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It's a gas

Phew! The gas is back on, and those of us who endured cold shows a lat endured cold showers and dinners are relieved that the gas is flowing again from the Longford plant in Gippsland.

The disastrous fire which saw the shutdown of Victoria's gas supplies for almost two weeks also created a difficult situation for local businessessome were forced to close down, others brought in temporary electric or LPG appliances to help them stay open.

Yet the extraordinary events of October also brought out a strong community spirit and resourcefulness among the people of Glen Eira, with neighbours helping one another and people finding inventive ways to cook hot meals.

Glen Eira City Council mobilised immediately, in particular to ensure elderly residents living in Council facilities were not adversely affected. Both the Spurway Nursing Home and the Glen Eira Food Services were exempted from the gas restrictions, and Council successfully lobbied for its three hostels to be added to the exemption list. The gas was flowing again at Camden, Heathlands and Rosstown hostels- home to 150 residents- about a week after the shutdown.

Council's Residential and Community Care Services also provided extra home help and personal care services to elderly people.

Hot bread ready to go from Gina Bui at Koornang Hot Bread Shop



Glen Eira Food Services' Meals on Wheels production went into top gear, changing its cook-chill system to instead send out 450 hot meals a day, for the benefit of clients who could not heat up their meals at home. The Carnegie kitchen also sent out 700 hot meals over one weekend, thanks to staff and volunteers who came forward when extra hands were needed.

Food Services manager Ross Moraes said: "It was very hectic, and staff and volunteers put in a huge effort. We got out 700 hot meals, compared to the normal weekend level of 160 meals which are usually delivered with Friday meals for reheating on the weekend."

Cr Norman Kennedy, who helped deliver the extra meals, congratulated staff on their speedy and effective efforts to deal with the gas crisis.

"It is clear that staff not only have the best interests of our ratepayers at heart but are efficient at implementing practical measures that have helped many of our ratepayers cope with the current situation.

"As chairman of Council's business development committee, I am particularly pleased at the efforts that have gone into helping local business cope with the crisis."

-Petrina Dakin

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Helping business stay open

ouncil's environmental health team visited food Joutlets across the municipality, to provide advice to business owners on managing without hot water, and to check on safety and hygiene standards.

The team was extremely busy answering calls, sending out information and inspecting all food premises, to help them stay open during the gas shortage.

Major issues for businesses affected by the gas shortage were safely preparing food, washing dishes and hands in cold water, sanitising procedures and temporary cooking arrangements.

closed down during the gas shortage, but many shop owners were coping by finding other methods of cooking, reducing their menus, or limiting their product range. "For example, a Carnegie bakery, which was unable to make bread itself in its gas-powered ovens this week, continued to prepare sandwiches and sell cakes made by another supplier."

Gas Crisis Management Team leader Jim Mackinnon said: "We hope Glen Eira businesses that suffered will be able to get some assistance from the Federal Government \$100 million relief grant," he said.

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Environmental health team leader Leanne Girotto said: "Our first priority was businesses preparing food for the elderly and the young. We inspected Council's three hostels, Food Services kitchen and child care centres, and then worked through a prioritised list of 500 food premises, as required by the State Chief Health Officer."

"Shop owners were happy to see us, for the chance to check if they were doing the right thing, and for advice on managing without hot water," Ms Girotto said.

Ms Girotto said some businesses which were fully gasdependent, such as fish and chip shops and restaurants,

Local resident Mrs Cathy Madderne called the Mayor recently to say thank you to the people from Meals on Wheels for the meals received during the gas shortage. She really appreciated the hot meals- and said they were very hot all the time, which was a real treat. Also she expressed her thanks for the wonderful home care worker who visits her once a week. She said that all the people from Council were always kind to her and she thought that the Council was doing a great job. She is 86 and would have come to Council to thank people personally but is in a walking frame.

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Glen Eira News







This month's Message from the Mayor comes from Ogaki, Glen Eira's sister city, where the Mayor and Mayoress are joining in the celebrations for the city's 80th anniversary.

Glen Eira's Sister City, Ogaki City in Japan recently celebrated the 80th anniversary of its

formation. To celebrate this occasion the Mayor of Ogaki, Mr Ogura, invited the Mayors of the seven cities they call Friendly Cities to join in the celebrations.

Myself and the Mayoress were joined by Mayors from Berea (USA), Changwon (South Korea), Handan (China), Kagoshima (Japan), Jamur (Belgium), and Stuttgart (Germany). Being part of this event, and the manner in which our friends treated these delegations, reflects the deep commitment Ogaki City has to the promotion of the Friendly City concept.

The Mayoress and I were welcomed to Ogaki in such a wonderful way. The hospitality shown to us has been overwhelming. The Japanese people are so friendly and are very proud of their links to Australia and especially to Glen Eira.

As an example of our Friendly City relationship I presented to Mayor Ogura a framed night photograph of the Glen Eira Town Hall to commemorate Ogaki's 80th anniversary.

The promotion of understanding through organised visits of civic leaders and more importantly student exchanges can only improve relationships.

Recently, seven students from Glen Eira schools visited Ogaki as a part of the Friendly Cities program. They not only enjoyed themselves but learned a lot about Japan and were wonderful ambassadors for our city and our country.

> - Barry Neve Mayor



New blood to save lives

Cr Norman Kennedy (left) joined a group of five Council staff last month who donated blood at the Red Cross Blood Bank's mobile unit at Ormond Uniting Church. The Blood Bank provided a free shuttle bus for the group from the town hall.

After doing their bit to help, the blood donors enjoyed a cuppa and snacks provided by local Red Cross volunteers.

Blood Bank needs 1000 donations a day across Victoria to keep up with demand for blood.



Over two days at Ormond, 464 people gave blood. The mobile unit visits Ormond every three months. Contact: 13 14 95.

From the Chamber... Recent Council decisions

Acting Mayor appointed

Cr Veronika Martens was appointed Acting Mayor for the City during the recent absence of Mayor Cr Barry Neve, who was on a visit to Japan as guest of the Mayor of Ogaki City, Glen Eira's Sister City. Cr Martens chaired the Council meeting on 13 October.

Raised pavements for Eskdale Road

Raised pavements will be installed in Eskdale Road, Caulfield North, between Kambrook Road and Bambra Road, following concerns by residents about traffic speeds and volumes in the street. A traffic study by Council revealed that up to 2,400 vehicles use this road daily with up to 85 per cent exceeding the 60 kilometre speed limit. A review on the effectiveness of the pavements will be held six months after their installation.

Rezoning of old dairy site in East Boundary Road Council has asked an independent panel to consider a request from a developer to rezone a large vacant site in East Boundary Road, East Bentleigh, from Light Industrial to Residential C to enable the creation of 32 residential units. The land, opposite Bailey Reserve, was once the Hughesdale Dairy site. The proposal for the rezoning had been publicly exhibited, and concerns from local residents had been received.

Display home allowed to operate

Council approved a the operation of a three storey display home at 36 Kooyong Road, Caulfield North. A number of objections from adjoining residents had been received and Council agreed to restrict the display home's hours of operation to Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday between 1.30pm and 5pm.

No trial traffic experiment for Murray Street

Council decided, after considerable debate, not to proceed with a six month trial closure of Murray Street, Caulfield, between Hawthorn and Kooyong roads. A survey of residents in the street revealed divided opinion on whether the trial should be held, and Council felt it could not support the trial as a clear majority approval had not been obtained. Complaints had been received over large traffic volumes and high speeds in the street. A number of residents both for and against the closure were present at the Council meeting, with some putting their views directly to the Councillors. Officers will continue to explore other means of controlling traffic levels and volumes in the street.



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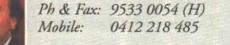
on Wednesday 11 November at the Cenotaph in Caulfield Park

Meet at 10.50am to place wreaths at 10.58am

All are welcome to join the Mayor for morning tea in the Dining Room at the Town Hall after the ceremony.

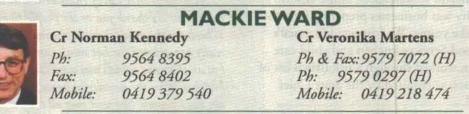
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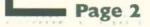
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Walsh Report paves the way

n independent inspector has praised Glen Eira A City Council for its high performance and professionalism in a special report commissioned by the Office of Local Government.

The review, carried out over four months by Municipal Administration Inspector, Dr Greg Walsh, found Council had performed at a high level since its formation four years ago. The report said this performance was largely the achievement of Council's chief executive, Margaret Douglas, the senior officers and staff.

Ms Douglas said the report meant ratepayers could feel confident that Council was committed to achieving the best results for the Glen Eira community.

"This is a huge vote of confidence for all Council staff. It's also an assurance to the Glen Eira community that we're heading in the right direction and committed to working for the betterment of the municipality," she said.

Public notice given

GLEN EIRA

Public notices were placed last week in the Caulfield-Glen Eira Leader, Moorabbin-Glen Eira Standard and Southern Cross newspapers advising of a proposal by Council to erect and maintain a permanent barrier at the southern end of Clapperton Street in Bentleigh, at the corner intersection of Victor Road. The purpose of the closure is to block through traffic between these two streets.

Council recently considered an amendment to its planning scheme to rezone the former Gas and Fuel site on the corner of Thomas Street and Nepean Highway, for a proposed 440 unit retirement village. The proposal to block traffic at the above intersection has been put forward by both local residents and the developer as the best means of preventing traffic from using the streets to the north of Victor Road as an access to and from the proposed development.

