

## Glen Eira is now *debt free!*

**G**len Eira City Council is about to become debt free! Council this month makes its final repayment on an inherited debt of \$6 million, finishing its loan with the National Bank's Elsternwick branch.

This follows Council's achievement during last financial year to move its operating result into surplus—one of the few Victorian Councils to achieve this.

Glen Eira's five neighbouring Councils are repaying debts of \$10 million, \$13 million, \$16 million, \$19 million and \$27 million (according to figures published in annual reports).

Mayor Cr Norman Kennedy said going debt-free was a major achievement for Council and had been made possible by sound financial management and the implementation of a five year financial plan.

"This puts us in an extremely good financial position to now focus on putting money into renewal projects such as recreational facilities," Cr Kennedy said.

Chair of the Finance Advisory Committee Cr Veronika Martens said: "We moved our Operating Result into surplus in 1998. Now we are debt free. We no longer have to pay interest. All money can go into the community—for better facilities and community services".

Cr Russell Longmuir, a member of the Finance Advisory Committee, said Council had paid off the \$6 million debt of its predecessors while still keeping

rates 13 per cent lower than they were six years ago. He said this represented "great value" for ratepayers.

Cr Alan Grossbard said: "When I became Glen Eira's first Mayor in 1997, we set this goal. I am delighted to see it achieved." He said prudent funding of important new community facilities would be "the way forward."

Cr Noel Erlich, who owns and operates a business within the city, said being debt free was a great step

for Council. "With interest rates on the way up, this puts Council in an excellent position."

Cr Barry Neve was also pleased with the result and said being clear of debts from the past meant Council could undertake major projects.

He said Council's strong financial position meant it could, if necessary, arrange borrowings for specific projects, which would "make life in Glen Eira even better."



Acting Chief Executive Andrew Newton, Mayor Cr Norman Kennedy and National Bank business manager Lex Robertson celebrate Glen Eira being debt-free by giving Council a "perfect" financial score.  
Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

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## Council elections now on! All voting by post.

All voters will receive their ballot papers in the mail. Don't forget, voting is compulsory for residents on the voters role, excluding people 70 years and over.

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# Fun at playground opening

New playground equipment has been installed at a pocket park adjoining Haigh and Kershaw Roads, East Bentleigh, using Mackie Ward funds of about \$6000.

Last month, about 50 people attended an "opening" of the new equipment by Mayor Cr Norman Kennedy. Children's entertainer Peevil helped children and families celebrate with balloons and games.

Mackie Ward Cr Veronika Martens said: "Council needs to invest more in playground equipment. It was a pleasure to see so many families attending the opening. The park certainly was alive with children."

The upgrade of the play equipment was made possible by ward funding— money which is set aside in Council's budget each year for Councillors to allocate to specific ward projects.

Photos: Les O'Rourke.



Cr Kennedy, Cr Martens and local families are delighted with the new play equipment.

Inspector Peevil and friends try out the new play equipment.



## Officially open for business

About 60 guests attended the official opening of the new Glen Eira Service Centre at the Town Hall recently. Mayor Cr Norman Kennedy unveiled a plaque to commemorate the opening of the new centre.



Mayor Cr Norman Kennedy proudly unveils the plaque commemorating the opening of the new Service Centre with (from left) Councillors Noel Erlich, Veronika Martens, Russell Longmuir, Alan Grossbard and Barry Neve.

Photo: Les O'Rourke

In his address, Cr Kennedy said the new facility would help Council improve its already high service standard. He said 40 other organisations had visited Glen Eira's Service Centre "to see what we are doing right".

Cr Kennedy said: "This is an exciting development for Council that provides excellent facilities for the benefit of the community. I invite people in Glen Eira to visit the new Service Centre and see the improvements."

The new service centre has more counters, including some for people with disabilities, a full call centre which can handle 1000 calls per day, and private interview rooms. It includes disabled access and tactile signage for people with vision impairment.

All Councillors attended alongside State MPs Ann Barker, Inga Peulich, Helen Shardey, Andrea Coote and John Ross, four ex-Mayors— Jack Campbell, Edward Biggs, Brian Rudzski and Geoffrey Patience— and Council staff.

The Service Centre caters for all general inquiries and payments, and for inquiries to the Building and

Planning Departments. It is also the access point for other services within Council.

The old Service Centre entrance, off Hawthorn Road, is now closed, but the Service Centre phone number remains 9524 3333.

## Human Services Advisory Committee reconvenes



Cr Noel Erlich chaired the first Human Services Advisory Committee of 2000, held at Oak Tree House with (from left standing) Glenda Stanislaw, Valda Bawden, Council's Director Human Services Laurie Harkin, Brian Caulfield and Ross Buscemi and (seated) Russell Oke and Judy Moylan.

Major areas of interest for the committee this year will include community safety and crime prevention, access and equity issues and changes in State Government initiatives regarding Primary Care.

Cr Erlich said: "The committee has overseen the introduction of the Disability Policy and Action Plan, and setting up a Disability Advisory Committee. Now Council is looking at another vital access and equity area, Cultural and Linguistic Diversity (CALD). The committee is keenly interested in obtaining wide community input so that the strategies developed are relevant to the community."

## Anzac Day Service

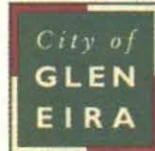


The people of Glen Eira are invited to attend an Anzac Day Service at the War Memorial (north-west side) in Caulfield Park on Sunday 16 April, at 2.30pm.

Following the service light refreshments will be served in the marquee located in Caulfield Park.

Contact: 9524 3225.

## Draft policy developed



A Draft Cultural and Linguistic Diversity Policy (CALD) has been developed by Human Services.

A meeting will be held in early March to develop strategies based on community input.

Information has been mailed out to agencies and placed widely in the community.

For further information or to have input into developing the strategy contact Margaret Roche on 9524 3448.



# Adventures test boundaries

Facing life's challenges can be difficult for some young people but with the support of the TaskForce organisation and its Wilderness Program, challenges can become adventures.

The organisation was recently given a funding boost when Mayor Cr Norman Kennedy donated the proceeds from Council's Australia Day Breakfast to the TaskForce Wilderness Program.

Program Co-ordinator Liz Hodgkinson said the program runs adventure-based activities designed to offer young people challenges which raise their confidence and test their boundaries.

"Activities like skiing, hiking, rafting and abseiling—physically challenging activities give young people a natural high," she said.

Cr Kennedy said: "Today's young people are confronted with challenges I never even had to think about. When I finished school, I had lots of options. I could get a job—and there were plenty to be had—or I could go on to further education knowing there would be a job at the end of it. Life felt a lot slower and more certain.

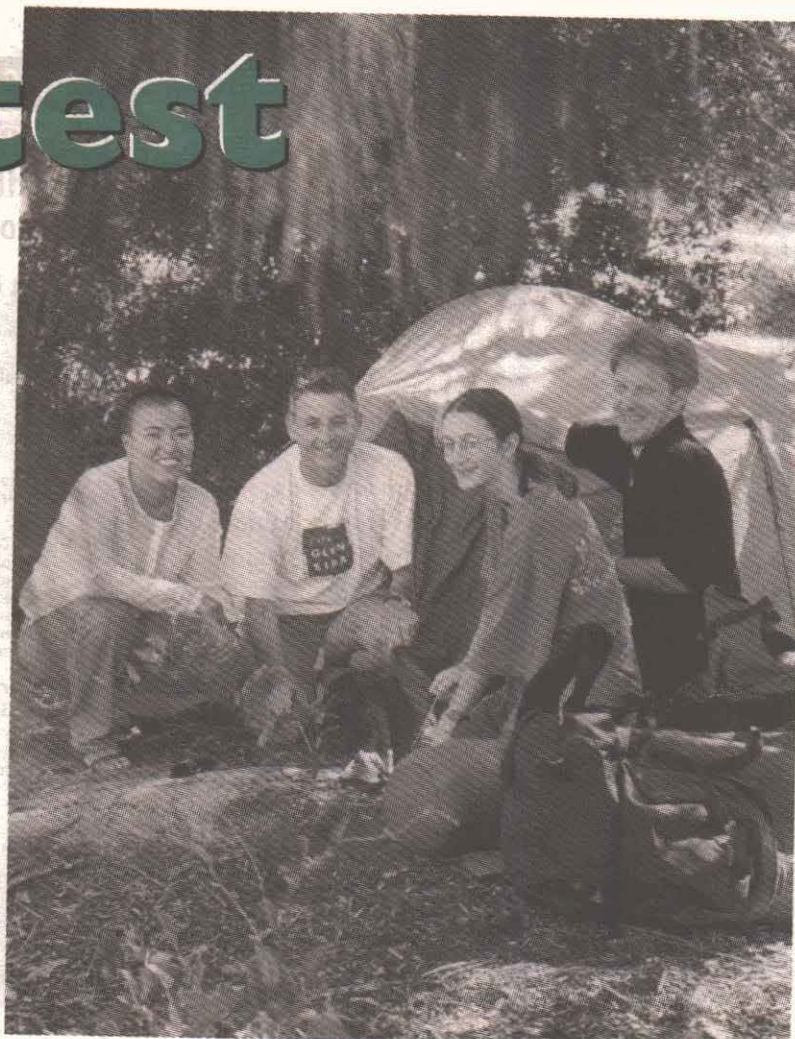
"The TaskForce programs give our young people strategies for facing problems and overcoming them—a way of learning how to co-operate as members of a team and develop the skills they need in our complicated society. I am hopeful Council's contribution will help towards this goal."

TaskForce is based in South Road, Moorabbin, and also offers services out of Council's Why? Stop Youth Information and Referral Centre in Carnegie. A non-profit community organisation, TaskForce works in partnership with young people and adults to provide supportive programs which maximise individual choice, encourage community participation and foster personal and social-well being.

Now in its 26th year, the community-based agency provides high quality, effective treatment services in the southern region for people experiencing drug and alcohol related difficulties.

TaskForce Chief Executive Ruth Parramore said TaskForce aims to address drug and alcohol issues by fostering personal development through practical assistance, crisis intervention, support, counselling, outreach, group work, support to families, community education and training and job placement programs.

She said: "TaskForce has developed particular expertise in working with young people who experience substance use issues. For the past seven years it has implemented a specific youth drug and alcohol program."



Mayor Cr Norman Kennedy "roughs it" with TaskForce participants and staff.  
Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

"Challenging outdoor adventure experiences can produce significant positive changes in young people's self-concept, confidence and sociability, all of which are fundamentally related to drug taking behaviour," Ms Parramore said.

## Council welcomes draft GST Determination

Glen Eira City Council has welcomed the announcement of the Federal Treasurer's Draft Determination on GST, which shows Council rates, garbage charges and pet registration fees would not attract a Goods and Services Tax.

