

The torch is coming!

Glen Eira residents are invited to turn out to cheer on the Olympic torch bearers as they make their way through Glen Eira on Monday 31 July.

The torch will be carried along Hawthorn Road from Nepean Highway to the Dandenong Road intersection and then along Dandenong Road to about Orrong Road. At this intersection, at the corners of three cities, Glen Eira, Stonnington and Port Phillip, the torch bearer will board a tram for the torch to take the only leg in Melbourne on a tram.

Last month preparation began for the Glen Eira leg of the relay with the installation of street banners along the route. Council's Manager Policy and Business Development Phil de Losa said Council would not be closing the road but wanted to advise people that there may be some delays along Hawthorn Road from 10am until 11.30am as the torch bearers and escort vehicles make their way along that part of the route.

Mayor Cr Veronika Martens encouraged

people to line Hawthorn Road to support the torch bearers, some of whom would be local runners.

"They'll be coming up Hawthorn Road from Bayside and we expect the first runner will take on the torch at the corner of North and Hawthorn Roads at about 10.30am. We are hoping to set up a vantage point at the Town Hall which will enable people to cheer the runners on as they experience the honour of carrying the Olympic torch," she said.

The torch, which was lit in Athens on 10 May 2000, arrived in Australia on 8 June and will visit all states and territories, journeying within one hour's drive of 85 per cent of Australia's population. It will be carried by 11,000 torchbearers.

For further details contact Phil de Losa on 9524 3275.

Randell Smith (left) and James Meares from Ezzy Climb Travel Towers brave the cold to put up the banners outside the Town Hall.
Photo: Les O'Rourke.



Renewing the City— the 2000–2001 budget

Council last month tabled its budget for the 2000–2001 financial year and announced a spending program which focuses on renewing a range of recreational and community facilities.

The budget introduces a fully-funded Major Projects Program with spending of up to \$11.6 million in the 2000–2001 year. This program will include:

- 60 additional nursing home beds at Warrawee, East Bentleigh;
- a Council-owned four court netball/basketball facility at Princes Park, South Caulfield; and
- the commencement of a Community Centre (new library and other services) in Carnegie.

The budget also allows for a capital works program of more than \$10 million for the year— finalising Council's footpath repair "catch up" program (\$1.3 million) and incorporating a number of additional drainage and road reconstruction works to \$960,000.

Mayor Cr Veronika Martens was pleased to announce that Glen Eira's total rates and charges will still be 10 per cent lower than six years ago (after inflation). Rates will increase by about 5.5 per cent, against projected inflation of 5.75 per cent. Glen Eira's average rates are still about 14 per cent lower than the average of its five neighbouring Councils.

"Council's recent achievement of becoming debt

free has given us greater scope for a number of additional projects across a range of facilities, from aged care and community services, to traffic management and parks and open space. The projects are fully financed. Council may undertake short term 'bridging finance' to cover any period between expenditure and the funding sources coming on stream. All borrowings are scheduled to be fully repaid during 2001–2002," she said.

Spending on "open space" will include developing a new parkland link between Duncan Mackinnon Reserve and Packer Park (which will also receive a \$1 million upgrade) and a budget of \$3.5 million on parks

and reserves maintenance. A further \$300,000 will be spent on maintenance of Council's swim centres.

Recycling and Garbage Charges have increased by an average of 2.5 per cent. Council rates are exempt from the GST. Residential waste collection is also exempt from the GST for the first bin. Commercial waste collection and second (additional) residential bins attract GST.

The draft budget is available for inspection and comment at the Service Centre and at libraries.

— Myrine Hawksworth

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Look for your copy of the 2000-2001 Community Resource Guide and Business Directory to be delivered with this issue of the Glen Eira News!

MAYOR'S column



It is gratifying to know that a great many people in Glen Eira believe that Council is doing a top job in providing services and support to the community. The annual State Government survey of community satisfaction, found that our rating with the community has risen

from 84 to 87 per cent in the last year.

I was particularly pleased with the improved rating for Recreation, and our Local Law department received the highest satisfaction response in the State. You can be assured Council will continue to work hard for the community in all areas and build on what we have already achieved.

The draft 2000–2001 Budget has been released and one of the exciting capital works projects is a new linear park linking Duncan Mackinnon Park and Packer Park. I am supporting the use of an Aboriginal word for the name of the park, to acknowledge the indigenous people of this district. The name is yet to be chosen and I welcome your feedback and comments.

It was exciting, too, to see the Elsternwick railway station car park redevelopment approved by Council last month. It will enhance the Elsternwick Village and bring added vibrancy and appeal to an important gateway to the City.

Watch out for Glen Eira's annual Community Resource Guide and Business Directory, which is being delivered with this edition of the News. It's a great publication full of information about community groups, Council services and local businesses. I am sure that it will be extremely useful beside the phone over the next 12 months, as a ready reference to just about everything that's going on locally.

Council has two milestones this month: the first is the visit of Local Government Minister Bob Cameron, to speak to Councillors and the community. I am sure Mr Cameron will gain an insight into the City of Glen Eira and the needs and aspirations of our residents.

The second milestone is the historic Olympic Torch Relay, which will pass through the City of Glen Eira on Monday 31 July, from approximately 10.30 to 11.30am. The Olympic Torch will be carried along Hawthorn Road by local residents. I invite you, young and old, fit and frail, sporting and non-sporting, to come along and line the road to cheer on our very own torchbearers and be part of this Australia-wide event.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to personally acknowledge the great contribution to this community by Wenzel Oxenbould (nee Douglas). Mrs Oxenbould, who founded the Caulfield (now Glen Eira) U3A, died peacefully at Cabrini Hospital on 30 May, aged 85 years.

— Cr Veronika Martens
Mayor

GST— Notice to suppliers

A message from Glen Eira City Council to our valued suppliers about the transition to GST and afterwards.

Council's position

Glen Eira City Council is registered for GST and has an ABN.

Australian Business Number

(ABN): 65 952 882 314

GST registration number: 65 952 882 314

ABN and GST registration— please advise us of your details

In order to have its records up to date and ready to pay invoices after 1 July 2000, Council must have current details of its creditors. Please advise whether you have applied for an ABN, and/or what your ABN is, and whether you have registered for GST.

If you have not already done so, please send your details to: Vu-Toan Pham, GST Accountant, Glen Eira City Council, PO Box 42, Caulfield South 3162 or fax 9523 0339.

Withholding tax

Council has a strong preference to deal with suppliers who have applied for an ABN and have registered for the GST.

Where suppliers choose not to register or not to provide their ABN on invoices after the introduction of GST on 1 July 2000, Council will be required by law to withhold 48.5% of any payment made and to forward this amount to the Australian Tax Office.

Cost price adjustments

Council has an obligation to ensure its ratepayers pay no more for goods and services delivered by Council than they must. Council is committed to compliance with the guidelines released by the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission in regard to pricing and the benefits to be derived from all aspects of the new tax system.

Council requires suppliers to be committed to:

- fully passing on all benefits derived from the abolition of taxes other than GST; and
- not attempting to pass on unwarranted price increases.

Price changes before and after 1 July 2000

Where Council receives notification of a price increase (or an invoice which represents an increase in the previously paid rate), Council will assume that the supplier has undertaken a thorough review of its pricing structure. This would include the impact of legislative changes under the new tax system.

Council expects all components of any review to be transparently laid out in the notification of increase or the invoice or in any accompanying documents. Suppliers must provide written advice on the basis and reason for every pricing.

Council will not be bound by an attempt by a supplier to adjust prices without the opportunity being given to Council to reconsider its ongoing relationship with that supplier.

Inquiries:

For further inquiries, contact Council's GST Accountant Vu-Toan Pham on 9524 3290 or fax 9523 0339.

— Andrew Long
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Deadlines for Glen Eira News

The deadline for the next issue of the Glen Eira News will be **Monday 10 July** for delivery 1–3 August.

Coming deadlines:

September: Monday 7 August. Delivery: 5–7 September
October: Monday 11 September. Delivery: 3–5 October.

For advertising contact Margaret on 9524 3224.

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

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Bulbs for a good cause

Staff from Council's Park Services have been putting in some early preparation to support the Anti-Cancer Council's "Daffodil Day" and ensure a burst of spring colour in Glen Eira's parks later this month and into August.

Parks Supervisor David Edwards said his team has planted 2000 bulbs which were purchased to raise funds to promote cancer awareness. The bulbs will develop into full bloom in time for Cancer Awareness Day on 18 August.

