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 ★ Your line of communication to activities within your City. ★
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The Project was established to raise money to assist in the building of thirty Units to accommodate older citizens of Kew, in conjunction with the existing Elder Citizens' facilities at the corner of High and Childers Streets. The present complex will supply services and activities for the residents of the new Units also.

A considerable amount of money must be found by the City of Kew - 1/2 of the cost - with, it is anticipated, 2/3rds coming from Federal Government funding.

A group of voluntary helpers give their time to operate this "OP SHOP" selling a wide variety of household goods ranging from furniture to brick-a-brack. As the shop has become known, the number of browsers and buyers has greatly increased, and the need for more goods for sale has grown.

The response from the citizens of Kew to a request for donations of any reasonable articles for sale (EXCLUDING CLOTHING), has been greatly appreciated. The knowledge that these articles not only raise funds for the Project, but also provide another person or family with much needed goods at reasonable cost, gives donors great satisfaction. If you have in your home or shed or garage, something you have no further use for, then the OP SHOP would welcome it. The people of Kew are thanked sincerely for what they have already given, and are asked for continued support. While it is difficult at times, goods can be collected. If your name was on a list which was recently inadvertently mislaid, PLEASE contact the OP SHOP again.

Because of its central position, the Project has also become a friendly "drop-in" centre, where callers can often be helped with referrals to other community services such as the Citizens' Advice Bureau. The centre commenced as a Youth Employment Scheme, and continues to help in this area wherever possible.

Local volunteer handy men and women are still required to check over household appliances, radios, T.V.'s, radiogrammes, cameras, etc., which may need only a simple repair in order to be labeled for sale "works well".

Prices are kept as low as possible,

**KEW VOLUNTARY HELPERS
 BUILDING PROJECT
 OPPORTUNITY SHOP**
**SITUATED AT 3 WALPOLE STREET KEW, BEHIND
 THE "COPY SHOP" and NEXT TO SAFEWAY STORE**



but despite this, and the fact that proceeds go to a very worthy cause, a small but sad problem has arisen with shop-lifting and price altering, which has necessitated, on legal advice, a tightening up of security.

It is felt that this Project is providing a much needed community service in the city of Kew, and the following extracts from letters which have been received, seems to confirm this:

Letter 1 writes:

"We recently moved into a rented unfurnished house in Kew. Being of low income, we were having difficulty furnishing and adequately equipping the house. We are grateful that your volunteer group has been able to retain and operate the OP SHOP. The service you provide has enabled us to buy sturdy quality furniture at cheap prices. The smaller and sundry household items were very reasonably priced, enabling us the luxury of purchasing a selection!

We were very appreciative of the interest and advice the warm friendly staff gave to us. You have been most obliging and helpful."

Letter 2 says:

Dear Mr. Wade,

I am writing to express the feelings of my husband and myself about your

Kew Employment Project and especially your Kew Opportunity Shop.

"Opportunity" is such a very apt description: first, the shop provides an opportunity to help Kew's Elderly Citizens; secondly, there is opportunity for the residents of the Kew area to donate their bric-a-brac to a worthy cause; thirdly (and most relevant to us), your shop is a golden opportunity to buy pre-loved furniture and bric-a-brac. We find a special joy in seeing the potential of a piece of furniture, and being able to renew and restore it so that it will enjoy a new life of usefulness. It is amazing how something can be recycled, often by simply cleaning or painting, to become an item which, to us, has much more meaning than expensive new things. To know that just a little care and work has gone into restoring, for example, a desk or chair, gives us much pleasure, and it's these little touches that make our home more personal. Not to mention the valuable savings.

We feel that your shop is very important, for all of the above reasons, and also because such a hub of activity in the heart of Kew provides the centre of a real community spirit. Keep up the good work!

Best wishes,"

(Names and addresses withheld)

KEW PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY

On Wednesday, November 26th, Spiros Rantos will be playing the Brahms Violin Concerto with the Kew Orchestra. Mr. Rantos is well known to Kew audiences as he conducted the orchestra before he moved to Toowoomba to be a Senior Lecturer at the Darling Downs Institute of Advanced Education. Works by Handel and Mozart will also be on the program and a composition by the conductor, Melvyn Cann.

The concert will be held in the Kew City Hall, commencing at 8 p.m. Admission is \$2.50 for adults and \$1.00 for pensioners and students. Children under 12 years are admitted free when accompanied by an adult.

