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Carols by Candlelight

A night of stars, candlelight and joyful voices is promised at this year's City of Glen Eira Carols by Candlelight concert to be held at a new venue – Caulfield Racecourse – on Sunday 21 December, from 6.30pm to 10.15pm.

Compered by Denis Walter, the concert includes guest appearances by Maria Mercedes and Neighbours star Ian Smith. Other performers include Natalie Jones (Herald-Sun Aria winner), Tony Fenelon, the City of Glen Eira Band, Young Voices of Melbourne, the City of Glen Eira Choir, and Humphrey B Bear.

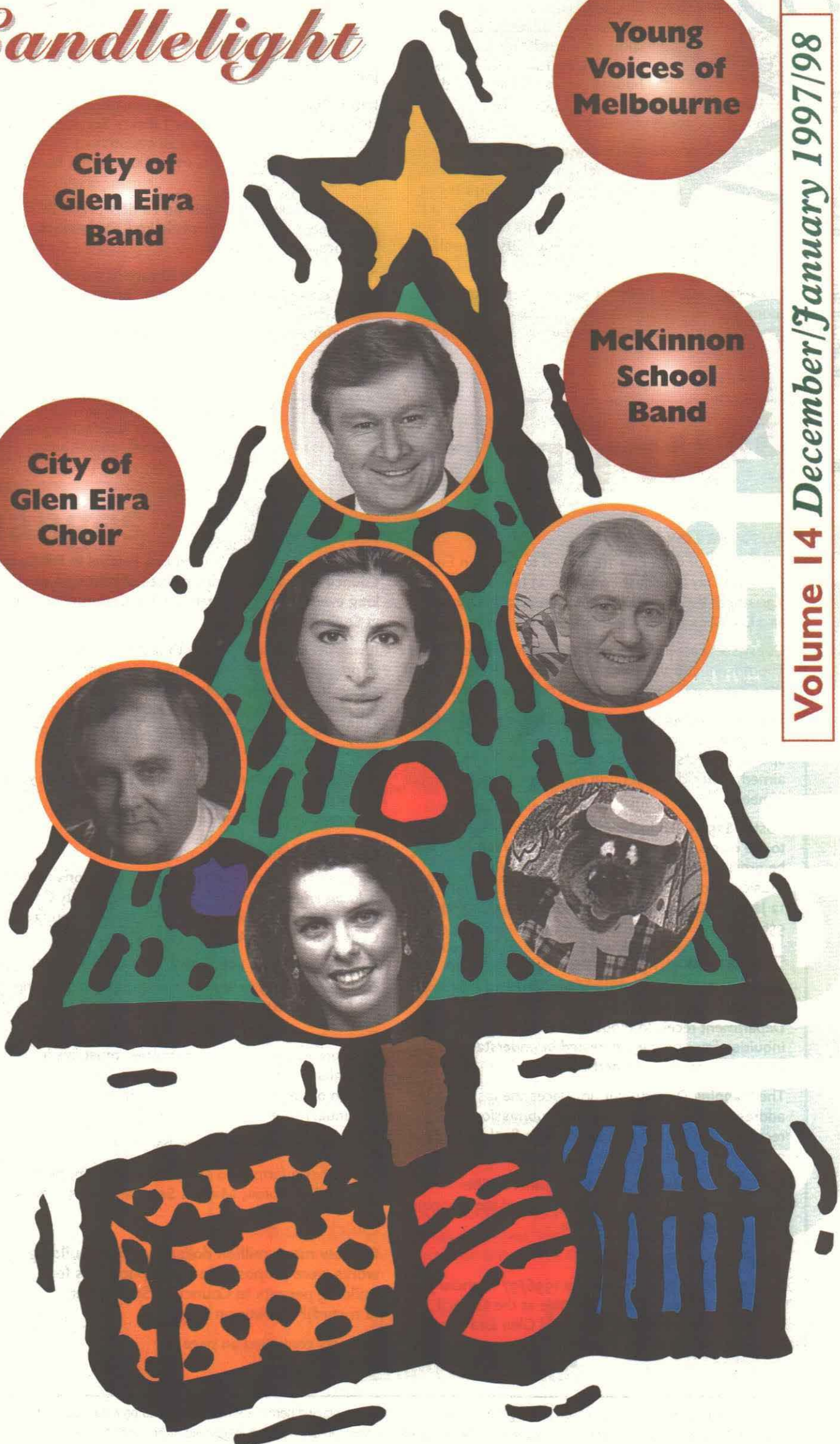
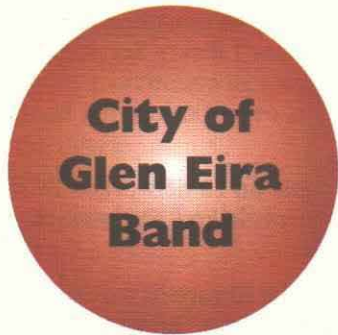
And of course a Christmas event would not be complete without the man himself – Father Christmas has been booked for a special appearance.

Sponsored by Tattersall's, the concert is free and, by arrangement with the Victorian Amateur Turf Club, will be held at the racecourse for the first time. Families are encouraged to bring along a picnic dinner and relax on the lawns of the Terrace Whittier Stand. Should the weather turn doubtful, the stands will provide shelter for up to 2000 people.

The evening will begin with candle and program sales by the Caulfield Girl Guides at 6.30pm (programs \$2 and candles 50 cents with proceeds going to the Glen Eira Community Information and Resource Centre Emergency Relief). From 6.45 to 8.15pm, the pre-carols entertainment will get into full swing and includes the High Wire Circus Performing Arts Group, McKinnon Secondary College Stage Band, and children's entertainer Sasha LeFevre. The carols will begin at 8.30pm.

Carols by Candlelight is proudly sponsored and supported by Tattersall's, Bernie's Music Land, Victorian Amateur Turf Club, Noel Jones Real Estate, Leader Newspaper Group, Print Synergy, Melbourne School of Art and Photography, Magic 693 radio, Coles Stores (Elsternwick), Southern FM radio, Golden Oldies Radio and Victoria Police.

Public car parking for concert will be through Gate 2 in Station Street or through Gate 21, opposite Caulfield station then walk through to the stage area. Foot access to the event will also be available through the main gate, Gate 23 in Station Street.



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Mayor's Column

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How would you like your money spent?

You may find it intriguing that Council is already preparing for next year's budget, as it takes some six months to prepare, research, evaluate and discuss a budget before it is approved.

Now is the time for Council to hear your suggestions, needs or wants.

You are the people who know what is needed in this community to ensure we serve you well. Therefore, it is vital that we hear from you so your inputs can become part of our budget process. Don't leave it to the middle of next year, please tell us now.

Write to: Budget Ideas, Glen Eira City Council, PO Box 42, Caulfield South 3162.

However, as you know, "Money out must equate to money in" so I would also appreciate any suggestions for increasing our revenue without increasing our rates.

Multilingual council

Did you know that our Service Centre now provides many brochures and forms in the following languages? Polish, Italian, Greek, Chinese and Russian. Another way we keep our residents well informed.

Internet in our libraries

Public Internet access began in our libraries in July, and since that time our Library Service has seen a 450 per cent increase in community usage! During September alone, over 800 Internet bookings were taken.

Internet access is available on 13 networked PCs at Bentleigh, Caulfield, Carnegie and Elsternwick libraries.

Also, we are the first public library in Australia to have a catalogue available in the "browser" format. Our catalogue can be found at: www.gleneira.vic.gov.au/library.htm

Reflection on this year

On a quick reflection of the past nine months, since elected Councillors came on the scene, achievements for the community include: an upgraded pool, a new park, \$10 million for roads, footpaths and drainage; improved parks and gardens; maintenance of low rates; a new home for U3A; national awards for our IT customer system; an approved corporate five year plan, and a full time Mayor to serve the community well. What a boast!!

Christmas and new year wish

Now that this calendar year is coming to an end, it's time to celebrate and enjoy your Christmas and end of year break and prepare for the new year. We, at Glen Eira City Council, wish you a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year. May 1998 bring to all of you the best of everything.

Alan Grossbard
MAYOR

SNIPPETS

Australia Day breakfast

The people of Glen Eira are invited to the Glen Eira Australia Day Breakfast on Friday, 23 January, at 7.30am, at the town hall auditorium, cnr Hawthorn and Glen Eira roads, Caulfield.

Guest speaker will be former Victorian Premier Lindsay Thompson, and the event will include presentations of the Citizen and Young Citizen of the Year awards.

The event is organised jointly by Caulfield Rotary Club and Council. Proceeds will go to the Rotary Club's special projects and the Council's Youth Projects aimed at suicide prevention and helping young people in need.

Cost is \$25, which includes a tax deductible donation to the club's special projects fund. Entertainment will be provided by Nehama Patkin and the Young Musicians of Excellence. Bookings must be made by 12 January. Contact Rotary President Heather Welsh on 9568 7190.