"We'll have a glorious display of colour in Joyce and Allnutt Parks, around the Town Hall garden beds, in the roundabout at Kambrook and Glen Eira Roads intersection and along the railway line in Normanby Road. The Anti-Cancer Council will be using photographs of our daffodils in their promotional material to help raise awareness of cancer and raise funds for research.

"Council is really pleased to be part of the project. We have helped in two ways, firstly by buying the bulbs, but also by being able to provide the displays for promotional photos," Mr Edwards said.

Daffodil Day uses the daffodil—the international symbol of hope for people touched by cancer—to focus on the progress made in the fight against cancer. This year the council aims to raise \$2 million to support people with cancer and their families and friends, and to fund research. The council is looking for service clubs, staff groups, social and sporting clubs, church and school groups to help set up stalls to sell fresh flowers and badges for Daffodil Day. If you can help, please contact 1300 65 65 85.



*Parks Services staff (from left) Kellie Jo Woodhart, Clive Blenheim and Mark O'Conner plant daffodil bulbs in the garden beds in Joyce Park in preparation for Daffodil Day.
Photo: Bernie Bickerton.*

Perfect scores for Council facilities

Glen Eira City Council's four Aged Care Residential Services which cater for 180 residents, have this month been Accredited by the Commonwealth Aged Care Standards Agency.

Spurway Nursing Home, Rosstown, Camden and Heathlands Communities have recently undergone site audits by the Aged Care Standards Agency to assess their worthiness for accreditation. The Federal Government requires all funded Aged Care services be accredited by January, 2001.

All four services have been granted three years accreditation, which is the maximum time available. In addition, they have satisfied all 44 auditable standards perfectly, with no recommendations by the Commonwealth for any improvements in the operation and management of the services and the care of the residents.

Council's Residential and Community Care Services Manager Jacquie Gilfedder said: "This excellent result demonstrates to the public Council's real commitment to the provision of high quality care for the older residents of our community."

"The past year has seen many improvements to the management of the services, and the clinical and social care of residents, with a resulting system of an all encompassing approach to continuously improve the service to residents and their families".

Council looks forward to continuing its commitment to leading the community in providing the highest level of care for its frail and older residents.



*(From left) Residential Services Manager Patrice Dolan enjoys a cup of tea with resident Gwen Gall, supervisor Sandra Bridge and resident Viv McKay at Camden.
Photo: Bernie Bickerton.*

Keep it up, says survey!

An independent survey of community satisfaction with all Victorian Councils has reported increased levels of satisfaction with Glen Eira City Council.

Glen Eira's overall approval/disapproval rating is 87 per cent:13 per cent— up from 84:16 in last year's survey— and the number of people who thought the organisation was improving was four times as many as those who thought it was not as good as before.

The survey showed all individual services had improved their performance, with the only exception being waste management. (This rating may have been affected by teething problems at the changeover of contractors, which occurred at the same time as the survey, or by the glut of cardboard which made recycling impractical.)

The highest rating was for interaction with the public, which has always been a priority for the elected Council.

Mayor Cr Veronika Martens said: "It is pleasing to see that the community is increasingly supportive of what we have been doing.

"The improved assessment of Recreation is particularly pleasing. It reflects the initiatives we started last term that are coming on line now. And there is plenty more in the pipeline."

"The Minister said it was an 'excellent outcome' and it's nice to have that level of support and encouragement from our State Government colleagues."

Council's CEO Andrew Newton said: "We need to look at this on two levels. It's always good to get a little recognition—to know that what all of us do in our day-to-day work on behalf of our community is appreciated. But, more importantly, we need to learn from what the community is telling us."

- The survey indicates Council's "catch-up" drive on community infrastructure, especially footpaths, is a top community priority.
- The community is saying the State Government is right to give Council more say over town planning: so that healthy development can be balanced with neighbourhood character.
- The community is telling Council that home help is critical to the well being of many senior residents and families with disabled members. Council needs to advocate to government for support for these fundamental health programs and strengthen its own commitment as well.

The State Government's Annual Community Satisfaction Survey 2000 of local Councils was undertaken statewide by Newton Wayman Chong in February/March 2000. A minimum of 350 residents were interviewed in each municipality.

In the interviews, residents were asked to rate their local government's performance on an overall basis, as well as for specific service responsibilities, customer service and community representation on key local issues.

The survey was jointly funded by the Department of Infrastructure and local Councils.

Volunteers— love their work!

Every year Council acknowledges the contribution of the City's volunteers to a wide range of community groups and organisations.

Jacqui O'Leary spoke with four of this year's Community Service Recognition Scheme award winners to find out what makes volunteer work so appealing.

Impressive team effort

While the Swards' children outgrew their little athletics uniforms many years ago, Noel and Lexie's involvement has anything but declined. Their voluntary work with the Caulfield Little Athletics Centre spans 30 years— which is long enough to see not only their children but their grandchildren participate at the centre.

The Swards were recently awarded a Community Service Recognition Award in appreciation of their generous contribution to helping run the centre. Lexie said: "We've lived happily in this area for all our lives and it's nice that the Council appreciates what people do, and so it was lovely to be given the award."

Noel is involved in the programming and track management while Lexie is on the executive committee, and takes on coaching and championship management. She manages to juggle her extensive 'little aths' commitments in addition to working at Carnegie Kindergarten.

The Swards said the long term friendships they've made were one of the most rewarding aspects of volunteering.

"Recently we've been to engagement parties and weddings of some of our past members— which is really great," said Lexie.

"We've got two others who were once in the group who look like competing at the Olympics...it's lovely to watch how they've gone on. We also had a little girl with cerebral palsy and went to a presentation for her the other week. She's now 18 and won a gold medal at the Disabled Games— these are the sort of achievements that we both find really inspiring and make us really enjoy our involvement."

Noel said: "It's wonderful just to see kids participating in something and enjoying it without the pressure of school and exams— and it's a long way from their computer games. Getting out for a few hours of fresh

air is great on Saturday mornings and there's no pressure on the kids to enter all the events."

Noel and Lexie have also worked hard at implementing a system to calculate the best performance each week of every competitor. Lexie said working out their personal best or 'PB' meant children were less concerned about winning and more concerned about improving their PB. She said this had been "a real breakthrough".

The parents of children involved at the centre obviously appreciate and admire the Swards' commitment— one parent nominated Lexie as a torch bearer in the lead up to the forthcoming Sydney Olympics.



Lexie and Noel Seward proudly receive their Community Service Recognition Scheme awards.
Photo: Les O'Rourke.

Three times awarded

In the front room at George Drabble's Elwood house, three Glen Eira Community Service Recognition Awards are proudly displayed. These awards reflect George's commitment to the drop-in centre run by Jewish Community Services.

The awards share wall space with a series of intricate paintings George has created over the years, that show his deep interest in different religions and philosophies.

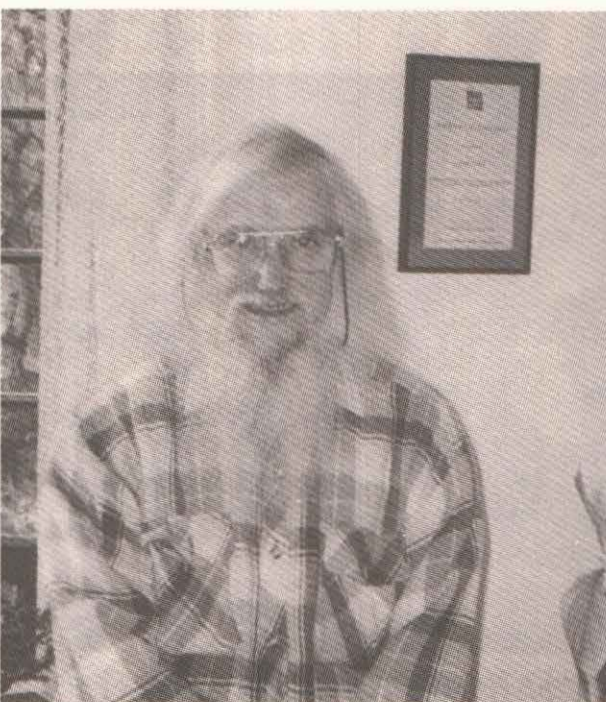
In the early 90s, on the pension and looking for something interesting to do, George responded to an advertisement in the local paper seeking volunteers.

"Firstly I completed a communications course— on how to relate to people, that sort of thing, and then in 1992 when Jewish Community Services opened the drop-in centre, I began to work there," he said.

George started working half a day per week, but eventually took on further responsibility for opening and closing the centre, doing all the shopping, as well as supervising the other volunteers— all of which he continues to do, eight years later.

Self-taught, George also designs flyers and notices on an old computer that Jewish Community Services gave him for the job.

