

Council cleans up

Rubbish that has piled up for years at two Glen Eira properties— despite numerous orders to clean up— has finally been cleared, after strong action by Glen Eira City Council.

Council announced it would move in and clean up the yards at 15 Milford Street, East Bentleigh, and 524 Hawthorn Road, Gardenvale, on 8 April, and charge the cost to the owners— about \$2000 to \$2500.

This prompted immediate changes at the Hawthorn Road property, with the owner removing a large part of the material in the front and back yards (including cars, concrete slabs, timber, iron bed frames, a television) by the deadline. Local Law officers gave the owner a further 10 days to finish the job.

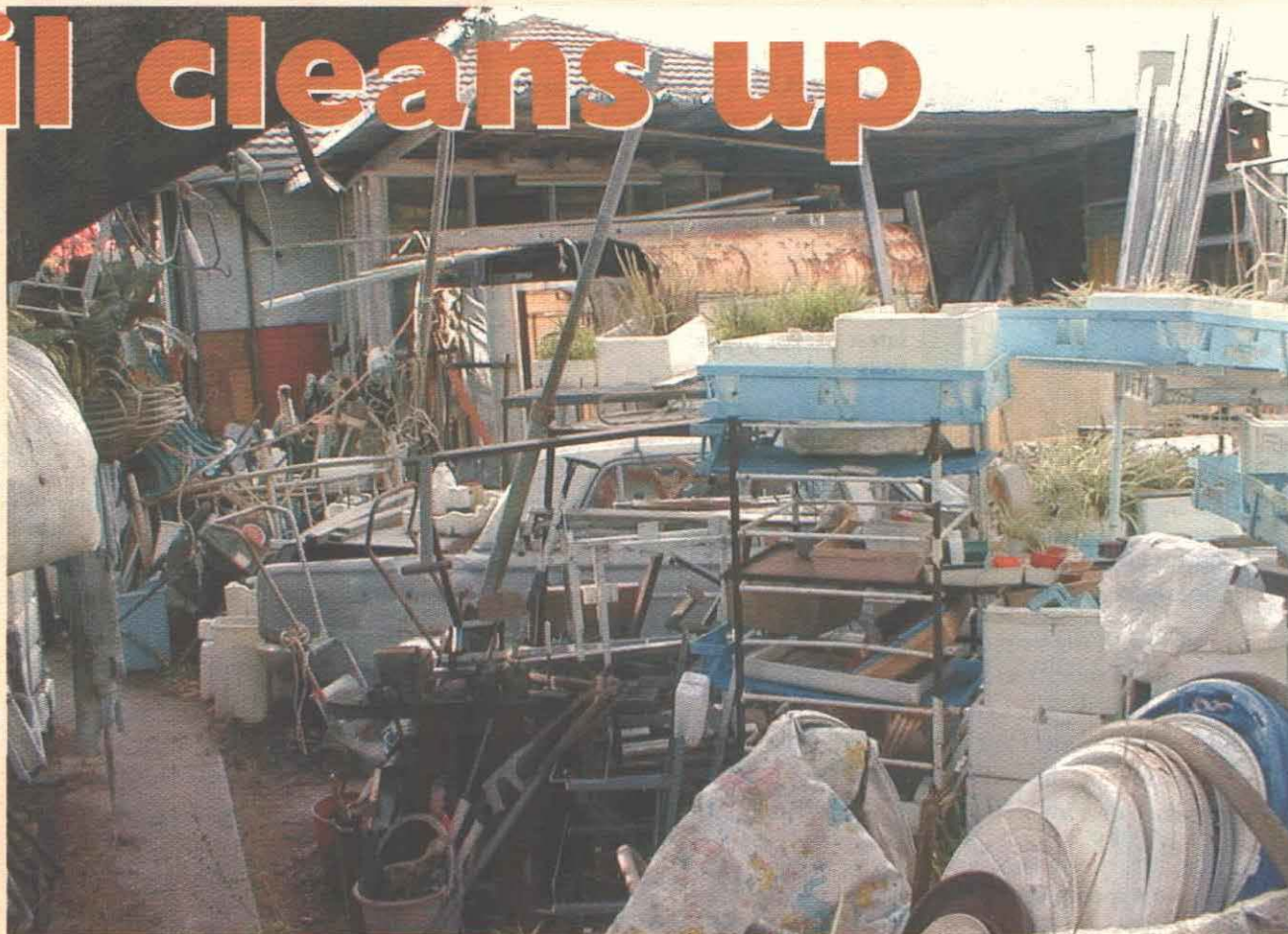
Council contractors did clean up the back yard of the East Bentleigh property, with the owner helping to carry out the large volume of polystyrene boxes, timber, metal, old machinery, bed frames, and such. The clean-up took several days and the owner also agreed to allow nine car bodies to be removed.

Cr Russell Longmuir, who visited the properties on 8 April, said: "This is a great outcome for the community. This has been an issue for many years, with complaints from neighbours about the unsightly, dangerous condition of the properties and the problems of attracting vermin.

"We have got the result we were after: to have the properties cleaned up for the benefit and protection of the community."

The first Council notices were issued to the Hawthorn Road property in 1993. About 20 orders to comply and infringement notices have been sent, as well as meetings with the owner. Notices on the East Bentleigh property go back to 1997.

by **Petrina Dakin**



(Top) A section of the back yard of the East Bentleigh property before the clean up.

(Right) Council's Local Law officers, the owner and his solicitor inspect the progress of the clean up at the Hawthorn Road property.

Photos by Cr Russell Longmuir

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Council is reviewing its electoral representation.... have your say in how many wards and Councillors we should have.

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MAYOR'S column



Glen Eira is a great new City bringing with it the 100-year tradition and history of the old cities of Caulfield and Moorabbin.

I am proud to be the latest Mayor in that long tradition and the first Mayor from Mackie ward.

We have much to be proud of in our City.

Glen Eira is a vibrant city containing a wide range of businesses, peoples and cultures.

My aim, with the help of my fellow Councillors and our Council staff, is to build on all the strengths of the City to make it a better place to live, raise children and work. I am sure that, with the enthusiasm and the wide range of talents and experience that my fellow Councillors bring to the task, we will be successful in this aim.

We have a special interest in this International Year of Older Persons because of the large number of older people living in our city. Please look out for the various activities Glen Eira will run this year. We should all reflect on the sacrifices made by our older people and what we can do to make their lives better.

In order to better understand community needs, Council has recently undertaken a Social Needs Analysis. Findings will be discussed further in community and service provider forums and issues raised will be addressed over this coming year. Work has also begun to implement Council's Disability Action Plan, to consider services for people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds and in the formulation of a public housing policy.

This year I hope to see some of our strategies produce concrete results. This will be the result of two years concerted effort by Councillors and Council staff.

We will be asking for your comments on a number of issues, I urge you to give generously of your thoughts and experience. For example, later this year I hope to review our Communication and Consultation Policy.

I repeat to you a comment I made in my inaugural speech. If there are any areas where you see my Council or I can improve, please let us know.

— Norman Kennedy
Mayor

Deadline for Glen Eira News

The next issue of Glen Eira News will be released on 1-3 June, 1999.

The deadline is **Monday 10 May, 1999.**

For advertising contact Margaret on 9524 3224.

To submit editorial material write to:
Glen Eira News, PO Box 42, Caulfield South 3162.

Glen Eira's Local Laws — do they restrict competition?

Glen Eira has been requested by the State Government to review its Local Laws to determine whether any of the laws place restrictions on competition.

All Councils in Victoria have been required to undertake this review as a result of the National Competition Policy (NCP) which commits all levels of Government to take action on promoting competition and remove anti-competitive barriers against the private sector.

The NCP provides that:

- local laws should not restrict competition unless it can be demonstrated that the benefits of the restriction to the community clearly outweigh the costs; and
- the objectives of the local laws can only be achieved by restricting competition.

Council's one combined local law, the **Glen Eira Local Law 1995** covers a range of issues such as lighting fires, camping, keeping of animals, dangerous and unsightly land, noise and goods on footpaths. The Local Law is divided into a number of categories such as 'activities requiring a permit' and 'conduct prohibited'.

A panel of Council staff reviewed the **Local Law 1995** under the NCP principles and identified 15 clauses which appear to restrict competition. Recommendations have been made as to whether each of these clauses should be amended, removed or retained in order to comply with the NCP guidelines.

Some of the clauses that may restrict competition include:

- placing recycling clothing bins on any land,
- selling liquor, food and other products in Council reserves,
- placing signs and chairs and tables on footpaths,
- selling goods and charitable collections from door to door and at intersections, and
- conducting circuses, carnivals and festivals.

