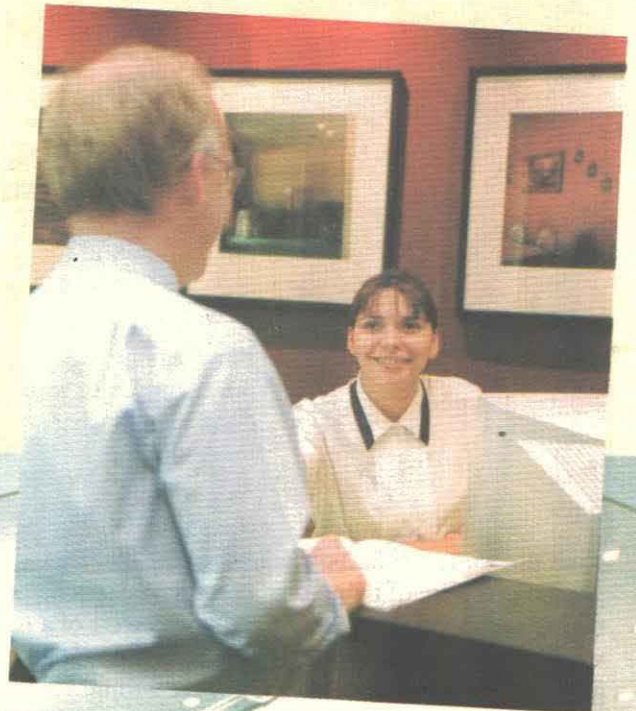


## New Service Centre now open



Above: The first visitors to the new Glen Eira Service Centre. Inset: Service Centre Consultant Mirelle assists a resident.

Photos: Bernie Bickerton.

The new Glen Eira Service Centre has opened at the town hall, providing better services for residents. The new area, on the west side of the building, was opened to the public on 10 January and the official opening was held on 31 January.

Located off the town hall's Glen Eira Road car park, the new Service Centre offers a number of benefits:

- a "one-stop shop" with most Council services available at the one place;

- full disability access, including access ramp, automatic doors, counter facilities for both residents and staff with a disability, and tactile elements on pathways and signage for people with a vision impairment;
- interview rooms for private consultation; and
- more direct access to other town hall facilities.

The car park has also been improved to offer more space and safer usage, with clearly marked pathways.

Glen Eira Service Centre has been operating since 1996 and has grown significantly since that time. Its staff of 15 now handles 250,000 calls per year (keeping the average waiting time to less than six seconds), and deals with up to 15,000 inquiries at the service counter.

Mayor Cr Norman Kennedy, who officially opened the facility, said: "This is an exciting development for Council that will provide excellent facilities for residents. I invite people in Glen Eira to visit the new Service Centre and see the improvements."

The Service Centre caters for all general inquiries and payments, and for inquiries to the Building and Planning Departments. It will also be the access point for other departments within Council via the lifts.

Note: the old Service Centre entrance, off Hawthorn Road, is now closed.

The Service Centre phone number remains: 9524 3333.

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# MAYOR'S column



**H**appy New Century!

As we start this New Year in Glen Eira, we live in peace and safety and there is much we can be thankful for and much we can look forward to.

But there are many in our community who don't share in that bright future.

As a young boy I remember wondering what the world would be like in the year 2000. The predictions were of flying cars, commercial space flights and death rays. Lots of the stories were of a world devastated by war and over population. I am glad that those prophets of doom were wrong. Now, we all take advances in technology in our stride and expect more and more. More powerful computers, smaller mobile phones, more medical miracles...

But something seems to be going wrong. The death toll from drug overdose is approaching that of the road toll. And that is just the tip of the iceberg. For every person who dies of drug overdose there are many more whose life is dominated by the search for the next hit. Which results in theft and violence and leaves many loving parents feeling helpless.

Depression has reached an estimated 20 per cent of the population.

It is clear that technology is not the answer. Glen Eira Council's Human Services is our largest department, and provides much support. But, we all should accept the challenge to work towards solutions to these social problems.

On a brighter note, next month Glen Eira will become debt free, this is the result of sound financial management and puts the City in a position to start building new facilities.

The first of those will be the new aged care facility on the Warrawee site to replace facilities at Camden and Heathlands. I am pleased that the existing Warrawee facility will be incorporated into a new facility housing a total of approximately 110 people. The consultation with the residents of Camden and Heathlands has commenced and I am sure the development will be something of which we will all be proud.

We will shortly be formulating a proposal for a sports development in Princes Park. The community consultation associated with the Maccabi proposal showed that there was a very great demand for a new facility. And shortly we will be looking at the feasibility of other recreation facilities.

Good luck with keeping your New Year's resolutions!!

**Norman Kennedy**  
Mayor

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## Your Council your vote

### Glen Eira City Council elections March 2000

Elections for the Glen Eira City Council will be held in March 2000. The City of Glen Eira is divided into three wards, with three Councillors to be elected for each ward.

#### Voting by post

The elections will be held entirely by post. If you are on the voters roll for the City of Glen Eira, a ballot pack of voting material will be posted to you from Tuesday, 29 February 2000.

**Your completed ballot paper must be received by the Returning Officer by 6.00 pm on Friday, 17 March 2000 for your vote to be counted.**

#### If your address has changed or if you will be away

If your address has changed since 29 November 1999, or if you will be away when the ballot packs are mailed out from 29 February 2000, please write to the Returning Officer, Locked Bag 1111, Caulfield South Vic. 3162 by 4.00 pm on Tuesday, 15 February 2000, giving the address for redirection of your ballot pack.

These elections are being conducted by the Victorian Electoral Commission on behalf of the Glen Eira City Council.

Victorian Electoral Commission

#### If you wish to stand for Council

If you want to be a candidate for Council, you must lodge a nomination form (together with a \$100 nomination fee) with the Returning Officer, Council Offices, cnr Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield between Thursday, 10 February and 4.00 pm on Tuesday, 15 February 2000.

The Returning Officer will hold an information session for people who intend to be candidates.

When: Tuesday, 8 February 2000 at 7.00 pm  
Where: Council Offices, Cnr Glen Eira & Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield

Nomination forms and other information will be available at the information session or can be obtained from Monday, 7 February from the Returning Officer.

#### Enquiries

Information regarding the elections can be obtained during business hours (8.30 am to 5.00 pm) by telephoning (03) 9532 8719.

Ron Preston  
Returning Officer

Voter information phone (03) 9532 8719

#### Deadline for Glen Eira News

The deadline for the next issue of the Glen Eira News will be **Monday 7 February** for delivery 7-9 March.

#### Coming deadlines:

**April:** Monday 14 March. Delivery: 4-6 April

**May:** 10 April. Delivery: 2-4 May

For advertising contact Margaret on 9524 3224.

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

## STOP PRESS

Frank Gardner has won the 2000 Glen Eira Citizen of the Year Award, and our Young Citizen of the Year is Felicity Gaylard. Both awards were presented at the City of Glen Eira Australia Day breakfast on 21 January. More reports and photos in the March edition of Glen Eira News.

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# Historic Warrawee agreement

Warrawee Nursing Home's management committee has signed a landmark agreement to transfer management of the facility to Glen Eira City Council.

The agreement means that Council's proposed new \$7 million aged care residential facility— to be built on adjacent land— will become part of Warrawee in a single integrated facility.

The new buildings will provide about 80 additional beds. Council has appointed architects KLCK and construction is due for completion by the end of 2001.

Moorabbin City Council established Warrawee Nursing Home six years ago at 854A Centre Road, Bentleigh, under the management of Moorabbin Community Extended Care Society. Following Council amalgamations, Glen Eira City Council took over ownership of the site from the former City of Moorabbin, while the management committee continued to run the service.