"Sometimes my back plays up a bit," said George, now in his 60s. "But I'll keep up this as long as I can. On average I'm over at the centre for about three or four hours a day. I couldn't stand staying at home all the time and I'm glad to have something interesting to take up my time."



George Drabble— three times awarded.

"I was really touched when he phoned to say that he'd nominated me, but I wasn't expecting to be chosen. So I was amazed and very excited when I was in fact asked to participate in the leg at Southbank," she said.

The Swards don't see themselves giving up their volunteer work in a hurry. As Noel said: "People often ask when we're going to give it up and I think to myself, well, what would we do? We really like it. So, I can't imagine not being involved, particularly while we're still active and able."

A long-time association

Jacqui Davison cannot imagine what it would be like sitting home all day, bored and complaining that there's nothing on TV. "Get a life!" Jacqui advises such people, "There's so much you can be doing out there and you can get so much out of it."

Jacqui's long association with volunteer work dates back to her teenage years in Sussex, England. While working as a telephonist she was asked to be involved with a group who arranged outings for blind air force service people returning from the war. She volunteered and continued to do this for some years before coming to Australia.

While raising a family, Jacqui became involved with volunteer groups at Moorabbin Hospital— and has been involved for more than 40 years. Currently a member of the Ladies Auxilliary, Jacqui describes her work as "seeing a need and doing what we can through organising fundraising events, stalls, luncheons, that sort of thing."

Reflecting on her Community Service Recognition Award, Jacqui said: "I don't think I could do anything other than voluntary work. I believe it gives you much more than you put into it. The wonderful friendships I've made have continued for many years and it's nice to walk onto the street and recognise other people and be recognised."

Besides her work with the hospital, Jacqui is on the local Neighbourhood Watch committee and works at the St Vincent de Paul Opp Shop in Hampton. "It does take up a lot of my time," Jacqui admitted. "But, I lost my husband 18 months ago so I'm happy being busy and having a reason to get up— it certainly keeps me on the straight and narrow!"



Jacqui Davison at her home in Bentleigh East.

Road-worthy *citizens*

Why did the school children cross the road? To get to the other side—with the help of a friendly school crossing supervisor!

With their fluorescent sashes draped over white coats, crossing supervisors are a familiar sight amid the bustle of peak morning and afternoon traffic. They brave all kinds of weather to keep a watchful eye on children getting to and from school.

But there's more to the job than just stepping out onto the road and blowing a whistle. Council Local Law Officer Alan Katz, who looks after the supervisors, said: "Crossing supervisors are trained to recognise if cars are going to stop or not—they learn to make eye contact with approaching drivers, that sort of thing."

Those people who supervise the 43 crossings throughout Glen Eira take on the job for various reasons—some become involved for the enjoyment of getting out and having a chat with others while they work, while others simply want to assist in the community or enjoy being around children.

Many retirees and pensioners take on the role for a little extra income (although it is necessary to firstly check with Centrelink). The job is also often suitable for someone with young children who may not be in the workforce.

"Glen Eira has 50 supervisors aged between 25 and 60 and many have been in the job for 13 years. It's a very well respected position," Mr Katz said.



Three crossing supervisors were honoured recently by students and teachers of Carnegie Primary School. (From left) Gerald Egan, Clive Van Langenberg and Robert Carnie had fun with being "supervised" in a role reversal with Brayden Head, Joanna Brown and Miguella Martin when they attended a "thank you" morning tea at the school.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Crossing supervisors needed

"Council has an ongoing need for people to fill these positions," Mr Katz said.

"What we'd like is a reserve of people we can call on as the need arises, even if we don't have a permanent position for them straight away. Then, when a position becomes available nearer to their home, they could be posted there more permanently."

The job offers a great deal of flexibility—school holiday breaks and a commitment of only 45 minutes

in the morning and afternoon. Crossing supervisors fill an important and rewarding role of helping parents and contributing to children's safety.

Anyone interested in becoming a school crossing supervisor must be prepared to undergo a police check and a medical, followed by on-the-job training.

If you're fit, reliable and enjoy working with children, contact Michal Gelberg on 9524 3242.

— Jacqui O'Leary

Guide back for 2000

The Glen Eira Community Resource Guide and Business Directory 2000–2001 was this week delivered free to all homes and businesses in the City of Glen Eira.

The Guide has again been produced in conjunction with BuyLocal Communications through Council's Business Development and Communications units, and combines Council information, community group listings, sports clubs, schools, services and organisations, with a directory of local businesses. The publication also includes a complete copy of Council's *Safe Food Guide*, listing all food premises in the City which have earned a 4 or 5 star rating in Council's Food Safety Audit.

Mayor Cr Veronika Martens commended the Guide saying: "Council is pleased to be able to offer residents such a comprehensive list of the services, facilities and products available right here in their City. We have made a number of changes to the format which we believe make the document an even more valuable resource. The Guide 2000 now has alphabetically arranged listings of all Council and Community information and a full, alphabetical index at the back of the book."

Council's Manager Business Development Unit Andrew Millen estimated more than 3500 businesses had been included in the Guide this year. All these businesses have also received a free internet listing under the Think Local Buy Local website at www.buylocalcommunity.com

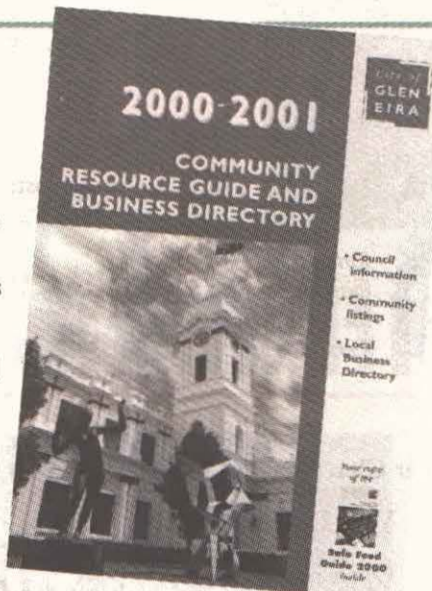
"We're delighted with the numbers. This means more than 70 per cent of the businesses in Glen Eira have decided to take up this free listing option—which gives people an even greater opportunity than last year to think local buy local. Last year's guide was very successful and we've had a constant stream of

inquiries from business people wanting to be included in this year's edition.

"This increased interest clearly shows the 'buy local' approach is alive and well in the City of Glen

Eira. We hope residents will again take advantage of having information about such a wide range of products and services at their fingertips," he said.

If you have not received your free copy of the Guide by 10 July, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.



Looking for Child Care? Glen Eira Family Day Care

- Home-based child care
- Maximum 4 preschoolers
- Carers police checked, insured, hold first aid certificate
- Monitoring home visits by qualified staff
- Child Care Benefit available

Enquiries to Lynda McDonnell: 9524 3461



Glen Eira Computers in the Home and Business Program

Glen Eira City Council, in partnership with Buylocal Communications, is pleased to announce the exciting *Computers in the Home and Business Program*. This exclusive offer provides access to affordable technology for all residents and businesses in Glen Eira—giving local residents access to the Internet.

The computer is programmed to display your buylocal community local government area menu—providing priority access to local area goods and services.

The buylocal Computers in the Home and Business package includes:

- a state-of-the-art IBM PC delivered direct to your door
- installation and training
- unbeatable, flexible payment options through IBM global finance
- tailored solutions based on your individual requirements including: Premium Internet Access from OptusNet

Call 1800 061 918 (toll free) now for details or see our website www.buylocalcommunity.com for more information.

This program is a Buylocal Communications initiative supported by strategic partners IBM.

Think Local Buy Local®



ARTS *Arts*

Art Courses

Glen Eira Arts Complex offers a diverse range of arts programs for people of all ages and levels. All courses are led by experienced and qualified artists and teachers.

We are thrilled to offer three new and exciting adult courses: **Chinese ink and brush work, Creative writing, and Printmaking.** Programs commence 10 July



Clay Sculpture with Catherine Van Haeren.



Kate Money with students in the After School Ceramic Class.



Students in a Painting Class run by Liz Loder (far right).

Children's art programs

- General art • ceramics • drawing • painting • drama •

Saturday Art 5-9 years: ceramics, painting and mixed media
11-15 years: drawing, painting and ceramics.

Cost: \$104.50 (inc. GST) Duration: 8 weeks

Adult courses

- creative writing • creative life drawing • printmaking •
- painting for beginners • Chinese ink and brush work •
- wheel thrown pottery • ceramics • clay sculpture • life drawing • mosaic •

Cost: \$143 (inc. GST) Duration: 8 weeks

One-day workshops

- picture framing for beginners •
- gocco printing • silk painting •

Cost: \$71.50 (picture framing and silk painting) \$49.50 (gocco printing)

Brochures available from
CLAUDIA MAZZOTTA
on 9524 3402.