Federal Treasurer Peter Costello announced on 31 January a draft Determination for government taxes, fees and charges which will be GST-free under Division 81 of The New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) Act 1999.

The draft shows Council services likely to be GST free include rates, building permits, town planning fees, subdivision fees, animal registration fees, Food Act registration fees and residential garbage charges.

Meals on wheels services, home help and certain child care services are already exempt under the GST legislation.

Local government services that will attract GST include inspection fees such as building inspections and valuations, library reservation fees and internet classes, swimming pool entrance fees, sale of compost bins and facility hire.

Mayor Cr Norman Kennedy said: "We are pleased that Council has been given an indication of services which are GST-free, particularly rates, garbage charges and pet registration fees.

"However, the delay in the announcement has caused difficulty for local government to prepare for GST by 1 July 2000. Council has to make changes to finance systems, invoicing, business processes, etc, and we need a clear indication of which areas of Council's operations attract GST so that we can begin preparing the City's 2000-2001 Budget."

Council is currently examining the content of the draft Determination, which is 327 pages long. Council has not been advised when the Determination will be finalised.

"We hope that a final decision will be announced soon so that we can get on with preparations. If taxes change prices on any Council services, we want to give affected residents as much notice as possible," Cr Kennedy said.

### Deadlines for Glen Eira News

The deadline for the next issue of the Glen Eira News will be **Tuesday 14 March** for delivery 4-6 April.

#### Coming deadlines:

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

June: 8 May. Delivery: 6-8 June

For advertising contact Margaret on 9524 3224.

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

## 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. 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.

## Community Services Recognition Scheme



Glen Eira City Council will again honour volunteers in 2000.

Non-profit community-based organisations are invited to consider people they would like to nominate for particular categories of service (500 hours, 1000 hours, 2000 hours and a special category, where hours can't be readily quantified).

Forms available from the Service Centre, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield South. Contact: 9524 3333.

Applications close Monday 3 April at 5pm.

The ceremony will be held in May during National Volunteers' Week.



# MAYOR'S column



This is my last column in my term as Mayor; it is also the last column of this term of Council. It has been a challenge to be the first elected Council of the new City of Glen Eira.

I find it hard to believe that I have been a Councillor for three years; the time has passed quickly. I

suppose the saying "time flies when you are having fun" really does apply.

You now know all the candidates who have put themselves forward for election and you should have received your ballot papers. Now it is time for you to make your judgement on our performance.

I am proud of what my fellow Councillors and I have achieved in the last three years. It has not been all smooth sailing, but I can say we are now all focused on the welfare of the City and are working well as a team.

Much has been accomplished, but three years is such a short time to accomplish long term goals. We have identified many projects that should be tackled and the task over the next three years is to work with the community to select those most needed.

The milestone of being "debt free" is not an end in itself. But it does mean that we have the capacity to borrow to build new facilities for our City.

Your Councillors are now engaged in the very important task of selecting a new CEO to lead our City for the next few years. We are looking for someone who will look after both the finances and the community spirit that makes our City a great place to live.

I would like to congratulate all those members of our community who have been selected to carry the Olympic torch through our city on 31 July.

My thoughts go out to all those VCE students of 1999 who now have their results and offers and who are about to start on the next phase of their lives. I enjoyed being part of the official opening of the academic year at Monash University last month and seeing the excitement on the faces of the new students.

We have just opened a further phase of the Town Hall renewal. I invite you all to come and inspect the new service centre and the new function rooms.

— Norman Kennedy  
Mayor

## Your Council your vote

### Glen Eira City Council elections March 2000

#### Watch out for your ballot pack

A ballot pack of voting material will be posted from 29 February 2000 to every voter on the voters' roll for the City of Glen Eira.

When you receive your ballot pack, please read the instructions, complete your ballot material, and post it to the Returning Officer in the reply-paid envelope without delay.

If you do not receive your ballot pack by Tuesday, 7 March, or if your ballot material needs to be replaced, telephone (03) 9532 8719 without delay.

Your completed ballot-paper must reach the Returning Officer by 6.00 pm on Friday, 17 March 2000 or it will not be counted.

#### Who has to vote

Voting is compulsory for residents of the City of Glen Eira who were enrolled on the voters' roll by 29 November 1999. You do not have to vote if you are:

- 70 years of age or over; or
- a non-resident voter, but you are encouraged to vote.

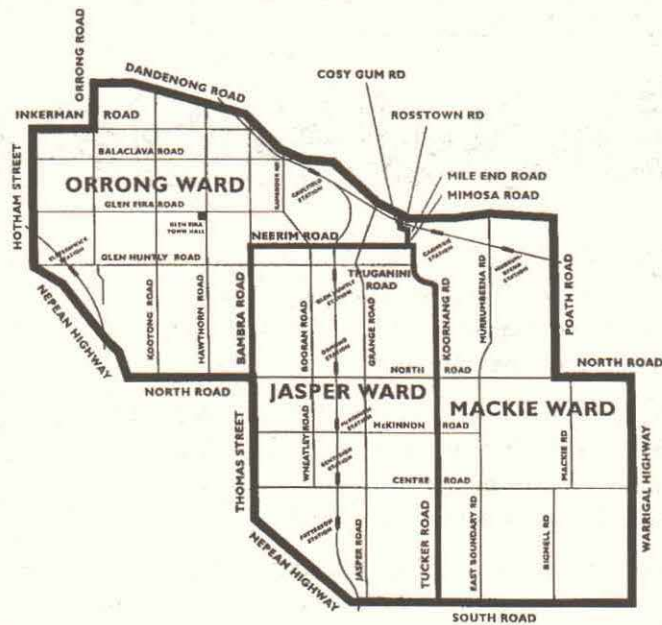
#### Any enquiries?

Telephone (03) 9532 8719, 8.30 am to 5.00 pm, Monday to Friday.

Ron Preston  
Returning Officer

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#### Your candidates

##### Jasper Ward

(Elect three Councillors)

STEAD, Robert J.  
ZERBINOS, Chris  
WALSH, Eamonn  
SAPIR, Rachelle  
SLATER, Joe  
ASH-BRUMER, Kate  
LONGMUIR, Russell A.  
BATTY, Peter  
WARTSKI, Stephen  
HATTON, Elizabeth  
O'REILLY, Barbara  
COURTIER, Rosemary  
BRUNTON, Nick  
BURSTIN, Sefra

##### Mackie Ward

(Elect three Councillors)

GOUDGE, Peter  
REITER, Kurt Andrew  
KENNEDY, Norman  
MARTENS, Veronika  
BEVERIDGE, Rosa  
JACKSON, Frank S.  
SWEDOSH, Philip  
WHITTEN, Suzanne  
ROSEN, Sandra

##### Orrong Ward

(Elect three Councillors)

GROSSBARD, Alan  
MARWICK, Dorothy  
SARKISSIAN, Georgia  
EPSTEIN, Lewis  
EDGE, Caroline  
ARNOLD, Janet Ruth  
ERLICH, Noel  
FRECKLETON, Peter David

Voter information phone (03) 9532 8719

www.vec.vic.gov.au

## Postal voting— what's involved?

The March 2000 Council elections will be conducted entirely by post. All voters will receive their ballot papers in the mail. No voting will take place at polling booths on 'election day'.

Voters should have received ballot packs (mailed from 29 February) inclosing written statements from each candidate and preferences. A ballot paper envelope and reply-paid envelope, instructions and multi-language leaflet are also included.

Voters must sign a declaration, attached to their ballot paper envelope, that they are the voter casting their vote. The declaration flap will be checked by polling staff then removed from the envelopes before the envelopes are opened. The anonymity of your vote is guaranteed.

Electoral staff will supervise all aspects of delivery of the ballot papers to Australia Post, and return of the completed envelopes.

## Councillor contacts MACKIE WARD



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## JASPER WARD



#### Cr Barry Neve

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#### Cr Russell Longmuir

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Fax: 9557 8717



## ORRONG WARD



#### Cr Noel Erlich

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#### Cr Alan Grossbard

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# Grant boosts heritage conservation

Council's heritage advisory service has been given funding of \$10,000 from the Heritage Victoria.

The funds have been allocated to Glen Eira towards the Heritage Advisory Program, which provides Councils and house owners with expert advice and support in preserving heritage.

Oakleigh MLA Ann Barker presented the cheque for \$10,000 to Mayor Cr Norman Kennedy outside the heritage property, "Balranald" (formerly known as "Croft Head") in Poath Road, Murrumbena, which was built in 1887.

The current owners have removed a 1950s coat of paint to reveal detailed brickwork and tiling on the exterior, and recreated the property's early garden layout by following old photographs. Their next task is to take paint off the original wallpaper inside the house.

*Mayor Cr Norman Kennedy and Cr Veronika Martens accept the heritage grant from Oakleigh MLA Ann Barker in the beautiful grounds of Balranald.*  
Photo: Bernie Bickerton.



## Become a waste-wise business —free waste audits available

Food businesses in Glen Eira have an exciting opportunity to participate in a new project to reduce the waste they generate and even save money.

Council's Environmental Health Services and Ecorecycling have joined together to assist Food Businesses to identify how to:

- identify what types of waste businesses generate;
- reduce waste; and
- minimise waste removal costs.

Acting Environmental Health Services Co-ordinator Mark Saunders said: "Small changes to either reduce

waste, or reuse items such as crates and recycling, can produce large savings to businesses over a 12 month period. The process is easy!"

Council is offering 10 free audits, to be conducted by Waste Auditing Consulting Services, to start off the project.

Food business operators in Glen Eira requiring more information or who would like to register their interest in receiving a free audit can contact Council's Environmental Health Services Department on 9524 3274.

## Panel report released

### — Heritage Amendment L33

Glen Eira City Council has received the report of the independent panel hearing submissions in relation to Amendment L33 (C4) to the Glen Eira Planning Scheme. Amendment L33 (C4) proposes to introduce heritage controls over a number of areas and individual properties identified in the Glen Eira Heritage Management Plan.

Copies of the report have been distributed to people who made submissions to the panel hearing, which was held over seven days in August, September and October 1999. The report is available for viewing at Council's Town Planning Department counter and in Council libraries.

The panel report assesses Amendment L33, and considers general issues raised by submitters and submissions on individual sites.

The panel report is comprehensive and provides a discussion of the issues of heritage versus character and the assessment of heritage value.

The panel was satisfied that the consultation process was "well planned and implemented" and that it "gave all residents relevant information and the opportunity to discuss their concerns in various forums."

The panel also acknowledged that it "was very impressed with the friendly relationships maintained between the submitters and Council officers, and suggests that this is ultimately the best test of a well conducted public consultation process."

Over the coming months, Council will assess the implications of the report before making a decision on whether to adopt, abandon or vary the amendment.

## Senior Citizens' Week 2000 Discover Glen Eira in 2000 Expo

This year's Senior Citizens' Week will feature a free expo!