'Thank you' on planning

The exhibition period of the draft Glen Eira Planning Scheme finished on 17 October. The Planning Department received thousands of phone and counter inquiries from people interested in understanding the likely effect on their property.

The Planning Department now faces the task of addressing the 100 or so written submissions received, and hopes to recommend a final draft of the scheme to Council as soon as possible.

In the New Year, an independent panel will be appointed to determine the final form of the Planning Scheme for the City of Glen Eira.

1996/97 Annual Report

Council's Annual Report for the 1996/97 financial year has been produced and is available at the Council offices, corner Hawthorn Road and Glen Eira Road, Caulfield, and at all branch libraries.

Festival news

At the end of this year's Glen Eira Festival in February, Council reviewed the practicalities of hosting a week-long event which culminated in the Community Day at Caulfield Racecourse.

It was decided the best way to reach our residents was to provide a variety of arts and performance based shows throughout the year. We have been thrilled with the reaction, both in audience attendances and feedback, and we will continue to offer a selection of quality programs in 1998.

Although a Community Day will not be held next year, Council is hoping to look at other fundraising opportunities for community groups.

Citizen of the Year

As part of the 1998 Australia Day Celebrations to be held on Friday, 23 January 1998, Glen Eira City Council is seeking nominations for the Citizen and Young Citizen of the Year Award.

Organisations and individuals are invited to nominate citizens who they believe have made an outstanding contribution to the community.

Nominees must be Australian citizens and, unless there are exceptional circumstances, must live in Australia. To be eligible, the nominees for Young Citizen of the Year must be under 27 years of age on 26 January 1998.

Nominations close 12 December 1997

For further information or nomination form, please contact Sue Albrow, Mayor's Secretary on 9524 3225.

Quick quiz no. 3

Q: How many million dollars worth of building works were proposed in the applications for building permits to Council in September (a record)? Answer on Page 10.

Snippets continued on page 10.

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Decision makers' dinner

Eighty-six people, including Members of Parliament, chief executives of both private and public companies, and mayors of surrounding municipalities, attended Council's first Decision Makers' Dinner in October. Other guests included presidents of service clubs, principals of major schools, Glen Eira councillors, main street organisers, and real estate agents.

Held at Yarra Yarra Golf Club in East Bentleigh, the dinner provided the opportunity for Council to inform community leaders of its activities and provide a vision for the city for the year 2020.

Glen Eira Chief Executive Margaret Douglas spoke about the developments taking place within the city at the moment and planned for the next three years, then Mayor Cr Alan Grossbard addressed the vision of Glen Eira for the year 2020. He talked about a number of issues, including Glen Eira's population size and mix, housing, environment, education and learning, business and tourism, and the role of Council.

Bentleigh Shopping Centre manager Georgina Meadows and Cr Noel Erlich enjoy a chat.

Left to right: Marlene Campbell (Glen Eira Forum), the Rev. Gerry Fitzgerald (Glen Eira Rotary Club), Bill Nixon (real estate agent), and Jacqui Robilliard (Glen Eira Action Group) soak up the atmosphere at the Decision Makers' Dinner.



Decision makers' dinner

Suburb name changes - what's happening?

Residents' poll - Elsternwick/Gardenvale area

Residents will be aware that earlier this year Glen Eira Council was directed by the Victorian Place Names Committee to recommend an option which would define all suburb boundaries within the municipality.

Following representations from a number of local residents, in late October the Council undertook a second survey of residents in the area bounded by Parnell Street, Nagle Avenue, St James Parade, Elster Avenue and Kooyong Road, seeking comments on whether they preferred their suburb name as Elsternwick or Gardenvale.

The results were:

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| Total properties (approx.) | 380 | |
| Replies in favour of Elsternwick | 121 | 54.5 per cent of replies or 31.8 per cent of all households |
| Replies in favour of Gardenvale | 97 | 43.7 per cent of replies or 25.5 per cent of all households |
| Replies for both names (different views within same household) | 4 | |
| TOTAL REPLIES | 222 | 58.4 per cent of all households |

Council has subsequently decided to refer these results to the Place Names Committee, which will have the final say on all suburb names. Council did not express an opinion on what this area should be called, and believes this should be a matter for the Committee to decide.

Thank you to all residents who participated in the survey.

A further chance to comment

The Victorian Place Names Committee has recently published a notice in the local press advising that any objections to Council's proposal to define its suburb boundaries must be lodged with the Committee by **23 December 1997**.

Objections must be in writing and be addressed to: Ron McLeod, Secretary, Place Names Committee, C/- State Data Centre, PO Box 2117MC, Ballarat 3354. (Quote File No. 1636). Contact: 03 5333 6204.

We are unaware of when the Place Names Committee will be making its final decision on assigning the names, however it probably won't be until **early 1998**.



His Worship
the Mayor Cr Alan Grossbard
invites you to the
City of Glen Eira



Carols By Candlelight Concert

at Caulfield Racecourse on Sunday, 21 December 1997 by arrangement with the Chairman and Committee of the Victorian Amateur Turf Club. B.Y.O. rugs and chairs. (Undercover seating for 2,000 people).

Compere: **Denis Walter**

Guest Appearances: **Maria Mercedes**
Ian Smith from 'Neighbours'

Natalie Jones - Herald Sun Aria Winner. **Tony Fenelon**
The City of Glen Eira Band conducted by **Len Russell**
with soloist **Elena Xanthoudakis**

Young Voices of Melbourne conducted by **Mark O'Leary**
accompanied by **Marion Stafford**

The City of Glen Eira Choir conducted by **Peter Mousaferiades**
accompanied by **Joan Shewan**

Denis Walter's Young Australians
Humphrey B. Bear and **Father Christmas !!!**

Programme

6.30 pm: Sale of Programmes and Candles by the Caulfield Girl Guides.

6.45 - 8.15 pm: Pre Carols Entertainment.

High Wire Circus Performing Arts Group

McKinnon Secondary College Stage Band directed by **Ian Orr**

Sasha LeFevre - Children's Entertainer

8.30 - 10.15 pm: Carols by Candlelight

Bring along a picnic and enjoy a family evening of entertainment and community carols on the beautiful lawns of the Terrace Whittier Stand.

ADMISSION IS FREE

Programmes: \$2.00. Candles: 50 cents. Proceeds will be donated to the Glen Eira Community Information & Resource Centre for Emergency Relief.



Melbourne School of Art

Summer School Holidays

December 29 1997 - January 23 1998



The **Funtastic Holiday Program** run by Glen Eira City Council offers exciting and fun activities for children aged 4-12 years. During summer, it is important to be Sun Smart so don't forget to bring your hat and some sunscreen. Come and join us for a fun-filled Summer at the holiday program!

Arts Program

Glen Huntly Pavilion, cnr Booran & Neerim Roads, Glen Huntly. January 12-23 1998 - 8am to 6pm

This program offers interesting and exciting craft, drama and dance activities, such as wood work, silk painting, using a pottery wheel, cooking and a whole lot more! You can book for a morning or afternoon session.

Caulfield Recreation Centre

6 Maple Street, Caulfield South
December 29 1997 - January 23 1998 - 8am to 6pm

A combination of sport and craft activities are offered as well as cooking and adventurous excursions. Children have a wonderful, fun time at the programs taking part in cooking, trampolining, archery, outdoor sporting activities, art and craft, and a lot more fun and games! We also have theme days which are wild and fun!

Moorleigh Community Village Program

90-92 Bignell Road, Bentleigh East,
January 5-23 1998 - 8am to 6pm

A combination of sport and craft activities are offered as well as cooking and excursions.

On Wednesdays and Fridays excursions are held for all children to attend. No centre activities will be held on these two days as the whole centre enjoys a day

out! Other days at the centre activities such as art/craft, sport activities (archery, hockey, rollerblading), theme days, cooking, parties, special quests and many more surprises are held.

Teenies Program

1 Birch Street, Caulfield South
December 29 1997-January 23 1998 - 9am to 3.45pm

The Teenies program is conducted at the Caulfield South Kindergarten and caters for four and five year olds (not attending school). A variety of activities are conducted including story telling, cooking, craft and outdoor games. Special guests like clowns, jugglers musicians and others visit the program. Children have a nap during the day so they need to bring a cover sheet and blanket.

For further information regarding each program and for booking details please contact:
Chris Potiris on 9524 3277

Brochures can be collected from Council Offices, and all schools and libraries within the municipality.

ALL BOOKINGS: Glen Eira City Council (Entrance through the main carpark 'Service Centre' entrance). Payment by cheque is preferred.

Bookings commence on:

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| Monday 15 December | 6pm-8pm |
| Tuesday 16 December | 8.30am-7pm |
| Wednesday 17 December | |
| - Friday 19 December | 8.30am-5.30pm |

Bookings can be made at each centre once the School Holiday Program has commenced providing there are vacancies.

