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## Over 65? It's your year!

Glen Eira City Council is gearing up to celebrate the International Year of Older Persons 1999 (IYOP). The aim of IYOP is to promote active change within the community, about the way older people experience life and how younger people consider older people. The theme of the year is "Towards a society for all ages".

Glen Eira's IYOP festivities kick off with the annual Senior Citizen's Week in March—a bumper 21 days of activity in Glen Eira, featuring events hosted by local clubs and Council.

Council spokeswoman Petrina Dakin said: "IYOP is an important year for Glen Eira, where more than a fifth of residents are aged over 65 years. The celebrations, and promoting the principles of IYOP— independence, participation, care, self-fulfilment and dignity—are a major emphasis for Council this year."

Council plans to put on an end-of-year event to celebrate, as well as highlighting activities run by Glen Eira's community groups and local organisations during the year, and opportunities to participate in statewide and regional events.

Council is also seeking interested residents who would like to be involved in an IYOP working group, to work on one or all of the four themes chosen for the year: celebration; "come and try" days; inter-generational links; and health and "active ageing".

If you would like to be involved in planning for the IYOP, please contact Lynne Howard on 9524 3230.



*Caulfield Park Croquet Club are already in celebration mode; member Joan Cosgrove (pictured) had a bright smile and bright balloons at the club's recent 75th anniversary.*

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# MAYOR'S column



**Australia Day**  
Council recently celebrated Australia Day by hosting a breakfast attended by about 230 local residents. Our guest speaker was Ms Di Fleming, principal of Kilvington Girls Grammar school. Ms Fleming is also the 1998 Victorian Telstra Business Woman of

the Year, and listening to her motivational and inspiring words, you could certainly understand why she won that award.

At the breakfast we also announced the 1999 Citizen and Young Citizen of the Year. Citizen of the Year is Mr Emil Braun. A person well known in the City, Emil has been involved in the community over many years and served on the Caulfield Council; he was Mayor in 1988. He has been heavily involved in the Theodore Herzl Social Club and other welfare organisations as well as being a member of Council's Sister City Committee.

Young Citizen of the Year is Skye Holcombe from Murrumbena. Skye is a student of McKinnon Secondary College where she is a leading student. Skye is well recognised for her literary skills in the school magazine as well as various City of Glen Eira youth publications. Skye is also involved in various community groups.

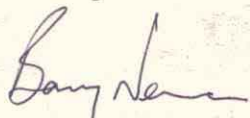
Congratulations to the winners but also to all those who were nominated. All nominations were worthy of such recognition and deciding on a winner was indeed difficult.

## Japanese Festival

In March this year Glen Eira is conducting a Japanese Festival to celebrate our sister city relationship with Ogaki. A highlight of the festival will be a visit by the Mayor of Ogaki, Mr Mitsura Ogura and his wife. I am delighted he is able to visit Glen Eira at this time and his visit will further enhance the friendly relationship we have with Japan and Ogaki.

## Governance Advisor

Council has recently appointed John Warburton as Governance Advisor as recommended by the Municipal Inspector's report. Mr Warburton will be working with councillors and the executive in order to address problems identified in that report.

  
— Barry Neve  
Mayor

## Deadline for Glen Eira News

Editorial contributions and advertisement bookings are welcome for the Glen Eira News.

The next issue will be released on 2-4 March, 1999. The deadline is **Monday 8 February, 1999.**

Advertising rates are available by contacting the office on 9524 3431.

To submit editorial material for consideration, fax 9532 8367, email on [mail@gleneira.vic.gov.au](mailto:mail@gleneira.vic.gov.au) or write to:

Glen Eira News, PO Box 42, Caulfield South 3162.

## Recognising our volunteers



Glen Eira City Council honours the work of volunteers each year with a Community Services Recognition Scheme Ceremony.

Volunteers are an important part of this community and make an invaluable contribution through a wide variety of organisations. Council will again hold a ceremony in 1999 to honour that work and organisations are invited to nominate volunteers.

Nominations can be made for 500, 1000 or 2000 hours of service or for a special category which recognises voluntary work that does not fit into

numbers of hours of service categories, but which organisations feel merits particular recognition.

Non profit, community-based organisations are invited to send nominations, on the appropriate forms, to Council for consideration. Information and nomination forms are available from the Service Centre, or by calling: 9524 3333.

The ceremony will be held during National Volunteers Week in May. Nominations close on Friday 2 April.

## From the Chamber... Recent Council decisions

### Dog and cat registration fees set for 1999/2000

Fees for dog and cat registration for April 1999 to April 2000 have been set. Council adopted a modest increase in fees for dogs; \$3 (for sterilised dogs) and from \$1 to \$1.50 for other types. No increase will apply to cat registration fees.

Fees for non-sterilised dogs will be \$81; sterilised dogs \$27. Fees for non-sterilised cats will remain at \$53; sterilised cats \$17. Separate fees continue to apply for other categories such as animals with micro-chips and reductions for pensioner owners.

Renewal of Registration forms are expected to be mailed to residents next month.

### Long term Open Space Strategy approved

A strategy outlining Glen Eira's long term approach to its open space areas was adopted following extensive community consultation. The strategy provides valuable guidelines over the direction of a range of Council facilities over the next few years, including its parks and reserves, halls, playgrounds, barbecues and sporting areas.

The strategy outlines a range of concept plans for various areas and incorporates comments made from the community as part of the consultation process.

### Handling your mobile garbage bin

Council has put in place a set of guidelines on the correct handling of mobile garbage bins and recycling containers by residents and businesses. Key features of the guidelines include:

- Garbage bins and containers must not be placed out for collection earlier than 4pm on the day before collection, and no later than 6am on the day of collection;
- Bins and containers must be returned to the property by 12noon on the same day of collection;
- Placement should be as near as practicable to the kerb, at least 0.5 metres from other bins or obstructions, and with wheels facing the property;
- Lids on garbage bins must be completely closed to prevent litter.

Council's Local Law prohibits the misuse and mishandling of garbage bins and containers and provides penalties. If you have any queries about the waste collection service, contact the Council.

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## Immunisation dates for February and March

**Tuesday 9 February** 6pm to 7.30pm  
Elsternwick Uniting Church,  
567 Glen Huntly Road Elsternwick.

**Saturday 13 February** 9.30am to 10.30am.  
East Bentleigh Community Health Centre,  
Gardners Road, East Bentleigh

**Tuesday 16 February** 9.30am to 10.30am  
East Bentleigh Community Health Centre.

**Monday 22 February** 9.30am to 10.30am  
Murrumbeena Baptist Church,  
44 Murrumbeena Road, Murrumbeena.

**Wednesday 24 February**  
9.30am to 10.30am.  
Glen Huntly M&CH,  
Corner Royal and Rosedale Avenues,  
Glen Huntly.

**Monday 1 March** 1.30pm to 2.30pm  
Bentleigh Baptist Church,  
9 Vickery Street Bentleigh.

**Wednesday 3 March** 9.30am to 10.30am  
Elsternwick Uniting Church,  
567 Glen Huntly Road, Elsternwick.

**NB Please note no sessions will be held at the Town Hall during February and March due to renovations.**

# Child Care places available

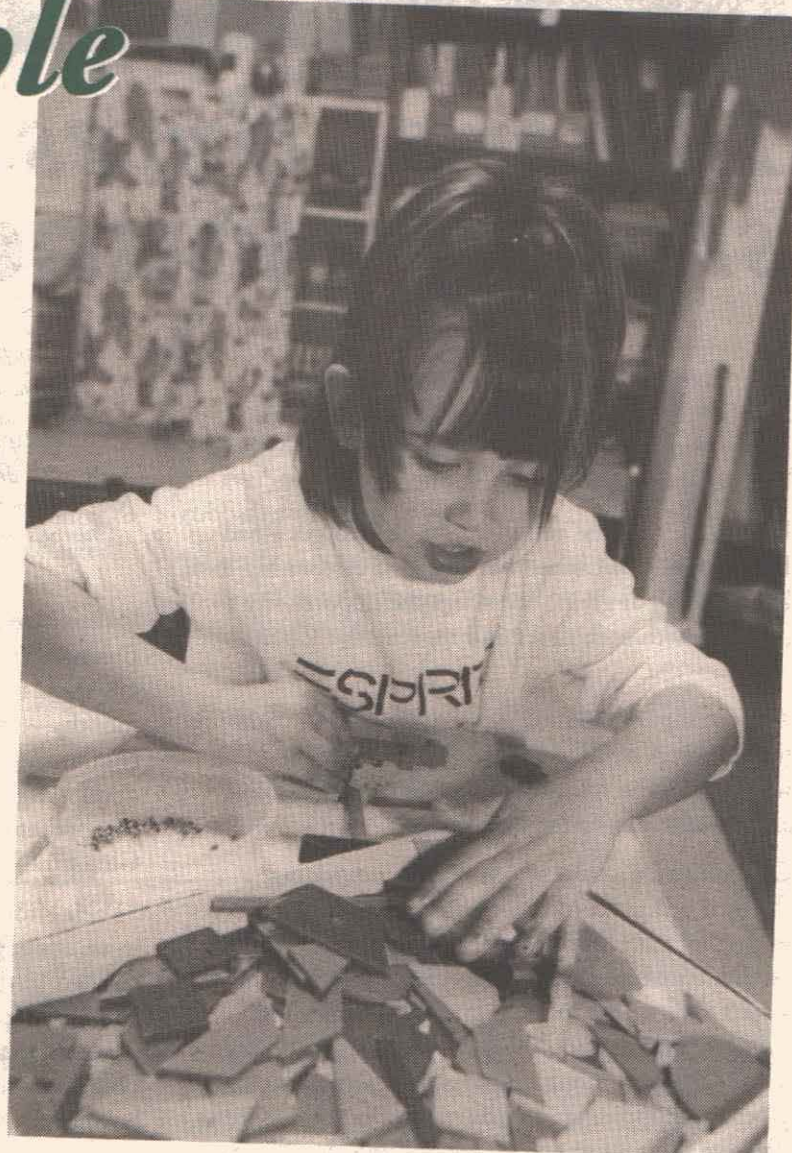
**Glen Eira City Council provides child care for more than 500 families in the city!**

Our experienced, highly trained staff maintain Council's excellent standard of child care by building on more than 20 years experience and incorporating the best of current practice. We will nurture and educate your child in either centre-based or home-based care (Family Day Care).

Vacancies exist in both the centres and family day care, and occasional care is also available. Inquiries are welcome, please telephone 9524 3421 or 9524 3462 for more information.