In some cases the panel found that Council's objectives of protecting public amenity and safety on public land justifies the necessity to be covered by

local laws, which outweighs any costs to businesses.

But the panel suggested some clauses be amended to remove restrictions which can be addressed by other means. For example, the review recommends a Council permit should no longer be required to place a recycling bin on private land— this is considered a matter between the owner and bin operator. Any resultant problems over unsightliness or health hazards could be addressed by other provisions of the Local Law or the Health Act.

One clause of the Local Law which may be of particular interest to residents concerns the requirement for charities to obtain a permit when collecting door to door and at intersections.

Council recently adopted policy guidelines that only four charities make collections each year; in order to address concerns about a high frequency of visits to homes creating nuisance. The review panel, however, has found that under the NCP principles, this restriction is anti-competitive in that some charities are directly discriminated against over others.

Thus the panel has recommended Council could more effectively address this perceived nuisance by making guidelines that control how often collections are allowed, rather than limiting which or how many charities can collect.

Council invites public comment on the Local Law review (including the issue of charitable collections) so that it can assess the value placed by the community on the costs and benefits of the above restrictions on competition. Copies of the review document are available from the Council offices, corner Hawthorn Road and Glen Eira Road, or phone 9524 3202 to have a copy mailed.

Written comments will be received until **Monday, 31 May**, and should be addressed to the Chief Executive, Glen Eira City Council, PO Box 42, Caulfield South 3162.

A public meeting to discuss the review will be held **Tuesday, 18 May at 6.30pm**, Conference Room, first floor Council offices, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Road, Caulfield.

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How many wards?

– Glen Eira's electoral representation: your comments invited

Glen Eira City Council wants the community to have its say on a review being undertaken on Council's electoral structure. This review seeks to establish what number of Councillors and wards would be the best model of representation for our City, in readiness for the next Council elections in March 2000 and beyond.

This review is being conducted under section 220(1) of the Local Government Act which requires Council to decide:

- whether the number of voters represented by each Councillor is within 10 per cent of the average number of voters for the total number of Councillors; and
- whether the existing boundaries of the wards of the municipal district are a fair and equitable division of the municipality into wards.

Glen Eira is comprised of three wards, each with a representation of two Councillors. This structure was adopted in 1996 following the creation of the new City after the amalgamation of the former Cities of Caulfield and Moorabbin.

The recent report into the operations of the City by the Inspector of Municipal Administration agreed that a review of Councillor and ward numbers would be appropriate to determine the most effective level of local representation. The Inspector himself suggested increasing the number of Councillors from six to an odd number of either seven or nine to enhance the decision-making process and avoid instances where voting at Council meetings has been split 3:3 and required a casting vote from the Mayor.

Before Council makes any decision on whether a change to the current structure is necessary, your views are invited on the following issues:

- What would be the best model of electoral representation for the City; and also
- Whether the next Council elections set for March 2000 should be conducted by attendance voting or totally by postal voting.

below and on the following page, together with comments on possible advantages and disadvantages of each option.

Option 1 – is an option of your choice,

Option 2 – proposes three wards with three Councillors each per ward,

Option 3 – proposes seven wards with one Councillor each per ward, and

Option 4 – proposes nine wards with one Councillor each per ward.

Your written submission is invited by **Wednesday, 2 June 1999**, so that it can be taken into account.

March 2000 elections: attendance voting or postal voting?

Another decision Council is required to make is whether the next general elections early next year should be conducted either totally by postal voting, or by a combination of attendance and pre-poll voting (as occurred in the 1997 elections).

Postal voting involves all voters on the roll receiving their ballot paper in the mail, accompanied by instructions on how to vote, 100 word statements and indications of preferences from all candidates in their ward, and reply paid envelopes. There is no attendance voting at polling places on "election day".

Postal voting is arguably more convenient to voters, who do not have to set aside time to get to a polling booth on election day. It is particularly advantageous to non-resident owners and those voters who may have difficulty in reaching a polling place, eg disabled people, some religious groups, some voters over 70.

Attendance voting involves voting on a specific day at polling places. Postal voting is also automatically allowed on individual application. Councils may choose to also allow **pre-poll voting** whereby voters can cast their vote personally at designated polling places for a set period before election day. Glen Eira used this combination of attendance, postal and pre-poll voting in 1997.

This combination also has the advantage of spreading voting over a set period rather than just on election

day, as well as allowing for postal voting on request. Candidates and their assistants also have the opportunity to make personal contact with most voters at polling places during the voting period, rather than choosing to rely on the mail.

At the inner metropolitan municipal elections conducted earlier this year, 15 of the 20 elections were run by total postal voting.

Options for ward and Councillor numbers

What is required by law?

According to the Local Government Act:

- ◆ there must be a total of between five and twelve Councillors,
- ◆ each ward may have a minimum of one Councillor,
- ◆ there may be different Councillor numbers in each ward, and
- ◆ voter numbers represented by each Councillor must not vary by more than 10 per cent from the average voter ratio for all Councillors.

Options 2, 3 and 4 on the next page display wards in which voter numbers vary less than six per cent from the above voter ratio per Councillor.

A public meeting to discuss issues relating to the electoral review will be held on Tuesday, 25 May at 8pm in the Glen Eira Theatrette, corner Hawthorn Road and Glen Eira Road, Caulfield. You are invited to attend this meeting.

How to lodge your submission

You may make a formal submission to this review either by filling out this form or by making a separate submission.

Written submissions should be received by 5pm on Wednesday 2 June 1999 and be addressed to:

Chief Executive
Glen Eira City Council
PO Box 42
Caulfield South Vic 3162

Council will consider submissions at its Ordinary meeting on Monday 7 June 1999 commencing at 7.30pm in the Council Chamber, corner Hawthorn and Glen Eira Roads, Caulfield.

Submissions will be considered in accordance with section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989 and anyone who has requested that he or she be heard at this meeting in support of their written submission will be entitled to appear in person or by a person acting on his or her behalf when directed at the meeting.



Option 1:
You choose

You may wish to outline your preference of a combination of ward and Councillor numbers. For example, you may advocate the current structure of three two-Councillor wards.

My preference is for
wards and
Councillors per ward.

Draw your own ward boundaries on the blank map here, and send it back with your submission.

Options continued overleaf

Option 2:

Three wards/nine Councillors (three per ward)

Average number of voters per Councillor would be 10,450.

This option uses the current ward boundaries, as per the 1997 elections, but allows for three Councillors in each ward (instead of two).

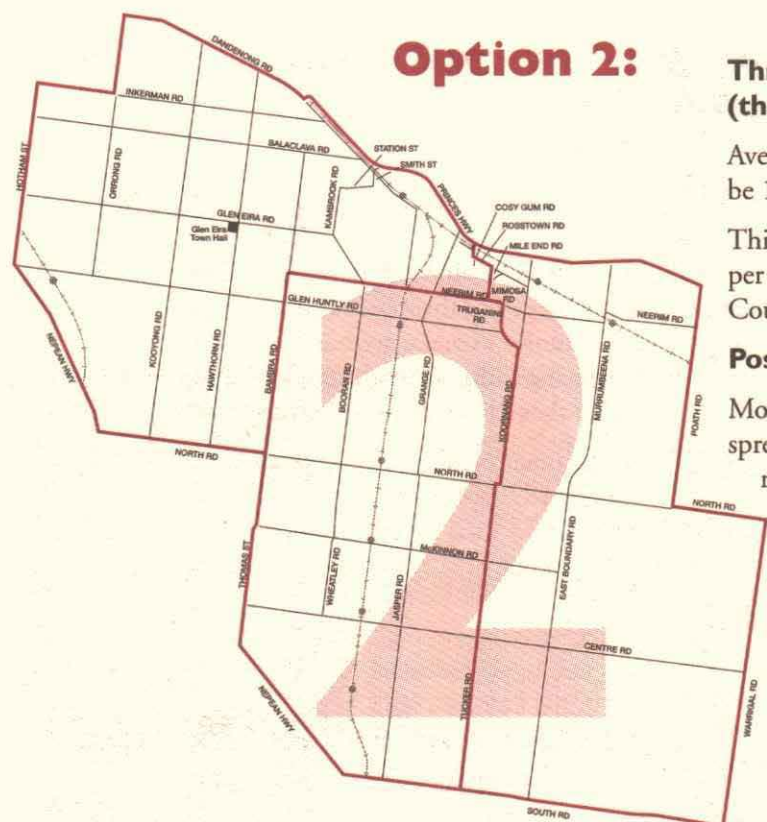
Possible advantages of this option

More Councillors per ward may mean a better spread of workloads and greater accessibility to residents. Also individual Councillors would

be less likely to dominate over decisions. Current north-south division of wards would be retained, with continued integration between former Caulfield and Moorabbin areas.