The Kew Philharmonic Society provides music for listeners and players. The orchestra rehearses on Tuesday nights at the Kew Music Centre, Beresford St., East Kew and interested players are always welcome, especially in the brass and string sections. Information may be obtained from the Secretary, Mavis Washfold on 29 4697.

KEW CITY BOWMEN

The Annual Tournament, the traditional KEW GOLDEN BOW, will be held this year on Sunday, 2nd November. The venue for this event will be Willesmere Park. The Gentlemen's Round will be the Philadelphia Round of 210 arrows in total. The ladies will be shooting 2 rounds in sequence; a Canberra and an American.

An audience is always welcome (moving targets are not), so come along on Sunday 2nd to have a look at archers in action.

For information contact Mr. Gerry Hevey on 49 3852.

KEW WOMEN'S AMATEUR ATHLETIC CLUB

The Kew Women's Amateur Athletic Club would like to hear from girls 12 years and over who would be interested in joining its club.

Competitions are held on Saturdays at the George Street Athletic Oval in Doncaster.

Training is held each Wednesday at Stradbroke Park, Burke Road, Kew from 5 p.m. to 6.15 p.m.

Further details may be obtained from Mrs. Lean on 859 5531.

What's doing in KEW for November

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| Sat. | 1 | |
| Sun. | 2 | Centenary Fours, sponsored by Kew City Council at Kew Bowling Club.
Baptist Church East Kew - 10.30 a.m. Guest Preacher, Rev. Alan Daddow, returned Missionary from South Africa. |
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| | 4 | Bingo - 7.45 p.m. at Kew Civic Centre. |
| | 5 | Uniting Church East Kew - Afternoon Missionary Fellowship - 1.45 p.m. A.G.M. 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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| Sun. | 9 | Mazda Open Fours at Kew Bowling Club, Wellington Street.
Baptist Church East Kew - 10.30 a.m. Guest Preacher, Evangelist John B. White, Childrens Worker retired. |
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| | 11 | Bingo - 7.45 p.m. Kew Civic Centre. |
| | 12 | East Kew Baptist Church - 8 p.m. Colour Pictures on the Africa Evangelist Fellowship - Alan & Jean Daddow, Missionaries.
Uniting Church East Kew - Luncheon at 12.30 p.m. Speaker - Cons. Colleen Woolley - "The Role of the Police Woman in the Community". Contact 859 3625 for further details - all welcome.
Uniting Church East Kew Evening Missionary Fellowship - at 8 p.m. A.G.M.
Kew Historical Society - General Meeting at 8 p.m., Auxiliary Room, Kew Civic Centre. Guest Speaker Mrs. E. Trewarne - Hon. Sec. Heidelberg Historical Society. Slides and talk on Heidelberg.
Kew Girl Guides Local Association meeting - Auxiliary Room, Kew Civic Centre at 10.30 a.m. |
| | 13 | Save the Children Fund Meeting - 10.15 a.m., Auxiliary Room, Kew Civic Centre. |
| | 14 | Davis Street Kindergarten Twilight B.B.Q - 5.30 p.m. |
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| Sun. | 16 | Uniting Church East Kew Stewardship Challenge Sun. - Fellowship 10.00 a.m., Service 10.30 a.m.
Baptist Church East Kew - 10.30 a.m. Worship followed by Cuppa and Sunday School and Adult Groups from 11.30 a.m. to 12 noon. |
| | 17 | KEW & HAWTHORN CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU A.G.M. - Hawthorn Town Hall, 8 p.m.
Uniting Church East Kew - The Fellowship at 8 p.m. A.G.M. Open House at Kew Bowling Club to 21st Nov. The public is invited to inspect the clubrooms and greens. Refreshments provided. |
| | 18 | Modern Permanent Building Society Open Titles at Kew Bowling Club.
Bingo - 7.45 p.m. Kew Civic Centre. |
| | 19 | Uniting Church East Kew - The Guild A.G. Meeting at 1.30 p.m. All Welcome.
Guide Dog Toastmasters Club - 7.30 p.m., Conference Room, National Guide Dog Centre, Chandler Highway. Contact 861 8271. |
| | 20 | Kew Preschool Association Conference - registration closes |
| | 21 | 7/11/80. Further enquiries - 80 3634. |
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- Sun. 23 Hyde Park Uniting Church – 152 Pakington St., North Kew. Sixty-third Anniversary – 11 a.m. Rev. S. Rae and 2 p.m. Tongan Choir.
Mazda Sunday Morning Pairs at Kew Bowling Club.
Gellibrand Street Picnic at 1 p.m. All residents of Gellibrand Street are invited to meet at the Alexandra Gardens (cnr. Gellibrand St. & Cotham Rd.) for a pleasant Sunday Afternoon (weather permitting). Please B.Y.O.
Baptist Church East Kew – 10.30 a.m. – Mr. Conrad Halyburton from India, Guest Preacher.
- 24 OPEN COUNCIL – 8 p.m.
- 25 Davis Street Kindergarten A.G.M. at Kindergarten at 8 p.m.
Uniting Church East Kew – The Rowan Club at 8 p.m. Christmas Party. All Welcome.
Bingo – 7.45 p.m., Kew Civic Centre.
- 26 Uniting Church East Kew – Council of Elders meet at 7.45 p.m.
Kew Philharmonic Society Concert – 8 p.m., Kew Civic Centre.
- 27 A "Talk on Antiques" will be the theme for the fund raising morning for the Save the Children Fund in the Auxiliary Room, Kew Civic Centre. Speaker Mrs. Reed. All Welcome. \$1.00 Donation.
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- Sun. 30 Centenary Ecumenical Service – 3 p.m., Kew Bowling Club.
Baptist Church East Kew – 10.30 a.m. Worship, Sunday School and Adults Group 11.30 a.m. to 12 noon and 7 p.m. Witness.