The management committee has signed an agreement to transfer beds, funding and management to Council. The arrangements have safeguards to ensure a continued community emphasis and will go ahead during a transition period before the new buildings open in 2001.

Management committee president Neil Hamilton said: "This is an exciting development for Warrawee. The expanded facility will become a major top level aged lifestyle and care provider, with continuing guidance from committee members who will be part of a Policy and Philosophy Advisory Committee."

"The Warrawee philosophy broke new ground in nursing home care. The facility will be expanded from 30 beds to 110 beds and serve a wider range of the



Warrawee committee of management president Neil Hamilton and Mayor Cr Norman Kennedy (centre) shake on the historic agreement, watched by Keith Duckmanton (committee vice-president), director of nursing Sue Hart, Cr Veronika Martens, Cr Russell Longmuir, Cr Barry Neve, Cr Alan Grossbard and committee executive member Pam Turnbull. Photo: Jim Hooper.

ageing community of Glen Eira and the former municipal districts of Moorabbin and Caulfield," Mr Hamilton said.

Mayor Cr Norman Kennedy said: "I would like to personally thank Neil Hamilton and the committee for the significant work and personal contribution they have made to the development of the existing Warrawee facility. It is a great credit to the committee and is an invaluable service to the community.

"Council is committed to excellence in aged care. The integrated facility will be at the cutting edge of contemporary aged care services, and will build on the high quality work already undertaken by Warrawee.

"Council is looking forward to working with the committee members on the venture, which will represent one of the largest capital work projects undertaken by Glen Eira City Council. There will also be extensive community consultation in the development of the new buildings.

"This is a tremendous example of a community-based group and Council working together for the benefit of the surrounding community," Cr Kennedy said.

Council plans to build the new facility to replace the ageing Camden and Heathlands hostels, which are not expected to pass future Commonwealth Aged Care Building Certification Standards.

## Training provides confidence and qualifications

Glen Eira City Council last year proposed a training program to give home care staff the opportunity to gain a qualification in personal care.

Thirty-five people took up the offer, and after committing to Saturday workshops, plenty of homework and the challenge of "returning to study", the whole group celebrated their graduation late last year.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Norman Kennedy presented the certificates. The pilot project was a joint initiative of Glen Eira City Council, Chisholm Institute in Moorabbin and the Australian Traineeship Advisory Service.

Not only will the graduates have qualifications that are recognised Australia wide in the residential and community care industry, but they have already benefited from an increase in confidence and self-esteem, according to Jan Martin, Council's Community Care Manager.

"It has been wonderful to see the staff's development. For some, the prospect of doing a course was daunting, especially those who had not studied in more than 20 years. But they committed to workshops of three to four hours each Saturday and

worked very hard. There has been a visible increase in self esteem and confidence. Now some are considering further study for the first time."

The training was targeted at home care workers who had a desire to move into personal care, and those personal carers who had many years of experience, but no qualifications.

The graduates received either a Certificate III in Community Services (with personal care module) or Personal Care Certificate III (for current personal care workers who did not have formal qualifications).

"With a third of home care staff taking up the training offer, workshops were held on weekends to ensure minimum disruption to client services. This required a huge commitment from everyone with an outstanding result— 100 per cent successful completion," Ms Martin said.

Council is proud of the staff's achievements. Their qualifications will ensure a high standard in personal care and will enhance the multi-skilled resource pool drawn on to meet the needs of over 4000 residents each year.



Personal Care Certificate recipient Helen Elliott is congratulated by her family on graduating from the training program. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

### Take advantage of our summer offer on frozen meals!



Buy 5 main meals and 5 desserts and receive 1 main meal and 1 dessert free!

**\$4.50** for main meal and dessert

Meal types: roasts, casseroles, vegetarian and assorted desserts (subject to availability).

Ordering is easy! Phone 9563 6611 or fax your order to 9569 2223.

Pick up meals from Glen Eira Food Services, 15 Truganini Road, Carnegie (10am-4pm Monday-Friday). Note: No deliveries available for frozen meals.

Warrawee agreement



# Mayoral reflections

It has been a humbling experience to be Mayor of Glen Eira. A visit to the town hall to see the pictures of mayors for more than 100 years, certainly puts my one year in context. I am proud to be part of the long tradition of local government, and greatly honoured to have been given the task of leading this community into the new millennium.

Since I was elected by my fellow Councillors in March 1999, I have had an extremely busy and rewarding time. I have attended a vast array of functions and had the opportunity to meet people from many walks of life and diverse interests in the community.

I have come into contact with such a diverse range of people, and really developed an understanding of how much the community depends on volunteers. The volunteer recognition scheme awards are a very important acknowledgement of the people who have put in many hours of tireless work for the benefit of the community, and I know the recipients are extremely proud to receive their certificates and pins.

My varied schedule as Mayor has taken me on the road to deliver a meal on National Meals on Wheels Day, hosting the Mayor and visitors from our Japanese sister city Ogaki during the wonderful Ogaki-Glen Eira Japanese Festival, visiting a fascinating 100-year-old resident who was involved in the birth of Melbourne radio, the pilgrimage to Sir John Monash's grave at Brighton Cemetery; and the incredible Children of Terezin art exhibition organised by Soka Gakkai International. There have been openings and AGMs and functions, special guests, speeches and launches.

I have found people in the community appreciate the Mayor giving the time to go to their function. It has been very enjoyable to meet lots of different people and find out directly what community groups do and what this Glen Eira community is all about. It's been fun and very enjoyable.

As can be imagined, I have no spare time! It's become



Picture: Bernie Bickerton

hard to go for that jog or compete in triathlons as I like to do. However, I've had opportunities for some "sporting" activity in my Mayoral year! The Global Walk at Caulfield Park for International Year of Older Persons, and the fabulous inaugural Charity Golf Day at Yarra Yarra Golf club were both excellent events to participate in.

I was also part of a team in the inaugural Relay for Life, a 24-hour relay around Duncan MacKinnon Reserve track for the Anti-Cancer Council. It's unusual running around the athletics track at 3am in the morning! But it was a fantastic success and a lot of fun for those who took part. The relay raised \$70,000.

Another track—the Packer Park velodrome—has provided me with the most adrenalin pumping experience of my Mayoral year. In launching the new surface, I was taken at top speed on the back of a tandem bike, with a full training session of riders whizzing past centimetres away, unable to see in front of me and having great trust in my front rider!

My job, of course, also includes chairing the Council meetings and our task has been extremely busy in the last 12 months, setting in place the Urban Village

Strategy Plans, the first round of heritage overlays, improving our financial position to be debt-free by next month, moving through our catch-up works on infrastructure, and opening the new \$1 million Murrumbena House family centre and a new Service Centre at the Town Hall. Council has also been working more harmoniously and communications are at their strongest point. This augurs well for the future.

I would particularly like to thank Mayoress Nola Kennedy and my family; I couldn't have done this job without their wholehearted support.

— Cr Norman Kennedy  
Mayor, City of Glen Eira

## Caulfield Pavilion change rooms upgraded

A cocktail party was held at the Caulfield Pavilion in Caulfield Park late last year to celebrate the opening of the refurbished facilities.

The pavilion was upgraded over four months, at a cost of \$80,000, to include showers, toilets and change rooms for women and for people with disabilities. The building was also repainted throughout and new carpets were laid. A plaque acknowledging the upgrade was unveiled by Mayor Cr Norman Kennedy.



Pictured at the party are (from left) Mayor Cr Norman Kennedy, Recreation Advisory Committee Chair Cr Veronika Martens, President of the Caulfield Lacrosse Club David Hunt and president of the Caulfield Cricket Club Jack Sheehan.

### Can you help us find our UNSUNG HERO?



The Glen Eira Rotary Club is looking to recognise one of those Very Special Members of the local community.