Potential disadvantages

Councillors may concentrate on ward politics at the expense of Council-wide issues. Large wards are more costly to independent candidates when running election campaigns, and multi-member wards may necessitate co-operation between candidates in running tickets to be elected.



Option 4:

Nine wards/nine Councillors (one per ward)

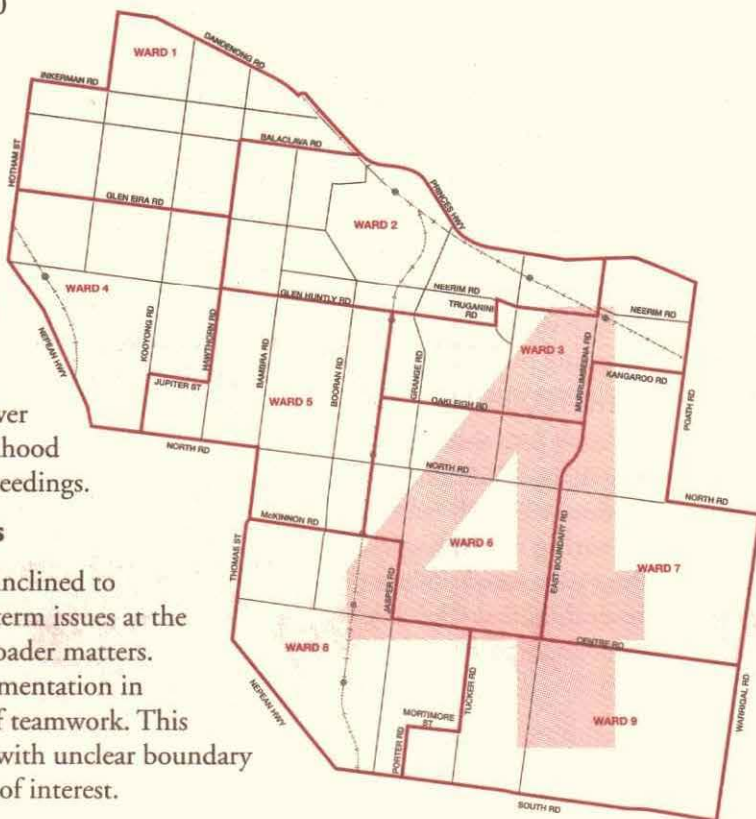
Average number of voters per Councillor would be 10,450

Possible advantages of this option

Smaller wards may mean residents receive more 'local' representation. Councillors may have better, more specific understanding of their local area and community of interest. Also, Councillors have potentially smaller power bases, thus there is less likelihood of factions dominating proceedings.

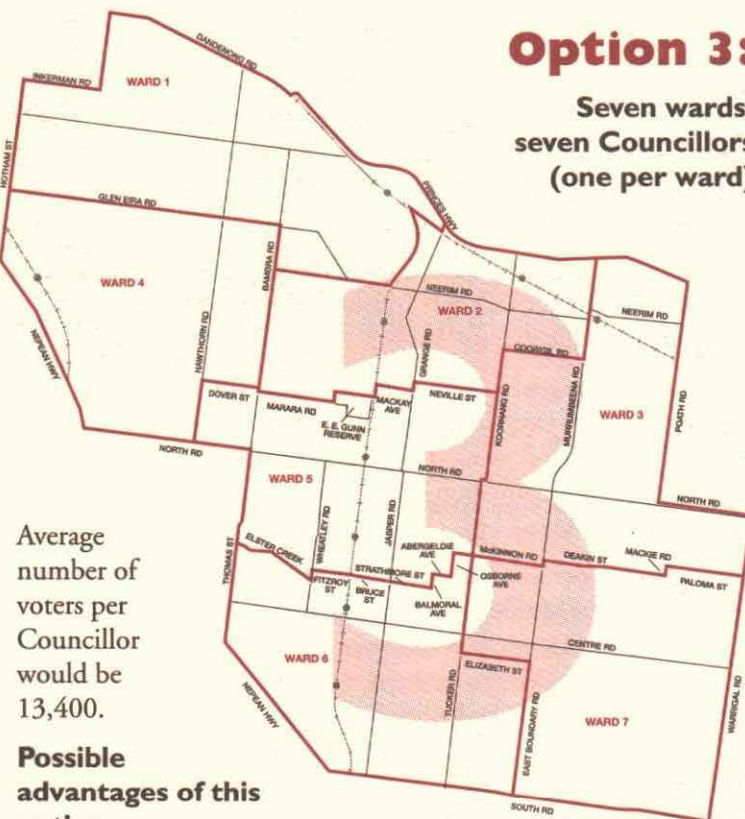
Potential disadvantages

Councillors could be more inclined to concentrate on local, short term issues at the expense of Council wide broader matters. There may be resultant fragmentation in decision-making and lack of teamwork. This option creates small wards, with unclear boundary definitions or communities of interest.



Option 3:

Seven wards/ seven Councillors (one per ward)



Average number of voters per Councillor would be 13,400.

Possible advantages of this option

This option offers a larger number of Councillors than present, but could maintain a balance between broad strategic issues and local concerns. Single Councillor wards may provide less of an incentive for Councillors to form factions or power bases. Smaller wards are less costly for candidates to run campaigns.

Potential disadvantages

Residents' accessibility to single-ward Councillors may be more restricted than in multi-member wards. Councillors may be elected on minor local issues rather than Council-wide matters. Smaller wards are less clearly definable as communities of interest.

Your Feedback

- Which option do you prefer? (Please tick one box)
Option 1 ☐ Option 2 ☐ Option 3 ☐ Option 4 ☐
- Do you wish for the next Council elections set for March 2000 to be conducted by (please tick one box):
(a) Total postal voting? ☐ or (b) A combination of attendance and pre-poll voting? ☐
- Please give details or reasons behind your choices above, as well as any other comments you may have on Glen Eira's electoral structure. If space is insufficient, please attach additional pages.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Anzacs *march on*

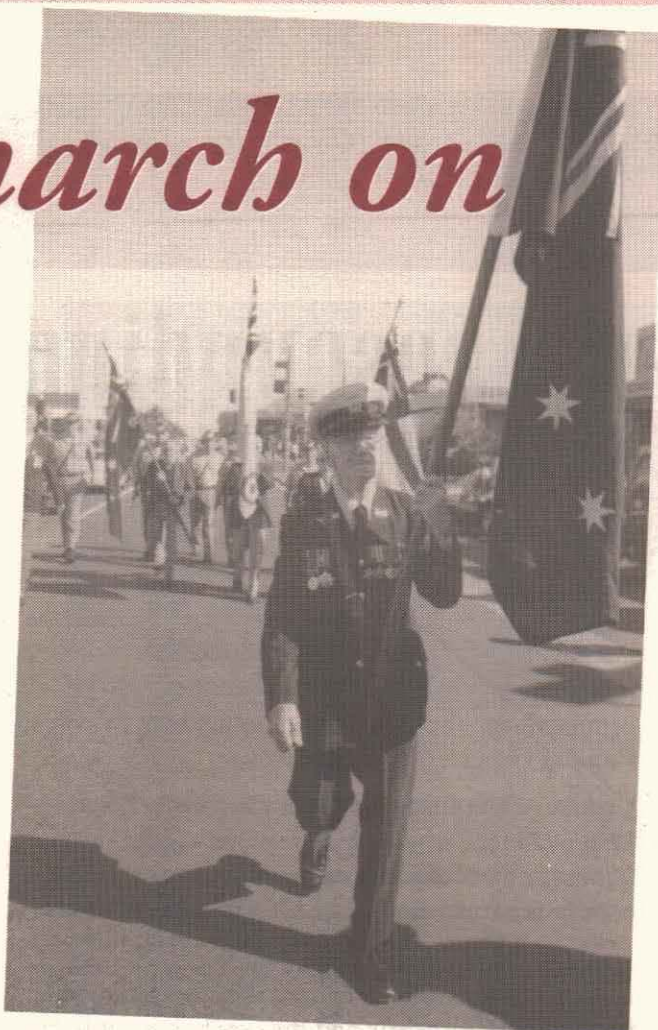
A glorious sunny autumn day was the perfect setting for Glen Eira City Council's Anzac Day commemorative service at Caulfield Park on Sunday 18 April.

