



# R.A.A.V. ACTION PROGRAM

## KEW LIBRARY

Many borrowers find that it is difficult to locate the book they require from among the 60,000 books on the shelves at Kew Library, and the staff recognise that this is a problem. We do have systems that will help with this: non-fiction books are in subject sequence on the shelves, and books are listed in the catalogue with separate entries under author, title and subject-matter.

We realise that many people see the Library as a "self-service" institution, and browsing as a pleasant relaxation. However, self-service and browsing often fail when one is looking for a particular book or one on some special subject. At these times, assistance may be required.

*The Library staff are always happy to help you in locating what you want. Please don't go away unsatisfied. Ask for help.*

## Council Immunizations

The Council is offering a full range of vaccines for infants and young children at its next session for the Rubella vaccination. The Rubella vaccine is available for all females of child bearing age.

The session will be held in Auxiliary Room 2 at the Municipal Offices on **Tuesday, 9th August, 1983 between 6.00 p.m. & 7.00 p.m.**

Any enquiries should be directed to the Health Surveyor's Department on 862 2466 or any of the Infant Welfare Centres.

## 1983

- RESEARCH
- EDUCATION
- SERVICE

The Rheumatism and Arthritis Association of Victoria has a **SELF HELP GROUP** which meets at the Kew Civic Centre on the 4th Tuesday of each month.

Our next meeting will be held in the Auxiliary Room on 23rd August, at 10.30 a.m. Guest Speaker will be **Dr. W. Comper, Research Scientist, Monash University.**

Visitors are always welcome to attend these R.A.A.V. Self Help Group Meetings. For further information you may phone our President on 862 2021 or the R.A.A.V. office, Yarra Boulevard, Kew — 862 2555.

## SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND

The next meeting of the Save the Children Fund will be held on 11th August in the Auxiliary Room, Kew Civic Centre, at 10.45 a.m. New members welcome.

## CAN YOU SPARE SOME TIME FOR YOUR NEIGHBOURS?

**The Council is in urgent need of your assistance (and that of your friend/s) for the delivery of Meals on Wheels to Kew's many frail, elderly residents.**

The delivery takes about one hour, and as many of our regular volunteers are either ill or away

## MEET THE EDITOR OF "Gardening News"

The Early Planning for Retirement Group Kew Branch, will introduce as its guest speaker **Mr. John Patrick, who is a lecturer at the Burnley Horticultural College.** On exchange duty from the United Kingdom, he is an expert on English gardens, their designs and historical origins. Backing up his talk, he will show some beautiful and interesting slides. Currently, he is Editor of "Gardening News" and we are most fortunate to have Mr. Patrick as our guest speaker. So do please come and bring a friend.

This meeting will be held on Thursday, 25th August at 7.45 p.m. in the Auxiliary Room, Kew Civic Centre.

## SCRABBLE

Scrabble evenings are held every Friday night at 7.45 p.m. in the Auxiliary Room, Kew Civic Centre. All welcome.

during the winter months, we would appreciate any help you may be prepared to give.

*If you can spare this small amount of time to help your elderly neighbours, please phone Mrs. Pat Grydzyn, Meals on Wheels Supervisor, on 861 7308.*



## CORRECTION

Bottles and Papers can be recycled at Holy Trinity Church Centre (Peel Street) not just Saturday morning BUT 8.00a.m. to 12 noon Monday to Friday as well.

## COMMUNITY CENTRE??

The residents of North Kew are meeting to discuss the need for a Community Centre. Kew Council is about to investigate development options for the Swimming pool and Council Depot site. This is because Kew Council is moving the present Depot to a new site. The residents now have an excellent opportunity to voice their ideas on how the site can be developed in a way to enhance the quality of life in Kew.

The North Ward Action Group will be having a meeting on 11th August at 8.00 p.m. in the Peel Street Infant Welfare Centre. If you have any queries, contact David Maxwell on 861 7565 or Wendy Smith on 862 3061.