Submissions have been invited to this proposal and must be received by no later than Wednesday II November 1998. Details

on how to lodge a written submission are outlined in the public notices,

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The report noted several of Council's recent achievements, including winning a total of nine management awards and commendations ranging from Arts to Information Technology, Library Services, Food and Risk Management. It also pointed out that Glen Eira is one of the lowest-taxing and lowest-spending Councils in the State, and one of the few Councils to be operating in surplus, even with a significant increase in spending on capital works to improve community infrastructure.

Mayor Cr Barry Neve said he was proud of all the achievements of the Council.

"These achievements clearly demonstrate our ability to perform, even under difficult circumstances. It is now up to Councillors to demonstrate that excellence, and work together to address the issues raised in the report," he said.

The Walsh Report recommended an improvement in Council governance and communication, and Cr Neve said it also offered sound advice and contained measures which could resolve many of the difficulties Council had experienced in recent months.

"The Walsh Report has laid out a path forward, and it is now up to Councillors to walk that path and demonstrate our commitment to excellence," he said.

While acknowledging some personality differences which had caused some difficulties in recent times, Cr Neve said these had been exacerbated by confusion about the differences in roles and responsibilities of Councillors and officers.

"This is certainly something all local government in Victoria should look at. I think there is some confusion across many Councils about the different roles of Councillors and management. The Walsh Report rightfully acknowledges these areas of concern, but I am confident that Councillors and management can work together to address the issues and build a stronger, more cohesive team," he said.

The report's recommendations included the development of a Code of Governance and an increase in the number of Councillors from six to nine to prevent voting deadlocks. A special Council meeting was held on 26 October to examine these recommendations.

Walsh Report findings

Dr Walsh's principle findings were:

- 1. Glen Eira has performed at a high level since its formation in 1994 and in a large part this can be attributed to the overall competence of the Chief Executive Officer, the senior officers and the staff of the Council.
- 2. In relation to the recent staff changes and consultancy arrangements, the Chief Executive has acted professionally and in accordance with the Local Government Act 1989.
- 3. There are some inadequacies in governance practices at Glen Eira.

Immunisation service improved

ouncil launched an improved user-friendly immunisation service this month which includes two new comfortable venues, and new session times, including a monthly Saturday morning session.

The service also includes improved administrative procedures and the use of an experienced accredited nurse to administer vaccinations at selected venues, and comes as a result of a customer satisfaction survey and a major review of the service.

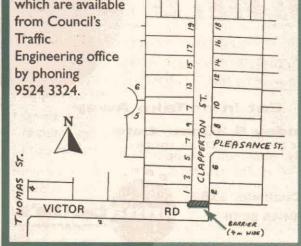
Council has secured venues throughout the municipality, which are centrally located, carpeted, heated and air-conditioned and have adequate car parking. Council is also introducing baby change facilities, provision of coffee and tea for parents and access to toys for children, at all venues.

So, if you or your new baby or older child is due to be vaccinated come along and visit any of the seven monthly sessions throughout the municipality. All the scheduled vaccinations are provided free. Infanrix and Hepatitis B are available at cost.

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Tuesday 17	East Bentleigh Community Health
	Centre, East Bentleigh*
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Monday 23	Murrumbeena Baptist Church,
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	Murrumbeena* 9.30 to 10.30am
Wednesday 25	Glen Huntly M&CH Centre,
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Council's Health Department have produced a pamphlet introducing the service and outlining Council's extensive experience in immunisation. If you would like a pamphlet or a timetable of session times or have any other inquiry regarding immunisation, please phone the immunisation team on 9524 3279.



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Taking the sting out of immunisation new venues, new facilities and a toy.

Doing Business

Another successful conference

G len Eira City Council continues to show its strong commitment to strip shopping centres with the third successful Glen Eira Strip Shopping Centres Conference and the inaugural Glen Eira Strip Shopping Centres Business Awards.

The conference, held at the Town Hall last month, was attended by 130 delegates from metropolitan and country Victoria, representing State and Local Government, retail and professional businesses, strip shopping centres and their management.



The conference, held in the Auditorium, attracted 130 delegates.

The seminar was opened by Cr Norman Kennedy and was organised by Council's Business Development Unit, 2020 Communications and Peter McNabb and Associates. The conference was sponsored by Leader Newspapers and Jetset Travel— Elsternwick.

Council Business Development Planner Andrew Millen said: "Council has a reputation for supporting business and running value-packed conferences. We do our share by organising the events. It is up to individual businesses to take advantage of the seminars by attending and then putting to good use the advice and information they receive."

Speakers at the conference were selected for their relevance and ability to meet the needs of the small business operator. This is clearly evident with the majority of the delegates from small business.

Conference keynote speakers included: John Cheetham of the Cheetham Consulting Group, Wayne Berry of Top Gun Business Academy, Toni Fitzgerald of Shoptactics, and Justin Newman of the Retail Traders Association of Victoria.

Neerim Home Business Community Trade and Info Fair I I am to 3pm Tuesday 10 November 1998 at The Bentleigh Club Yawla Street, Bentleigh



Keynote speakers John Cheetham (left) and Wayne Berry (right) with Council Business Development Planner Andrew Millen.

The conference also included workshops presented by Sue Braddy of Braddy and Associates on clever public relations and Peter Schenkel lecturer at RMIT on features and characteristics for successful retail design.

Congratulations to the Glen Eira Business Awards finalists and major category winners who were: Victoria Body Corporate Services, Elsternwick Aviv, Elsternwick Bumps Ski and Surf, Elsternwick Galatis Pharmacy, Carnegie The Horn of Plenty, Carnegie John's Pharmacy, East Bentleigh Mackie Family Pet Health Care Centre, Bentleigh Studio 514, Bentleigh Penhalluriacks Building Supplies, Caulfield South, and Faranacci's Fresh Pasta, Caulfield.

Neerim Home Business Community

The Neerim Home Business Community is a self help non-profit organisation for families and people in home-based business, or who are looking to get into a home-based business in the Glen Eira area.

Convenor Orek Tenen said:"There are over 5000 home businesses in the City of Glen Eira. But, try to get them together and you'll only get a fraction of that number. The Neerim Home Business Community has been established to provide a focus for people doing business or working from home."

The major category winners were:

Business Matters Award (open to all delegates/businesses at the conference) Town and Country Gallery, Yarragon, which receives \$1000 and a framed certificate.

Best New Glen Eira Business (open to Glen Eira Businesses under two years old) The Horn of Plenty, Carnegie Shopping Centre — \$1000 and a framed certificate.

Glen Eira Business of the Year Award (open to all Glen Eira Businesses) Bumps Ski and Surf, Elsternwick Shopping Centre — \$3000, a framed certificate and a \$500 advertising package from the Leader Newspaper Group.

For more information or conference notes, please contact Andrew Millen on 9524 3384



(Left to right) Award recipients Kellie Youngs (Horn of Plenty), Peter Haley (Bumps Ski and Surf), and Tini Cook (Town and Country Gallery).

The organisation has been running for three months and meets at the Glen Huntly Pavilion on the second Tuesday of each month, to encourage people to trade and network with other people from the local area. The group is also organising courses on starting a home business, run by Dr Denis Kiellerup (contact: Holly 9571 3648).

The next meeting of the Neerim Home Business Community is on Tuesday 10 November. For further information contact Orek on 9578 3531 or David on 9578 2730.

- 12.30pm: Talks Subject Marketing—Why should I deal with you ? Orek Tenen NHBC— Clear communication Michael Sloan 'AdNet'— Unique selling proposition Geoffrey Heard 'MarketNOW'—The itch that sells Andrew Newton— Council pond "Brains Bytes and Business"
- 1.30pm: Exchange running a home business. Network, get to know: people, facts, products, services and promote yourself.
 For info on TradeFair Stands and InfoMart Tressels Ring BETTY on 9557 7822 Entrance: \$8 Members: \$6
 Next function 9 February 1999 I 1 am to 3pm
 Subject: Finding Your Client with talks on personal networking, information sources, strategies.
 For info on NHBC ring Orek on 9578 353 I

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Youth service wins schools tender

len Eira City Council, in conjunction with Port Phillip and Stonnington Councils, has won a State Government tender to develop a sub-regional School Focused Youth Service, providing assistance to schools and youth agencies to better address the needs of young people.

Council is the lead auspice of the service, which will have a regional project worker and receive annual funding of \$120,000 for three years. The project will benefit 22,000 primary and secondary students across almost 100 schools.

The funding is a direct result of the Suicide Prevention Task Force Report in July 1997, which allocated \$12.08 million to the Departments of Human Services and Education to enhance the provision of student services and welfare support to schools and their communities.

Glen Eira Youth Services co-ordinator Jodie Belyea was delighted by the tender win. "It makes sense to have agencies working with schools to develop prevention and early intervention strategies, so that young people in need don't fall through the gaps."

"The new School Focused Youth Service builds on Glen Eira's exciting initiatives in this area, including our regular school information days for students, and the regional HELP catalogue (a resource directory of local agencies and health workshops) launched early this year. The catalogue will be further developed under this project, to enhance linkages between schools and community agencies."

Ms Belyea said a reference group of representatives from the Department of Education, independent and Catholic schools, community youth agencies, police and the Juvenile Justice department will be formed to advise the project worker and management committee.

The new service aims to:

• provide schools with a range of information

Exeloo is excellent

by Myrine Hawksworth

feel somewhat self-conscious, standing outside a toilet in Caulfield Park reading the instructions. Fortunately they are short and straight forward and I can quickly push the button to enter the uni-sex, fully automatic, self-cleaning Exeloo.