About 400 people took part in the service. Glen Eira City Band accompanied RSL members as they marched to the cenotaph, and then combined with Glen Eira City Choir for *God Save the Queen*, *Advance Australia Fair* and hymns during the service.

Mayor Cr Norman Kennedy led the service, including the wreath-laying at the cenotaph. An address was given by Caulfield RSL president Tom McLean, and the Anzac Requiem was read by Mr Ian Butcher from Bentleigh RSL.

Mayoress Mrs Nola Kennedy, Cr Barry and Mrs Jane Neve, Cr Alan and Mrs Judi Grossbard, Cr Veronika Martens, Cr Russell and Mrs Mandy Longmuir, Cr Noel and Mrs Helen Erlich, Mrs Helen Shardey MLA (State Member for Caulfield) and Mr Michael Danby MHR (Federal Member for Melbourne Ports), and senior Council officers also attended the service.

Crs Neve and Longmuir also attended the Bentleigh RSL service earlier in the day, which included a march of about 150 people down Centre Road (pictured above) to the RSL clubrooms, for the wreath laying and memorial service. Ian Butcher from Bentleigh RSL said the weather was "inspiring" and made it a great day for the 300 people attending the service. Guest speaker was Captain James Murdoch from the merchant navy.



A service was also held in the morning at the Carnegie RSL and was attended by Crs Kennedy, Grossbard, Martens and Erlich and MPs Andrew Brideson and Helen Shardey. The address was made by special guest Lieutenant Colonel Lester Truex. Carnegie RSL president Pat Murphy said the service held at the clubrooms in Rosanna Street was well attended by about 120 people, including veterans and their wives and widows.



New payment locations

As reported in last month's Glen Eira News, from 1 May Council rate payments became payable at Post Offices and Post Office Agencies.

All Council accounts ceased to be payable at any bank from April 30. Following is a list of locations of Post Offices and Agencies where Council payments can be made.

Please note: from 1 May, until further notice, accounts for Meals on Wheels, Day Care, Home Help, Home Maintenance, Respite, Hostels (Camden, Heathlands, Rosstown), Nursing Home (Spurway), Specific Care (Disability Care) and Community Bus Hire can only be paid either at the Cashier at Council offices or by posting a cheque to GPO Box 184C Melbourne 3001.

Location of Australia Post Offices and Agencies:

(Within or within close proximity to Glen Eira)

Street Address	Suburb
148A Hawthorn Road	Caulfield North
350 Orrong Road	Caulfield North
Shop 4 170 Martin Street	Gardenvale
1-3 Carre Street	Elsternwick
631 Glen Huntly Road	Caulfield South
330 Hawthorn Road	Caulfield
601 Hawthorn Road	Brighton East
457 Neerim Road	Murrumbeena
1179-1181 Glen Huntly Road	Glen Huntly
177 Booran Road	Caulfield South
95 Koornang Road	Carnegie
543 North Road	Ormond
366 Centre Road	Bentleigh
148 McKinnon Road	McKinnon
651 Centre Road	Bentleigh East
63 Mackie Road	Bentleigh East
417 South Road	Bentleigh
309 Chesterville Road	Bentleigh East
51 Patterson Road	Bentleigh
478 South Road	Moorabbin
1144A North Road	Oakleigh South
96A Poath Road	Hughesdale
28 Derby Road	Caulfield East
114A Westbury Close	Balaclava
93 Glen Eira Road	Rippon Lea

FREE household chemical collection

If your home has chemical wastes, bring them for disposal at the Moorabbin Town Hall car park corner of Nepean Highway and South Road, Moorabbin on Saturday 29 May.

Collection includes: aerosol cans, cleaning and polishing products, pharmaceuticals, paint strippers, thinners, glues and paint, pesticides and weed killers, transmission fluids, batteries and battery acid, old fire alarms, extinguishers, pool or photographic chemicals safety ammunition or gas cylinders.

No limit on number of items, but no single item may exceed 20 litres.

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Tuesday 18 May 1999, 6:30pm - 9:30pm, City of Glen Eira

ARTS

Japanese Festival a resounding success

by Susan Pilbeam

The Ogaki Glen Eira Japanese Festival held from 19 to 28 March was an overwhelming success, with more than 3000 people attending a wide range of events during the 10 days. The festival was well supported by Glen Eira residents, and also attracted visitors from throughout Melbourne and country areas.

Many members of the Japanese community were involved and the diversity of the programs attracted audiences of all ages— all events were enthusiastically received.

The City of Glen Eira was honoured by the visit of Ogaki's Mayor Ogura and he and his party were delighted by their welcome and the obvious interest in Japanese culture. The generosity of sister city

Ogaki made the richness and authenticity of the Festival possible and palpable. Working with the delegates from Japan, the Japanese-Australian and Australian artists and volunteers was a wonderful experience and enhanced this intercultural sharing significantly. The personal contact and

cooperation ensures this special relationship will continue to grow on all levels.

The 1999 festival grew out of discussions between the Friendly Cities Committee and Council's Arts programmers over the last 18 months, to commemorate the 10-year relationship between Glen Eira and Ogaki.

Chairperson of the Sister Cities Committee Cr Veronika Martens said the festival was a great success: "This was particularly thanks to Council staff and the contribution and support of our friends from Ogaki."

She said: "It was particularly rewarding to see such an involvement from the schools. Our exchange program has been very successful and this was borne out by the involvement of our schools in the festival activities."

The festival fostered further development of the connection between schools in Glen Eira and Ogaki. The ongoing schools programs, including use of the internet, has already generated wide interest, and involves hundreds of students.

It was timely that in the International Year of Older Persons, Glen Eira was privileged to host Master Artists, who embody a reverence for age and experience, integral to Japanese culture. Their visits to residential communities were much appreciated by the city's older citizens; and of particular interest was the Ikebana demonstrations.

Cr Martens also acknowledged the gift of a ceremonial stone lantern, made to the people of Glen Eira by Ogaki. She said the lantern would be used as the feature of a Japanese garden, now in the planning stages, and was a symbol of the strengthening relationship between the two cities.



Vince Jones in concert

Sunday 30 May at 2.30pm

The dynamic Vince Jones returns to the Arts Complex after a 'full house' cabaret performance last year.

Singer and trumpeter, songwriter and bandleader Vince Jones is one of the few household names in Australian jazz. With ten albums to his credit he continually performs to sell out crowds.

'A world class act not to be missed!'

Tickets: \$25

Bookings: Glen Eira Service Centre, corner Hawthorn and Glen Eira Roads, Caulfield. Telephone 9524 3371.



Exhibitions

Gallery hours: Monday–Friday 10am–5pm and Saturday and Sunday 1–5pm.

Urban Landscape & the natural world

5 to 16 May

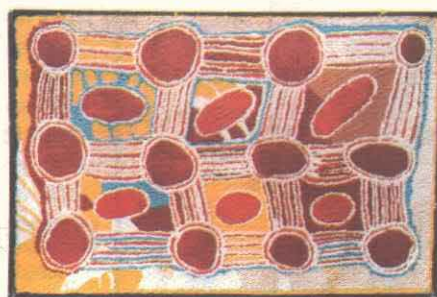
The contemporary landscape paintings of Melbourne artist Jennifer Plunkett are bold and energetic. Her sweeping brushwork is confident— counterpoised against bold contrasting colours. In this survey exhibition, Jennifer shows two particular groups of work: the landscape series revealing acute observations of urban development; and a series on the natural world of the subtropical and temperate rainforest.



Time moves on

6 to 16 May

Aboriginal painting is one of the most exciting forces in Australian art today. This exhibition presents a mix of work by both well-known and new Aboriginal artists including: Gloria Petyarre, Nancy Petyarre, Ada Bird Petyarre, Lindsay Bird Mpetyane and Ronnie Tjampajimpa. Curator Jennifer Dudley is a highly respected dealer in Aboriginal art and travels widely, working with art collectives and indigenous artists.



Images

19 to 30 May



Television, theatre, sporting events, bush walking and the joy of creating images make up a new exhibition by Elsternwick artist Alan Clarke. His work often carries a satiric humour through its brightly-coloured, sweeping brush marks and "cartoonist" style. The subject matter varies greatly from sporting images such as boxing, or swimming, through to beautiful still life and landscape depictions.

Aileen Brown & Cliff Judge

19 to 30 May

Brown's technical command of linocut printing has been favourably compared with one of Australia's best known print makers, Margaret Preston. The artist's subject matter ranges from domestic themes, still life, and children's illustrations.



