Hospital view of its role

The increasing recognition of the role of rehabilitation in medical care has been welcomed by the **Medical Director of Caulfield** Hospital.

Dr Bruce Ford said yesterday that for far too long rehabilitation had been the Cinderella of medical care, against the attention and funds lavished on acute medicine.

However he said that it was becoming in-creasingly recognised that rehabilitation had an important role to

play in the community. He said that the great technological break-throughs had occurred in the field of acute medicine in the last century.

They had included work with isotopes, computers, electronics, in the application of testing methods, heart surgery, plastic surgery and vascular surgery.

That was why so little interest had been directed at rehab-ilitation.

This was now changing and Caulfield Hospital was recognised as a leader in its field.

An indication of this recognition was the number of applicants for medical vacancies at

the hospital. Doctor Ford said that



AS PART of the Inter-national Year of Disabled Persons, there will be an open Day at Caulfield Hospital late in November.

The Open Day on Sunday November 22, will run from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Highlights of the day will include a wheelchair obstacle course, a chance to win a BMX bicycle, and free films including "Stepping



for the positions. And at that, those applicants had to be persuaded to take a position with the arguments of their friends and colleagues who worked at the

hospital. However he said that last year there had been 30 applicants.

Doctor Ford said that one reason for the increased awareness of the need for rehabilitation care was the growing proportion of aged people in the community.

This growing proportion naturally meant more disabled people who needed treatment in the community.

According to the latest figures available from the Bureau of Statistics more than 13 per cent of Australians suffered some sort of disability, and this proportion was likely to grow with the growing proportion of aged people.

Within that context Caulfield Hospital was an important part of its immediate community. Doctor Ford said that

it made economic sense to recognise the role of the hospital in getting people back into the community and the workforce.

It made sense that if a person could be • Continued page 2



Caulfield Council for the residents of this City

BAULFIELD

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# All the fun of the fete

**CARNEGIE** Primary school's annual children's mini fete has again been a success in helping raise funds to sponsor a child through World Vision.

The mini fete involves all the children of the school.

They plan and operate their own stalls and activities with the help of the teachers.

The stalls included hamburgers, hot dogs, cakes, sweets, jelly, popcorn and there were activities like lucky dips and lucky fishing as well as a coconut shy, guessing competition, apple shy, bob and football handpass.

Use it or you'll lose it!

Out" and Pins and Needles.

There will be entertainment including Maori dancing, a Karate team and the Caulfield City Band.

Of course there will also be barbecue lunches, drinks and cakes for the people who come along.

The Open Day has been decided on because it will give the community the opportunity to see the functions of the hospital which has become a leader in its field of caring for the disabled and getting them back into the workforce. (See main story).

THERE has been an appeal to the people of Caulfield to bear in mind their local bus services.

their local bus services

they were likely to

He said this had been

the trend in the last decade which had seen a

decline.

near suburbs.

However he said that even in those cases buses offered people the option The president of the Bus and Coach Society of Victoria, Mr Geoff Foster, said yesterday that unless the people in areas like Caulfield used

of using a service which could drop them off and pick them up far closer to their own homes.

train route.

He said it was virtually a case of: "If you don't use it you'll lose it."

duplicated a tram or

Mr Foster said it was difficult to determine the cause behind the decline in patronage.

diminishing number of services in the inner and He said there was a solution available which Mr Foster said that has proven itself successthis had probably been warranted in some cases ful in Sydney. That was to improve the service and where the services cut fares.

He said that sort of approach needed the backing of the Government and it had been proven as a benefit. to everyone concerned.

The advantages included less congestion on the roads at peak hour in particular, when one bus could carry dozens of people in a far smaller piece of roadspace than that occupied by cars with similar carrying capacity.

Mr Foster said there were about a dozen bus lines servicing Caulfield, and although there had been a decline in the number of services, this decline had been halted lately to the stage where it probably couldn't get much lower.

# THERE will be no November issue of the Caulfield Contact.

It has been decided that instead of that month's issue there would be a late one to incorporate as much detail of upcoming Christmas events as possible.

So the next issue of Contact will be released on December 10, for distribution the following weekend.



# Caulfield hospital

Dr Ford has headed the Caulfield Hospital since 1971.

It is a hospital which has changed its character considerably since it was born to take

care of the wounded from Gallipoli in 1915 and later the wounded from the bloody trench warfare which was a characteristic of the

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returned to a full life then they were no longer a burden on the welfare facilities available.

In this regard the car-diac rehabilitation unit of the hospital had the unique distinction of getting 90 per cent of its patients back into the workforce

World War One bloodbath in Europe.

The original Glen Eira homestead which made up the centre of the hospital in those days has gone, and so are most of the temporary buildings and marquees which were erected to take care of up to 1500 wounded at any time in the immediate era after the war.

Dr Ford said that the atmosphere of those days was more than adequately covered in the opening chapter of the book, My Brother Jack by George Johnston, when the author described the life of a child surrounded by men who ware all missing limbs were all missing limbs or had some disability which needed treatment.

This aspect of caring for wounded exservicemen remained a major role for the hospital until after the Second World War when, in 1948, the repatriation hospital was finally transferred to Heidelberg.

# **Problems** of small business

THE problems and opportunities facing small business in Victoria were given an airing in Carnegie last week.

Glenhuntly M.P., Dr. Gerard Vaughan hosted an after-work reception for local traders and business people at the Abel Tasman Club in Rosstown Road.

Also in attendance were Robert Fordham, Deputy Leader of the Victorian Opposition, Shadow Treasurer Robert Jolly, Shadow Minister of Economic Development Bace Development Race Mathews and local Federal M.P. Mrs. Joan Child.

During the short for-mal part of the evening Dr. Vaughan said that he and his colleagues were accessible to the business community in Opposition and in

# Coach boxes

THE Committee of Management from the E. E. Gunn Reserve has approached the Council for the erection of two enclosures to be placed adjacent to the main oval for use by football officials.

No longer need football coaches stand in the rain and wind and cold to supervise their teams to victory

Government would continue to be so. Dr. Vaughan said the gathering had enabled such a successful

exchange of views that he was considering requests to make it an annual event.



# Marilyn a new family face

MARILYN Godley has just joined the community development staff at the Town Hall as co-ordinator of the Family Day Care Program.

As a new migrant to Australia from the United States Mrs. Godley's background includes a Master of Public Service in Public Health, and work as administrator of a parent education project.

Family Day Care is a joint project of the City of Caulfield and the Caulfield Institute of Technology. The program is an alternative groups are limited to four children. Playgroups and equipment are available to minders. "Family day care is an

excellent means for young children to have a home away from home when they require care. While some children need the stimulation of larger groups such as a creche, for others a small group is more suitable,' says Mrs. Godley.

"Women develop skills in rearing their children and find these experiences can be used in caring for other people's children. Women who still have pre-school aged children and want to work with children are able to work at home. The flexibility of the program is a great advantage for parents who need care for their children." children.

For more information about the care for your child or on becoming a minder, contact Mrs Marilyn Godley at Caulfield Town Hall on 524 3235.