I'm a little nervous about the ten minute time limit, which has been devised to deter loitering, but am reassured that I will be given a warning before the door opens automatically, if I do outstay my allotted time

Inside, the cubicle is clean and fresh; grey-tiled floor and white-tiled walls, no litter, no dripping taps, no odour and no mess. Piped music wafts through the spacious, ventilated and well-lit cubicle.

Everything is literally automatic. The toilet paper is dispensed by the press of a button overcoming problems of excessive usage and waste being strewn around. And yes, you can push it twice

if you need a little more.

And when it's time to wash up, nothing could be simpler! A fully automated wash station dispenses soap and water and then blows warm air to dry my hands. And I don't even have to flush-as I wash my hands the toilet flushes all by itself!

After I leave the Exeloo, it will clean itself automatically by spraying high pressure water and cleaner around the entire cubicle. The facility is set to do this after a specific number of uses and will also clean itself during its closed time, between 9pm and 7am.



Youth tender win

The Exeloo public toilet in Caulfield Parkself-cleaning and fully automated.

Installed in early July, the Exeloo is the first of its kind in Glen Eira and is self-contained and fully portable. All of its functions are computer controlled, including frequency of cleaning, choice of music, lighting and lock up. These settings can be altered and depend on usage frequency which can easily be monitored by the computer system.

The Exeloo comes in response to a study of Glen Eira's public toilets last year, in which recommendations were made to maximise safety and cleanliness.

Microchip your pet

Microchip your pet for life. At a discount!

Council is providing a fantastic opportunity for residents of Glen Eira to microchip their pet at a substantially reduced fee of \$15.

The procedure only takes a moment and a tiny microchip ensures that your pet can always be easily identified, maximising their chances of returning home safely should they ever get lost or stolen. It is a very cheap way to gain extra peace of mind in keeping your pet safe.

Microchipping will be provided by The Lost Dogs Animal Management Services in the carpark at the rear of the Glen Eira Town Hall in Glen Eira Road,



Caulfield between 10 am and 2pm on the following days:

Sunday 15 November, 1998 Sunday 20 December, 1998 Sunday 21 February, 1999 Sunday 21 March, 1999

Pet owners need to contact The Lost Dogs Home on 9329 3152 prior to the date to make an appointment, ensuring no unnecessary delays on the day.

Don't forget your rates payment!

about community services currently available in their area and improve the working relationship between schools and community agencies, so that young people displaying "at risk" behaviours can be linked into an appropriate support service;

- · develop professional referral processes training to ensure agencies and schools are aware of the issues facing young people;
- improve the level of contact and participation of parents, and develop a consistent referral process between schools; and
- carry out service mapping and needs assessment.

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Rates are payable in four installments the second of which is due 30 November.

You can pay rates in person: * At any bank (National Australia Bank doesn't charge a fee), or

You can pay rates by posting a cheque to: Glen Eira City Council GPO Box 184C Melbourne 3001

You can also pay rates electronically by: "Bpay"— if you have access to telephone banking, you can pay rates direct from your bank account or credit card to Council, or

Direct debit from your bank account provided your first installment has been paid (please contact the Service Centre for details and an application form on 9524 3333).

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Urban Villages - an old-fashioned sense of community

Remember the stories that your grandparents used to tell, of the characters of the area in which they lived. Everyone knew each other and everything you needed was within walking distance. Life has progressed from those days, but some elements could be maintained in an urban village.

Today's urban village concept can't recapture then, but it can go some way towards recreating a diverse and alive community, maximising the benefits of an area and providing something for everyone.

Glen Eira Strategic Planner Fiona Johnstone said an urban village is defined as "a suburban centre of either a 400 or 800 metre radius having a range of community facilities".

She said the principles of an urban village were to create centres of activity and break down the barriers of zoning to encourage mixed uses. An urban village would feature a mix of activities and land uses with employment and living opportunities co-located with community facilities, entertainment, dining and cafes, all focused on fixed transport routes.

"Instead of having a hard line between areas zoned for business or residential, an urban village concept encourages the mixing of a number of uses within an area," Ms Johnstone said.

"For example, in Bentleigh, the retail strip along Centre Road is considered to be dissected by the railway line. The section towards Jasper Road is regarded as the stronger retail area of the centre as it has retail at street level and offices above. This mixing is to be further promoted with residential living above shops and offices."

Ms Johnstone said urban villages focus around public transport and a retail strip and comprise a defined area which offers a concentration of a broad range of activities, retail, commercial, community support and residential.

She said Council is undertaking preparation of these Urban Village Structure Plans to set parameters for making decisions in response to planning applications.

"The structure plans are about adopting an overall policy for an area's future direction. Without such a plan, decisions would be made on an ad hoc, site by site basis," she said.

"The structure plans identify opportunities, though Council will fundamentally be reactive rather than proactive. We won't be making any overnight changes in any of the three centres. For example, in Bentleigh, development under Council's control is the replacement of the rotunda area with a village square or development of the multi-purpose community centre. We're looking at combining the existing community services into one comprehensive facility."

The Structure Plan option for Carnegie was available for comment until 6 November and Bentleigh is available for comment until 4 December. Elsternwick will be available for comment shortly— a summary and map will be presented in the December issue of the News.

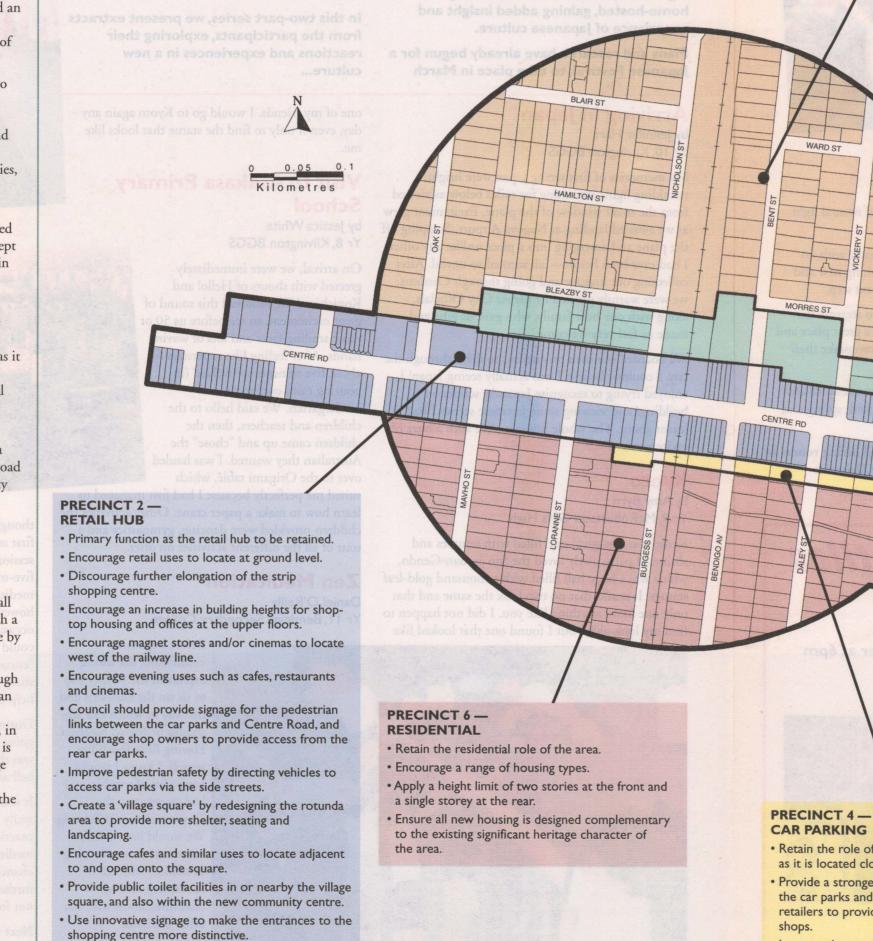
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In early 1997, Council commissioned PLM P/L, planning consultants, to prepare a report containing structure plans for Glen Eira's three main shopping strips— Bentleigh, Carnegie and Elsternwick. The report presented three options per centre and was broadly advertised in October 1997 and community meetings were held in December. The community expressed concern about the lack of notification and the complex nature of the report. In response to this, Council formed a community consultative committee for each of the study areas, to work with Council officers to form one structure plan.

The Bentleigh committee, consisting of two traders and six residents, has convened regularly since April of this year. It has developed the three options originally presented by the consultants into one option, taking into account previous comments received from the community and the members' own experiences.

The map below and detailed description of each precinct defines the option prepared for the Bentleigh Urban Village Structure Plan.

Should you wish to refer to the original report prepared by the consultants, it is available for viewing at the Carnegie, Bentleigh, Elsternwick and Caulfield libraries.



Bentleigh — Urban Village Structure Plan

PRECINCT 5 -RESIDENTIAL

· Retain the residential role of this area.

- Encourage a range of housing types.
- · Ensure that all medium density housing is respectful to the character of the area and addresses the amenity of neighbouring properties.
- Apply a height limit of two stories at the front and a single storey at the rear.