Come along and browse community information stands, try a variety of activities, meet Council staff, enjoy a cup of tea and begin the celebrations for the "week". To be held at the Auditorium, the event will include an official opening at 2.15pm by the Mayor Cr Norman Kennedy and a free variety concert.

Representatives from a wide range of community service and activity groups and medical organisations will be available to answer your questions.

Demonstrations (from 11.45am to 1.30pm) will include calligraphy, water colour painting, decoupage, counted cross stitch, social, Israeli and Scottish country dancing, an active exercise class and Tai Chi for frail older adults.

The "Let Us Entertain You" concert features Magic Melodies favourites, Jennifer, Adam and Craig, and the East Bentleigh Senior Citizens Marching Ladies.

Tea and Coffee will be available through out the day and afternoon tea will be served at the conclusion of the concert.

To assist residents, free transport is available from Moorleigh Community Village, East Bentleigh Senior Citizens Club and Bentleigh Senior Citizens Club. Bookings are essential.

**Date:** Thursday 16 March

**Time:** 11.30am-4.30pm

**Venue:** Glen Eira Town Hall Auditorium  
Corner Hawthorn and Glen Eira Roads, Caulfield

**Cost:** FREE!

**Contact:** Cheryl Kennedy  
(for event) 9524 3356.

Bookings essential for concert and/or transport assistance. Contact: Fiona or Sarah 9524 3228 by Monday 13 March.

See page 12 for program details.



## Don't forget Fido and Fluffy!

### Pet registration is now due

Pet owners should have already received their form for pet registration for this year and are encouraged to be responsible and sign up their cat or dog by the due date.

Glen Eira's pet registration fees have not changed from last year's rates and are as follows:

Fees:	Dogs	Cats
Maximum	\$81	\$53
Maximum pensioner	\$40.50	\$26.50
Reduced fee	\$27	\$17
Reduced fee pensioner	\$11	\$6

Please note, reduced fees apply to animals under the following categories: sterilised, microchipped, over 10 years old, registered with Victorian Canine Association, have undergone obedience training that complies with the regulations, working animals, domestic animal business conducted on registered premises.

The deadline for payment is 10 April and fees can be paid by either of the following methods:

#### 1. By mail

Make cheque payable to Glen Eira City Council, crossed "not negotiable" and mail with the completed entire form to Glen Eira City Council, PO Box 42, Caulfield South 3162. Tags will be returned by mail.

#### 2. In person

Present the entire form and make payment at the Service Centre at the Town Hall on the corner of Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield from 8am to 5.30pm Monday to Friday with late opening on Tuesdays until 7.15pm.

#### 3. Please note:

Payment can also be made in person at Australia Post Offices but ONLY for RENEWALS (NOT new registrations) and ONLY if NO CHANGES to details are made.

## Volunteer drivers wanted to deliver meals on wheels



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

Glen Eira Food Services seeks volunteer drivers to help deliver Meals on Wheels seven days per week to East 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).

## Frozen meal offer



### 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.

## Glen Eira City Council

# Making of Glen Eira City Council Local Law 2000

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Notice is given under section 119(3) of the Local Government Act 1989 that Council at its Ordinary Meeting held on 13 December 1999 resolved to make a Local Law titled the "Glen Eira City Council Local Law 2000" ('the Local Law').

The Local Law came into operation on 1 January 2000.

### The purpose of the Local Law is to:

- provide for the peace, order and good government of the municipal district of the City of Glen Eira;
- provide for those matters which require a local law under the Local Government Act 1989 and any other Act;
- provide for the administration of Council powers and functions;
- prohibit and regulate activities, events and behaviour in public places so that no detriment is caused to the amenity of the neighbourhood or nuisance to a person or detrimental effect to a person's property; and
- repeal the Glen Eira City Council Local Law 1995.

### The general purport of the Local Law is to:

- regulate the use of Council's common seal;
- make it an offence to use Council's common seal without authority;
- regulate the proceedings of Council, Committee and other meetings;
- regulate the election of the Mayor;
- require a person to obtain a permit from Council in relation to:
  - tapping into a Council sewer or drain;
  - interfering with or altering a Council drain or watercourse;
  - lighting fires in the open air, except in certain circumstances;
  - use of mobile cranes on any road, Council land or public reserve;
  - placement of industrial waste bins on any road, Council land or public reserve;
  - placement of recyclable clothing bins on any road, Council land or public reserve;
  - placing and occupying caravans or temporary shelters on any public or private land, except in certain circumstances;
  - supplying or consuming liquor on any road, Council land or public reserve for an activity involving 40 people or more, except where a liquor licence involving Council consent has been obtained for the activity, or where authorised under a lease, licence or planning permit from Council;
  - riding or driving a recreational vehicle in a public reserve, except in a designated area;
  - selling, collecting or soliciting goods or services, or soliciting money or donations on any road, Council land or public reserve or by door to door to households, except in certain circumstances;
  - placing advertising signs or displaying any goods on any road, Council land or public reserve;
  - placing a chair, table or other furniture on any road;
  - flying of model aeroplanes on any road, Council land or public reserve;
  - placing of building materials on any road, Council land or public reserve;
  - advertising and bill posting;
  - conducting of circuses, carnivals and festivals;
  - use of barbecues within one metre of the property boundary;
  - keeping of more than two dogs or more than two cats above the age of six months;
  - keeping of more than 6 poultry;
  - keeping of more than 20 pigeons;
  - keeping of horses, cattle, sheep, pigs or general livestock;
  - busking on any road, Council land or public reserve;
  - organised sporting activities within public reserves or Council land other than in designated locations;
  - damage, destruction or interference with Council land;
  - damage, destruction or interference with roads;
- to prohibit the following matters:
  - allowing trees and plants to cause a hazard to traffic;
  - offensive and disorderly behaviour in public places;
  - involvement in informal sport or games which unreasonably affect other users of public reserves;
  - interference with authorised activities and sport within public reserves;
  - leaving of rubbish, litter and other pollutants in public places;
  - shooting and snaring birds and animals in public reserves;
  - allowing animal litter to remain on roads and other public places;
  - leaving shopping trolleys outside designated areas;
  - repairing and/or selling vehicles on roads or Council land;
  - allowing property to be dangerous, unsightly or a fire hazard;
  - having a property from which trees, plants or any other thing overhangs any road at a height of less than three metres or from which a gate obstructs a roadway/footway;
  - causing noise in public places which is a nuisance to others;
  - using incinerators in a residential area;
  - keeping animal enclosures that are unsatisfactory or unsuitable;
  - misuse of mobile garbage bins and recycling containers;
  - keeping drains on private land that are unsightly, dangerous to health or a nuisance;
  - smoking in Council premises or Council vehicles;
  - keeping pigs and poultry that cause a loss of amenity;
  - retaining vehicle crossings which are no longer required;
  - failing to display or maintain the number of a property;
  - failing to return overdue library books and other library materials;
  - pollution of storm water drains;
- regulate parking within the municipality through resident parking schemes and ticket parking schemes;
- make it an offence to leave a vehicle parked beyond the time allowed;
- regulate applications for and the granting of permits, the payment of fees and other relevant matters;
- make it an offence to breach any of the provisions of the Local Law;
- make it an offence to obtain a permit by false representations, not produce a permit when requested to do so by an appropriate person, and fail to comply with the conditions of a permit;
- allow Council to impound any item which has been placed on a road or Council land without a permit where a permit is required under the Local Law, and to release such items to the owner on payment of a fee;
- allow an authorised officer to issue a direction to a person in regard to a matter under the Local Law;
- empower an authorised officer to issue an infringement notice; and
- establish penalties for offences and proceedings for enforcement other than by infringement notices.

A copy of the Local Law can be inspected at the Council's Offices, corner Hawthorn Road and Glen Eira Road, Caulfield during normal business hours.

**Andrew Newton**  
ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE



# Our top citizens

Frank Gardner is "just an ordinary guy doing what he enjoys"—but this year's Glen Eira Citizen of the Year is anything but ordinary.

The 74-year-old East Bentleigh resident, who has lived in Glen Eira for 64 years, described himself as someone who prefers not to be in the limelight and was completely surprised by the award given out at Council's Australia Day breakfast recently.

"I had absolutely no idea—my wife is good at keeping secrets! When I heard my name, I thought 'You've got to be kidding!' I'm just doing what I do because I like doing it," he said.

Mr Gardner was nominated for the award for his 40 years of voluntary service to Scouts (from Cub leader right through to District leader); for his involvement with Neighbourhood Watch; and for the wooden toys he makes for distribution to needy children by welfare services such as the Salvation Army and Smith Family.

He has also employed his wood working skills to assist children with disabilities, to design and make special equipment and toys and to support local craft groups with display stands for art work and "doll's bodies" for craft projects. Mr Gardner's wooden toys are well known among many community groups as items for sale on their fundraiser stalls or Christmas gifts for disadvantaged children, and he has even offered his skills to "behind the scenes" work for school productions.

Felicity Gaylard, 17, of Caulfield was awarded Young Citizen of the Year, for service to the community. She is a Ranger Guide who has been actively involved in a service project with an Elsternwick nursing home, Red Cross and Salvation Army appeals collections, and other community functions, as well as being a



Jane Neve and Cr Barry Neve in conversation with a resident.

Glen Eira's Citizen of the Year Frank Gardner and Young Citizen of the Year Felicity Gaylard with pentathlete Kitty Chiller (centre) after receiving their awards at the Australia Day Breakfast.

Junior Leader with 3rd Caulfield Brownies. Felicity also helps children from non-English speaking backgrounds with homework in an after school program.

About 200 people attended Council's Australia Day breakfast, including Councillors, representatives from State and Federal government and the community.

Guest speaker, champion pentathlete Kitty Chiller of East St Kilda, gave an inspiring speech about the training and dedication required to be an elite athlete. Special guest was Peter Homann, Atlanta Paralympic gold medalist in cycling, who is also aiming to represent Australia in Sydney, at the Paralympic Games. Peter is a member of Caulfield-Carnegie Cycling Club.

All proceeds from the breakfast will be donated to Taskforce Community Agency, towards its adventure-based activities for young people at risk in relation to substance abuse, unemployment and related issues.

— Myrine Hawksworth

A number of other nominations were received for Citizen of the Year, including the following:

Edward Terry OAM of Caulfield South—community service, particularly with Caulfield General Medical Centre as a volunteer photographer;

Paul Lake of Oakleigh South—paralympic cyclist; inaugural Australian Paralympic Cyclist of the Year 1999 (not at the breakfast);

Joan Young of Ormond—37 years service to Bethany Nursery School;

Betty Cann of Ormond East—involvement with Ormond Community Church of Christ, the church's drop-in centre, and Ormond East Primary School; and

Brian and Helen Neal of East Bentleigh—Christmas display in front garden for 20 years.