The person fits the description of a voluntary worker over many years, working for the benefit of less fortunate Glen Eira residents, probably in the field of community service, and not previously recognised. If you do know such a person, tell us about them, and we will select and publicly recognise our hero through a Rotary Club award.

Application forms available from Geoff Asher, President, Glen Eira Rotary Club, PO Box 55, Glen Huntly 3163 or on 9571 3833.

Entries close 28 February.

### Mothers coffee morning



A coffee morning for mothers with young babies will be held at the Town Hall Maternal and Child Health centre 1st Wednesday of every month, beginning 1 March, 10.30am–noon following immunisation.

Morning tea provided. Bring your baby and have a chat over coffee about how your life has changed!!

Fathers also welcome.





From left: Cr Barry Neve, Cr Noel Erlich, Cr Alan Grossbard, Mayor Cr Norman Kennedy, Children, Family and Youth Services Manager Catherine Thompson, Cr Russell Longmuir, Cr Veronika Martens.

## Children's centre unveiled

A teddy-bears' picnic, a fairy queen and the chance to play in a whole new sand pit made the opening of Murrumbeena House a special event late last year.

Mayor Cr Norman Kennedy unveiled a plaque to mark the opening of the new \$1 million facility which brings together maternal and child health, child care, family day care playgroup, parents' groups, occasional care, and community meeting facilities and was made possible by \$700,000 from Council plus the Federal Government contribution of \$300,000. The new child care centre provides 45 places and replaces the former Ormond and Murrumbeena children's centres.

Councillors, staff and friends of all ages attended the opening and enjoyed the celebrations.



The Fairy Queen casts her magic spell on the young visitors.

Photos: Jim Hooper.

Murrumbeena House

# World of options at community centre

## Moorleigh Community Village

Moorleigh Community Village is home to a wide range of community groups and activities. Council services include maternal and child health, some family day care and related activities, and exercises for older adults programs.

Moorleigh, at 90-92 Bignell Road, East Bentleigh has many community groups being based there or regularly using the facility. These include: Moorleigh U3A (University of the Third Age), Moorabbin Area Toy Library, Glen Eira Cheltenham Art Group, Moorabbin Nursing Mothers Association, Moorabbin Heights Playgroup, Jacaranda Theatre, Home Tutor Scheme, Kingston Arts Centre, Moorabbin City Pipe Band, SES—Oakleigh Unit, Southern Youth Employment, Maralsios Greek Academy, Harlequin Dance Academy, Bentleigh Gymparoo, and Australia Greek Welfare Society.

South Central Migrant Resource Centre operates the Multicultural Resource Centre at Moorleigh Community Village. It offers a range of services and

opportunities for people from a culturally and linguistically diverse background. Indeed, Glen Eira has residents from 98 non-English speaking backgrounds.

Council recently designated the Multicultural Resource Centre as a senior citizens' centre, which receives funding from both Council and the Department of Human Services, the same as five other senior citizen centres in the municipality.

Senior citizens groups at Moorleigh include: Greek Senior Citizen Club of Moorabbin, Argos Orestiko Greek District Club, Oakleigh Coptic Senior Citizen Club, Italian Senior Citizen Club of Moorabbin, Greek Retrenched Workers Club, Greek Senior Citizen Club of Glen Eira, Maltese La-Vallette and McKinnon Greek Women's Senior Citizen Club.

Moorleigh is available for casual hire for the gym, meeting rooms and sports pavilion. Details: 9524 3253.

## "One in a million"

Community Information Glen Eira staff and volunteers were greatly saddened to learn of the death of longtime volunteer Mrs Audrey Tyrrell of Glen Huntly last month.

Mrs Tyrrell, 78, had been a volunteer for CIGE's Social Support and Monitoring Service since it began as a "Good Neighbour" program 17 years ago.

Mrs Tyrrell volunteered two to three days per week, taking up to six clients on their shopping trips and to appointments.

CIGE co-ordinator Laurel Thompson said: "She carried out her work with enthusiasm, sensitivity and tact and her clients looked forward to her regular visits. Many older people in this municipality would not have enjoyed the independence of living in their own home without the work of Audrey Tyrrell. She was one in a million."

Mrs Tyrrell has also been involved with Red Cross mobile library, WAAF Association, Salvation Army women's refuge and Neighbourhood Watch.

Mrs Tyrrell had been nominated for this year's Glen Eira Citizen of the Year Award for her tireless work in the community. She received a Special Service award under the Council's Volunteer Recognition Scheme in 1989.

## Volunteers wanted



### - to deliver meals on wheels

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

Glen Eira Food Services seeks volunteer drivers to help deliver Meals on Wheels seven days per week to East Bentleigh, Bentleigh, Carnegie, Caulfield, Glen Huntly, Elsternwick, McKinnon, Ormond and Murrumbeena areas.

Please contact our Volunteer Co-ordinator on 9563 6611 (Monday-Friday 9.30am-2pm).

## Meals on Wheels



### "Committed to quality and service"

Glen Eira Food Services' Meals on Wheels caters for a range of diets including reduced fat, high fibre, diabetic and vegetarian. No assessment required.

For \$4.90 you receive a main meal, dessert, fruit or juice. Meals are delivered every day including public holidays.

Contact: 9524 3220 or 9563 6611.

## SHAPE UP OR SHIP OUT GST & TAX REFORM FORUM

Sunday 2 April 2000 at The Bentleigh Club  
Yawla Street, Bentleigh

Neerim Business Community presents

- ❖ Lenny Schmidt (Chartered Accountant) on GST and what it means to small business?
- ❖ Yvette Schwitter (Tax Consultant) on Tax Reform & CGT and how it will affect you?
- ❖ Bring your questions to get the truth.

**YOU CANNOT AFFORD TO MISS THIS FORUM IF YOU WANT TO SURVIVE THE ROCK OF THE GST AND THE HARD PLACE OF THE COMPETITION. ASK YOUR ACCOUNTANT!**

Entrance: \$10 with refreshments Members: \$8

RSVP: 24 March 2000

Info on Forum Phone: 9578 4664 or Kevin 9578 9324



# Festivals, fun and families

The people of Glen Eira enjoyed several festive celebrations in the closing weeks of 1999—beginning with the strip shopping centre festivals and continuing through to Council's own Carols by Candlelight concert.

McKinnon Village Fair was first up on 14 November with a range of activities and fun for all, and the event attracted about 10,000 people. Traders opened their shops and set up stalls on the pavements. Children enjoyed an animal farm and rides, while the schools concert was very well received. The steam train shuttle trips from Caulfield and Mordialloc return, and stopping at McKinnon, were a popular highlight.