Centres are situated at the Town Hall complex, 269 Kooyong Road, Elsternwick; 17 Truganini Road, Carnegie; 23 Oakdene Crescent, Murrumbeena and 2 Oakleigh Road Ormond. Family Day Care is available throughout the city.

*Emika gets busy with the coloured blocks at Caulfield Children's Centre.*



child care

## Governance advisor appointed

Glen Eira City Council recently appointed John Warburton as governance advisor, as part of recommendations from the Walsh Report.

Inspector Dr Greg Walsh, in his report released in September last year, recommended that Council appoint a governance advisor to:

- help develop and implement a Glen Eira Code of Governance, and
- advise and assist Councillors and senior staff to effectively respond to governance issues identified in the report, including a review of the current structure of representation, with a view to extending the number of Councillors from six to seven or nine Councillors.

Mr Warburton took up his duties early this year. He has had extensive management, business and consulting experience, and is currently chairman of Prahran Market, Tandou Ltd and the Local Authorities Super Board and is deputy chairman of Victorian Managed Insurance Authority and Hastings Port (Holding) Corporation, among many other corporate and community appointments.

He is also chairman of audit committees at both Boroondara and Moonee Valley City Council, and was former chief commissioner at Moreland City Council from 1994 and 1996.

Mr Warburton, 56, has also been a professional golfer, starting from age 16 through to 28.

## Superannuation dispute explained

Glen Eira City Council has disputed a multi-million dollar claim from the City of Kingston, which Kingston says is for superannuation liabilities and retrenchment costs from the amalgamation of councils four years ago.

Glen Eira is seeking resolution through arbitration—the process agreed on for dispute resolution in the Amalgamation Agreement signed by the two councils in 1995.

Mayor Cr Barry Neve said: "As a Council, our main concern in this issue has always been to protect the City of Glen Eira ratepayers from having to pay unreasonable costs."

Glen Eira has already paid Kingston approximately \$4 million for the retrenchment costs of implementing the amalgamation (when 45 per cent of the City of Moorabbin became part of the City of Glen Eira).

Kingston accepted a legal obligation to do an audit of actual costs up to 30 June 1995 so that the amount could be adjusted up or down. At this time, Kingston has not conducted this audit.

Also, Kingston has claimed an additional \$5.86 million, making a total of \$9.86 million. Kingston has stated that Glen Eira should pay \$4.99 million for Moorabbin employees' "redundancy costs"—even if employees have not been made redundant and there is no cost!

In a letter dated 4 June 1998, Kingston stated: "161 staff are Glen Eira's responsibility for redundancy purposes, regardless of whether an actual redundancy has occurred. That is, the Agreement is based on compensation for potential redundancy costs and is

not related to when or if they have been made redundant".

Lawyers acting for the City of Glen Eira dispute the City of Kingston's claim, and our Councillors have unanimously agreed to defend the Glen Eira residents and ratepayers against this claim.

In a letter the Mayor wrote to Kingston on 29 June, Glen Eira reiterated it was ready, willing and able to meet any obligation which it has under the 1995 Agreement, but that it had been continually frustrated by Kingston's failure to provide information to substantiate the claim.

Cr Neve said Council had concerns in relation to the Board of Inquiry: "Our concern is that the Board's terms of reference mean it can only deal with 15 per cent of the amount Kingston is claiming from Glen Eira. We need a process that can resolve all aspects of this matter as soon as possible."

"Finally, it's important to point out that there is an agreed dispute resolution process, which Glen Eira fully supported. The Agreement between the two Councils provides for arbitration under the Commercial Arbitration Act. Glen Eira activated this agreed process in July 1998. As a result, an Arbitrator who has the power to deal with all aspects of this matter has been appointed and has started the arbitration process." Cr Neve said.

He said: "Council is fully supportive of this process and optimistic of its outcomes. As this saga draws closer to its conclusion, we look forward to again being able to focus all our attention on our ongoing work to improve and assist the local community."





# Doing Business



## Brains, Bytes and Business strategy launched

**B**Brains Bytes and Business—a Business Development Strategy for the City of Glen Eira—was launched recently at a function for Glen Eira's business and community leaders.

Hosted by Council and held at 8 St Georges Road Elsternwick, the dinner was aimed at celebrating local business and at giving attendees the opportunity to network with each other and meet senior Council staff.

The concept of "brains, bytes and business" combines the resources of Glen Eira: the community and the workforce; new technology and value added skills; and current and future businesses.

Council and a group of volunteers comprising Council officers, prominent business and community leaders formulated the strategy. The strategy will be implemented over the next five years and aims to: attract investment to the area; build on existing strengths and develop the local resources; promote self sufficiency among businesses; enhance and promote shopping and business precincts; and create effective linkages to encourage business development.

Mayor Cr Barry Neve, who addressed the dinner, said "the strategy represented a new direction and a clear commitment to the development of businesses in the city." He said: "The Business Development

(Left to right) Corporate Development Director Andrew Newton, Cr Norman Kennedy, Chief Executive Margaret Douglas, and Mayor Cr Barry Neve explore the newly launched business strategy Brains, Bytes and Business.



Committee and Council's Business Development Unit has spent more than 12 months—including community consultation, developing the comprehensive strategy for Glen Eira."

"Their efforts have resulted in an effective action plan for Council to encourage and work with businesses over the next five years. The strategy emphasises the value of developing partnerships and alliances with, and between, businesses and to better utilise the brains, bytes and businesses of Glen Eira," he said.

Business Development Committee members are: Cr Norman Kennedy (Chairman), Margaret Douglas and Andrew Newton from Council, Shirley Caulfield (Chief Executive, Arthritis Foundation), trader Gerald Galatis (Galatis Pharmacy), Prof Bruce

McKern (Chief Executive, Monash Mt Eliza Business School, Monash University), Michael Nazzari (State Director, Institute of Chartered Accountants) service business owner Clodhna Rae, and Margaret Seedsman (former Chief Executive, Home-based Business Australia). Business facilitator for the group was Strategy Shop Managing Director, Michael Henry. Council's Business Development Unit, is represented by Andrew Millen.

Copies of the Business Development Strategy are available from Business Development Planner, Andrew Millen, on 9524 3384.

## Council promotes local business on the Internet

**G**len Eira City Council is putting every business in the municipality on the Internet, helping them to expand their marketing opportunities both locally and around the globe.

All businesses are to be listed on the business promotion web site: [www.buylocal.com.au](http://www.buylocal.com.au) with a hotlink to Council's own Home Page. Internet users will be able to search under municipality, suburb and/or business type, and will help encourage local residents and business owners to buy locally.

The Internet listing is part of the expanded Buy Local Alliance™ Program, which includes a listing in the new combined Business Directory/Community Resource Guide, to be published and distributed in April, 1999.

Managing director Reg Johnson said: "The Buy Local Internet directory is widely used through local government, and provides comprehensive information with search functions for business types, business names and locations.

"It also will help businesses with communication needs, by providing a web address and email facilities, all part of promoting the Buy Local message. It is a marketing and communications tool, which gives business owners access to new markets, helps reduce communication costs, and provides them with a more effective presence through a widely used directory service."

To be part of the Buy Local Alliance™ Program, or for more information, call adNet Australia on 1800 066 042. For immediate Internet listing, fax the Registration Hotline on 9329 0877, with your name, position, company, business type, address, phone and fax numbers, or use the Buy Local web site to email your details.

### adNet — buy local alliance seminar

Michael Hardy of Results Corporation will present the first Buy Local seminar: "How to grow your business profits by 30 per cent to 300 per cent". The seminar has run successfully throughout Australia, with businesses reporting consistent increased market share and profits as a direct result of the strategies and ideas made available to them in this forum.

**Date:** Monday 15 February  
**Venue:** Dining Room, Town Hall complex, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield.  
**Time:** 8.30am-12.30pm

For bookings and information, please contact  
**adNet Australia by**  
**Thursday 11 February on 1800 066 042.**

### Business Directory and Resource Guide deadlines

The Glen Eira's Business Directory/Community Resource Guide will be distributed free to all residential and commercial premises in April.

For existing and new Glen Eira Resource Guide organisations, details must be supplied to Council by Friday 12 February. Contact: Belinda Foley on 9524 3219.

For business name and listing validation, internet listing and advertising in the Business Directory, details must be supplied to adNet Australia by Friday 19 March. Contact: adNet Australia on 1800 066 042.

### Neerim Home Business Community

#### Trade and Info Fair 12noon to 4pm

Tuesday 9 January 1999 at The Benteigh Club  
Yawla Street, Benteigh

#### 12noon to 2pm: Network & Information Exchange

##### 12.30: Topic—"Finding Your Customers."

Guna Celms: I+I International—Who Is Your Customer?

Peter Adamson: Bureau of Statistics—Where Are Your customers?

David Geddes: Telstra—Internet Surfing & Sourcing for Customers.

#### 1.30pm: Home Business Network & Trading

Entrance: \$16 with light lunch Members: \$8

**2pm to 4pm: Trade Fair** Buyers & browsers welcome (\$2)  
For info on Stands/Trestles Phone/Fax Marlene 9527 1205

**Next Function 9 March 1999 12noon to 4pm**

For NHBC info ring Orek 9578 3531 or Marlene 9527 1205





Service Centre manager Kerrin Smithies (right) presents the certificate to Ms Poulter, watched by officer Matthew Koce, who took the call.

## Esther hits 100,000 milestone

Seventy-seven year old North Caulfield resident Esther Poulter has helped Glen Eira City Council reach a milestone, by making the 100,000th request through Council's award-winning customer service computer system.

Ms Poulter, who rang the Glen Eira Service Centre to arrange for her pruned tree branches to be collected, was chuffed to receive a certificate marking the milestone from Service Centre manager Kerrin Smithies late last month.

Ms Poulter has lived in the area for 27 years and she said the Service Centre staff were always "very kind, very friendly" in her dealings with Council. "Courtesy goes a long way, doesn't it?" she said.

Ms Smithies said the customer tracking system was developed by Council and Vitesse Communications in 1996, and since has been sold to six other Councils. It also won the prestigious National Award for Innovation in Local Government— Information Technology section—in 1997.

The innovative, integrated request management system not only allows a resident or staff member to monitor the progress of a request, it enables bookings for everything from community buses to halls to hard rubbish collection to be made quickly and efficiently.

"If staff are unable to provide an on-the-spot solution to a request or problem, the officer will determine the priority of the request and the right staff member to answer it," she said.