PRECINCT 3 -**CAR PARKING AND MIXED USE**

- Retain the role of car parking and discourage retail activity within this precinct.
- · Develop commercial and residential activities with car parking over the existing car park sites which extend east of the railway line to Vickery Street and east of Godfrey Street.
- Improve the appearance and safety of the car parks through landscaping and the installation of lighting. Pursue similar changes to the railway car parks with the PTC.
- · Encourage retailers to improve the appearance of the rear of their shops, and provide through access to Centre Road.
- Ensure new developments do not exacerbate traffic congestion along Centre Road nor affect the amenity of nearby residents.
- Continuously monitor users of public car parks. Install appropriate signage to encourage train commuters to park in appropriate locations. ensuring convenient parking for shoppers.
- · Improve identification of under-utilised car parks.
- Retain the park land adjacent to the railway line in Nicholson Street.
- Replace the existing public toilets in the Bent Street car park with a modern public facility that is well-lit and provides disabled access.
- · Install signage in the shopping strip identifying the location of all public facilities.

BENTLEIGH

RESERVE

The process

The process involved in developing the Bentleigh Urban Village Structure Plan into a local policy which can be incorporated into the Planning Scheme has the following major stages:

November 1998 Public exhibition of the Structure Plan for six weeks

December 1998 Public meeting held for public to voice concerns

Early 1999 Council meeting to consider revised structure plan

Early-mid 1999 Planning Scheme Amendment is prepared and exhibited to the public

Persons with properties directly affected will be notified again

Mid 1999 Planning Conferences held if required Mid-late 1999 Council meeting to consider submissions

A decision will be made on whether to proceed with the amendment unaltered, to alter the amendment and proceed, or to abandon the amendment

Late 1999 Independent panel appointed by the Minister to hear submissions

Late 1999 Council considers the panel recommendations and can:

a) adopt the amendment with or without any changes suggested by the panel, or

b) abandon the entire amendment

The dates shown in the above schedule are approximate only and are subject to change.

For more information:

Should you wish to obtain a copy of the complete option, contact Council's Planning Department on 9524 3374. If you have any further inquiries, please contact Fiona Johnstone on 9524 3300.

PRECINCT I -**COMMUNITY PRECINCT**

- Retain the civic focus of Bentleigh towards the eastern end of the shopping strip.
- · Provide a new multi-purpose community centre colocating the existing services.
- Investigate existing library site as the location for the new centre. Previously suggested locations are onsidered inappropriate.
- Demolish existing library building and redesign the parking layout to provide additional spaces (with Jasper Road and Robert Street access).
- New centre should have a strong street presence and could be multi-storey.
- Upon successful co-location of existing services, the land occupied by the maternal and child health centre and the elderly citizens centre could be used by adjacent uses (RSL and Safeway); and 9 Godfrey Street could be incorporated into the public car park or sold as a unit development.

• Retain the role of car parking within this precinct as it is located close to the retail strip. Provide a stronger sense of connection between the car parks and the shopping strip by encouraging

retailers to provide access from the rear of their Improve the appearance and safety of the car parks

through landscaping and the installation of lighting.

Training the owner – and the dog!

by Robyn Szechtman

Dog training -

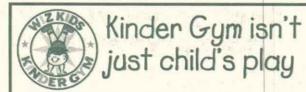


Training your dog can bring the reward of having an obedient, enjoyable companion— but some dogs need to be shown the ropes a little more than others...

B eing the proud owner of two disobedient dogs, I jumped at the opportunity to interview Sue O'Flynn and John Thomson from the Bayside Companion Dog Training School— hoping I'd pick up some tips.

Bayside is a non-profit organisation offering dog training with an emphasis on helping dogs to become obedient and enjoyable companions. Much of dog training is really aimed at the owner, not the dog. Understanding the way a dog thinks is the first step to successful training.

Selecting the right dog for your lifestyle is very important. Sometimes the needs of the dog can clash with those of the owner, making life uncomfortable for both. If you are lazy, and your idea of a fun afternoon is nestling in front of the fire with a good book, don't buy a kelpie! Get a British Bulldog or a breed that likes a sedentary lifestyle.



Social hierarchy is the key to dog behaviour. Unless they think you are top dog, they will tend not to take you too seriously! John and Sue explained that your dogs must perceive you as the dominant leader in the house. These means that what you say, goes! Little things like invading the dog's territory at any time and making sure you leave the house before they do, let them know their place. I rushed home to try this out on my dogs.

My dog Louis refused to budge when I sat on his fur-lined bed on the couch. He gave me a warning growl and I quickly apologised and moved to the tiny corner he has left me. So far, not so good. Next morning I put the dogs on leads, and rushed out the door in front of them, promptly getting caught up in the leads and nearly falling down the stairs. Later that night, when I woke up in the darkness to find my miniature bull-terrier Daisy snoring beside me, I had to concede defeat and decided to enrol myself to be trained.

Dog training techniques have changed over recent years; they are more gentle, and the emphasis is placed on food reinforcement rather than tugging on the choker chain. Getting the dog accustomed to a variety of situations, such as loud noises and other dogs, is now an important aspect of training. The provision of these type of environmental conditions are difficult to

replicate in your own backyard unless you organise the kids and neighbours to run around yelling, so this is one of the great advantages of dog training school.

Other advantages of training your dog is getting help from expert trainers if you run into any difficulties. Bayside will assess you and your dog's needs prior to your first training session and help you decide on suitable equipment. Dog training is great fun for both owner and dog and helps the dog to become a delight to the family. All family members are encouraged to attend as consistency is vital to successful training.

There is also a financial reward to training your dog— Council offers concession rates for registration if the dog has completed basic training.

Training is offered by Bayside on Sundays at 9.45am and Thursdays at 10.45am at Hodgson Reserve, Higgins Rd, Bentleigh. New enrolments need to arrive half an hour earlier. You should bring proof of vaccination and puppies need to be at least 12 weeks old to be trained.

Nicole's Beauty Services

Contact: Sue O'Flynn on 9598 7698.

Glen Eira— a leader in planning

The Association of Consulting Surveyors of Victoria has ranked Glen Eira City Council in the top five municipalities in Victoria for handling subdivision applications.

The ACSV Municipal Excellence Awards held on 16 October were presented for excellence in processing subdivision applications in 1997-1998, as nominated by the surveyors.

Glen Eira City Council has handled large new residential subdivisions, such as the Churchill Green development on the former Murrumbeena school site, but most subdivision work is related to multi-dwelling developments.

Statutory Planning Manager Sue Monagle said: "Since starting with Council 12 months ago, our Subdivisions Officer, Lauren O'Neill has been dedicated to providing one of the most efficient and effective subdivision services throughout Victoria. This is a great achievement for Lauren and the Planning Office."

Toddlers and food

City of GLEN EIRA

You are invited to come along to this informal talk by:

Dietitian Margaret Cox of Caulfield Community Care

WHERE: Murrumbeena Maternal and Child Health Centre 105 Murrumbeena Road MURRUMBEENA

WHEN: Tuesday 24 November I.30–3pm

COST: \$3



- Kindergym is a parent assisted movement and activities program for 1 to 5 year olds. Classes are held Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings
- Wiz Kids promise to provide a carefully structured program designed to ensure that motor and cognitive, social and emotional learning occurs in a stimulating, safe and fun way!
- Wiz Kids is recognised as offering a Kindergym Australian Program

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If you have any queries or would like to book in for a FREE COME AND TRY session, please phone Ingrid on 9569 3326.

St Agnes Church Hall 112 Booran Rd, Glen Huntly

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Network

Are you feeling isolated? Are you feeling depressed? Do you often feel like you can't cope? Does motherhood overwhelm you?

GLEN

Please come and join us for a meeting to discuss these issues in a supportive environment at Glen Eira Maternal Health Centre (corner Hawthorn and Glen Eira Roads) Caulfield South.

DATES: 17 November and 15 December TIME: 1.30–3pm

For further information please contact Susan Friedman, Joanne Mihelakos or Jenny Burley on 9523 6666

Cultural exchange brings insight

by Susan Pilbeam, Arts Programmer for the Glen Eira City Council

Seven Glen Eira students recently spent I I days in Japan, visiting our sister city Ogaki. Council has supported this cultural exchange program for many years and Chairperson of the Ogaki-Glen Eira Friendly Cities Advisory Committee, Cr Veronika Martens, sees youth exchanges as essential to the continuing development of this special, international relationship.

As 1998 tour leader, I accompanied the students and represented the City at various functions and meetings.

The students' itinerary was busy and varied and included visits to Kyoto and Tokyo, as well as schools, museums and events in Ogaki. All members of the exchange were home-hosted, gaining added insight and experience of Japanese culture.

Plans and research have already begun for a Japanese Festival, to take place in March

Arriving in Japan

by Jennifer Hart

Yr 10, Kilvington BGGS

My memories of first seeing Japan were bright, twinkling lights stretching for miles below as viewed from the small window of the plane. Excitement grew as we awaited landing at Nagoya Airport. Stepping off the plane and emerging into a place unlike any other I had ever been before— all seemed so unreal. After collecting our luggage and going through Customs, we were warmly greeted by Ogaki City Officials, along with one host family, who gave us gifts and made us feel very welcome.

We boarded our own private bus to drive through the city. I couldn't believe I was actually seeing Japan! I enjoyed trying to recognise Japanese scripts on buildings and viewing some Japanese scenes I had learnt about. The whole bus was alive with a buzz of excitement.

Kyoto

by Amy Byrn Yr 9, McRobertson Girls High

Kyoto was a magical city, filled with temples and shrines. I particularly loved the San-Ju-San-Gendo, which was a huge hall filled with a thousand gold-leaf statues. It is said that no two look the same and that only one looks anything like you. I did not happen to find my look-alike, but I found one that looked like



1999, celebrating 10 years of the sister city relationship. The program will include performances, workshops and a range of exhibitions and displays from Japan.

Delegates from Ogaki will visit to participate in the Festival and the Mayor of Glen Eira, Cr Barry Neve, has personally delivered an invitation to the Mayor of Ogaki, while in Japan to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the founding of the City of Ogaki.