# Artist who can't afford his work

# Herbie film show

THE Caulfield **Recreation** Centre will be holding a film afternoon on Saturday, November 14, starting at 2.00 p.m. (and ending at approximately 4.00 p.m.).

The film to be shown is "Herbie Goes to Monte Carlo" and is suitable for children 5 to 12 years. The afternoon will be fully supervised, so parents may leave the children,

or stay for the movie. Costs: children \$2.00, adults \$2.50. Free popcorn will be available before the film begins. Enquiries by telephoning 524 3288, ask for Joy.

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information about a club activity, or something your organisation would like to see done, it's the role of Contact to inform the community of events relating to the city, and happening within the city.

Whether it's a letter to the editor or some

child care scheme funded

by the Federal Office of

Children are cared for

by experienced super-vised "Care Givers" who

work in their own home. Tow allow for greater individual attention

THE EDITOR of Caulfield Contact would like

to remind readers that contributions are con-

Child Care.

tinually sought for Caulfield Contact.

Typed stories and reports would be preferred, and please include where possible a telephone number and address of the sender in case any details have to be confirmed.

Address any material to:

The Editor. Caulfield Contact, Caulfield Town Hall, Hawthorn and Glen Eira Roads, Caulfield, 3162.

CHRIS MYERS is a ceramic artist who cannot afford his own work.

Myers is a lecturer in Ceramic Design at the Caulfield Institute of Technology, and what he can't afford the people of Victoria (and Queensland) inherit.

The National Gallery of Victoria has recently acquired a ceramic platter by Chris Myers for its extensive collection, and this follows a similar acquisition by the Art Gallery of Queensland.

Yet another piece has been bought by the Victorian Ceramic Group Acquisitive Award.

What he cannot afford (and others might) went

on exhibition from 22 October to 6 November and will be on show in the Gallery Area, Level 2 of CIT's Phillip Law Building.

The Myers ceramics are obviously different. They are unique. They combine a number of elements. They involve a series of processes. They call for infinite patience and painstaking craftsmanship.

The technique he employs, and which he has perfected over the years may not interest the layman as much as it does the potter. Briefly, however, it involves the initial throwing of the clay, its glazing and firing.

Then, Chris applies masking tape over the finished surface to next trace upon it, sometimes intricate, sometimes simple, geometric designs.

> These he cuts out according to a previously planned scheme. The piece is then sandblasted.

Varying time spans produce different results a light matt finish or a deep engraving. The result, when the remaining tape has been stripped is a texture of shiny glaze and matt.

This is sometimes further embellished with the addition of lustres and more firing.

Also a Centre jazz ballet and fitness sessions have commenced to create a concept new

exercising. It's called a "Modern Dance Class". These classes are operating at the centre now.

Attendance is casual so there is no need to book in, just come along on Tuesday night at 6.30 p.m. (until 7.45 p.m.). The cost is \$2.50 per class.

You can expect a dance/fitness session which will involve you in all facets of modern dance and fitness exercises. Enquiries: telephone

the teacher Jack Migdalek on 578 2391. Note: Bring this clipping in and you may bring a friend along for free.

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Further changes have occurred in the new amendments under the title of "Local Recreational Initiative Grants".

The intention is for greater flexibility in the minor grants area than the previously narrow guidelines.

Agencies able to apply include Municipalities, School Councils, any Community Group or Organization or State Institutions.

Information on minor grants is also available and should be sought before applying to Youth, Sport and Recreation.

Further For information may be obtained from Max Binnington at the Caulfield Town Hall, telephone 524 3236.

Regional Consultant for the Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation, Mr Michael Backhouse, indicated that the virtually recurrent grants for such things as after school programs would not continue under the new guidelines.

The intention was to encourage local contributions to such projects.

Any group which is interested in applying for funding under the capital project scheme must contact the Community Recreation and Education Officer at the Caulfield City Council well before the project gets under way.



# Mixed bag of aid

The "new" guidelines for financial assistance to Local Government are a mixed bag.

Projects including the proposed multi purpose room at Murrumbeena Primary School have been adversely affected by the new direction of the amended guidelines for Youth, Sport and Recreation funding. The project was to be a \$150,000 joint project between the Caulfield City Council, Education Department and the Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation

Sport and Recreation.

Under the original guidelines the City Council's \$50,000 commitment would have been

# **Special day**

matched by Youth, Sport and Recreation by a \$25,000 grant and \$25,000 interest free loan. These recently released amendments now vir-tually require the Council or the school to provide that additional \$50,000 while the departments \$50,000 grant over ten years would be only an interest subsidy.

The burden now placed upon the Council has made the project unviable at present. Members of the School Council have stated their intention to pursue the matter and hopefully raise the funds elsewhere.

The Caulfield City Council supports this ap-proach and has restated its \$50,000 commitment to the project.



Right royal race day

IT was described as a perfect day all round when the Queen visited Caulfield for the Queen Elizabeth Cup at Caulfield racecourse.

Her Majesty shared the limelight with champion racehorse manikato as he swept the field to take the cup. The visit to the racecourse was the most informal of the Queen's engagements during her

engagements during her stay in Melbourne which included a series of meetings with Com-monwealth Heads during CHOGM.

Even the weather was perfect for the occasion as Jockey Roy Higgins said Manikato put on a performance he described as fit for a Queen.

During her visit to the track her Majesty opened the Victorian racing museum by unveiling a plaque.



# Rating system review

A JOINT review of the law as it relates to the rating of properties is soon to be undertaken by the Municipal Association of Victoria and the local Government department.

Broadly the study will embrace sections of the Local Government Act which relate to rates and valuations and how best they can be simplified and clarified.

The large number of amendments to the Act will also be under review legislative frame work.

The review seen by both parties as long over-due, will involve some innovative experimenta-tion with the rating system in order to con-sider what scope exists for sound and sensible reform.

As local governments prime revenue source this review is being done to ensure that the rating system is in the best possible shape.

## **Red Shield** Appeal

THE campaign director for the Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal has thanked the City of Caulfield and the Council for the continued

support given to its ap-peal in the city. Caulfield citizens contributed in excess of \$20,000 in the door knock which raised an all time record of \$2.2 million in Victoria.

The success of the appeal ensures . the continuance of the army social work and further development of capital projects in this state.

Garden refuse

# charges

SINCE the introduction of the big bin garbage system, use of the garden refuse disposal facility by persons disposing of small amounts of refuse has declined dramatically.

Use of this facility by people disposing of large amounts of garden refuse has increased out of all proportion to that envisaged when the

interested parties to meetings will be posted by the close of business on the Wednesday prior to the meeting.

Such letters are to include a copy of the relevant agenda item.

# Charges for

## council services

**THE City of Caulfield is** presently undertaking a study investigating the methods of financing its services by means other than , rates and government grants and subsidies.

In particular the study with a view to team will look at formulating proposals for charging specific a coherent and cohesive amounts for particular services — commonly known at the "user pays"

principle. The long term result of the study may be to encourage the City of Caulfield to extend its range of services into previously untouched areas.