Ms Smithies said: "Any resident may follow the progress of his or her request with one telephone call. It also means that council, from Chief executive down, are able to monitor the service delivery levels."

## \$31,000 rate debt to be paid

The owner of a Balaclava property has agreed to pay more than \$31,500 in rates and charges, following legal moves by Glen Eira City Council to recover the outstanding debt, which could have resulted in the house being sold.

Council negotiated a settlement with the owner in mid-December, which will see the full amount paid by the end of this month. Council had been seeking a court order to sell the property as a "last resort" to recover the outstanding debt, which went back nine years.

The settlement includes a "consent to judgement clause", which allows Council to reactivate selling the property, if the owner defaults on the payment of the debt.

No rates had been paid on the \$900,000 property since September 1989. The total debt of more than \$31,500 included rates, garbage charges, State Deficit Levy, penalty interest, and debt collection and legal costs.

Mayor Cr Barry Neve said: "We are very pleased to see this matter settled. Council will now target other properties with large and long-standing rate debts. There are 50 ratepayers who have unpaid rates going back more than three years, and that is money that should be available to be spent for the benefit of the community."

## Footbridge maintenance victory

Glen Eira City Council has won its year-long battle to stop the State Government from closing down two Public Transport Corporation pedestrian crossings, and efforts to shift responsibility for maintenance onto Council.

Transport Minister Robin Cooper has advised Council that the Oak Avenue Footbridge, Elsternwick, and Toorak Road Underpass, East Malvern, will be kept open, and that Bayside Trains will resume responsibility for maintenance.

Mayor Cr Barry Neve said: "I am very pleased to receive this advice, which is in the interests of Glen Eira residents."

"Our stand on this issue has prevented the State Government from cost-shifting its responsibilities onto local government. Ongoing maintenance will be kept by Bayside Trains."

In March 1998, Council publicly criticised PTC plans to close down the two pedestrian links, which would have caused significant inconvenience to residents who used them each day to cross the railway line.

The PTC had written to Council late in 1997, stating that the links could only remain open if Council covered the cost of \$250,000 refurbishment and ongoing maintenance. The Council had been given 10 days to respond.

## Please stop helping us – we can't afford it

A State Government rubbish levy, intended to boost kerbside recycling "cost-effectiveness", will only increase costs to Councils, according to Glen Eira City Council.

The Government has announced a \$1 levy on Councils, for every tonne of rubbish they take to the tip— added to the \$3 per tonne already paid by Councils. The funds raised are meant to help offset the cost of recycling and make it "sustainable".

Council will have to pay \$50,000 more a year— on top of the \$150,000 it already contributes annually.

The levy comes into effect on 1 July 1999, and runs for three years, during which time Council will pay approximately \$600,000 to the State Government to help recycling.

Mayor Cr Barry Neve said: "There is no guarantee that any of this money will be distributed directly back to Councils. For our \$150,000 contributed this year, we received only \$5000 in direct grants for a green waste trial. That's the sort of help we don't need."

"Councils had been asking the Government to force the packaging industry to make a contribution towards the cost of recycling. But instead of Councils receiving assistance, their waste management costs have been increased."

Cr Neve said the Government had already collected \$12 million from local councils through the rubbish levy over the past three years, "and it still hasn't helped to make recycling more cost-effective".

"The only way recycling can be made more cost-effective for Councils is for the packaging industry to pay its fair share."

In addition to the levy, Glen Eira City Council pays nearly \$1 million a year for its recycling program, which is the payment to contractors who collect paper and recyclable containers. The figure is calculated on the gap between what the collection costs and what the contractors raise from selling the recyclable material. The gap is widening because of increased collection costs, declining prices for material, and lack of markets for the recyclables.

## We need help!

Would you like to help other members of your community?

Do you have some time during weekdays?

Are you a good listener?

Do you have life skills and a flexible approach to people?

Would you enjoy doing a short training course?

**Yes, Yes, Yes, Yes, Yes!**

**You sound wonderful!**

Come and talk about joining us as a volunteer at your local community information centre. You will meet new people, learn more about your community and make a valuable contribution to that community.

Community Information Glen Eira  
256 Hawthorn Road, Caulfield.  
9524 3200 or 9524 3272



# Overcoming disability barriers

by Robyn Szechtman



Disability Advisor Sharon Granek: helping make a difference for people with disabilities.

Sharon Granek, Glen Eira City Council's newly appointed Disability Advisor, knows first hand of the barriers that people with disabilities experience in the community.

At the age of 18, Sharon embarked on an exciting backpacking adventure overseas only to awake one morning in Holland with paralysis down her right side. She had suffered a minor stroke, which affected her physical mobility and speech.

Sharon's experience of not being able to speak was exacerbated by not being able to speak Dutch and she was treated as if she had an intellectual disability: "It gave me insight into how frustrating it is to want to be able to relay certain messages and have no one take the time to try and understand me," Sharon explained.

Sharon faced two years of rehabilitation back in Australia and got to the point where she had to decide if she "had a life or should hide under a rock forever". Shortly after this, Sharon found a job that boosted her confidence enormously and she then enrolled in a course in Welfare Studies. She felt her experiences gave her the needed empathy when dealing with people with disabilities.

"I wanted to encourage other people to have a go at life and not simply give up," she said.

Council has adopted a Disability Policy and Action Plan and Sharon has been appointed to assist staff in implementing the plan. She brings the same passion and dedication to this position where she knows she faces some big challenges. One being assisting in making physical access to

council buildings and services easier for people with some form of disability. As always, money is a consideration when making any alterations to buildings, so Sharon is aware that the changes must be gradual.

Sharon's role involves developing Council's ability to include people with any form of disability in all Council activities—from planning and policy development to participating in community programs and accessing services.

"If someone comes into the service centre, can they see the person behind the counter? What if they have a hearing or speech difficulty? How do staff communicate with them? Things that other people take for granted can be major hurdles for people with disabilities," Sharon said.

She said she was delighted that training already undertaken by Service Centre staff has assisted in addressing these issues.

The other major challenge for Sharon is changing the attitudes and culture of council staff. People are often fearful about how to inter-relate with people with disabilities and Sharon will run further training sessions to help staff learn new skills and knowledge that will help them overcome these barriers.

Glen Eira council is one of only a few councils to lodge their Action Plan with the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission, which indicates a real commitment to change policies that embrace all members of the community. The group who worked on the Disability Action Plan included members of the community with a disability. Sharon Granek can be contacted on 9524-3339.

## Helping hand acknowledged

How many people do you know who, with a click of their fingers and a few calls, can arrange to have a team of young Australian basket ballers housed in Los Angeles when their original plans fall through?

Geoff Patience, three time former Mayor of Caulfield, can. And, he has been so successful at organising food

donations, Geoff can recall boxes of fruit sent down from Shepparton lining one end of his street to the other until they were picked up by local hospitals.

Geoff has been a member of the Lions Club for 38 years and was recently awarded the Lions International President's medal, one of their highest

awards for great achievers. Only five are given out each year throughout the world. The award takes into account the many hours Geoff has spent on hospital committees and foundations, fund raising groups, nursing homes and youth exchange programs.

One of the Lions projects closest to his heart was helping to fund our local nursing home, Spurway. The Lions Club ran bingo from the town hall in those days and a lot of the money found its way into local projects. As Mayor, Geoff was able to give these projects a helping hand. When asked to reflect on his time as Mayor Geoff said, "The things I enjoyed most about working in the council was the welfare side of it. Being able to help people who were less fortunate."

Geoff has been present at every Naturalisation Ceremony for the last thirty years to pass on a small gift of welcome from the Lions club and is currently involved with the local opportunity shop.

Geoff Patience and his granddaughter.



### We'd like to hear from you!

Glen Eira News is entering it's third year and we're looking for feedback from our readers about the publication. Please fill in the details below and cut out this box to send to:

**Glen Eira News Feedback**  
PO Box 42  
CAULFIELD SOUTH 3162

Please include a contact name and phone number (not for publication).

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Contact number: .....

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# All the fun of the fair...

Three festivals were held late last year in our city. Carnegie, Bentleigh and McKinnon traders opened their stores and closed the streets for a day of fun, food and festivities...

Centre Road, Bentleigh was abuzz with activity and celebrations on Festival Day. Crowds dotted with colorful balloons filled the street and the children thoroughly enjoyed all the rides and activities, including sideshows and horse and carriage rides (pictured right). The animal farm proved to be very popular and a special visit from Plucka Duck was greeted with much enthusiasm by the crowd.

Bentleigh Traders representative Richard Atkinson said the festival attracted in excess of 40,000 people and kicked off a very successful month for traders.



Photos of the Bentleigh Festival courtesy of photographer Peter Bury

## Joyful voices celebrate Christmas

Despite damp and chilly conditions, thousands participated in the City of Glen Eira's Carols by Candlelight concert at Caulfield Racecourse on Sunday 20 December.

Hosted by Denis Walter, the cast included Rhonda Burchmore, Tony Fenelon, Tiffany Speight, Terry Gill, Victoria Chorale, Young Voices of Melbourne and Humphrey B Bear. Pre-carol entertainment was provided by Sacha Lefevre, the City of Glen Eira Band and Glen Eira City Choir.

Staged by arrangement with the Victoria Amateur Turf Club, the event was sponsored by Tattersall's, Bernies Music Land, Noel Jones Real Estate and Leader Newspapers.

Glen Eira City Council would also like to acknowledge the support of Rob Wooton, National Visuals Merchandising Co-Ordinator of Myer Melbourne, who supplied 18 dressed Christmas trees which provided a superb stage presentation for the event.

The sale of candles and programs was organised by the Caulfield Girls Guides and District Scouts Association of Glen Eira, and the proceeds were donated to Community Information Glen Eira for emergency relief.

And what better place for a successful fundraising event than a yummy sausage sizzle at the Carnegie Festival? Members of the Lion's Club of Carnegie (pictured right) joined other community stalls and traders in celebrating all that Carnegie has to offer.

Mayor Cr Barry Neve dressed up in all his regalia and joined President of the Carnegie Mainstreet Committee Gerald Galatis, and four-year-old Matthew Carlson in leading the procession in a horse drawn carriage. They were followed by a colourful array of costumed characters including Humphrey Bear, Dutch Black Pete and vintage cars. Cr Neve said he was thrilled by the large turnout of people and fully enjoyed himself waving from the carriage in the tradition of the queen.



## ADASS moves house

Glen Eira's Adult Day Activity Support Service (ADASS) has moved to larger premises. The expanding service, which began 10 years ago and now has 164 clients, moved from Freeman Street, South Caulfield to new premises in Glen Huntly Road, Elsternwick.