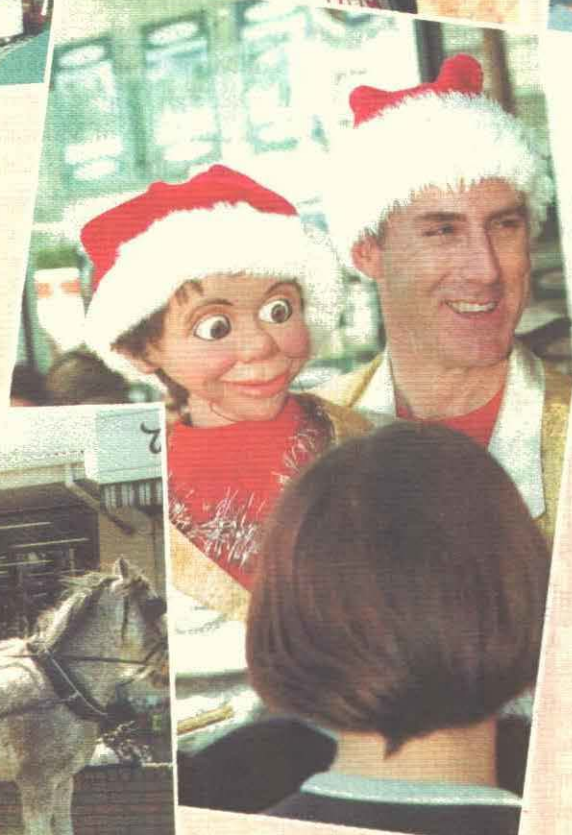
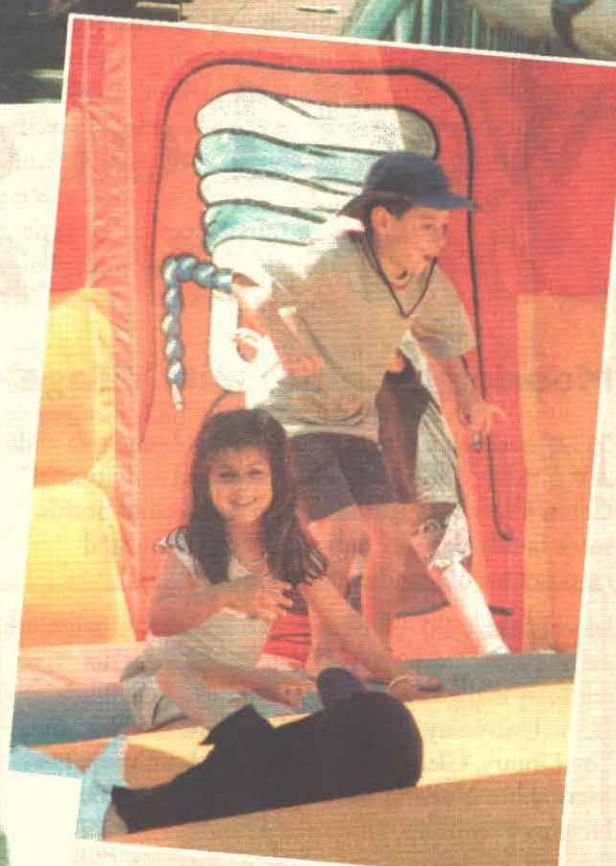
On the hot last weekend of November, Glen Eira enjoyed two big traders festivals. Carnegie Koornang Road Christmas Fair on 27 November featured a horse drawn carriage down Koornang Road, carrying Father Christmas, Mayor Cr Norman Kennedy, Carnegie Traders Association vice-president Mrs Arina Gotts and TV's Peter Blaskett and Gerry Gee, accompanied by clowns and colourful characters who gave out balloons to children.

Jersey Parade, closed to traffic, was the venue for the stage, free rides and amusements. Entertainment came from the Carnegie Primary School aerobics group, Di Di the Clown, Christopher the Magician, Peter and Gerry Gee, and Humphrey B Bear, and there were plenty of food tastings, bargain stalls and giveaways.

An estimated 50,000 people turned out in Centre Road to enjoy the sunshine and festivities of the Bentleigh Festival on 28 November. Activities included the bouncing castle, games and ferris wheel, and entertainment throughout the day by Humphrey B Bear, the Police Band, bands Music Men, Motown and Matterhorn and a visit from Plucka Duck.

Co-ordinator of Elsternwick Mainstreet Alison Doherty reported the Twilight Fiesta in Glen Huntly Road on 16 December was a great success. She said organisers were pleased to be able to join forces with students from St Joseph's Primary School who presented their carols concert on the stage in Staniland Grove. The event included a sausage sizzle by 12th Caulfield Scout Group, a number of street performers, and some clowning around with balloon animals.

Ms Doherty said the event had been a great opportunity for the school and business communities to get together and the committee was looking forward to running a similar event next year.



Photos: Peter Bury and Bernie Bickerton



# Stars shine for Carols

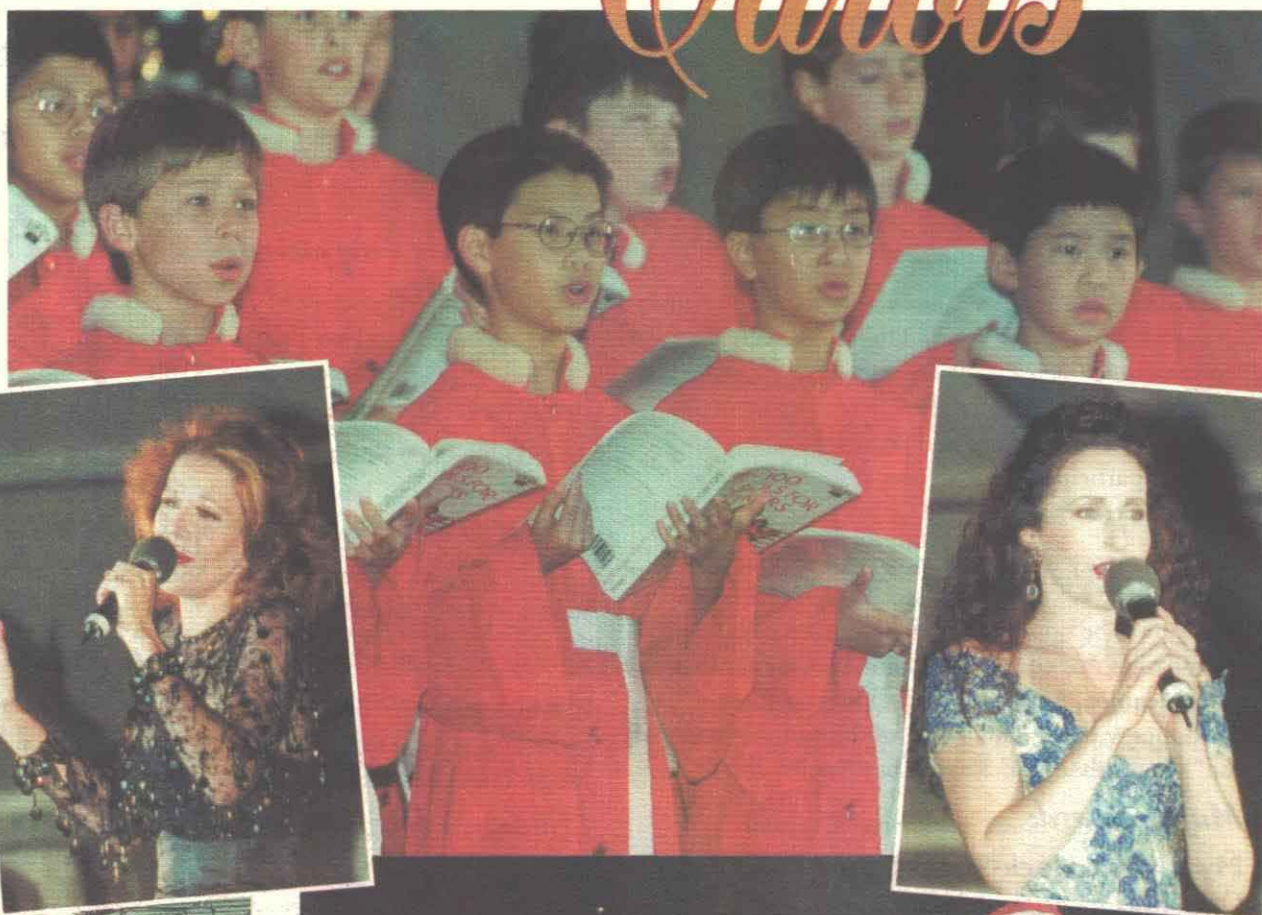
Carols and concerts

An estimated 8,000 people attended Council's annual Carols by Candlelight Concert at Caulfield Racecourse on Sunday 19 December. The event was staged by arrangement with the Victoria Amateur Turf Club, and starred Marina Prior and Rhonda Burchmore. Hosted by Denis Walter, the concert also included appearances by Tony Fenelon, Terry Gill, the National Boys Choir, Glen Eira City Choir and Humphrey B Bear.

