

## New police station opens

Last month the Caulfield Police Station reopened its doors— at a new state of the art complex on its original site in Hawthorn Road, almost opposite the town hall. It is hoped the new Station will revitalise policing in the City.

The opening was conducted by Police Chief Commissioner Neil Comrie and Minister for Police and Emergency Services Andre Haermeyer (pictured) and attended by representatives of the local community and VIPs.

Mayor Cr Veronika Martens who also attended the opening, said: "The Police and the State Government, present and past, are to be congratulated. This moves policing in our City into a new era."

"For the first time in a long time the uniformed and plain clothes branches of the Police in Glen Eira will be under one roof meaning more officers can be devoted to policing. This can only be beneficial for the Police and the community they serve."

Inspector Greg Parr said the new station had been designed with both police officers and the public in mind: "It's the first purpose built police station— built for us to offer the highest possible level of service to the public."



Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Inspector Parr said staffing at the station had increased to "more than compensate" for the closure

of Elsternwick Station and patrols in Glen Eira had more than doubled as a result of the new complex.

## Value for the taxes you pay — your LOCAL government

Most people might not realise that on average, for every dollar of tax paid,

- 3 cents is paid to local government (mainly Rates), while
- 97 cents is paid to Federal and State Governments.

Taxes paid to local government are easy to see (just check the figure on the annual Rates Notice). But taxes paid to Federal and State Governments are less visible. They are deducted before we receive our pay or are now part of the price of almost everything we buy.

We pay taxes to local governments about four times a year (as rates instalments)— but we pay taxes to Federal and State Governments virtually every day of the year.

Mayor Cr Veronika Martens said: "Some of that '97 cents-in-the-dollar' does come back to local government in the form of very welcome grants for specific purposes— such as Council's Home Care facilities. But in the Grants Commission's main grant process, Glen Eira gets the lowest grant-per-person of any local government in Victoria."

There is no doubt, all governments aim to provide value for money for the tax dollar, and local governments have worked hard to keep their rates low. The

Australian Bureau of Statistics provides the following information on per cent changes over a five year period (see graph). Federal and State taxes rose about 40 per cent while local government reduced its revenue.

In Glen Eira, average rates (including the garbage charge) are \$610.

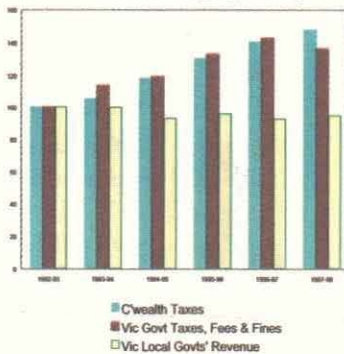
- This rate is more than \$100 per annum lower than the Melbourne Metropolitan average.

- Across 55,000 properties, that's \$5million a year which stays in residents' pockets.

But, keeping rates low also means Council has less local money to provide facilities and services to the Glen Eira Community. It's a balance.

If Council said: "Keep your \$610 dollars each year, but provide your own roads, your own footpaths, your own parks, your own libraries, your own school crossing supervisors, dispose of your own garbage, and do without shopping centre car parking..." it would be interesting how many people would say: "Yes."

Taxes: % Changes (ABS data)



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# MAYOR'S column

This is the last column I shall be writing in my term as Mayor. Each year in March we elect a new Mayor.

My Mayoral year has been busy—fulfilling and at times frustrating. Over the past months Council has turned up the heat on the Victorian Civil and Administrative Appeals Tribunal (VCAT). VCAT, an unelected body with no electoral mandate to represent Glen Eira people, has made a mockery of Council's planning policies.

In overturning Council's decisions, VCAT has effectively allowed developments to be built that ignore:

- good design principles;
- street character;
- the proper approval process; and
- Council policy.

This Council's confidence in VCAT is at an all time low and it is time for the State Government to step in and restore public confidence in the Tribunal and its decision making process. It was a problem before the change of government and there has been no improvement under the current leadership.