If you are interested in the student exchange program, home hosting visiting delegates or being involved in the upcoming Japanese Festival call Susan Pilbeam on 9524 3402.

In this two-part series, we present extracts from the participants, exploring their reactions and experiences in a new culture...

one of my friends. I would go to Kyoto again any day, even if only to find the statue that looks like me.

Visit to Asakasa Primary School

by Jessica White Yr 8, Kilvington BGGS

On arrival, we were immediately greeted with shouts of Hello! and Konichiwa! We followed this sound of great excitement, to see before us 50 or more smiling faces and lots of waving hands. After feeling like superstars for about five minutes we walked (in pouring rain) over to the kindergarten. We said hello to the children and teachers, then the children came up and "chose" the Australian they wanted. I was hauled over to the Origami table, which

suited me perfectly because I had just managed to learn how to make a paper crane. Other activities the children provided were dancing, gymnastics and a tour of all the different activities on offer.

Zen Meditation

Daniel O'Reilly Yr 11, Bentleigh Secondary College

> Before beginning meditation, the monk explained the proper way to sit on the cushions and the way in which our legs should be folded together. Having little flexibility myself, I knew I would have a lot of trouble, so I had to resort to the "beginner's way" of sitting. We would have five 20minute sessions of sitting in silence, with no movement and no communication with the other students.



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thought I could cope easily, yet as the minutes of the first session ticked by, my discomfort grew. Each session was more difficult than the last, despite the five-minute intervals between, to stretch our legs. The meditation is designed to allow the person to relax, however being a beginner, the discomfort and occasional pain clouded my thoughts. I tried all I could to stay still, but on three occasions the monk "encouraged" me by hitting me with a stick. The sharp whacking of the stick was painful, yet it did help a great deal.

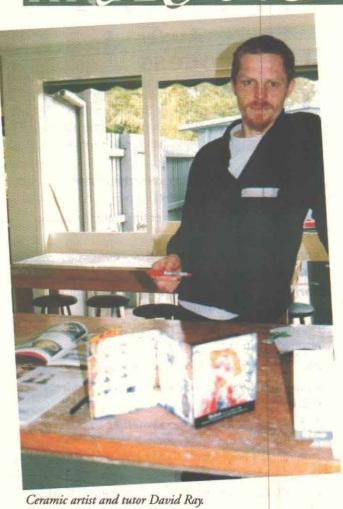
During the final 20-minute session I thought I was going to fall apart; my legs had gone numb and all I was thinking of was the moment he would ring the bell and end this meditation.

The monk rang the bell and we began. At first I It was a great experience for me and although I wasn't really able to relax, I believe that in time, with practice, one could definitely benefit from such meditation. I hope that in the future I will get a chance to try it again and explore the experience further. The Zen meditation is something that I will not forget for a very long time.

Next month: three more students share their experiences of Japanese food, school life and Disneyland!



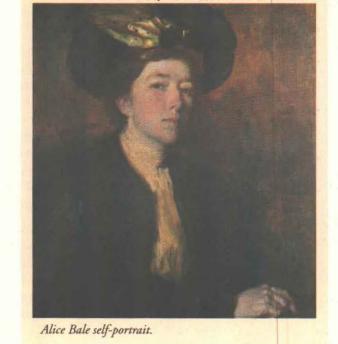
Arts



Alice Bale Art Award

15 — 29 November Opens Sunday 15 November at 2pm

The Alice Bale Art Award is Australia's most prestigious prize for traditional and realist art, and is named in honour of Alice Bale, a prominent artist from early this century who championed the cause of women and their work as artists. Established through the will of Alice Bale, the award is dedicated to the "maintenance and furtherance of European pictorial tradition exemplified by the works of successive Old Masters such as Masaccio, Leonardo da Vinci, Titian, Valasquez, Carravaggio, Constable and Manet." The major prize is a \$30,000 travelling scholarship enabling artists to travel and undertake a study tour. Cash prizes for water colour and oil and acrylics are also awarded.



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STREETS & C. C.

New activity sparks Oak Tree House

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The Open Day at Oak Tree House attracted many enthusiastic and creative people, eager to discover the diverse and interesting programs currently on offer at the newly refurbished venue.

Tutors were able to demonstrate their special skills and offer a sneak preview of the courses available to visitors.

David Ray, leading ceramic artist and current tutor said: "The open day provided an excellent opportunity for both the tutors and the community to meet and learn more about what was on offer on their doorstep. It was great to engage with the local community and those generally interested in learning more about the arts."

"Oak Tree offers an environment that's quite unlike school or university — it's like a house but not a



'Getting made up' as part of the drama course for children aged 3–10 years.

house, warm and open with loads of natural light, spacious yet intimate,"he said.

"Personally, I was surprised how people with no experience were able to learn something new and gained the confidence to take the next step."

As a group, all the tutors are keen to recreate the creative energy that's here. It's such a great place and offers the community a place they can make their own."

A continuing program of information sessions and "hands on" open days are planned, with spring and summer classes already underway.

For inquiries regarding classes and hiring rooms or studios contact Susan Pilbeam or Deborah Vanderwerp on 9524 3402.



Graduate Exhibition 3-13 December Opens Thursday 3 December at 6pm

The annual exhibition of graduating students from the departments of Studio Textiles



and Screen printing Design of the Melbourne Institute of Textiles. The exhibition aims to launch the students into their chosen profession by exposing their work to the industry.

Lively and diverse, the exhibition is an eclectic mix of weaving, screen printing, tapestry weaving, knitting, and finished textile product.

Featured in last years exhibition, screen printing by Fran Fragakis.

Glen Eira Writers Competition

The third Glen Eira Writers Competition is on offer again but with some minor changes. Two open awards are being offered, one is a national award and the second, a local writer's award. A feature of the awards are the readings of the winning stories by professional actors in the Theatrette, on 30 March 1999.

'My Brother Jack' Short Story Award

Open to all residents of Australia 1500–3000 words First Prize \$2000 (and story published in Meanjin) Second Prize \$750

Third Prize \$250 Judge: Arnold Zable

Children's Short Story Award

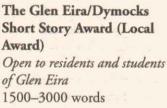
Open to child	dren aged 10 to 14 years
250-500 wo	rds
First prize	\$30 gift voucher (from Child and Adult), and prize pack of recent books

	and stationery.
Second prize	\$20 gift voucher (from Child and Adult), and prize pack of recent books
	and stationery.
Judge:	Hazel Edwards

Children's Poetry Award

Open to children aged 10 to 14 years

Maximum 36 lines First and Second prizes Prizes packs of recent books and stationery



First prize \$500 book voucher from Dymocks, Elsternwick Judge: Jennifer Dabbs

Closing date: Friday 29 January 1999.

An entry form is available by sending a stamped self-addressed envelope to: Glen Eira Writers Competition PO Box 42 Caulfield South Vic 3162 Enquiries: 9524 3402.

Proudly sponsored by: **My Brother Jack Short Story Award** Mason's Book Centre, Eastend Booksellers, Meanjin; **City of Glen Eira Glen Eira/Dymocks Short Story Award** Dymocks Glen Huntly; **Children's Awards** Child and Adult, Group Newsagency Supplies, Jetsetter Magazine, Pan MacMillan, Penguin Books Pty Ltd, Random House.



Sunday 13 December 2-5pm Theatrette, Glen Eira Arts Complex \$15 (includes afternoon tea)

Well-travelled and highly respected artists will again provide a myriad of valuable information on the fascinating world of textiles in the seminar, *Talking Textiles*. Held last year in association with the Melbourne School of Textiles Graduate Exhibition, the seminar returns to follow on from its outstanding success highlighting art, fabrics, needlework, weaving, etc. Once again it will provide participants with an excellent avenue to understanding this wonderful art form.

The half-day seminar will have something for everyone— with a variety of specialist speakers, bookshop, information tables and demonstrations, and an opportunity to tour the Melbourne School of Textiles' exhibition.

Whether you have a passing interest in the gentle arts or a passion for cutting edge fabric and fashion design, this is an afternoon not to be missed and a great opportunity to purchase original textile creations.

Enquiries: Susan Pilbeam or Deborah Vanderwerp on 9524 3402.

WHAT'S ON CALENDAR

Gallery

15 to 29 November

Alice Bale Art Award Australia's most prestigious award for traditional and realist art.

3 to 13 December

Melbourne Institute of Textiles annual exhibition of graduating students from the departments of Studio Textiles and Screen printing Design of the Melbourne Institute of Textiles.

Performances

Sunday 15 November

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B'nai B'rith Performance. Bookings and information 9528 5436.

Thursday 19 November

Donald Cant in Concert. Come and see "The Phantom", the role in which he has performed in recent times. Donald has shared the stage with performers such as Marina Prior, Julie Anthony, Jill Perryman and Suzanne Johnstone. Performances at 11am and 1.30pm. Tickets \$10 Groups of 10 plus \$9.

For bookings and information call 9557 5493.

Friday 20 November

Stevie Page and Band- new CD launch at 7.15pm. Further information call JMC Music Australia on 9570 8491.

Wednesday 2 December

Glen Eira City Choir Christmas Concert 7.30pm. Bookings and information call 9889 3889 or 9570 8997

Theatre

12 to 21 November

Jacaranda Theatre present Beyond Therapy directed by Bruce Cochrane. Bookings and information call 9553 0148.

