

THE KEWRIOSITY SHEET

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ART Exhibition Trinity Grammar School

Boys working at pottery wheels, painting murals, dreaming behind puppet masks are some of the activities to be seen at the 2nd. School Exhibition to be held at Trinity Grammar School on the weekend of July 15th., 16th.. and 17th.

The exhibition will be opened on Friday 15th. July at 7.30 p.m. in the Parents and Friends' Hall of the school. At frequent intervals throughout the evening, boys will sing and perform either as soloists or in instrumental groups.

On Saturday and Sunday afternoons between 2.00 and 5.00 p.m., boys will work at pottery wheels, and paint movable murals to be later erected about the school. Visitors will be asked to help with some of these paintings and so that they cannot use the excuse of "no talent for art", one mural is to be painted by numbers!

Should be an interesting weekend.

A NEW MUSICAL at St. Hilary's Kew



● Joanne Watt at rehearsal

"Rocky & the Bloke" is the catchy title of a new musical to be performed at St. Hilary's Anglican Church Hall, Kew at the end of June.

Performed principally by members of the St. Hilary's youth group, the show promises to be great entertainment for both teenagers and adults alike.

The story-line is topical. It deals with the apprehensions and joys of a group of typical school kids approaching decision-time for jobs, careers, further study, unemployment or the dole. Each kid deals with his plans, or lack of them, in a different way.

The play is brought to life by the use of live music, singing and dance, and a clever mix of drama and humour.

St. Hilary's will perform "Rocky & the Bloke" on Thursday 30th June, Friday 1st and Saturday 2nd July, at the church hall, 12 John Street, Kew at 8.00 p.m. A St. Hilary's spokesperson has warmly invited all-comers, but suggests that it would be wise to book in advance.

Bookings can be made during office hours by calling at the church office, 12 John Street, Kew or by ringing 80 1236 B.H. or 80 5950 A.H.

Cost of tickets is a very reasonable \$3.00 with concessions of \$1.50 available for pensioners and children under 14.

The cast has been busy rehearsing every Thursday and Saturday night over several months, a very complex task as the musical actually incorporates a play within a play. This has meant a large cast with adults and teenagers from a wide cross-section of the St. Hilary's congregation all mixed in together.

This is the first time "Rocky & the Bloke" will be performed in Melbourne, following a very successful season (under another name) in the country. It is directed by the script writers, Ellaine & Russell Downie.

For further information, you could contact Geoffrey Buchanan 658 8477 B.H. or Ellaine Downie 80 2036 any time.

Visitors Welcome!

The Rheumatism and Arthritis Association of Victoria Self Help Group's Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday 26th. July at 10.30 a.m. in the Auxiliary Room, Kew Civic Centre.

The Guest Speaker will be from the Rheumatism and Arthritis Association of Victoria and visitors are

always welcome to attend Group Meetings.

The Action programme for 1983 covers Research, Education and Service.

For further information please contact the President on 862 2021, or the R.A.A.V. Office, Yarra Boulevard, Kew - Phone 862 2555.

UNITING CHURCH CONGREGATIONAL CASSEROLE DINNER

A Congregational Casserole Dinner will be held by the East Kew Uniting Church from 7.00 to 9.30 p.m. on Friday 8th. July.

This night is organised by the Parish Council Fellowship Committee and is a family night of Good Food Good Fellowship and this year a Good Musical Program – so come along and have fun.

Donation \$2.50 Adults, \$1.00 children.

Contact Person – Phyllis Duncan who can be reached on 859 5477.

1st KEW SCOUT GROUP BOTTLE RECYCLING DEPOT CHANGE

Residents are advised that the 1st Kew Scout Group's Bottle Recycling Depot at the Scout Hall (corner Childers & Disraeli Streets) is no longer operating.

Bottles and newspapers may be deposited at the Holy Trinity Church Recycling Centre (Peel Street) between the hours of 8 a.m. and 12 noon Saturday.

NATIVE PLANT GROUP

SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND

The S.C.F. Meeting will be held on Thursday July 14th. at 10.15 a.m. in the Auxiliary Room, Kew Civic Centre.

The S.C.F. Fund Raising Morning will be on Thursday 28th. July in the Auxiliary Room at 10.15 a.m. Mrs. Tudor will give a talk on "Children in Our Institutions."

Morning tea will be served and there will be a sales table.

Donation \$1.00

KEW CITIZENS' ADVICE BUREAU

Anything you need to know about or discuss?