## Rezoning

NOTIFICATION has been received from the M.M.B.W. that Amendment 142 to the Melbourne Metro-politan Planning Scheme has been gazetted.

This amendment was proposed by the Council and rezones the properties in the Selwyn Street area Elsternwick.

## Environmental

improvement fund OVER the last two years donations for en-vironmental works have been successfully sought on an informal basis from private developers and business men. The Mayor is soon to

launch an environ-mental improvement fund to encourage such people to become involved in such programs as innovative street scaping treat-ments, street furniture and sculptures.

Contributions up to \$500 would be acknowledged in Caulfield Contact and contributions over \$500 would be acknowledged by a suitable plaque on the site.

envisaged when the Generally these facility was installed. contributions would be Large amounts of based on 50 per cent of refuse would better be the cost of the disposed of at the improvement scheme Oakleigh Tin concerned.

Christmas fair

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THE Fusion Community Centre will be holding a special day on November 14.

Events will include a barbecue but people are asked to bring their own food for the occasion.

There'll be free refreshments, papermaking and bread making workshops, the band "Willie Makit", drama and perhaps even story telling for children.

A highlight of the afternoon's activities will be a Raku Firing. For 80 cents people can buy a pot, color it with their choice of glaze, and then waitch it baked to their specifications.

As well there will be Fusion people involved in street festivities, bubbling blowing, shoe shining and clay modelling and there will be a huge tugof-war for people to take part in.

In the evening Fusion is organising a bush dance at the St. Giles Hall at 117 Murrumbeena Rd., Murrumbeena.



A SIX week home help staff training course is underway at Caulfield Hospital

The course is aimed at helping staff to help people with problems so they can more readily cope with situations around the home like the difficulty of putting on a stocking. Subjects covered have ranged from the availability of training for basic handling skills, to welfare topics generally.

# Home help

Topics yet to be discussed include community services and an outline of Caulfield council's hotel programme.

The series of lectures will close with an address by the manager of the council community development department Mr John Wise on November 9.

agn 11p.

To encourage residents to dispose large amounts of this refuse at the THE Carnegie Chamber Oakleigh Tip it is of Commerce has proposed to increase the approached the Caulfield charge for trailer loads from \$5 to \$8.

of Commerce has approached the Caulfield Council requesting permission to have Koornang Road closed to traffic on Saturday 14th It is also proposed to increase the charge per boot load from \$1 to \$2, November between Neerim and Rosstown Roads from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. in order that the Carnegie Christmas Fair the charge for pensioners will still remain the same.

# Resident notification

PROBLEMS have arisen in the past because applicants who have agenda items being discussed at Council Committees have received late notification of agenda items.

may use the facilities. Town hall parking VISITORS the to Caulfield Town Hall will now be able to park for half an hour in the section outside the main entrance to the Town Hall in Hawthorn Road. This has been established to enable

Because of this it has been recommended that short term visitors to the Town Hall easy access to all letters inviting applicants or other the main entrance.

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WHILE State and Federal Governments and politicians of all persuasions keep the debate and promise alive on Freedom of Information, it has been a virtual fact of life at a Local Government level in Caulfield since the mid 70s. It was then that the council which has been in the vanguard of a number of innovations in community service decided to open up its decision

making process to the people of the city of Caulfield to make sure they had a role in that very process. The open Government approach has meant

there's very little that happens in the process of the administration of the city which is not open to public scrutiny.

The upshot of the decision has been primarily that it has been difficult for any specific group to be

ANYONE who has been to the supermarket lately or has been remotely connected with household budgetting will know what 'tightening the purse strings' is all about.

The problems that face a household trying to 'make ends meet' are not unlike those that face a City. There is only a limited income available. Standing family commitments must continue to be met despite a loss of spending power and raising a loan for improvements to the home presents many a problem.

Covering an area of 2,197 hectares and with a population of about 79,000, Caulfield is usually seen as a City of people and parks. It is described as a residential municipality with little local industry and large tracts of land set aside for

recreational activities. The Council of the City of Caulfield has an annual turnover of about \$30 million and a budget of more than \$15 million.

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The interests of the residents of the City are represented by 12 Councillors who are elected from four wards to administer the City. And as with all Councils they are bound to work within the provisions of acts of Parliament.

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Local Government has been variously described as the "very cradle of democracy" and less grandly as being in the business of "roads, rates and rubbish".

And whether or not the residents of Caulfield take a great interest in the workings of the Council, they are affected in one way or another through a wide range of services.

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It is only when something is lacking or appears to be wrong that people start paying any attention to Council affairs.

Changing attitudes towards the role of local Government owe much to the belief that a decentralised system of Government is more likely to accommodate the programs for the elderly, leisure and recreation facilities, domiciliary care activities and public information services.

Such diverse activities as after school and holiday programs for children, meals-on-wheels delivery to the elderly and the provision of town planning and building permits for the best development of the City are also very much part of local government today.

However, increased responsibilities incur increased financial strain and one of problems that face Councils is that the rate of revenue growth has failed to keep pace with the increasing demand for these locally supplied services.

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Traditionally, the main sources of Council funds have included the levying of rates, fees for services, Government grants and borrowing programs. Each of these sources present their own problems.

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The levying of rates has historically been associated primarily with services to property and amongst ratepayers, there is the feeling that these new services are paid for

by the majority, but enjoyed by only a few. It has become politically unacceptable therefore to raise rate levels higher than is absolutely necessary.

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The proportion of total receipts derived from fees charged for services does not usually exceed 10 per

or attempt to cover, the administrative costs involved in issuing them. In some cases, the State Government has fixed maximum fees for services which do not correspond with commercial reality. In Caulfield however,

the 'user pays' concept is being employed whenever appropriate.

Grants are a means of making available to local authorities part of the proceeds of national taxation and are distributed by both State and Federal Governments.

# INTERPORTERIES CONTRACT

General purpose grants give local authorities a large degree of discretion in expenditure decisions promoting a more effective use of resources. Specific purpose, or tied grants limit a Coun-cil's freedom of action and can create bias in favour of particular kinds expenditure, of irrespective of local needs

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Local Government has for a long time urged that there should be substantial increases in both 'tied' and 'untied' grant allocations.

programs are subject to the restrictions of the Loan Council.

If a specific project does not use all the funds raised, permission must The Council borrowing

loan being undertaken.

be obtained from the Governor in Council before any surplus funds

The City of Caulfield is allocated an amount can be redirected to alternative projects.

# each year that it is allowed to borrow from banks, insurance INTERNOOD CONTRACTOR

With interest rates being set by the Loan Council and sources of funds becoming restricted, local councils are not in a strong position to negotiate for funds.

Interest rates for loans to local government authorities are currently at their highest level. Rates of 15.8% p.a. are being applied to loans of 4-9 years and 16% p.a. for loans of 10 years or more.

## permission must be obtained from the .................

With restricted borrowing powers, Councils are beginning to seek alternative methods of financing capital

expenditure. The Caulfield City Council has already used lease financing of over \$1.5 million in funding the implementation of its

new garbage collection

system. It is planned that this form of financing will also be used for many more Council projects.