Pre-carol entertainment was provided by children's entertainer Sacha LeFevre and Glen Eira City Band.

Glen Eira City Council gratefully acknowledges the sponsorship and assistance of Tattersall's, Victoria Amateur Turf Club, Leader Newspapers, Bernie's Music Land, Noel Jones, Myer and McCall Security, Coles Supermarket (Elsternwick), Victoria Police, Caulfield Girls Guides and District Scouts Association.

Photos: Peter Bury



## Celebrating a year for older persons

After almost 12 months of events and activities to acknowledge and celebrate our older residents, International Year of Older Persons was joyously bid farewell at two afternoon concerts held late last year at Bentleigh RSL.

Community Development Officer Lynne Howard said: "We were very pleased with the concerts, they were exceptionally well received. Everyone enjoyed the Christmas atmosphere. We especially appreciated the support of Bentleigh RSL which offered the use of the room for both concerts without charge."

Entertainment at the events included Glen Eira Italian Senior Citizens Singers, Jenny Lee, Brendan Scott and singing duo Clem and Dee.

Ms Howard said Council had been actively involved in IYOP by organising a number of events throughout the year, which in most cases had been booked out. These included two "Radio Daze" concerts in March, the Global Walk in Caulfield Park in October, five mini "Afternoon Delights" concerts for residents of the city's nursing homes, introduction to computers for older students held in the Caulfield Library, a multi-cultural variety concert at the Moorleigh Centre, and the "What I

Like About Wrinkles" poetry and short story competition which attracted entries from more than 600 school children throughout the city.

The year also saw the implementation of the Meditrak system. In collaboration with the Caulfield Police Community Consultative Committee, the program offers a process of locating missing people with dementia or confusion, and will continue into the new year.

*Top: More than 400 people farewell International Year of Older Persons at two concerts at the Bentleigh RSL.*

*Right: Getting into the Christmas atmosphere—attendees of the IYOP end of year concert.*

*Far right: Betty Grazier enjoys a moment with entertainer Jenny Lee at the IYOP Variety Concert.*

*Photos: Bernie Bickerton.*





# ARTS Arts

Glen Eira Arts Complex,  
corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield  
Website: [www.gleneiraarts.citysearch.com.au](http://www.gleneiraarts.citysearch.com.au)

## 2000 Glen Eira Literary Awards

Entries close: 17 March 2000

The Glen Eira Arts Complex is now accepting entries to the fifth annual Glen Eira Literary Awards (formerly the Glen Eira Writers Competition)—major literary event of the year. The Awards were established to encourage and promote local and national participation of writers of all ages in this exciting medium.

The short story is a valued medium and short story writing is a craft practised by many lovers of literature. The opportunity to have work published is what makes this competition unique. Our association with *Meanjin*, Australia's leading literary journal, continues with the publishing of the winning entry of the 'My Brother Jack' Short Story Award.

### Major Award:

#### My Brother Jack Short Story Award

Open to all residents of Australia

1500-3000 words First prize \$2000  
Second prize \$750  
Third prize \$250

Judges: Arnold Zable & Stephanie Holt

Proudly sponsored by *Australia Post*

### Local awards

Open to residents and students of Glen Eira

#### Eastend Booksellers Local Short Story Award

1500-3000 words First prize \$500  
Second prize \$200  
Third prize \$100

Judge: Joy Dettman

Proudly sponsored by *Eastend Booksellers Pty Ltd*  
and *Mason's Book Centre*

#### Youth Short Story Award (14-18 years)

750-1500 words First prize \$200  
Second prize \$100

Judge: Agnes Nieuwenhuizen

#### Youth Poetry Award (14-18 years)

Maximum 50 lines First prize \$100  
Second prize \$50

Judge: Sonya Hartnett

#### Children's Short Story Award (8-13 years)

250-500 words First prize \$50  
Second prize \$25

Judge: Hazel Edwards

#### Children's Poetry Award (8-13 years)

Maximum 36 lines First prize \$30  
Second prize \$20

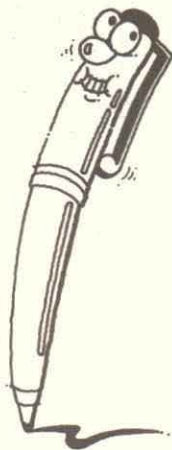
Judge: Hazel Edwards

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Winners will be announced at the presentation evening on Wednesday, 10 May which will feature readings by professional actors of all the prize-winning entries.

Entry forms are available by contacting  
Rosanna Verde on 9524 3287.



### Vince Jones in concert

Sunday, 26 March  
2.30pm  
Glen Eira Auditorium

Dynamic jazz performer  
Vince Jones and band  
returns to the Arts  
Complex.



"Australia's most popular jazz singer ...  
a world class act" — BRW

"An immediately identifiable sound and style..."  
— The Age

Tickets: \$25

Bookings Glen Eira Service Centre, corner  
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Telephone 9524 3371.

## Art Courses for 2000 Programs commence in February



### Children's Art Programs

- ♦ storytelling ♦ drawing painting
- ♦ ceramics ♦ drama ♦ paper mache
- ♦ SATURDAY ART art for 11-15 age group ♦ general art class for 5-9 year olds ♦ VCE figure drawing

### Adult Courses

- ♦ personal development ♦ art ceramics
- ♦ painting for beginners ♦ mosaic
- ♦ wheel thrown pottery ♦ life drawing
- ♦ ceramic tile decoration ♦ painting for the over 50s
- ♦ clay and sculpture for the over 50s
- ♦ clay sculpture ♦ creative life drawing
- ♦ picture framing for beginners.

For a copy of the new course guide brochure please contact Claudia Mazzotta on 9524 3402.

## Exhibitions Gallery hours: Monday-Friday 10am-5pm; Saturday and Sunday 1-5pm.

### Nelus Oana

23 February to 5 March

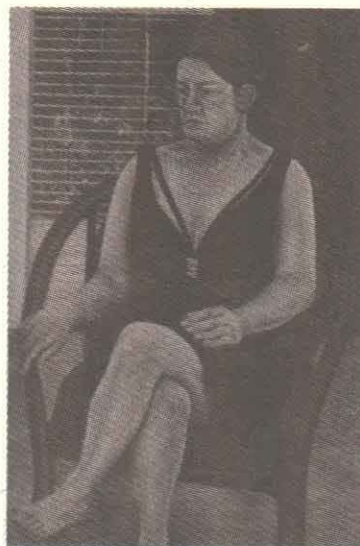
Bright and bold, Oana's paintings could be seen as a contemporary update on impressionism. Painting directly from the tube, and using his fingers, Oana creates impressions of scenes such as Uluru and Sydney Harbour. Oana was born in Romania where he studied painting and participated in group



exhibitions. He arrived in Australia in 1989 and graduated from Monash University Caulfield with a Bachelor of Fine Arts majoring in ceramics. Oana's paintings are large and colourful—full of energy and life.

### Barbara Hutchinson— Nature to Plastic 23 February to 5 March

In this series of paintings, Barbara Hutchinson uses stylistic developments of art in the 20th century—impressionism, cubism and pop—to deal with the cultural development of the body such as tattooing, plastic surgery and body piercing. The works include quotations from the world of art and popular music, with images ranging from landscapes to contemporary nudes.