ADASS offers services to the aged and young people with disabilities, and provides support to carers who look after a relative at home. The philosophy of the service is to keep people at home for as long as possible with the help of a number of support services, including meals on wheels, homecare, home-based respite and the day care centre.

ADASS Supervisor Angela Mancini said in order to really address client's needs, ADASS must tend to the needs of the family as a whole. Carers are supported

both practically and emotionally while caring for their relative at home right through to when their loved ones may have to be placed in a nursing home. She said people can initially be reluctant to seek help, but usually feel very relieved once they have made contact with a service like ADASS.

To be eligible for the program, an assessment is made and the person is slowly integrated into the program's activities for short periods at a time until they feel comfortable enough to stay the day. ADASS also provides a community bus to pick people up and organises taxis to take people home.

ADASS's new address is 681 Glenhuntly Rd, Elsternwick and the new phone number is 9532 8493.



# ARTS

## Exhibitions

### In Praise of Make Up

Opens Tuesday, 16 February at 6pm  
Continues to 5pm Sunday, 28 February

Make up presents one person to another in an enticing invitation to engage. Make up is a form of signage, packaging and advertising. *In Praise of Make Up* presents the work of artists who explore the possibilities of the cosmetic in their work. Silks, rich velvets, smooth shaped polished woods encrustations of glittering delights and redolent inscriptions are featured.

The exhibition explores the layer of manipulation, ritual and translation attached to the exterior of things in order to present and seduce. The subject is the place in which the ideal is proffered as enticement, as a lure to the senses and a signal to the mind.

*In Praise of Make Up* features work by Margaret Ainscow, Robert Baines, Filomena Coppola, Greg Leong, Rosemary O'Rourke and Vixen Australia.

This is the follow up exhibition (and the flipside) of the beautiful and restrained Containment exhibition staged at the Gallery last February. Both exhibitions were curated by Clare Bond and are a joint project of the University of Tasmania and Contemporary Art Services Tasmania. Proudly sponsored by the Australia Council.



Art by Greg Leong,  
featured in *In Praise of Make Up*.

### Gino Michelutti— A Survey

Opens Tuesday, 16 February at 7.30pm  
Continues to 5pm Sunday, 28 February

This exhibition is a survey of Gino Michelutti—a Caulfield artist whose white on white minimal art works of the 1970s compare most favourably with other works produced in that genre. Indeed, his selection into the world's most prestigious show case of international contemporary art, the Venice Biennale, not once but twice, is testimony to the quality of his work.

The beautiful white shaped canvas works contrast strongly with Michelutti's more recent dark allegorical paintings which, more overtly, paint for the viewer the European ideals and culture from which Michelutti comes.

Michelutti migrated from Italy to Australia in 1952. He had studied painting, restored frescoes and worked as a set designer. In Australia, Gino earned his living as a draughtsman and worked on the drawings for the Snowy Mountains Scheme.

Gino's paintings demonstrate a deep knowledge of philosophy and the history of art. They are suburban treasures that richly illustrate personal and individual passions. Don't miss it.

A catalogue kindly produced with the assistance of Multicultural Arts Victoria supports the exhibition.

### The Hebrew Letters—

Paintings by Judy Racz

Opens Tuesday, 16 February at 6pm  
Continues to Sunday, 28 February

The paintings of Judy Racz bring together elements of her life including, religion, mathematics and music.



One of the Hebrew letters depicted by Judy Racz  
in her upcoming exhibition



As featured in Gino Michelutti's solo exhibition.

With painful war-time memories and the turmoil of the revolution in Hungary—Judy came to Australia in 1957, aged 16. She retired from teaching mathematics in secondary schools after 20 years to become a full time painter in 1991.

Although she has converted to Catholicism, her exhibition will feature a major series of paintings based on the 22 letters of the Hebrew alphabet.

The traditions of Jewish mysticism and the Kabbalah are depicted in the paintings, and are accompanied by explanatory text panels.

While the panels provide a guide to interpreting the works, they do not exhaust all meaning. Each letter of the alphabet has a numerical value, a name and a special form that makes it unique, providing many levels relating to our personal lives and the universe.

### Robert Fisher

Opens Tuesday, 2 March at 6pm  
Continues to 5pm Sunday, 14 March

Robert Fisher is a painter of landscapes. His paintings, often large in scale, bear the influence of Williams and Boyd in their loose and distorted perspectives of the Australian landscape. His work not only depicts romantic rolling hills and desert soil, but also the bitumen roadways, pavements and back alleys of urban Melbourne.

Traces of life accrete in layers on the pavements, billboards get posted over and over, buildings and roadways fall into disrepair, sometimes revealing glimpses of lives gone before. Robert paints to draw our attention to these often minute and overlooked details.

Both the Robert Fisher and Ian Banks-Smith exhibitions represent a great opportunity to purchase high quality paintings before both of these artists become better known.

### Ian Banks-Smith

Opens Tuesday, 2 March at 7.30pm  
Continues to Sunday, 14 March

The paintings of Ian Banks-Smith bring together his interest in nature, particularly plants, and his interest in art with a transcendental edge.

His art utilises an expressive energetic movement of hand and brush to create an organic web of chaotic drips, dribbles and swirls. Colours, backgrounds and

layers are carefully crafted, setting up a tension between order and disorder.

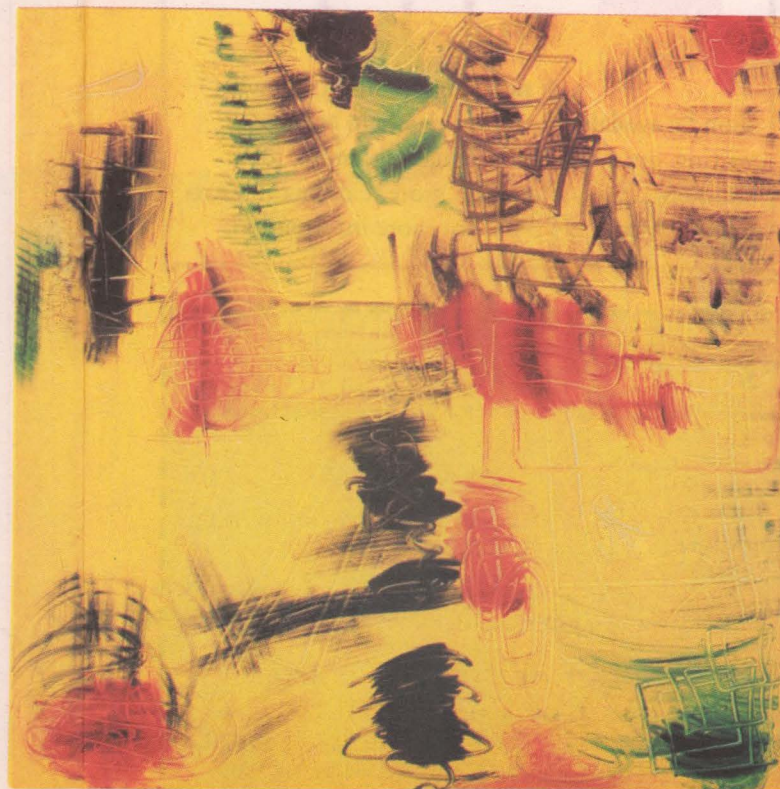
Banks-Smith's earlier paintings strongly display his interest in Jackson Pollock, and those included in this exhibition have the artist's own imprint layered over the top of this important influence.

These vibrant, colourful works seek to capture a metaphysical realm, to capture, if you will, the original energy of the cosmos; the energy that is the well-spring from which nature (including man) developed. If you want a less lofty metaphor think of the apparent random patterns of the natural world visible under a very powerful microscope, a randomness that is very much a part of a larger system and larger design.

Putting aside the metaphoric interpretations, these are well-executed formal paintings, with bright, colourful modern energy.



Life #3 by Ian Banks-Smith



Tangle in Yellow by Ian Banks-Smith

## Japanese Festival

### Glen Eira — Ogaki

For 10 years the cities of Glen Eira and Ogaki have developed a strong international relationship, particularly through the exchange of delegations of students and dignitaries. During the Japanese Festival (Friday 19 to Sunday 28 March) Glen Eira will host three delegations; a group of Ogaki women, several artists and, most significantly, the Mayor of Ogaki, Mr Ogura.

The festival will be as varied as the culture it celebrates and is a wonderful opportunity to experience the diversity of traditional and contemporary Japan. Over the 10 days many highly respected Japanese, Australian and Japanese-Australian artists will participate in a range of events.

Shashaten brings together award winning artists Yumi Unimare (Butoh dancer) and Satsuki Odamura (Koto virtuoso) in an evening of music and dance inspired by stories and poetry of old and new Japan. A more traditional performance, including three virtuoso performers of Noh dance, Shaku-hachi and Koto will also be staged as a special event.

Glen Eira City Council is also proud to host a seminar by the Asian Arts Society of Australia, on the relationship of the traditional and contemporary in Japanese visual arts. Speakers include Mae Anna Pang (National Gallery of Victoria), Natalie King and Philip Brophy (RMIT). The festival exhibition program features multimedia and contemporary works from Japan and Australia, as well as modern and traditional works on loan from the Ogaki City Collection.

Other highlights include a Film and Animation Festival with programs for all ages. The two Sunday afternoon programs will focus on displays and demonstrations by various Japanese cultural interest groups, including the Japanese School of Melbourne, the Japanese Studies Centre, the Victorian Bonsai Society, Ichiyo Ikebana, Japanese restaurants, Martial Arts displays and much, much more. The City of Ogaki is also sending a range of displays and a gift shop.

There will also be special schools programs, beginning with a website project in February and continuing until May, with a roving cultural program.