Exhibitions

Glen Eira City Gallery: corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads Caulfield. Contact: David O'Halloran on 9524 3214.

Anne Frank— a history for today

17 May to 13 August
(open 10am-5pm daily)

Glen Eira City Gallery is proud to host this important and moving exhibition touring Australia in 2000.

These are the last six weeks to see the internationally-acclaimed exhibition promoting tolerance, democracy and human rights. Join more than seven million people who have visited this moving event and entered into the world of history's most famous teenager.



Conceived and developed by the Anne Frank House in Amsterdam, *Anne Frank— a history for today* shows how differences existing in all societies can lead to persecution, and how individuals can act to preserve freedom.

Admission charges:

Adults \$6 Concession \$5
Family (2 adults and up to 3 children) \$14
Child (under 15 years) \$3.50

For further information contact 9524 3306
www.annefrank.com.au

YOUTHPIX 2000

Open section

(to 25 years of age)

- 1st prize \$1000 cash
- 2nd prize \$400 cash
- 3rd prize \$200 cash

Secondary School section

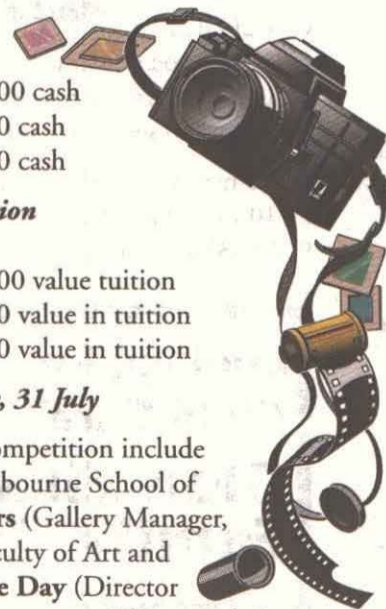
(Years 7-12)

- 1st prize \$1000 value tuition
- 2nd prize \$600 value in tuition
- 3rd prize \$400 value in tuition

Entries close: Monday, 31 July

Judges for this year's competition include **Kerrilee Bateson** (Melbourne School of Art), **Malcom Bywaters** (Gallery Manager, Monash University Faculty of Art and Design), and **Charlotte Day** (Director of the Centre for Contemporary Photography).

An entry form containing rules and conditions is available by contacting **David O'Halloran** on 9524 3214.



Melbourne
School
of Art



Art Education Programs

Education Officer Claudia Mazzotta promotes education in the arts. A series of enrichment programs for primary and secondary students, professional development for teachers and practical workshops are all offered, with programs linked to the Curriculum Standard Framework to assist teachers with curriculum development.

Enrichment programs

31 August, 7 & 14 September

Years 7 and 8 students will have the opportunity to work with an indigenous artist exploring paint on canvas.

VCE Art lectures

14 September to 8 October

Students will meet installation artist John Dunkley-Smith. This is a unique opportunity for students to be exposed to the ever-changing world of art and technology.

Professional Development for primary teachers

13 October

Assessment and reporting will be covered including a practical workshop with a textile artist.

Glen Eira Arts Complex,
corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield
Website: www.gleneiraarts.citysearch.com.au



Movie pass give-aways

The Glen Eira Arts Complex in conjunction with Newvision Films is giving 10 lucky readers the chance to win a free double pass to one of the following new films.

Jesus' Son starring Billy Crudup, Samantha Morton, Denis Leary, Dennis Hopper and Holly Hunter. In the mould of *Drugstore Cowboy*, set in the early 70s, it



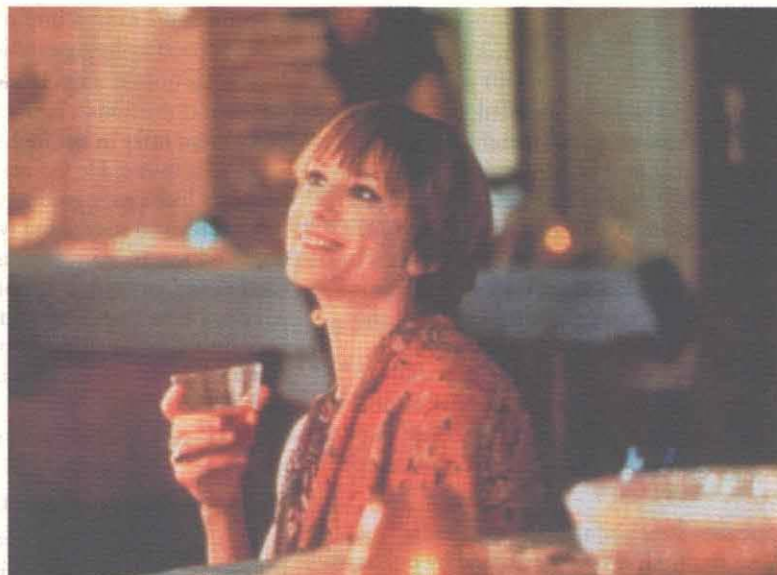
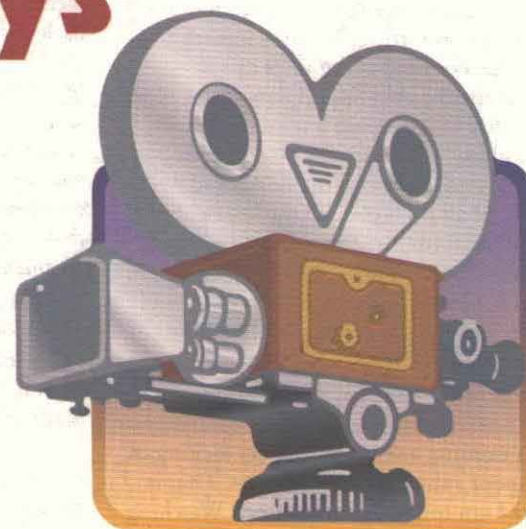
tells the story of a young male drug addict and his journey to redemption. The film will screen at the Melbourne International Film Festival (M rating).

A lovely French-made film, *A Pornographic Affair* tells the story of two attractive, middle-class people, who respond to each other's ad in a magazine and form a liaison for a regular sexual encounter to explore a particular fantasy that both have— but we never actually go beyond the door of their bedroom to learn what that fantasy is. Shot in documentary style, the film relates their relationship from both his and her viewpoint. Acclaimed by international critics, it stars

Nathalie Baye (one of France's leading actresses) and Sergi Lopez.

Season for both films commences early August.

Sergi Lopez and Nathalie Baye in A Pornographic Affair.



Holly Hunter stars as Mira in Jesus' Son.

For a chance to win a double pass to either film simply write your name, the preferred film, and address on the back of an envelope and send to: Free movie passes, Glen Eira Arts Complex, PO Box 42, Caulfield 3162. Entries close: Friday, 28 July.

Art Orientation preparing for VCE 10 November

Year 10 students will be given useful strategies to prepare them for folio demands and theory issues. Former Top Arts speakers will share their experience and knowledge gained in their journey through VCE arts.

2000 Glen Eira Literary Awards



Want to read the winning stories and poems?

The Glen Eira Arts Complex has produced a book of the winning short stories and poetry of all categories. The collection includes judges' summaries and accompanying illustrations. Copies are available at \$8 each (plus 10% GST). Please contact Rosanna Verde on 9524 3287 or email rverde@gleneira.vic.gov.au

McKinnon Big Band



Sunday, 27 August at 2pm

Glen Eira Auditorium

Dance and swing to the sounds of big band jazz from the 30s, 40s and 50s with this fabulous 16-piece big band.

Light refreshments available.

All proceeds to McKinnon Secondary College.

Bookings: 9524 3371

Tickets \$10
(inc. GST)

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- Exhibitions Special events Seminars Classes/workshops
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Send to: Rosanna Verde, Publicity Co-ordinator, Glen Eira Arts Complex, PO Box 42, Caulfield 3162.
or email: rverde@gleneira.vic.gov.au www.gleneiraarts.citysearch.com.au

Eastend Booksellers Local Short Story Award

This month we are pleased to publish another winning story in the Glen Eira Literary Awards. The Eastend Booksellers Local Short Story Award was awarded to Susan Yardley for her short story *The Rainbow Shell*.

The Rainbow Shell

by Susan Yardley

I have never learned to drive a car.

Perhaps that is why I find railway stations curiously comforting. There is something about the comings and goings of passengers; the arrivals and departures of trains that lulls me into a state of security. The railway track narrows into the middle distance and with it go the hopes and dreams of all on board. Those left behind on the platform can only squint and wave and wonder about what may lie just around the bend. They will never know of course, unless one day they too become passengers.