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Of pot holes,

rubbish and

rating dollar

Plans for the future include a giant slide at the swimming pool, aimed eventually at of its activities, investigations are being made into photo typesetting for use in conjunction with word processing facilities for Council publications.

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The Council will, in the future, look to leverage leasing as a means of raising finance. The tax position of the Council could make the use of third party leasing particularly attractive for large project undertakings.

'Contractor Finance' is another form of fund-raising that is relevant to local government. The contractor is able to build the financing of the project into its capital works. The use of short term rental of plant and equipment is also planned and intended to offset the need for capital investment in seasonally used plant.

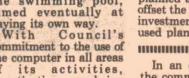
been proposed. It will be used for innovative streetscaping improvements throughout the municipality and maybe include statues, fountains or special seating.

seating. The Hotham Building society and Billy Guyatt have already been

involved in such projects.

In an effort to involve the commercial sector of the community in the development of the City an environmental improvement fund has

# With Council's commitment to the use of the computer in all areas





alienated from the decision making process.

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consequence.

The implementation of the neighbourhood

There has been one major problem as a

studies has been an extension of this open

companies or other finan-

cial institutions. Caulfield has an annual

loan ceiling of \$1.2

This allocation is based on the nett annual value

of the City and the planned capital works program for the Council.

In addition to the limits placed on the levels of borrowing,

Auditor-General and the

Treasurer prior to any

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million.

metropolitan, and national newspapers are made up of bad news, of people alienated by authorities, of closed door decision making which creates an aura of mystery.

This has led to criticism of the council for being stuffy. But is it really stuffy to get on with the job in hand instead of chasing headlines? And getting on with that job so well that despite consulting a wide cross section of the community in major decisions, those decisions are still made and made for the greatest good?

diversity of interests of different groups in the community.

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As a result, the nature of local Government responsibilities is changing. There is involvement today in

cent of Council revenue. Increases in the levels of these fees would not make a radical difference to the finances of local Governmentr, but would make some contribution to easing the rate burden. Many fees for permits and licences do not cover.



#### TRADITIONALLY

**Caulfield** City is known to be the leader in many successful ventures and systems. Let us "lead" again by

helping to minimize the appalling number of car accidents

"Caulfield Citizens Re-introduce Courtesy on Roads", stickers, for each resident car owner.

The financial lay-out for such stickers could surely be met by our Council, combined with the co-operation of local clubs, associations and us, residents.

It is being claimed that the last generation was called the "Me called the "Me Generation", let's help to change it to: the "You and me Generation". **IRENE CAPEK, MBE.** 





# Guides seek eme

THE Glenhuntly/Ormond Girl Guides are looking for enthusiastic women willing to be trained as leaders, who could give a couple of hours a week, to work with either Brownies (7-11 yrs) or Guides (10-14<sup>1/2</sup> yrs).

Our District has two brownie units, two guide units and a ranger-guide unit (14-18 yrs).

Guiding teaches children to become active members of the com-munity and specialises in outdoors activities.

We are enjoying the new guide/scout water activities centre, recently completed at Sandringham, where, sailing, canoeing, rowing and powerboat activities can be held. Camping and holidaying (Brownies) is an important part of our program, along with our outdoors activities, service, fitness, arts, etc.

If you are interested in finding out how great guiding can be, either as a brownie, guide, ranger-guide or leader just ring our district commissioner, Mrs Pat Faulks -578 5801.

# **Boys need** leader

THE 9th Caulfield District Cubs are in urgent need of an assistant cub leader for 24 boys, who meet on Thursday evenings from 7.00-8.30 p.m.

The cubs own their hall which is set in a natural park setting in Murrumbeena.

No experience is necessary, please contact Mr Bill Paul on 569 5637 if you can help the Cubs.

**CAULFIELD'S entry** in the floral display section at the Royal **Melbourne Show this** year scored well as you can see from the awards the mayor, Cr Brian Rudzki is holding.

It received the first prize awarded by the Royal Horticultural Society in this section, and a third prize, awarded by the **Royal Agricultural** Society which takes into consideration all the entries at the show.

# **Mansion needs** helping hand

THE National Trust is getting some unexpected help in restoring Labassa, the 19th century Manor Grove mansion.

Tenants in the building, believing the place was going to be torn down, have been souveniring various fittings before they fell to the wrecker's hammer — but now they are returning them.

The building is still occupied by tenants because the Trust needs the income from the place at the moment

Trust Architect, David Bick, said the ultimate aim was to restore the interior of the mansion, but one of the problems was that none of the original furniture was still there. Mr Bick said the trust could use

any of the odds and ends which may have made up the lifestyle of the original mansion. The trust is also appealing for

public help in compiling a register of significant trees in Victoria. The trust began the register on

World Environment Day and is

hoping for a complete list of all significant trees with their locations and the reason for their importance.

The register will be used to ensure that the trees are protected if possible.

Some of the information might be used to draw up a tourist guide of significant trees, provided their owners don't mind visitors.

The trust has printed about 10,000 registration forms.

Each tree nominated for inclusion in the register will be checked to see if it is truly significant, whether because of its beauty, rarity, historical interest, or anthropological or historical value.

# Cooking an easy way

THE Pacemakers Set, a non-profit group which raises money to help various charities has donated an automatic page turner to Caulfield Hospital to help disabled patients.

The recipes consist of

slices, biscuits, summer

The donation of the \$1200 unit was part of the group's policy of donating goods and equipment, rather than cash.

The Pacemaker Set is selling a recipe booklet to help the Children's

Protection Society. The 60 cent booklet

features uncooked recipes.

If anyone is interested. in how to cook without having to bake they can send for the booklet by writing to Mrs E. Bryant, 64 Olympic Ave., Cheltenham, Vic 3192.

The recipes consist of slices, biscuits, summer desserts and even a nonfail non-bake pavlova. Send a dollar to cover postage.



fail non bake pavlova.

Send a dollar to cover



MR AND MRS Ern Watson recently celebrated 50 years in Caulfield along with 50 years of marriage.

A surprise party with 140 guests was held for the couple at the South Melbourne Football Club. Apart from being "one-eyed" South supporters they have both been involved

in other community interests: Eunice Watson used to be involved with the Caulfield Primary School Mothers' Club and now supports the Children's Hospital Auxiliary card parties. Ern, a retired Air Force man, still helps deliver meals on wheels to the elderly of the city and enjoys helping out the neighbours with odd jobs.

# 500 children joi

MORE than 500 festival of Succoth in children of all ages true festive style. on Sunday. rathere October 18, Chol Hamoed Succoth, to celebrate the joyous

The grand Succoth

the childrens' Party of the Year, boasted a fabulous line-up of stage entertainment and non-

passages and to make the appropriate blessings on the refreshments.

party, organised annually by the Chabad Youth Centre and recognised as

stop fun.