Please note: Child Care Rebate Receipts are available upon request and can be collected on the first day of the program at the centre your child attends.

Vacancies in child care

Ann, pictured right with her four current charges, is one of 70 Family Day Care providers who offer child care in their own homes.

Bridgette has been cared for in home-based child care since she was a baby and will go to school next year. Her brother Troy, and Adrian and James enjoy one another's company under Ann's daily care and guidance. Their parents greatly appreciate Ann and have chosen small group child care for their children.

Council's Family Day Care providers are supported by visits from co-ordinating staff. Council also provides child care at five Children's Centres. Inquiries about vacancies for 1998 are welcome on 9524 3461 and 9524 3462.



CHRISTMAS HOURS

SERVICE CENTRE

The Glen Eira Service Centre will be closed on Christmas and Boxing days, (December 25 and 26), and on New Year's Day (January 1, 1998). Please note on all other days, normal opening hours will apply: Monday to Friday 8am to 5.30pm excepting Tuesdays on which the centre is open until 7.15pm.

GARBAGE COLLECTION

Council's Waste Management services will continue as normal through the Christmas period. Garbage and Recyclables will be collected on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day.

LIBRARIES

All branches of the Glen Eira Library and Information Service will close at 3pm on Wednesday 24 December 1997 (Elsternwick Library will open at 10am instead of 1pm on Wednesday 24 December).

Carnegie, Elsternwick and McKinnon libraries will be closed until Friday 2 January, 1998.

Hours: all libraries

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| Thursday | 25/12 | closed |
| Friday | 26/12 | closed |
| Saturday | 27/12 | closed |
| Sunday | 28/12 | closed |
| Monday | 29/12 | 10am-6pm |

Bentleigh and Caulfield libraries

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| Tuesday | 30/12 | 10am-6pm |
| Wednesday | 31/12 | 10am-3pm |
| Thursday | 1/1 | closed |
| Friday | 2/1 | * |

* normal opening hours resume at all libraries

Seasons Greetings and best wishes for 1998 from the staff of the Glen Eira Library and Information Service.



PERSONAL CARE and DISABILITY WORKERS PERMANENT PART TIME/CASUAL

GlenCare Services provide a range of in-home and residential care services for frail older adults and children or adults with disabilities within the City of Glen Eira.

A number of positions are available within our home care and residential facilities program.

We are seeking keen people with a genuine interest and relevant skills and/or experience. Skills and ability will be matched to particular clients with a view to developing long term partnerships.

Some flexibility in hours may be required and all applicants must have a reliable vehicle and be able to be contacted by phone.

Hourly rate: \$11.58 to \$12.50 base per hour (depending on experience/qualifications).

Contact: Judy Halloran on 9524 3297. Applications quoting reference no 97/28 (personal care) or 97/29 (disability care) should be addressed to:
Human Resources
City of Glen Eira
P O Box 42
Caulfield South 3162

Prospective employees will be required to undergo a police check.

Council is an equal opportunity employer and offers a smoke free workplace.

Horses yes – but much more

Victorian Amateur Turf Club marketing manager John Bennetts loves horses. From attending the races with his father at age seven, to buying a share in a racehorse with his first-ever pay packet, John has been involved in horses and horse racing most of his life.

It's no surprise to him then that he has "ended up" at the VATC at Caulfield Racecourse where he has worked as marketing manager since July 1994.

Managed by a board of trustees and the VATC committee, the Caulfield Racecourse site held its first horse race in 1859. The jockeys rode through rough bush and heathland and "snake infested patches of swamp"! The VATC held its first meeting in 1876 and in 1879 the club introduced the Caulfield Cup to its events calendar.

But Caulfield Racecourse offers much more to the public than horse racing. Racing events occur on 31 weekends and public holidays, but for the remainder of the year the area is open for passive recreation and hosts a range of events, festivals, and trade shows. And this year Caulfield Racecourse will host the City of Glen Eira Carols by Candlelight on Sunday 21 December.

The area is also used by associations and hobby groups such as the Caulfield Light Aircraft Club, and by members of the community for weddings and other celebrations. A number of annual festivals and conferences are held at the racecourse on non-race

days, and Monash University students attend exams twice a year at the complex.

John said the VATC was keen to make the Crown land on which Caulfield Racecourse is built, more attractive and accessible to the public. He said the area had undergone a number of changes over the last few years which opened it up to the public, including new open metallic spear fencing which replaces the solid corrugated iron fence.

He said much of the area was either being or had been landscaped, making the course a much more attractive recreational area. The public are welcome to fish for trout in the lake in the centre of the course, which is restocked with trout every six months.

John said many people who would never go to the races were discovering the area.

"Many people who may otherwise never set foot on the place come along to a 'Talk to the Animals' conference or a trade show, and realise there are a number of other options here," he said.

Another feature of Caulfield Racecourse is the museum of racing memorabilia, consisting of donated and loaned material from racing lovers, which was opened by the Queen in 1981. The museum is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am to 4pm and on race days.

– Myrine Hawksworth

VATC's John Bennetts tries riding a horse of a different kind, outside the Racing Museum.



Features

Glen Eira's got 33,000 jobs!

Did you know that the City of Glen Eira has more than 5500 registered businesses with an estimated 32,940 jobs?

A report, commissioned by Council to provide an economic profile of the City, has provided information on business and industry locations and employment structures which will help Council in planning and developing policies.

The municipality hosts a wide range of industries. The employment emphasis seems to be on service-oriented industries such as education, health and community services; the retail sector; finance, insurance, property and business services; and the entertainment industry, which includes cafes and restaurants, and cultural and recreational services (see Table 1).

Together with personal and other services, government administration and defence, and communication services, these service-sector industries make up almost 80 per cent of all jobs available in the Glen Eira economy.

At June 1996, according to the ABS registry of businesses, the City of Glen Eira had 5525 registered business locations. The finance, insurance, property and business services sector makes up the largest component at 33.9 per cent, representing almost 1900 businesses. Next is the wholesale and retail trade 23.7 per cent, and then education 12.7 per cent (see Table 2).

Many of the businesses in the finance, insurance, property and business services sector are relatively small, employing fewer than five people, and a significant number are home-based businesses. Glen Eira has a significant number of businesses in entertainment industries, such as cultural, recreational and other services and accommodation, cafes and restaurants.

The report has been used in preparing the Glen Eira Municipal Strategic Statement, which is used as a reference tool by Council, and also in the preparation of the Business Development Strategy.

For more information, contact Andrew Millen (Business Development Planner) on 9524 3384.

DEADLINE FOR THE NEWS

Editorial contributions and advertisement bookings are welcome for the Glen Eira News. Please submit material at the beginning of the month prior to the issue in which you wish it to appear.

The next issue of Glen Eira News will be released on 2-4 February. The deadline is Monday 12 January. Advertising rates are available on application.

To submit editorial material for consideration, fax 9523 0339, email on mail@gleneira.vic.gov.au or write to PO Box 42, Caulfield South 3162.

Table 1: Key Industry Sectors – Jobs in Glen Eira 1996

| Industry Sector | % of total jobs | No. of jobs |
|--|-----------------|-------------|
| Education, health and community services | 26.8% | 8829 |
| Wholesale and retail trade | 20.7% | 6816 |
| Finance, insurance, property and business services | 16.7% | 5467 |
| Manufacturing | 10.0% | 3286 |
| Construction | 8.1% | 2685 |
| Accommodation, cafes and restaurants | 4.7% | 1543 |
| Cultural and recreational services | 4.3% | 1432 |

Table 2: Key Industry Sectors – Number of business locations in Glen Eira 1996

| Industry Sector | % of businesses | No of bus' locations |
|--|-----------------|----------------------|
| Finance, insurance, property and business services | 33.9% | 1874 |
| Wholesale and retail trade | 23.7% | 1312 |
| Education, health and community services | 12.7% | 701 |
| Construction | 10.5% | 578 |
| Personal and other services | 5.6% | 307 |
| Manufacturing | 4.1% | 227 |
| Cultural and recreational services | 3.1% | 171 |
| Transport and storage | 3.1% | 171 |
| Accommodation, cafes and restaurants | 2.5% | 137 |



If a picture paints a thousand words, how much would a photograph tell you? In this case it would say "Georgia Metaxas of Elsternwick is the winner of the Open to 24 years section of the Youth Photographic Award", pictured here with some of her winning shots.

Now in their second year, the awards were presented by Caulfield Rotary Club and the Glen Eira Arts Complex. Other prizes went to Mark Nimmervoll for the Innovation and Experimentation section, Andrew Boyle for the Years 7 to 12 section, and Sheridan Brear won the Up to Year 6 section.

Proudly sponsored by the Melbourne School of Art, Schreiber Photographics, Kodak Australasia and the Centre for Contemporary Photography.