This year, the year of Australia's Centenary of Federation, has seen a number of projects reach fruition and others get underway.

We celebrated our Sister City relationship with Ogaki in Japan by opening a Japanese Garden at the Town Hall—a further demonstration of the growing relationship between our cities. I hope that whenever

you are nearby you can find time to enjoy the garden.

February was a particularly busy month. We officially reopened Harleston Park—probably one of the City's most popular parks—which is looking magnificent. I would like to thank all those involved in the project. Unfortunately, as with Allnut Park, once the refurbishment was completed the park became a target for graffiti vandals. Council is already having to spend time and resources cleaning up the mess left by these mindless idiots.

In February we also officially opened the Skate Facility in Bailey Reserve—a facility which has proved enormously popular and successful with our younger residents. Watching the skateboarders, bike riders, roller bladers and scooter riders was quite breathtaking. It seems Glen Eira has an abundance of Extreme Sports enthusiasts!

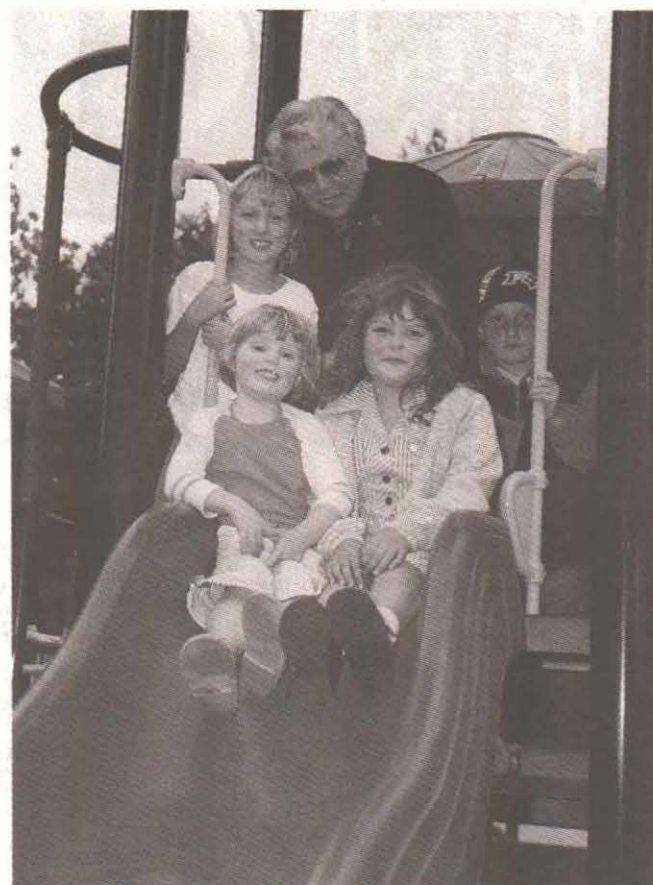
On the same day, Bailey Pavillion was officially opened. The pavillion serves a number of tenant clubs and has undergone major refurbishment to bring it up to current standards.

Projects which have been through the selection process and now reached the starting blocks include: Packer Pavillion in Leila Road; the implementation of the master plan for Packer Reserve at a cost of almost \$1/2 million; and a project costing almost \$700,000 to redevelop the East Caulfield Reserve. This last is a partnership project with Monash University and the Monash University Students Union and should bring great benefits to the City and the University, particularly the student body.

In conclusion, in my final Mayoral column, I would like to express my thanks to the many hundreds of community members I have had the pleasure of meeting over the last year. I would also like to thank Council's CEO Andrew Newton, and all Council staff. Theirs is all too often a job in which they receive too little recognition for their efforts. Each and every staff member I have met, has a real and personal

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Mayor Cr Veronika Martens enjoys the new play equipment at Harleston Park with some friends.

commitment to serving the community of Glen Eira and I publicly acknowledge their efforts and achievements.