Cliff Judge particularly enjoys painting the Otways— with its low, dry scrub at the back of Anglesea. Tonal and subdued in their colouring Judge's works are a well-observed interpretation of our summer landscapes. An illustrated catalogue will accompany both exhibitions.



Classic Virtuosi Series II

Australian Classical Players

The Australian Classical Players was formed in early 1998 as one of the major performing ensembles within MLC Music Academy with the aim of providing a unique and supportive musical training and performance environment for younger players, as well as professional and amateur musicians. They will perform four programs in 1999 at different venues.

Musicians in the orchestra range from 14 to 76 years of age. The younger players have the special opportunity of working alongside professional players, some of whom have more than 40 years orchestral experience.

The program on Saturday 15 May contains some of the best loved and most beautiful music for string orchestra, including Grieg's *Holberg Suite* and Elgar's *String Serenade*. There will also be performances of three baroque concerti, featuring instrumental soloists from the orchestra.

George Vi and Dominique Gallery will play Bach's



Double Violin Concerto, and the two Vivaldi works will feature solo's for bassoon, oboe and flute. The concert also features Albinoni's famous and much-loved Adagio for organ and strings. The orchestra will be accompanied by harpsichordist Peter Hagen and conducted by Ivan Ungar, who shares the conductor's podium with Peter Marks during the year.

The Australian Classical Players will perform in the Glen Eira Auditorium on **Saturday 15 May at 8pm**. Tickets: \$28 full \$22 concession. Credit card bookings telephone ticketmaster on 136 166 or Rosanna Verde on 9524 3287.



The Write Way

— the winners of the 1999 Glen Eira Writers Competition

Now in its third year, the Glen Eira Writers Competition received over 400 entries across the four categories and for the first time, My Brother Jack Short Story judges Stephanie Holt and Arnold Zable awarded an equal first and equal third prize.

Stephanie Holt, editor of Meanjin said: What made the two winning stories particularly compelling was their subtle use of tragedy and the way it touches everyday life. As judges we were left with a feeling of real confidence in the writers' work".

Judge of the children's categories author Hazel Edwards added: "I was impressed with the delicate and sophisticated handling of themes from children aged 10 to 14 years. The pieces showed great maturity and intelligence."

Equal first prize winner and published novelist Marshall Browne was thrilled with his award admitting that he had only started writing short stories recently. He said: "It was pleasing that the City of Glen Eira promotes a writing competition allowing writers (new and established) something to aim for."



Judge Stephanie Holt (centre) with winning story readers Rachel Forgasz and Alan Hopgood.

Following the announcements, actors Alan Hopgood and Rachel Forgasz brought the winning stories and poems to life in a moving reading of the winning entries.

Congratulations to the following winners:

My Brother Jack Short Story Award Judges: Arnold Zable and Stephanie Holt

Equal 1st prize **Marshall Browne**, *Point of Departure, Point of Return*

and **Jane Watson**, *Millefiori*

Equal 3rd prize **B. Wongar**, *The Road Show*

and **Garth Madsen**, *Black Basalt*

Glen Eira/Dymocks Local Short Story Award Judge: Jennifer Dabbs

1st prize **Carol McNally**,
The House of Five Bananas

Children's Short Story Award

1st prize **Tameka Buckley**,
The Meeting

2nd prize **Peter Evans**,
Up, Up and ...

Children's Poetry Award Judge: Hazel Edwards

1st prize **Meredith Kraina**, *Swat It!*

2nd prize **Diana Neale**, *The Evil Beast*

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Carol McNally

Placed on Hold

A play by Joy Dettman

This theatre season features three very different music and theatre performances, linked by the common theme of World War II. Each begins with a musical presentation, followed by a short monologue. The plays feature well known and loved performers familiar to many through stage, film and television.

The series highlights core ideals of the International Year of Older Persons, particularly valuing the skills and experiences of older people. For those who were young during the 40s the music and stories will no doubt bring back many memories and are sure to raise a smile and a tear. For others, it is a wonderful opportunity to see virtuoso actors presenting some of the best in new Australian playwriting.



Theatre productions are not new to acclaimed theatre director and resident Arts Programmer Susan Pilbeam. She has worked extensively in schools, festivals, community and fringe theatre, specialising in work by new writers and cross-media devised works. She has directed at La Mama, Theatreworks, Gasworks

Theatre, The Organ Factory and the Anthill Theatre. Susan recently presented a keynote address to the inaugural Women Director's Symposium (VCA 99).

Susan, who first directed *Placed on Hold* at Gasworks Theatre in 1997 (with John Flaus) said: "John and I both had the same response to the work as soon as we read it: it was very funny, very Australian and had something to say. It is an acutely observed picture of suburban life."

Placed on Hold is a contemporary black comedy about aging in a radically changing world. John Flaus delights in playing Mervyn, a grumpy old battler, who is meeting the millenium and its changes with resentment and disillusionment. Brenda Palmer plays Nellie, his wife.

John Flaus has a long and varied career in Australian theatre, film and television, and his most recent work includes *The Castle*, *Sea Change* (ABCTV) and *Hotel Sorrento* (Playbox).

This play was first staged two years ago. Since then Joy Dettman has become an award winning writer and her first novel *Malawindy* was a bestseller.

Music will be performed by Bob Horsfall and Helen Jowsey, featuring the vocal talents of Dorothy Baker, considered by many to be "Australia's Vera Lynn".

***Placed on Hold* will be performed at the Glen Eira Theatre on Friday 14 and Saturday 15 May at 8pm, and Sunday, 16 May matinee at 2.30pm. Tickets: \$18 full \$15 concession. Bookings phone: 9524 3402.**

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

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

LIBRARY News

Write Around Australia

Children's author Jane Godwin launched the National Nestle Write Around Australia creative writing program, at Caulfield Library on Wednesday 24 March.

To get the program for older primary school children off to a flying start, Jane ran a writing workshop for 70 Year 5 and 6 students from Shelford Anglican Girls' School.

Jane is the author of *Dreaming of Antarctica*, *Sebby*, *Stee the Garbos and Me* and *The Family Tree*, her latest book for older readers. She will return to Glen Eira in July for a series of creative writing workshops with local school children at the libraries.

Glen Eira City Council's Library and Information Service is one of 50 public libraries across Australia chosen to co-ordinate the program in their region, which includes hosting writing workshops with published writers, and judging entries to the writing competition.

Prizes are valued at more than \$200,000 and students have the chance to have their work published in a book of winning stories.

Last year, Nestle Write Around Australia attracted more than 46,000 participants, making it the biggest creative writing program in Australia.

The writing competition closes on 14 May and entry forms are available from schools and libraries and on the Nestle Write Around Australia site at www.writearound.com.au

Libraries: explore and discover!

Free programs for adults during Australian Library Week 17-23 May:

Feng Shui with Adrian Button

Wednesday 19 May, 7.30pm at Bentleigh Library.

Join this Feng Shui specialist to learn about popular aspects of this Chinese design method. Bookings: Bentleigh Library on 9557 8278

Meet the author: Arnold Zable

Thursday 20 May, 7.30pm at Caulfield Library.

Arnold Zable, local author of *Jewels and Ashes* talks about the inspiration and ideas behind his writing. Bookings at Caulfield Library on 9532 9466

I didn't know that!

Continuing our series of programs especially for adults:

Tickets: \$3 for Library members or \$5 for Non-members, available from any library or at the door.

Is it Bonzai or Bonsai?

Wednesday 2 June, 4pm at Carnegie Library.

Learn this and lots more about this ancient and fascinating technique.

"I Feel a Speech Coming On..."

Thursday 17 June, 7.30pm at Bentleigh Library.

Join actor Arthur Irvine as he explores what is actually involved in public speaking and how to be a hit at it.

Margaret Frecker: Antiques and Old Wares

Tuesday 22 June, 2.30pm at Caulfield Library.

Find out what collecting antiques and old wares is all about.



Author Jane Godwin (centre) signs her book for the school library with girls from Shelford Girls School.

New mothers coffee morning

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A coffee morning for new mothers will be held at the Town Hall Maternal and Child Health centre on the 4th Wednesday of each month, from 11.30am to 12.30pm.

Morning tea will be provided.

Bring your baby and have a chat over coffee about how your life has changed!!

Fathers also welcome.

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Departs: 9 October

9 day Ghan and Red Centre Tour

Travel to the Red Centre by the Ghan train. See Alice Springs, Ayers Rock, the Olgas, Western MacDonnells, Kings Canyon

Departs: 8 August 1999

CONTACT: 9572 0571 or 9523 7862 (AH)



City of Caulfield Lions Club

The City of Caulfield Lions Club is looking for community-minded citizens.