Talking Textiles

by Petrina Dakin

What are textiles? I asked. The three artists laughed at the magnitude of my question. Yes, they found a formal answer - "fibre based work" - but as they talked about their own explorations, I began to understand that textiles were an almost limitless opportunity for expression in many different forms.

Martine van Zuilen works in felt, Nicola Cerini prints furnishing fabrics, Naomi Ota explores traditional Japanese themes in fabric sculptures. They, along with silk screen printer Lyn Menon, will be the voices of Talking Textiles, on Sunday 14 December from 10.30am to 4pm at the Glen Eira Arts Complex Theatre, organised by Council's arts programmers.

Martine van Zuilen has just returned from an incredible trip to Russia and Mongolia to study felting - taking a massive 2500 slides to record her encounter with the traditional, living uses of felt: as clothing, as housing. She will be sharing some of the images in her slide talk Felt Like a Nomad.

Martine said: "It is the oldest textile in the world. I was very inspired by my travels, and it was important to connect with the beginnings of felt. I met people who live in felt tents."

Martine makes her own felt - formed from wool using compression and heat - and takes her art from the raw material to finished piece. She is inspired by felt's flexibility: "There is no limit to size or shape. It can be used for footwear, rugs, 3D sculpture..." She has been a feltmaker and teacher for 12 years, and her enthusiasm has helped create a surge of interest in Australia. She is also vice-president of Victorian Feltmakers.

Nicola Cerini is a textile designer/maker, specialising in furnishing fabrics, whose work has been acquired by the National Gallery of Victoria. She has also featured in Vogue magazine and is a Northern Territory Craft Acquisition Award winner.

"I'm now on my third range of furniture fabrics. The last one, I printed designs for various furniture, then cut them up and sewed them as a patchwork. The third range is on hemp and cotton, for things such as cushions, ottomans, deck chairs, material lengths. My design is commercially printed and there is a growing appreciation (for specialist design). I'm selling through shops here, and now in Hong Kong and elsewhere overseas."

Part of the work, of course is marketing. Nicola is aided by her selling agent - her mother. She also enjoys taking part in exhibitions, where she prints one-offs on different textures, such as dressing room screens, wall hangings and reupholstered furniture. Nicola is also a teacher and is involved in a Filipino women's



Above: Creative faces (left to right) Naomi Ota, Nicola Cerini, and Martine van Zuilen.

workshop. "I love to encourage others and the share the enjoyment of working with textiles," she said.

Naomi Ota is a textile artist and winner of the Grand Prix at the Kyoto International Textile Exhibition - she will speak about the evolution of her work, combining traditional knowledge with contemporary developments.

Naomi says she had a traditional education in textiles, but discovered on a visit to Indonesia that for these people, creating and using textiles were closer to their daily life than she had previously encountered. She realised that her native Japan was losing its traditional ways.

She has sought to recapture traditional symbols and to develop the spiritual side of her work, in striking sculptures using cloth.

Lyn Menon (not pictured) is a textile designer and silk screen printer, who has successfully run Menon Art Designs for over 10 years. An inspirational speaker, she will be sharing marketing tips and her business knowledge, as well as displaying her work.

Talking Textiles - a must for textile lovers, artists and students, Sunday 14 December, 10am-4pm, Glen Eira Arts Complex Theatre.

Listen to four fabulous speakers and see slides of their work and travels, browse the bookshop, watch demonstrations of textile products, find out about courses, associations and suppliers, view an exhibition and perhaps purchase an original textile artwork.

Informative, stimulating and diverse, this is a wonderful opportunity to be part of a day devoted to the discussion and viewing of textile arts. Cost: \$20 (includes lunch and afternoon tea). Bookings: contact Susan or Deborah on 9524 3402 (tickets available at door).

The event is running alongside the gallery exhibition **Blueprint**, by graduates of the Melbourne Institute of Textiles, to 14 December, including screenprinting, weaving and tapestry.

The gallery is open 10am-5pm daily; 1-5pm weekends. It finishes this weekend, so don't miss out!

Exhibitions

Staging the very best in 1998

A brand new series of exhibitions in addition to our program of client based exhibitions will be staged in 1998 to provide access to the very best of Australian art for visitors to the Gallery.

7 January - 22 February Containment

The outside of things does not always convey what is inside. Hard exterior, soft centre. Containment is an exhibition that looks at ideas of inside and outside. It explores the promises made by the outside or exterior. The wrapping and packaging of many goods provides us with a picture, and a feeling for the goods inside, yet opening the package can lead to disappointment...

Containment, features some of Australia's very best craft artists: jewellery from Carlier Makigawa; ceramics by Zsolt Faludi and Gwyn Hanssen-Pigott; and sculpture by Susan Norrie, who is normally known for her paintings. The exhibition also includes deceptive and intriguing paintings by Debra Dawes, and paintings on glass by Mary Scott.

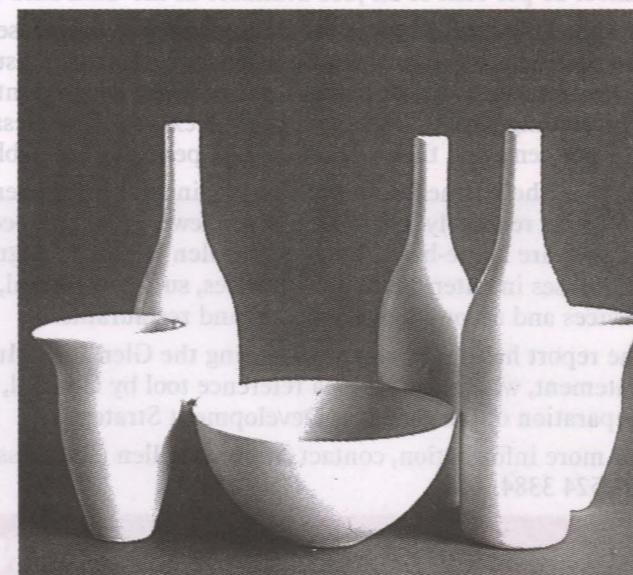
If you like the contemporary and the very beautiful, then this exhibition is for you. If you think contemporary art and craft is unapproachable then this exhibition will change your mind.

3 - 22 February Episodes

People have long made the link between the idea of artistic genius and madness. For some, this link is a stereotype, that is, a disservice to both artists, and the mentally ill. For others, the concept of madness questions ideas of what is normal. This exhibition seeks to investigate these two positions, through art work by artists who have, and by artists who have not experienced mental illness.

Artists featured include Mike Parr and Gordon Bennett, both very well known Australian contemporary artists. Jane Burton was commissioned to take photographs of a psychiatric hospital, and David Cavanagh powerfully represents the experience of depression. British artist Graham Harwood's CD Rom, Rehearsal of Memory, tells the stories of some criminally insane, the very extreme minority in terms of the mentally ill, in a way that poignantly questions notions of responsibility, insanity and the law. Tasmanian artist Rebecca Greenwood in collaboration with 5 other artists have produced work comprising sculpture, photography and poetry that looks at the social and bureaucratic language of madness.

Gallery hours for both exhibitions 10am - 5pm daily, 1-5pm weekends. Enquiries phone David O'Halloran on 9524 3214.



Included in the Containment exhibition is 'Gentle Still Life', 1995 by Gwyn Hanssen Pigott.

City of GLEN EIRA

City of Glen Eira 1997 Writers' Competition

My Brother Jack
Short Story Award
Open 1500 - 3000 words

Youth Short Story Award
(aged 15 - 21)
500 - 3000 words

Children's Short Story Award
(aged 10 - 14)
500 - 750 words

Children's Poetry
(aged 10 - 14) max. 36 lines
Closing Date
23 December 1997-11-24
Enquiries: 9524 3402

Art Studio Classes for 1998

Adults classes (day and evening)
Watercolour painting
Oil painting
(private tuition also available)

Children's classes during the school term
After school & Saturday mornings
Children's school holiday classes
Drawing, painting, mixed media
and clay modelling
12 - 14 January
Bookings and further information:
Phone: Anne on 9564 8119

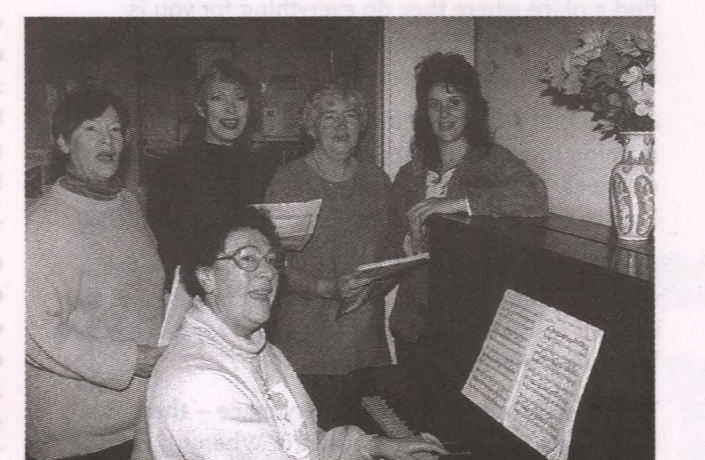
A place to learn and share ideas

'Community houses' bring people together to learn and share ideas and revitalise community life. Established in 1988, Caulfield South Community House has evolved through several names, locations and coordinators, to develop its own direction and style.