Other nominees for Young Citizen of the Year were:

Marie-Anne Davies of Elsternwick—member of Olympic Shadow Fencing Team—foil (unable to attend the breakfast); and

Daniel Piekarski of South Caulfield—editor of the Why Gen Youth Page in the Glen Eira News.

Cr Russell Longmuir, Mandy Longmuir and Caulfield MLA Helen Shardey.



Australia Day Breakfast



Cr Noel Erlich enjoys breakfast with Oakleigh MLA Ann Barker



Photos: Jim Hooper

## We'll be watching, Kitty

Kitty Chiller won the hearts and support of the audience gathered at the Australia Day Breakfast, with an inspiring speech about the work and dedication required to get to the Olympics—and the importance of enjoying the journey along the way.

Kitty, who grew up in Caulfield, is seeking Australian selection for the women's pentathlon in Sydney, the first time the event has been included in the Olympics.

"The Olympics have a very special place for every elite athlete. After a lifetime of training and total dedication to your goal, there is just one day, one hour, one minute, 10 seconds in some events, only once every four years for a chance to win an Olympic medal."

Kitty's event will be on the final day of competition (1 October), and will stretch over 12 hours for contests in running, fencing, swimming, shooting and horse-riding.

"I turn 36 on the day of the event; whereas most of my opponents will be in their mid-20s. But my advantages are experience and that I am the only one who has been to an Olympic Games—as an official at Seoul and Atlanta."

The former world number one had actually retired in 1997—then found out two weeks later that the women's pentathlon had finally been made an Olympic sport.

"The lure of the first women's pentathlon at an Olympics in Australia was too great. The very next

morning I was up at 5am in the swimming pool, back in training," she said.

Kitty trains six to 10 hours a day ("I get Sundays off") in her five sports as well as gym work, and also needs to fit in rest and eating. "I can eat anything I want because I find it difficult to keep weight on. I'm no stranger to cake shops in Acland Street."

"Goals are important, but only focusing on the goal is not enough. My New Year's resolution was to enjoy the journey."

Many in the audience probably had not heard of Kitty before the breakfast, but by the end of her speech, her listeners were keen to shake her hand and wish her well. Undoubtedly, they will be watching the Olympic telecast on 1 October to cheer Kitty on.

— Petrina Dakin



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## Volunteers needed

**Anne Frank— a history for today**

17 May to 13 August

The Glen Eira City Gallery is extremely proud to present, on behalf of the Anne Frank Australian Exhibition Trust, the brilliant and moving exhibition *Anne Frank— a history for today*. This show, developed by the Anne Frank House in Amsterdam, addresses issues of human rights, racism and mutual respect in today's world.

Much of the success of the exhibition rests with the involvement of volunteers, and the exhibition organisers are beginning to accept applications from people interested in the following positions for the Melbourne season:

- Volunteer coordinator— approximately three positions
- Volunteer host— approximately 30 positions
- Volunteer guide— approximately 40 positions

The Trust is keen to involve a wide range of volunteers from different backgrounds and is keen to discuss ways in which you might be involved. Don't miss the opportunity to serve as a volunteer with this major international human rights event.

For a position description and application form, or other information please contact Jenny Digby on 9347 7399 or email: [jenny@annefrank.com.au](mailto:jenny@annefrank.com.au)

**Vince Jones in concert**Sunday 26 March  
2.30pm**Glen Eira Auditorium**

Popular and dynamic jazz performer Vince Jones and his band return to the Arts Complex. With more than 10 albums to his credit, Vince Jones is renowned for his simple and honest music: "He plays an immediately identifiable sound and style... he knows the value of simplicity, subtlety and feeling," (The Age).

**Tickets:** \$25

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

**"We're not nice little old ladies..."**

Last November the Glen Eira Arts Complex, in association with researchers from Melbourne, Monash and Deakin Universities staged the newly formed performance piece— *We're not nice little old ladies*— as part of a Stories of Ageing project. This three day event, celebrating the International Year of Older Persons, featured a book launch, performance, panel speakers and a symposium.

Forty women aged from 70 to 85 participated in the project that commenced more than three years ago

with the group performing or writing pieces about their life experiences. The play (and subsequent book) features the women's views, thoughts, feelings and humour.

The project attracted interest from all media, and the group was featured on the Channel 9 program— A Current Affair.

Copies of the book are available from the Arts Complex for \$5. Contact Rosanna Verde on 9524 3287.

Photo: Courtesy of Leader Newspapers

**Exhibitions**

**Glen Eira City Gallery: corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads Caulfield.**

**Hours: 10am–5pm Monday to Friday, 1–5pm Sat/Sun/Public Holidays. Contact: David O'Halloran on 9524 3214.**

**Sally Miller**  
8 to 19 March

Pivotal to the motivation behind this new work by Sally Miller was her personal

need to realign her life's direction while concurrently reading Dava Sobel's book *Longitude*. Boats— as working vessels and items of pleasure— have been integral to most cultures throughout history and therefore can be employed by Miller in her work as a universally recognisable symbol. The boat sculptures, a major part of this exhibition, have as their cargo, references that are both private and public. A large, mural scale drawing that accompanies the boats reflects on issues of navigation. Sally Miller completed her undergraduate degree at the Sydney College of the Arts, and her Masters of Arts at Deakin University in 1995.

**Ruth Ross and Jill Holmes-Smith**  
8 to 19 March

Ruth Ross' work can be described as "exploring the idea of the ordinary becoming extraordinary— from the image of a picture hook to that of ordinary people and their lives." Ross completed a Bachelor of Education in Art at the University of Melbourne and later a Graduate Diploma in Graphic Design Education.



Teacher and Educator Jill Holmes-Smith's principle theme is "people interwoven within their physical environment." Holmes-Smith represents the complexity of living today with a rich interplay of colours and patterns in her vivid domestic scenes and portraits.

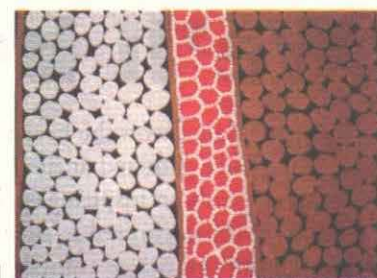
**Modern Masters of Central and Western Deserts**

21 March to 2 April

Jennifer Dudley of Outback Aboriginal

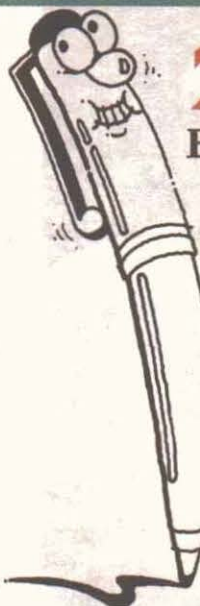
Art returns to the gallery with *Modern Masters of the Central and Western Desert*— an exhibition featuring some of the very best Aboriginal artists, Ada Bird Petyarre, Gloria Petyarre, Johnny Warangkula Tjupurrula, Ronnie Jampitjinpa, Clifford Possum Tjapaltjarri, and Dr George Tjapaltjarri, one of the last members of a nomadic tribe to "come in from the desert" in the 1960s.

Hand-crafted glass art from Wathaurong Glass will also be featured.





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

"Hurry and get your entries in for the Glen Eira Literary Awards!"

That's the advice from Arts Publicity Officer Rosanna Verde who feels this competition is now one of Melbourne's biggest and most popular writing awards— thanks to the generous support of the new sponsors Australia Post and the Baha'i Community of Glen Eira and ongoing sponsors Eastend Booksellers and Mason's Book Centre.

"It is gratifying that the sponsors are able to commit to this event and recognise its importance at a community level for writers of all ages."

Apart from the cash prizes on offer, a real highlight is the publication of the winning entry of the My Brother Jack Short Story Award in the literary journal Meanjin.

## My Brother Jack Short Story Award

Open to all residents of Australia  
1500–3000 words

1st prize	\$2000
2nd prize	\$750
3rd prize	\$250

## Local awards

Open to residents and students of Glen Eira.

## Eastend Booksellers Local Short Story Award

1500–3000 words

1st prize	\$500
2nd prize	\$200
3rd prize	\$100

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

750–1500 words

1st prize	\$200
2nd prize	\$100

## Youth Poetry Award (14–18 years)

Max. 50 lines

1st prize	\$100
2nd prize	\$50

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

250–500 words

1st prize	\$50
2nd prize	\$25

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

Maximum 36 lines

1st prize	\$30
2nd prize	\$20

Winners will be announced on Wednesday 10 May.

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

## Australia Post is proud sponsor

Australia Post is delighted to sponsor the Year 2000 My Brother Jack Short Story Award as part of its commitment to literacy, by providing an opportunity for aspiring writers to be encouraged and acknowledged.

The award has always attracted outstanding entries and it is hoped this year's competition continues to be a stepping stone for new and talented Australian authors.

The My Brother Jack award is part of Australia Post's portfolio of community sponsorships covering a diverse range of activities. As a major corporation, Australia Post recognises it has a responsibility to make a positive contribution to the wider community.

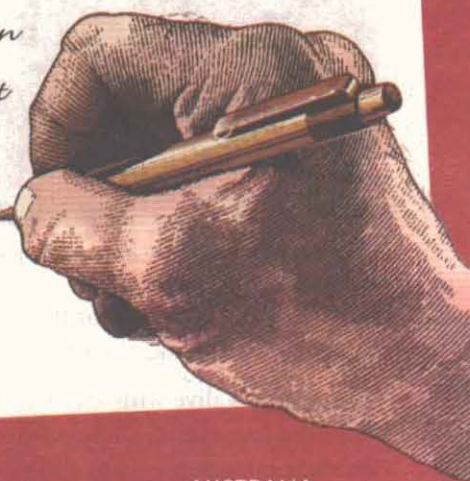
Major events supported by Australia Post include the Stawell Gift, Vic Health Herald Sun Cycling Tour, Australia Day Flag Raising Ceremony and Kyneton Country Music Festival.

During the past year, Australia Post has sponsored the Victoria Police campaign, Operation Countdown; Healesville Sanctuary; The Bell Shakespeare Company; RMIT Direct Marketing Award; Dolphin Research Institute and SIDS. Assistance is also provided at a local community level for environmental initiatives, education, arts, sports and welfare.

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6 to 23 April

Jewellery, ceramics and textiles by new and established artists, such as Michael Hofmeyer, Danielle Erskine, Julie Mitchell, Abigail Howells, Phil Elson, Sandra Bowkett, Pearl Gillies and Ilka White, will feature in the third annual Australian Craft and Design Showcase. The exhibition will be opened by Melbourne arts broadcaster, Mary Lou Jelbart on Wednesday 5 April at 6pm.



## Mailing list

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# A hub of multicultural activity—

## —Moorleigh Multicultural Resource Centre

by Jacqui O'Leary

Every week, more than 1000 older citizens visit the Multicultural Resource Centre, housed in the northern wing of Moorleigh Community Village.