More than 33 years ago, a group of community-minded residents in the Caulfield area realised there were many residents in their area who could benefit from their assistance. Thus the Lions Club of Caulfield was formed. It now comprises the areas of Caulfield, Elsternwick, Brighton, Ormond and Glen Huntly.

Lions, being a proud and modern organisation (largest in the world) has changed with the times, and now admits both men and women—the only prerequisite is being 18 years of age and having a desire to be of service to the community.

In the past few years our membership has declined, mainly due to transfers and age and, as a result, we are unable to take on some of the service projects we have undertaken in the past.

City of Caulfield Lions has:

- contributed to Glen Eira City Council three buses (hoist in one) and one caravan,
- donated to Council Hostels in the form of building and equipment,
- donated money to diabetics, blind organisations, and the eye bank,
- supported youth projects: Lions youth camp at Licola, world wide youth exchange, and schools projects,
- provided Father Christmas,
- provided funding for Spurway Nursing Home and
- many, many other projects.

Funds are raised by selling Lions Christmas cakes and through collections at Caulfield Racecourse. Also through Lions Club and Volunteers Opportunity Shop where all proceeds go to local needy and disadvantaged.

The City of Caulfield Lions Club invites interested people to contact the club and attend a meeting to find out more about being involved with supporting community projects. Lions is a happy group which loves helping those who are in need.

The club meets twice a month on the first and third Mondays.

Contact: Robert Larkins (President) on 9578 5791 or Harvey Same (Secretary) on 9509 0539.

Toilet training a young child can be a challenge at times!

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You are invited to an informal talk on

TOILET TRAINING

— the Essentials!

by Jenny Burley from Caulfield Community Care

COST: \$3

DATE: Tuesday 18 May

TIME: 1.30–3pm

VENUE: Town Hall
Corner Hawthorn and Glen Eira Roads
Caulfield South

or

DATE: Thursday 10 June

TIME: 10.30–12pm

VENUE: Moorleigh Maternal and Child Health Centre
92 Bignell Road, East Bentleigh

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Our city streets

— who maintains what?

by Kerry Martin, Assets Manager

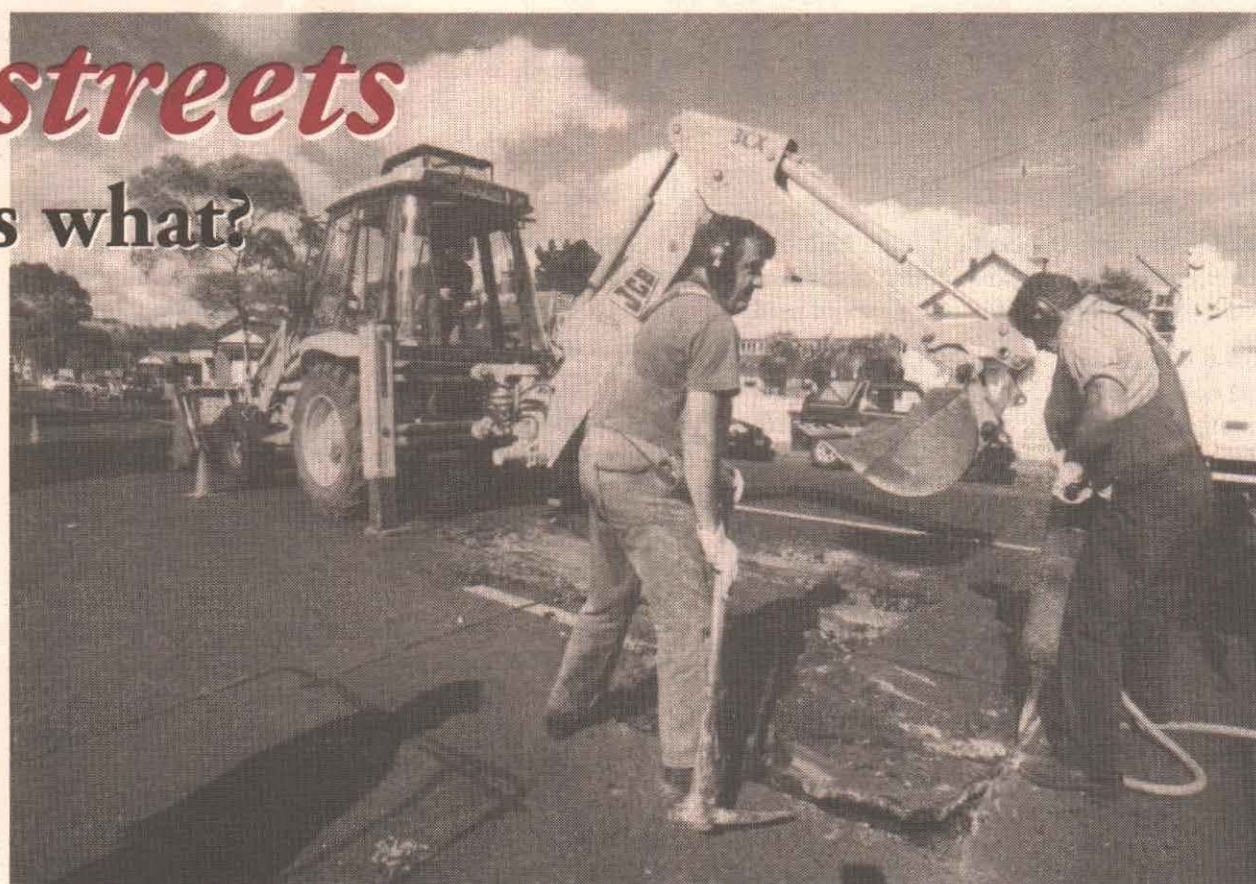
Glen Eira has almost 1200 streets with a total length of 455 kilometres. They vary from small culs-de-sac to major through roads. Each one is important and has to be maintained for the safety and convenience of all road users.

Council's City Services division is responsible for maintaining the streets in good condition. Maintenance work consists mainly of patching potholes and failed sections, repairing openings created by the public utilities, builders and plumbers and re-sealing the surface.

This financial year Council will spend \$1,700,000 on repairing and maintaining its roads. It will receive \$800,000 in grants and income from the Grants Commission, VicRoads and the various public utilities and contractors for the maintenance, repair and reinstatement of roads.

The work is done by GlenWorks, the city's in-house infrastructure maintenance team. It is hard work and is often done in hazardous situations on busy roads. You can help by observing road-works signs, slowing down and driving carefully through work sites.

While Glen Eira maintains the majority of streets, responsibility for a number of roads remains with others. These include:



1. State highways—the through carriageway is maintained by VicRoads and the service road by Glen Eira, on Dandenong Road, North Road, Nepean Highway and Warrigal Road.

2. Roads that form the boundary with an adjoining municipality, ie Hotham Street (maintained by City of Port Phillip); South Road (maintained by City of Kingston); Inkerman Road from Hotham to Orrong and Orrong Road from Inkerman to Dandenong (Glen Eira and Port Phillip each maintain their side

as far as the centre of the road); Thomas Street (maintained by Glen Eira and Bayside); and Poath Road (maintained by Glen Eira and Monash).

3. Roads with tram lines—the section within the tram lines is maintained by the PTC, ie Hawthorn Road, Glen Huntly Road, Truganini Road (Glen Huntly Road to Koornang Road), Balaclava Road and Normanby Road (Balaclava Road to Smith Street).

If you see a problem in any street in the city please contact our **Customer Service Centre on 9524 3333**.



Meals on Wheels

Volunteers wanted to help deliver meals

Can you spare some time monthly, fortnightly, weekly or on weekends?

Glen Eira Food Services is calling for volunteer drivers and jockeys to help deliver its Meals on Wheels Service 7 days per week.

Please contact our Volunteer Coordinator on 9563 6611 (Monday–Friday between 9.30am and 1.30pm).

The Meals on Wheels Service operates from the Glen Eira Food Services office located at 15 Truganini Road, Carnegie.

Pet registration extended

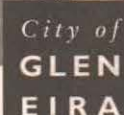
The 1999/2000 pet registration renewals have now been distributed and Council has extended the payment date until 20 May. Payment should be made at the cashier at Council offices, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn roads, Caulfield.

Fees are \$27 for dogs (up \$1 for 1999/2000), while the fee of \$17 remains the same for cats. This fee applies if the animal is desexed, has a microchip or has received a certificate of competency in obedience. Pensioner fees for such animals are \$11 for dogs (up \$1) and \$6 for cats (no change).