In February 1996, Caulfield South Community House was officially opened in a former church at 450 Kooyong Road. In its short history, the house has run some very successful programs and courses, including bookkeeping, counselling skills and anger management for women. Personal tuition in basic word processing helped some people overcome their fear of computers, while a 'developing study skills' course prepared yet another group for tertiary study.

The program includes a singing and drama group which develops confidence through drama and uses breathing exercises, relaxation and meditation, and music for self-healing. A discussion group meets to talk about selected topics and a communication group explores 'What do you say after you say hello?' and 'Feel the fear and do it anyway'. The house also has a massage course for couples.

All courses are available at a cost of \$2 per session. The City of Glen Eira has three Community Houses: Caulfield South at 450 Kooyong Road, Caulfield South 3162, Ph: 9596 8643; Godfrey Street Community House, 9 Godfrey Street, Bentleigh 3204, Ph: 9557 9037 and Moongala, 824 Centre Road, East Bentleigh, Ph: 9570 3468.



Participants in the singing and drama group in full voice around the piano.

Your School

Continuing our series on schools in Glen Eira.

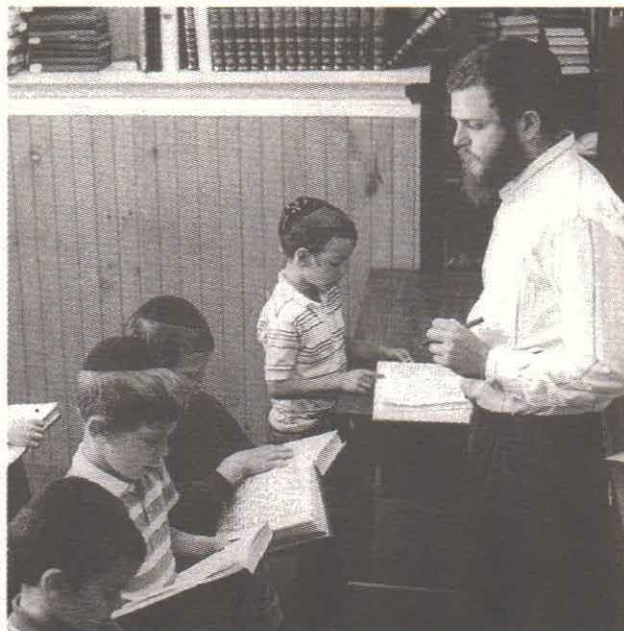
Yarchei Kallah - festival of Jewish learning

It is said that learning is the lifeblood of the Jewish people. The study of the Torah (the Bible) and its commentaries and the traditions of Jewish law and philosophy – with their practical observance – have preserved the identity of the Jewish people throughout their dispersion around the world.

Nowhere does this come more into focus than in the period of communal study termed *Yarchei Kallah*.

The concept originated 1800 years ago in Babylon. The Rabbis of the time designated certain months of the year in which people were to take time off from their normal working routine and devote themselves solely to the study of Torah. Through these intense sessions, the Babylonian Talmud – the great corpus of discussion of Jewish law – was completed over a period of 60 years.

The tradition of *Yarchei Kallah* has been revived, and for the past 14 years it has generally been held in Melbourne over eight days from 25 December to 1 January. Men and women have a full morning's learning available each day. Topics range from the study of Jewish philosophy, law and biblical commentary, to problems of the application of Jewish law, and contemporary social issues.



Children's classes during *Yarchei Kallah*.

The program has also contained lectures on the relationship of Judaism and science on Jewish history. This free program is run by the Melbourne Kollel Lubavitch under the auspices of the Yeshivah Centre. Creche and child minding facilities are available, plus classes for older children. For details, phone Rabbi Shimon Cowen on 9522 8222.

Youth magazine looks at Chaos

The third edition of *The Why? Generation* youth magazine hit the streets in mid-November, with the central theme of CHAOS!

A Council Youth Services project, the magazine is produced by young people for young people in the City of Glen Eira and has a distribution of 10,000. It is filled with 24 pages of probing, interesting and "cutting edge" creative writing, poetry, photos, cartoons and visual artwork.

The Why? Generation features a variety of articles on people, social issues, religion, the arts and music, and includes things to do, information relevant to young people, great movie and CD give-aways, and heaps more.

The Glen Eira Youth Services project involves young volunteers aged between 13 and 25, who take on the roles of journalists, photographers, sub-editors, artists and marketers.

The Why? Generation has been distributed to all schools in the City of Glen Eira and copies are available from local youth agencies, retail outlets and popular youth venues in Glen Eira.

For more information, contact Ingrid Giaotto at Glen Eira Youth Services on 9524 3283.

An excursion... to Japan!

Four students and one teacher visited Japan for 10 days last year as part of the Friendly Cities Student Exchange Program.

They included leader John Powell, Japanese co-ordinator from St Michael's Grammar School; students Kay Frances Smith and Ahila Jegerajan from Shelford Girls' Anglican School; Judy Gold, a Glen Huntly resident who attends Bialik College, Hawthorn; and Thomas Barnes of Caulfield, who goes to Brighton Grammar School.

Below, Thomas and Ahila reminisce about their travels.

Service stations with a capital 'S'

by Ahila Jegerajan

For many, the most annoying thing when driving a car is to refill it with petrol. Getting out of the car, holding the smelly petrol pump till your fingers ache and then going to pay for it seems like such a hassle. Trying to find a place where they do everything for you is impossible. Well, I've discovered a seventh heaven - in Japan!

As you pull into the petrol station, people come running to greet you. You don't even need to step out of the car. Simply wind down your window and say how much petrol you want. Then sit back and relax.

Not only do they refill your car, but they clean the windows free of charge. If you pay by credit card, they run out to the car and ask you to sign for it. They even have a little chat if there's time.

The service station is no ordinary place – there is something quite different about it. When my host mother drove past, I noticed with curiosity that there were no pumps. Before I could ask where they were, I found them. They were hanging from the roof. Technology!!

That wasn't the only thing that was amazingly different, you should have seen the toilets... but that's another story.

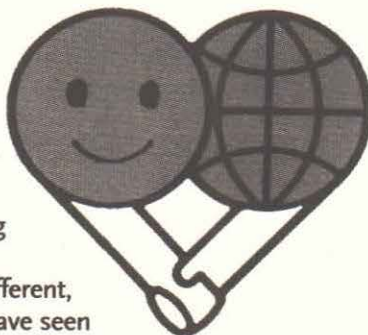
Country of vending machines

by Tom Barnes
Caulfield resident

On my first visit to Japan, one of the things I noticed was the large number of vending machines. They are everywhere: beside railway lines, in quiet residential areas, along footpaths, in front of shops and even in the rice fields.

But why are they so popular? Well, for a start, they are accessible 24 hours a day, unlike most shops in Japan. Another reason is that no human power is needed except for reloading them, whereas a shop requires constant attention. Also, Japan is one of the most advanced countries in the world technologically, so they naturally invent a lot of versions of the vending machine. Yet another reason is they take up less room in a shop and, in Japan, space is absolutely vital.

Vending machines sell a huge range of things from railway tickets to cigarettes, video tapes, umbrellas and even flowers. They also sell things that can be hot or cold, like coffee and tea. Some vending machines have cartoon characters to attract children's attention; like an ice-cream truck playing a tune. The particular one I saw was selling popcorn. It had a character called "Hello Kitty" on the front. Rumour has it there is even a potato chip maker that deep-fries chips while you wait, and coffee machines that let you pick your choice of coffee beans.



Would you like to host a visiting student?

Glen Eira City Council is looking for families who are available to host visiting students from its sister city Ogaki, Japan. A number of students visit Glen Eira for between four and 10 days as part of the Friendly Cities Program.

Host families provide a place to stay, meals and general support. For much of their stay the students attend Council-run visits and activities, but at other times, the host families have a unique opportunity to share and learn about another country and its people.

The Friendly Cities Program also involves older visitors and council is looking for families who would be able to host these people as well.

If you would like more information about becoming a host family, please contact Tim Presnell on 9524 3202.

Mayoress thanks our **volunteers**

More than 180 volunteers representing almost 150 volunteer organisations and associations throughout the City of Glen Eira, recently attended a luncheon with Glen Eira's Mayoress Judi Grossbard.