ART CRAFT & HOME PRODUCE MARKET

A regular Art, Craft and Home Produce Market is now taking place at Kew High School, Burke Road, East Kew. On the fourth Saturday of each month, at 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. There are a variety of stalls ranging from home made cakes, picture framing and prints, health foods, jams, plants and pots, lampshades, pottery, leadlighting, baby clothes, home sewn goods and many other items.

Be there! Make it a family affair. Refreshments will also be available.

All new stall holders are welcome. For details, ring Nancy Nankervis, Community Education Officer, Kew High School on 859 8368 or 862 1884.

FETE

St. Paul's Church, cnr. Hale St. and Windella Ave., East Kew. is holding a Fete on Saturday, 15th November from 9.00 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Used clothing, Trash & Treasure, fancy goods, aprons and variety, cakes, fruit and vegetables and plants will all be on sale. All welcome, so do please come along.

100 YEARS OF BOWLING

To mark its One Hundred Years of service to its members and the municipality, the Kew Bowling Club will conduct a Thanksgiving Service at the Clubrooms in Wellington Street at 3 p.m. on Sunday 30th November.

The Service, an ecumenical one, is being arranged by a Kew member, the Rev. W. Hargreaves, who will be contacting Kew Churches. The public is invited.

A FAMOUS FARM IN KEW

by Elizabeth Mackie,
Kew Historical Society

In the early 1850's, after the Port Phillip District had become the Colony of Victoria, named after the young Queen, "The Argus" newspaper awarded a gold medal for the best farm in Victoria.

One is tempted to think the winner would be a squatter on the rich volcanic plains of the Western District, or a northern grazier, or a Gippsland farmer, but no, the winner was a local farmer in Kew!

His land consisted of the acres along the river frontage of the Yarra Yarra, on the site where Belford Road runs down towards the river, and the farm was known as "Belford Farm".

The owner was an Englishman, William Wade, a man of remarkably progressive ideas. He employed about 20 farm hands and grew crops of wheat, oats, hay and potatoes. One of his potato crops realized three thousand pounds in the Gold Rush era. He enthusiastically bought new inventions and tested imported equipment on his land, he had a fad for new machines and for this reason the farm failed to make a profit. The first steam plough was used on his farm, and "Belford Farm" was awarded the prize as the best farm in the Colony.

In December 1863 a sudden vast flood from the overflowing Yarra proved disastrous to the farm economy, the northern section of the land along Kilby Road was flooded to a depth of 15 to 20 feet.

But that is all "water under the bridge" – now the land is covered in attractive and comfortable villas with well planted gardens on the site of what was once an agriculturally progressive and experimental farm.

