



# THE KEWRIOSITY SHEET

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## FESTIVAL ISSUE

At 11.30 a.m. on the 21st. March the parade begins and with it eight days of festivities in our fair city in which thousands of citizens will be included one way or another.

How can you share? How can you be in it? All you really need do is look up the programme and go somewhere. Would you like to tour our stately old homes of Kew and perhaps have tea in one of their gardens... Go to a philharmonic concert or hear a magnificent mandolin ensemble playing the beautiful music of Handel and Mozart. You might like to play bridge or scrabble or try your hand at firing an arrow with one of those long graceful bows. On Saturday you could watch the Greek Dancers on the Portico at the Civic Centre while the children try their hands at the pavement art. But then the children would be fascinated by the magician and he is on just after the Ruyton Junior Choir. Have you heard the Madrigal singers? They are magnificent and they are on at 3.15. Look up the paper and come along. Join in the fun of the boat races on Cotham Road. Put together your own crew and you might win the Henley on Cotham Regatta and the children would love to see the Soap Box Derby. Give them a ride in the Stage Coach or encourage them with the project competition being run through the primary schools and one of them might become the Prince or Princess of Kew for the duration of the Festival. Your child can make a kite, watch the skateboard demonstration, be fascinated by the Dog Obedience School, spellbound by the Martial Arts or lost to the world among the exquisite dolls of the Doll Display. Have you ever heard of the Polygot Puppets? Don't miss them. They are on at 2.30 in the Alexandra Gardens and you will surely have heard by now of the Colonial Art and Craft Village to be set up in the Gardens.

Having come to see the parade and Paul Cronin open the festivities you can have lunch in the park as a bar-be-que lunch and other food and refreshments will be available. Watch out for Philip Brady with his roving microphone or you could become part of the official Festival Film. The film, by the way, will be available to interested parties from the Municipal Library.



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Why have a Festival and who is behind it you might well ask. The Festival is for you and behind it are hundreds of people helping other people and gaining enjoyment and satisfaction as they do so. The Scouts alone will involve approximately 150 members and supporting them will be some 150 leaders, parents and others. The Foster Parents will involve people of twenty nationalities in the cast of over 100 people in their Multicultural concert. The schools, kindergartens, churches, service groups and the many, many clubs are providing hundreds of other contributors. The City Manager and his staff readily provide their indispensable support. The Mayor and each Councillor enthusiastically gives his or her patronage and full support. At the very apex of this inverted pyramid of people is the small Festival Committee. (By the way, if you feel you could contribute on next year's committee please phone Peter Butler at the Municipal Offices).

It is truly a people helping situation and it involves you. All that is asked of you is to come along and share in some activity that takes your fancy.

## TYPICAL CRAFTWORK OF THE COLONIAL PERIOD

A reconstructed Colonial Tent Town in the Alexandra Gardens will be a special event on the opening day of the 1981 Kew Festival.

Stefan Nechwatal, a local resident and woodworker has organized a gathering of fellow crafts people, who will display and demonstrate craftwork typical of the Colonial period but not often seen by today's public. Invaluable help and guidance has been given to the project by Maggie Durinck of the Crafts Council of Victoria.

The tent town will operate from 12 noon on Saturday 21st. March following the Parade and will terminate at 5.30 p.m. on that day. The public is invited along for this rare opportunity to see craftsmen at work. A full range of handcrafted wares will be for sale.

Stefan is shown here putting the finishing touches to a Californian dresser of old pine. Stefan who has a gallery in Camberwell will demonstrate primitive furniture and woodwork in the gardens. His will be just one of the exciting displays.



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The following craftspeople will set up in the town -

- (i) Well known Melbourne Blacksmith Tony Dunlop.
- (ii) Horman Family - Herbal crafts, soap, confectionery.
- (iii) Stefan Nechwatal - primitive furniture and woodwork.
- (iv) Patchworkers and Quilters Guild.
- (v) Weavers and Spinners Guild.
- (vi) Raku and hand thrown pottery - Kay Scott.
- (vii) Billy Tea and damper - Dave and Kay Munro.
- (viii) Laceworkers Guild.
- (ix) Pressed wild flowers, handmade stationery, childrens clothing - Chris and Maggie Golightly.

## FESTIVAL PHOTO COMPETITION

FREEMAN'S PHARMACY of 637 High Street, East Kew, in conjunction with PACIFIC FILM LABORATORIES, are sponsoring a photographic competition open to children 14 years and under during the KEW COMMUNITY FESTIVAL.

The subject must be of the opening parade or scenes in the ALEXANDRA GARDENS on the first day of the Festival, Saturday 21st. March.