Spencer Street is by far my favourite railway station, the country and interstate trains exuding a sense of mystery lacking in their poor suburban counterparts. That is where I am today. Spencer Street. Watching and waiting. Waiting perhaps, for a sign.

I married Gordon Templeton in the summer of 1970. He was 40 years of age. I was 24. He was well travelled, cultured, 'a man of the world', my father said with more than a hint of admiration. It felt safe and secure being taken under the wing of Mr Templeton and I put all my youthful vigour into becoming Mrs Templeton. I learned to cook and curl my hair. I learned how to put a razor sharp crease down the front of Gordon's trouser legs. I hosted dinner parties and fondue parties and Tupperware parties. I gave up any notion of a career and was perfectly satisfied with keeping house and keeping Gordon happy.

Spencer Street is fairly quiet this afternoon. The station hum is punctuated by bursts of public address system static and garbled announcements.

'The 2.05 train to Ballarat will depart in six minutes from platform 10.'

'The 1.35 train from Warragul is running approximately 12 minutes late.'

'Vehicles left parked in loading zones will be towed away.'

I take out my book and try to concentrate. A young girl sits opposite me. She props her feet on a backpack and glances nervously at her watch. Suddenly, a young man appears breathlessly at her side.

'Sorry,' he mumbles and shows her two train tickets. She squeals with delight and throws her arms around him. They kiss a long lingering kiss that stops only when they become aware of me watching. I look down at my book and they saunter off towards the escalator holding hands.

Gordon and I spent our honeymoon at a beach resort in Queensland. I remember the two of us wading in the shallows at dusk. I found a perfectly formed shell on the sand. It was the colour of chalk with a pale rainbow arc spanning its fragile symmetry. I washed it very carefully in the motel room basin and kept it amongst my underwear in the suitcase.

When we returned to Melbourne, I wrapped the shell in tissue paper and slipped it into my jewellery box. It lay between a bird of paradise necklace and my grandmother's gold watch.

I'm sitting up on Platform 12, nursing a polystyrene cup filled with tepid tea. There's a blustery wind that snatches up scraps of litter from crevices and doorways

and scatters them all over the platform. A piece of grit blows into my eye. As I rub uselessly with a handkerchief, I recall an old black and white British film called, *'Brief Encounter'*. Celia Johnston is waiting in a railway cafeteria and she gets a piece of coaldust lodged in her eye. Trevor Howard, who is a complete stranger to her, gets the coaldust out with his hanky. Anyway, from that brief encounter, they strike up a friendship, fall passionately in love and embark on a doomed tragic affair. I say 'doomed', because they're both married.

I nibble on the edge of the polystyrene cup. My eye smarts. I look up and down the platform. No Trevor Howard to be seen. There is only a boy with long, greasy hair and an elderly chap straining to hear the racing results from a tiny transistor radio.

Gordon and I moved into our own home three years after being married.

It came as quite a surprise really. Gordon had found the house, made up his mind and put an offer in before he breathed a word of it to me. He led me around the property like a tour guide, pointing out all its features and suggesting ways in which we could improve it, *'without over-capitalising'*, of course. I thought the windows were too small and the rooms too dark, but Gordon assured me that Edwardian houses were meant to be like that.

There was a spare bedroom right next to ours.

'Perfect for a baby,' I thought.

If I caught the very next train I could still get home without causing too much fuss. An excuse, a few white lies...I could still avoid a scene. It scares me sometimes. It's not anything he says or does; it's the silence.

I could still avoid a scene if I hurried.

I cannot be precise about when the death of my marriage began.

Imperceptible change.

Summer becoming autumn.

Colour fading.

Words left unsaid.

Unspoken truths and half spoken lies.

Like waking from a dream before daylight.

I wander down a tunnel, past kiosks and tiny shops.

A woman in a blue uniform scoops steaming chips into a bain-marie. Despite the cold wind that squalls through the tunnel, the woman's face drips with sweat. She hauls another huge wire basket of chips from the back of the cooker and drops it into the bubbling oil.

A man sits hunched over a key cutting machine. With every turn of his hand, the grinder lets out a metallic scream until the key is shaped and finished.

Further on, there is a young Chinese girl selling flowers. She sits on a little stool surrounded by buckets brimming with carnations, freesias, and hyacinths. I smile at the girl. She smiles back and turns to rummage in a bucket.

'Here,' she says, *'First of the season.'* In her hand is a bunch of daffodils the colour of egg yolk.

Gordon and I shouldn't go shopping together.

I like to browse and read labels and chat to shopkeepers.

He likes to work his way quickly and systematically down a neat list. He likes to group certain items together on the list and he likes to tick items off the list and he likes to use a calculator.

My shopping list is usually scrawled on the back of an old envelope and often includes items such as, 'a good book', or 'an exotic blend of coffee'.

So you see, I have to browse. I find it essential. He says I procrastinate.

I arrive at the ticketing plaza. There is a hive of activity. Queues snake their way across the floor. People shunting luggage trolleys jostle for space with women pushing prams. Children squeal and skate and scream. Pigeons circle and swoop on discarded crusts of bread.

I sit down and clutch the daffodils.

A large family bustles into the plaza. The father has one child riding on his shoulders and another grasping at his belt. With his spare hand, he manoeuvres a trolley stacked high with suitcases. The mother pushes a baby in a stroller and is weighed down by an enormous backpack. She holds a train timetable between clenched teeth. They come to a halt right in front of me, the father gazing hopefully at the electronic departure display. His face breaks into a grin.

'We made it!' he announces triumphantly and plucks the timetable from his wife's mouth. She kisses him first and then all of the children in turn. There are smiles all round and then all the kids start talking at once and bottles of cordial appear from out of the enormous backpack and they crowd together sharing sips as only families can.

How I envy that woman her crowded kitchen.

We don't have children.

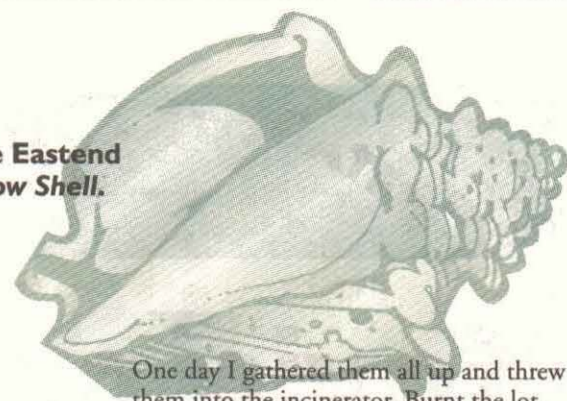
He was never very keen. You see, he's highly sensitive to noise and he insists upon order in the house. He always felt that children would create a chaos he couldn't bear and so I can never bear a child. Oh I thought long and hard about allowing an accident to happen. It was my sweet secret passion for years, but somehow the weight of those long silent evenings suffocated even that imagined joy.

I would go to Myer and loiter in the baby department, touching the pastel knits, breathing in their soft baby smells.

Maternity by osmosis.

Once I ended up having to buy a whole parcel of stuff because the saleswoman assumed I was pregnant and I didn't have the heart to tell her I wasn't. Or maybe I enjoyed pretending I was. Anyway, I carted the parcel home and kept it for ages, hidden in the bottom of the spare wardrobe. When Gordon wasn't home, I would take out the bag and carefully lay its contents out on the bed; tiny bonnets, booties and cardigans; bunny rugs, blankets and cot doonas. I would finger the wool, bury my face in its softness and weep.

I no longer have the clothes.



One day I gathered them all up and threw them into the incinerator. Burnt the lot. He never knew.

The family bustles off towards the train, their laughter leaving a lovely trail behind them.

I edge my way towards the lockers and fumble in my coat pocket for a key. Locker number 423. Inside is a large suitcase, the sort of suitcase that people usually take with them on a long journey.

This morning, as I stood at the kitchen sink sipping a cup of tea, I gazed out into the back garden. Something caught my eye.

Right down the back past the clothesline, against the grey paling fence, there is an old magnolia tree. It's quite gnarled and twisted and ugly for most of the year, until now, that odd time of year when winter flirts with spring. The most luscious tulip flowers have emerged, resplendent in their royal purple regalia. There are no leaves. Flowers stand poised on branch ends, like lights on a Christmas tree.

I ran across the lawn, my bare feet tingling with the sudden wetness of morning dew, and stopped beneath the spreading boughs of the magnolia. Reaching up, I let my fingertips caress a large mauve bud, my warm winter breath forming soft clouds of steam in the crisp air. At that moment I knew Gordon was watching me from the kitchen window. I didn't need to turn around to see the look of cynical disbelief etched on his face. It was there as sure as death.