Having served as Mayor of the former City of Caulfield and now of Glen Eira it has been an honour and a privilege to work for you.

—Cr Veronika Martens  
Mayor

## ANZAC Day Service

City of  
GLEN  
EIRA

The people of Glen Eira are invited to attend an ANZAC Day Service at the War Memorial (north-west side) in Caulfield Park on Sunday 22 April at 2.30pm.

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

Contact: 9524 3225 or 9524 3224.

## March is Red Cross Calling

Please give  
1800 811 700



Please give generously when Australian Red Cross volunteer collectors knock on your door this March to raise money for the annual March is Red Cross Calling appeal.

This is Red Cross' major appeal of the year. By giving, you are helping the Red Cross to continue to provide services in your community.

Contact: Melina Schamroth 9685 9978 or Kate Brent 9685 9905.

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# VCAT imposes 255 dwellings

The State Government says Glen Eira City Council is free to make its own planning decisions but this is at odds with reality.

Since March 1999, the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) has overturned 39 Council decisions refusing inappropriate multi-residential development. These proposals were refused by Council mainly on the grounds that: they contradicted the Municipal Strategic Statement; were unsympathetic to neighbourhood character; would have unreasonable impact on nearby residents; or a combination of all three. It seems clear to Council that VCAT thinks otherwise.

VCAT's overturning of Council's decisions represents a total of 255 dwellings imposed on Glen Eira residents since March 1999. At this rate 11.6 inappropriate dwellings are being approved by VCAT every month. On average, two Council refusals are being overturned by VCAT each month.

## Council joins campaign —fairer electricity pricing

Glen Eira City Council is facing continued uncertainty over the cost of providing public and street lighting.

Transitional pricing arrangements came into force on 1 January 2001, which subject the City to price levels set by the privatised electricity distribution companies.

Mayor Cr Veronika Martens said there was no transparency or consultation as to how the pricing levels had been set, nor had there been sufficient scrutiny by the State Government.

"Basically, we are now operating in a system where the Government has allowed the pricing of the electricity and the distribution network costs, to be set by the privatised electricity companies," Cr Martens said.