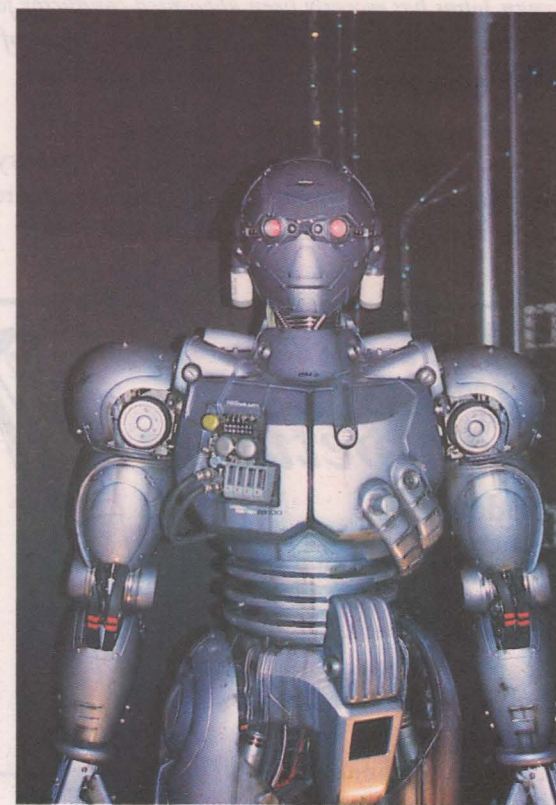
For more information about the Festival or participation in programs please contact Susan Pilbeam on 9524 3402.



Japanese Fans



Ogaki Shogun, Ogaki Historical Museum



Robot at Softopia, Multimedia Research Centre, Ogaki



# ARTS Arts

## Theatre Season

The Glen Eira Arts Complex is proud to bring an exciting season of one-act plays to the Theatre in 1999 that explore World War II from three very different perspectives. Each play will be supported by a musical performance to both complement and enhance the evening for the audience.



Marian Heathfield in *Comfort*.

## Youth Orchestra tunes up

Kynan Johns has recently been appointed conductor for the Glen Eira Youth Orchestra. Kynan has a string of credits to his name and we welcome him to his new position.

The orchestra will hold auditions in early February, for interested musicians aged to 26 years. For more information, contact Pam Davies on 9569 9248.

## Glen Eira Writers Competition

### Update

The 1999 competition closed on Friday, 29 January with hundreds of entries received. Winners will be announced at a public reading and presentation on **Tuesday, 30 March** at 6.30pm in the Theatre and published in *The Age Saturday Extra*, 3 April 1999.



### 12 to 14 March

Friday and Saturday night at 8pm and Sunday at 2.30pm

**Comfort** by Javant Biarujia, winner of the inaugural Irene Mitchell Short Play Award in 1996, brings the remembrance of a WWII Comfort Woman ('foreign' women captured by the Japanese army and forced into prostitution for Japanese soldiers). Deeply moving, the play will be performed by Marian Heathfield, Directed by Ariette Taylor. Music to be performed by Koto musician Satsuki Odamura.

### 14 to 16 May

Friday and Saturday night at 8pm and Sunday at 2.30pm

**Placed on Hold** by Joy Dettman is a black comedy of a suburban pensioner coming to terms with the late 20th century. The play will feature John Flaus and Brenda Palmer, directed by Susan Pilbeam. Music to be performed by Dorothy Baker, Bob Horsfall and Helen Jowsey.

### 18 to 20 June

Friday and Saturday night at 8pm and Sunday at 2.30pm

**Emperor of the Ghetto** by Avaraham Cykiert is a controversial play dealing with the memories of Rumkovsky and the Lodz Ghetto. The play will be performed and directed by Alan Hopgood. Music to be performed by Spielazoi.

Advanced bookings are available by contacting Susan Pilbeam on 9524 3402.

## Classic ticket giveaway

The Classic Cinema in Elsternwick will commence its screening season of *Tango*, a colourful, passionate masterpiece, on 25 February.

*Tango* is full of the fire of the tango dance, featuring stunningly choreographed dance sequences, and won the best cinematography award at Cannes in 1998. A tale of unrelenting passion, the story revolves around Mario, his ex-wife and new lover, all of whom are involved in his life's work—a film about the tango.

The Classic Cinema has free double passes to give away to the first 25 callers on Thursday 4 February, after 10.30am.

**Classic Cinema, 9 Gordon Street, Elsternwick.**  
**Phone: 9523 9739.**

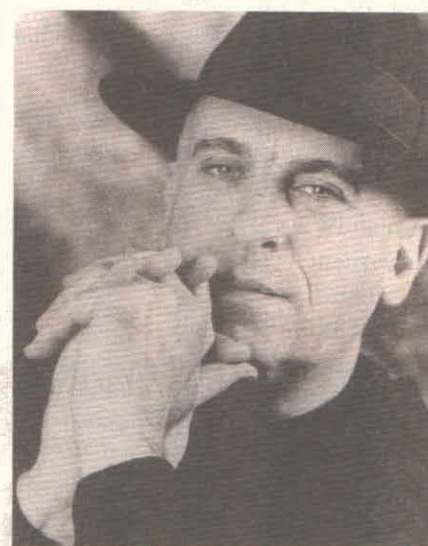
## Classic Virtuosi Series II

The Glen Eira Arts Complex is proud to present for the second year the continuation of the classical virtuosi series.

This year's program includes:

### ROGER WOODWARD

Saturday, 27 March at 8pm



Roger Woodward

### AUSTRALIAN CLASSICAL PLAYERS

Saturday, 15 May at 8pm

### RITA REICHMAN

Saturday, 28 August at 8pm

Performances will include works by Beethoven, Schubert, Vivaldi, Bach, Grieg and Elgar.

Further information and booking details will appear in the March edition of the GE News.



## Oak Tree House workshops and classes

A new program for 1999 will soon be available featuring classes in creative writing, art, porcelain dollmaking, music for children, drama and much more. Contact the Arts Complex on 9524 3402 for more information.

## 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.

Exhibitions ☐ Special events ☐ Classes/workshops ☐  
Seminars ☐ Concerts/music performances ☐ Arts & (newsletter) ☐

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Send to: Rosanna Verde, Arts Liaison Officer, Glen Eira Arts Complex, PO Box 42, Caulfield 3162. Facsimile: 9524 3399  
or email: rverde@gleneira.vic.gov.au Website: www.citysearch.com.au/mel/gleneiraarts





## Food Services News

Mayor Cr Barry Neve and Glen Eira City Council showed their appreciation for the year's hard work by holding a Christmas party late last year, for the many volunteers who deliver meals on wheels.

Council's Food Services and Caulfield Rotary club also held a Christmas luncheon at the Caulfield Senior Citizens Club, for clients of Meals on Wheels in the city of Glen Eira.

### Volunteers needed urgently

Food Services is again calling for volunteer drivers and jockeys, to help deliver its Meals on Wheels service. Meals are delivered through our extensive network of volunteers, who give their time freely to the service.

If you are able to provide assistance to the Meals on Wheels Service, or would like further information, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator on 9563 6611 from Monday to Friday between 9.30am and 1.30pm. We need both Drivers and Jockeys seven days per week. The Meals on Wheels service operates from the Glen Eira Food Services office located at 15 Truganini Road, Carnegie.

### Sensational summer savings—frozen meals

Glen Eira Food Services is offering a Summer Special to celebrate the New Year:

Buy five main meals and five desserts and get one main meal and one dessert FREE! Cost: \$4.50 each.

OR

Buy five main meals and get one main meal FREE! Cost: just \$4.

Phone: (03) 9563 6611 or Fax: (03) 9569 2223 to place your order. Monday to Friday, 9am to 4pm.

### Reminder

Meals on Wheels are available to everyone! Contact: (03) 9524 3220 for further information or a brochure.

### For sale

Glen Eira Food Services have large polystyrene Esky's for sale at \$7 each. Suitable for recipients of Meals on Wheels or as an extra esky. Contact: (03) 9563 6611 between 9am and 4pm.



Mayor Cr Barry Neve enjoys a taste of Christmas with Meals on Wheels volunteer Margaret Wilson at the volunteers Christmas party.

## Taste for Health in Glen Eira



Some of the Taste 4 Health Award winners with Mayor Cr Barry Neve (left) and Health Promotion and Immunisation Co-ordinator Michelle Hollingworth (far right).

At a presentation ceremony held in December, thirteen food outlets were presented with Taste for Health awards by Mayor Cr Barry Neve. The awards, organised by the Health Promotion team, acknowledge the food proprietor's efforts in achieving and maintaining healthy eating environments.

The Food Safety Officers of the Environmental Health Department assessed 16 Food outlets; 13 qualified and were awarded the Taste 4 Health Award. These food outlets achieved at least a 4 Star rating in their hygiene audit, and provide totally smoke free dining or a separate smoke free dining area and the opportunity to purchase healthy food items.

Michelle Hollingworth Health Promotion and Immunisation Co-ordinator said: "With a growing emphasis on food prepared and eaten

outside the home, more and more people are seeking tasty and nutritious food items and smoke free places to eat. The Taste 4 Health awards capitalises on these increased demands by consumers for healthier food, cooked in hygienic conditions and served in smoke free areas."

The Taste for Health award winners were:

**Camden Court**, 6 Freeman St Caulfield Sth

**Caulfield Grammar Canteen**

217 Glen Eira Rd St Kilda East

**Caulfield RSL**, 4 St Georges Rd Elsternwick

**Chooks Corner**

791 to 793 Glen Huntly Rd Caulfield South

**Countryside Cakes**, 937 Centre Rd South Oakleigh

**Danish Nosh**, 983 Glen Huntly Rd Caulfield South

**Hunger Solutions Café**

769 Glen Huntly Rd Caulfield Sth

**Limor's Restaurant**, 67 Kooyong Rd Caulfield Nth

**Nostralis**, 55 Hawthorn Rd Caulfield North

**Nutshell, Coffee, Nuts & Chocolates**

779 Glen Huntly Rd Caulfield Sth

**Rina's Milk Bar**

255 Jasper Rd McKinnon

**Sheli's Café**

306 Hawthorn Rd Caulfield Sth

**Tom Wong Café**

317 Centre Rd Bentleigh

Look for the healthiest and healthier food tags on the menu and menu boards at the above locations.

Further information regarding the Taste for Health awards contact the Health Promotion Team on 9524 3484.

## Let's talk safe food

Council's Health Services Department held a New Food Safety Law Seminar recently, which was free to all food businesses in Glen Eira. About 200 businesses were represented at the seminar which was opened by director City Development Jeff Akehurst.

Those businesses which have already submitted a Food Safety Program to Council or which are nearing completion were presented with a framed certificate, and all attendees were presented with an information kit detailing the new requirements.

Guest speaker Council's Environmental Health Co-ordinator Leanne Giroto outlined the program and explained the changes to the Food Laws.

Solicitor with Maddock, Lonie and Chisholm Jason Arnheim explained the legal implications of the new Food Laws for food businesses.

Victor Di Paola (Compton Food Hygiene) and former owner of Gioni's Deli, Bentleigh Nicky Kyrou also spoke on developing food safety plans.