## KEW ROTARACT

Rotaract has a full calendar for the month of August, as can be seen from the following:-

**Monday, 1st August:** Club Meeting at 7.45 p.m. in the Auxiliary Rooms, Kew Civic Centre. Phone 82 4899 — We might be going to A.P.M.

**Monday, 15th August:** Club Meeting at 7.45 p.m. in the Auxiliary Rooms, Kew Civic Centre, with Guest Speaker. Phone 82 4899.

**Monday, 22nd August:** Odyssey House Visit.

**Monday, 29th August:** A night out for Dinner with Sunshine and Northcote Rotaract Clubs. 18-28 year olds, come along. Phone 82 4899 for venue.

**Tuesday, 9th August:** We are taking people from Hamer Court to a concert at Monash University.

## UNITING CHURCH EAST KEW

- Wed. 3rd 1.30 p.m. THE AFTERNOON MISSIONARY FELLOWSHIP meet. The speaker will be Mrs. Pat Bott, a member of the U.C.F. Executive and Convenor of the Prayer Fellowship. For more information contact Mrs. Bresnahan 82 6221.
- Wed. 10th 8.00 p.m. THE EVENING MISSIONARY FELLOWSHIP 'Thanksgiving Meeting'. For more information contact Mrs. Calder on 859 5159.
- Mon. 15th 8.00 p.m. THE FELLOWSHIP meet and Norm and Mavis Bartel will show 'Scenes of the Iron Curtain Countries'. For more information contact Harold Clark on 859 1229.
- Wed. 17th 1.30 p.m. THE GUILD meet and Evlyn and Jack Pollard will talk about Canada and Alaska. For more information contact Mrs. Sutton on 80 2525.
- Tue. 23rd 8.00 p.m. THE ROWAN CLUB meet. There will be the screening of an audio visual entitled 'Deaconesses — Love and Service.'

## S.C.F. FUND RAISING MORNING

A Save the Children Fund Raising Morning will be held on Thursday, 25th August, in the Auxiliary Room, Kew Civic Centre at 10.15 a.m. — \$1.00 Donation.

Mrs. Robinson will demonstrate "Kings Court" presentations. Morning tea included.

## KEW RECREATION PROGRAM TERM III — 1983

### YOGA FOR BEGINNERS:

with Pauline Nemeh (need to wear loose fitting clothes and bring a blanket).

**19th, 26th Sept., & 3rd, 10th Oct.**

*Cost \$12.00. Class limit: 15.*

### INDIAN COOKING:

with Rhonda McCan - **26th Sept.**

*Cost \$3.00. Class limit: 15.*

**MARZIPAN FRUITS** (for that extra special gift).

with Peta Zito - **3rd October.**

*Cost \$3.00 plus materials. Class limit: 10.*

### FUNCRAFT FOR FETES:

with Judy Bailey & Joy Michell - **10th, 17th October.**

*Cost \$6.00. Class limit: 15.*

### DECORATIVE DOUGHCRAFT

with Sheryl Hatton - with emphasis on Xmas decoration and gifts - **24th, 31st October.**

*Cost \$6.00 plus materials. Class limit: 10.*

### MACRAME:

with June Hart - **17th, 24th, 31st Oct. and 7th Nov.**

*Cost \$12.00 plus materials. Class limit: 8.*

### FUN WITH FABRIC:

with Ann Handley (learn to make novel Xmas gifts - picture frames, lined baskets, children's mobiles, etc.)

*Cost \$6.00 plus materials. Class limit: 8.*

All courses are held on **Mondays** (dates as stated above) **9.30-11.30 a.m. at the Uniting Church Hall, Highbury Grove, Kew, 3101.**

Enrolment forms are available at the Kew Library, Civic Centre, and Infant Welfare Centres.

For further enquiries ring 862 1836 or 861 7809.



# KEW IN THAT OTHER DEPRESSION

by Barbara Giles

In the thirties the population of Kew was almost as large as it is today. The number of houses was much smaller, families were larger, and for some of those families life must have been a battle during 'The' Depression. Kew being a 'better' suburb, many must have lived on savings for a while, but a time came when there were so many desperate victims of hard times that the unemployed in Kew called a meeting in Brougham Street and sent a deputation from the meeting to the Council.

