

Caulfield Children's Centre turns 25!



The Caulfield Children's Centre celebrated its twenty-fifth birthday last month with a Party Day for the children.

Mayor Cr Veronika Martens cut a giant birthday cake with the help of Marie Freeman, who has worked at the Caulfield Children's Centre since its doors opened in 1975, and one of the children she cared for 25 years ago, Adrian Young.

The centre was initially set up by a group of hard working parents who felt the need for a local, community child care centre for their children. They provided child care at Oak Tree House and later at a building in Lirrewa Grove for children aged 2 to 5.

As the demands of running the centre became more onerous, they approached Council to take over the centre, which now operates from a building adjoining Oak Tree House and caters for 45 children from birth to school aged.

Cr Martens said: "The Caulfield Children's Centre is one of four centres managed by Council. All of our centres, Carnegie, Caulfield, Elsternwick and Murrumbeena, provide high quality child care in a safe and caring environment. Our record of providing child care is outstanding and our staff are highly regarded for being the best in their field. Council is proud to be in the business of providing community based child care for the families of Glen Eira and are pleased to be celebrating 25 years of excellence in child care for the community."

If you would like further information about how to enrol for Glen Eira City Council's Child Care services, phone Lynda McDonnell on 9524 3461.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Melbourne Water identifies floodprone areas

Council says the Community must be told

Glen Eira City Council will act on a request from Melbourne Water and exhibit a planning scheme amendment to introduce a Special Building Overlay identifying floodprone areas.

Melbourne Water has taken advantage of new technology to enhance its knowledge of stormwater flows across metropolitan Melbourne and has formed its own professional opinion of land that is likely to flood in a one-in-100-year flood.

As a result of this survey, Melbourne Water has indicated there are 8,801 properties within the City of Glen Eira that are subject to inundation on a once-in-a-100-year basis.

Currently, there are loopholes in the planning system which often allow planning permits to be issued before

correct flood information is obtained. Although drainage may currently be considered as a relevant issue for a planning application, there is no statutory requirement for referral of applications to Melbourne Water.

A Special Building Overlay is designed to show properties that are likely to flood as a result of a severe storm. A planning permit for all buildings and works would be required within the overlay area. One practical result is likely to be higher floor levels.

The Special Building Overlay will ensure that new developments are referred to Melbourne Water at the planning stage and therefore, developments will be designed to not interfere with overland flows or result in an unacceptable increase in drainage run-off.

The overlay means building many detached dwellings and additions will require a planning permit for the

first time. Exempt are open-sided carports, verandahs, pergolas and fences that replace existing fences using the same materials and style.

Earlier this year, Council wrote to the Planning Minister asking him to tackle this metropolitan-wide issue and create a Ministerial Amendment. Council has not identified the flood prone areas—a State Government agency has. It would have been better for the State Government to implement it, which it has the power to do.

However, the Minister advised Council that it would be inappropriate for him to intervene, a response which drew strong reaction from Glen Eira's Councillors.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Veronika Martens said: "This amendment gives me mixed feelings. There is disappointment mixed with a strong sense of responsibility. I say disappointment because of the State Government's refusal to be involved, and responsibility because I feel a strong sense of duty in passing on the latest Melbourne Water flood information to our community. Our community deserve to be fully

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Rates instalment due

Residents should have received notice that the second instalment for the 2000-2001 year is almost due. Rates are payable in four instalments during the year, similar to bills for water, electricity, and phone. The second instalment is due on 30 November, 2000.

MAYOR'S column



Last month, I hosted a function for current and former Councillors and Mayors in the Glen Eira Town Hall auditorium. It was a wonderful get-together for past colleagues who represented the community in the former Cities of Caulfield and Moorabbin, and the

night was full of reminiscing and laughter. The night was a special opportunity to say thanks for their work and contributions as Councillors prior to these Cities being amalgamated.

News has come in that Local Government and Planning Minister John Thwaites has approved the Heritage Amendment L33/C2. The Minister approved Council's recommendations for heritage overlays covering nine areas and seven individual properties, which completes the second part of a vitally important initiative to protect heritage in the City of Glen Eira.

In all, this process has taken four years and involved substantial community consultation—more consultation than on any other issue in the history of Glen Eira. We can be proud of this achievement, to put in place measures to protect our built heritage for both today and for future generations. Again this Council took a leadership role.

Planning issues continue to be a major focus, with Council taking action in several areas to protect the amenity and character of our neighbourhoods.

Council has paid tribute to the Glen Eira Service Centre staff for winning an Australian Customer Service Association Award at its recent Victorian Awards Presentation. Council had no Service Centre four years ago; now it is one of the best for Customer Service in Victoria. I thank them for all their efforts in serving the Glen Eira community and wish them well for the national judging.

Congratulations to all the Glen Eira residents and sports club members who competed at the Sydney Olympics and Sydney Paralympics in September and October.

Some people came home with medals, others achieved their personal best. For all I am sure it was a great honour to participate and fulfill longheld dreams to reach the pinnacle in their sport. Congratulations to everyone from Glen Eira, including the officials and volunteers, who participated in these historic events.

— Cr Veronika Martens
Mayor

Deadlines for Glen Eira News

Deadline for the final 2000 issue of the Glen Eira News is **Monday 6 November** for delivery 5-7 December.

Please note: the News is not published in January.

First issue for 2001:

Deadline: Monday 15 January. Delivery: 6-8 February.

For advertising contact Margaret on 9524 3224.

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



Above: Current and former Mayors and Councillors were thanked for their contribution to the Cities of Caulfield, Moorabbin and Glen Eira at a special dinner late last month.

Mayor Cr Veronika Martens welcomed 41 current and former representatives to the event, which celebrated their work for the community over many years.

The former Councillors and their partners swapped stories and laughs about their time as Councillors and involvement in community campaigns, and thoroughly enjoyed the reunion atmosphere.

This was the first official function to thank the former Mayors and Councillors of Caulfield and Moorabbin since the cities were amalgamated.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton

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informed and that's what this amendment will do."

Cr Eamonn Walsh said: "It would be remiss of this Council to do nothing. We have an obligation to make available this information. We are assisting in planning for the future."

Cr Norman Kennedy said: "This won't be a popular decision, in fact some Councils have declined to take this action, however this Council can make hard decisions. We have an obligation, once informed by Melbourne Water, to the current and future property owners in affected areas. The proposed controls are something which have been requested by Melbourne Water. Council hasn't invented this, we are just the messengers."

Council officers will now negotiate the form of the proposed control with Melbourne Water. It is expected that a planning scheme amendment will be placed on exhibition before the end of this year.

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A memorial service

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— will be held at the
Cenotaph in Caulfield Park
on Saturday 11 November at 10.58am to mark
Remembrance Day.

Refreshments will be served after the service.

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Heritage amendment approved

Minister for Planning and Local Government John Thwaites last month approved Glen Eira Planning Scheme Amendment C2, which introduces heritage to a number of areas in Glen Eira.

Glen Eira Mayor Councillor Veronika Martens said: "It is pleasing to note that the Minister approved the amendment as it was adopted by Council."

"Amendment C2 has been through a lengthy two-year process of public consultation, an independent panel hearing and Council meetings prior to Council's adoption of the modified amendment in May this year," she said.

This heritage overlay is intended to protect and enhance the special character of areas and places which are considered to have architectural and historical significance.

"Due to its location and age of housing stock, Glen Eira City is under constant pressure for redevelopment. This amendment provides some protection for places and sites identified as being of heritage importance either locally, or from a broader metropolitan or statewide perspective," Cr Martens said.