SCRABBLE

Scrabble with us on Friday nights in the Auxiliary Room, Kew Civic Centre at 7.45 p.m. All Welcome.

PRIMARY SCHOOL FETE

Remember Saturday 8th November, 1980. Kew Primary School are holding a Fete from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the School, Pakington Street, Kew.

There will be stalls featuring home baking - cakes and confectionery - preserves and groceries, international food, handicrafts, sewing, old books, records, clothing, toys and games, white elephant stall and plants.

There will also be many amusements including a miniature steam train, spinning wheel, horse rides, blow-up fort, art workshop, face paints, buried treasure, handball competition (with Hawthorn Football team members), coconut shy, putting competition and disco. Refreshments such as barbecues, hot dogs, Devonshire teas, fairy floss, ice cream and drinks will all be available. **So come along and enjoy yourselves and help the school.**

● INVITATION to an EXHIBITION

An exhibition of paintings, sculpture, pottery, wall hangings, ceramics, water colours and bridge cloths will be held on Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd November, 1980 at 78A Urquhart St., Hawthorn from 10.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. Donation \$1.00 (which includes Catalogue and Coffee), Children Free. Nett Proceeds are to go to Australian Red Cross (Studley Park Branch).

All items are for sale and are on display in studio and garden. Bring a friend, enjoy a coffee break, do your Christmas shopping and help the Red Cross at the same time.

COUNCIL NEWS

REPORT ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF HAY'S PADDOCK by LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURAL CONSULTANTS - GERNER, SANDERSON, FAGGETTER CHEESMAN

WHAT IS IT?

As part of compensation for land lost as a result of the construction of the Eastern Freeway, the Country Roads Board has handed over to Council an area of land adjacent to the Eastern Freeway and west of Lister Street which when combined with the adjacent Kilby Reserve, provides an open space area of approximately 14 hectares.

Council recently commissioned the Landscape Architectural firm, of Gerner, Sanderson, Faggetter Cheesman to review a concept plan prepared by Council staff for the development of this important new recreational area, and to make recommendations on any changes to that plan that were considered appropriate.

HOW IT CAME ABOUT:

The concept plan prepared in 1976 endeavoured to cater for the outdoor recreational needs, both active and passive, of as wide a cross section of the local community as possible, but at the same time retain the peaceful residential nature of the neighbourhood. These objectives resulted in the following features being included in the plan.

- Landscaping of Glass's Creek instead of a barrel drain as originally offered by the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works.
- Extensive tree planting over all the passive areas in the development.
- Vehicles encouraged to enter from Kilby Road being the closest main road rather than use other surrounding residential streets.
- Locating buildings necessary for effective use of a park of this size away from houses.
- Unfenced sporting area.

In addition, the various activity areas were located to make best use of the natural assets of Glass's Creek and the lagoon.

Although some parts of the concept plan were already completed, Council

wanted to make sure before proceeding with the total development that the best possible results would be achieved.

To this end submissions were invited from six well qualified Landscape Architectural Consultants, and after considering these, the firm of Gerner, Sanderson, Faggetter Cheesman were chosen to carry out the review.

WHERE YOU CAN SEE IT:

The Consultants report can be studied in the following ways:-

- Copies are available for perusal or loan from the City Library.
- A display and copies of the report can be viewed in the foyer of the Municipal Offices. The Offices are open till 8 p.m. Tuesdays.
- The display will be open for viewing at the Glass Street Kindergarten on Saturday, 8th November, 1980, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. during which time Council staff will be in attendance to answer questions.

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

Detailed planning and implementation of parts of the proposal scheduled to be completed during 1981, but before finalising the details, Council would be interested in any comments residents would like to make in relation to the development, and accordingly, you are invited to study the report and submit your views.

In order to enable Council to begin the task of finalising plans as early as possible in 1981, it is requested that comments be submitted by the end of November, 1980.

These should be directed to -
The City Manager,
Kew Town Hall, P.O. Box 42,
Kew, 3101

KEW TRAFFIC SCHOOL

The Kew Traffic School will be opened on the following Sunday afternoons for the remainder of 1980, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

October 26th
November 2nd
November 16th
November 23rd
November 30th
December 7th Mayoral B.B.Q.
(12 noon)

December 14th

Children and parents are welcome to attend the traffic school at the above times and dates. There is no entrance fee. For further information please contact Peter Butler on 861 6292.