### Glen Eira Cheltenham Art Group

23 February to 5 March

For lovers of the more traditional styles of painting, this exhibition by local artists of the Glen Eira Cheltenham Art Group offers an exhibition of oils, pastels and watercolours. The group holds classes in a variety of media conducted by experienced artists. The exhibition is another great opportunity for the local community interested in realist art. Information on the groups' activities will be available at the exhibition.







# Doing Business



## Buy Local gathers momentum

The number of local businesses wishing to register for the Buy Local Program and have their details published in the forthcoming Glen Eira Guide 2000-01 has increased significantly.

Council's Business Development Manager Andrew Millen said: "The program provides local businesses with the opportunity to promote their businesses through mediums which may otherwise be beyond the reach of many. It also provides consumers with new and exciting ways to source information about the suppliers of a range of local products and services."

### On line access to local products and services

The [www.buylocal.com.au](http://www.buylocal.com.au) site, which is already receiving a great response from the public, aims to list all local businesses in the Glen Eira area. The site is now generating thousands of visits per week. Local residents can search for a business by name or type and by individual suburb or for the entire city.

Businesses can use the listing registration service to register their details online whilst also developing an internet strategy for their business including website and email facilities.

### Service providers and seminars

The buylocal Business Development Program now has four new service providers— the Australian Tax Office, Infosentials, Niche Media, and E-Commerce Advantage.

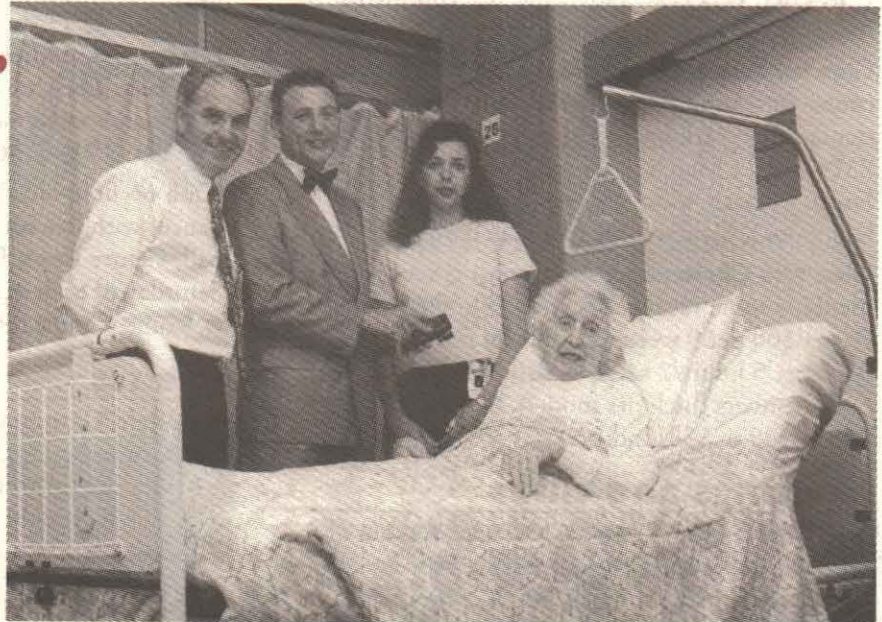
A calendar of business seminars to be held in 2000 will be made available to members of the program. The seminar program will address a range of small business issues, such as marketing, internet, e-commerce and the GST.

For further membership information, or to register your business with either the [www.buylocal.com.au](http://www.buylocal.com.au) internet site or the Glen Eira Guide 2000-01, contact Bio-Wood Communications on: 9890 0777 or by email: [enquiry@buylocal.com.au](mailto:enquiry@buylocal.com.au)

## Golf day "raises beds"

Admiring one of two new electric beds funded through Glen Eira City Council's corporate charity golf day are Caulfield General Medical Centre CEO John Davies, Mayor Cr Norman Kennedy and nurse Rima Kleyman, with patient Phyllis Day. Sponsors and participants at last year's golf day helped raise \$6250 for the hospital.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.



## Immunisation dates for February

<b>Bentleigh Baptist Church</b> 10 Vickery Street Bentleigh	Monday 7 February 1.30-2.30pm
<b>Glen Eira Town Hall (entry via Glen Eira Road)</b> Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads Caulfield South	Wednesday 2 February 9.30-10.30am Tuesday 8 February 6-7.30pm
<b>Murrumbeena Baptist Church</b> 44 Murrumbeena Road Murrumbeena	Monday 14 February 9.30-10.30am
<b>Bentleigh-Bayside Community Health Service</b> Gardners Road East Bentleigh	Tuesday 15 February 9.30-10.30am Saturday 26 February 9.30-11am
<b>Glen Huntly Maternal and Child Health Centre</b> Corner Royal and Rosedale Avenues Glen Huntly	Wednesday 23 February 9.30-11am

## UBA BUS TOUR

16 February 7.30am-5.30pm

Spot the dolphins bay cruise— on the Moonraker from Sorrento out into the bay. M/T on board. BYO lunch or buy in Sorrento. After lunch we visit a strawberry farm.

15 March 9am-5pm

Healesville Wildlife Sanctuary— opportunity for a close encounter with some of our unique native animals in their delightful bushland setting. Includes: entry, lunch, guided tour and special demonstration.

12 April 8am-6pm

A day at Lorne— not to be missed! M/T at Corio then on to Lorne through Torquay, Anglesea, Aireys Inlet. Lunch Lorne Hotel. Later we visit a berry farm.

Contact: 9572 0571 or (AH) 9523 7862

## Like to connect more with your local community and make a difference?

Run by volunteers, Community Information Glen Eira is a local community information, referral and emergency relief provider.

If you would like to exercise your existing skills, life experience and interest in others, while gaining new skills, knowledge and friends, why not consider joining our organisation?

A training course is required and you would be working in a co-operative and supportive environment for a half day per week.

Interested? Please contact Laurel on 9524 3200 for more information.

Community Information Glen Eira  
256 Hawthorn Road, Caulfield.

## Human Services Division

### Community Conversations

City of  
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EIRA**

An opportunity to have your say and be heard— we are interested in your opinions.

Would you like to know what your rates have been used for within Council's Human Services Division?

Do you have concerns you would like listened to by senior Human Services staff?

Glen Eira City Council invites you to visit and look over the new Murrumbeena House, incorporating child care, maternal and child health and a community room.

Inner South and Coastal Community Transport Co-ordinator Brett Wake will also be available to discuss community transport within the municipality and the sub region.

Tuesday 29 February at 8pm

Murrumbeena House, 107 Murrumbeena Road  
Murrumbeena

Contact: 9524 3448



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### Reflections of my work as a Mackie Ward Councillor

Veronika Martens tel. 9579 0297 or 9579 7072

I can report that the Mackie Ward has received a fair share of the rate dollar as promised.

My contact with the Community was always direct and all requests received my prompt and personal attention.

The past years were challenging but the many achievements will benefit all Mackie Ward residents.

I promised diligent financial management. The fact is that Glen Eira City Council will be debt free by March 2000 with one of the lowest rate bases in Victoria.

The new Murrumbeena Community House— just opened— will cater for the needs of our growing young families. The Warrawee Nursing Home with 30 beds will be substantially enlarged to 110 beds and will provide an urgent need in our community.

The Urban Village development in Carnegie has been given a high priority, including a larger Library and a Community Centre.

The Bailey Reserve facilities will be substantially enlarged and a skateboard ramp will be provided to satisfy the ever growing demand of our youth.

The pool was kept open and upgraded for the enjoyment of all.

Packer Park is to be rebuilt and will have a walking track connecting with the Duncan MacKinnon Reserve through the acquired land from Murrumbeena High School which will be a passive park.

Existing playground equipment for our young was made safe through upgrading but more playgrounds need attention.