Centre co-ordinator Ross Buscemi said the centre provided older people from non-English speaking backgrounds, who otherwise would be isolated, with the opportunity to participate in social, recreational and cultural activities.



Painter Robert Shlimak discusses art with student Evguenia Nikitina.

have with anybody else for the week, especially with someone who speaks their language," Ross said.

The centre is alive with activity. Food aromas waft out from the communal kitchen where groups cook lunch for their members—large grills of sizzling meat and pots of bubbling pasta are a familiar sight. Amid the sound of animated conversation and laughter, three or four different languages are spoken at any one time.



Greek Senior Citizen Club members Andy Pappas, Con Amaistuesiou and Bill Trianda enjoy some time together around the billiard table.

involve everyone and use that event as a general theme."

Last year, Council designated the Multicultural Resource Centre a senior citizens' facility as the majority of members were more than 55 years old.

"It's amazing to see the improvement in people's outlook when they start coming here—we work with some isolated, very frail people, some with disabilities who really look forward to coming in. For many of them, this is the only contact they'll

Within the diversity of culture and language, Ross says a wonderful sense of harmony exists: "I think part of the reason the groups get along well is that one of the common things we have built the program around is food; that is, everyone coming together and eating... If there's a special cultural day, we'll try to

The South Central Regional Migrant Resource Centre manages the centre's operations and offers general assistance to the senior citizen groups—which range from five different Greek groups, to Italian, Maltese and Coptic (Arabic-speaking) groups. A Russian group is also being formed.

Members participate in all sorts of activities. There's a constant flow of players at the billiard table and regular gatherings in the card room, where poker and briscola (an Italian card game) are played. A round or two of bingo is also popular—the numbers are called in the language of whatever group is playing.

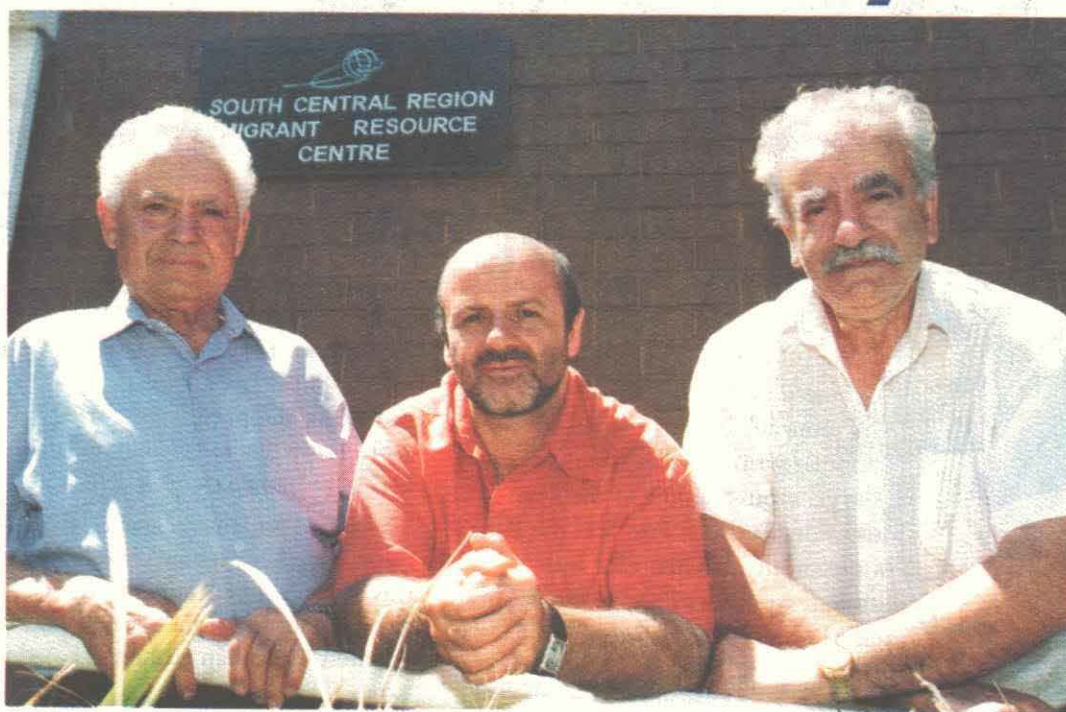
Computers with internet and email facilities are also available for use at the centre—and the construction of a Bocce court is high on the planning agenda. Ross said the Italian Club's treasurer Artillio, more than 80 years old, regularly comes in to "surf the 'net and check on his email".

As well as general activities at the centre, many of the groups arrange their own outings. Day trips to attend a range of national days in country areas are regularly arranged and even trips further afield. One group is about to head off on a 10-day bus trip to Queensland.

One drawback for the centre is lack of available daily transport. This is obviously a very big issue for the older members unable to drive themselves. Ross said: "There used to be a bus that stopped outside the centre but the bus company changed its route. Some of the programs have funding that includes being able to offer transport, but what we really need is to either have the bus company change its route back or get the funding to buy our own large bus."

A program that does include funding for transport is the English class run at the centre twice a week. The classes are aimed at older migrants who haven't had the opportunity to learn English when they first arrived and now want to learn but find it difficult in other settings. With the use of qualified teachers, the classes have been tailored specifically to meet their needs. The classes are only \$5 per student per term.

The centre also has an artist-in-residence—Robert Schlimak, a Russian immigrant whose work demonstrates a wide range of talents. Robert's painting style ranges from landscape to abstract to cubism and he is also a poet, script writer, director and graphic designer. The centre's logo is one of Robert's designs.



Migrant Resource Centre co-ordinator Ross Buscemi (centre) with Italian Senior Citizens Group (Moorabbin) president Raffaele Leuzzi and Greek Senior Citizens Group (Moorabbin) president George Stroumos outside the centre.

Photos: Les O'Rourke.

Part of Robert's role at the centre is running art classes. He said: "We have many talented students here and many others out there in the general migrant population. It's quite sad that mainly because of lack of English skills, many of these artists are just not part of the larger art community at all."

With Robert's help, plans are now underway for adding a splash of colour to the unadorned corridors of the centre in the form of vibrant artwork and murals.

Ross reflected:

"Many people don't need much more than the chance to come together and speak their own language, have a meal together and share stories, experiences and friendships—and that is essentially what this place is about."



"Eyes down!"—Bingo players concentrate on the next number at the South Central Region Migrant Resource Centre.



"Briscola anyone?"—(from left) Anthony Maio, Vincenzo Angermi, Ilario Pisano and Carmelo Pannuzzo enjoy the Italian card game.





# Doing Business



Doing Business

## Golf Championship — *best ever*

More than 40,000 spectators flocked to the fairways of Yarra Yarra Golf Course as some of the world's best golfers took part in the AAMI Women's Australian Open Golf Championship held last month.

World number one, Australian Karrie Webb (pictured) took out her first Australian Open crown in very hot conditions. She finished with a sensational course record 64 on the final day, with a huge crowd cheering her into the 18th green.

Fellow Australian Rachel Hetherington was hot on her heels, and also had a sensational final round, scoring a course-equalling 65 moments before the champ's final put set a new record.

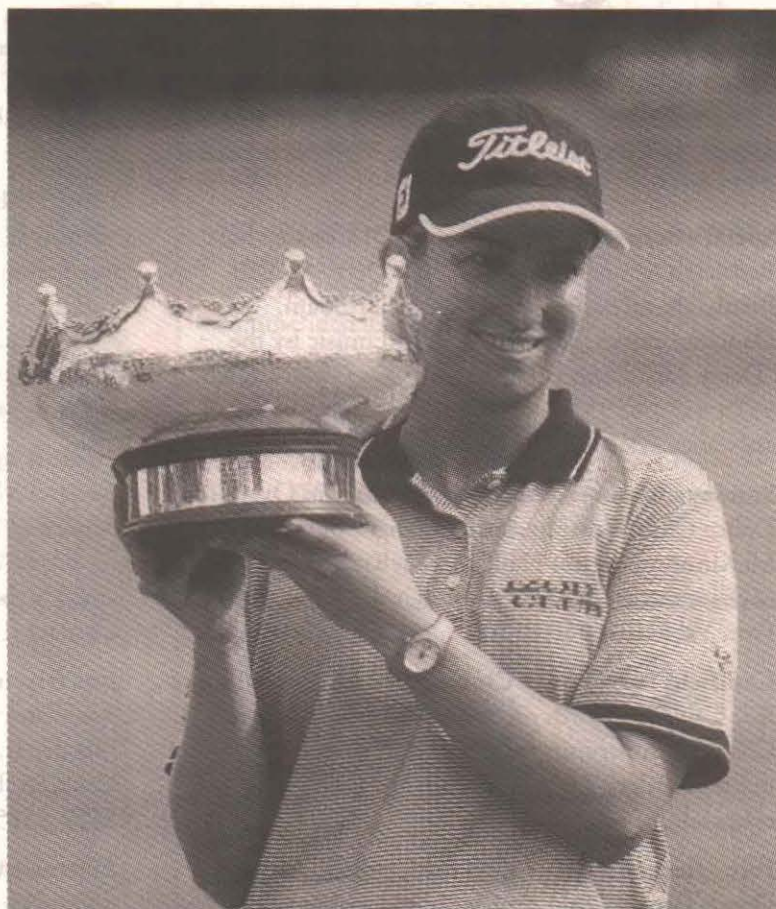
British star Laura Davies sizzled with a 66 to finish third, and at one stage was leader during the final day's close tussle and brilliant low scoring. Webb finished 22 under, Hetherington 19 under and Davies 18 under.

IMG's Tournament Director Caz Keck said it had been one of the best women's golf events ever held in Australia.

"For the first time, the AAMI Women's Australian Open was co-sanctioned by the Ladies European Tour, which boosted our international contingent considerably," she said.

"When you add to that to the presence of Australia's World No 1 Karrie Webb and some of the leading players from the US Tour, you've got a world class golf tournament. In total, we had golfers representing 25 countries playing in the tournament, many for the first time."

The event was hosted by Yarra Yarra Golf Club for the third year of a contract which will see the event held within the City of Glen Eira until at least 2001.



## House numbering *trial to improve safety*

The campaign to improve the visibility of house numbers took another step forward last month, when Cr Alan Grossbard successfully moved at the 8 February Council meeting to trial reflective numbers at 100 properties in Orrong Ward.

Orrong Ward funds will be used for the \$1000 trial, to be conducted in Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, with the permission of the property owners.

Council late last year made visible property numbering a Local Law, in response to concerns from emergency services about the problems of finding numbers on both houses and shops, particularly at night.