The Glen Eira Youth Orchestra tunes up

A committee has been established to get the orchestra up and running. Regular meetings will be held until the end of the year to oversee the appointment of a conductor and coordinator, and to establish rehearsal times, dates and suitable venues. Rehearsals will commence early in 1999.

If you are interested in being involved please contact Deborah Vanderwerp on 9524 3402 or Dennis Freeman on 9524 6646.

Mailing list

The Arts Complex has a wide range of information available. Please indicate which area is of interest to you and we will include you on our mailing list(s). Feel free to tick all boxes if desired.

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Community Diary

COMMUNITY Diary

Meetings & clubs

Neerim Home Business Community will meet on Tuesday 10 November at Glen Huntly Pavilion, corner Neerim and Booran Roads, 11am–3pm, and will cover communication, marketing and selling ideas. Details: Orek on 9578 3531 or David on 9578 2730.

Services

Caulfield Group of Nursing Mothers' Association provides support, information, counselling and social activities for mothers/families within the City of Glen Eira. Meetings: 11, 17, 25 November. Topics include: Breast feeding and weight gains. Contact: Lyle 9578 0628.

Calling all Leisure buddies — adults with an intellectual disability are making new friends and trying different leisure activities as a part of a new pilot program by Gawith Villa. 50 volunteers are needed from Glen Eira area. Training, ongoing support and supervision available. Contact: Helen Calandro 9509 4266.

City of Glen Eira Neighbourhood Support Program — for information regarding our Fathers' Group, Chinese Mothers' Group, Young Mothers' Group and Solo Mothers' Group contact Judy White or Maureen Carolan at Caulfield Maternal and Child Health Service on 9524 3403.

U3A Glen Eira is holding an enrolment day on 4 December. Venue: Glen Huntly Campus at 1151 Glen Huntly Road, Glen Huntly 10am-4pm. Membership forms available on the day. Contact: 9572 0571.

Events and activities

Annual Concert for Senior Citizens of the City of Glen Eira will be held on Sunday 15 November at Glen Eira Town Hall. Great afternoon of music and songs. Afternoon tea provided. Entry \$3. Organised by the Raoul Wallenberg Unit of Bnai Brith. Contact: Bina 9528 5436 or Sylvia 9532 9108 for transport.

Jacaranda Theatre presents *Beyond Therapy* by Christopher Durang, directed by Bruce Cochrane. A manic satire with loads of laughs and action aplenty at Glen Eira Arts Complex 13–14, 19–21 November at 8pm. Matinee 15 November at 2pm. Cost: \$15 adults, \$12 concession and groups of 10. Bookings: 9546 2237.

McKinnon Village Fair will be held on Sunday 8 November, 10am–3pm. Displays and stalls by local kindergartens, schools and community groups. Shops will be open. A steam train will run Caulfield – McKinnon – Mordialloc return. Bookings at the McKinnon newsagency on 9578 4478. Contact: Barbara 9578 9686.

U3A BUS TOURS 23-26 November **Caulfield South Primary School** invites you to a country fete on 14 November 10am–4pm at 22 Bundeera Rd, South Caulfield. Activities: a bush band, jeeps, wine tastings, animal farm, body art, country food and cakes, clairvoyant, and gum boot throwing.

Life Activities Club — Caulfield welcomes new members to participate in activities such as day outings, walking, armchair travel, golf and dining-out. A monthly meeting with a guest speaker is held on the third Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm. Contact: 9568 5849 or 9523 9669.

Carnegie Main Street Christmas Fair will be held on Saturday 28 November 10.30am–3.30pm. Jersey Parade and Rosstown Road will be closed off for free rides and activities. Multicultural groups, school choirs, bands or dance groups who may wish to perform are invited to contact Patti: 015 095 856.

A pleasant Sunday afternoon — 8 November at 2pm at St Christopher's Hall, 6 Mackie Road, East Bentleigh. Feature artist: musician Brendan Scott. Tickets at the door: \$5, refreshments included. Contact: 9563 8800.

Historic "Box Cottage" Joyce Park, Jasper Road, McKinnon will be open Sunday 29 November, 2–4.30pm with a display of paintings by Glen Eira Cheltenham Art Group, and a recital by St Andrews Ladies Pipe Band. Donation: 50 cents to the Moorabbin Historical Society. Contact: 9578 7060.

Ormond Anglican Church Fete will be held on 21 November, 9.30am–2.30pm at the corner of North Road and Wheatley Road, Ormond. Attractions include stalls and a performance by Sefra Burstin School of Dance.

Market Day at 12th Caulfield Scout Hall, Beavis Street, Elsternwick SECOND SUNDAY of each month (8 November) 10am–1.30pm. All types of goods, new and old.

Glen Huntly Primary School invites you to attend a Market Day on 5 December. More than 80 stalls of new and preloved goods, amusements, cakes and more. Sites available at \$10. Contact: 9571 2933.

U3A Glen Eira has vacancies in the following classes: Airbrush, Bridge Beginners, Sing-along, Needlepoint and Italian Conversation. Contact: 9572 0571 Monday to Thursday or 9528 3339 AH.

Microchip your pet for permanent identification, at a substantially reduced fee of \$15. The Council sessions will be on Sunday 15 November, from 10am to 2pm in the Glen Eira Town hall carpark, Glen Eira Road, Caulfield. Further sessions to be held on 20 December, 21 February, 21 March. Ring the Lost Dogs Home on 9329 3152 to book in.

BLADDER PROBLEM?

Bentleigh Festival will be held on Sunday 29 November from 10am to 6pm in Centre Road Bentleigh and will include stalls and entertainment. Shops will be open. Centre Road will be closed between Jasper and Wheatley Road. Contact: Richard Atkinson 9557 9822.

Erza Fete will be held at Birch Street Halls, corner Birch Street and Hawthorn Road, South Caulfield on 8 November, 9.30am–2pm. Includes: sausage sizzle, gifts and jewelry, chemist lines, books and toys, etc.

Over 50's Stepping out & keeping fit

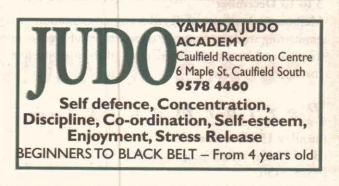
The recently formed Caulfield Walkers, a friendly group of men and women, meet at Caulfield Park each Monday morning at 9.30am. Not only is this a great opportunity to improve your fitness while enjoying the company of other members of the group but also a chance to take in the sights and sounds of this very beautiful park. Council also operates two other walking groups:

East Bentleigh Walkers on Tuesday at 9am and Bentleigh Walkers on Wednesdays at 9am.

Council also operates an exercise to music class five times per week throughout the municipality. Why not improve your fitness to the great music of Nat King Cole, Frank Sinatra, the Beach Boys, Bill Haley and the Comets and more? Classes are available on Monday and Wednesday in Carnegie, Tuesday and Thursday in Caulfield and a ladies only class in Bentleigh is available on Tuesdays.

For the not-so-active older participant, Council offers two chair-based style classes each week. An opportunity to exercise to music in a class designed to meet the needs of people who may have some restricted movements, a heart condition or arthritis. Classes are available on Wednesday in Carnegie and on Thursdays in East Bentleigh.

For further information on keeping fit in a fun, safe and friendly environment, contact the Recreation Officer for Older Adults, Cheryl Kennedy 9524 3356.



Information Day for the 50+ in Glen Eira

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4 days/3 nights — 4 seats available

Tour includes APOLLO BAY — GREAT OCEAN ROAD — TWELVE APOSTLES — WARRNAMBOOL — PORT FAIRY — NELSON — MT GAMBIER — PENOLA

9 December 9am-5pm

Special Christmas treat, Devonshire tea at the GIDDY BULLFROG TEA ROOMS AND GALLERY. On to RED HILL, followed by visit to the CHRISTMAS TREE FARM for a light lunch including traditional cake. All inclusive bus, entry and meals for just \$28.

ENQUIRIES: 9572 0571 OR 9523 7862 (AH)

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 Leakage, poor control, frequency, urgency
Persistent bed wetting
Decreased sexual fulfilment due to weak pelvic floor muscles?

Advanced neuro-muscular stimulation strengthens pelvic floor muscles and settles bladders. High success rate with a discreet home-based treatment that you control. No drugs involved. Consulting East Bentleigh and Berwick.

> Sister Dorothy Stevens Control Health Services Phone: 9563 8299

Member of Continence Foundation and Royal College of Nursing Australia, Are you 50+? Then come and participate in an afternoon of entertainment and information sharing about issues and services which may be of great benefit to you. There will be information on:

education health finance transport Jegal support Jeisure activities home help retirement planning

Monday 16 November Ipm-4pm at the Bentleigh Reserve Social Rooms, Arthur St, Bentleigh. (Refreshments and parking available) Contact Philippa on 9532 8319 Caulfield Adult Literacy Group

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Glen Eira

Surf's up for youth web site

From the Editor

Hello again! Well, here we are at edition No 3, and everything is going great guns towards 1999. We have gained more exposure for young people and issues that relate to us. All we need now is more work to publish!

Now that I've sat down to write, I thought I might give you a little insight into my life, or at least one part of it — uni. I'm about to enter the business end of my first year at Melbourne Uni, exams, and I can't really say I'm looking forward to it. But the year has been really great so

far — It's incredible how different it is to school both in good and bad ways. The bottom line has been that you are left to your own devices almost all the time; you'll get some gentle prodding, especially early in the year, but by now the subtle hints at doing the work have been reduced to reminders at the due date of essays.

Aside from the work, though, uni life is really free and fun. There is always something happening around the place music, markets, protests, clubs, balls, the list goes on and on and on and on.