Footpaths, streets and drainage were substantially upgraded but of course much more needs to be done. Liability payments— left over by the Commissioners— were kept to a minimum. Glen Eira City Council's diligence saved the community some 2.5 million dollars.

Finally: AS PROMISED: I WAS, I AM AND WILL ALWAYS BE AVAILABLE TO THE COMMUNITY.

Authorised by GW Martens, 13 Margaretta Avenue, Murrumbeena.



# COMMUNITY *Diary*

## Courses and classes

**U3A Glen Eira** classes for 2000 will commence on Monday 7 February. All inquiries: 9572 0571.

**Copelen Family Resource Centre** will run a six week course for couples in stepfamilies: Making stepfamilies work on 15, 22 and 29 February and 7, 14 and 21 March, 7-9pm at Copelen, 274 High Street, Prahran. Cost: \$70 per couple (includes handbook). Contact: Irene or Karen on 9521 5666.

**Glen Eira Cheltenham Art Group** classes in all media— some vacancies. Cost: \$30 membership and classes \$60 per 9 week term. Enrol now for life drawing: 5 hours/2 sessions \$40 members \$45 non-members (includes model). Contact: Jenni Lloyd 9559 8949 or Val Lindley 9570 3596.

## Meetings and clubs

**Caulfield Garden Club** has a yearly program of speakers and outings and meets first Tuesday of each month at 8pm at Uniting Church corner Glen Huntly Road and Foster Street, Elsternwick. Visitors and new members welcome. Contact: Barbara Graf 9528 1236.

**Victorian Lupus Association's— Caulfield** support group will meet Sunday 27 February at 2pm. Contact: Enid Elton 9509 2735.

**Moorabbin Area Toy Library** at Moorleigh Community Village, 92 Bignell Road, East Bentleigh, reopened on 2 February. New session times are: Wednesday 7.30-8.30pm. Thursday and Friday 9.30-11.30am. Saturday 9.30am-12.30pm. Contact 9570 3590.

**Caulfield Group of Nursing Mothers' Association of Australia** coming meetings: February - Wednesday, 9 (new mothers) 1pm-3pm; Thursday, 17 (coffee morning) 10am-noon; and Wednesday, 22 (new mothers) 1pm-3pm; plus Wednesday, 8 March at 8pm. Pregnant women and new mums welcome. Contact: 9578 0628.

**McKinnon Over 50 Dance Club** meet each Sunday 12.30-4pm at Progress Hall, McKinnon Road. New Vogue and Old Time Dancing. Cost: \$2 including tuition and afternoon tea. Contact: 9583 5561.

**Neighbourhood Support Groups** weekly meetings resumed this week at 6 Jersey Parade, Carnegie. For information about the Father's Group and Chinese Group, contact Judy White on 9524 3404 or Maureen Carolan (Tuesday and Wednesday) 0419 348936.

**Life Activities Club— Caulfield** will meet on Wednesday 16 February at 7.30pm at the Gladys Machin Hall, Cedar Street Caulfield. Guest speaker: Michael Scammell from Australian Quarantine Inspection Service. Visitors welcome. Contact: 9569 5249.

**Life Activities Club— Bentleigh** offers opportunities to meet new friends and enjoy social activities. Contact: 9557 2562 or 9563 2554.

**Elsternwick Ladies Probus** has vacancies for new members. The club offers opportunities to meet new friends and enjoy social activities. Contact: 9596 5136.

**Club 66** hold old time, modern, and new vogue dances with live band at Bentleigh Uniting Church hall, Centre Road, Bentleigh on the first and third Saturday of each month at 8pm. Cost: \$6. All ages welcome. Contact: 9587 1092.

## Events

**Caulfield Grammar School** will hold a Festival for the Arts on Sunday, 20 February 5pm-9pm at Rippon Lea. Special guest: Daryl Braithwaite acoustic. Cost: \$20 family (2 adults and 2 children), \$9 adult, \$6 concession. Contact: 9524 6300.

## Volunteers

**Community Information Glen Eira Social Support Program** urgently needs volunteers. One or two hours weekly or fortnightly to assist frail, aged or disabled members of the community with shopping, transport, social visits, etc. Car essential. Contact: Social Support and Monitoring Co-ordinator on 9524 3314 or 9524 3200.

**University of the Third Age (U3A) Glen Eira** seeks a volunteer co-ordinator for a Hebrew conversation group for two hours a week, preferably Monday morning. Contact: Barbara Fraser 9592 3339.

## Community Services Recognition Scheme

City of  
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Organisations are invited to nominate volunteers for this Council-sponsored ceremony to honour the contribution made by volunteers to community life in the City of Glen Eira.

Information and nomination forms are available from the Service Centre or on 9524 3333.

Applications close Monday 3 April.

## JUDO YAMADA JUDO ACADEMY

Caulfield Recreation Centre  
6 Maple St, Caulfield South  
**9578 4460**

**Self defence, Concentration, Discipline, Co-ordination, Self-esteem, Enjoyment, Stress Release**

**BEGINNERS TO BLACK BELT - From 4 years old**

## Glen Huntly Friendship Group

Welcome to Year 2000! I trust it will be a good year and that we will have many happy times together.

**10 February:** Come along and share together the hustle and bustle, the interests and blessings and the happy times of Christmas and New Year.

Enjoy views of some lovely gardens in NZ 10am-noon  
Cost: \$2 Morning tea. 99 Grange Road, Glen Huntly.

**24 February:** A bus trip with a difference! Val Murphy, a Thorpdale Potato farmer, takes us on a delightful tour and introduces us to potato products such as you haven't dreamed of. Cost: \$28 includes lunch, cooking demonstrations and tour.

Departs 99 Grange Road, Glen Huntly at 9am and 185 Poath Road Hughesdale at 9.15am. Return 5.30pm.

**Bookings Margaret 9596 6124**

## House and property numbering services

*Avoid penalties for inadequate numbering.*

*Numbering Service available at reasonable cost.*

**Contact: Kelvin  
Phone 9528 6662**

## Council Meetings

Glen Eira City Council meets on Monday 7 and 28 February at the Council chamber, Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield.

## Senior Citizens' Week 2000

*16-30 March*

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

Glen Eira City Council's Senior Citizens Week Celebrations will be officially launched at Discovering Glen Eira in 2000 Expo— an event which includes community information stands, come 'n try sessions and a free afternoon variety concert. The 2.30pm concert will include the East Bentleigh Senior Citizens Marching Girls and Magic Melodies favourites Jennifer, Adam and Craig.

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

### Spit Roast and Social Afternoon:

DJ Coakley East Bentleigh Senior Citizens Club

### Afternoon Tea Dance:

McKinnon Over 50's Dance Group

**Lawn Bowls Open Day:** Caulfield Park Bowls Club

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

### Traditional Greek Luncheon:

Greek Senior Citizens Club of Glen Eira City

### Afternoon Concert:

Carnegie/Murrumbeena Senior Citizens Club

### Introduction to Croquet:

Caulfield Park Croquet Club

### Picnic at Wattle Grove:

Polish Senior Citizens Club of Moorabbin

### Bus Trip to Werribee Park:

Greek Senior Citizens Association of Gregorios

### Concert:

Carnegie/Murrumbeena Senior Citizens Club

### Afternoon Tea Dance:

Bentleigh Bayside Community Health Service

### Greek Celebration Day:

Carnegie/Murrumbeena Greek Senior Citizens Club

**U3A Open Day:** U3A Moorleigh

**U3A Open Day:** U3A Glen Eira

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

**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

**Afternoon with Beskidy Dance Ensemble:**

Polish Senior Citizens of Caulfield

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

## BLADDER PROBLEM?

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Control Health Services,  
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Member of Continence Foundation and  
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Glen Eira

# Youth Page



Why? Gen youth page

## Dreams and fears for the new millennium

— the High Wire Circus end of year performance

About 200 people watched in awe as the High Wire Circus performed its annual show in December last year.