# LIBRARY News

## CD-ROM loans

From Monday 1 February, the loan period for CD-ROMs will change from 21 days to 7 days. This change will allow more customers an opportunity to access this very popular collection. If you haven't yet borrowed from this collection, CD-ROMs are available at Bentleigh and Caulfield libraries.

## Racing along

Wednesday February 10, 7.30pm at Caulfield Library

Curator at the VATC Museum Chris Barry will speak of the history of the racecourse and the role of the museum in the community.

Tickets: \$3 for members, \$5 non-members

## Healthy eating

Tuesday February 23, 7.30pm at Bentleigh Library

Overdo it over Christmas? Your chance to get some dietary advice and good eating tips from a professional dietician.

Tickets: \$3 for members, \$5 non-members

## Herbal craft

Thursday February 25, 1pm at Elsternwick Library

Ever say, "I wish I could do that?" Join herbal enthusiast Dianne Pierpont and discover all about making herbal crafts and gifts.

Tickets: \$3 for members, \$5 non-members

## Storytime in '99

Pre-school storytimes are a shared experience for children and carers offering lots of stories, songs, and craft activities. Note the new times and locations commencing Monday 1 February:

<b>Monday</b>	Bentleigh Library at 2pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	Caulfield Library at 2pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	Elsternwick Library at 11am
<b>Thursday</b>	Bentleigh Library and Carnegie Library at 11am
<b>Friday</b>	Caulfield Library at 11am

Storytime is most suited to children aged 3 to 5 years. Sessions are free and no bookings are required. Afternoon sessions allow parents and preschoolers to share this special time before collecting older children from school.

## Pyjama Pranks bedtime story times

These popular stories continue throughout February and March and offer families a wonderful shared experience.

- At Caulfield Library: Monday, 15 February and 15 March
- At Bentleigh Library: Wednesday, 17 February and 17 March

These sessions are free and begin at 7pm.

## Let us be your Internet Guide

Our extremely popular Introduction to the Internet classes will return in 1999 together with additional courses including:

- Email
- Further steps in the Internet
- Holiday classes for children

For class details and further information telephone Belinda on 9532 9466.

# Senior Citizens' Week '99

9 - 29 MARCH

**P**reparations for this year's Senior Citizens' Week celebrations are in the final stages and this year's events, to be held over three weeks, should prove very popular.

Following the success of last year's Picnic in the Park, Council will again hold this event at Harleston Park on Friday 19 March. Council is pleased to offer transport assistance but places are limited. This free event offers a barbecue lunch plus entertainment by the U3A Israeli Dance Group, juggler extraordinaire Chris Lavery and Magic Melodies regular guest singer Jenny Lee.

Many of the city's senior citizens' groups have been hard at work planning events and would be pleased to welcome new members:

**Traditional Greek Luncheon:** Greek Senior Citizens Club of Glen Eira.

**Spit Roast and Social Afternoon:** DJ Coakley East Bentleigh Senior Citizens Club.

**Picnic at Wattle Grove:** Polish Senior Citizens Club of Moorabbin.

**Greek Celebration Day:** Carnegie/Murrumbidgee Greek Senior Citizens Club.

**Lawn Bowls:** Caulfield Park Bowls Club.

**U3A Open Day:** U3A Glen Eira.

**Dance the Dance Away:** Murrumbidgee Older Persons Group.

**Concert:** Carnegie/Murrumbidgee Senior Citizens Club.

**Afternoon Tea Dance:** East Bentleigh Community Health Centre.

**Afternoon Tea with prominent speakers of the Jewish Community:** Jewish Senior Citizens Study Group.

**Italian Open Day:** Glen Eira Italian Pensioners Senior Citizens Club.

**Croquet Open Day:** Elsternwick Croquet Club

**Picnic:** Greek Cyprian Senior Citizens Community of Glen Eira.

**U3A Open Day:** U3A Moorleigh

**Twilight Dance:** Caulfield Over 50's Dance Group.

*Details of all events will be available mid February by contacting Recreation Officer for Older Adults, Cheryl Kennedy on 9524 3356.*

## Glen Eira City Council Planning and Environment Act 1987 Notice of amendment to the planning scheme

Glen Eira Planning Scheme Amendment I36

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**G**len Eira City Council has prepared Amendment No. I36 to the Glen Eira Planning Scheme. The Amendment changes the Local Section of the Glen Eira Planning Scheme.

The amendment applies to a three hectare area of land located to the north of Station Street, Caulfield. The land comprises a large parcel of vacant land owned by the Victorian Amateur Turf Club (VATC) and known as Members No. 1 Carpark, and a number of abutting residential properties also owned by the VATC. Also included in the land to which the amendment applies are two residential properties abutting the Members No. 1 Carpark which are owned by separate parties.

The land is generally bounded by Normanby Road to the north, Smith Street to the east, Bond and Heywood Streets to the west and Station Street to the south.

The amendment proposes to rezone land from a Residential C Zone to a Mixed Use Zone.

The purpose of the proposed rezoning of the

land to a Mixed Use Zone is to facilitate its future development and use for a range of uses potentially spanning entertainment, commercial and residential.

The Amendment can be inspected free of charge and during office hours at:

**Glen Eira City Council**  
Municipal Offices  
Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads  
Caulfield South 3162

or

**Department of Infrastructure**  
Customer Service Centre  
Upper Plaza, Nauru House  
80 Collins Street, Melbourne 3000

Submissions about the amendment must be sent by Monday 22 February, to:

Jacqui Brasher  
Town Planning Office  
City of Glen Eira  
PO Box 42, Caulfield South 3162



## Kinder Gym isn't just child's play

- 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 Australia Program.

### 1999 "GYMFUN" CLASSES!

Gymnastics Classes for 5 to 7 year olds. This is a great introductory program to gymnastics and provides a good base of skills for any sport. Children can work through the Gym Fun Award Scheme at their own pace. Class sizes are small so places are limited! **DAYS:** Wed or Fri **TIME:** 4pm-5pm

### ENROLMENT & OPEN DAYS!

**Thursday 4 Feb, 11.30pm-12.30pm, Saturday 6 Feb, 1pm-2pm, Wednesday 10 Feb, 12.30pm-2pm**

- We can also accommodate children with 'special needs' both in a group or individual basis! 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**



Glen Eira

# Youth Page



Why? Gen youth page

## What's new at Youth Services?!? The Why? Stop

**B**ig things are happening at the Why? Stop Youth Information Centre in 1999. The Why? Stop's services have been expanded. The Centre will now be open 12noon to 6pm Monday to Friday and from 10am to 2pm on Saturdays.

Two new, experienced and approachable youth workers have been employed to provide assistance and programs from the Why? Stop; they are Emely and Annie (see below).

The Why? Stop is a one-stop shop for young people, located at 54 Rosstown Road, Carnegie. The team of Youth Workers are there to provide free information,

referral, advice and counselling to young people aged 10 to 25 years and their families. Young people can gain information on youth issues including:

- accommodation
- health and well-being
- relationship issues
- resume writing
- education, employment and training, and
- recreation and leisure options.

Youth workers at the Why? Stop can also refer young people to specialized community services. All services are free and confidential. The phone number at the Why? Stop is 9572 5389.

### New hours for the Why? Stop:

- Monday to Friday 12noon-6pm
- Saturday 10am-2pm

### School-focused youth services

We also now have our new School-Focused Youth Service Project Worker on board at Youth Services; her name is Michelle (see below).

### Hi, I'm Emely.

I was recently employed as one of the Youth Workers at the Why? Stop. I have been working with the young and old in the community for five years and enjoy doing creative as well as recreational activities. So, come in for a chat, with a query or just to look at what we have to offer. No cost for our service but flowers or chocolates are welcome any time as well as big smiles.



### I'm Annie Rowland

I have been working with young people for four years now doing all sorts of cool and interesting things from Live Band Events, group work to individual support. I am very excited with the prospect of meeting all you young people down at the Why? Stop in Carnegie. Drop in and have a chat—hope to see you soon!



### Hi, I'm Michelle Balthazar

I've been appointed the School-Focused Youth Service Project Worker for the cities of Glen Eira, Stonnington and Port Phillip.

The School-Focused Youth Service is an exciting new initiative of the Department of Education and Department of Human Services. The initiative aims to develop better links between community agencies and schools to ensure that the needs of our young people are being addressed, particularly those who are 'at risk'.

I'll therefore be working very closely with schools and agencies in the area to introduce the project and to ascertain the needs and issues of our young people so that we, as a community can best support them. I can be contacted on: 9524 3392.



## What's on for youth services in 1999

- ◆ **High Wire Circus** Commences 5 February — contact Judith for further details.
- ◆ **Schools-Focused Youth Needs Study** to be conducted in February and March. Young people required to contribute their ideas and issues. If you want to have your say contact Michelle.
- ◆ Second edition of **Y Files Youth Resource Directory** to be printed and delivered to schools in March. If you are a budding artist and would like to provide artwork for the Y Files please call Judith.
- ◆ **VCE Student Pre-employment Training Program** to commence at the WHY Stop? on Saturdays in April — contact Emely or Annie.
- ◆ **Youth Advisory Group commences May**— young people who would like to become a part of the Youth Advisory Council please contact Emely.
- ◆ **Inner South Schools Focused Youth Service Conference** for youth Agencies and schools to be held in June.

### From the Editor

Welcome back everyone! Hope you've had a great Christmas and New Year and enjoyed the holidays. Things as usual have been busy here, but, after a little time off, we are all looking forward to another great year for the Why? Gen Youth Page.

So far we've published four issues, and the file of material you have sent is growing almost every day — but keep sending in more stuff because we really want to see it ... and we want everyone in Glen Eira to see it too.

Finally, good luck for the year ahead, for school, TAFE, Uni, work and all other endeavours.

Daniel

## Eternal Friendship by Shireen Wahid

You are a special person  
Someone very close to my heart  
You've been there through my highs and lows  
I'll make sure we never part.

I'll see that we are always friends  
No matter what life throws our way  
Our friendship is precious and rare —  
A rope that will never fray.

We can't predict the future  
Or what will happen in future years  
But I know I can count on you  
To see me through my tears.

You've always been there for me  
Asking nothing in return  
Our friendship is a golden flame  
That will forever burn.

I hope that I've been there for you  
Whenever you needed a friend  
I want you to know I'm always here  
And will be 'til the end.

We'll be friends when we're old and grey  
We'll be friends when we can barely see  
And for as long as time exists  
You'll have a friend in me.