Brochures titled *Heritage Controls in Glen Eira*—a quick and easy guide have been prepared to provide answers to some commonly asked questions about heritage and what the new regulations mean for property owners. They are available from the planning counter at the Glen Eira Service Centre.

Customer service a winner

Glen Eira's Service Centre team members at the presentation of the Australian Customer Service Association Award.



Glen Eira City Council has won an Australian Customer Service Association Award for the work of its team at the Glen Eira Service Centre.

At the recent gala awards night, Council received a Victorian State Award for a small division/department section, giving recognition to Council's focus on service to residents, and to the team which has developed one of the best customer service centres in Victoria.

The Australian Customer Service Association (ACSA) Awards were introduced to recognise organisations which have achieved excellence in customer service and to provide professional benchmarking standards.

The awards are held annually, and are the principal means by which the best service performers—across all industries, states and sectors—are identified and acknowledged nationally.

Award applicants are assessed on service leadership; customer research; employee development; innovation and improvement; responsiveness; and customer satisfaction/results.

The award recognises good customer service is not about smiling and saying: "Have a nice day", but rather is the result of many factors, including effective first contact—promptly answered phones, a warm, friendly consultant, and adequate resourcing. Good customer service also requires a strong team environment to handle about 1000 calls a day.

Customer service is also assessed against good systems and business processes; co-operation by all service units; a suitable physical environment (disability access, signage, welcoming to visitors and a safe environment for staff); technology; and strong management reporting to feed continual improvement across the organisation.

Glen Eira City Council's Service Centre was established in July 1996 and has been visited by more than 50 organisations seeking ideas and examples for improving their customer service.

A new Service Centre area was opened in January this year, providing improved facilities, disability access, and a focus for visitors to the town hall building, as well as a dedicated call centre area and better amenity for staff.

The unit has been led in 1999–2000 by Kerrin Smithies and, during her recent absence on maternity leave, by Phil Tomlinson.

SOS praises Council moves to plug planning loophole

Lobby group Save Our Suburbs has praised Glen Eira City Council for taking action against three developers who used a planning loophole to build de facto dual occupancy developments without going through the proper town planning process.

Council has called on Planning Minister John Thwaites and an independent panel to help it close the loophole by adopting an amendment (Amendment C15) to the planning scheme.

In the group's August newsletter, Save Our Suburbs president Jack Hammond, QC, commended Council for taking action to ensure that planning rules work the way they were intended. He described the wording of Council's proposed planning scheme amendment as "unique" and "revolutionary".

The Amendment proposes including a Local Policy that will affect all residentially zoned land within the City but will more particularly affect the development of land at three sites: 4 Elimatta Road, Carnegie, 10 Kent Grove, Caulfield North, and 11 Ludbrook Avenue, Caulfield South.

The Maximum Development of Residential Sites Policy (Amendment C15) was publicly exhibited

from 7 August to 4 September and attracted four submissions. It will now go to an independent panel to be appointed by the Planning Minister.

In cases where it is evident that clear intent existed to construct a second or more dwellings at the time of building the first dwelling, the amendment would enable Council to limit further development, on the grounds that the site had already been fully developed and that the dual occupancy would have been rejected as inappropriate had it gone through the proper planning process.

Mayor Cr Veronika Martens said: "This Council has not been backward in coming forward when it comes to protecting the amenity of this City. We are sending a clear message to others who seek to use this loophole. Council isn't afraid to take on the hard issues.

"Neighbouring properties which have suffered loss of amenity should be offered a degree of protection from further adverse amenity impacts of additional development.

"We look forward to the Planning Minister appointing an independent panel and considering the recommendations of the Panel."

Community Conversations

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This is the 4th and final Human Services Community Conversation for this year—being held during the day in response to community feedback.

The Human Services department holds these meetings to provide an opportunity for people to discuss and hear about community issues.

When: Tuesday 28 November

Time: 9.30 to 11 am

Where: McKinnon Progress Hall
118 McKinnon Road
McKinnon

Contact: Margaret Roche 9524 3448

LIBRARY News

Loan returns

All our branches face strong demand for library material to be available for our members to borrow. At times it is difficult to meet this requirement due to items not being returned. We remind all library members to please return borrowed items by the due date. If you require more time, loan periods can be renewed before the return date either in person or by phone at any branch, unless the item has been reserved by another member.

Should you have outstanding items we ask that they be returned so that other members can enjoy them. This can be done by:

- placing them in the after hours-return slot at any of our branches (this facility is open when our branches are closed), or
- returning them to any branch and paying any outstanding fines. Overdue charges are set at 10c per item per day, up to a maximum of \$5 per item.

If you still experience difficulties returning items, please call any branch to discuss alternative arrangements.

Library members are responsible for every item borrowed on their card and failure to return them may result in a visit from the Council's Local Laws Officer.

Introduction to the Internet

Caulfield Library will be hosting two introductory classes to the Internet this month:

Wednesday, 8 November, 11am-12.30pm

Thursday, 30 November, 11am-12.30pm.

The class is held in a private training room and each person has their own PC. Classes are \$33 (incl. GST) and can be booked at any branch or by calling 9532 9466.

Top choices from the shelves

The library service provides a wide range of CD-ROMS suitable for all levels and interests. These are particularly popular with children and current new additions to the collection are:

Tweenies Ready to Play— for ages 3+

Skippy: the curse of the temple of ock

Jump Start ABC's— for ages 3 to 5

IQ Adventure: a brain building strategy game and Puzzle Madness: an interactive puzzle game series—

Dr Brain series, for ages 10+

Lion King II Simbar's Pride— Active Play

A Bug's Life— Active Play

Cluefinders Adventures— series graded for school years 3 to 6

Physicus: save the world with science— ages 10+.

(Please note CD-ROMS can be borrowed for a period of 7 days.)

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Once again we are taking orders for our famous cakes

Large cakes \$10, Small \$7.30

Will deliver*

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9528 6616 or 9523 9497 or 9578 5791



Language Line



This month we use Language Line to tell you about language services available to provide relevant Council related information in community languages to residents from non-English speaking backgrounds.

Translating and interpreting services

Glen Eira residents with a non-English speaking background can contact Council by phone by ringing the Translating and Interpreting Service direct on 13 1450.

Identify your preferred language and an interpreter will place your phone call to Council. Once connected, a 3-way conference conversation can take place.

The Victorian Interpreting and Translating Service provides Council with:

- on-site interpreting service (booked at least three days in advance);
- translation of Council related information into relevant community languages; and
- on-line (phone) interpreting services for Council staff who need to place or have received a phone call from a person with a non-English speaking background.

These services are free of charge to Glen Eira residents during normal office hours.

Servizi Traduzioni ed Interpreti

I residenti di Glen Eira di madrelingua non inglese possono contattare il Comune telefonando al Servizio Traduzioni ed Interpreti (Translating and Interpreting Service) direttamente al 13 1450.

Comunica la lingua in cui preferisci parlare ed un interprete ti metterà in contatto con il Comune. Una volta in collegamento, inizierà una discussione telefonica a tre.

Il Servizio di Traduzioni e Interpreti del Victoria (Victorian Interpreting & Translating Service) fornisce al Comune:

- Servizio d'interpretariato sul posto (prenotare con almeno tre giorni di anticipo)
- Traduzioni di informazioni riguardanti il Comune nelle lingue comunitarie specifiche; e
- Servizio d'interpretariato telefonico per il personale del comune che deve chiamare o ricevere una telefonata da una persona di madrelingua non inglese.