The acts included the

magician who had the audience fascinated by his wizardry. The programme, all of which was presented in the Yeshivah Succah,

included clowns, prizes, a grand raffle and lots of refreshment for all the children.

followed by Wow the

Wizard, an accomplished

Every child was given the opportunity of fulfilling the special Mitzvos associated with the festival of Succoth that of making a blessing on the lulav and etrog and of eating in a Succah.

The compere for the party was Rabbi Sholom M. Kluwgant, who saw to it that the children had a taste of real Succoth spirit in a true Torah atmosphere. He called on children to recite Torah

The band, Mr S Manchari on drums and Mr D. Pincower on electric organ, kept up the tempo during the entire party, providing lively music which the children accompanied with loud singing and clapping.

For years now, the Yeshivah Centre Succah has played host to hundreds of children, bringing the beautiful festival of Succoth deep of medical consulting rooms in Dandenong Road, North Caulfield, into their hearts and minds, and this year was certainly no exception! were inappropriate for that particular residen-For many children it was a "first" to be in a Succah in the company tial area. of hundreds of other boys received surrounding residents

and girls, and judging by the happy faces and enthusiastic singing, it was an experience they will remember for a very long time to come.

# Applications refused

Objections have been

and the council committee considered

that the problems of heavy traffic and parking

from

would mean the loss of IT has been considered amenity in the area. Application from that the establishment

poster firm to erect a large promotion sign in Poath Road, Hughesdale has also been refused.

The sign was to have been erected on the second-storey side wall of the building but Committee considered that the site and location which have also been detrimental to the visual amenity of the area.

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# **Contact arts** The Walker Ceramic Awards

THE FIFTH annual Walker Ceramic Awards will be held at the City of Caulfield Arts Centre from December 7 through December 20, with an official opening to be held on Sunday, December 6 at 3 p.m.

This innovative project offers two substantial awards of \$750 each for a functional category and for a sculptural category, making a total of \$1,500 presented in prize monies and a further \$1,000 or more allocated towards the purchase of selected commended pieces.

It is open to all fulltime final year students majoring in ceramics in an established ceramic design or pottery course.

The awards provide encouragement for students, by providing an opportunity for the public to recognize the talent displayed by these young Australian artists and, in many cases, to help launch careers.

The Awards are donated by Walker Ceramics, suppliers of much of the clay,

equipment and pottery materials used by tertiary institutions, professional potters and hobbiests throughout Australia, and the exhibition is co-sponsored by the City of Caulfield.

Such generous support of young artists by the private sector is certainly to be commended and encouraged.

Judges for the 1981 Awards are: Les Blakebrough, Ken Hood and Victoria Howlett.

The awards have attracted many interstate entries in the past years of the event and an even greater interstate participation is anticipated for 1981. Students are required to submit four entries for either Award.

Entrants indicate which category they wish to enter and all four entries then relate to that chosen category. Judgement will be made on an assessment of the submissions as a group.

Apart from the Awards Section, an Open Section will be exhibited so that students can offer for sale other examples of their work

# on the

MURRUMBEENA cil permanent art collection.



"A SUPERB performance" was the typical comment following Caulfield **Grammar School's recent production of** Godspell.

Six girls from Shelford Church of England Girls Grammar School joined eight boys from Caulfield Grammar in staging the musical which ran over four consecutive nights in the School's Memorial Hall.

Each night the play was performed before a capacity house. This year's School play follows on the heels of

last year's most successful Joseph and His

Instruments created by Australian Craftsmen

and featuring a selection of string, brass, clay, horn, wind and keyboard

(Baroque, Renaissance

instruments presented in Celebration of MUSIC

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# Good show!

Technicolor Dreamcoat which also played to

capacity houses. The School's director of drama, Mr Warren Bates, is an accomplished actor in his own right and was largely responsible for the excellence of both productions. Pictured are the performers from Caulfield

Grammar School and Shelford Girls Grammar School during a scene from Godspell.

# Arts centre events to enjoy

Current through November 1: Gallery Hours: 10-5 Weekdays, 1-6 Weekends. An Exhibition of Practical, Handcrafted Musical members (includes light

Friday, November 6— Sunday, November 15. Aspects of new realism— Aspects of new realism — 1981 travelling art exhibition, National Gal-lery of Victoria. An exhibition representing an area of contemporary Australian art — NEW REALISM and featuring the work of 15 Contemthe work of 15 Contemporary Australian Artists who have been working in or close to a style which has been variously defined as NEW REALISM.

Saturday, November 7: 8 p.m. A musical evening to aid the Thalassaemia Society of Victoria. This function has been organized by

the combined efforts of AHEPA — Hellenic Alliance and Grecian Lyceum.

Sunday, November 8: p.m. Members of the Recorder Consort Group, Percussion Ensemble, private instruments students and Adult Recorder Group at the Arts Centre present a final year afternoon of music

Sunday, November, November 8: 10.30-3.30. Renaissance Dancing, the graceful old-world art form dating back as far as the Court of Henry VIII, is making a world-wide revival and a Workshop will be held at the Centre on this unique style of dancing.

Bookings required on: 524 3277.

524 3277. Sunday, November 15: 3 p.m. RENAISSANCE DANCING — 400 YEARS LATER. Pos-sibly the world's only celebration of the 400th anniversary of the publication, in 1581, of a famous dance-book. November 15 in the final November 15, in the final program of the 1981 Melbourne Early Music Proms. Advanced bookings for the the Prom is recommended Prom is recommended they should be made by ringing the Early Music Consort of Melbourne on 699 8417 A.H.

Monday November 16 8.15 p.m. The Caulfield Community Theatre will be presenting the second Play Reading Session during the month of November and wish to invite anyone interested Admission: 50c Members; \$1 non-members (includes light refreshments). November 24 and 25:

1.30-2.30. A retelling of the Biblical Story of Joseph being sold by his brothers into slavery. He becomes a success in Egypt. Performed by the Egypt. Performed by the Drama Group at Mur-rumbeena High School. Tickets: 70c per child, ring 524 3277 for details. November 28 and 29: Another in the series of COLLECTORS' HEA-VEN STAMP AND COIN FAIRS will be held. There will be buying, selling and buying, selling and swapping of stamps and coins. A substantial number of dealers will be in attendance and free valuations will be given to collections. Monday, November 30: 8.00 pm. Melba Conservatorium of Music Concert. Short concert of graduating students and choir. Graduates will be presented with their diplomas by Lady Vestey (Dame Nellie Melba's granddaughter). Supper included. No admissin charge.

# Show road

# Monday, November 2: 8.15 p.m. The Caulfield Community Theatre will be presenting the first of two monthly play readings on this evening. Admission: 50c Members; \$1 non-

High School will be the next venue for the display of acrylic, prints, drawings and ceramics from the Caulfield City Coun-

Located in the Library of the school (North Road, Murrumbeena),



THE ARTS Access Society this week held a craft exhibition at Caulfield **Hospital Recreation Hall.** 

The exhibition featured textiles, ceramics, kites, leatherwork, glassware, and handwoven garments.