You can do this at Kew Citizens' Advice Bureau, opposite the Kew Library, Cotham Road, Kew, with friendly volunteers trained to give free and confidential help on any sort of query. Open Monday – Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. 861 5244. Free Legal Advice – Tuesday – 7.30 to 9.00 p.m.

KEW HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The next monthly meeting of the Kew Historical Society will be held on Wednesday 13th. July at 8 p.m. in the Auxiliary Room, Kew Civic Centre. The Guest Speaker will be Barbara Giles.

This month's meeting will take the form of a trip through the West Australian bush – with camera. The slides will be presented by one of our own members, Mrs. Elsie Costermans, who toured the West with a group from the Field Naturalists' Club.

Date and Place: 8 p.m. Wednesday 17th. July at 64 Elliott Avenue, Balwyn. Please phone 859 8086 for inquiries.

All Welcome.

KEW LIBRARY

Many people have expressed interest recently in the window display presented in the Library foyer. Some of these are the work of the Library staff, while others have been put together by outside groups such as the Kew Historical Society, and the Girl Guides.

Planned forthcoming displays include such diverse subjects as London – Embroidery – Oil – Asia – Exploration.

Billabong Club for Boys and Girls Primary School Age

How about joining our after school club? It will be held at Kew Baptist Church, Highbury Grove, Kew every Wednesday from 4.00 to 5.30 p.m.

It will run for 8 to 10 weeks of this school term, with lots of fun, games, craft, music, stories, etc.

It's an exciting program and it's all FREE. Afternoon tea will be served.

Come along and bring a friend, we'd love to have you join with us.

THE TREASURES OF OUR CITY

An amazing number of elegant houses, Edwardian, Victorian and recent, adorn our streets.

Few of them are on the major traffic routes, some are unseen behind high fences and well grown trees, others front secluded streets, others like Villa Alba, have been almost forgotten. The amazing painted walls of this house had survived, with almost no damage, years of the house's occupation as a Nurses' Home.

Most people have a favorite house they love to describe, but often details of its history are lacking.

Our Town Planner, Mr. John Waugh, has a scheme under way to give a picture of Kew at three stages in its history, by preparing 'slices' from rate book data which will give an accurate representation of the city's growth, in map form.

Another project is a listing of all houses which seem likely because of their age to be of interest, cottages as well as mansions. He is preparing a submission for a Heritage Grant to subsidise the cost of investigating the historical significance and the architectural value of houses and street-scapes (the work would be done by a suitable consultant) and because of Kew's richness of old houses, feels that the application could well be successful.

Once again the help of knowledgeable citizens is looked for.

We have modern treasures too. The members of Kew Historical Society recently were shown by the artist, Mr. Louis Kahan, the ten windows which he designed and executed for the Synagogue in Malmsbury Street.

As we entered the Temple the sun came out, and the windows, in the west wall, glowed with color, which streamed across the building, the eye drawn first to a hand raised in golden blessing, the hand of God when he blessed on the sixth day the world he had created.

The seven days of creation are shown in imaginative and varied form, the creation of light, the firmament divided from the waters under and over the earth symbolized in brilliance of color and richness of design.

As we studied the fourth day, sun moon and stars, and the fifth, the creation of living things, filling the window with their multiplicity of form, Mr. Kahan told us of the constrictions which this form imposes on the artist. Each piece of glass is chosen individually, and joined with lead to its neighbour, some of these windows containing as many as fifty different colors, and though a full size cartoon is drawn for the window, the artist never sees the full effect until the window is in place and the light falls through it.

In the case of these windows an added difficulty was that he must work within the existing window frame work, of nine panels divided by three heavier uprights which must be considered in relation to the design so they would not dominate the total effect.

We moved upstairs for a closer look at the technique and detail of these splendid windows. The hand in blessing held within it many living things, shaped by the glass pieces, Adam and Eve in the upraised fingers, a lizard in the thumb, a deer leaping in the palm. We saw variations of tone and texture which gave the window its lively glow, and the play of the artist's fancy in the almost-kept secret of the beasts it contains.

The seventh window, the day of rest, is a peaceful abstract in which seven points are the seven days, and the shape of the initial letter of the Sabbath is to be seen in blue.

The three remaining windows represent the Tree of Life - Happiness,

the Flood - Promise, and the Tower of Babel - Faith. Yet everyone can make their own interpretation, said Mr. Kahan, ambiguity is part of art. If it gives a good feeling, it has succeeded.

Significantly, each design has a circular movement, the circle of Perfection.

These windows were donated by the Smorgan family, in memory of their son who died young. Mr. Kahan donated his time, his art and his craftsman's skill to the project.