Questi sono servizi gratuiti per i residenti di Glen Eira durante le ore d'ufficio.

Служба письменного и устного перевода

Жители района Glen Eira неанглоязычного происхождения могут связаться с Муниципальным Советом по телефону, позвонив в Службу письменного и устного перевода напрямую по номеру 13 1450.

Скажите, на каком языке вы говорите, и переводчик соединит вас с Муниципальным Советом. Когда вас соединят, вы сможете поговорить с помощью трехсторонней связи.

Служба устного и письменного перевода штата Виктория предоставляет Муниципальному Совету следующие виды услуг:

- услуги переводчика, приходящего на место беседы (заказывать нужно предварительно, не менее чем за три дня);
- перевод информационных материалов, относящихся к работе Муниципального Совета, на соответствующие языки этнических общин; и
- перевод по телефону для работников Муниципального Совета, если им нужно позвонить гражданам неанглоязычного происхождения или ответить на их звонки.

Эти услуги предоставляются бесплатно жителям района Glen Eira в течение рабочего дня.

筆譯及口譯服務

Glen Eira 的非英語背景居民可直接致電筆譯口譯服務部 13 14 50 聯絡市政局。

請說明你用那一種語言，然後口譯員會將你的電話接駁到市政局。接通後就可以三方面通話。

維多利亞口譯筆譯服務 (Victorian Interpreting & Translating Service) 向市政局提供：

- 即場口譯服務 (最少三天前預訂)；
- 用有關的社區語言翻譯與市政局相關的資料；及
- 為市政局工作人員提供電話口譯服務，市政局工作人員如需致電非英語背景人士或接獲非英語背景人士的電話。

Glen Eira 居民可于一般辦公時間使用以上服務。

Υπηρεσίες Μεταφραστών και Διερμηνέων

Οι δημότες μη αγγλόφωνης καταγωγής του Δήμου Glen Eira μπορούν να επικοινωνήσουν τηλεφωνικά με το Δημαρχείο καλώντας άμεσα την Υπηρεσία Μεταφραστών και Διερμηνέων στον αριθμό 13 1450.

Δηλώστε την γλώσσα της προτίμησής σας και ένας διερμηνέας θα διαβιβάσει το τηλεφώνημά σας στο Δημαρχείο. Μόλις συνδεθείτε, θα λάβει μέρος μια συζήτηση τριπλής κατεύθυνσης.

Η Βικτωριανή Υπηρεσία Διερμηνέων και Μεταφραστών παρέχει στη Δημαρχία:

- διερμηνείες επί τόπου (η κράτηση γίνεται τουλάχιστον τρεις μέρες ενωρίτερα)·
- μεταφράσεις πληροφοριών που σχετίζονται με την Δημαρχία στις σχετικές κοινοτικές γλώσσες· και
- τηλεφωνική εξυπηρέτηση διερμηνέων για το προσωπικό της δημαρχίας που χρειάζεται να τηλεφωνήσει ή έχει να λάβει κάποιο τηλεφώνημα από ένα άτομο μη αγγλόφωνης καταγωγής.

Οι υπηρεσίες αυτές είναι δωρεάν για τους δημότες της Glen Eira κατά τη διάρκεια των κανονικών ωρών γραφείου.



Doing Business



Mayor to be host —in second annual Charity Golf Day

Mayor Cr Veronika Martens practises putting on the beautiful greens at Yarra Yarra Golf Club in preparation for the Mayor's Charity Golf Day on Monday 13 November. "Caddying" is Peter Mitchell, director of Kids Help Line, and giving local tips on reading the green is Yarra Yarra Golf Club president Graeme Harrison. Kids Help Line will receive the net proceeds of the event.

Cr Martens will host the annual charity golf day. Becton is the major sponsor and Ken Morgan Daewoo has again donated a car for the hole-in-one competition (also pictured is Tony Morgan with the prize).

The 112 participants will also enjoy lunch and dinner at Yarra Yarra, a charity auction, and raffle prizes all day, including the chance to win three places in the Women's Australian Open Pro-Am at Yarra Yarra in February 2001.

For more information, contact Lynda Bredin on 9524 3384 or Richard Atkinson on 0418 175 736.

Photos: Bernie Bickerton.



Leasing strategy kit to help strip shops

A retail leasing strategy kit to help ensure an appropriate business mix in Glen Eira's shopping centres was recently launched by Small Business and Consumer Affairs Minister Marsha Thomson.

Defined as a "working document", the Strategic Leasing Kit for Retail Shopping Strips will draw on traders', landlords', real estate agents' and Council's expertise to develop a leasing strategy for individual strip shopping centres. A pilot program will be run in Glen Huntly Road Elsternwick to help develop the strategy.

The kit has been six months in the making and is a joint initiative with the cities of Monash and Kingston and the Victorian Government's StreetLIFE Program. It was developed on the basis of Council's belief that traditional-style shopping strips should maintain their important role in encouraging economic activity within their boundaries.

Mayor Cr Veronika Martens said an appropriate blend of shops was an important factor in maintaining a healthy shopping strip. While larger shopping complexes have the ability to control the retail mix to benefit consumers, retailers and landlords, strip shopping centres do not traditionally have this control system.



(From left) Mayor Cr Veronika Martens at the launch of the strategic leasing kit with Small Business and Consumer Affairs Minister Marsha Thomson, Glen Eira Business Development co-ordinator Lynda Bredin, and managing director of Honeylight Enterprises Beverley Honig.

"Retail centres need to offer a range of goods and services to the community, to ensure their appeal. Council already has strategies to identify physical works which can improve a centre's amenity, but with the retail leasing kit we will also have information which will help ensure a cross mix of businesses in any given centre," she said.

Cr Martens said the success of the strategy would rely heavily on close co-operation between all the interest groups. While the strategy will be piloted and closely monitored in one shopping strip, the kit will be available to all shopping centres in the City.

It's festival time

The City of Glen Eira will take on a festive atmosphere over the next few weeks with four main trader associations holding annual street festivals.

The annual festivals are always popular, attracting thousands of residents and visitors. On offer are rides, attractions, live music, traders' stalls, food, fun for kids, and plenty of activities.

McKinnon Festival is on Sunday 12 November, Carnegie Festival in Koornang Road, on Saturday 25 and Bentleigh Festival in Centre Road, on Sunday 26 November. Council's Wonderful World of Pets Day will be held in conjunction with the Bentleigh Festival (see page 7).

Elsternwick Mainstreet Twilight Fiesta will be on again around Glen Huntly Road on Thursday 14 December.

Details: McKinnon Village Traders Association phone 9555 8177; Carnegie Traders Association phone 0407 095 856; Bentleigh Traders Association phone 9557 9822; Elsternwick Mainstreet Committee phone 0410 401 013.

Carols by Candlelight



The City of Glen Eira Carols by Candlelight Concert will be held on Sunday 17 December at 8.45pm at Caulfield Racecourse by arrangement with the VATC. This popular Christmas tradition continues with an all-star line-up plus pre-carol entertainment from 6.45pm. Bring along a picnic and enjoy a family evening of community carols and entertainment on the beautiful lawns of the Terrace

Whittier Stand (undercover seating for 2000). BYO rugs and chairs.

Full details in the December issue of the Glen Eira News.