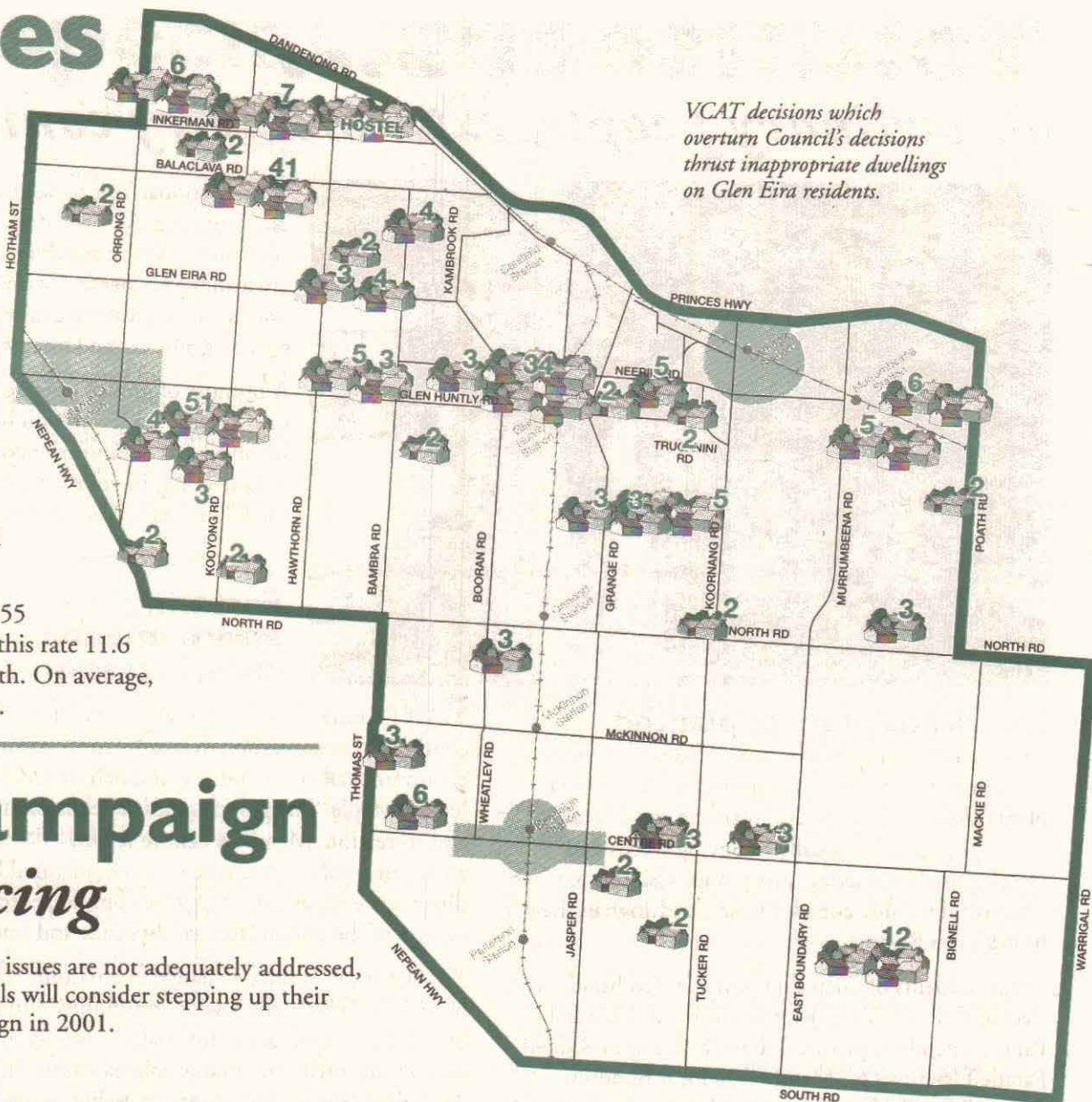
"Council spends about \$900,000 per annum. Statewide, other Councils are spending \$60 million a year on the provision of street lighting. This is a significant cost with critical public safety concerns and is deserving of greater scrutiny by the State Government."

Cr Martens said: "Council is also concerned that price savings of 12–15 per cent, which other electricity consumers had received, have not been passed on to Councils. This is a potential saving of some \$135,000 that has not been passed on to ratepayers. You seriously have to question why business and industry have received a discount while Councils providing a critical community service have missed out."

Glen Eira City Council has joined other Victorian Councils in seeking a fairer and more transparent system for the provision of public and street lighting. The councils, supported by the Municipal Association of Victoria, are calling for:

- transitional pricing arrangements to be subject to greater Government scrutiny;
- a review of the transitional pricing arrangements, taking into account the 12–15 per cent discount;
- assurances these transitional arrangements will not set a precedent for contestability, due late 2001, and;
- guarantees from the distribution businesses that they will improve their service delivery, including meeting environmental and greenhouse objectives.

If these issues are not adequately addressed, Councils will consider stepping up their campaign in 2001.



## ResCode— cause for concern

The revised version of ResCode was recently released by the Minister of Planning for review by local government.

On reviewing the document, Glen Eira City Council expressed concern about a provision that would allow higher density development almost anywhere in the City. The standard in the revised code would allow a five-fold increase in the existing density of development within a 400m radius around shopping centres, tram lines and stations.

This means that in areas of single houses, up to five new dwellings could be built on a given site. Mayor Cr Veronika Martens said: "This is just outrageous in the extreme, and is at odds with our local planning."

"In Glen Eira practically everywhere in the City is within 400m of a railway station, tram stop and shopping centre. This standard would override our Municipal Strategic Statement which identifies preferred locations for medium density housing as well as the work we're doing on the Housing and Residential Development Strategy. It means we would have no control over where higher density development goes in our City," she said.

