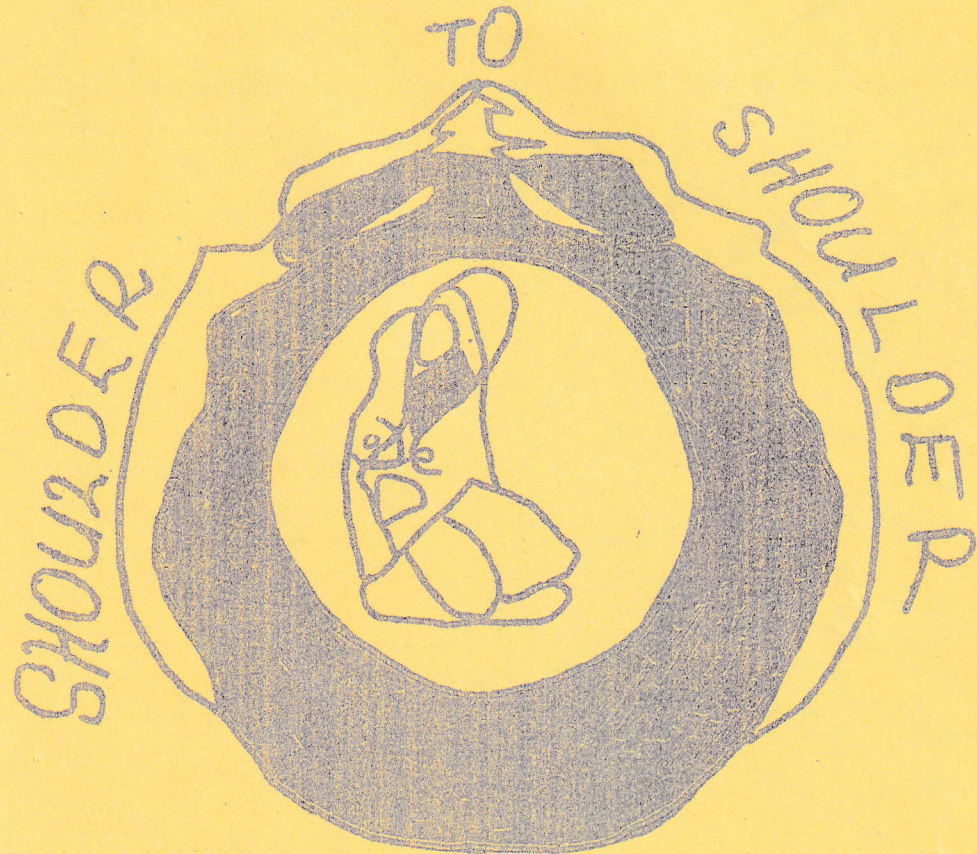


# KENSINGTON WOMEN'S GROUP



# NEWSLETTER

—CHILD CO-OPERATIVE LIMITED—

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NO. 18

EVERYBODY WELCOME!  
😊

Discussion group  
Every Wednesday  
10.30 a.m

House open  
everyday 9-6.

WELCOME

GET FIT  
Come to Ascot Vale  
Leisure centre every  
Tuesday evening  


Kensington  
Women's group  
child care co-op.

89 McCracken St  
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DAY TRIPS from  
now until Christmas  
on Sundays.  
Dates - Nov. 23, Nov. 27, Nov. 16,  
Dec 14

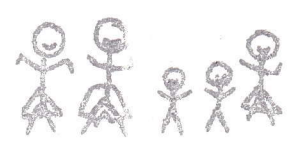
SHOPPING  
Every Thursday of  
pension week  
Meet at the house  
9 a.m

LOTS MORE  
THINGS GOING  
ON. COME  
AND SEE!

BINGO  
Every Wednesday night  
pension week.  
7 p.m - 10 p.m.

NEWSPAPER  
COLLECTIVE  
Every Tuesday 1 p.m

ART CLASSES  
Thursday evenings



# A Review

OR I was only following orders  
Sorry mum - I won't ever do it again.

Whenever I look at or pick up my copy of the Special Issue of S.T.S I think of meetings held in a photograph lined room, of cups of tea and coffee, of people talking and telling jokes and finally getting to the task at hand.

In 2 months - that's a long way away - we want to put out a special issue that reflects the newsletter over the last 12 months. Okay lets go through all the issues and pick out what we think are the best articles.

Now lets take these articles and try and put them in some sort of order. The special issue needs to be balanced and present articles that are fully representative of the things the newsletter has been about. Various groupings are made. What a shame we can't have colored photos or multi-colored pages. Oh well - we can have different colored paper in each section - that'll brighten it up. What about space? We've got so much good material we could include - but we'll never get it all into 60 pages. Typing takes up less space - but we don't want everything typed. The fact that the newsletter

is hand-written is important. Some of the articles should still be written by hand - its more personal. The drawings too - they should all be included - they've really added to the articles, particularly the humourous ones.

Okay then girls, that's our format, so lets go. Select your articles for copying out. Take a black felt pen and a blue pencil. Only the black pen will come out when its printed. If you make a mistake don't worry, you don't have to copy the whole thing out again, you can stick a piece of paper over your mistake and no-one will know the difference. Don't forget your margins  $\frac{1}{2}$ " top and bottom and  $\frac{3}{4}$ " for the sides - I think? Oh dear - I hope this is right.

Here's my first article finished. Oh, we've decided we're going to type that one now. Oh well - were my borders right?

All the articles are in now and its being assembled by the printer. None of us can wait to see it. We all feel rather pleased getting it in on time.