I felt an overwhelming urge to giggle like a schoolgirl.

The heavy suitcase sits unsteadily on a trolley. I wait my turn in the queue, hoping that the man in front can't hear my racing heartbeat.

There it is. The final boarding call for the Indian Pacific to Perth. The man in front finishes at the ticket window and moves away.

'Yes please?' The balding ticket seller does not even look up from his desk.

My throat closes over.

'Yes please?' he repeats with a trace of annoyance. Now he looks up. I stare at him. There is a vein throbbing in his temple.

I take a deep breath and a huge leap of faith.

Gordon went off to work this morning with his briefcase, newspaper and piece of boiled fruitcake.

I washed the breakfast dishes and took a casserole out of the freezer.

I went upstairs and took a suitcase out of the cupboard. I filled it with clothes and emptied the contents of my jewellery box.

I went to a bank and withdrew all my savings.

I caught a train.

Gordon will be arriving home now. He will find a casserole on the table and a house so quiet; he can almost hear the sound of ocean waves breaking in a perfectly formed rainbow shell that lies upon the bed.

Lions and Op Shop help ADASS

Last month a barbecue and outdoor furniture was presented to Glen Eira Adult Day Activity Support Service (ADASS) by Caulfield Lions and the Voluntary Workers' Opportunity Shop.

The donation was made possible by a partnership between the two community organisations which began six years ago to raise funds for local people needing support.

Geoff Patience, for the Caulfield Lions, and Verna Fox, a Voluntary Worker for 42 years, presented the equipment to Council's Adult Day Centre Co-ordinator Angela Mancini.

Councillor Noel Erlich, staff and clients of the Adult Day Centre program joined in thanking the volunteers and Lions Club with a special afternoon tea attended by 40 people.

Council's Human Services Director Laurie Harkin said: "Such a generous contribution is really value-adding for the clients who access the service. Lunch is part of the daily program and what could be better than providing people with the opportunity to enjoy a barbecue outdoors when the weather is fine? Council is truly appreciative of this donation by the Lions Club and Opportunity Shop."



Cr Noel Erlich (top right), Council staff and members of the Caulfield Lions and Volunteer Worker's Opportunity Shop admire the new barbecue and outdoor furniture at ADASS. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Donation to ADASS

Rediscovering The Glen Huntly

A young descendant's impressions

by Stuart Moore (aged 13)

No in flight movie, no on-line services, no "virtual" experience, technology reduced to the reliability of the stars and sextant...If time travel becomes an option in the 21st century, I won't be choosing a return to the voyage of *The Glen Huntly*.

Talk about "voyage of the damned"—I think being on that ship would have been terrible. One hundred and sixty nine people departed from Scotland bound for Port Phillip in a barque smaller than the Polly Woodside! It seems the voyage was doomed from the start. After being quarantined in Scotland before the long journey began, the ship's doctor advised to leave for warmer waters even though some passengers had already shown signs of fever.

Embarking emigrants would have been full of confidence—after all, they were going to the "land of promise". The voyagers were mainly sponsored by the Colonial office and shipped out by merchants keen to cram as many on board as possible, little attention was paid to real comfort and adequate provisions.

Like today's travel brochures, prospective immigrants were fed outstanding accounts of life in the new settlement, but unlike modern luxury cruises or Boeing 747 experiences, theirs was one of torturous proportions.

As they finished their scant rations for the day in just one bite, they must have found themselves regretting ever waking up, while wondering if they would ever again.

Many people say hell is after death but, it seems to me, hell was this ship. Six months at sea with only a small respite near the equator from the cold stormy conditions would have been a sea sickness nightmare—no Quells, no Panadol, no comfy bed or central heating, only "bleeding, powers and emetics" to treat the symptoms!

One report noted that 14 "demented passengers" committed suicide by jumping through portholes. For some reason, I don't find that surprising. I am sure that I would have been one of the seven crew who deserted at Port Phillip not to continue on with *The Glen Huntly* to Calcutta.

Over those six months the passengers' initial excitement would surely have diminished substantially along with their girth as they watched friends and family die of plague and fever: Scarletina, Smallpox, Typhoid, Measles and Chickenpox. We now have vaccines for these diseases—travelling on that ship would be like sharing a syringe with a Hep B sufferer today. Of the 169 people aboard, only

about 10 people escaped fever or sickness of some kind on the cold, stormy, uncomfortable voyage. Given this I am surprised that most passengers survived the journey—15 unfortunates did not.

My ancestor, great, great, great grandfather Alexander McKenzie was one such passenger to escape the fever, so I was proud to be part of the group of descendent families who gathered on Sunday 17 April in commemoration of the hardy pioneering spirit exhibited by all passengers on the voyage of *The Glen Huntly* 160 years ago.

Flying the Yellow Flag

The first voyage of the ship the *Glen Huntly* 1840
Compiled and written by Olive Moore

A facet of Victoria's early history

- our first fever ship
- our first quarantine camp
- the first St Kilda burial ground

Compiled from:

- ◆ Official existing records ◆ Newspaper Reports ◆
- ◆ Letters from passengers ◆ Early Maps of Port Phillip ◆

This record of the troubles experienced by early Scottish emigrants on their voyage from Oban and Greenock to Port Phillip and on their arrival, provides background for teachers and students of:

- ◆ Australian History ◆ Family History ◆
- ◆ Local History ◆

Orders: \$12 (incl. postage). Olive Moore,
86 Bedford Road, Ringwood East 3135.

Contact: 9670 9950.

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92 pages. Soft cover

Help judge Glen Eira's building design awards

Council would like to hear from any Glen Eira resident with planning, architecture or urban design experience who would like to be part of the judging panel for the Building Design Awards 2000.

The Glen Eira Building Design Awards are considered beneficial as they promote good design and reward designers and builders for their efforts. Council is aware of resident dislike of some development in some instances, and thus is keen to promote innovative and sympathetic development of a high standard, as well as refusing unsympathetic developments.

Judging will be conducted by appropriately qualified Glen Eira staff, Councillors, and a suitably qualified Glen Eira resident. As part of the judging panel, you would be required to be available for one full day in late July/early August (to be advised) for inspections of nominated sites and panel discussion to declare winning entries.

Please apply in writing (including qualifications, experience and availability) to:
Strategic Town Planning Department, Glen Eira City Council, PO Box 42,
CAULFIELD SOUTH 3162. Submissions close: Friday 14 July.

For further information contact: Jacqui Brasher 9524 3476.



Did you know..?

Council received:

— 355 applications for medium density units, this financial year (this is equivalent to 31 per cent of all planning applications received).

Council refused outright:

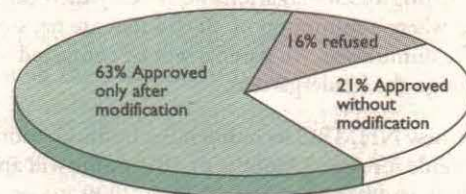
— 56 (16 per cent) of those applications, as being beyond acceptable levels of modification.

Council approved only after modifications:

— in consultation with residents, 225 (or 63 per cent) of those applications.

Proposals approved by Council without any changes:

— only 74 (21 per cent) of those applications.



COMMUNITY *Diary*

Events

St Anthony's Glen Huntly will hold a reunion on Sunday, 30 July from 11am. All welcome. Memorabilia is being collected now. Contact: Agnes Morel 9569 2099, or email: stanthony@ozemail.com.au or visit www.ozemail.com.au/~stanthony/

Meetings and clubs

Bentleigh-Bayside Campaign for Safe Food will hold a public meeting to discuss *Genetically Modified Organisms in our Food and Environment*, at Tucker Road Primary School Hall (Tucker Road off South Road) on Monday 24 July at 7.45pm. Donations of \$2-\$5 may be made at the door. GM-free supper provided.

"Little Steps" Play Group is held at Lower Church Hall, St Catharine's Anglican Church, 404 Kooyong Road, Caulfield South on Wednesdays 9.30-11am during school terms. Cost: \$3 per session for babies, toddlers, preschools. Qualified preschool teacher Ms Barbara Wheeler. Term 3 starts 12 July. Contact: Rev. Sue Brooks 9523 7135.

Glen Eira Cheltenham Art Group— learn to paint and draw. Classes conducted in sketching, drawing, painting in all media, folk art and calligraphy. Classroom situated at Moorleigh Community Village, 92 Bignell Road, East Bentleigh. Fees: Membership: \$30. Classes: \$60 for nine week term. Commences 10 July. Contact: Marjorie 9578 4326 or Val 9570 3596.