You are invited to an informal talk on:

Food for toddlers

Date: 20 November

Time: 11am-12.30noon

Cost: \$3 donation

Venue: Bentleigh Maternal & Child Health Centre
542 Centre Road
East Bentleigh

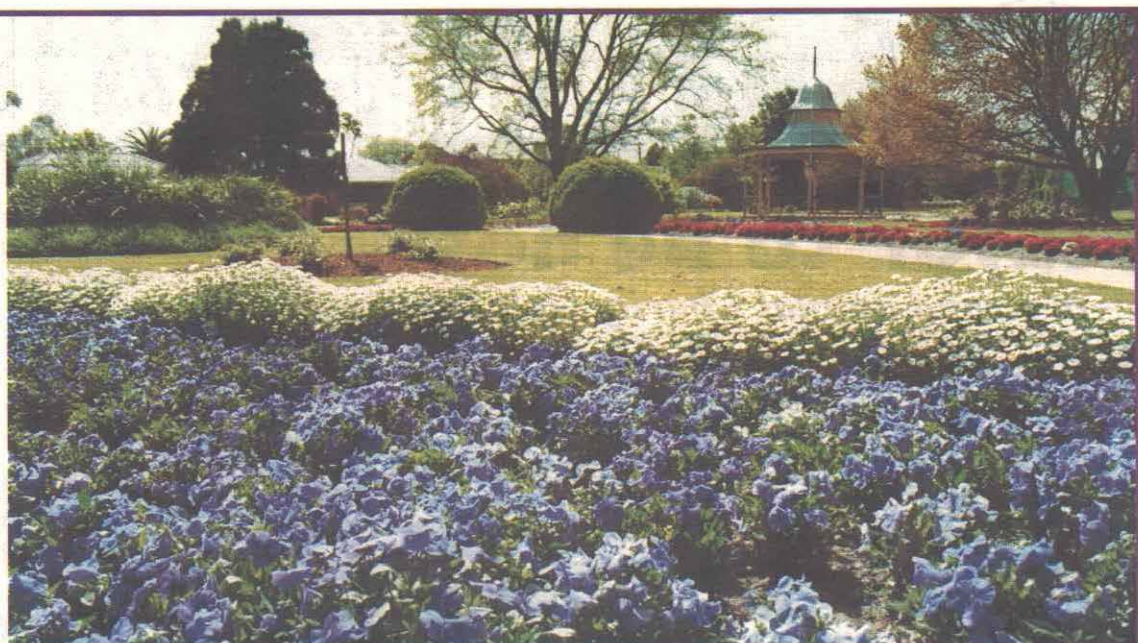
Contact: 9557 2359

Speaker: Caulfield Community Care Centre
Social Worker Susan Friedman

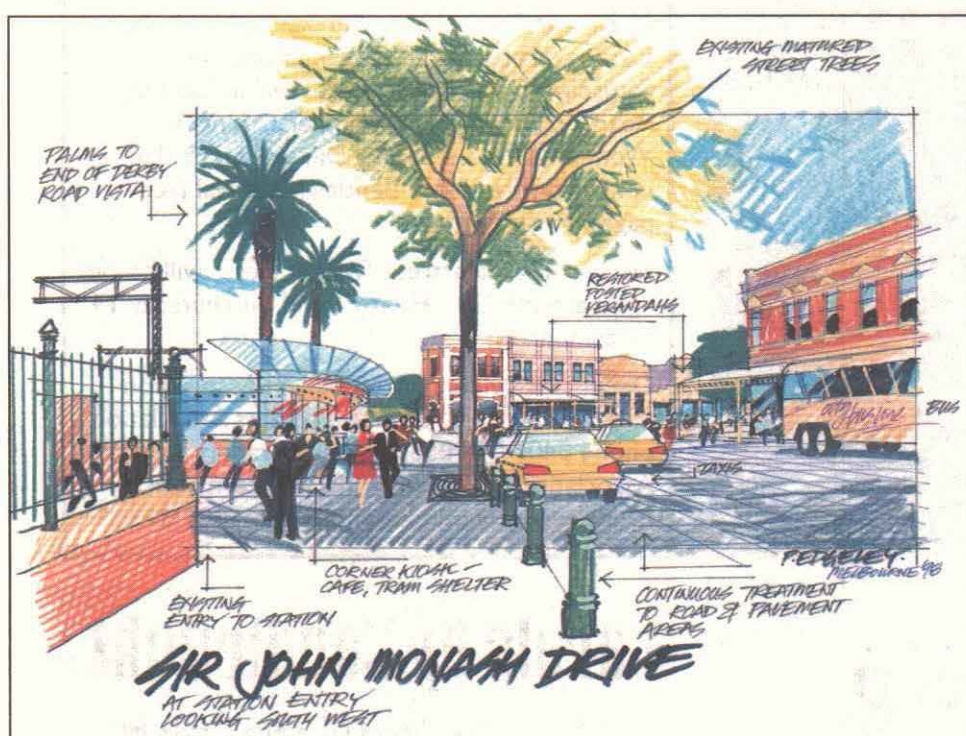
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A splash of colour

Joyce Park was in full spring bloom when photographer Bernie Bickerton visited recently. The park, in Jasper Road Ormond, is just one of the many parks and gardens in the City offering splendid displays of ornamental and native flora.



Phoenix amendment on display



streetscape and preferred use objectives focused at a more detailed level. They have been designed to provide urban design guidance for new and re-developing commercial, residential, educational and recreation areas, and to allow investors, developers and residents to understand Council's objectives for that area.

The amendment is available for public inspection during office hours at the:

Service Centre, Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield, and The Department of Infrastructure Customer

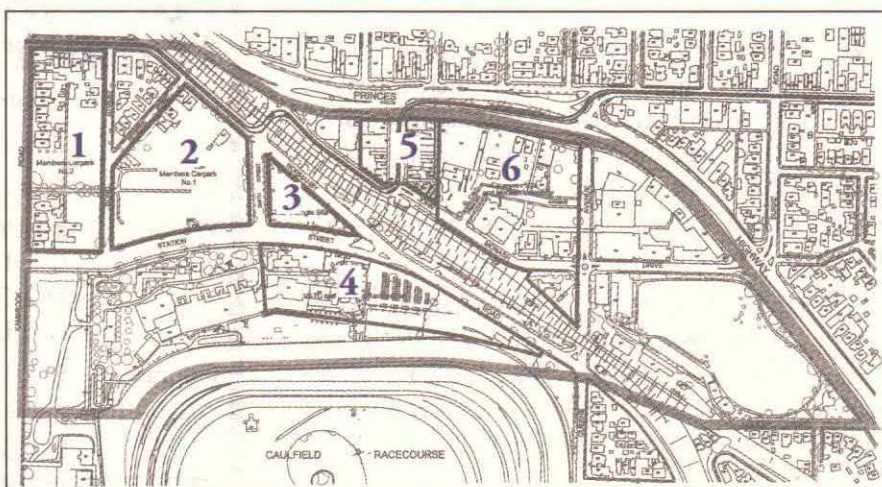
Service Centre, Upper Plaza, Nauru House, 80 Collins Street, Melbourne.

A copy of the amendment can be obtained from the Service Centre. Submissions can be made in writing to the Strategic Town Planning Unit, PO Box 42 Caulfield South 3162 no later than 24 November 2000.

For further information contact the Service Centre on 95243333.

Local Policy Areas (see map below)

- Area 1: VATC Members Car park No 2 Area
- Area 2: VATC Members Car park No 1 Area
- Area 3: Triangle Car park
- Area 4: VATC and Caulfield Racecourse
- Area 5: Derby Road Area
- Area 6: Caulfield Plaza & Monash University



An amendment (C14) to the Glen Eira Planning Scheme, which introduces a policy to guide the use and development of the Phoenix Precinct, is now on display.