Residents are reminded that any dog or cat over the age of six months must be registered with Council. Fines of \$200 per animal will be imposed if animals are found not to be registered.

Information night

— for developers and planning permit applicants



The Glen Eira City Council Planning Office is holding an information evening for developers and applicants of planning permits in the City of Glen Eira to provide information on the following topics:

- the Municipal Strategic Statement (What is it? What does it aim to do? How does it apply to my planning permit application?),
- local variations to the Good Design Guide (Why do we have them and what is Council trying to achieve?),
- the importance of pre-application advice from the planning office, and
- lodging a planning application for medium density housing/residential uses.

A panel including Jeff Akehurst (Director City Development), Sue Monagle (Manager Statutory Planning), Jason Close (Manager Strategic Planning) and Duncan Turner (Manager Policy Development) will be available to provide background information and answer any questions from the floor. Councillors will also be invited to the evening.

WHEN: Wednesday 12 May at 7pm

WHERE: Reception Room, Glen Eira Council Offices, corner Hawthorn and Glen Eira Roads, Caulfield 3162 (enter via Glen Eira Road entrance under the clock tower).

If you would like to attend, please contact Julie Cogdon on 95243239 and register now.

Having trouble accessing information on personal or health issues?

Mental health?

Eyesight?

Hearing?

Dental?

Arthritis?

Family health?

Exercise, nutrition and recreation?



Community Information Glen Eira can help you!

Community Information Glen Eira has access to a huge database of information including:

- ♦ public health services ♦ support services ♦ council services ♦ accommodation ♦ aged services ♦

For further information on any of these public health issues and more, please phone: Community Information Glen Eira on 9524 3200 or 9524 3272

between 9.30am and 4pm Monday to Friday.
Or call in at 256 Hawthorn Road Caulfield South and see one of the friendly staff.

COMMUNITY *Diary*

Events and activities

Market day at 12th Caulfield Scout Hall, Beavis Street, Elsternwick; third Saturday of each month 10am-4pm. All types of goods, new and used.

Royal Children's Hospital—Caulfield Auxiliary will hold a card luncheon on Monday 31 May at the Alma Club, Wilks Street, Caulfield North. New members welcome. Bookings: 9528 6616 or 9578 2395.

Tales from the track at the Australian Racing Museum on Tuesday 25 May, 6.30-7.30pm. Entry via Gate 22, Caulfield Racecourse, Station Street, Caulfield. Guest speaker: renowned trainer Bob Hoysted. Cost: \$5. Contact: Chris Barry 9257 7279.

A fashion parade will be held by the Murrumbeena Kindergarten at Chadstone shopping centre on 19 May. Ticket only entry: \$10 pre-paid or \$13 before entry. Contact: 9569 0371.

St Catharine's Music Festival 1999 featuring Fabian Mohr, harpsichord. Sunday 16 May at St Catharine's Anglican Church, 402 Kooyong Road, Caulfield South at 2 pm. Cost: \$10 (\$6 concession). Contact: Rev. Sue Brooks 9523 7135 or Fabian Mohr 9592 4015 (AH).

Immediate start

GlenCare Services
Home Care Positions
Permanent Part-time/Casual

GlenCare Services provide a range of in-home and social support services for frail older adults within the City of Glen Eira.

Are you:

- Dedicated • Caring • Self-motivated
- Find working with older adults rewarding?

Then we can offer you:

- Flexibility • Team Support • Great Benefits
- Career Path

GlenCare requires people to support clients, who often live alone and who have difficulties with daily living tasks. The primary goal is to create opportunities for clients to maintain independence

Meetings and clubs

St. Agnes' play group, 116 Booran Road, Glen Huntly, first and third Wednesdays of each month at 10.30am. Cost: \$1 per session per family. Children up to 4 years. Coffee and chat for parents. Contact: Mary Rummery 9809 5238 or Rose Dyer 9571 3679.

Bentleigh Life Activities Club offers opportunities to meet new friends and enjoy social activities such as table tennis, scrabble, solo, canasta, music, craft, golf, and armchair travel. Contact: 95802461.

Caulfield Day View Club (Voice Interests and Education of Women). Make new friends and enjoy activities. Small friendly group. New members welcome. Activities aid the work of Smith Family. Contact: Val 9578 1302.

Rotary Club of Elsternwick will have guest speaker Minister for Tourism and Small Business and MLC for Monash Province Louise Asher at its breakfast meeting, Caulfield RSL, St Georges Road, Elsternwick, Tuesday 8 June at 7.15am. Cost: \$12 per person. Contact Andrew Manser 9533 0455 BH.

Scout vacancies: 12 Caulfield Scout Group, Beavis Street, Elsternwick has vacancies for Cubs (8-11), Scouts (11-15), Venturers (15-18), and for leaders in all sections. Contact: Murray 9820 2682.

and to provide a high quality service, which will enable them to remain living at home.

Duties include general house cleaning: vacuuming, mopping floors, cleaning bathrooms and laundry.

Prospective employees must have a reliable vehicle and a telephone. Previous experience working with frail older people and good communication skills is advantageous.

Hourly rate: \$10.96 per hour, plus allowances. Contact 9524 3297 for a Position Description.

Applications quoting reference no. 99/01 should be addressed to:

Human Resources
Glen Eira City Council
PO Box 42, Caulfield South 3162

Prospective employees will be required to undertake a police check and pre-placement health assessment.

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9578 4460

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BEGINNERS TO BLACK BELT - From 4 years old

Glen Huntly Friendship Group

ACTIVITIES FOR MAY/JUNE

27 MAY:

Friendship is the topic. Bring along a photo/story/poem something that expresses your concept of friendship. Join us for a cuppa and a friendly two hours. Cost: \$2.
99 Grange Road, Glen Huntly, 10-12noon.

10 JUNE:

Bus trip to our beautiful Dandenong Ranges. Not far from home but always a delight. Art & Craft, tranquil gardens Chudleigh Park, Ricketts Sanctuary, light refreshments. Cost: \$20 Depart 9am from 99 Grange Road, Glen Huntly and 9.15am from 185 Poath Road Hughesdale.

Bookings: Margaret 9596 6124

BLADDER PROBLEM?

- Leakage, poor control, frequency, urgency
- Persistent bed wetting
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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.

Caulfield Garden Club meets on the first Tuesday of the month (excepting January) Uniting Church Hall, corner Glen Huntly Road and Foster Street, Elsternwick at 8pm. Annual subscription: \$10. Visitors and new members welcome. Contact: Barby Alsten 9587 3225 (AH) or Barbara Gray 9528 1236.

Community

Volunteers Your ability to handle everyday matters would assist an adult with a disability to participate in community life. Short Orientation Program begins soon. Contact: Southern Citizen Advocacy 9576 0155.

Volunteers are being sought for this year's Salvation Army's "Red Shield" Appeal in May (door knock week 22-30 May). People are needed to assist as organisers or as collectors. Contact: Capt. Tracey Cotton 9557 2644 or 9557 8326.

Open day at McKinnon Kindergarten, 220 McKinnon Road, McKinnon on Saturday 8 May 10am-12noon.

Immunisation news

Measles outbreak sparks vaccination warning

A recent outbreak of measles in people 18 to 30 years old has occurred and the Glen Eira Immunisation team is urging people in this age group to ensure they have had at least one documented dose of measles-containing vaccine. People born before 1970 are considered to be immune as they are likely to have been infected with the wild virus as a child.

Young adults who have not been previously immunised are encouraged to attend one of our council immunisation sessions to receive a free MMR vaccination.

DTPa (Infanrix/Tripacel) free for primary course

The Commonwealth Department of Health and Aged Care recently announced that it will fund diphtheria/tetanus/acellular pertussis (DTPa) vaccine for use in the primary vaccination schedule for infants commencing on 6 April 1999. The Commonwealth has approved the CSL product, Tripacel and the SmithKline Beecham product, Infanrix. Infanrix has been used for booster doses in Victoria so will continue to be used for infants commencing the primary course.

Infanrix will be provided free at all Council immunisation sessions from 6 April. There is no need to book just come along to any of the sessions listed below.

Session Dates for May/June

Auditorium Glen Eira Town Hall

Corner Hawthorn and Glen Eira Roads
Caulfield South

Wednesday 5 May 9.30-10.30am

Tuesday 11 May 6-7.30pm

Wednesday 2 June 9.30-10.30am

East Bentleigh Community Health Centre

Gardners Road East Bentleigh

Saturday 8 May 9.30-10.30am

Tuesday 18 May 9.30-10.30am

Murrumbeena Baptist Church

44 Murrumbeena Rd Murrumbeena

Monday 24 May 9.30-10.30am

Glen Huntly Maternal and Child Health Centre

Corner Royal and Rosedale Avenues Glen Huntly

Wednesday 26 May 9.30-10.30 *

*Please note this is a very busy session.