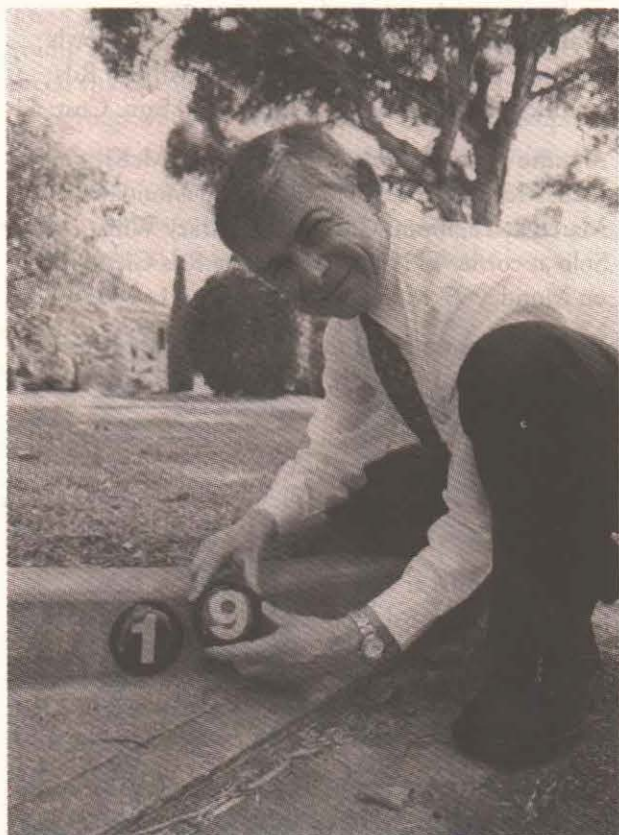
Cr Alan Grossbard said: "Any delays to finding a location are critical in an emergency response, such as

reaching a house fire or a person who has had a heart attack.

"The reflective numbers— to be placed on the kerb— are clearly visible at night, as well as during the day. This will assist police, ambulance and fire brigade, and also taxi drivers, visitors and others looking for addresses. Good numbering will improve road safety, because drivers will not have so much of their concentration taken up trying to spot hard-to-see house numbers."

Cr Alan Grossbard demonstrates the reflective house numbers, which will be trialed in Orrong Ward.

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Info on Forum Phone: 9578 4664 or Kevin 9578 9324

### GST Business Seminar— are you ready!!

Glen Eira City Council, in association with the Australian Retailers Association and Fox Partners, will be hosting a business seminar on the soon-to-be introduced GST, which will provide a detailed insight into the Federal Government's Tax Package.

The introduction of a GST and its far-reaching changes will challenge every business. This seminar will discuss the effects of the GST and show you how to prepare your business for this new trading environment.

#### Guest speakers:

- Roger Sayers, Australian Retailers Association  
Topic: Strategic issues for retailers
- Alan Bourke, Fox Partners— Business Accountants  
Topic: Business planning and preparation

For seminar brochure, further information and early registrations, please contact Mr Andrew Millen Manager Business Development Unit on 9524 3384.

**Date:** Wednesday 22 March 2000

**Time:** 6pm arrival for 6.30pm-9pm

**Venue:** Auditorium, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads Caulfield

**Cost:** \$25 per person includes light refreshments  
(Buy Local Program Members \$15)

A seminar brochure/registration form is available.

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# Senior Citizens' Week Program 2000

**Beskid Dance Ensemble** presented by Polish Senior Citizens Club (Caulfield), Gladys Machin Senior Citizens Centre, 8 Cedar St, Caulfield, on Sunday 12 March, 2-4pm. Free afternoon tea. Barbara Schenkel 9523 9619.

**Social afternoon and spit roast**, DJ Coakley East Bentleigh Senior Citizens Club, 1 Derry St, East Bentleigh, on Saturday 18 March, 11.30am. Dancing, games, afternoon tea and music by the "Derry Airs" concert band. Cost: \$7. Gwen Brown 9579 4573 or 9570 4917. Limited transport assistance available. Bookings essential.

**Sunday afternoon tea dance**, McKinnon Over 50's Dance Club, old-time and new vogue dances, McKinnon Progress Hall, 118 McKinnon Rd, McKinnon, on Sunday 19 March, 12.30pm-4pm. Free. Val Curtis 9583 5561.

**Caulfield Park Bowls Club open day**, 255 Balaclava Rd, Caulfield North on Sunday 19 March, 1pm. Coaching supervision available and demonstration by master bowlers. Light refreshments. Free. Bookings essential. E Philipp 9885 5450.

**Free afternoon dance** with the Caulfield Over 50s Dance Group— old time and new vogue dances— at, Glen Eira Town Hall Auditorium, cnr Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield on Monday 20 March, 1.30-4pm. Free. Tony Bell 9578 5143.

**Greek barbecue and picnic**, Greek Cyprian Senior Citizens Community, 2 Arthur Street, Bentleigh, on Tuesday 21 March, 9am-3pm. Cost: \$2. Contact: Paul Savva 9557 6405.

**Greek barbecue luncheon and music**, Greek Senior Citizens Club of Caulfield, Harleston Park (Mel ref: 67H2), between Seymour and Allison Rds, Elsternwick, on Tuesday 21 March, 10.30am. Free. Bookings essential. Contact: Maria Maestros 9568 1662.

**Traditional Greek luncheon**, Greek Senior Citizens Club of Glen Eira— lunch, music and dancing, Moorleigh Community Village, Chris Koutoumas Wing, 92 Bignell Rd, East Bentleigh on Tuesday 21 March, 11am-2.30pm. Cost: \$8. Bookings essential. Vicki Papas 9576 4058.

**True Blue Minstrel Show concert**, Carnegie/Murrumbeena Senior Citizens Club, music, comedy, song and afternoon tea, 314 Neerim Rd, Carnegie, on Tuesday 21 March, 2pm. Free. Jean Wyatt 9563 5953 or 9569 7778 (clubrooms).

**Tunes and Tea**, musical melodies to get your feet tapping, followed by morning tea. Free. Bookings essential: Bentleigh Library on Tuesday 21 March at 10.30am (contact: 9557 8278) and Caulfield Library on Thursday 23 March at 10.30am (contact: 9532 9466).

**Introduction to croquet day**, Caulfield Park Croquet Club, Balaclava Rd, Caulfield North, on Wednesday 22 March, 10.30am-3.30pm. Flat-soled shoes or sneakers must be worn. Light refreshments provided. BYO lunch. Free. Audrey Jenkins 9578 2220, Rosalind Gross 9885 1573 or clubrooms 9500 9775.

**Picnic/annual barbecue lunch**, Polish Senior Citizens Club of Moorabbin, Wattle Grove Reserve, Wheatley Rd, McKinnon on Wednesday 22 March at 12noon. Free. Peter Sojka 9578 6024.

**Unravel the mystery of the Internet**— join friendly Caulfield Library staff in a relaxed setting to learn about "the web"— how the Internet developed and see demonstrations of how it works and why it is so popular, Town Hall Conference Room on Wednesday 22 March, 10.30-11.30am. Free. Bookings essential: Belinda 9532 9466.

**Healthy ageing seminar**, hosted by Caulfield General Medical Centre's Community Health Service at Caulfield Plaza, Derby Rd, Caulfield (opposite Caulfield train station) on Wednesday 22 and Thursday 23 March, 10am-4pm. Free. Contact: Penny Pavlou 9523 6666 or 9276 6207.

**Bus trip to Werribee Park**, Greek Senior Citizens Association of St Gregorios, on Thursday 23 March. Bus departs from 4 Gilbert Grove, Bentleigh at 9am. Cost: \$8. Bookings essential: A Triantafillou 9557 1525 or 0414 334093.

**Afternoon tea dance**— musical entertainment, door prizes and afternoon tea, at Bentleigh Bayside Community Health Service, Gardeners Rd, East Bentleigh on Thursday 23 March, 1.30-3.30pm. Cost: \$3. Bookings essential: Mandy Parish 9579 2333.

**Italian dinner and musical entertainment**, Italian Senior Citizens Recreation Club, 8 Cedar St, Caulfield on Thursday 23 March at 7pm. Cost: \$5 BYO. Bookings essential: Angela Cerra 9562 9401 or Tom Florio 9528 6378.

**Hands-on for health and vitality**, registered nurse and acupressurist Diane Tembey will show you how to stop the aches and pains and give you back your "get-up-and-go" at Carnegie Library on Friday 24 March at 10.30am. Morning tea afterwards. Free. Bookings: 9563 0971.

**Greek senior citizens celebration day**, Carnegie/Murrumbeena Greek Senior Citizens Club, 314 Neerim Rd, Carnegie on Monday 27 March, 10am-2pm. Social activities, music and food. Cost: \$5 non-members and \$2.50 members. Bookings essential: John Haralambopoulos 9572 1009.

**Moorleigh U3A open day**, Moorleigh Community Village, Barry Neve Building, 92 Bignell Rd, East Bentleigh on Monday 27 March 10am-3pm. Tea/coffee and cake available. Classes include history, languages, craft, drawing, and music (including jazz). Free. Contact: Neile McLaren 9570 3929 or 9584 2474 (AH).

**Twilight dance**, Caulfield Over 50s Dance Group with the Swingmasters Band— old time and new vogue dances, prizes and fun, Glen Eira Town Hall Auditorium, cnr Glen Eira and Hawthorn Rds, Caulfield on Monday 27 March, 6.30-10pm. Supper provided. Cost: \$3. Contact: Tony Bell 9578 5143.

**U3A Glen Eira open day**, rear 1151 Glen Huntly Road, Glen Huntly on Tuesday 28 March, 10am-3pm. Free. Contact: Josie Coyle 9572 0571.

**Come and watch U3A Israeli Dance Groups** at Christ Church Ormond, corner Wheatley and North Rds, Ormond on Tuesday 28 March 9.30am-12noon and Thursday 30 March 1.30-3.30pm. Free. Contact: Josie Coyle 9572 0571.

**Jewish senior citizens study groups** afternoon tea with prominent speakers from the Jewish Community discussing the importance and opportunities for learning for senior citizens at the Town Hall, Executive Conference Room (1st Floor), corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Rds, Caulfield on Tuesday 28 March, 2.30-4pm. Free. Contact: Rabbi S Cowen 9522 8222.

**Elsternwick Croquet Club open day**, rear of Hopetoun Gardens, 27 Parkside St, Elsternwick on Thursday 30 March at 1pm. Flat-soled shoes required. Afternoon tea provided. Contact: Margaret Hardy 9523 7480.

## Come 'n try at half the price

Glen Eira City Council invites residents to take part in the following activities during Senior Citizens' Week at half price.

Contact: Cheryl Kennedy 9524 3356.

**Walking Group** at Caulfield Park (meet at Bowls Club car park), cnr Balaclava and Hawthorn Rds Caulfield on Monday 27 March at 9.15am. Cost: \$1.