The precinct includes the Derby Road shopping centre, Monash University, East Caulfield Reserve, the Caulfield railway station, the northern part of the Caulfield racecourse, members' car parks 1 and 2, a triangular site used for car parking, and other private properties.

As part of the process of ensuring the proper and orderly planning of this area and to achieve its strategic objectives as outlined in the Municipal Strategic Statement, an urban design framework was developed and adopted in 1999. The framework contains guidelines for the future use and development of land and recommendations for capital works.

The proposed policy would require this urban design framework to be taken into consideration in development and land-use decisions. The amendment contains a general policy that would apply to the total area and specific urban design guidelines which would apply to smaller areas within the precinct.

Each of the local policies is designed to provide design,

Public meetings on urban village amendment (C11)

Council will hold three information sessions on the proposed amendment to include the Urban Village Structure Plans into the Glen Eira Planning Scheme.

The urban village concept looks at maintaining a mix of housing, local employment, community facilities and leisure places/activities that is well serviced by public transport.

The three centres—Bentleigh, Carnegie and Elsternwick—were identified as having characteristics that lend themselves to developing the urban village concept. Such characteristics include well-developed public transport infrastructure, a strong retail hub, and a mix of commercial development within a small area.

The following sessions will be held:
Wednesday 8 November, 4–6pm

Carnegie Library
104 Koornang Road, Carnegie

Monday 13 November, 7–9pm
Bentleigh Library
161 Jasper Road, Bentleigh

Wednesday 15 November, 4–6pm
Elsternwick Library
4 Staniland Grove, Elsternwick

The amendment is currently on display at the Service Centre and at the libraries in Bentleigh, Carnegie, and Elsternwick. Council planning officers will be available at the sessions to answer questions about the amendment.

Written submissions must be received no later than 20 November addressed to:

Urban Village Policy
Strategic Town Planning Unit
Glen Eira City Council
PO Box 42, Caulfield South 3162

Celebrating our animal friends



Lost animals a problem

Council Animal Control Officers are impounding an average of 20 cats and 30 dogs each month, a situation which Officer Lisa Kennedy said was "less than desirable".

"It is law that dog owners contain their pets on their own property at all times. Failure to do so will result in animal impoundment. We may be forced to issue fines and even prosecute," she said. She also advised that Council recommends cats be kept indoors at night.

Ms Kennedy said owners should ensure pets are currently registered and displaying the appropriate tag. This will help them be returned to their owners quickly and safely.

For more information obtain a copy of the Local Government's Responsible Pet Ownership Resource Kit, available from the Council stand at the "Wonderful World of Pets" Day

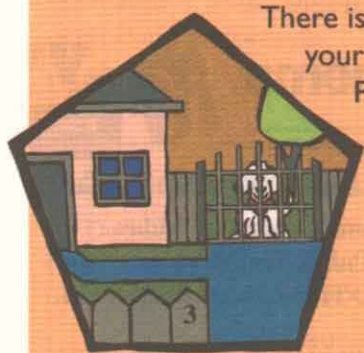


Wonderful World of Pets day

Don't miss Council's Wonderful World of Pets Day, Bentleigh Reserve on Sunday 26 November from 10am to 3pm. A wide range of activities will be included—stalls with information on every thing from registrations and microchip IDs, to pet care and training. Get ready for lots of fun and free give-aways!

We'll have displays of a range of "alternative" pets—lizards, snakes, and guinea pigs—and the winner of the "My Favourite Pet" artwork competition will be announced. So bring along your pets and take part in the activities.

There is still time to register to have your pet micro-chipped on the day. Pre-book your appointment time by calling The Lost Dog's Home on 9329 3150.



Leash free areas— freedom but responsibility

The City of Glen Eira has a number of areas in parks and reserves where dog owners can exercise their dogs off leash. These areas are signposted and owners are encouraged to make use of them, but are reminded that allowing a dog to be leash-free in a designated leash-free area is a large responsibility.

Animal Control Officer Ros Burge said dogs must remain under effective control at all times, and must be able to be recalled by the owner using voice

command or hand signals.

"If you can't keep your dog under effective control, please don't allow it to be leash-free, even in designated areas. It's just not worth the risk," she said.

"Owners need to remember that if they allow their dog to rush at, chase, attack, bite or worry any person or animal in any public place, they are liable to prosecution in a court of law.

"We're asking people to respect our leash free areas—they are a privilege," Ms Burge said.

She said owners are also expected to carry bags to clean up after their dog at all times.

"We adopt a system whereby all dog owners caught not picking up after their dogs whilst walking them will be given a formal caution and/or fines may be issued. This is designed to encourage people to 'be prepared at all times' and to help clean up our parks, reserves, nature-strips and streets," Ms Burge said.



Declaring a "dangerous dog"

The Domestic (Feral and Nuisance) Animals Act 1994 empowers Council to declare a dog to be dangerous if the dog has caused serious injury to a person or animal, has been trained to attack, or is kept to guard non-residential premises.

Serious injury is defined as broken bones, lacerations requiring multiple sutures or cosmetic surgery, or the total or partial loss of sensation or function in a part of the body.

Dogs declared dangerous are required to wear a distinctive red and yellow striped collar. They are required to be permanently housed in an enclosure that meets specified guidelines and "Dangerous Dog" signs must be displayed in clear view of the property entrance.

These dogs are also required to be muzzled and on lead at all times when outside. The registration fee for a dangerous dog is \$250 per year.

The Act defines the decision to declare a dog to be dangerous on the basis of deed, not breed. This decision recognises that not all members of a breed of dogs behave in exactly the same way. To declare a breed of dog to be dangerous would not deal adequately with instances of unacceptable behaviour in individual dogs and would also ignore the potential of cross bred dogs to cause problems.



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For more information about responsible pet ownership, contact Council on 9524 3333, vet, animal welfare organisations, or dog/cat ownership associations or visit www.pets.info.vic.gov.au or call the NRE Customer Service Centre on 136 186 (for the cost of a local call).

Glen Eira Film Festival

unREELing talent



10-12 November

The inaugural Glen Eira Film Festival kicks off on Friday 10 November with an exciting three-phased program of Australian and international screenmaking talents.

Cinema Sprints—the first annual national competition inviting film/motion picture makers of any format, genre and theme to create work of 30 seconds to 3 minutes duration and have been conceived to communicate rapidly—responding to the pace of information exchange and the need for articulating contemporary ideas through motion pictures. More than 80 entries will compete for the grand prize of \$5000 cash. In addition, major sponsor SCAPE™—Australia's newest online entertainment domain—will present an award of \$1000 cash for best comedy. Entries are wide and varied and include new and established filmmakers such as Moira Joseph, Patrick Connolly Burns and Cath Murphy.

Accompanying Cinema Sprints is the curated program: **Sprints Around The World**—films from Japan, Russia and Brazil.

Tokyo Propaganda is a motion picture pod of the latest creative digital video direct from Japan's metropolis.

Like traditional Haiku poetry, *Tokyo Propaganda* has specific rules to which its filmmakers adhere and aspire. The emphasis is on recognizing the beauty of simplicity and the serenity of a brief, momentary window in time. All works from this program are less than 30 seconds, yet the inspiration compressed into such a short period of time lasts so much longer.

For almost 10 years, Brazil has celebrated motion picture captured within a single minute. *Festival do Minuto* has grown into a global icon of cinematic inspiration. Keeping abreast of the technological innovations that permeate the motion picture industry, *Festival do Minuto* presents the latest in Internet streaming culture. The success and strength of this Brazilian project is based on accessibility and provides up and coming filmmakers the opportunity to expose their work to a global audience.