ENTRIES will only be accepted at FREEMAN'S PHARMACY, 637 High Street, East Kew, up to 6.00 p.m. on Friday, 27th. March. Name, address, date of birth and telephone number of entrant must be written on back of photo. Either BLACK AND WHITE or COLOUR PRINTS will be accepted. All entries remain the property of the Pharmacy and judgement by an independent panel will be final.

The prize is a COMPACT 35 mm. CAMERA, approximate value \$90 and a consolation prize of a poster print will be presented to at least one other competitor.

Freeman's Pharmacy is also offering a FREE MINI ALBUM (holds 20 prints) during the Festival period.

## CHILDREN'S SINGALONG

Come and join in at the Kew Civic Centre on KEWFUN DAY, Saturday 21st. March, 1981.

Events on the Portico begin at 12.00, after the Parade and Grand Opening, but there is a special segment at 3.45 for all children to come and sing their favourite songs together. Many well known songs from "Play School" Kindergarten and Prep Grades have been prepared, so be sure to come and help us choose some of your own special songs.

# What's doing in KEW for MARCH

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| Sun. | 1  | Baptist Church East Kew - Worship 10.30 a.m. followed by cuppa. 11.45 a.m. to 12.15 p.m. - Discussion Groups and all age Sunday School.  |
|      | 2  | North Kew Branch of A.L.P. - Public Meeting at St. Paul's Church Hall, East Kew, Corner Hale Street and Windella Avenue. Speaker - Steve Crabb, Labour Spokesman on Transport with reference to "E6 Feeder Road". All welcome - 8 p.m. |
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|      | 4  | Uniting Church East Kew - 1.30 p.m. Afternoon Missionary Fellowship. "Inland Aborigines" - All welcome. Further information Mrs. Barnard 848 5212.   |
|      |    | Baptist Church East Kew - Women's Missionary Fellowship. 10 a.m. in Church. Guest Speaker - Rev. Graham Williams - Zambia.   |
|      |    | Kew A.L.P. Meeting - Harry Wiels, 195 Cotham Road, Kew. "Alcoa" - further information 861 8749.  |
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|      | 6  | Women's World Day of Prayer - 11 a.m. at St. Anne's.   |
|      |    | Kew Chess Club meet at Auxiliary Room, Kew Civic Centre - 7.30 p.m.  |
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| Sun. | 8  | Baptist Church East Kew. Worship - 10.30 a.m. Discussion Groups and all age Sunday School - 11.45 a.m. to 12.15 p.m.   |
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|      | 11 | Uniting Church East Kew - 8 p.m. Evening Missionary Fellowship - Speaker Miss Lilian Wilson - Kampuchea. All Welcome. Further information Mrs. Holland 859 1220.   |
|      |    | Kew Historical Society - General Meeting - Auxiliary Room - 7.45 p.m.  |
|      | 12 | Save the Children Fund - Monthly Meeting at Auxiliary Room - Kew Civic Centre - 10.15 a.m.   |
|      | 13 | Uniting Church East Kew - 8 p.m. - The Fellowship - Jack Witty - The story of the British Churches (with slides) - Information Mr. H. Clark 859 1229.  |
|      |    | Kew Chess Club - Auxiliary Room, Kew Civic Centre - 7.30 p.m.  |
|      |    | Lions Caravan will have goods for sale, handmade by Arts and Crafts Auxiliary of the Rheumatism and Arthritis Association of Victoria.   |
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| Sun. | 15 | Baptist Church East Kew - Worship 10.30 a.m. Communion - 7 p.m.  |
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|      | 17 | OPEN COUNCIL - 8 p.m.  |
|      | 18 | Uniting Church East Kew - 1.30 p.m. - The Guild - Miss Margaret Lester - "Year of the Disabled" - Information Mrs. Roberts 859 3625.   |
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|      | 20 | Kew Chess Club - 7.30 p.m. - Auxiliary Room.   |
|      | 21 | KING KEW FUN DAY - Starting 11.30 a.m.   |
| Sun. | 22 | Baptist Church East Kew - Worship 10.30 a.m.; Sunday School 11.45 a.m.; Singalong 7 p.m. with Mrs. Joan Baxter at the Baldwin Organ.   |
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|      | 24 | Uniting Church East Kew - 8 p.m. The Rowan Club. Open Discussion - Information Miss Park 859 3788.   |
|      |    | R.A.A.V. Self Help Group meeting in Auxiliary Room at 10.30 a.m. - Bamix Demonstration.  |
|      |    | Kew Philharmonic Society - Open Rehearsal at the Kew Music Centre, Beresford Road, East Kew at 8 p.m. Supper will be served.   |
|      | 25 | Uniting Church East Kew - 7.45 p.m. - Annual Congregational Meeting.   |
|      |    | Craft Barn, Kew High School - 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.  |