Anyway, that's all for now; hope to hear from you guys soon, (and thanks to all those who have been sending in work)

Daniel

Music in my ears Music in the air People singing birthday cheers Or celebrating New Years Birds tweeting in the trees Music winding in the breeze Music's everywhere.

WHY GEN

by Joanne Fagan (aged 10)



Opening doors for homeless youth

A re you interested in opening doors to homeless young people in our community?

Southern Directions Youth Services is a support service for young people 15–25 years of age who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless in the inner and middle south metropolitan region of Melbourne.

The service is the result of the amalgamation of two

people. If you have skills in the areas of business development, strategic planning, marketing and fund raising, are interested in opening doors for young people and would like to become a member of this service we would like to hear from you.

Southern Directions Youth Services will hold its



Members of the Youth Webteam (clockwise from left) Chris Anderson, Anita Sridhar, Stewart Smith and Hieu Lam.

The new Glen Eira Youth Services Website— put together by local students— was launched last month at Caulfield Library. The launch included an intergalactic tour of the site and presentations to the "webteam" by Mayor Cr Barry Neve.

The team of seven young people from McKinnon Secondary College and Kilvington Baptist Girls' School used their talents to create an eye-catching Website to present up-to-date information on Youth Services' programs, resources and activities.

Glen Eira City Council youth project worker Judith Bruce said: "It is vital to involve young people in the development of the Website as they know what young people want to see and read. Our webteam has done a fantastic job."

"The Youth Services Website contains information on our service and programs, upcoming events and links to other youth agencies both locally and statewide. We have a youth worker and health professionals' noticeboard and a unique "Ask A Youth Worker" page where you can submit requests for confidential information and advice. We also provide a feedback form for those without e-mail to send to us."

A CARACTER STREET

housing services in 1998 Malvern and Caulfield Youth Accommodation Service (MACYAS) and Youth Accommodation Service Moorabbin (YASM). Southern Directions has an office co-located at the Why? Stop Youth Information Centre in Carnegie. This expansion has seen an increase in the number of workers employed to support and assist 60 young people who reside in the houses located in the Cities of Glen Eira, Stonnington, Kingston and Bayside.

The Board of Management is looking for support from business representatives and community members so it can continue to address the needs of youth homelessness and keep abreast of State Government changes in delivery of services to young second Annual General Meeting on Monday 9 November at 7.30pm, in Meeting Room 1, at the Toorak Library, 340 Toorak Road, South Yarra. Guest speaker: Joseph O'Reilly, performance by Sandringham Secondary College Drama Group and light refreshments provided.

Anyone interested in the prevention of youth homelessness and willing to share their expertise for the benefit of young people is invited to attend. For further information, phone Tom Gallagher or Mardi Beaumont on 9572 5699 during business hours.

Southern Directions Youth Services— opening doors for young people.

"Check us out at http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au/youth/index.html Just keep a look-out for our alien!"

Contact us: Daniel Piekarski – email: pike@netspace.net.au Judith Bruce – Glen Eira Youth Services Phone: 9524 3283 Fax: 9523 0339 Post: Glen Eira Youth Services PO Box 42, Caulfield South 3162 email: jbruce@gleneira.vic.gov.au

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Safe crossing with a smile

O ne of the occupational hazards for crossing supervisors is getting beeped at by cheeky motorists. According to Gerald Egan (pictured here), who supervises the crossing at Neerim Road Carnegie, they won't beep if he gets a wave in first. So he spends a lot of time waving!

Safe crossing

Gerald has worked as a crossing supervisor for 12 years and has seen a lot of children grow up during that time. "They start off little and shy and end up tall, with muscles," said Gerald.

He approached Council for the position and enjoys it as much now as the day he started. "The job makes me sparkle up," Gerald said, "I love the children, love the people." He enjoys the responsibility of getting children safely to the other side of the road and is a well-known person in the neighborhood.

Council employs 49 crossing supervisors but is currently looking for more to help take care of the 43 manned crossings in the city. If you enjoy working with children, are dedicated and reliable, generally fit, live locally and are interested in becoming a school crossing supervisor, please contact Sally Muhlhan on 9524 3227. The position requires about 45 minutes either morning or early afternoon, throughout the school terms.



Phantom follows Gershwin

The wonderful melodies of Gershwin filled the Town Hall Auditorium at the "Magic Melodies" concert in late September— an event which celebrated the centenary of the birth of composer George Gershwin.

The 550 local seniors who attended were treated to all the Gershwin favourites. Mark Jones and Susan-Ann Walker sang S'wonderful, Love walked in and Let's call the whole thing off to open the show.

The audience were then swept into another musical world with the arrival on stage of MSO harpist Julie Raines whose performance of *Summertime* had the audience absolutely spellbound. Then with the stage bathed in a wash of soft blue lighting, pianist Adam Przewlocki performed a superb piano solo of the famous *Rhapsody in Blue*.

November is a very special month as the enchanting and charismatic Donald Cant who starred in the role of The Phantom will be performing at "Magic Melodies" on Thursday 19 November, with a morning performance at 11am and again at 1.30pm. For information or to book tickets to "Donald Cant" or the very popular "Christmas Spectacular" on 17 December, phone "Magic Melodies" on 9557 5493 or fill out the ticket booking coupon on the back page of this issue of the Glen Eira News. These shows offer the opportunity to enjoy wonderful entertainment each month with a lovely devonshire tea in a friendly atmosphere.

Getting a foothold on safety

A fter the age of 65, one in three people will fall once a year. Unfortunately as we get older, the chances of serious injury from falling are greater, healing takes longer and recovery may not be complete.

An important new project, Foothold on Safety, is being undertaken to address these issues and prevent falls for older people living in the Cities

Council sets the standard

More than 550 local families take advantage of Glen Eira City Council's excellent child care services every week.

Council's manager of Children's, Youth and Family Services Catherine Thompson says parents have a comprehensive choice of child care services, including long day care and occasional care at Council's five Child Care Centres across the municipality, as well as Family Day Care across 60 private homes.

"Council's child care service has been in the business of caring for children for more than 20 years, and is a place parents know they can trust, enjoying peace of mind, knowing the excellence in care that Council provides," she said.

Catherine says the Child Care Centres at Murrumbeena, Ormond, Carnegie, Caulfield and Elsternwick, have highly trained staff providing carefully planned educational and care programs and approved kindergarten programs, for the benefit of local children. The centres have also received the highest level of national quality accreditation.

Family Day Care in a care provider's home, offers a small group setting, supported and monitored by qualified Council staff— an alternative for parents who prefer home-based care for their children.

"Council's child care service also includes an integration program, for children with additional needs and non-English speaking backgrounds, and we regularly consult with parents on programs and developing the service with the community. Child Care Assistance and Child Care Cash Rebate are also available," Catherine says.

To discuss your child care needs, phone 9524 3461.

School Holiday Programs for 1999

Glen Eira Council is currently working with local schools and the Federal Government to re-auspice School Holiday places so that there is good coverage right throughout the municipality. Recommendations to the Federal Government have been based on demographic information and school interest in auspicing a program.

It is anticipated that programs will be available in January at Caulfield North Primary School, Carnegie Primary School, Bentleigh West Primary School and at Wesley College at Elsternwick from April 1999. To ensure there are adequate places available prior to April 1999, the Caulfield Recreation Centre will run a program for the January period.

Further details about school holiday programs will be in the December issue of the Glen Eira News.

Name change



The Auditorium was alive with the sounds of Gershwin at Magic Melodies in September.

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of Glen Eira, Port Phillip and Stonnington. Foothold on Safety is looking for people over 60

years of age to volunteer to form an important link between the Project and the community. They should be good communicators who have had some experience working on committees and want an opportunity to think creatively and see their communities benefit. People with disabilities and from diverse cultural and ethnic backgrounds are encouraged to apply. Contact Robyn Jenkins, Aged and Disability Support Program from the Inner Community Health Service on 9525 1300. Glen Eira Community Information and Resource Centre has a new name! The organisation is now Community Information Glen Eira. Apart from this being a shorter title, it brings the organisation into line with its peak body — Community Information Victoria.

Community Information Glen Eira is the local information and referral agency and also distributes emergency relief in the municipality.

The agency is generously supported by local volunteers. If you are interested in finding out more about the organisation or becoming a volunteer worker please contact co-ordinator, Laurel Thompson on 9524 3200.

Community Information Glen Eira is open 9.30-4pm Monday to Friday and is located at Oaktree House, 256 Hawthorn Road, Caulfield. Phone: 9524 3200 or 9523 3272.

Recreation News

In Brief

Basketball safety through the hoops Residents may have seen the recent addition of warning stickers to basketball backboards in Glen Eira parks. This Council initiative is in response to recent tragedies in other parts of Melbourne, where people have been injured or killed after slam-dunking and hanging off hoops, and the backboard structure has collapsed.

Glen Eira has nine venues where people are able to play and practise basketball on outdoor half courts. Council's Recreation Department encourages everyone to make use of these facilities (listed in the 1998 Resource Guide) but urges people not to slam dunk or hang off these rings, for their own safety.



Park officer David Rieger adds a safety warning sticker to one of the many basketball hoops in Glen Eira.

Great Netball action

The Caulfield and District Netball Association will be holding its first one-day netball tournament on Sunday 8 November. Held at the Duncan MacKinnon Reserve (Melways ref. 68 K9), organisers are expecting a large number of entries. Matches commence at 9.30am and spectators are most welcome for what should be a great day of action. The kiosk will be open serving hot food and drinks. For more information please contact Toni Nicholson on 014 924 764.