**A game of cards?** Solo and Canasta at McKinnon Hall, McKinnon Rd, McKinnon on Monday 27 March at 12.30pm. Cost: \$1.25. Crazy Whist and Solo at corner El Nido and Grange Rds Glen Huntly on Monday 27 March at 1pm. Cost: \$1.

**Walking Group** at Centenary Park, Brady Rd entrance, East Bentleigh, on Tuesday 28 March at 9am. Cost: \$1.

**Table Tennis** at Bentleigh/McKinnon Youth Centre, Higgins Rd, Bentleigh on Tuesday 28 March at 10am (beginners and advanced). Cost: \$1.50.

**Ladies keep fit** at Bentleigh/McKinnon Youth Centre, Higgins Rd, Bentleigh on Tuesday 28 March at 1.30pm. Cost: \$1.

**Walking Group** at Hodgsons Reserve, Higgins Rd, Bentleigh on Wednesday 29 March at 9am. Cost: \$1.

**Chair-based exercises** at 314 Neerim Rd, Carnegie on Wednesday 29 March at 10am. Cost: \$1.25.

**Fit active exercises** at 314 Neerim Rd, Carnegie on Wednesday 29 March at 11am. Cost: \$1.50.

**Fit active exercises** at Caulfield Recreation Centre, Maple St, Caulfield (courtesy Rans Management) on Thursday 30 March at 9.30am. Cost: \$1.75.

**For information or a brochure contact: 9524 3356.**  
**Disabled access to events contact: 9524 3228**

Glen Eira Human Services— "Working for community health and well being"



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# Youth Page



## LIBRARY News

Youth and Library News

## New media program for youth

The Glen Eira Adult Learning Centre recently received funding to develop a literacy program for young people who live, study or work in the City of Glen Eira.

The centre has joined forces with Glen Eira Youth Services to create an innovative program for young people—The Creative Media Program.

This interesting program will provide young people with opportunities to improve their general literacy skills through a variety of activities including creative writing and script writing, role-plays and filming.

One group project will involve the production of a short video focusing on effective ways for addressing youth issues. The tutors will also be available to assist members with their individual learning needs, such as writing resumes, letter writing, and internet use.

The Creative Media Program also aims to strengthen young people's communication skills in a fun and social environment which focuses on current issues. The group will also work to instill in young people confidence to express their ideas and experiences via different forms of media, and provide young people with an opportunity to examine the beliefs and stereotypes attached to young people in the community.

Sue Frydman, a tutor from the Glen Eira Adult Learning Centre will co-ordinate the program with assistance from Glen Eira Youth Worker Emely Saad. The program will run from the Why? Stop Youth Information Centre.

So if you are 14 to 19 years or know any young people who may be interested in the program, here are the details:

### Creative Media Program

**When:** Thursday afternoons from 2 March, 4-6pm  
**Where:** Why? Stop Youth Information Centre  
 54 Rosstown Road, Carnegie  
**Details:** Call Emely Saad at the Why? Stop on: 9572 5389

### 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

## VCE—be prepared

The School Focused Youth Service (SFYS) is proud to present an Information Evening for parents whose teenagers are embarking on the VCE.

The evening will feature two presenters, Associate Professor Michael Carr-Gregg (adolescent psychologist from the Albert Road Centre for Health) and State Manager of Kids Help Line Felicity Sloman.

Topics will include: How parents can help their teenagers do their best in the VCE years; What students can do to get the most out of VCE without stressing; and The Top Ten study techniques for a successful VCE.

There will also be an exhibition of services and programs managed by local services providers for parents and young people.

### Preparing for the VCE

**When:** Wednesday 15 March  
**Where:** St Kilda Town Hall, corner Carlisle Street and Brighton Road  
**Time:** 7-10pm  
**RSVP:** SFYS Co-ordinator Carmen Stewart on 9524 3392.

Refreshments provided — Entry by 'gold coin' donation

### Good listening, good reading

Do you have a voracious appetite for reading, but barely enough time to finish a short story? Or perhaps long bouts of reading are a little hard on your eyes? Ever wish you could read a good book while stuck in traffic? Talking Books may be your savior!

The Glen Eira Library Service stocks a large range of Talking Books, including all styles of fiction, non-fiction, and biographies. Try these recommended Talking Book titles:

*Angela's Ashes*— written and read by Frank McCourt. McCourt's reading of his hugely successful memoir of growing up dirt poor in Ireland is full of humour and heart breaking tragedy. When McCourt sings his father's traditional songs, the full emotion of his memories are conveyed with ease.

*The Silence of the Lambs* by Thomas Harris. Read by Frank Muller this is possibly one of the most psychologically disturbing books ever written. Muller's subtle reading conveys the understated fear and dread of Harris' best seller. Only to be listened to during daylight hours...

*Lords and Ladies* by Terry Pratchett. Read by Nigel Planer who is best known for his role in TV's *The Young Ones*. Planer gives life to Pratchett's cast of hilarious Discworld characters with a range of comic voices and accents. He also reads a number of other titles from Pratchett's humour/fantasy Discworld series.

### Essential services in the library

Our libraries are not just about books! We offer a multifaceted range of services that appeal to people from all walks of life. Here are some you may not know of...

**Cinemedia**— This is Australia's largest film, video and multimedia lending library, providing FREE access to more than 32,000 films, 11,000 videos and several hundred CD ROM titles. Annual and monthly membership fees apply but once you are a member borrowing is FREE. The catalogue is online— [www.cinemedia.net](http://www.cinemedia.net)— and you collect your loans from specified public libraries (Caulfield and Bentleigh in Glen Eira). For details, ask at our Caulfield or Bentleigh branches.

**Colour photocopiers**— Bentleigh and Caulfield Libraries both have Canon colour photocopiers for use. The cost is \$2 per colour page (A4 or A3). These machines will also produce good resolution black and white copies at the normal 20c per page (A4 or A3).

**Stationery**— a small supply of stationery items are for sale at Caulfield Library. Convenient for customers who may have forgotten their pen or paper whilst working in the library.

### Senior Citizens' Week at the library

Senior Citizens' Week will be held from 19 to 26 March and, as always, the Glen Eira Library and Information Service has a variety of interesting events planned at all branches.

Activities range from exploring the internet with demonstrations by library staff; Tunes and Tea mornings featuring musical melodies and morning tea; and a talk by registered nurse and acupressurist Diane Tempey entitled *Hands on for Health and Vitality*.

For details of the program see previous page or contact the libraries. Bookings are essential for some programs.





# COMMUNITY *Diary*

## Courses and classes

**Bentleigh Bayside Community Health Service** will run a range of single-session Family Relationship Dinners and Psychological Health Information Forums covering topics such as Stages in Couple Relationships, Handling the Stresses of Family Life, Home Together in Retirement, and Understanding Depression. Contact: Duty Worker on 9575 5333.

## Events

**A Scout Expo** demonstrating activities and benefits of Scouting for young people, parents and the community, including stalls, will be held at Princes Park, Hawthorn Road, Caulfield South on Sunday 26 March, 10am–3pm.

**Adelphi Players Theatre Company** will stage *Power Without Glory* by Michael Hutton at Labassa, 2 Manor Grove, Caulfield North on Friday 10 March at 8.15pm; Saturday 11 March at 2.15pm; and Sunday 12 March at 2.15pm and 7pm. Cost: \$12 (concession \$10) includes refreshments. Booking essential on 9690 1593 or 9578 0952. Proceeds to further restoration of Labassa.

**Carnegie Primary School** will hold a car boot sale at 51 Trugannini Road, Carnegie on Saturday 1 April, 9am–3pm. Range of stalls plus rides. Information or site bookings contact: Liz on 9571 0215.

**A food and wine festival** will be held by Elsternwick Main Street Traders in Elsternwick Plaza, Glen Huntly Road, Elsternwick on Sunday 2 April, 10am–4pm. Sponsored by Ray White Real Estate, it will feature local restaurants, live music, children's entertainers and market stalls. Proceeds to Rotary Club Elsternwick. Stall bookings and information contact: Alison Doherty on 0410 401 013.

**Australian Racing Museum** will showcase a collection of trophies, including jewellery, from the Blue Diamond Stakes from 19 February to 30 May. Hours: Tuesday and Thursday 10am–4pm; Saturday/Sunday 1–5pm; Caulfield Race days 11am–4pm and by appointment. Free (on race days racecourse entrance fee applies). Contact: 9257 7279.

**Sacred Heart Parish Oakleigh** will celebrate the 75th Anniversary of Blessing and Opening of the church on Sunday 19 March with Mass at 2.30pm and afternoon tea. RSVP by 5 March on 9568 1206.

## 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.

## Meetings and clubs

**Parents' Group** to be held at Copelen Family Resource Centre, 274 High Street Prahran on Thursday mornings, 10.30am–12noon till 30 March. Child care provided. Activities include bargain shopping, craft, cooking sessions, parenting discussions, scenic walks, family health/safety. Cost \$3. Contact: Jackie or Bernadette on 9521 5666.

**A New Millennium View**— Voice, Interests and Education of Women. Make friends, enjoy monthly outings, lunches with guest speakers and coffee mornings. New members welcome. Activities aid the Smith Family. Contact: Val 9578 1302.

**Neighbourhood support program**— for information about the Father's Group and Chinese Group contact Judy White on 9524 3403 or Maureen Carolan (Tuesday and Wednesday) on 0419 348 936.

**Bentleigh Life Activities Club** offers opportunities to meet new friends and enjoy social activities such as carpet bowls, table tennis, scrabble, solo, canasta, music, craft, golf, armchair travel. Contact: 957 2562 or 9563 2554.

**Caulfield Group of Nursing Mothers Association**— New Mothers Meeting Wednesday 15 March at 1pm Expressing and storing breast milk. Coffee morning Monday 20 March at 10am. New mothers general counselling and afternoon tea Wednesday 22 March. Pregnant women and new mums welcome. Contact: 9578 0628.

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

**East Bentleigh Strikers Soccer Club**— friendly multicultural club plays at Bailey Reserve, East Boundary Road, East Bentleigh (Mel. 68 J/12). Boys and girls aged 5 years and up for Junior Club. Players required for girls'/women's team and senior amateur men's team. Contact: Irene 9503 8010 (AH) or Ian 9578 1163 (AH).

**Caulfield Lupus Support Group**— will meet 26 March at 2pm. Contact: 9509 2735.

## Community

**BreastScreen Victoria** is a free breast screening program for women without breast symptoms or breast problems. Screening mammograms recommended every two years for women over 50 years. Interpreters available and arrangements can be made for women with disabilities. For appointments at BreastScreen in Elsternwick, contact: 13 20 50. For information contact: 9288 2100.