Contemporary Russian culture is also featured, exposing the humor, skill and integrity of filmmakers with a unique vision of European history, politics and drama. *The Extra Short Film Festival* (ESF) from Novosibirsk includes works from more than 30 Eastern European artists and promises an insight into the emerging talent of a region that has fostered such screen legends as Sergei Eisenstein and Andrei

Tarkovsky. This is a "must see" for any screen enthusiast who wants to know how the cinematic landscape of tomorrow is being developed with the seeds of today.

Themes of love, anger and irreverence fuelled this year's **Manhattan Short Film Festival** and we are pleased to announce its participation with the Glen Eira Film Festival. Now in its third year, the MSFF is billed as the world's biggest short film festival receiving more than 500 entries from 29 countries. The festival showcases 14 finalists and will be screened at the Classic Cinemas in Elsternwick nightly during the festival weekend.

The Glen Eira Film Festival is packed full of entertainment and offers a distinctive cross section of global screen culture for all film enthusiasts. A range of events and activities are included in the festival program, so please come and enjoy the celebrations.

For further details and bookings call 95243287, email: rverde@gleneira.vic.gov.au or download: www.gleneira.vic.gov.au/sprints



Glen Eira City Gallery

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.

The traditional Alice Bale Art Award has moved to a biennial cycle (2001), so November at the Gallery will be very different from previous years—a feast of diverse, very high quality contemporary art, with all the surprising media and forms today's art can muster. Disturbing, provoking, beautiful, sexy and surprising, it's all here.

Photographic Imaging College

9-13 November

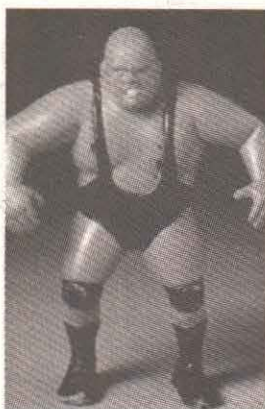
This is the graduating exhibition for final year students of the College. Students produce a high standard of diverse works including still life, portraiture, fashion, and industrial photography. The school, which has been operating for 17 years, teaches both technical and conceptual skills.

Cache

Opens 6pm Wednesday 14 November
15 November-3 December

This exhibition features eight contemporary artists from Hobart's Letitia Street Studios including Matt Calvert, winner of the prestigious Samstag Fellowship in 1993, and Masters Graduate of Goldsmith's College, London in 1995. His exhibiting colleagues Rod Stennard and Larissa Linnell recently held

successful solo exhibitions at Melbourne dealer galleries.



Steven Carson, *Wrestle: Unknown Warrior*, 1997, Colour photograph, 970x770mm.

Steven Carson, Emily Jones, Jane Stewart, Jane Barlow and British-trained Neil Haddon are also featured. The exhibition showcases installed drawings, sculptures, works on paper and installations. Funded by Arts Tasmania.

Mandy Gunn, *City Circle*, 2000, *Met tickets on cardboard*, each 59x59cm.



Mandy Gunn

Opens 6pm Wednesday 14 November
15 November-3 December

Artist Mandy Gunn constructs her work from everyday consumer materials often those things we throw away, such as Met tickets. She uses these materials to investigate patterns of order and disorder in urban life. Gunn folds cuts and collages her materials together to create repeated modular

structures, some of which resemble maps of city grids. Her work has a domestic craft sensibility that reminds of traditional crafts of sewing, and patchwork, using materials like paper, glue, and staples—redolent of children's play and model making. This exhibition forms part of Gunn's Master of Arts at the Victorian College of the Arts.

Helping Council keep our City safe and clean

— your responsibility as a member of the Glen Eira Community

Keeping our footpaths clear for pedestrians — builders' and developers' responsibilities.

by Assets Manager Kerry Martin

Footpaths are an important part of the everyday life of our City. They provide a safe, convenient means for people to move around their local area.

The maintenance and improvement of footpaths is a substantial operation requiring constant attention. This financial year, Council will spend \$1.3million on general repairs and improvements to footpaths in Glen Eira.

Damage to footpaths is caused by a number of factors which Council addresses, such as normal wear and tear and tree roots from Council trees, but other damage can be caused by the action of builders, developers and various public utilities.

Where the damage is due to roots from trees on private property or the actions of builders, developers and the like, Council requires the responsible party to pay for the cost of repairs.

Before a demolition firm or builder starts work, they should inspect the footpath and report any existing damage to Council's Asset Management Unit. By doing this, they can avoid being held responsible for that damage when their project is finished.

Any person who carries out work on or near a footpath has a duty of care to protect the footpath from damage. They are also responsible to ensure the footpath is kept safe for pedestrians. This includes the construction of a temporary surface where a vehicle crossing is removed. Details of Council's requirements are available from the Asset Management Unit.

Council often receives complaints of building materials or rubble being stored on footpaths or nature strips. This is allowable, but only if a permit to do so has been granted by Council's Local Laws Unit and only if any materials stored in this way are maintained in a safe manner, allowing pedestrians free access along the footpath.

A permit form Council's Local Law Unit is also

A permit is required for any materials to be left on a nature strip.



required for industrial waste bins to be left on either the roadway or nature strip. But portable toilets, machines (such as concrete mixers or brick cutters), or construction vehicles (such as bobcats or backhoes) are not, under any circumstances to be erected, stored or used outside the property boundaries.

While Council officers carry out regular inspections of demolition and building sites, they cannot be everywhere all the time and Council relies on residents reporting damage or unsafe situations. Remember it is your city and you can help keep it safe and convenient for everyone.

For further information about your responsibilities during building works, to apply for a permit, or to

report unsafe building materials please contact the Service Centre on 9524 3333.

Volunteers urgently needed

Can you spare two hours per week or fortnight?

If so, you may be interested in delivering for the City of Glen Eira Meals on Wheels program.

We require drivers for: Moorabbin, Caulfield, Elsternwick, Gardenvale, and Murrumbeena.

Glen Eira Food Services delivers meals to elderly residents, carers and people with disabilities. Your choice of days, reimbursement of petrol, training and contact with a supportive group of volunteers.

If interested contact: Gillian on 9563 6611.

City of
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Achieve satisfaction— Volunteer!

- Do you have skills in marketing or public relations?
- Would you like to assist a local community organisation raise its profile?

Contact **Laurel Thompson**
at Community Information Glen Eira
on **9524 3200** (Between 9.30am–4pm)

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You are invited to
an informal talk on:

Toilet Training

Date: 8 November

Time: 1.30-3pm

Cost: \$3 donation

Venue: Murrumbeena Maternal and
Child Health Centre
107 Murrumbeena Road
Murrumbeena

Contact: 9569 5700 or 9568 6050

Speaker: Caulfield Community Care Centre
Social Worker Susan Friedman

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**GLEN
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Water-wise Tip No. 3

Saving water around the garden is easy with a bit of planning...

Water your lawn only twice per week, this toughens the grass and encourages deeper roots for survival over summer. Choose either the cool of the evening or early morning to water so your plants get maximum benefit.

Don't over water— put an ice-cream container on your lawn when you turn on the sprinkler and once the level of water is 10mm deep, your lawn has had enough.

Fit a tap timer to your sprinkler so you don't forget to turn it off— a forgotten sprinkler can waste more than 1000 litres per hour!