Among those at the exhibition was Sue Trytell of Malvern who is shown here working on a commissioned tapestry.

the mini-exhibition will be on show during regular school hours of 8.30 a.m.-4 p.m., Mon-day to Friday, com-mencing Tuesday, Oc-tober 27 through Friday, November 27.

These four segments of the Collection contain the work of such fine craftsmen and artists as Joan Campbell, Paul Davis, Victor Davis, Victor Greenaway, Reg Preston, Peter Rushford and Alan Watt, Potters and Ian Armstron, Bruno Leti, Noel Counihan, John Olsen, Brett Whitely, Printmakers - to name but a few.

A well worthwhile pause from your daily routine — so why not stop by and have a look at your collection.



# Contact diary

# **Christian Science**

Friday, October 30: A lecture by Naomi Price entitled "Christian Science: Its New Light on Miracles" will be held at 334 Glenhuntly Road, Elsternwick. Telephone 523 9680 for any further details.

# **Amazon River**

Friday, October 30: Come and explore the Amazon River Basin with Mme Rabbani of America, who organized and led the "Green Light Expedition" to South America. This audio visual program will spark the keen interest of almost any audience.

The venue is Caulfield Institute of Technology, Block B, Room 222 commencing at 8 p.m. Admission free.

# St Peter's

Friday, October 30: St. Peter's Church, Mur-rumbeena will be holding its Annual Fete in the hall and grounds at Ner-rim Road, from 12.00 noon until 8.00 p.m.

There will be interesting stalls providing cakes, plants, sweets, work and fancy goods, produce and not forgetting a white elephant stall. Other activities include lucky envelopes, competitions for the kiddies and if you can guess correctly you could win a beautifully decorated cake. By popular request the refreshment stall is once again putting on a sumptous tea.

any further For information contact the fete co-ordinator on 544 1533 or 568 3859 (H).

# Halloween

Saturday October 31: A Halloween Party will be held at the Presbyterian Church, cnr. Nerrim and Bambra Roads, Caulfield. Supper will be provided and the party commences at 8.00 p.m.

Everyone welcome. There will be a donation at the door.

# Art Sale

Saturday, October 31-Tuesday November 3:

Ivayeshiva Beth Rivkah Parent's Association is holding its 11th annual art sale at 20 Balaclava Road, East St. Kilda at 8.45 p.m.-10.00 p.m. This time is for Saturday night only. Other times, 1st-3rd from 11.00 a.m.-9.00 p.m. The Cocktail opening on Saturday night will be opened by His Worship the Mayor, Cr Brian Rudzki. Admission is free.

# Bowling

Sunday, November 1:

Commencing at 10.30 a.m. at the Carnegie R.S.L. and Citizens' Bowling Club, Rosanna Street, Carnegie, is the Open Nominated Mixed Fours, followed by a smorgsboard. Further information telephone 569 8483.

# Progress

## Monday, November 2:

# Is the next meeting of the Carnegie Progress Association who meet on the first Monday of every month in the Progress Hall behind the Library in Truganini Road, Carnegie. After the meeting a game of Crazy Whist will be played, followed by a nice supper. Good prizes will be given and admission is free. Any interested in a social evening or a game of cards are invited to attend. Telephone Secretary on 568 1303 for

ALP

# Monday, November 2:

any further details.

At the next meeting of the Caulfield Branch of the Australian Labor Party the candidate for the State Seat of Caulfield, Mr Jack Diamond will be the guest speaker. The venue 105 Grange Road, Glenhuntly, commencing at 7.00 p.m. Visitors are welcome and enquiries to Ray Clarke on 211 9253.

# Pensioners

**Tuesday November 3:** 

Will be the next branch meeting of the Combined Pensioners' Associaton of Victoria at the Caulfield City Hall at 1.30 p.m.

The C.P.A.V. invite you to join them on the annual Christmas Breakup.

They will be taking a bus trip to Rosebud and having a Christmas Dinner at the Rosebud Hotel. The cost is \$6.00 per head for Caulfield Branch members. For further information about the Breakup contact Mrs B. Pleass on 578 7918. The Secretary, Mr W. King will be pleased to hear from you if you have any enquiries about the C.P.A.V. He can be contacted on 51 7429

# Art group

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# Tuesday, November 3 and 4: The Hughesdale

its monthly meeting at Holy Cross Presbytery, 707 Glenhuntly Road, Caulfield South. Sunday No. Everyone welcome. Ring M. Furlong on 523 6490

for any further details.

Non-profit making organisations

are invited to make full use of the

Caulfield Diary, which will be

compiled each month by L'rainne

Parsons, who would be pleased to

15th of each month. Telephone

Barbecue

Magnolia

596 2736.

Sunday, November 8: A

monster barbecue is being held by the Caulfield Progress

Association, so don't miss this unique oppor-

tunity. Commencing at 12 noon at 41 and 39

Magnolla Koad, Gardenvale with supplies of cooking facilities (BBQ's), bread, salad, tomato sauce and cor-dial. B.Y.O. children, friende and relatives

friends and relatives. Liquid refreshments,

meat and monster dissecting utensils. The

cost is \$1.00 per person or \$2.00 per family. Enquiries to Noel and

Graham Rogers on

**Rosary** crusade

Sunday, November 8: The 39th Rosary Crusade will be held at St Augustine's Church, Bourke Street,

Melbourne commencing at 2.30 p.m. The speaker

will be Fr David Daniel

people from all parishes. Contact E. McGrath on 596 4829 if you require any further details.

Road,

# **Camera Club**

524 3321.

Thursday, November 4: The monthly meeting of the Hughesdale Camera Club will be held at the Hughesdale Community Centre, cnr. Poath and Kangaroo Roads, Hughesdale, commencing at 8.00 p.m. "Further travels around the world" by John Prent while Fred Sherreff will show slides. Visitors will be made very welcome. Contact the Secretray Mrs Spong on 568 0414.

# Blind

Wednesday, November 4: Every Wednesday afternoon at 1.45 p.m. The Carnegie Blind Association will hold a card afternoon "Crazy Whist" in the Progress Hall, Truganini Road, Carnegie. New players will be made very welcome. Afternoon tea welcome. Afternoon tea will be served and there are prizes. Contact the Secretary, J. Field on 2115957 or the President, E. Dexter on 5680961 for further details

details.

Caulfield

Grammar

holding their Centenary

Carnival which will be

# Retirement Tuesday, November 10:

The Early Planning for Retirement Association, Caulfield Branch will hold a book discussion night at Mabel Williamson's, Unit 6, 135 Grange Road, Glenhunt-ly. "R. F. Delderfield". Contact R. Campbell on 211 3687 for further Saturday, November 7: Commencing at 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. the Caulfield Grammar School will be

details.

# held at the senior school campus. Come along "For all the fun of the fair". Stalls, lucky dips, entertainment by the CYSS

Wednesday, November 11: Do you know anything about CYSS Caulfield City Band. and the services it provides in the community? Come to the Games, prizes morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea will be available. Entry is free. Any further next forum night of the Australian Democrats, information contact Henty Branch and find out. Commencing at 8.00 Michael Thornton,

will be served. Further information may be obtained from the Secretary, R. Ballantyne on 578 3145.