No doubt they were more sympathetically received than had been similar deputations to Government in the Depression of the Nineties (Sir Edmund Barton, then Prime Minister, told a deputation that Government could not and should not interfere with the laws of political economy) for not long after, in 1931, the Council engaged itself to find work for citizens under the Unemployment Relief Scheme.

When the depression hit, which it did with unprecedented swiftness, there was no official scheme for aid to the unemployed. Food orders were given at first, and then some relief was given, but at a very low rate, and if more than a certain low figure was already coming into the household - none, so that we have picture, a not uncommon one, of a couple of teenagers supporting a whole family, and those same young people losing their jobs when it was necessary to pay them something approaching an adult wage. Women were then, of course, receiving only two-thirds of the male wage, so that the wife was often the bread-winner.

Relief work was designed to provide employment on works of public value, those scheduled as suitable in Kew were road works, paths, channels, drains, etc., the largest of these being the Yarra Boulevard, which unfortunately could not quite link up with the sections in Richmond and Heidelberg, but is

none the less a much appreciated feature of our city. Visitors are taken to see its views, and it continues to give pleasure, that monument to unemployment.

All these works were done with pick and shovel, white collar, blue collar workers were, so the Hon. Wilfred Kent Hughes said, "glad to be earning". I've heard some of those who worked as "Sussos" talk of those times without much gladness, their feeling seems to have been rather one of humiliation, rather that they worked like the pyramid builders for far from sufficient wage.

This was the first time, however, that government had ever assumed responsibility for the unemployed, the rate of unemployment was much higher than today, and the government faced a desperate situation. The work was designed to be 75% labour costed at least, before it would be approved. These costs did not come out of the rates, but out of the pockets of all workers, no matter how small the pay-packet, a portion of it went to Unemployment Relief.

Something was added to the rates, however, for our Council raised special loans to pay for other relief works, and made grants to charitable groups such as the Ladies Benevolent Society to meet the calls for help which their resources could not stretch to cover.

A project mooted which was not approved was the excavation of a tunnel from the Kew Railway Station to join up with the Outer Circle Railway. In view of later developments that was a project wisely discarded.

The principle of public assistance to the unemployed had been established. We are still far from understanding market forces and many other influences, however people are not found dead in our streets from hunger, (the rate in London in 1870 was one hundred per annum).

## KEW PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY

Annette Martin will be the soloist in the Schumann Cello Concerto at the Orchestral Concert to be held on Thursday, 11th August in the Kew City Hall, Cotham Road, commencing at 8.00 p.m.

Annette will be accompanied by the Kew Orchestra which will also present the Egmont Overture by Beethoven and Brahms' Symphony No. 2.

Admission is \$5.00. Come with your family, as children under 12 years (accompanied by an adult) are admitted free and there is a concession of \$3.00 for full-time students and pensioners.

For further information please phone 29 4697.

## KEW HISTORICAL SOCIETY

General Meeting — 8.00 p.m. Wednesday, 10th August in the Auxiliary Room, Kew Civic Centre. Our Guest Speaker will be Mr. M.E.J. Schrader, Past President of Australian Railways Society - Vic. Division.

## UNIQUE CARDS FEATURE VIEWS OF KEW

Designed by local resident Mr. Gregory Chase for the Glass St. Kindergarten, these lovely cards feature views of Kew.

Sketches are of Kane's Bridge in Studley Park; Raheen; Ellesmere Court in Princess St.; "St. Clare" in Barry St.; and two of the Kew Cemetery.

Ideal as a gift, souvenir of Kew, or for your own personal correspondence, these cards, in packs of 6 with envelopes, sell for only \$2.50 per pack.

For enquiries, please contact Jan Ong on 859 2636, Marilyn Mackenzie on 859 3674 or the Glass St. Kindergarten on 859 6049 (weekdays 9.00-3.30).