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Kambrook Carpark, Gate 2

WEDNESDAY, 22nd NOVEMBER, 2000
7:30pm–10:30pm

Cash only \$5 admission

COMMUNITY *Diary*

Meetings and clubs

Bentleigh Life Activities Club offers opportunities to meet new friends and enjoy social activities such as carpet bowls, table tennis, scrabble, solo, golf, theatre outings, walking/strolling, etc. Contact: 9557 2562 or 9563 2554.

McKinnon Over 50 Dance Club has a wonderful program of old-time and new vogue dancing. Pop in on any Sunday 12.30-4pm at Progress Hall, McKinnon Road, McKinnon. Cost: \$2. Contact: 9579 6164.

Bentleigh Organ Club holds monthly get-togethers at Coatesville Bowling Club, Mackie Road, East Bentleigh, next meeting 6 November at 8pm. Guest artist: Brendan Scott. Visitors: \$4. Supper provided. Contact: Jenny or Cliff Restarick 9528 2539. Transport available.

Bentleigh/Moorabbin Group of Nursing Mothers' Association of Australia will hold meetings on Monday 13 November 7.45-10pm (Topic: difficulties and delights of breast feeding) and Monday 27 November 12.30-2.30pm (mini-luncheon and discussion). Contact: Anita 9555 3734.

Club 66 holds old time-modern-new vogue dances with live band on 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month at Bentleigh Uniting Church Hall, Centre Road, Bentleigh at 8pm. Cost: \$6. All age groups welcome. Contact: 9587 1092.

Life Activities Club—Caulfield will hold Walking Group on 14 November 9.30am (9568 5849), Interest Meeting with guest speaker on 15 November 7.30pm (9569 5249) and Travel Group on 22 November 7.45pm (9571 3687).

Events

U3A Glen Eira— enrolment day for 2001 classes: Thursday 6 December 10am-4pm.

U3A Glen Eira Art Show will be held on Sunday 3 December 10am-4pm at 1151 Glen Huntly Road, Glen Huntly. Display of works by Glen Huntly Campus members. All welcome.

St Peters Parish, Centre Road, East Bentleigh will hold a fete on Friday 17 and Saturday 18 November. Fireworks on Friday evening. International food stalls, craft, plants, wine marquee, live entertainment and much more. Contact: 9570 7575.

Coatesville Uniting Church, corner North and Mackie Roads, East Bentleigh, will hold annual fete on Saturday 11 November from 9am. Stalls: cakes, plants, lucky jars, books, sausage sizzle and much more.

Murrumbeena Kindergarten will hold its Annual General Meeting on Monday 13 November at 7.30pm. Contact: 9570 4472.

Volunteers

U3A Glen Eira seeks voluntary tutors to teach painting, Spanish for beginners and computers to retired senior citizens. Classes are held once a week for two hours at each session. Contact: U3A office on 9572 0571 Monday-Thursday 10am-3.30pm.

Community

Caulfield General Medical Centre's Helmsmen Kiosk is selling Christmas cards, calendars, and diaries. All monies raised go directly to Centre for urgently needed medical equipment.

An afternoon of song with Brendan Scott

City of
**GLEN
EIRA**

Glen Eira City Council invites senior residents to an afternoon of song with Brendan Scott, who will have your feet tapping as you sing along with some of the great tunes of the past.

Thursday 23 November at 1.45pm
(followed by afternoon tea)

Caulfield Senior Citizens Centre,
8 Cedar St, Caulfield

Limited transport assistance available.
Discount to hostel and nursing
home residents.

Cost (incl. GST): Admission \$5
Hostel/nursing home residents \$4
Transport \$2

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Contact: Denise or Sarah 9524 3228

For further information contact:
Older Adults Recreation Officer
Cheryl Kennedy 9524 3356

JUDO

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

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Enjoyment, Stress Release
BEGINNERS TO BLACK BELT - From 4 years old

Immunisation dates for November

Glen Eira Town Hall

(entry via Glen Eira Road)

Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield
Tuesday 14 November 6-7.30pm
Wednesday 6 December 9.30-10.30am

Murrumbeena Baptist Church

44 Murrumbeena Road Murrumbeena
Monday 13 November 9.30-10.30am

Bentleigh Baptist Church

10 Vickery Street Bentleigh
Monday 6 November 1.30-2.30pm
Monday 4 December 1.30-2.30pm

Bentleigh-Bayside Community Health Service

Gardeners Road Bentleigh East
Tuesday 21 November 9.30-10.30am
Saturday 25 November 9.30-11am

Glen Huntly Maternal and Child Health Centre

Corner Royal and Rosedale Avenues Glen Huntly
Wednesday 22 November 9.30-11am

PUBLIC FORUM

on
"Voting for Council in the City of Glen Eira"

Glen Eira Community Forum invites members of the Glen Eira Community to participate in a Public Forum addressing the question:

"How does the current voting system influence who is elected to Council?"

DATE: Tuesday 14 November

TIME: 8pm

VENUE: Murrumbeena Park Hall
Gerald Street Murrumbeena
(Melways Ref: 69 B7)

CHAIRPERSON: Marlene Campbell
Convenor Glen Eira Community Forum

PANEL: Postal Voting—Jack Campbell
Glen Eira Residents Association
Preferential System—Joan Hardy
Glen Eira Residents Action Group

What happened in Glen Eira?
Tim Presnell—Glen Eira City Council

Community members will be given the opportunity to ask questions and contribute to the discussion.

No admission fee. Coffee/tea provided

Further information from
Marlene Campbell on: 9527 1205.

U3A BUS TOURS

14 February 2001 8am-5pm:
POINT NEPEAN PARK at Portsea

Our first opportunity to visit this magnificent coastal area. We ride the 'POINT EXPLORER', have lunch and are then taken on an informative guided tour, which includes the former Quarantine Station. Bring your hat, sunglasses and your camera for a truly unforgettable day.
Includes: bus, entry, lunch and ride on 'Explorer'.

14 March 2001 8am-6.15pm (approx.):
FRENCH ISLAND ECO CRUISE/TOUR

Includes: bus, ferry, island bus tour, morning tea, smorgasbord lunch, afternoon tea.

Informative guide for intriguing tour of historic prison farm. Prolific wildlife, fascinating stories of Island's rich history. Due to remoteness, price of \$70 is higher than usual. Numbers limited.

ENQUIRIES:

Contact: 9572 0571 or (A/H) 9523 7862.

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Glen Huntly Friendship Group

99 Grange Road, Glen Huntly

ACTIVITIES FOR NOVEMBER

Thursday, 9 November: Visit Athol Guy's West Rock Farm at Macedon, Galleries, Gardens and Seekers memorabilia. Lunch included. Cost: \$33.

Thursday, 23 November: Victoria State Rose Garden at Werribee Park, 4,500 rose bushes—a mass of colour. Visit the elegant mansion and working farm. Light lunch included. Cost: \$30.

Both bus trips leave 9am from 185 Poath Road, Hughesdale and 9.15am 99 Grange Road, Glen Huntly.

Thursday, 7 December: Christmas Breakup. We welcome you, our friends, to our end of the year get-together—a program and lunch. Please bring a plate of food. 10am 99 Grange Road, Glen Huntly.

Bookings: Margaret 9596 6124

Glen Eira

Youth Page



Y-Files

Art and graphics competition

Glen Eira Youth Services is hosting an artwork and graphics competition to gain artwork for the Y-Files—a resource directory for young people in Glen Eira and beyond. The Y-Files is a great directory with information on all sorts of youth-friendly services young people may find they need.