Organised to recognise the timeless contribution of community groups to the City of Glen Eira, the luncheon was held at the town hall. Among the community groups represented were RSLs, hospital auxiliaries, opportunity shops, Neighborhood Watch, preschools, welfare groups, and service clubs.



40 years of service

From a small meeting of interested community members on July 18, 1957, a 40-year tradition of fundraising was born.

The jointly run Caulfield Voluntary Workers Shop and Lions Club Inc Volunteers Op Shop raises money through the sale of donated goods to support a range of community organisations, from the Caulfield Memorial Youth Centre to the Elderly Citizens Club.

Over the years, the shop has donated \$22,000 to the youth centre, \$4600 to the elderly citizens centre, and a grand total of \$200,000 to the Council welfare and nursing home. Recent donations also include goods and clothing for needy people and school books for children.

First opened near Imperial Avenue in Glen Huntly Road the shop moved to Hawthorn Road in 1971. When it burned down in 1985, it was forced to move again to Glen Huntly Road. In 1993, Caulfield Lions Club joined the volunteers and set up the present shop at 770 Glen Huntly Road.

FAREWELL TO JESS

On 1 November, with the death of Mrs Jess Green aged 88, Carnegie lost one of its most dedicated and hardworking community volunteers. Her late husband Bill was a Caulfield councillor for many years, and Jess was Mayoress of the City three times: 1956, 1960 and 1968.

From 1949 onwards, she served on many committees including those of the local school and bowling club, the Carnegie auxiliary of the Southern Memorial Hospital (now Caulfield General Medical Centre), and the baby health centre's ladies' committee. But her greatest achievements were in founding and literally running the Carnegie Elderly Citizens Club and its associate opportunity shop in Rosstown Road. The elderly citizens club was opened in 1957 and still flourishes in Neerim Road.

The 'op shop' opened in 1961 – the first day's takings were 12/6 – and when it was reluctantly closed in 1994, more than \$300,000 had been raised.

Jess Green's many contributions to the City and its citizens should long be remembered.

A special thank you

To all the volunteers who do work without seeking recognition I thank you for your tireless contribution to this wonderful City of ours. You are the backbone to this community and your efforts are never underestimated by those who appreciate your work.

Please accept my letter as a token of gratitude and thanks. Please continue to help the needy so that the quality of their lives will improve.

Judi Grossbard

Specjalne podziękowania dla wszystkich ochotników społecznych

Chciałabym tą drogą podziękować wszystkim społecznikom, za ich bezinteresowne oddanie i nieoceniony wkład w dzieło rozwoju naszego pięknego miasta. Chcę Was zapewnić, że stanowiąc trzon naszej społeczności, Wasz trud znajduje pełne uznanie w oczach tych, którzy cenią sobie waszą działalność.

Z mojej strony pragnę, aby list ten był, chociaż w części, wyrazem mojej głębokiej wdzięczności za Waszą pracę. Nie ustawajcie w niesieniu pomocy tym, którzy jej potrzebują z myślą o poprawie jakości ich życia.

Judi Grossbard

Ενα ιδιαίτερο ευχαριστώ σε όλους τους Εθελοντές

Όλους εσάς τους εθελοντές που εργάζεστε χωρίς να επιζητάτε την αναγνώριση, σας ευχαριστώ για την ακούραστη συνεισφορά σας σ' αυτόν το υπέροχο Δήμο μας. Είστε η σπονδυλική στήλη αυτής της κοινότητας και οι προσπάθειές σας ποτέ δεν υποτιμούνται απ' αυτούς που εκτιμούν την εργασία σας.

Θα σας παρακαλούσα να δεχτείτε αυτή την επιστολή μου ως μια συμβολική χειρονομία ευγνωμοσύνης και ευχαριστιών. Σας παρακαλώ συνεχίστε να βοηθάτε αυτούς που έχουν ανάγκη ώστε να καλυτερεύσει η ποιότητα της ζωής τους.

Judi Grossbard

Огромное спасибо добровольным работникам

Я хочу поблагодарить всех добровольных работников, которые трудятся, не требуя признания своих заслуг, за их неустанный труд на благо нашего замечательного района. Вы опора нашего общества, и ваши усилия невозможно переоценить тем, кто понимает значение вашей работы.

Примите мое письмо как знак признательности и благодарности. Продолжайте помогать тем, кто нуждается в вашей помощи, чтобы жизнь этих людей стала лучше.

Джуди Гроссбард

對所有的志願人員表示衷心的感謝

對於所有不求獎賞、孜孜工作的志願人員，我在此表示感謝，感謝您們為我們這座美麗城市所做出的貢獻。您們是我們社會的中堅力量，您們所付出的辛勤勞動，大家會銘記於心，永誌不忘。

請您收下這封感謝作為紀念，並請繼續向貧困人士提供幫助，讓他們的生活質量得到提高。

Judi Grossbard

Un ringraziamento speciale a tutti i volontari

A tutti voi volontari che lavorate senza cercare riconoscimenti va il mio sentito ringraziamento per il vostro instancabile contributo a questo nostro magnifico Comune. Voi siete la colonna portante di questa comunità e i vostri sforzi non sono mai sottovalutati da chi apprezza il vostro lavoro.

Vi prego di accettare questa lettera come segno di gratitudine e di ringraziamento. Vi invito anche a continuare ad aiutare i bisognosi migliorando in tal modo la qualità della loro vita.

Judi Grossbard

Spaces for hire

Looking for somewhere to have your Christmas Party? Glen Eira City Council has 14 different facilities for hire, which seat from 100 to 200 people.

The following pavilions are available for hire: Glen Huntly, Koornang Park, EE Gunn Park, East Caulfield Park, and DC Bricker pavilion. Social rooms are available at Bentleigh Recreation Reserve and McKinnon Reserve, and halls are available at East Bentleigh, McKinnon, Murrumbeena Park, and Packer Park.

Other options include a variety of rooms at Moorleigh Community Village, Princes Park, and the Conservatory at Caulfield Park which offers beautiful surroundings for photographs. The Conservatory is open Monday to Friday from 7.30am to 4pm and Sundays, from 10am to 4pm.

Contact the Facility Supervisor on 9524 3469 to discuss your needs, arrange venue inspections, or make bookings.

COMMUNITY DIARY

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

The Church of St Agnes, 116 Booran Road, Glen Huntly will hold the following services over Christmas: 21 December, 7.30pm Christmas Carols; 24 December, 11.30pm Solemn Eucharist and Blessing of Crib; 25 December, 8am Holy Eucharist; 9.30am Holy Eucharist and Carols (children's service).

MEETINGS & COURSES

City of Glen Eira Neighborhood Support Program holds three mothers groups at 6 Jersey Parade, Carnegie: Young Mothers' Group on Wednesday from 1pm to 3pm; Solo Mothers' Group every second Wednesday 10.30am to 12 noon; and Chinese Women's Mothers' Group every second Wednesday 11am-12.30pm. Another Chinese Women's Mothers' Group meets every second Tuesday 1.30-3pm at the Maternal and Child Health Centre, town hall, cnr Hawthorn and Glen Eira Roads, Caulfield. Contact: 018 596 511 (Tues & Wed) or 9524 3403.

Glen Eira Cheltenham Art Group holds classes in oil, watercolour and acrylic painting, folk art and calligraphy for beginners and advanced. Enrolment day is 17 January at Moorleigh Community Village, 92 Bignell Road, East Bentleigh. Inquiries: Denise 9570 2858 or Val 9570 3596.

LOCAL Women's Action League is a non-party political group which aims to encourage women to participate in local government. The group, formed in 1996, is funded by the Stegley Foundation and holds regular workshops and meetings to develop skills. Sessions will be held in Glen Eira soon. Contact Debra on 9576 4262.

Godfrey Street Community House offers free classes for December in handpainting terracotta pots

on Monday mornings; calligraphy for beginners on Saturdays; sewing for beginners and sewing to get kids ready for school on Monday afternoons; numerology workshop on Saturdays; and handcrafts on Monday mornings with free childcare. The House is at 9 Godfrey Street, Bentleigh, phone 9557 9037.

VOLUNTEERS

U3A Glen Eira requires voluntary tutors for daytime classes in adult education courses for 1998. Especially needed are tutors to teach computers. Contact: 9572 0571.

Grief line is a telephone counselling service run by Bethlehem Hospital. Are you the kind of person others like to talk to? Are you a person with life's experience and maturity? Have you learned about life through family experience? If you have these qualities please contact Co-ordinator of bereavement services on 9569 2853 Monday to Friday 10am to 4pm. Volunteers participate in an initial 12 weeks loss and grief training program.

South Eastern Migrant Resource Centre is looking for bi-lingual volunteers to help provide support to older people, people with disabilities and their carers. Two new programs will specifically target these communities: Serbian, Vietnamese, Afghani, Romanian, Filipino, Turkish, Macedonian, Hungarian, Sri Lankan, Polish, Greek, Italian, Maltese, Ukrainian and Dutch. Details: 9706 8933.