Ride to Work Day

Wednesday 11 November is Bicycle Victoria's annual Ride to Work Day. The day is a celebration of commuter cycling. It is a chance to try riding for the first time or encourage your colleagues and friends to give it a go. Riding to work is fun and builds a regular fitness session into your day. It is fast, reliable and pollution-free. For those riding to the city there will be a breakfast at Southbank with prizes and entertainment. There are meeting points at Bentleigh East, East Caulfield and Moorabbin for those wanting to ride with others to the city. You are also able to register your work place and be eligible for some great prizes. For more information please contact Bicycle Victoria on 9328 3000.

Women's National League Cricket comes to Glen Eira

Moorleigh Cricket Ground will be the venue for two one-day cricket matches between Victoria and Queensland. The matches will be played on Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 November signalling the start of the Victorian team's 1998/99 WNLC season.

Spectators will be treated to two days of fantastic cricket. The Victorian team, Victoria Spirit, boasts such players as Zoe Goss, Cathryn Fitzpatrick, Melanie Jones and Jane Franklin and is coached by former District cricketer Stephen Maddocks. All of these Victorian players have represented Australia in international games. Prominent Queensland players include Australian wicket keeper Julie Price and bowler Jodi Dannatt.

This is a wonderful opportunity to see state league cricket played here in this municipality. The Victorian team is really hoping for some tremendous support

Dear Editor...

I think that many residents would have found it curious to read about a football team called 'Prahran Dragons' in a recent edition of the Glen Eira News (September 1998).

The very name of the team seems to suggest that they are "out of place" being based in Glen Eira (why not the Caulfield Dragons?). Then again, to my knowledge, they have rarely played a competition game in this municipality and, as you indicate in your article, players are recruited from as far afield as Dandenong, Mordiallloc, and South Melbourne.

The sole purpose of the Prahran Dragons is to provide draftees to the AFL. It is a full time, AFL funded, professional sporting body which employs several full time staff and is only available to the very best young footballers.

I think that the residents of this municipality would be better served by the Glen Eira News by concentrating on local sports clubs rather than promoting elite sporting bodies which are not available to the vast majority of Glen Eira people.

Yours sincerely Steve Bean Elsternwick



from the people of Glen Eira. The matches are scheduled to commence at 10am on both days for the 50-over one-day matches. There will be no charge for entry to the ground.

Moorleigh Reserve is located behind the Moorleigh Community Village, Bignell Road, East Bentleigh, Melways ref 78 B5. For further information please contact Claudia Fatone at the Victorian Women's Cricket Association 9653 1181.

the City. On the same page there was also an article on Lacrosse which many people would not know was played in the municipality. Likewise many people are not aware of who the Prahran Dragons are or what they offer.

The idea for the article came from the news that five young footballers from this region were selected as All Australians. We thought this was a great effort and worthy of a mention in the Glen Eira News. Being called 'Prahran Dragons' while based in Caulfield, is similar to the St Kilda Football Club being based in Moorabbin, something we have all come to accept. The Prahran Dragons was adopted as a means of keeping the old VFA name alive, and was selected for tradition's sake rather then being representative of the region.

In conjunction with the Victorian Football Development Foundation the Dragons are involved in the 32 Auskicks in the region, have had 75 schools attend Smoke Free Clinics and have conducted Level I coaching courses for Auskicks junior and senior teams. The club has also run coaching seminars, arranged AFL Footballers to visit junior clubs and have organised a secondary schools football competition at four different age levels.

Information supplied by Recreation Services.

Below is a free pass to the Sheffield Shield cricket at the MCG this summer. Simply cut out the pass below and take along to Gate 3 on a match day.

Reply

Recreation Services aims to inform residents of the vast array of sporting and recreation opportunities within

Splash out!

The City's pools opened on 1 November and will remain open until 31 March.

Hours of 6am-7pm Monday to Friday operation: 8am-6pm Saturdays and Sundays 8am-6pm public holidays

If the forecast temperature is more than 28 degrees the pool hours will be extended to 8pm.

Caulfield Memorial Pool Contact: 9571 8143 East Bentleigh Memorial Pool Contact: 9570 7394





Glen Eira News

Harleston Park

Harleston Park

Situated between Seymour and Allison Roads in Elsternwick, Harleston Park was first developed in the early 1970's. The park is classified as a formal garden with facilities for passive or unstructured recreational activities.

Harleston Park includes a children's playground, BBQ facilities, tables and benches, a fountain and pond, and a large size chess board— chess pieces are available for rental through the Recreation Department. The park also features annual flower displays, perennial borders, and open lawn areas, and has toilets, paved walkways, and car parking.

The then Caulfield City Council purchased the Elsternwick site for the specific purpose of developing park land. Council was keen to establish an open neighbourhood space, to suit the needs of residents at the time and well into the future. Many of the local community's suggestions and ideas were adopted in the final plans of the park (eg, the suggestion of a water feature resulted in a fountain being developed, and the concern about car parks impacting on the aesthetic look of the park saw both car parks being moved to the outer boundaries).

When the park was finally completed, a competition for a name was conducted.

Caulfield resident Edna Garth proposed the name Harleston Park after the old mansion home and estate on the corner of Balaclava and Orrong Roads, designed by Thomas Watts and named after its owners' birthplace. The prize for naming the park was a champagne breakfast with the Mayor. Incidentally, Harleston mansion later became Grimwade House, one of Melbourne Grammar School's Preparatory schools.



Harleston Park is an example of a dynamic park; figures taken in the early '80s revealed that over 40 per cent of local residents used the park on a regular basis. These figures also indicate Harleston Park is the second most utilised park within the municipality, second only to Caulfield Park.

For further information phone the Recreation Department on 9524 3305.



New library opening hours

Do you find your week days are completely taken up with work, home and study commitments? Is it increasingly difficult to find the time in your hectic schedule to relax, contemplate life's pleasures and pursue individual interests?

Forget the mid-week rush and last minute panic. Bentleigh and Caulfield Libraries are extending weekend opening hours. Starting 29 November, these libraries will open from 10am until 4pm on Saturdays and from 12noon until 5pm on Sundays.

Come and take advantage of the full range of services offered by Glen Eira's libraries: the best of the latest popular books and magazines; the weekend papers; CDs and videos; CD-ROMs and the Internet.

And if you've spent your weekend relaxing and need to make up time on study or research, both Bentleigh and Caulfield libraries are open in the evenings until 9pm from Monday to Thursday and until 6pm on Friday.

Don't forget— library membership is free and anyone can join.

Starting Sunday 29 November our new hours at all libraries will be:

	Bentleigh	Carnegie	Caulfield	Elsternwick	McKinnon
Sunday	12pm-5pm	Closed	12pm-5pm	Closed	Closed
Monday	10am-9pm	Closed	10am-9pm	Closed	Closed
Tuesday	10am-9pm	10am-6pm	10am-9pm	10am-6pm	10am-2pm
Wednesday	10am-9pm	10am-6pm	10am-9pm	10am-6pm	2pm-6pm
Thursday	10am-9pm	10am-6pm	10am-9pm	10am-6pm	10am-2pm
Friday	10am-6pm	10am-6pm	10am-6pm	10am-6pm	Closed
Saturday	10am-4pm	IOam-Ipm	10am-4pm	I0am-Ipm	Closed

Fabulous, fun-filled celebrations are planned for our first Sunday at Bentleigh Library. Come and join us on 29 November— make it a family outing! There's something for everyone.

Book me in!

Don't wait to book yourself in for our November Internet classes at Caulfield Library! For only \$30 our accredited trainers will have you surfing the net with confidence!

Tuesday 10 November	11am-12pm
Thursday 12 November	1-2pm
Monday 16 November	7-8pm
Tuesday 17 November	11am-12pm
Thursday 19 November	11am-12pm

Bookings are essential. Contact: Belinda 9532 9466.

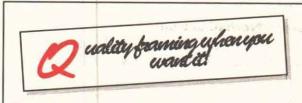
Books 'n' brew

Join us at our relaxing and informative morning gettogethers where, over a cup of coffee, you will meet with branch staff and others to discuss library events, new books, current affairs, anything! Occasional guest speakers will be invited to present information on subjects of interest to you.

So come along to Bentleigh Library on any Wednesday at 10.30am for a cuppa and a chat.

By the book!

During November, each time you borrow ten books or more you will be entered into the draw for a book voucher valued at \$50. A great Christmas present for you or a friend!



We also have an excellent range of original art, the following artists are currently on display..



Robert Holcombe Nancy Silverman Jan Jamieson

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Shop 1, 277-279 Centre Rd Bentleigh Open Monday – Thursday 10am to 6pm, Friday 10am to 7pm, Saturday 10am to 3pm Ph: 9557 7576



Donald Cant Thursday 19 November 11am &1.30pm "The Phantom" is coming to



BOOKING COUPON

I would like to attend Please tick: Number of tickets per show:

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"Book now to be part of the fun"

COST OF TICKETSIndividual tickets\$10Groups (10 plus)\$9

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BOOKINGS AND INFORMATION CONTACT: 9557 5493 'Magic Melodies'.

As well as his incredible voice, the audience will be treated to Donald's charismatic charm and humour in this show.

"Come and see the Phantom unmasked!"

Christmas Spectacular Thursday 17 December

I Iam & 1.30pm A show packed with superb entertainment, singalongs and special surprises.

"The ideal breakup for clubs or groups"

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(cheques payable to "Magic Melodies") Post to: Magic Melodies, PO Box 456, Bentleigh, 3204