## LOOK OUT FOR FUNDING!!

The Family and Community Services Programme will again be calling for submissions for Community Service Grants. Advertisements will be placed in the National and Local Press on 6th August. There will be approximately one month available for submissions to be prepared.

If you are wondering about whether your group might be eligible, need an application form or some advice about how to apply, please contact Jane Bate at the Municipal Offices on 862 2466, or Lisa Trood at the Department of Community Welfare Services, Camberwell on 82 8193.

## "AN ASIAN EXPERIENCE"

The Asian Evangelical Fellowship invites you to "An Asian Experience" on Sunday, 14th August at 5.00 p.m. There will be a Film introduced and presented by Mr. Howard Barclay (Missionary to Nepal). Music by "Adelphi" and "The Messengers". These events will be held at East Kew Baptist Church, Woodland Ave., East Kew.

For further information contact Con Halyburton on — 890 7352.

## PARKINSON'S DISEASE ASSOCIATION

The Camberwell branch of the Parkinson's Disease Association of Victoria meets on the last Monday of every month at 10.30 a.m. at St. Mark's Anglican Church Hall, Cnr. Canterbury & Burke Rds., Camberwell.

Patients and friends are cordially invited.

We aim to provide general information about P.D. The meetings provide support in an atmosphere conducive to discussion and encourage independence and ability to function in daily living.

For further information ring 82 2318 or 836 1471.

## HYDE PARK Fellowship

Once again Hyde Park Fellowship extend an invitation to anyone who would like to join us in Fellowship on Wednesday, 10th August at 2.00 p.m. in the Hyde Park Uniting Church, Pakington St., Kew.

Our guest speaker will be Brigadier E.J. Briggs of the Salvation Army, who is well-known for his wonderful talks. So why not join us?

As usual afternoon tea will be served at the conclusion of the meeting. Everyone is assured of a warm welcome.

## KEW DROP-IN CENTRE (Holiday Programme)

The Kew Drop-In Centre will be at Sacred Heart Church Hall, Cnr. Glenferrie & Cotham Rds., Kew, during the first week of the August school holidays. **August 22nd to 26th — 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. each day.**

Children aged 10 to 16 years will be welcome.

A charge of 50¢ per day will be made.

(Children under 10 years are catered for at the Playcentre, St Paul's School for the Blind, Fernhurst Gr., Kew.)

## BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

Speaker for the next meeting of the **Kew Garden Club** will be Mrs. Val Straughan and her subject — 'Cultivating Camelias'. On a previous occasion, Mrs. Straughan delighted her listeners with her clear and expert presentation and brought some beautiful flowering plants for display and sale.

The meeting will be held at 8.00 p.m., on Thursday, 11th August at the Elder Citizens' Hall, Cnr. Childers & High Sts., Kew. All welcome.

## NATIVE PLANT GROUP

Due to the school vacation, an evening meeting will not be held during August. However, members and friends are planning an excursion to local gardens, public and private, on the afternoon of Sunday, 14th August.

*Anyone interested in joining us for a pleasant and informative afternoon, please phone Chris Ansell on 861 9484.*

## DAYTIME GARDEN CLUB

On Monday 22nd August at 1.00 p.m. in the Highbury Grove Uniting Church come along and hear from Mrs. Peggy Kent about the art of Growing Bonsai.

Should this be **YOUR** hobby, bring along a specimen and share the secret of success. There will be plenty of time for questions.

Child minding facilities are available at a cost of \$1.00 per family.

## CAMBERWELL FILM SOCIETY

*The Camberwell Film Society is a friendly group, meeting on the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Hawthorn Institute of Education in Auburn Road.*

*In a comfortable location, good quality films and shorts are screened, followed by discussion and supper. New members are very welcome.*

*For details, ring 288 6299 or 818 1158.*

## WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP

WANTED —

Interested members for Women's Discussion Group. Varied programmes with social activities. Wide age range. Kew, Hawthorn, Balwyn and surrounding areas. Meetings every second Monday evening during school term. Contact 88 7406 or 861 8656.