Director City Development Jeff Akehurst said Council is also concerned neighbourhood character is not adequately addressed with respect to single dwellings not requiring a planning permit. He said the standards for single houses deal with amenity and siting issues like building height, private open space, overshadowing and overlooking, but said no specific standards protect neighbourhood character. Council considers the lack of specific standards could compromise Council's ability to protect and enhance neighbourhood character.

Cr Martens said she was, however, pleased to see a number of Council's suggestions adopted in the revised code, including:

- Council advocated a strategic approach to the assessment of planning applications where the assessment process begins with broad issues (eg neighbourhood character) and works its way through to matters of detail (eg where the rubbish bins will be placed). In the revised code, if an application fails the initial hurdles it is then refused without looking at the detail.
- Council strongly opposed "as of right" dual occupancy which has been removed from the Code.
- Council has worked hard to close the loophole which allows developers to circumvent the planning process by building the first dwelling of a dual occupancy "as of right". Some measures have been included in the revised code (although perhaps not enough).
- To prevent developers "moonscaping" sites, Council advocated retrospective site analysis- even if trees have been removed prior to an application being lodged Council will still assess the application as if the trees still existed, therefore requiring appropriate setbacks and provision of suitable replacement trees. The revised code requires all removed trees are identified on the site analysis.

The Minister of Planning will be advised of Council's views on the revised ResCode, which will be "road tested" over the next few months by the State Government.



# Volunteers...

— ordinary people, extraordinary contribution!



## Hundreds of trees planted

The Friends of Sandringham Rail Reserve is a group of volunteers interested in conserving local remnant plants along the rail reserve, planting more local native plants and gradually removing weeds and creating wildlife habitat. The group's vision is to create a beautiful wildlife corridor from Sandringham Beach to the Yarra River.

So far residents of Glen Eira have planted hundreds of trees and shrubs along Rippon Grove and Riddell Parade (members pictured above working in Riddell Parade Elsternwick). Members of local Buddhist group, Soka Gakkai International, have also been involved opposite the centre in Rippon Grove. Funding for the project has come from Glen Eira City Council and the Natural Heritage Trust.

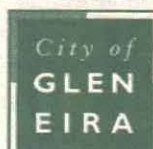
The group meets for working bees on the third Sunday of the month to plant trees, remove weeds, mulch, and water. Contact: Rob Scott on 9537 2599 or email [robscott@naturelinks.com.au](mailto:robscott@naturelinks.com.au)

## Community Services Recognition Scheme

Organisations are invited to nominate volunteers for this Council sponsored ceremony to honour the contribution made by volunteers to community life in the City of Glen Eira. The ceremony will be held in May in National Volunteers Week.

Information and nomination forms are available from the Service Centre. Contact: 9524 3333.

Applications close on Monday 2 April, 2001 at 5pm, late nominations will not be accepted.



International Year of Volunteers March theme is environment—celebrating the work done by individuals and groups in the community who contribute to the protection and regeneration of our environment. Together with national conservation and environment bodies, these local volunteer groups make a huge contribution to ensuring a better and safer world for us all and for future generations.

A number of groups operate in Glen Eira, with limited space we can only mention a few. If you have an interest and willingness to be involved as a volunteer in conservation projects, or any other area of volunteering, in your local community, please contact Co-ordinator of the Glen Eira Volunteer Resource Project Anita Mummé on 9524 3303.

## Fostering environmental consciousness

TEVA (Nature) is a non-profit, independent community organisation dedicated to fostering environmental consciousness and behaviour among Jewish people. The group's goals are education, action and recreation. Members believe Jewish environmental consciousness can be nurtured by direct sense experience of nature complemented by aspects of the Jewish laws, celebrations and traditions.