The theme of the performance was *The Fears You Dream*— an idea spawned by the young people and trainers as they contemplated the future, what the year 2000 and beyond would bring for young people today.

During 1999, the High Wire performers trained weekly in skills such as tumbling, acrobalance, trapeze, dance, juggling, stilt-walking, singing and unicycling. We have watched them gain increased self-esteem and confidence as they have mastered these skills to the point where they show no hesitation in performing at community events.

We look forward to seeing what the young people of High Wire can achieve in the new millennium and offer a big thank you to the Southern Mental Health Association and the 'La La Chilunga' band for providing the spirited musical accompaniment on the day.

Here are a few glimpses of *The Fears You Dream*...



The High Wire "behind the scenes" team of trainers, musicians, youth workers and our Mayor Cr Norman Kennedy.  
Photos: Jim Hooper



(From left) Mandy Longmuir, Cr Russell Longmuir, and Cr Barry Neve look up to a High Wire performer on stilts.



Our dancers performed three original dances to the beat of the African drum. Here they prepare for the Lizard dance.

### Foundation supports youth

The Foundation for Youth Excellence Committee will meet again this month to award grants to young people who have achieved excellence in the fields of creative and performing arts, education or sport.

The following people received Foundation for Youth Excellence grants at its last selection meeting late last year: Kelvin Cheah to attend the Goju-Kai Karate Championships in Perth; Matthew Holmes to attend the National Baseball Championships in Perth; and Tharquin Lansang to attend the Oceania Karate Championships in New Zealand.

To be eligible for a grant you must be a resident of Glen Eira, aged between 10 and 25 and be performing at a state, national or international level. For an application phone 9524 3459.

### From the Editor

Welcome back!

Well we are now into 2000. The mega-hyped bug has been all but squashed. And it's that time of the year when students look back on the endless holidays that seemed to mysteriously finish before they even started.

So best of luck and good fortune with whatever fate deems to throw your way. Oh, and if you feel like throwing anything back— like articles, stories, jokes, incidents, cartoons or artwork— the "Contact Us!" box is right below me.

Hugs,  
Daniel

### Contact us!

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

## LIBRARY News

### Blast off— into the New Millennium!

Thanks to all those who joined us for summer holiday fun at the libraries. The Statewide summer reading club proved again to be the greatest reading club around where members enjoy fun, activities, reading, collecting stickers and bookmarks, and joining in competitions with great prizes (including books and gameboys).

The summer holiday programs were also enjoyed by lots of children and families. Whether you enjoyed the amazing science show at Bentleigh Library, came face to face with snakes and crocodiles at Carnegie Library, met Chester the Bear at Caulfield Library or wowed us with your favourite beachwear at Elsternwick, we're glad you helped us make this a summer of fun.

### More summer activities

There's more summer fun still to come with free bedtime story times with stories and songs for all the family. Join us at:

- Caulfield Library on Monday 14 February and 13 March at 7pm
- Bentleigh Library on Tuesday 15 February and 14 March at 7pm

### Hone your Internet skills

Now the holidays are over, give some thought to refining your Internet skills through our range of Internet classes conducted at Caulfield Library. In addition to the introductory classes, we now offer instruction in email and genealogical research over the Net.

We are also introducing a new class for the new year— Further Steps in the Internet is for experienced Internet users wishing to improve their searching technique using different search strategies and tools. Contact: 95329466.

### Red Cross calls next month

Every year 60,000 volunteers join Red Cross to collect money to help support the sick, reunite families, and provide training in first aid. Please give generously when a volunteer knocks on your door, or call direct to make your donation.



Australian Red Cross

March is Red Cross Calling

Please give 1800 811 700



# Recreation News

## Cathy shows support

Sports star Cathy Freeman was on hand to cheer on competitors at the Southern Region Special School Sports Association Athletics Carnival held on International Day for People with Disabilities, late last year.

Cathy's participation capped off a perfect day—more than 200 students attended to compete in track and field events at Duncan MacKinnon Reserve. Athletics officials at the event declared it a "most enthusiastic carnival".

Students and teachers really appreciated Cathy Freeman's interest in the carnival—being able to identify with an athlete of Cathy's calibre is very special for young people who may need extra encouragement. Cathy's patience and the time she gave for autographs ensured that everyone went home on a real high.

Co-ordinator of the Joint Councils Access for all Abilities Program (JCAAA) Paul Dunn said: "This event was the result of a number of organisations getting together to make the day such a success. It was a joint project between JCAAA, the Southern Region Special School Sports Association, Glen Huntly Athletic Club, and Athletics Victoria."

Plans are already under way for next year to host the carnival again at the Duncan MacKinnon Reserve, this time with inclusion of schools from the Northern



and Western suburbs. JCAAA and the Glen Huntly Athletic Club also have plans for "come and try" days with the aim of providing more opportunities for people with disabilities to participate in club based athletics.

*Above: Competitors take off in the relay at the Southern Region Special School Sports Association Athletics Carnival. Inset: Sports star Cathy Freeman signs everything from scraps of paper to t-shirts for young fans.*

*Photos: Jim Hooper.*

## In brief

### Community to create vision for local park

A draft master plan for Packer Park has been completed and is on display at the Town Hall and Carnegie and Bentleigh Libraries until 18 February for public comment.

Packer Park is a key local park located in Leila Road, Murrumbeena and offers facilities for both passive and active recreation—incorporating passive areas, a sports oval, a velodrome, pavilion, cricket nets, and a bowling club.

This draft master plan was prepared by a landscape architect for Council after extensive community consultation with residents and key stakeholders which highlighted a number of attributes important for development; including features such as diverse

recreation and play experiences, shared and improved facilities, disabled access, and sustainable landscape management.

Gaining the community's view on the plan is vital to its success. The full draft plan outlines proposed development which, if adopted, would be completed as funds become available.

For further information contact Recreation Services on 9524 3470 or email [recservices@gleneira.vic.gov.au](mailto:recservices@gleneira.vic.gov.au)

### Relay for Life

Lace up your shoes and join the Anti Cancer Relay for life—a fundraising event which began in America 15 years ago and is now held in over 1000 locations; raising more than \$90 million for cancer research in the US.

Events will be held across the state and the relay will again be held at the Duncan MacKinnon track from

noon on Saturday 18 to noon on Sunday 19 March.

There are a number of ways to be involved—teams of eight to 15 walkers are needed, a candlelight memorial ceremony will be held, and people are invited to attend as spectators.

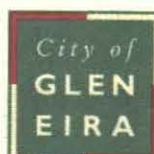
Contact: Relay for Life on 9635 5378 or email [relayforlife@accv.org.au](mailto:relayforlife@accv.org.au)

### Shuttle bus helps swimmers

When an electrical fault caused East Bentleigh Swim Centre to close for a day last month, Council moved quickly to organise a free shuttle bus to Caulfield Swim Centre. The half-hour shuttle service meant pool visitors didn't miss out on a dip on a very hot day during school holidays.

The electrical fault prevented the East Bentleigh pool pump from operating, and Council could not guarantee the water quality. It was fixed within 24 hours.

## Venues for hire



Are you holding a family reunion, 60th birthday, wedding, conference, exhibition, anniversary or special event? Why not consider hiring one of the Council facilities as your next venue? They range in size, are located throughout the city and are clean and comfortable. The rotundas in Council's parks are also available for hire.

Contact the Facilities Booking Officer on 9524 3333 or email [recservices@gleneira.vic.gov.au](mailto:recservices@gleneira.vic.gov.au)

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Inquiries: Elaine on 9557 4143 Heather on 9503 9538 or Judy on 9578 6688