The Over 40s Club holds dances (old time-modern-new vogue) at Ormond Uniting Church, Corner North and Booran Roads, Ormond on 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month at 7.45pm. Supper. Live music. Cost: \$7. All ages welcome. Contact: 9570 4564.

Immunisation sessions for July/August

Glen Eira Town Hall
(entry via Glen Eira Road)
Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads
Caulfield South
Tuesday 11 July 6-7.30pm
Wednesday 2 August 9.30-10.30am

Murrumbeena Baptist Church
44 Murrumbeena Road Murrumbeena
Monday 10 July 9.30-10.30am

Bentleigh-Bayside Community Health Service
Gardeners Road East Bentleigh
Tuesday 18 July 9.30-10.30am
Saturday 22 July 9.30-11am

Glen Huntly Maternal and Child Health Centre
Corner Royal and Rosedale Avenues Glen Huntly
Wednesday 26 July 9.30-11am

Bentleigh Baptist Church
10 Vickery Street Bentleigh
Monday 7 August 1.30-2.30pm

Please note:

1. Preschool immunisations are now recommended to be given at 4 years old. The immunisation team will be visiting all kindergartens in the City in Term 3 this year where a minimum of 20 children are registered to be immunised. All parents will be contacted through the kindergartens.
2. The new NHMRC recommended immunisation schedule for ages 2 months to 18 months will apply only to children born from 1 May, 2000.

Life Activities Club—Caulfield will hold its monthly meeting in Gladys Machin Hall, Cedar Street, Caulfield on Wednesday 21 June 7.30pm. Visitors welcome. Contact: 9568 5849 or 9570 4820.

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

Caulfield Writers Group welcomes writers of all ages and provides a fortnightly opportunity to read and workshop work. Contact: John 9889 7922.

View Club (Voice, Interests and Education of Women) meets for lunch on first Tuesday of the month. Outings arranged at various venues and destinations. Aim: to assist Smith Family. New Members welcomed. Contact: Val 9578 1302.

Combined Probus Bentleigh East Club (newly formed) has vacancies. Meetings held 10am, second Tuesday of month at South Oakleigh Club, Victor Road. Contact: 9530 9045 or 9503 9248.

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, etc. Contact: 9557 2562 or 9563 2554.

Neighbourhood Support Program— for information about our Father's Group, Chinese Group and Young Mother's Group, please ring Maureen Carolan on 0419 348 936 or Judy White on 9524 3403.
街坊支持計劃 - 欲知華人小組的詳情，請打電話給 Maureen Carolan on 0419 348 936 或 Judy White on 9524 3403.

Volunteers

Community Information Glen Eira seeks volunteers to help other community members. Training provided. If you have time during weekdays and are a good listener, contact: 9524 3200 or 9524 3272.

The Lighthouse Foundation Op Shop East Bentleigh needs volunteers for shop duties. Foundation supports disadvantaged youth. Contact: Pam 9570 8187.

Southern Citizen Advocacy seeks volunteers to assist adults with a disability to participate in community life. Commitment approximately 2-3 hours per week. Contact: Kerry or Karen 9576 0155.

Elsternwick Uniting Church Opportunity Shop 302 Glen Huntly Road, requires volunteers with 2-3 hours per week spare to sort and service. Donations of clothing, books and bric-a-brac gratefully accepted. Contact: 9532 4044.

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BEGINNERS TO BLACK BELT - From 4 years old

Ormond Confident Living Group
A support group for people with low vision
— meets monthly to help people adjust to sight loss and bring back quality to their lives.
New members welcome.
Contact: Margaret Davern on 9570 2373
supported by Vision Australia Foundation.

Will your affairs be in order?

Most people realise the importance of having a current will— none of us are immortal! But so many of us hate to think about the issues, and so we put off the making of our will, assuming we can always do it at some future time.

Did you know that...

- a. without a will, the law decides who will inherit your property, even your car and personal possessions such as jewellery and photographs; and
- b. the main beneficiary in that situation may be a separated spouse, if you have never divorced.

Don't be caught out! **Peninsula Community Legal Centre** assists people on benefits or low incomes by preparing free basic wills, and can give assistance with Powers of Attorney and other legal issues.

Ring for an appointment on one of our monthly Wills Days, or to find out about our other advice sessions. We are open on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday between 9am and 5pm, and are located at 82 Brady Road, East Bentleigh.

Contact: 95708455

Glen Huntly Friendship Group

99 Grange Road, Glen Huntly
Activities July

Thursday, 13 July: Christmas in July at Underbank Lodge, Bacchus Marsh.
All the enjoyment of a lovely Christmas dinner in warmth and comfort even though outside it may be snowing!
Cost: \$35 including GST.

Thursday, 27 July: Armchair travel with Len Dungan.
Come with Len as he takes us around the West states of USA and Rockies of Canada.
99 Grange Road. Morning tea. Cost: \$2.

Please note: Change of times.
Bus trips will depart 9am from 185 Poath Road, Hughesdale and 9.15am from 99 Grange Road, Glen Huntly.

Bookings: Margaret 9596 6124

USA BUS TOURS

July/August
NO BUS TRIPS JULY/AUGUST

A short break while we wait for the GST to settle down!

20 September 8.30 am-5pm
Phillip Island Seal Rock Life Centre

In response to many requests, we are re-visiting this unique tourist attraction. Fascinating interactive displays, delicious 3-course luncheon in the restaurant at the Centre, spectacular views, time to stroll the boardwalk. Sightseeing tours Cowes and surroundings. Includes Bus, Entry, Lunch.

18 October 8.30am-5.30 pm
Point Lonsdale/Queenscliff

We travel to Point Lonsdale, spend some time there before moving on to historic Queenscliff, where you can buy lunch (or take your own). After a leisurely visit, we return by CAR FERRY across the Bay to Sorrento. A relaxed bus trip home— after a great day out. Includes Bus and Ferry.

Contact: 9572 0571 or (AH) 9523 7862

Glen Eira

Youth Page



LIBRARY News

Youth and Library News

Foundation for Youth Excellence

The Foundation for Youth Excellence recognises and encourages young people from 10 to 25 years old, who have achieved excellence in the fields of creative and performing arts, education, leadership or sport, by awarding grants to young people who aim to achieve further success in their chosen field.

The Foundation Committee which comprises community members and Councillors meets quarterly to assess applications and then recommends to Council the level of funding to be granted to successful applicants.

On Wednesday, 12 July at 7pm, Mayor Cr Veronika Martens will host a presentation evening for recent

recipients of Youth Excellence Awards. The presentation evening will include speeches from the Mayor and Young Citizen of the Year as well as performances by several young people who have been assisted by the Foundation over the past year. The ceremony will be held in the Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Hawthorn and Glen Eira Roads, Caulfield.

If you require further information in relation to the evening or the Foundation for Youth Excellence please contact Jodie Belyea on 9524 3321 or jbelyea@gleneira.vic.gov.au.

School Focused Youth Service

by Ann Tattersall

Project Co-ordinator of the School Focused Youth Service

The School Focused Youth Service (SFYS) is a three-year initiative funded by the State Departments of Human Services and Education. It is one of 41 projects funded across the state of Victoria and covers the Cities of Glen Eira, Port Phillip and Stonnington.

The project aims to increase service co-ordination between schools and community service providers to ensure young people receive appropriate and timely support. In particular, the SFYS has been established to support schools and service providers in their work with young people aged 10 to 18 years who are potentially "at risk".

Since I became SFYS Co-ordinator in April, I have observed a number of positive outcomes:

- 197 young people have been supported in group programs or individually through SFYS brokerage funds,
- 16 programs, funded in the first round of brokerage, are continuing to support approximately 1000 young people in schools,
- increased collaboration and networking is occurring between schools and agencies, and
- as a result of increased knowledge of services and resources available within the community, schools have an increased ability to access support for young people.