TEVA aims to facilitate change in environmental behaviours within the Jewish community and among Jewish decision-makers and business people by identifying environmental problems within an Australian Jewish connection, lobbying to improve environmental awareness, recognising Jewish enterprises and entities with good environmental records and initiating public debate on ecological issues within the Jewish community.

Contact: Co-ordinator Harry Nankin on 9480 3733, Secretary Ruth Cooper on 9532 7528 or email [roocoo@netspace.net.au](mailto:roocoo@netspace.net.au)

## Getting a breath of fresh air

Community Access to Air Monitoring (CAAM) is an Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) initiative enabling members of the community to be involved in monitoring and managing local air monitoring stations.

CAAM provides an interactive channel of communication between EPA and the broader community—educating people about air monitoring, different pollutants, where they come from and what can be done to improve our air quality.

Volunteers can focus on the technical side or on communicating air quality messages to the broader community, and are rostered to undertake checks of

monitoring equipment to ensure the station is operating correctly and providing high quality data. Members are also involved with public awareness activities to reduce air pollution, working with community groups, schools and individuals keen to make a difference. Contact for the Glen Eira area: Ruth Cooper 9532 7528

## What's new in cyber space?

Council's new Public Health website provides information concerning Environmental Health, Immunisation and Health Promotion. Browse the site for topics such as Food Safety, Nuisances, Head Lice, Setting up a food business, lodging a complaint or the next public immunisation session.

<http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au/publichealth.htm>

## Women's Petition 2001

**Celebrate the achievement of Women. Address the issues of the new century.**

*In 1891 the women of Victoria collected a petition of 30,000 signatures from across the colony. The petition called for the right of women to vote.*

To celebrate the achievement of these women and to address the issues of the new century, the Women Shaping the Nation Committee is organising a new petition for presentation to the Victorian Parliament in May. This event will be part of the Centenary of Federation celebrations.

Glen Eira City Council is organising a workshop for local women to identify the most important social, cultural, economic, political, environmental and legal issues for the petition to address.

Issues across Victoria will be collated and the five most prominent will form the basis of the petition which Council will make available for signing in local community centres during April. Further details in next month's Glen Eira News.

Residents are reminded that the workshops will be held in the Caulfield Cup Room, Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Hawthorn and Glen Eira Roads, Caulfield on Thursday 8 March, 10.30am–1pm and at Moorleigh Community Village for Culturally and Linguistically Diverse groups on Friday 9 March as part of the International Women's Day celebration. Contact: Margaret Roche on 9524 3448.

## Women's business...

Women are a growing force in today's small business and accessing services which will keep them in touch with modern business skills development is becoming increasingly important.

Council's Business Development Unit is offering an opportunity for women to be involved in a self-development support group, for the benefit of their own business growth and skill development.

The Unit will help develop a calendar of events, seminars, and/or workshops to suit the groups'

requirements, but the program itself will primarily be designed under the group's guidance. The support group will also help women establish a business network—enabling business women to share experiences and providing an ongoing source of information, advice and skills development.

If you are interested in being part of the Glen Eira Women's Business Network, contact Manager Business Development Lynda Bredin on 9524 3384 or email [lbredin@gleneira.vic.gov.au](mailto:lbredin@gleneira.vic.gov.au)



# Special honor for special citizens

Glen Eira's citizen and young citizen of the year were announced at Council's Australia Day breakfast—they are well-known Lions identity Geoff Patience and Samantha Phillips.

Mayor Cr Veronika Martens presented the awards in front of 160 guests, representing a wide range of Glen Eira's community and business groups.

Well-known academic and commentator, author of *The Tyranny of Distance* and *The Causes of War*, Professor Geoffrey Blainey spoke about Australia's Federation—exploring the notion of what Australia Day means to Australians.

Guests included Federal Member for Goldstein Dr David Kemp, Member for Monash Andrea Coote, Caulfield MLA Helen Shardey, Bentleigh MLA Inga Peulich, and Glen Eira Councillors Bloom, Walsh, Sapir, Kennedy, Goudge, Grossbard, Marwick, and Erlich.