WRITE TO SANTA

If you are old enough to read this, then we thought you would like to know that Father Christmas has appointed the Carnegie Lions Club as his agent.

You can write to: Father Christmas, c/o Carnegie Lions Club PO Box 192, Carnegie 3163

You will receive a personal non-committal letter by return mail from Father Christmas' North Pole workshop. Enclose a donation of \$2 per child - cheque to be made payable to "Lions Christmas Letter". Carnegie Lions will use the profits to send local deserving children to the Licola Holiday Camp during school holidays.

ARTS, FETES & ACTIVITIES

Quest III: Up the Creek - the Summer Reading Club 1997-98 brings children lots of holiday reading, fun activities and fantastic prizes. Start your adventure at any Council library branch. Information (and bookings) on the library service's "Beat the Heat" holiday program is now available.

Adelphi Players will perform the pantomime "Jack and the Beanstalk" at historic Labassa, Manor Grove, North Caulfield, on Saturday, 13 December, at 2pm. Adults \$6, children \$4. Bookings: 9690 1593.

FOR SALE

Lawn Bowls - A number of bowls sets differing in sizes - all with cases - are available for sale at much reduced cost. Details: Meg Ryan, Manager GlenCare. Contact: 9524 3293.

GLEN EIRA ARTS COMPLEX

Cnr Hawthorn and Glen Eira Roads, Caulfield, telephone 9524 3287

Gallery

Blueprint 4-14 December. Exhibition of works by Melbourne Institute of Textiles graduate students.

Abstract Landscapes, an introduction to the paintings by Keith J Reid, 16-28 December.

Containment works of contemporary craft, 7 January-22 February.

Eagle eye: two winners

Congratulations to Kathleen Kruger of East Bentleigh and Betty Medley of Bentleigh, the joint winners of our Where in the City? competition published in the November edition of the News.

We were unable to separate their excellent entries, in which all eight mystery photographs from around the City were identified, as well as providing us with some incredible detail on what was a tough series to identify. For example, both noted that the jockey statue we photographed outside the Victorian Racing Museum (picture 3) has since been repainted with the colours of the 1997 W.S. Cox Plate winning jockey.

Congratulations Kathleen and Betty. You will each receive \$100 worth of photographic supplies from Photo Boutique, 775 Glen Huntly Road, Caulfield South.

The answers are:

1. Bell atop St John's Anglican Church, 624 Centre Road (cnr Tucker Road), Bentleigh.
2. Topiary and World War II monument in Halley Park, cnr Jasper Road and Mortimore Street, Bentleigh.
3. Statue of jockey outside the Victorian Racing Museum at Caulfield Racecourse, Station Street, Caulfield.
4. Sign outside Memorial Olympic Pool, 111 East Boundary Road, East Bentleigh.
5. Decorations above the verandah of Adam's Antique and Estate Furniture, 445 South Road, cnr Barry Street, Moorabbin.
6. Mural, Caulfield Campus of Monash University, Sir John Monash Drive.

7. Spire of the Greek Orthodox Original Old Calendar Church, 152 Grange Road, Glen Huntly.
8. Pedestrian footbridge that joins the two campuses of Glen Huntly School No. 3703, Grange Road.

PHOTO BOUTIQUE

"When only the best will do"

775 Glen Huntly Road, Caulfield South 3162 Telephone: 9523 0163

Quick quiz answer

Council received applications for building permits on projects worth \$13 million dollars in September 1997. A similar figure occurred in October 1997, the main boost being in multi-unit development.

SNIPPETS continued

Playgrounds to be even safer

Council has started a playground replacement program, after a recent equipment safety audit. Equipment is being replaced in a number of parks throughout the municipality. Any faulty, unsafe equipment will be replaced by new equipment, organised to ensure children can continue to play without interruption.



Trim those branches

Did you know that overhanging trees and shrubs must not be lower than three metres off the ground?

If your answer is "No" then it is probably time to take out the garden trimmers! Overhanging trees and shrubs can be dangerous.

Residents are responsible for trimming back their overhanging trees and shrubs and keeping them at a safe level of three metres high. The most important aspect of trimming overhanging trees and shrubs is to prevent injury to passers-by.

Council's Local Laws officers will be patrolling the streets on the look out for overhanging trees and shrubs. Notices to remove the vegetation will be issued to property owners whose plants do not conform to this requirement.

Have A Go!

Caulfield Cricket Club has launched the **Milo Have a Go young cricketers' program** at its home ground in **Caulfield Park, cnr Hawthorn and Balaclava roads, on Thursday nights from 5pm to 6.15pm.**

The program caters for boys and girls from Prep to grade 6 (age 5-10 years). Local schools involved include St Aloysius, Caulfield North, King David, St Anthony's and Malvern Primary. The program runs for 12 weeks, the first half ending on 13 December, and then resuming on 5 February to 12 March 1998.

Milo Have a Go includes modified games of cricket, development of hand/eye co-ordination and lots of fun. Giveaways each week include caps, stickers, books, drink bottles and cards. All leaders and participants are insured.

Also on Thursday nights, the R. M. Hatch Under-14 squad are in full training with the assistance of the senior players (6pm to 7.30pm) to prepare for the carnival starting on 6 January for two weeks.

The club wishes to thank Council and in particular the recreation department for their continued support in this area - Linda Smith, Karen Lockman, Gary Lehmann from Recreation, and Parks Services' Laurie Unwin, Peter Todd and curator Wayne Seccombe. For details, contact: Warren Fricke (secretary) on 9544 3489 (BH) or Jack Sheehan (Have a Go co-ordinator) on 9681 9466 (BH).



Giant Pool Parties are back!

Glen Eira's two pools are gearing up for their popular **Giant Pool Parties in January. Memorial Swimming Pool in East Bentleigh, kicks off with the party fun and excitement on Sunday 11 January, then Caulfield Swim Centre in Carnegie celebrates on Sunday 25 January.**

Attractions for this year will include the mobile rock climbing boulder, a favourite of both young and old; Nessie the Inflatable Sea Monster; Water Wheels (2.5 metre trundle wheels for lots of fun in the pool); the ever challenging Slippery Pole (can you conquer your opponents as well as the pole itself?); jumping castle, mini golf, spin 'n win wheel; Splasha the Pool Party mascot; and many more activities and competitions.

The Giant Pool Party is a great day out for the whole family, where mum and dad can relax in peace, knowing their children have lots to keep them amused and are in a safe and friendly environment.

To add to the festivities, Streets ice creams, Coca-Cola drinks, Thins chips and Patties pies will be but a few of the giveaways and prizes available on the day. Each venue's party will run from 10.30am to 2.30pm.

Entry fees for next year's Pool Party will be \$3.50 per person or \$12 for a family. So gather up the family and friends and head down to either East Bentleigh or Carnegie pools in January. For information, contact Carnegie manager Richard Bedford on 9571 8143, or East Bentleigh manager Libby Lewin on 9570 7394.

Swimming Pool and Spa Safety

The domestic swimming pool or spa provides many hours of great family entertainment. Tragically, it can also claim the lives of small children and infants.

A high incidence of fatal and serious injuries to children prompted the State Government to review safety requirements and, as a result, new State laws governing pool and spa security were introduced on 1 July 1997.

These retrospective Building Regulations stipulate that all owners of swimming pools, wading pools and spas which have a depth of more than 300mm, constructed before 8 April 1991, are required to have safety barriers installed (which can include a fence, wall, gate or screen as well as locks, latches or other devices to doors, gates and windows) to prevent young children from gaining access to these areas.

Does this law affect you?

All swimming pools and spas should now have fully installed protection barriers. That means that if pool or spa owners do not already have a barrier in place, they need to act immediately to ensure that the barrier is installed to comply with Victorian legislation.

If you are in doubt about the barriers that are already in place or about what you need to install, you can seek advice from Council's Building department or consult a private building surveyor.

Are there any penalties?

Yes. Council's Building Department may visit your site at any time to be certain safety measures for your swimming pool or spa, are in place and are adequately maintained. Pool and spa owners who have not complied with the requirements risk an on-the-spot fine of \$200 and further legal action for breach of the Building Regulations.

Information kits for pool and spa owners, prepared and provided by the Building Control Commission, are available at Council's building services department on 9524 3201. Also, Council's Building Department provides an inspection service to assess your property's requirements and issue a compliance certificate (a \$120 fee applies).