## **Rippon Lea**

Thursday, November 19: The Friends of Rippon Lea will be holding their 4th Thursday luncheon in the Ball-%room of Rippon Lea at 12 noon. A donation of \$5.50 is asked per person and \$5.00 for groups of 20 or more. There will be a basket luncheon and the guest speaker will be Dr John N. Faulkner, B.V.Sc. The topic "The Role of the Vetinary Scientist in Society". Proceeds of the luncheon go towards continued restoration of Rippon Lea a National Trust property. Please contact the Ticket Secretary, Miss Kate Hall on 528 5306.

Thursday, November 19: E.Z.R.A.'s annual fete is to be held at the Malvern Town Hall from 10.00 a.m.-1.30 p.m. There will be new clothing, materials, gifts and a white elephant stall. E.Z.R.A. group works for Mothers and babies in Israel. For further details contact

## **General** meeting

Thursday, November 19: Is the General Meeting of the Early Planning for Retirement Association, Caulfield Branch commencing at 7.45 p.m. Wine and cheese Christmas breakup. Note the new venue — the Caulfield Town Hall.

# Gala day

Friday November 20: Will be "Gala Day" at the Carnegie R.S.L. and Citizen's Ladies' Bowling Club, Rosanna Street, Carnegie. The Gala Day starts at 11 a.m. and has the usual well stocked stalls. Morning tea and lunch provided. An excellent day for all. \$6.00 per team. Bookings to N. Sunderland, Monday, November 16:

# Street stall

Friday, November 20: The New Ormond Aux-iliary are holding their yearly street stall at the Ormond Shopping Centre. Please come along and support the Auxiliary. The money is to be used by the Alfred Hospital for the purchasing of equipment. They are always looking for new members so please contact Eveline Moir on 578 1721 if you are interested.

## Travel group

Wednesday, November 25: The Travel Group of the Early Planning for Retirement Association will start their meeting at 7.45 p.m. at Caulfield Grammar Music Room, Glen Eira Road. Jack Fleming will present wild flowers and gorges of Australia. Painting contact Eric Fish on 523 7951. Solo card players meet every second Wednesday and are anxious for new members, contact Bar-bara MacKenzie on 509 5841.

#### Fair

November Glenhuntly Saturday, 28: The Primary School will be holding their fair at the Glenhuntly Primary School, Grange Road, Glenhuntly from 9.00 a.m. until 4.00 p.m. There will be games, variety of stalls, art show, live music and lunches. B.B.Q. starts from 11.30 a.m. and Devonshire teas. Any further details to 211 5278.

# **City Choir**

**Tuesday**, December 15: The Caulfield City Choir's Christmas Concert will be performed in the Caulfield Grammar Auditorium, Glen Eira Deed Caulfield Road, Caulfield. The forty voice choir will sing Bach's Christmas Oratorio and well known artists will sing the solo parts. The conductor is Îan Lee. Admission \$3.00 and \$1.50 to pensioners and students. Further details and ticket bookings ring Greg Wynn on 543 2819.

**Packer Park** Continued from Page 8

affiliated with the Pony Club Association of Vic-

Secretary on 569 9802.

In 1957 the club was and in 1979 a club member was the zone team captain at the state спап The Pony Club is only a small part of a world wide organization and is a member of the Southern Metropolitan Zone of the Pony Club Association of Victoria. The objects of the club are to encourage young people to ride and to learn to enjoy all approved kinds of sport connected with sport and riding. It aims to instill in its members the proper care of animals and to promote the highest ideals of fellowship, citizenship and loyalty cultivating strength of character and selfdiscipline in its members. The facilities at Packer Park now include five greens for bowls and other facilities.

# Music group

Saturday, November 14: The Music Group of the Early Planning for Retirement Association, Caulfield Branch will meet at 7.45 p.m. at Dorothy McMichael's. 118 Bignell Road, East Bentleigh. For those interested in music ring Dorothy on 579 3028.

## Descant

#### Sunday, November 15:

Descant are holding a concert at Rippon Lea, featuring modern music by Australian Felix, which includes leading classical saxophinist, Sun Aria finalist and jazz man. Descant seeks to combine concerts with a social club. So if your tastes run to serious music rather than disco, then hear the newest in music and meet some nice people. Contact S. Krawat, Secretary 3/11 Wattle Ave., Glenhuntly for any further details.

#### from St Finbar's East Photography Brighton, and the Decade Leaders will be

Monday, November 16: Commencing at 8.00 p.m. the Early Planning for Retirement Association, Caulfield Branch will hold a photography group night at Jack Campbell's, 1 St. George's Road, Elsternwick. This is a momber pickt and is the members night and is the slide and print of the year. Bring along your best.

# Aged

Commencing at 1.00 p.m. the Auxiliary for the Aged and Infirm, Caulfield Hospital will be holding a large Card Party. The proceeds from this card party will go to Christmas presents for the many patients. Meetings and Card Parties are all held in the Recreation Hall at the



# Annual fete

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## **Charity stall**

Saturday, October 31:

From 9.00 a.m.-12 noon a chartiy stall in aid of the Cat Protection Society will be held at the rear of the Prahran Market (near the carpark). There will be the usual bric-abrac and used clothing. Further enquiries telephone 528 3392.

Art Group will be holding their 18th annual exhibition and sale of paintings and drawings.

The venue is at the Hughesdale Community Centre, cnr. Poath and Kangaroo Roads, Hughesdale and commences at 8.00 p.m. on the 3rd and from 10.00 a.m.-10.00 p.m. on the 4th. Admission is free and wine and cheese will be served. Ring the Vice President on 560 0015 for any further details.

# **Right To Life**

Wednesday, November 4: Commencing at 8.00 p.m. the Caulfield Branch of the Right to Life Association will hold

Development Officer at the School on 528 6544.

Hospital fete

Saturday, November 7: Is the annual Bethlehem Hospital fete which will be held at the Caulfield Recreation Centre, Maple Street, (off Hawthorn Rd.) Caulfield South, starting from 9.30 a.m.-5.00 p.m. In addition to a wide range of stalls there will be a big wheel, money raffles and Father Christmas for the children. Vi Greenhalf and Paul Cronin and other TV personalities will be present to join in the fun. The proceeds will be donated to the Hospital Building Fund and Multiple Sclerosis Unit.

p.m. at 69 Draper Street, Ormond. Everyone is welcome. For further details contact Mrs T. on

Cunningham 578 8645.

# Montessori

Thursday, November 12: Commencing at 10.00 a.m.-2.00 p.m. the Montessori Primary School of South Caulfield will be conducting a Jumble Sale in the Hall at St. John's, 86 Clendon Road, Toorak. There will be good used clothing for be good used clothing for adults and children, baby needs bric-a-brac, toys, books, plants. Donations of goods welcome. Please ring the organiser on 592 9753 for any further details.

Historical

Wednesday, November 18: The final meeting for 1981 of the Caulfield Historical Society will be held at the Auxilliary meeting room, Caulfield Town Hall, Glen Eira Rd., Caulfield Rd., commencing at 8.00 p.m.