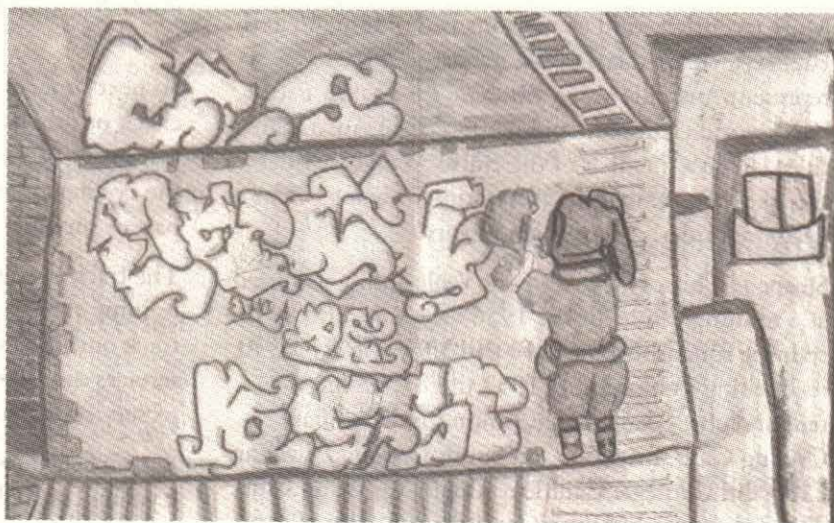
In June, the project funded 11 agencies and schools to deliver programs to students within schools to address issues that were highlighted in the needs analysis. Programs included Peer Support, Parenting Support, the development of Anti-Bullying Strategies and Social Skills Programs that aim to develop protective factors and resiliency.

The project is also developing a Website, which will include the *HELP Resource*— a database of services and programs available in the Cities of Glen Eira, Bayside, Kingston, Port Phillip and Stonnington. The web site will be accessible through the Glen Eira Youth Services Website at: <http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au/youth/index.html>

I look forward to working with schools and service providers over the next year or more and welcome any feedback or suggestions in relation to the project. If you require further information please contact me on 9524 3392.

The schools and agencies funded in June were:

- Albert Park College
- Beth Rivkah Ladies College
- Galilee Regional Catholic College
- Glen Eira College
- Inner South Community Health Service
- Leibler Yavneh College
- Lloyd Street Primary School
- Port Phillip Specialist School
- Prahran Windsor Primary School
- Sacre Coeur
- Southport Anglican Uniting Ministries Among Youth



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New service starts

Glen Eira Library and Information Service has introduced a new automated system to improve communication. Called *TeleMessage*, the system automatically notifies you of overdue library materials and reserved items for collection. It has proved to be a faster service than the traditional mailed notices.

TeleMessage has already improved the return of overdue items and reduced the printing, stationery and postage costs associated with sending out 4,000 overdue and reservation notices each month.

A telephone message, delivered in the early evening, advises the borrower of overdue loans or that a reservation is ready to be collected at a nominated branch. The message activates when a person or an answering machine answers the telephone. But, if contact cannot be made this way, a printed notice is mailed.

To ensure communication is tailored to customer needs, senior members continue to receive their notifications by mail.

Council anticipates future developments with this service will include a 24-hour dial-in service for the renewal of library materials on loan. Borrowers will then also be able to dial-in to check library opening hours and hear of upcoming events.

For further information on *TeleMessage* speak to a staff member at any one of Council's libraries.

Judges select finalists for Nestlé Write Around Australia

A panel of judges comprising representatives from Glen Eira Library Service and schools have been busy judging more than 1,000 entries from local students in the Nestlé Write Around Australia Competition.

Open to students in Years 5 and 6, the competition has received an excellent response and the number of entries is higher than last year. Ten finalists have been selected from each year level, who will have the opportunity to attend a writing workshop at Caulfield Library with well-known children's author Errol Broome, before resubmitting their story for selection in the state judging.

Top choices from the shelves

TV Chefs

A Gondola on the Murray: a passion for life, a passion for cooking— Stefano De Pieri Also available on video. A celebration of Australian cooking and produce.

Delia's How to Cook Book 2— Delia Smith. Full of great recipes and informative cooking information.

Cooking with Passion— Ian Parmenter

A collection of TV favorites

— Bon Appetit!

Antonio Carluccio's Southern Italian Feast— Antonio Carluccio. Video only.

Southern Italian cooking at its best!

Naked Chef— Jamie Oliver. Also available on video. The book by the hottest new young chef— read what all the excitement is about.

These may not all be readily available but can be reserved for a \$2 fee. Ask library staff for further information or for material by the same author or subject.

Recreation News

Winners on wheels

Riders from the Packer Park Velodrome have certainly had a strong presence in the winners circle at the recent National cycling championships.

Members of the Carnegie Caulfield Cycling Club, Michael Ford and Shane Perkins were part of the Victorian team competing at the Australian National Track Cycling Junior Titles in Sydney. They rode at the new Dunc Gray Velodrome, which will be the venue for the Sydney Olympic track cycling.

Michael won three gold medals, two silver and a bronze medal while Shane won two gold medals. Both Michael and Shane are to be congratulated on their outstanding performances and look set for a great future in cycling.

But, the celebrations don't end there! Two other members of the Carnegie Caulfield Cycling Club, Christine Fisher and Russell Wolfe competed in the Australian Multi Paralympic Track Cycling Titles at the new Olympic venue in Sydney as part of the Victorian team. Christine is visually impaired and rides with Russell on a hand built tandem track racing bicycle which was made possible through a Community Grant from Glen Eira City Council.



(From left) Medal winners Michael Ford and Shane Perkins with fellow Victorian team member Daniel Thorston.

In brief

GST Seminar

The GST is well and truly here, but in the lead up to its introduction Council hosted a GST seminar for local sports clubs. The seminar was run in conjunction with the Australian Sports Commission and the Confederation of Australian Sport. Recreation Services has copies of the information handed out at the seminar for clubs who may have been unable to attend. Contact Recreation services on 9524 3470 or email recservices@gleneira.vic.gov.au

Table Tennis for all ages

Table tennis has always been a popular form of entertainment with many families having their own tables. For residents wanting to go one step further the Princes Entertainment Centre offers social and competition table tennis for all ages. Players of all ages are welcome and players as young as eight years old play in the competitions run at the centre. If you would like more information please contact Paul Bronstein on 9563 5570 or mobile 0412 804 036.

Club coach Bob Greenwood said: "Christine and Russell can truly be rated as daredevils—the tandem bike they use can reach speeds of 65 to 70 kilometres per hour!"

Christine, a Glen Eira resident who has only been racing competitively for about 12 months, heard about the track racing through the Royal Victorian Institute for the Blind. She joined in the track training and racing at Packer Park Velodrome to later be chosen with Russell in the Victorian team for the National Championships. They went on to win two gold medals and three silver medals at the championships.

Christine and Russell have now been selected as members of the Paralympic Training Squad who will train in Perth. From there, they hope to gain selection for the Australian Paralympic Squad. We congratulate them both on their achievements and wish them well in their Paralympic selection endeavours.



Above: Russell Wolfe and Christine fisher ride tandem. Photo: Ernie Smith Photography.

Inset: (From left) Christine and Russell with their hand built tandem bike.

So, you like cycling...



by Byron Douglas
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Well, you're not on your own. Glen Eira has a long history of cycling, dating back to late last century. Glen Eira is fortunate to have the largest cycling club in Australia and also the Packer Park Velodrome which has a 50 year history. The recently resurfaced velodrome is renowned in Victoria as a great training and racing venue.

Many notable past cycling greats have raced, trained or trained others at the Packer Park Velodrome— Sid Patterson, Billy Guyatt, Hubert Opperman and 1956 Olympian John O'Sullivan are just a few.

More recently, world champions Peter Homann and Paul Lake are regulars at the track and hope to represent Australia at the Paralympics. Steven Pate, twice world champion and winner of 44 Australian titles is also a member of the club and regular rider at the track. Steven has the distinction of being the most decorated rider in Australian history.

Steeped in history, Packer Park Velodrome was used as a training venue for the 1956 Olympics and by the training squads for the 1960 and 1964 Olympics. At its opening in November 1952 there were three tenant clubs: Glenhantly-Ormond Professional Cycling Club, Brighton and South Caulfield Cycling Club and Carnegie Caulfield Amateur Cycling Club. These clubs worked with Council in the late 40s to build the track "to keep the lads off the roads during

the busy summer months" as traffic was expected to increase with the end of petrol rationing.

Today, the velodrome is home to the Carnegie Caulfield Cycling Club who have been operating for more than 75 years. Things are much different these days; the club members include juniors, adults, veterans and riders with disabilities, including amputees and visually impaired riders. The visually impaired riders use tandem racing bikes similar to those used when tandem racing was part of the Olympics. The club has a very strong development program and is always keen to welcome new members.

So next time you are wanting to head out for a ride, check out the Packer Park Velodrome in Leila Road Carnegie (Melway Ref. 68 J8). It's very popular with the cycling community and it's not unusual to see past or present Olympians training at the site.

The track is open to the public except during club training times and race days. There are signs at the track outlining these times or contact Recreation services on 9524 3470 or email recservices@gleneira.vic.gov.au

For further information about the Carnegie Caulfield Cycling Club please contact Bob Greenwood on 0412 939 616.