I've got a sample copy back, says Harg, but no-one is allowed to see it. So we all sneak in and flick through it. All like wide-eyed little kids oving and aahing. Isn't it great to finally see it all bound. Only one last problem - all the covers are going to be crooked - they've all been cut wrong. Oh no - how could they. We're going

to have to raise the price as well.

Now the excitement of the launching is over. I toasted the magazine with champagne and bought one. Unfortunately it hasn't stopped there. I think I'll be buying a couple more yet. My sister picked it up and after about half an hour she let it drop with the comment - I feel depressed! Then she turned the page and 2 minutes later there was laughter. A friend of mine hadn't even heard of anything like the Womens Group before. Needless to say my copy is dog-eared already.

I do however have one criticism I wish to make vocal. It's something that upsets me each time I look upon my copy. I suppose it draws attention to the booklet - but still I find it offensive - and that's the bloody horrible green cover! Please let's pick something better for our next special issue.

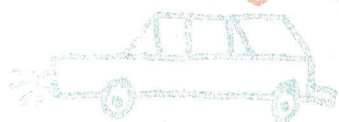


Whats really good is it makes you think and feel - even if you don't know us ~~at~~ <sup>or</sup> Kensington.



# BANQUET OF VAMPIRES

Saturday 20th September, rushing off to Maureen Fagan's flat, just making it, Michelle, gallant driver of our beloved bomb of a station wagon, heavyweights, Margaret Campbell, & self, slim Therese, Maureen, Debbie, set off to locate Pram Factory in Drummond Street. Much protesting from springs of beloved station wagon we park near the New Lincoln Inn, Carlton.



Fast talking by Debbie Bourke to get into hotel lounge so as not to pay cover for the band as we only have a pre theatre drink.

Amid chattering, we gently strolled to Pram Factory to meet Andrea & friends. After disorganising queues at ticket office, we went our merry way down side of Pram Factory to rear theatre where some dived into tickets, others had their last gasp of a fag before show.

The open stage that was a cocoon of white cloth, resembling to me the womb of life.

The lights went out, then on again to a distraught mother to be, soon to be shown as a victim of a total clinical public hospital approach to the miracle of birth, a full-time mother to be, confused, frustrated, separated from loved loves, suffering from complications.

The full treatment of the major surgery approach by hospital staff appalled me. The joy of birth was crushed under the feet of all knowing and unfeeling nurses, and doctors.

After the birth, the quote of feeding the baby The Banquet of Vampires expressed the unloving and joyless feast, which perhaps would taint the babe forever.

The lights went out, after a short time the actress appeared from dressing room, to talk to waiting public. A very delicate, beautiful young girl, so different from the larger, lusty, presented mother to be.

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# Banquet of Vampires

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Then all of us, now Anita, Andrea & friends off to nearest place, ..... Cafe for a snack. The ever hungry ones, Kath, the two big M's and Therese had to have a jaffle each, Kath, miserable, not enough garlic in her tomato and cheese, Big M's new variety prawns & salad Therese's Bacon & Andrea's ice-cream sundae not rescued fast enough from a sneak attack by the Two M's. Then good byes to Andrea & friends, back to dear bomb, Therese popped into back of station wagon, now taking Anita home, good old faithful, springs & chasis violently protesting found its way back to Maureen Fagan's flat where a good few of us accepted Maureen's offer of another goodnight coffee to round off a very enjoyable evening by all of us.

Kath Gibbs



# Kensington Neighbourhood Children's Services.

The Kensington City Council originally intended to build a play centre in Wilton St, to cater for the child care needs of the area.

A group of concerned Kensington residents did a detailed study of the needs of the area and found that people did not want that sort of service, but rather a number of places on a smaller scale and in such a way that people who use the services can also be involved in their planning and management.

The Kensington proposal includes one or two Neighbourhood Centres for full/part-time/occasional and family day care children. These would be co-operatives, similar to the ones at Redner and Rolleston Sts. Also an Adventure playground where children could play, build, keep animals, grow vegetables etc. with full time supervision. Again, this would be a co-operative to allow all interested people to be involved and responsible for the policy and management of the projects.

The Melbourne City Council and the Housing Commission are each to contribute \$125,000 towards the project. It now seems that all parties are agreeable to the proposal and planning can now proceed along the lines of the Conditions to the project officer who is now in the process of finalising the details of the project.

Continued.

# Neighbourhood Services continued...

She will be contacting many of you in the near future to get your support and participation or you can contact her on 3092418 or leave a message at McCracken St / Robinson St. or the Community Health Centre.

Jan will soon be based at the Community flat at 2/76 Altona St and is looking forward to many local people being involved in this exciting development for our area.



# GET UP FOR STAFF

Two Tuesday ago 4 Women and 2 kids went to the pool and Ascot Vale Gym Centre. The 2 kids went off to the pool. And the 4 Women went in for exercise. These women got on the cycles and started doing the exercise for 1 minute. As usual I'm the last to do anything not because I'm chicken. But I'm always late. I did the exercise for a minute. I couldn't imagine I could do it. Because when I have tried before I couldn't balance. And used to fall off. Well we started doing the other exercise. Well we had to go on the floor for more. Well Debbie started laughing. and I just couldn't do any more. And I know I was doing it all wrong. Because each time the girls turn to one side I was turning the opposite. But we really enjoyed the exercises. I really felt happy

## got fit or stiff... continued.....

After the exercise, I think it not only helps the body. It helps the mind. All gym the other women went into the pool. But I can't swim. I can't do nothing can I? But I was really happy to see the 2 kids and the women in the pool. And I felt a bit sad I could not swim. And I thought if only I could swim it would be wonderful. If I was younger I would have tried anything. But the women say you should take lessons. And I think I might too. Because I love to swim. It's really marvellous. I think it's really great!



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