- 26 Slides of Sri Lanka by Mrs. Barnett for the Save the Children Fund — Donation \$1 includes morning tea. Auxiliary Room, Kew Civic Centre at 10.45 a.m.
- 27 Uniting Church East Kew — 6.30 p.m. Dinner and Music in Church Hall. Contact 859 3788 or 859 3473. Booking is necessary.  
Uniting Church East Kew — 7.30 p.m. Youth Activities. Phone 859 1206 or 380 1612 for information.  
Kew Chess Club — 7.30 p.m. — Auxiliary Room.
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- Sun. 29 Uniting Church East Kew - 10.30 a.m. Family Service followed by fellowship with Tea and Coffee — All welcome.  
Baptist Church East Kew — 10.30 a.m. Rev. Stan Simmons speaks on "Renewal". 11.45 a.m. — Sunday School and Discussion Groups. 7 p.m. — Youth Service led by an undergraduate from the Bible College of Victoria.
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## FESTIVAL CONCERT

The Kew Philharmonic Society's Festival Concert will be held on Sunday March 22nd. at 2.30 p.m. in the Kew City Hall.

The P.L.C. choir will be giving special items. Works by Mendelssohn, Rossini, Vaughan Williams will be played by the orchestra.

Admission \$2.50, Pensioners and Students \$1.00 and children under 12 years, accompanied by an adult, are admitted free.

Everyone interested in music is invited to an Open Rehearsal at the Kew Music Centre, Beresford Street, East Kew (in the grounds of the East Kew Primary School) on Tuesday 24th. March at 8 p.m. Come and listen to the orchestra rehearsing and enjoy supper with the players. Free.

For further information please contact the secretary, Mavis Washfold, 29 4677.

## INTERLUDE

"INTERLUDE" is a group of young people from the Youth Group of the Uniting Church of East Kew, who enjoy making music and more particularly like to sing. The group was originally formed from those who were interested to assist in worship services by providing appropriate music from time to time, and members have also enjoyed singing to various community groups during the past two years.

Come and hear them presenting an enjoyable selection at the Kew Community Festival, on Saturday, March 21st. 1981 at 5.15 p.m. Their open air performance on the Portico of the Civic Offices will be a wonderful climax to the day's entertaining programme, which opens at 11.30 a.m. with a Grand Parade. Concert items continue from 12 noon until 6 p.m.

## MUSIC MAKERS OF KEW

The first Annual Music Makers Concert conducted by the Kew Music Centre was held at the MLC Theatre on Sunday 12th. October last year.

All the regular users of the Centre, such as the Kew East Primary School, the School Band, St. Anne's Primary School, the Kew Philharmonic Orchestra, the Victorian Youth Symphonic Band, Forma Q and the Kew Citizens' Band performed various items which were enthusiastically acclaimed by the four hundred strong audience. The afternoon's entertainment was capped off by the first-class professionalism of the master of ceremonies, media personality Philip Brady.

The concert, whilst aiming to raise funds to assist in the recurrent and long-term maintenance of the Centre, also presented an excellent opportunity for each group and the citizens of Kew at large to witness the musical progress being made by the users of the Centre. Kew is indeed fortunate in having such a unique Centre which is available for use outside school hours by community musical and theatrical groups.

At the present time, a limited number of periods during the week and the week-end are available for booking by groups or individuals on a long-term or casual basis. Interested parties should contact the Chairman of the Board, Mr. Ian Mathers on 354 7886 or the Secretary, Mr. John Walsh on 861 8581 for further information including the low rental charges.

## THE ALEXANDRA GARDENS

by Elizabeth Mackie  
Kew Historical Society

The Alexandra Gardens form an oasis of green in busy Cotham Road. At Christmastime the gardens flicker with candles for the Carols by Candlelight Service first inaugurated by the Inter-Church Council of Kew in 1966. During March 1981 the gardens will be a central meeting place for the Kew Festival.

In 1905 the land in Cotham Road was purchased from Mrs. King for two thousand five hundred pounds, and the site was named after Queen Alexandra. On April 8th. 1908 the gardens were officially opened to the public by His Excellency the Governor, Sir Reginald Talbot. They contain many fine botanical specimens including an impressive Himalayan Pine, and in the spring the gardens are decorated with the claret and white petals of the ornamental magnolias. The gold fish pond and bridge is also a feature of the garden. At the western entrance there is an ornate Victorian drinking fountain carved in white marble, which was erected to celebrate Queen Victoria's Jubilee in 1887.