*We would like to wish Shireen, a good friend of Youth Services, all the best for her move to India. We look forward to hearing of your experiences and thank you for all your assistance with the Glen Eira Youth Services Website.*

## Contact us!

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# COMMUNITY *Diary*

## Meetings & clubs

**The Caulfield Group of Nursing Mother's Association** is holding meetings during February including a New Mum's Social afternoon tea, Coffee Morning and Increasing supply. For details contact: Lyle 9578 0628.

**Neighbourhood Support Program:** the Maternal and Child Health Service invites parents of young children to participate in their Father's Group, Young Mother's Group, Solo Mother's Group or Chinese Speaking Group. Contact: 9524 3403.

**Caulfield Garden Club** has a yearly program of speakers, an annual Spring show, bus trips to gardens, nurseries and other places of interest. Meetings are held on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 8pm in the Uniting Church, corner of Glenhuntly Road and Foster St, Elsternwick. Visitors and new members most welcome. Contact: 9532 7887.

**Caulfield Writers Group** welcomes writers of all ages and offers a fortnightly opportunity to read and workshop their work. Short stories, children's or adult literature, poetry or biographical. Meeting at 7.30pm, 4 February at 9 Godfrey St, Bentleigh. Contact John on 9889 7922.

## Services

**Local community radio station SOUTHERN 88.3** is looking for volunteers for 2-3 hours per week to help out on reception desk or perhaps be involved with occasional on air duties. First floor, Kingston Arts Centre, corner South Road and Nepean Hwy, Moorabbin. Contact: Jean Anthony 9553 5444.

**Voluntary tutor required to teach beginners Italian and Painting** (any medium) to retired senior citizens at the University of the Third Age Glen Eira for two hours a week, commencing February. Contact: office 9572 0571 Monday to Thursday 10-3.30pm or AH 9528 3339.

**Griefline Services** seeks volunteers for their telephone service. Are you the type of person others like to talk to? Have you learnt about life through family experience? If you have these qualities please call Co-ordinator, Bereavement Services at Bethlehem Hospital 9596 2853 Monday to Friday 11am-3pm.

**Volunteers** are urgently needed to help out in the Southern Family Life Opportunity Shop at 355 Bluff Road, Hampton. Shop is open Mon-Fri 10-4, Sat 9.30-12 but even a couple of hours would be greatly appreciated. All proceeds support SFL Family Youth and Children Counselling and Support Service. Contact: Judy 9598 1330.

## Events and activities

**A conference on Judaism and Bioethics** under the auspices of the Institute for Judaism and Civilisation will be held on Sunday 21 February, 10am-5pm at the Glen Eira Council Theatre. Speakers include: Dr Sandra Hacker, Professor Zalberg and Dr Angus Bankier. Contact: Dr Shimon Cowen 9522 8222 or shimon.cowen@arts.monash.edu.au

**Tea Dance, Old time and New Vogue**, held every SECOND SUNDAY every month. Live music by Bill Kerr at the Organ, Moorabbin Senior Citizen Building, Nepean Highway, corner Exley Drive, Moorabbin. Contact: 9798 5994.

**Indoor Bias Bowls** are held at the Bentleigh RSL Inc in Centre Road. They are currently recruiting new players and invite people to join in the fun every Thursday at 8pm.

**Bentleigh Life Activities Club** offers opportunities to meet new friends and enjoy social activities such as Carpet Bowls, Table Tennis, Solo, Canasta, Music, Golf and Armchair Travel. Contact: 9563 2554.

**Caulfield Day View Club** invites women to come along and make new friends, enjoy monthly outings and listen to interesting guest speakers. Activities aid the Smith Family. We are a small friendly group and warmly welcome new members. Contact: Val 9578 1302.

**Caulfield Over 50's Dance Group Inc** wish to advise participants that while the auditorium is undergoing upgrading, the Monday dance will be transferred to the Ormond Uniting Church Hall, corner Poath and Booran roads from 25 January to 22 March. Hours: 12.30-4pm. Cost: \$2. Contact: 9578 5143.

**East Bentleigh Strikers Soccer Club** will hold its 21st Annual registration Day on Sunday 14 February from 9.30am-12.30pm at Bailey Reserve, East Boundary Road, East Bentleigh. Boys and girls aged five and upwards required for the Junior Club. Players required for the new girls/women's team. Contact: Irene 9503 8010 or Ian 9578 1163.

**Bentleigh Red Cross** will hold its next Fundraiser Community Caravan on Friday 19 February outside Fosseys, Centre Road Bentleigh. Meetings: First Thursday of every month at the RSL Bentleigh.

**Pleasant Sunday Afternoon** to be held at the Coatesville Uniting Church corner of North and Mackie Roads, East Bentleigh on Sunday 21 February. "The Melbourneaires" a barbershop chorus will appear at 2.30pm. Donation: \$7. Contact: 9579 1669.

**Glen Eira Cheltenham Art Group Inc** have some vacancies in their Term 1 classes. These include Tonal Oils, Oils and acrylics, Watercolour, Sketching and Drawing. Other group activities include social painting, outdoor painting and workshops. Contact: 9585 0905.

**Clean Up Australia Day** is celebrating its 10th birthday and organisers are looking for participants in Glen Eira. The event is Australia's largest single community participation event. People wishing to conduct a "clean up" in an area of the city can contact either Cathy Olive or Alex Shackleton on 9682 0911.

## Church moves after 55 years

The Bentleigh Christian School of Life Church is moving to 675 Centre Road, East Bentleigh. We have been in Oak Street Bentleigh for 55 years, and now begin a new era to take us into the year 2000. We welcome you all to our new temple to partake of the services we provide.

- Two services each Sunday at 3pm and 7pm. Afternoon tea available between services for \$4.
- The Healing Centre open on Saturdays from 2pm to 4pm to learn and receive. Service by donation.
- Esoteric classes conducted every second Tuesday at 7.30pm.
- Development Classes held Wednesdays for healing, clairvoyance and clairsight, and meditation.

Principle: Mavis Frail 9570 7212.

**Deadline for next Community Diary:**  
**Monday 8 February**

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## Over 50's *fitness back for '99*

Glen Eira City Council's Over 50's programs are back for 1999. The programs include walking, exercise to music for the fit active, chairbased for the not-so-fit and Table Tennis.

With programs returning at the end of January, our instructors are putting old and new participants through a safe, gradual process, of achieving an improved fitness level. All programs (except Table Tennis) are run by a qualified instructor.

For further information on the programs listed below or an over 50's brochure please contact the Recreation Officer for Older Adults Cheryl Kennedy on 9524 3356.

### Exercise to music—fit active

**Monday 11am**—Church of Christ, 40 Toolambo Road, Carnegie  
**Tuesday and Thursday 9.30 am**—Caulfield Recreation Centre, Maple Street, Caulfield  
**Tuesday 1.30pm**—\*Ladies Only, Bentleigh/McKinnon Youth Centre, Higgins Road, Bentleigh  
**Wednesday 11am**—314 Neerim Road, Carnegie

### Chair-based exercises for the not-so-fit

**Wednesday 10am**—314 Neerim Road, Carnegie  
**Thursday 11am**—Moorleigh Community Village, Room 67, 92 Bignell Rd, East Bentleigh

### Walking groups

**Monday 9.30am**—Caulfield Walkers, Caulfield Park (children's playground), Corner Balaclava and Hawthorn Roads  
**Tuesday 9am**—East Bentleigh Walkers, Centenary Park, Brady Road Entrance, East Bentleigh  
**Wednesday 9am**—Bentleigh Walkers, Hodgson Reserve, Higgins Road, Bentleigh

### Table tennis

**Tuesday and Thursday 10am-12pm**—Bentleigh McKinnon Youth Centre, Higgins Road, Bentleigh.

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# Recreation News

## Park master plans on display

by Byron Douglas

Good parks don't just happen; they are the result of careful and well thought out planning. What type and how many trees do you plant? Does a park require a playground? For what age group should it cater? Are BBQ's needed, and if so, where can they be best placed? These are the types of questions that need to be answered when undertaking such planning.

Draft master plans have been devised for three of Glen Eira's parks: Harleston, Hopetoun and Allnut Parks to address these and other issues. The planning process will establish proper parameters for any future park development and enable projects to be included in the Council's rolling capital works programs.

Implementing good planning means our parks will be well preserved for generations to come. Planning helps provide a vision for the park's development, and ensure such things as uniform furniture and appropriate signage.

During the planning process, the level of community use is highlighted which determines the extent of alterations needed; it may only need minor alterations such as a pathway being redirected or an extra piece of play equipment. But for other parks, planning may pave the way for future developments which add extra benefits to the park such as a playground or a significant tree planting.

The draft master plans for these three parks will be on display during February and public comment is invited. The plan for Allnut Park will be on display at the Bentleigh Library while the plans for Harleston and Hopetoun Parks will be on display at the Council offices. For further information please ring Nicole at Recreation Services on 9524 3470.

## Sports injury prevention

### How safe is your sports club?

As part of its ongoing commitment to reducing sports injuries, Glen Eira City Council will be hosting two important seminars.

The seminars focus on the principles of sports injury prevention and how to adopt safe practices and formulate safety policies. Conducted by the Cities of Glen Eira, Kingston and Bayside and the Department of Human Services this series has been designed for Sports Clubs but all members of the public are welcome. Ring Recreation Services to register and put these seminars in your diary now:

**Play it safe**— Sports Injury Prevention for Junior and Senior Players, 17 February 7–9pm

**Keep an eye on that ankle**— Sports Injury Prevention for Netball and Basketball Clubs, 10 March 7–9pm

**Coming up:** A seminar for Football, Rugby and Soccer Clubs plus a Safety Equipment Expo. For more information please call Recreation Services 9524 3470.

## In-Line Hockey - free clinic!

It's fast, it's fun and it's different— it's In-line hockey! And it's free! In-Line Hockey clinics will be held on the first Tuesday of the month from February to July at Duncan MacKinnon Reserve.

Since In-line skates became all the rage with children and adults there has been an associated growth in relevant sports; roller hockey, roller basketball, artistic skating and speed skating are just some of the In-line sports now available. In-line hockey is now a popular sport in Australia and 14 Countries worldwide.

People of all ages are welcome to come and try this sport at one of the free clinics offered which will introduce you to the basics of the game.

Regular training and joining a team is certainly possible if you enjoy the sport. All the necessary equipment is available, including pads and helmets but booking is essential. For further information about the free clinics or inline hockey please call Darren Thomas on 9510 1899.