The guest speaker will be Mr Ian Jenkins of the Railways Historical Society who will speak on the early railways of this district including the famed Rosstown Railway. He will also show slides sound effects. All members of the Society and interested members of the public are assured of a very warm welcome. Supper

oria and the British

Horse Society. Their first rally was held in February of that year.

During 1962 the Club had to use Bakers Paddock for rallies because the open drain that ran across Packer Reserve had to be filled in and the ground was too soft for use. The Caulfield Council granted permission to the club to occupy their piece of ground in Packer Reserve 80 yards by 100 yards for rental of 10

pounds a year. The club's finest achievements include sending four teams to the 10th Annual Tooradin one day event in 1977 where all teams were placed. In 1978 the games

team represented the zone at the state finals

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**Contact sport** 

"CARNEGIE'S fine communal job", this was a headline in one of our daily papers some years ago.

to sport

"Packer Reserve a new park and sporting arena in Carnegie" the article continued "promises to become one of Melbourne's foremost recreation reserves. It is in the centre of a rapidly developing area, nine miles from the City".

Packer Reserve has certainly developed rapidly. Five years before this article was written the area was swampy ground. If more than half an inch of rain fell it became a veritable lake. An open stormwater drain increased its tendency to flood while gorse bushes abounded everywhere.

At that time it seemed a useless piece of ground but today it contains a first-class cycle racing track, football and cricket ovals, bowling facilities and accommodates the Caulfield District Horse and Pony Club, scouts and brownies use the hall and there is a playground for children.

Transformation began early in 1949. Negotiations for the purchase of the land was commenced in 1945, after the Council was approached about the provision of a public park in this area by the East Ward Councillors.

What is now known as Packer Park, covering an area of approximately nine acres, was purchased from various persons for approximately 3,000 pounds over the next five years.

From 1945 further land was purchased. Lot 13 in Waldon Grove was bought for 75 pounds, a block in Oakleigh Road for 62 pounds and 10 pence and finally in 1950 2¾ acres of the Gem Egg Farm in Oakleigh Road was purchased for 2,450 pounds giving the present area of Packer Park of approximately 14 acres.

While these negotiations were taking place the Council approved the proposed layout of the Park. Provision was made for a cycling track and cricket ground and it was early in 1949 when a stream of Council trucks began dumping loads of filling at the centre of the swamp.

Month after month the trucks came and went and a bulldozer levelled the dirt of the proposed football and cricket ovals and a steadily rising circle of dirt indicated the position of the cycle track. nivals and social evenings.

In July 1952 the East Ward councillors ( submitted to the then town clerk the names and addresses of persons whom they considered would be interested in the formation of a trust

for Packer Park. Today the occupants of Packer Park include Carnegie Bowls Club, Washington Cricket Club, Caulfield Horse and Pony Club, the South Eastern Suburban Football Umpires' Association, Caulfield Junior Football Club, the Murrumbeena Football Club, Carnegie Amateur and Brighton and South Caulfeild Professional Road Cycling Association.

In the road racing season the Veterans' Association use the cycling track for training.

Scouts and brownies use the scout hall and the playground facilities provide for the children of the area.

The history of Packer Park is tied up with the History of each of the Clubs. The Washington Cricket Club commenced in 1924 as a group of men playing street cricket in Washington Avenue, East Malvern.

In

1927 they

commenced official competition matches in the Caulfield District Citizen Association. The club went into recess during World War 2 but reformed using the wicket at Lords Reserve in Carnegie in 1944.

In 1952 it moved to the Packer Reserve and also formed a second 11 team.

Since its early days the club has annually entered teams in cricket competitions and has used the facilities at Packer Reserve to build a rich tradition of success.

In 52 seasons the club has collected 15 premierships and earned a reputation for good fair play.

It does all it can to promote junior cricket in the area and keen attention is paid to the three boys' teams.

The first general meeting of the Pony Club was held at the home of Mr and Mrs Nutting on November 26, 1956. At this meeting the Club elected Mr Carr as its first district Commissioner.

Caulfield granted a portion of Packer Reserve for the use of the Club and the first fees were set at 16 shillings for all members.

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# Silver jubilee

Packer Park — an asset

THE Caulfield District Horse and Pony Club this year marks its silver jubilee.

The club will be holding a reunion at Packer Park, in Leila Rd., Murrumbeena on November

The honorary secretary of the club hopes that all past members and office bearers since the inception of the club in 1956 will make an effort to attend the reunion.

Lunch will be provided for the event which gets under way at 10 a.m. and people interested in attending are asked to contact Mrs Watson on 583 1489.



# **Juniors in 'Olympics'**

ON Friday, October 2 a large group of Glenhuntly junior athletes travelled to Stawell for a fun weekend and to compete on Sunday in the "Stawell Festival Olympics".

Competing in events from under-13 to under-20 age groups the boys have collected a total of 60 medals, 20 gold, 18 silver and 22 bronze, breaking in the process a number of existing records.

While all boys performed well credit must be given to two young Glenhuntly athletes, Vic Letruong (under-14) and Mark Solonsch (under-15) who each collected five medals, two gold, two silver and one bronze.



This was then graded, firmed and topped with bitumen.

It was officially opened on November 17, 1952 when a crowd of 2,000 people watched a first rate program, such personalities as Jack Hoobin, former world amateur road cycling champion, and Billy Guyatt were present.

To relieve the call on the Council's finances, committees from each sporting body using the reserve were formed to raise money by organising fetes, car-

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The Stawell A.A.C. award for the best achievement by a junior athlete went to 13year-old James Ring who collected gold medals in the 100, 200 and 400m sprints and in the process broke two existing records. James has also won the award for best performance by a Glenhuntly junior.

The following weekend about 20 Glenhuntly juniors were invited to Echuca to take part in the Echuca Junior Olympics.

Once again the boys performed creditably, winning 19 gold, 14 silver, four bronze medals and six event records were broken by Glenhuntly juniors.

Outstanding performances were recorded by Scott Farley (Under-13), two gold medals in the 100 and 200m, John Kearley, two gold medals in the 100 and 200m, Paul Sparks, two gold in the long and triple jump and John Adamopoulos in the javelin, who broke the existing record by 11 metres.

Any boy who would like to join the club, please phone junior manager Leo Aarsman on 578 6183.

# Speaking briefly on sport

THE learn to bowl for \$1.00 a week offer made by the Glenhuntly Bowls Club as reported in the last issue of Caulfield Contact attracted a good response and a common sight on the greens now is a learner being taught the fundamentals of the sport by one of the club's coaches.

The offer is still open and the coaches are still willing, so anyone interested can still be accommodated.

For further information ring 211 3834,

211 3664 or 578 6493, or call in at the Glenhuntly Bowls House near the Glenhuntly Railway Station.

THE Caulfield Park Croquet Club has welcomed new members.

The Club says that its setting in the park situated behind the bowling park has ample parking and there is free tuition available. If anyone is interested they can contact the Secretary on telephone 509 1840.

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