In times gone by the gardens were more frequented than they are today. Young girls and boys used to meet there after Sunday School classes to see their friends, and many residents promenaded in the gardens on a fine Sunday afternoon. In 1911 Moonlight Concerts were held, when the City Band played in the Rotunda (now demolished). The 1960 Centenary Celebrations for the citizens of Kew were held in the specially tended gardens, a colourful and spectacular scene. To mark the occasion, the Mayor of Kew, Councillor Dickenson O.B.E., the founder and former president of our Kew Historical Society, planted a blue cedar pine tree adjacent to the City Hall. The Alexandra Gardens have remained a focal point for the people in Kew.

## HYDE PARK FELLOWSHIP

The next meeting of the Hyde Park Fellowship will be held on Wednesday 4th. March at 2 p.m. Susan Sandral will be our Guest Speaker. Susan has spent a number of years in Indonesia working with the Overseas Missionary Fellowship, and is home on furlough just now. So if you would like to hear about the work that is being done by O.M.F. please come along and join us, you will be made very welcome. Afternoon tea is served at the conclusion of the meeting.



# ENGLISH CLASSES for MIGRANT WOMEN

Baby Health Centre, Cnr. Denmark & Wellington Streets



The class has been running at the Health Centre for six years, and is held on Mondays (except School Holidays) from 9.45 - 11.45 a.m. commencing Monday 16th. February. The lessons are free, and are sponsored by the Adult Migrant Education Branch, who provide the text books. It is one of a number of similar classes held throughout the suburbs.

The class caters for a particular group, women who for many reasons have not had the opportunity to learn English elsewhere. The emphasis is on the needs of this group, and topics requested by the students include a visit to the doctor, filling in forms, answering the telephone, notes from school, and even writing out school lunch orders, as well as the normal course.

The lessons are quite informal, and the students learn by the 'Situational Method', in which the teacher creates a situation, then teaches the language appropriate to that situation. This allows students of many nationalities to learn together, and the class last year included Greek, Italian, Chinese,

Japanese, Vietnamese, Armenian and Indian students. The ages of the students varies from the early twenties to the seventies. The emphasis is on usable conversational English.

The fact that the class is held at the Health Centre is a great advantage as the women are confident about going to a familiar and reputable place.

Many migrant women are very lonely, and because of language difficulties, lack the confidence to become involved in kindergarten, school or other activities. Their children often suffer because notes sent home from school, party invitations, etc. are not understood and therefore ignored. The classes themselves also offer the chance of forming new friendships.

During the six years the class has been running, approximately seventy students have attended, many of whom have now gained enough confidence to find jobs.

Enquiries - Teacher (Mrs. Carolyn Burns) 80 3803 (Home) - Health Centre 861 9835.

# CITIZENS' ADVICE BUREAU

As 1981 has been declared the "International Year of the Disabled Person", there will no doubt be many activities organized with an accent on promoting events to raise awareness of how disabled people live and cope with their disabilities.

The Bureau would be interested to hear from anyone involved in organizing any special activities or facilities in recognition of the Year of the Disabled Person.

The C.A.B. endeavours to keep an up-to-date resource file on many activities and groups of interest to the community, as well as assisting with information in areas such as: Pensions, Local Information, Family or Personal Problems, Alcoholism and Drugs, Social and Domiciliary Services.

The Bureau is open between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday to Friday, and there is a free Legal Service and help available on Tuesday evenings from 7.30 to 9 p.m.

The C.A.B. is run entirely by trained volunteers and all help and information is free and confidential.

## "Full Participation and Equality"

By M.J. Myers,  
Treasurer R.A.A.V. Arts & Crafts Auxiliary

1981 is the International Year of Disabled Persons. People who belong to disabled groups are planning to demonstrate that they can participate fully in the life of their communities. During this year a number of events will endeavour to "Break Down the Barriers" and if we are not disabled I believe we should support these events as they are advertised and try to gain a better understanding of the way the world looks to a disabled person. Are we doing something toward the prevention of disabilities? Do we have a positive attitude toward the disabled, and do we acknowledge their right to participate fully in the life of our community.

The Rheumatism and Arthritis Association of Victoria is one of the Associations represented on the Committee of I.Y.D.P. Our Kew R.A.A.V. Self Help Group is planning to play a small part in the I.Y.D.P. by giving information and selling hand-crafted articles from the Lions caravan on Friday the 13th. of March.