Painting in glass is painting with light, says Mr. Kahan, a statement which sits aptly with the joyous and poetic response, both conscious and unconscious, these pictures draw from the beholder.

Yes, certainly a treasure, these memorial windows.

C.A.B. Volunteers Wanted

The Kew/Hawthorn Citizens' Advice Bureau would like to be in touch with men or women of any age who would be interested in training to work as volunteers in the Bureau.
Enquiries - Please ring 818 5643.

Daytime Garden Club

Having trouble with your camellias or not too sure what to do when??

Come along and hear Nance Morley and Yvonne Knight on Monday 25th. July - 1.00 p.m. at the Uniting Church, Highbury Grove, Kew.

No only will you be able to hear about caring for your camellias but there will be ample opportunity to ask those questions you have been dying to ask for ages but didn't know who to ask.

East Kew Uniting Church

- Wed. 6th 1.30 p.m. The afternoon Missionary Fellowship meet – The speaker will be Mrs. McGrist. For information contact Mrs. Bresnahan on 82 6221.
- Wed. 13th 8.00 p.m. The Evening Missionary Fellowship meet – The Speaker will be Sister Cath. Mc.Kenzie, Co-Founder of Ill-Sid Hospital in Korea. For information contact Mrs. Calder on 859 5159.
- Mon. 18th 8.00 p.m. The Fellowship meet – The speaker will be Mr. Roy Calder “Rotary in Papua New Guinea”. For information contact Mr. H. Clark on 859 1229.
- Tues. 19th 7.45 p.m. Bourke Presbytery Youth Advisory Council – Annual Meeting – For information contact Tom Carpenter on 857 5045 or Ian Coker on 288 2683.
- Wed. 20th 1.30 p.m. The Guild meet – The use of, advantages of, and how the ‘Monitor’ can be of assistance. For information contact Mrs. Sutton on 80 2525.
- Tues. 26th 8.00 p.m. The Rowan Club meet – Birthday Meeting – Please check with Secretary Miss Park on 859 3788 for location etc.

KEW GARDEN CLUB

On Thursday 14th. July at 8 p.m. it will probably be cold. It might even be raining! So if everything in your garden is lovely, so to speak, DON'T come to the Garden Club Meeting in the Elder Citizens' Hall, Corner High and Childers Streets.

But, if your rhubarb rots, your daphne droops and there's rust on the rhodos, this is your special night. Our own Yvonne Knight, Fellow of the Royal Horticultural Society of Victoria, will be on hand to advise you how to restore your plants to health and vigour.

And to promote your health and vigour, there'll be a slap-up supper. There's a catch to all this of course – you are asked to bring a plate.

All welcome.



EVENING MISSION GROUP

The Uniting Church, Highbury Grove, Evening Mission Group, will hold their next meeting on Wednesday 27th. July at 8.00 p.m.

The topic will be “Aborigines in Victoria Study”.

All Welcome.

HYDE PARK Fellowship

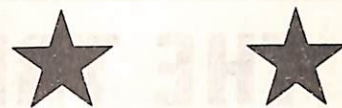


Are you doing anything on Wednesday 13th. July? If not, why not come along and join us at Hyde Park Uniting Church, Pakington Street, Kew at 2.00 p.m.

Mrs. Bysouth has kindly promised to come along and show us how to make tablecloths, tee shirts etc., more attractive by painting designs on them.

As usual, afternoon tea will be served in the hall at the conclusion of our meeting.

Come along and join us, all are assured of a very warm welcome.



“Rotaract Rave”

July is going to be an interesting month for our club. We will be going to dances at Eaglehawk, Heidelberg (a ‘pink’ night) and Frankston to welcome new club and district committees for the coming year. We have already held our own ‘Changeover’ and joined Hawthorn at “Shufty’s” Theatre Restaurant for theirs.

Our meetings for this month include a visit to A.P.M.’s Fairfield Mill and on July 18th. Captain Skelton from the Salvation Army in Hawthorn will be speaking to us about the Salvo’s work in this region.

Have you been to the Blood Bank? Come with us on Monday 25th. July. We will be helping at Kew Cottages in the canteen on Sunday 3rd. July.

Would you like to visit Hawthorn and Berwick with us or spend a week-end skiing?

Our new members are enjoying themselves ‘heaps’.

For further information please ring Jenny on 862 1509.

SCRABBLE

“Scrabble” in the Auxiliary Room on Friday nights – 7.45 p.m.

EVERYONE WELCOME