Do you know where to go for:

- Budget advice • Legal advice • Referrals for drug, gambling, health problems
- Problems with fences, overhanging trees • Shopping, banking, errands for house-bound citizens
- Hire of community buses by community groups

NO? Then you need to contact:

Glen Eira Community Information and Resource Centre

256 Hawthorn Road, Caulfield 3162
Phone 9524 3200
or 9524 3272
9.30am-4pm Mon-Fri

9 Godfrey Street, Bentleigh 3204
Phone 9557 6836
10am-2pm Tuesday
12noon-4pm Thursday

Trained, volunteer staff will be pleased to discuss your problems with you on a confidential basis and direct you to more specialist agencies, if necessary.

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Leakage, poor control, frequency, urgency

Persistent bed wetting

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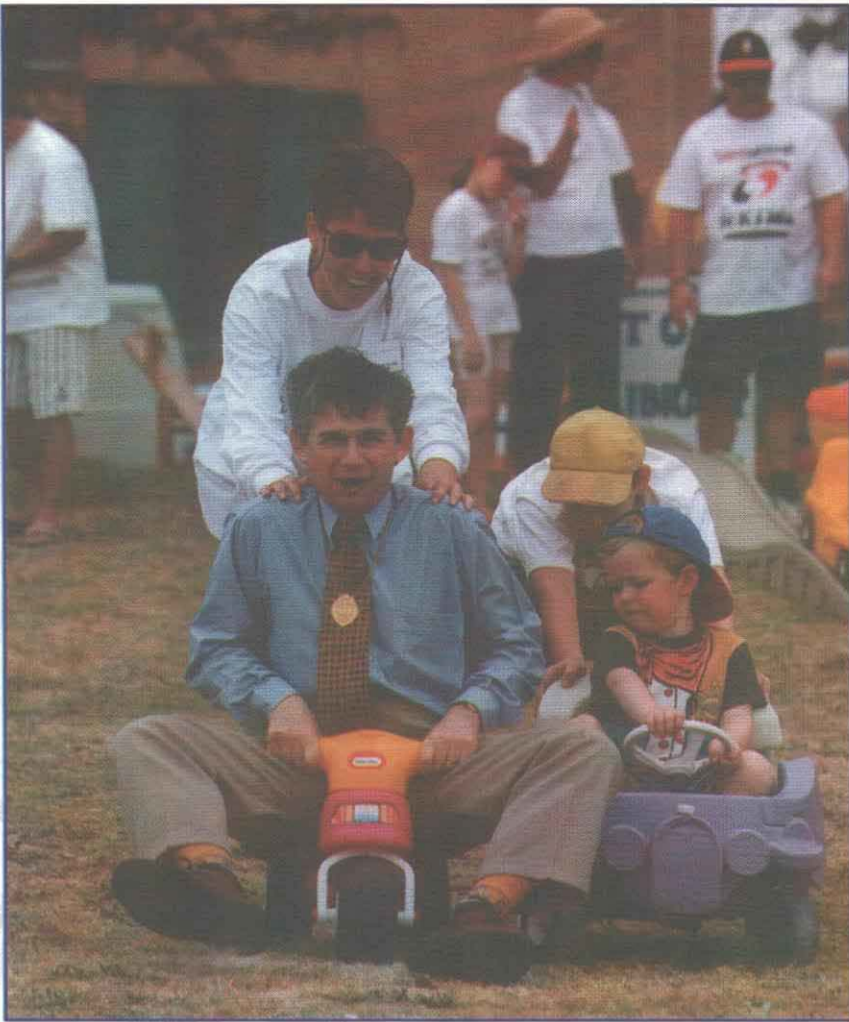
11 February 8am-5pm

Cruise with the Dolphins from Sorrento. Also see seals frolicking and sea-bird rookery.

M/S Nepean gives a gentle ride and has undercover and outside seating, together with toilet facilities on board. Morning tea on board but **BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH AND DRINKS** - cruise lasts 2 1/2 hours.

If preferred, lunch can be taken at the Koonya Hotel, Sorrento (own expense). Afterwards we drive to Arthur's Seat.

Due to the popularity of this tour, payment is required at the time of booking. Inquiries: 9572 0571 or 9523 7862 (AH)



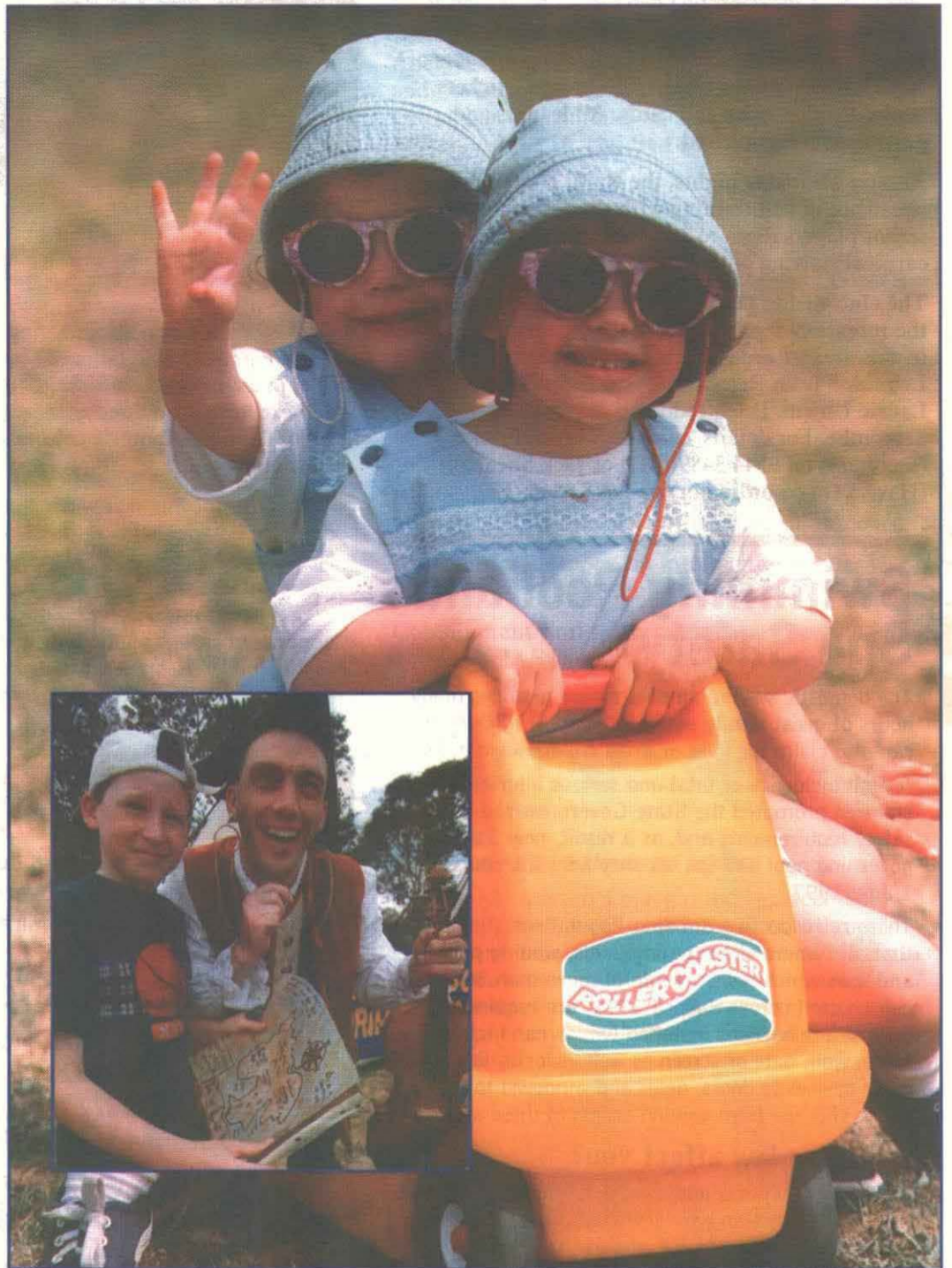
Above: And they're off - in the Kids Tricycle Cup! Mayor Cr Alan Grossbard gets down to some low-level locomotion with the help of Judi Moylan from the Glen Eira Children and Family Services Network.



A fun-tastic day

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Alan Grossbard was among the "big kids" who attended the Children's Fun Day organised by Glen Eira Children and Family Services Network in conjunction with Glen Eira City Council. More than 1000 children and their parents took part.

The day of activities was held at Princes Park during Children's Week in October and was a great success. A wide array of free activities were provided by more than 30 community groups, including: making garlands, fairy wands, and bookmarks; clay work; lucky dips; and face painting. Other highlights were roving entertainers, sporting clinics, and a range of recreation centre activities such as rock climbing, trampolining and line dancing.



"Christmas Spectacular"

Thursday 18 December
11am & 1.30pm

This show will be the perfect finale for '97. The show will combine the talents of a mixture of artists from the various shows throughout the year. Filled with the spirit of Christmas; special surprises, singalongs and superb entertainment. In keeping with the Christmas season, shortbread and Christmas cake will be served at this concert.

I recommend this as the highlight show of '97.



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