## Immunisation dates for March

<b>Glen Eira Town Hall (entry via Glen Eira Road)</b> Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield South	Tuesday 14 March 6–7.30pm Wednesday 5 April 9.30–10.30am
<b>Bentleigh Bayside Community Health Centre</b> Gardeners Road, East Bentleigh	Tuesday 21 March 9.30–10.30am Saturday 25 March 9.30–11am
<b>Glen Huntly Maternal and Child Centre</b> Corner Royal and Rosedale Avenues, Glen Huntly	Wednesday 22 March 9.30–11am
<b>Bentleigh Baptist Church</b> 10 Vickery Street, Bentleigh	Monday 3 April 1.30–2.30pm

Please note that HEPATITIS B immunisation is also available for adults at all the sessions at a cost of \$16 per dose or \$40 for the series of three doses.

## Glen Huntly Friendship Group

99 Grange Road, Glen Huntly

Activities for March/April

**8 March:** (Wednesday): Visit Mornington Market. BYO lunch to have at Dorothy's Beachhouse. Afternoon Tea at Linton's Nursery and Gift Shop. Cost \$10. Depart 9.30am 99 Grange Road, Glen Huntly

**23 March:** Bus trip to Winchelsea Dahlias. A magnificent spectacle of 20,000 dahlias in bloom. Morning tea Balyan Bird Sanctuary. Cooked lunch at Winchelsea Shire Tea Rooms. Cost \$33.

9am from 99 Grange Road, Glen Huntly

9.15am from 185 Poath Road, Hughesdale.

**12 and 13 April:** Sovereign Hill. A night time spectacular of lights and sound brings the historical Eureka Stockade to life. Overnight at Sovereign Hill Lodge. Dinner and breakfast, entry and show. Lunches not included. Sight seeing on Thursday.

**Book early.** Full payment one week before departure.

Twin share \$125. Single \$165. Departure times as above.

**Bookings Margaret 9596 6124**

For fun and fitness try

## Scottish Country Dancing

**Where:** Ormond Uniting Church  
Cnr Booran and North Roads  
Ormond

**When:** Tuesday afternoons, 1pm to 3pm  
(beginning March 21)

All ages welcome, no partner required  
Wear comfortable clothing and soft shoes  
\$2 per class

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

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**15 March 2000, 9am–5pm**

**Healesville Sanctuary.** This will be an opportunity for you to have close contact with Australia's fascinating wildlife in a wonderful bushland setting. Comfortable air-conditioned coach. Price includes entry fee, informative guided tour with a keeper, special demonstrations and a delicious lunch.

**12 April 2000, 8am–6pm**

**Lorne via Great Ocean Road.** A great day out. We travel to Lorne through Corio (M/T), Torquay and Anglesea with a stop at Airey's Inlet to view the lighthouse and enjoy spectacular ocean views. On to the Lorne Hotel for lunch. Time to enjoy the resort before heading inland to Penny Royal Berry Farm.

**ENQUIRIES: 9572 0571 or (A/H) 9523 7862**



## Community Grants make projects possible

by Jacqui O'Leary

About 120 groups are assisted each year through Glen Eira City Council's Community Grant Scheme. Since Council's inception in late 1994, approximately \$300,000 has been made available each year to local non-profit organisations needing financial support in providing arts and cultural, community and recreation services.

Grant applications are assessed by the Community Grants Committee which comprises a representative of each ward—Cr Alan Grossbard, Cr Veronika Martens and Cr Barry Neve—and Council staff.

In fostering the development of partner relationships between Council, local agencies, community organisations and groups, the Community Grant Scheme aims to:

- support community groups that meet demonstrated needs;
- encourage community initiatives that promote self-sufficiency;
- help strengthen local participation in planning and implementing services and programs;
- optimise the use of Council's resources in an equitable way;
- identify all funds provided by Council to community groups;
- and promote Council's corporate goals, in particular "ensuring community services and facilities are provided" and "fostering belonging through living within a supportive community".

The former cities of Caulfield and Moorabbin once had separate community grant programs. These two schemes were reviewed and the current annual community grants program for the City of Glen Eira was born.

Cr Alan Grossbard said: "The scheme highlights to Council the range of services being provided by volunteers and assists Council in identifying changing community needs and gaps in service provision."

"A community group must indicate its level of initiative, independence and self-sufficiency when applying for a grant. For example, a group needs to define what it does, demonstrate its financial viability, show experience in planning and implementing services, and outline its ability to co-ordinate volunteers and allocate 'contributions in kind'."

A wide range of community organisations apply for the grants each year. These include: Scouts, kindergartens, playgroups, historical societies, various sporting clubs, senior citizen centres; multicultural groups, neighbourhood houses, Neighbourhood Watch, Red Cross, Glen Eira City Band, Glen Eira City Choir, Youth Orchestra, community theatre groups, community agencies such as foster care, family support, financial counselling and community legal services.



Cr Alan Grossbard

## Scout groups benefit from Grant Scheme

Leadership training courses, upgraded facilities, renovations and a venue for the Annual General Meeting have all been made possible for Glen Eira scouting groups through funding under Council's Community Grant Scheme.

Since 1995-96, Glen Eira scouts have been allocated grants amounting to \$29,770. In this time, eight of the district's 17 scouting groups have been allocated funding—some groups awarded more than one grant—to fix leaky roofs and replace worn out floors, upgrade toilet facilities, add wheelchair access, install new guttering and downpipes and build equipment sheds and loading bays.

Glen Eira Scout's district commissioner Keith Smithers said maintaining a hall cost local scout groups on average \$4000 each.

"Many of the groups struggle to meet this sum given most of their funds stem from membership and fund raising activities," he said.

Mr Smithers said the scouting district association, which oversees the groups in Glen Eira, reviews all grant applications and compiles a list, in order of perceived needs. "A district association meeting is held before this list is submitted to Council where groups can argue their case in front of their peers. The final ranking is then passed on to Council."

9th Caulfield Scout Group has particularly benefitted from the Community Grant scheme. The group's leader and the hall's namesake, David Jefferson, was vocal in protesting about the deterioration of his group's hall in a comparatively isolated pocket of Murrumbena.

As a result of its location and state of disrepair, the group's membership had declined to only nine cubs and one cub leader. The two grants awarded to the group over the past few years have "triggered a dramatic renewal process". The hall's roof was replaced and general restoration was done on overnight accommodation facilities to revive an exchange arrangement with country-based scout groups.

David, aged in his 60s and long-associated with this particular group, campaigned to find new leaders. According to Mr Smithers: "David recruited up to 16 new leaders and the number of cubs and scouts rose from 9 to 40 in the first year, then to over 80 in the second. Membership is now close to 100".

With potential new leaders joining 9th Caulfield and



10th Caulfield Scouts' club room floor—fully replaced through fundraising and support from Council's Community Grants.



Cubs Naomi Kilov (left) and Lisa Krygger receive an award from leader Simon Szmerling.



The Scouting movement—alive and thriving in Glen Eira.

other groups, the district association was faced with a fresh challenge—finding money to train the influx of carefully screened, police-checked volunteers.

As training costs about \$500 per leader, groups undergoing a growth spurt would be unfairly penalised if they could not afford to train their rising number of leaders, and thus could not support growing numbers of local kids wanting to join the group. The district association was awarded a training subsidy grant for leadership training; thus doubling the number of people being trained.

The Glen Eira District Scouting Association was also granted the venue for its Annual General Meeting—on 17 May the association will meet and dine for the first time in Council's Auditorium.

Despite worldwide trends of declining Scout membership, the Glen Eira group's membership is actually growing by 5-6 per cent each year. Out of the three Melbourne Council areas with the highest concentration of young people and the highest rates of Scout membership (Boroondara, Bayside and Glen Eira), Glen Eira is the only one with increased rates of membership.

Mr Smithers said the funding provided under the Council's Community Grant Scheme has clearly contributed towards this result.

—Jacqui O'Leary



# Recreation News

## A day at the races

Glen Eira Councillors attended Caulfield Racecourse last month, for the running of the Glen Eira Handicap at Caulfield Racecourse. The 1400 metre race was for three-year-old fillies and offered \$40,000 in prize money and a trophy (donated by Glen Eira City Council) valued at \$1300.

The winner, shown here flashing past the post with rider Brett Prebble, was Super Sequel, a New Zealand filly having her first start in Australia. Mayor Cr Norman Kennedy presented the handcrafted silver trophy and first prize to trainer Robert Priscott who accepted them on behalf of the horse's owner TW Jarvis.

Cr Russell Longmuir, who attended the event, said: "It was a pleasant day out at an excellent facility. The grounds look great—extremely well maintained and constantly being improved. It is an asset to the area."

Photo: Courtesy Victorian Amateur Turf Club.



## Glen Eira wins major events

Council's Manager Recreation Services Linda Smith is pleased to announce that Glen Eira is to be the venue for three major sporting events. These events have been awarded to clubs in the municipality who have successfully tendered against other clubs from around the state.

The Under 17 Australian School Girls' Cricket Championships will be held this month, while the Under 17 Men's National Lacrosse Championships will run in July and the Little Athletics Australian Teams Championships will be held in Glen Eira in April 2001.

Ms Smith said: "Major sporting and recreation events are increasingly being attracted to Glen Eira. With its close proximity to the CBD and the standard of facilities on offer, Glen Eira is very popular. These three championships are an example of how renowned sports clubs in Glen Eira are for their professional approach to holding championships."

The first event, the 2000 Milo Cup, is the pathway for female cricketers to progress to Under 19 and National League level and ultimately to play for Australia. The championships will be held from

March 6 to 10 and will see eight teams competing. The finals will be played on Friday 10 March.

The National Under 17 Men's Lacrosse Championships to be held at Caulfield Park will bring three American teams and visitors from across Australia to Glen Eira. The Little Athletics Australian Teams Championships will be held at the Duncan MacKinnon Reserve. This facility was selected for the Athletics Championship ahead of several other Melbourne venues including Olympic Park.

Council is keen to attract similar events in future and will work with clubs to help secure these events. For further enquiries on the above events or if your club is interested in hosting a major sporting event, please contact Recreation Services on 9524 3470.



The Milo Cup—held in Ballarat in 1997—will this year be held in Glen Eira.

## In brief

### Training light funding

Following a Council resolution which was put by Cr Russell Longmuir, Jasper Ward funds of \$3,385 will be allocated to the Bentleigh Football Club to fund works completed in 1999 for the installation of training lights at the Bentleigh Recreation Reserve.



Cr Russell Longmuir— "further developing partnerships".

Cr Longmuir said: "It's great for the youth of the area to be able to participate in active sports on well-equipped facilities. I think it's important for Council to support its local clubs by co-ordinating and contributing to improvements such as these."

"We hope the allocation of this money will help to further develop Council's partnership with local clubs," he said.

### Relay for Life reminder

Don't forget the Anti Cancer Council will hold its annual Relay for Life at the Duncan MacKinnon athletics track from noon on Saturday 18 March 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)

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