

The Club meets every fortnight and is involved in both service and social functions. Eighteen to twenty-eight year olds interested in this active club should phone Jane on 861 7385 or Jack on 836 1942.

CAR RALLY

On Sunday 26th October, the St. Peter Claver Youth Group will be holding its' annual Car Rally. The Rally was first organised in 1978 and has proved a very popular event on the group's calendar. Needless to say it is not in the same class as the East African Safari or any of the more notable rallies but weather permitting, we usually have a lot of fun, nobody gets lost, there is a prize for the winning car and we end off the day with a Barbeque (meat supplied).

If you are interested in coming along you are more than welcome to join us. Details are available by phoning 233 8530 A/H or 80 3715.

CANOEING

Canoeing Films Spectacular 1980 will be held at Kew Civic Centre on October 9th, 10th and 11th from 1 p.m. till 11 p.m.

This is an all new film programme, plus displays, information and the latest equipment.

For information contact Roy Farrance, Canoes Plus, 140 Cotham Rd., Kew 80 5934.

LET CHILDREN BE CHILDREN

This is the theme of a conference to be hosted by the Kew Pre-School Association on 22nd November, 1980 at the Kew Civic Centre. The day should be both informative and enjoyable because speakers include "Weg", Cartoonist from the Herald; Mrs. J. Adeney, Pre-School Adviser, Health Commission of Victoria; Mrs. N. Groux, Victorian Playgroup Association; Mrs. S. Guest, Australian Council for Childrens Film and Television and Mrs. S. Blashki, Psychologist, Royal Children's Hospital.

Registration fee is \$10.00 per person and this includes morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea.

Anyone interested in attending should contact — The Registration Secretary, P.O. Box 42, Kew, Telephone 80 3634, 862 2519. Registrations close 7th November, 1980.

SPRINGTIME FAIR

The Uniting Church Normanby Road, East Kew is holding its Annual Springtime Fair on Friday 3rd October, from 10 a.m.

There will be a variety of stalls, including cake, produce, gift, work, sweets, plant, toy, white elephant, etc. — Morning tea, Lunch and Afternoon tea will be available.

Everybody welcome.

SMORGASBORD DINNER

You are invited by HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, Cnr. Pakington & High Streets, Kew — to our Smorgasbord Dinner — to be held on Saturday, 18th October at 7 p.m.

Tickets are available from Mrs. Dawson telephone 859 4491 or Mrs. Chipper, telephone 859 1747. Singles \$7.50, Family \$16.00. Pensioner concessions. All welcome.

PERSONAL INVITATION TO

Janet May, Welfare Assistant for Kew Council is anxious to hear from people in the community who have hidden talents to share with others. Council run several small groups for elderly folk and would like help in maintaining interests such as Woodwork, Art and Craft already established in these social groups.

If you have been waiting for an opportunity to continue your own special hobby/interest whilst assisting others for a few hours per week/fortnight, please accept this as a personal invitation to ring Janet on 861 6292.

KEW CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Kew Chamber of Commerce is again sponsoring a "Kew Junior Sportsman of the Year" award for 1980. This event will be run along similar lines to last years very successful award and we wish to invite your school or Club to nominate one candidate for consideration.

All sporting clubs and schools within Kew are eligible to participate and we ask that the school or club select their own champion and submit his/her name with details of achievements.

To be eligible for the award each nominee shall have been eligible to participate (up to) under 16 classification during the 1980 Sporting Year.

Each nominee will receive a medallion and the winner will receive a trophy for the "Kew Junior Sportsman of the Year". Selection of the winner will be performed by an independent panel.

All these awards will be presented at a Dinner to be held at Angelucci's Reception Centre, Kew on 7th November, 1980. The awards will be presented by the Mayor of Kew and the nominees parents, friends and coaches are invited to attend this most enjoyable evening.

All nominations should be sent to the Kew Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 7, Kew, 3101 by Monday, 20th October, 1980.

For further enquiries, please contact Mr. Doug McLaren on 861 6211.

R.A.A.V. SELF HELP GROUP

"Artie" is visiting various shopping centres during the months of September and October. However Artie is too busy to visit Kew and if you would like to meet this unusual character he will be at the Craft Market in the Hawthorn Town Hall on Sunday afternoon, October 5th to join in the fun there. Also there will be a stall selling handcrafts made by members of R.A.A.V. and Artie's special raffle tickets will be available for those who would like to take a chance on winning a trip for two to Penang or the Gold Coast. Artie is a very special research rat, and the raffle is to raise money for further research into the causes and treatment of arthritis.

KEW GARDEN CLUB

Members of Kew Garden Club would like to express their appreciation of the efforts of all participants in the recent "Boneseed Campaign", and thank them all very sincerely for the wonderful support that was given, and which brought about such gratifying results.

This year our Club has been blessed with excellent guest speakers, on a variety of gardening subjects, who through their own expertise and enthusiasm, have created and stimulated an on-going interest amongst the members.

Such a speaker is Mr. Geoff Eckberg who addressed us on "Native Plants and Plants of Special Interest" at our last meeting held on 11th September at 8 p.m. in the Hall at the Cnr. of High & Childers Streets, Kew.

Visitors are most welcome to join us at our meetings where a friendly chat and a cup of tea close the evening, so do come along.

RADAR GUIDE HELPS BLIND TO "SEE"

An inconspicuous radar device enables a blind man to move about more freely and participate more fully in his environment than would otherwise be possible.

Australian electronics engineers designed the unit for the Radar for the Blind Club.

Both radar transmitter and receiver are incorporated in a unit the size of a torch. Echo signals are transmitted to an ear piece similar to that of a normal hearing aid.

Blind people as young as five years can learn to use the radar guide very quickly.

Simple movements direct the radar beam to right and left, up and down, to scan the whole environment, and give the wearer a more comprehensive "picture" than possible with other aids for the blind.

Interpretation of the sounds produced in the receiver by the radar echoes not only warns of the approach of obstacles, it enables a practised user to assess accurately his distance from an object and move with great confidence.

Additional information obtainable includes the height of objects, such as tree branches, signs or obstacles above the ground, and the nature and level of ground surfaces.

A blind user obtains advance warning of steps, curbs, holes and bumps in footpaths and changes in ground surfaces.

The sponsors claim that a competent operator can detect a 2 in. stake at a distance of 10 ft. or a 12-gauge wire at close range, and that radar guidance will enable a blind person to move through traffic with confidence.

Designed for trouble-free operation in a wide range of climates, the radar unit is powered by a small wet-cell battery which can be recharged from domestic electric supplies.

Ability to identify the nature of surfaces both assists orientation of the blind person and broadens his aesthetic horizons. He can differentiate between glass, timber and other surfaces without touching them, and even identify upholstery and clothing materials.

CAN YOU HELP? For further information — contact "Radar for the Blind", P.O. Box 137, Preston, 3072.