Contact: Council Immunisation Team 9524 3279

Glen Eira

Youth Page



YOUNG PEOPLE AND MENTAL HEALTH

Dealing with *depression*

This is the first of a series of articles written by Denise Duivenvoorden from East Bentleigh Community Health Centre and the GE Youth Services Team. Denise is a Specialist Health Service Worker for homeless young people and convenes the Middle Inner South Youth Health Action Network (MISYHAN) which focuses on the health needs of young people, fosters collaborative relationships between agencies and aims to improve access and responsiveness of services.

Youth workers, housing workers and counselling professionals in Glen Eira are dealing with an alarming number of young people requiring support with depression and psychosis. Family breakdown, a sense of disconnection from family, peers and the community, easy access to illicit drugs and alcohol, "too much information" and the need to be your best constantly seem to be significant factors contributing to mental health problems in young people.

Depression is a very common mental health problem that can affect people of all ages at any time, yet it is often misunderstood, ignored and untreated. Depression varies from mild to severe and from short to long term. Feeling depressed or down is a normal reaction to stress, loss and tension, but when depression is severe or prolonged, it requires treatment.

If left untreated, the consequences can be serious for the individual as all aspects of life can be affected. In extreme cases, suicide may be considered or attempted. Depression in young people is a very real phenomenon, especially since young people today are expected to cope with many rapid changes, uncertainties, difficult decisions and stressful circumstances.

Most people can be successfully treated for depression. But for this to happen it is necessary to:

- 1) recognise it and
- 2) reach out for help.

How can you recognise depression?

There may be changes from the usual behaviour, thinking or feelings of a person, for example: changes in sleeping, eating and energy levels or a loss of interest, motivation or enjoyment of activities and life in general.

Depression may result in withdrawal from people or social situations; increased irritability or anger; reduced concentration or memory; feelings of sadness, hopelessness, worthlessness, excessive

self-criticism or guilt; self-neglect and a preoccupation with death or suicide. Some people present with physical symptoms including aches and pains, nausea, stomach or bowel problems which cannot be explained.

If you or someone you care about is experiencing depression, it is important not to ignore it and pretend everything is fine. You should not feel embarrassed, "weak" or inadequate or assume it will just go away. Remember, any of these symptoms may be experienced by anyone at times, but the more symptoms there are and the more severe they are, the greater the need to REACH OUT for help.

Services in the community which can help young people with mental health problems include:

Local community health centres such as

- **East Bentleigh Community Health Centre**
Gardners Road, East Bentleigh. Phone: 9579 2333 (professional counsellors on duty 8:30am–5pm Monday–Friday)
- **Caulfield Community Care**
240 Kooyong Road, Caulfield. Phone: 9523 6666

Services also available at

- **Alfred Child and Adolescent Mental Health**
Phone: 9526 4400
- **Monash Child and Adolescent Mental Health**
Phone: 9767 8274
- **MISYHAN (Middle Inner South Youth Health Action Network)**
Phone: Denise Duivenvoorden on 9579 2333
- **Crisis Assessment and Treatment Teams** are available from Monash Medical Centre and Alfred Hospital for psychiatric services after hours.

Human Services Division community conversations

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Residents are invited to participate in a forum to discuss current issues affecting the local community.

On **Wednesday 26 May** at the East Bentleigh public hall, 675 Centre Road 8pm–10pm.

Main topic: results of the recent community needs analysis. Opportunity for exchange of views and information regarding current Council programs and services.

From the Editor

Hello everybody!

Firstly, I'd like to do a bit of a recap on how things are going at Youth Services. Since September we have produced eight great issues of the Why? Gen Youth Page, we have the Youth Services website up and running and the 'Y Files' are soon to be launched. But, we need more from you—the people of Glen Eira. We want more feedback, either via the website or via us directly (see the contact box below). And, perhaps more importantly, we want more stuff to publish in the GE News: articles, stories, poetry, cartoons, photos... you name it, we want it!

So to all those writers, artists, aspiring journalists and creative people out there, we want to hear from YOU!!!

Hope to hear from everyone really soon,

Daniel



Early ambitions— an up and coming DJ

by Leo Codutti

Hi, my name is Leo. I'm 14 years old and I'm a Radio DJ at Melbourne's Youth Radio HITZ 89.9 FM.

I started doing radio when I was 10 years old in Griffith, NSW, at the local community radio station. After a couple of months, other young people became involved and we had youth programs every day after school. I left Griffith in April of last year and came back to Melbourne.

Looking for a radio station down here was really hard, but with the support I received from my family and Judith Bruce, our Youth Worker at the Glen Eira Council, I finally found a radio station that, regardless of my age and experience, accepted me—HITZ FM.

I started at HITZ last broadcast during the summer holidays. I did "Hitz by request" for two weeks plus I was helping in the phone room. I met heaps of people and started heaps of friendships.

HITZ FM is a youth community radio station bidding for a full-time licence. HITZ FM started in 1992 and to date has had 15 test broadcasts. Their 16th test broadcast goes to air on 31 May. HITZ FM depends on Melbourne's youth and all you have to do is become a member. For more information, call HITZ on 9866 4666 or visit <http://www.hitzfm.org.au>

So tune in to 89.9 FM from 31 May and be in touch if you would like to be involved in your local youth radio station.

Community Grants 1999/2000

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Local, non-profit community organisations and groups are invited to apply for funds through Council's Community Grants program.

An information package, including application forms, is available from the Service Centre. Contact: 9524 3333.

Closing date: 5pm 30 June.

Late applications will not be considered.

Contact us!

Daniel Piekarski –

email: pike@eisa.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

Recreation News

Princes Park feasibility study

Glen Eira City Council has started a feasibility study into a multi-purpose sports facility at Princes Park, jointly funded with Sports and Recreation Victoria.

The feasibility study includes a random survey of 3000 residents across the municipality plus a 300-person phone survey. The survey asks residents about potential facility needs, usage and other issues, including transport to and from Princes Park.

Caulfield-based consultants Stratcorp is conducting the feasibility study, which will include assessing the proposed development, its financial viability and the site.

Cr Veronika Martens, whose portfolio is Recreation, said: "This is an important stage in the community consultation on this proposal. The community has already made a valued contribution to the process, by being part of the Princes Park Community Consultative Committee.

"This survey provides another opportunity for people to comment on a possible multi-purpose sports facility being established at Princes Park."

The feasibility study results are likely to go to Council in about July, along with the report from the Princes Park Community Consultative Committee which recommends that Maccabi be the preferred developer of this proposal.



(From left) Stratcorp managing director Chris Dare discusses the surveys with Cr Veronika Martens and Mayor Cr Norman Kennedy at Princes Park.

In brief

Award winners

Congratulations goes to the Glen Huntly Athletics Club for its recent Athletics Australia Award. The club was acknowledged for its exceptional level of administration winning the overall performance and quality of service categories. The Australia wide awards saw only two other Victorian Clubs win awards. The award categories and criteria were based on the Active Australia framework. Athletics Australia said the award winning clubs will now be used as role models for other clubs around Australia.

Time to get fit?

Women of all ages and abilities are invited to join in some new training groups of the Glen Huntly Athletics Club based at Duncan Mackinnon Reserve. Both evening and early morning sessions are available with Sunday morning training through the forest at Ferny Creek. This is a great opportunity to get out

and run with other women. Contact: Maree McDonagh 9480 2237.

Basketball bounces into action

The McKinnon Basketball Association's winter season has just begun. The Association caters for junior boys and girls from Under 11 upwards. The boys' competition is held on Saturdays with the girls' competition playing on Sundays. Open age men's, women's and mixed competitions also run. A special developmental program for young children between 5 and 10 years also operates to introduce the young ones to sport in a non-competitive and fun environment. Contact: Bob Mann on 9563 7647.

Sports Breakfast

Recreation Services will be hosting a breakfast for all sporting clubs to update clubs on current trends with an emphasis on how to market sports clubs and how to involve disabled participants in local sports. Information will be sent to all clubs. Contact Glen Eira City Council Recreation Services on 9524 3470.

4 Year-old kindergarten

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Council operates a central enrolment system for community-based kindergartens in the City of Glen Eira.

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Enrolment forms are available from community-based kindergartens or the Service Centre. Contact: 9524 3333.

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