We would like to “liven up” the pages of the Y-files with artwork contributed by young people, and need paintings, illustrations, photographs, cartoons, caricatures and other designs that represent young people.

Artwork around the following themes is sought:

- ❖ accommodation ❖ health and sexual health
- ❖ drugs, alcohol, addictions ❖ counselling
- ❖ police and legal ❖ disability services
- ❖ education and employment ❖ recreation
- ❖ migrant services ❖ womens' issues / services
- ❖ sexual assault and violence
- ❖ crisis and info services

Competition closes: 15 December, 2000.

Prizes

Young people who are developing an art or creative folio and would like to see their work published are encouraged to enter this competition as all artwork submitted will be considered for publication and acknowledged in the Y-files. Your artwork will be displayed in the 5000 copies of the Y-Files to be

distributed to schools and community agencies in February 2001.

Council representatives from the Arts, Public Relations and Youth Services departments of Glen Eira will judge entries in December 2000. Prizes will be awarded to three finalists and winners will be notified in January 2001.

Conditions of entry

- All entrants must live, study, work or recreate in the City of Glen Eira.
- All illustrations, caricatures and cartoons must be presented in black or blue ink.
- All illustrations, caricatures and cartoons must be presented on white paper.
- The maximum size for artwork accepted is A4 size (297 x 210mm).
- Only original artworks will be accepted (no imitations or photocopies).
- Entrants who attend school in the City of Glen Eira must have their work sighted and signed by their art or graphics teacher.
- All artwork must be submitted to Glen Eira Youth Services by 15 December 2000.

Please attach the entry form to your artwork. For more information on the Y-Files Arts and Graphics competition, call Judith on 9572 5389 or email jbruce@gleneira.vic.gov.au



Y-Files Entry Form



To enter the competition, create an original piece of artwork and submit it with this form to:

Judith Bruce
Why Stop Youth Information Centre
54 Rosstown Road, Carnegie 3163

For more info
call Judith on 9572 5389
or email: jbruce@gleneira.vic.gov.au

Name: _____

Age: _____

Address: _____

_____ P/C _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

If at School, Tafe or Uni, please indicate where:

Title of artwork: _____

Please sign

My entry in the Y-Files Art and Graphics competition complies with the Conditions of Entry stated above.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

The circus is at it *again!*

The Flying High Circus Program has had an excellent Term 3 with the lively students of Caulfield Park Community School. We bounced, tumbled, balanced, juggled, walked tall and generally had a great time over the 8-week program.

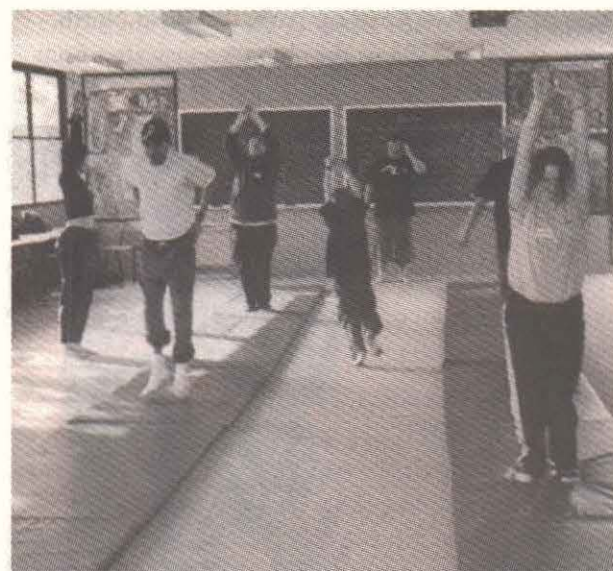
Here are some highlights...



What a team—John and Kane practise their balancing act and are all too happy to smile for our roving camera.



Duran and John take to stilts like pros under Maya's supervision.



The team work on their tumbling skills, preparing for expert somersaults and cartwheels.

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

Recreation News

Let's take a walk — in Hopetoun Gardens

An interpretive tree walk for Hopetoun Gardens was opened recently by Mayor Cr Veronika Martens.

Councillors, residents and members of Elsternwick Rotary gathered to launch the walk which provides visitors to the park an opportunity to discover a range of significant and, in some cases, rare ornamental trees. An informative brochure, available at a signed point in the park, guides people around the park.

Cr Martens declared the tree walk a great addition to the park: "Glen Eira is renowned for its abundance of magnificent parks and Hopetoun Gardens is a fine example of this. The tree walk is the result of Council's ongoing commitment to upgrade parks across the City."

As a result of a master plan developed for Council by landscape architect John Patrick, and finalised last year, the significance of certain trees in Hopetoun Gardens was noted. Council staff worked with Mr Patrick and graphic designer Ian Dalton to develop the tree walk.

The production and printing of the tree walk brochure was undertaken by Elsternwick Rotary. Cr Martens described this as a "great example of a collaborative partnership project which has a direct benefit to the community". Many thanks were extended to the members of Elsternwick Rotary for their financial assistance with this project.

Hopetoun Gardens is almost a century old and was officially opened in 1908. The ornamental trees still standing today were obtained from the Botanic Gardens and include trees from Spain, Portugal, North Africa, the western Himalayas and Australian natives such as the Illawarra Flame.

Council's Hopetoun Gardens master plan reinforces the historic character of the park and recommends general improvements to the park, some of which have already begun: irrigation, an upgrade of the playground, improvements to pathways, and new seating.



Mayor Cr Veronika Martens launches the interpretive tree walk at Hopetoun Gardens with (left) Elsternwick Rotary representatives Clodhna Rae (past president) and Bill Matthews (current president). Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

In brief

Glen Eira's two croquet clubs would like to invite you to come 'n' try the sport during Victorian Croquet Week, themed "Croquet for the New Millennium—a whole new ballgame".

Caulfield Park Croquet Club members will share their knowledge of the game on Wednesday 15 November; from 10am–noon, at the club, Caulfield Park off Balaclava Road car park, Caulfield North. Contact: 9500 9775 or the club secretary after 6pm on 9596 3845.



Elsternwick Croquet Club, Victoria Street, Elsternwick, will hold two open days, on Tuesday 14 November, and Saturday 18 November. Contact: Margaret Hardy 9523 7480.

Croquet is a game for all ages and ability. It's played in any weather and is a very challenging game—easy to pick up but will take years to master. Based on an older game, "pall mall" that was played in England in the 17th Century, croquet takes its name from a similar French game. The world governing body for croquet is based in Cheshire in England.

So, if you haven't already tried croquet, here is your chance! Call one of the clubs, now.

Gridiron anyone?

Gridiron is the American version of football. It's somewhat different to Aussie Rules and is gaining popularity in Australia and other parts of the world. Local resident, Nigel Hedges is looking for people to join him to start up a club. Contact Nigel on nigel.hedges@ca.com or 0413 483 436.



JCAAA new co-ordinator

The Joint Councils Access for all Abilities program works with people with disabilities and sports clubs to open up recreation opportunities for people with disabilities. This free service is operated by Glen Eira, Port Phillip, Stonnington and Bayside City Councils.

The new program co-ordinator Laura Cattapan said: "The service is keen to be contacted by individuals and clubs. We will link people with disabilities with local sports clubs. A big part of the program's success is the support and training we offer local clubs."

For more information contact:
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Venues for hire

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

Did you know that the rotundas in our parks could be hired for a special event? Weddings are often held in these picturesque settings.

For further information contact the Facilities Booking Officer on 9524 3333 or email recservices@gleneira.vic.gov.au