## Deadline for grants

The 1999/2000 Sport and Recreation Minor Facilities Grants will make \$2.5 million available again this year for improvements to sport and recreation opportunities at the local and community level. Applicants are reminded that the closing date for submissions is 9 February.

Council will submit up to five projects for consideration under the Scheme. Requests of up to \$50,000 per project will be considered although successful projects are generally in the range of \$5000 to \$30,000.

For more information or an application form, contact Nicole Hambling on 9524 3470 or email [recservices@gleneira.vic.gov.au](mailto:recservices@gleneira.vic.gov.au)

## Free tickets

Glen Eira's Princes Park is home to South Melbourne Soccer Club Juniors, a team which last year made a clean sweep of the National Soccer Competition by finishing Minor Premier Champions and winning Player of the Year and Coach of the Year. The South Melbourne Junior Soccer Club also completed a successful year with the Under 14 team becoming Champions of their Division.

**Win a family pass to see South Melbourne in action at the Bob Jane Stadium in Albert Park by answering this simple question: Name one Socceroo from the South Melbourne Soccer Club.**

**Address your entry to: Recreation Services, PO Box 42 Caulfield South 3162. The first correct entry will receive a family pass.**



## First match on new ground

McKinnon Oval's recently completed refurbishing was celebrated with a one day cricket match between home side McKinnon Cricket Club and visitors South Caulfield Cricket Club last month.

Mayor Cr Barry Neve (left) joined in the event by tossing the coin with captains Rick Gough (centre) and Stuart Carboon.

McKinnon representative Peter Harber said the club was delighted with the new ground and appreciated the efforts that have gone into the refurbishment. He said the team was looking forward to a successful season on the new ground.

Glen Eira City Council spent \$288,000 to reconstruct the oval — one of its major capital works projects for 1998/99, and part of an ongoing program of developing Glen Eira's parks and sports facilities. The six-month project included installing irrigation and drainage, and a new playing surface.

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or Ian on **9578 1163 (AH)**

## Make your club sports safe!

Under the Sports Injury Prevention Campaign, \$10,000 has been provided for the funding of projects that reduce the risk of injuries related to sporting activities and will improve facilities used for these activities. Local sporting organisations based within the municipalities of Glen Eira, Kingston and Bayside are eligible to apply for grants of up to \$300. Preference will be given to organisations which contribute to the cost of the project. Deadline for submissions: Monday 15 March. Application forms and further details available from Recreation Services on 9524 3470.



# Safety is his business

by Myrine Hawksworth

Ensuring people's safety is the driving force behind most of John Bordignon's actions. As manager of Council's Building Services his primary role is to assess and ensure compliance with the myriad of building regulations which safeguard people's health, safety and amenity.

But having regulations and enforcing them is not enough. John believes Council also needs to play a role in raising people's awareness and educating them.

A builder and carpenter by trade, John has worked in local government for more than nine years— as a senior inspector and later as a surveyor. He came to his current role in 1998 and, as part of this role, is working to raise awareness of two specific safety regulations: smoke alarms and pool fencing.

Council has been given the responsibility of monitoring compliance with these new State Government regulations; which require all pools and spas to be fenced and all dwellings to have at least one smoke alarm installed.

But John's role is not just about enforcement, education is just as important.

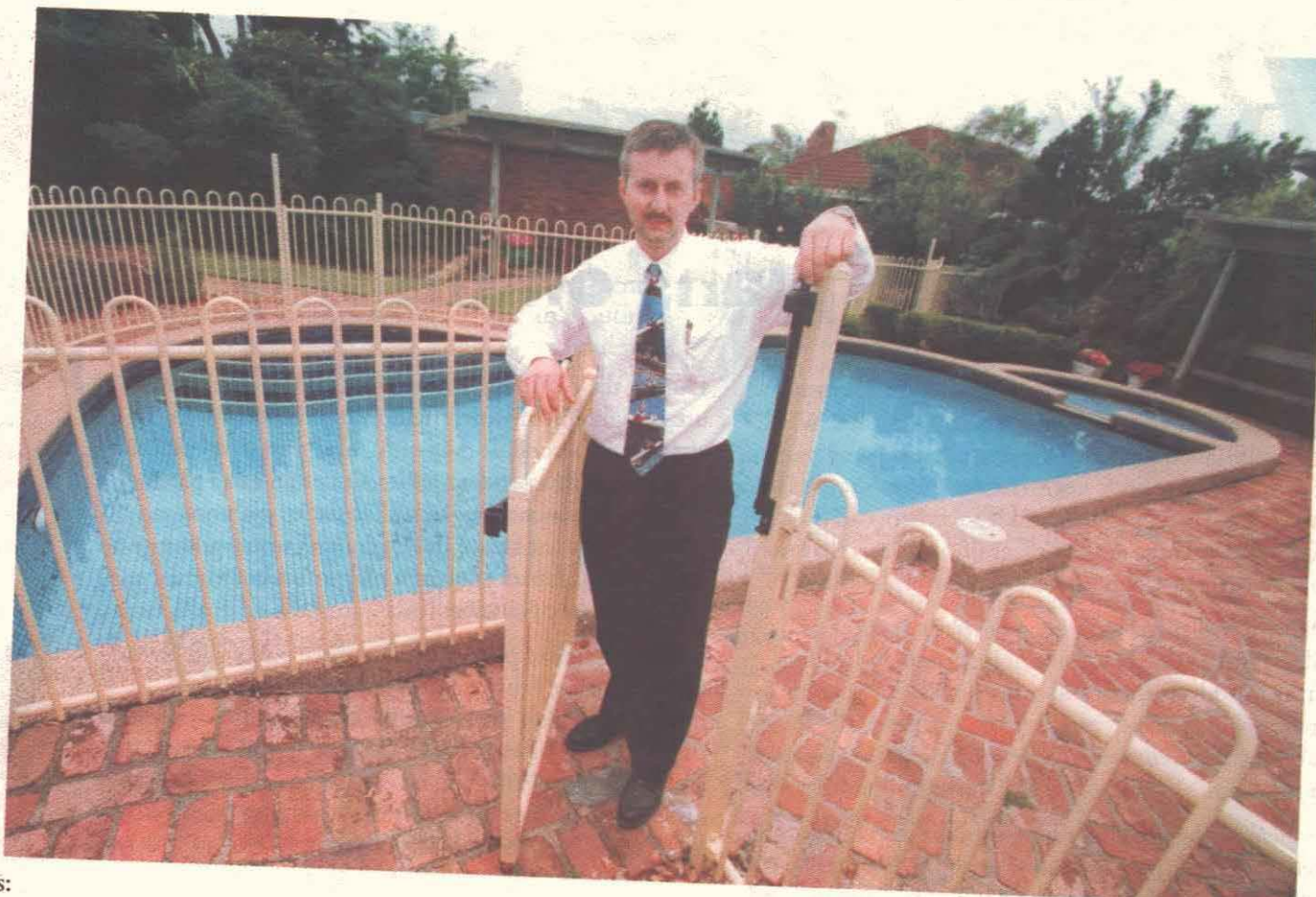
"We need to let people know what the regulations are and the reasons behind those requirements. We're interested in giving people all the information and support they need to comply, rather than just fining them for failing to," he said.

"We want people to be aware of the dangers and take the necessary steps to prevent a tragedy."

Statistics show that in the five years preceding 1996, 550 people died in 451 fires in Australia, of those 131 deaths were in Victoria. During 1997 Victorian Fire Services figures estimated 144 lives and 529 homes were saved as a result of smoke alarms.

Australian Bureau of Statistics figures (1998) estimate 81.5 per cent of households have installed smoke alarms, but simply installing the units is not enough. John emphasises the need to test and maintain the smoke alarms in working order.

"Having a smoke alarm with a flat battery is no better than having no alarm. The battery needs to be changed every year, and the unit must be tested regularly."



Council's Manager of Building Services John Bordignon: "Regulations are not enough."

Likewise with pool fencing, John believes simply installing the fences can give a false sense of security.

"Having safety fencing in place doesn't exclude the need for supervision, children can be very clever at overcoming barriers," he said. "At the very beginning of summer, we'd had five children die in water-related incidents in Victoria."

"People are still dying, and often unnecessarily. Regulations aren't enough, but having them in place and ensuring they are met will help to minimise the risk. We're not going to start knocking on doors, but we want people to realise these things do need to be done," he said.

## Are you smoke safe?

By 1 February 1999, all dwellings and sole-occupancy units were required by State Government law to have a self-contained smoke alarm installed in the appropriate position. Alarms should comply with the Australian Standard number AS 3786-1993. Residents could face a fine of up to \$500 in the Magistrates Court for failing to comply with the regulation.

All new dwellings are required to have "hard wired" alarms (wired directly into the property's electrical system) but existing dwellings can install battery-operated units.

Alarms should be placed on or near the ceiling between each area containing bedrooms and the

remainder of the dwelling. As a general guide this means placing the alarm in the hallway outside the bedrooms, not more than 1.5 metres from the doorway of each bedroom.

Once installed, the alarm should be checked regularly by pushing the "test" button and the battery should be changed once a year. The unit needs to be gently vacuumed or wiped to ensure surface dust does not interfere with its operation.

## Pool safety a must

Since June 1997, State Government laws have required all swimming pools, wading pools and spas with a depth of more than 300mm, to have safety barriers (including a fence, wall, gate or screen) to prevent young children from gaining access.

The City of Glen Eira has more than 1000 swimming pools, and although many have complied with the safety regulations, some no doubt are still without sufficient safety railings and gates.

Council's Building Department may visit sites at any time to ascertain whether safety measures are in place and meet the regulations. Pool and spa owners face an on-the-spot fine of \$200 if not compliant.

**For an information kit, or to have an inspection made of your home or pool (some fees apply), contact Council's Building department on 9524 3201.**

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## Glen Huntly Friendship Group

**February 11:** Bus trip to Gippsland inc. Cardinia Reservoir, Emerald Lake, lunch at Charlotte's, Pottery at Gembrook and Berwick township. Cost \$25. Bus departs 185 Poath Rd, Hughesdale at 9.15am and 99 Grange Rd, Glen Huntly at 9am.

**February 25:** Come along to No. 99 "The Grange Room" for a chat and a cuppa. Show and tell anything you have of interest, prize for the best story. 10am-12. \$2

**May 4, 5, 6:** Bright bus trip, 3 days and 2 nights at Bogong View Motel. Height of the Autumn Festival of Colour. Bookings with deposit of \$20 must be confirmed by end of March.

**Bookings: Margaret 9596 6124**