## "Disco dilemma" for young citizen

Samantha Phillips hopes to continue the volunteer work that has seen her awarded Glen Eira's Young Citizen of the Year—a disco for disabled people run by Hampton Community Centre.

The disco, in which Samantha was involved as a volunteer, was forced to close in July 2000 due to the

absence of a suitable co-ordinator. Unable to commit to the position because of her schooling, Samantha was instrumental in setting up a volunteer committee to continue the disco through the year.

She began her life of volunteering and community service at the age of 10 by becoming involved in a "practice-a-thon" which raised money for the Malcolm Sargent Cancer Fund for Children. She has since been involved in a number of community organisations including the Australian Red Cross and World Vision, and has participated in holiday programs for children with disabilities.

During her studies at McKinnon Secondary College, Samantha was very involved in the school's peer support program and "supportive friend" network.

In 1998, she was awarded the Lions Encouragement Award for service to her community, and was later asked to participate in the Lions Youth of the Year Quest.

Samantha was pleased to receive the honour of Young Citizen of the Year from Mayor Cr Veronika Martens.

## Lion-hearted Geoff

Lion's identity and Caulfield resident Geoff Patience is Glen Eira's Citizen of the Year.

Born in Gardenvale, Geoff has lived and owned businesses in Glen Eira for much of his life. A Councillor for the former City of Caulfield, Geoff was Mayor on a number of occasions and has been involved in youth clubs, hospital boards and nursing home committees, senior citizens' clubs, and a range of management committees.

He founded the International Diabetes Centre, raising \$100,000 from the Lions Club, and headed the purchase of a property that became a nursing



Mayor Cr Veronika Martens with Citizens of the Year Samantha Phillips and Geoff Patience.

home, raising much of the funding via the Lion's Op Shop.

Among his awards is the Order of Australia Medal (OAM) for his services to Lions International and local charities. He has been president of the Caulfield Lions Club five times, District Governor for half of Victoria and was awarded the International President of Lions Award in 1996. Geoff manages the Lions Op Shop, providing thousands of dollars to schools, hospitals and aged care facilities.

Geoff is also known by many of the City's younger children for his rendition of Father Christmas at schools and hospitals each year.



160 guests came together to enjoy Council's Australia Day breakfast at the Auditorium. Photos: Bernie Bickerton.

## A blueprint for Glen Eira's future

A draft of the Glen Eira Community Plan has been released for comment and consultation with residents and key community groups—having been endorsed at a Council meeting last month.

The Community Plan will be a working document, and will continue to grow and develop through community consultation and input, demonstrating Council's commitment to providing community leadership and to working in partnership with other service agencies and the local community.

The document identifies strategies to best support the needs of the people of Glen Eira and provides a flexible framework on which to build services that combine responsible management and informed resource targeting.

The document's overview includes strategies on Council's role in: community leadership and advocacy; providing opportunities for participating in community life; enhancing quality of life issues such as health and safety in Glen Eira; ensuring the long-term sustainability of community assets; and ensuring the Community receives best value for its rate-dollar investment.

The final document will include a workplan which will be updated each year to outline practical actions to achieve those strategic directions listed in the overview.

Mayor Cr Veronika Martens said: "This plan is extremely important—it allows the people of this community to identify with Council's role and helps us develop a concise and practical direction for providing services."

"Without community consultation and feedback, Council cannot ensure it is on track with what the community wants and what its priorities are," she said.

"The plan will address how Council resources are prioritised and used for and by the public and how we go about developing strategic alliances with community service providers. It's essential that we identify the community's needs, so we can maximise our resources to meet those needs," Cr Martens said.

Consultation on the overview and workplan will include meetings with trader groups, senior citizens, a general public forum, and a daytime meeting at Moorleigh Village. The documents are available through Glen Eira City Council's libraries, service centre and on its website and comments regarding the document can be made through the service centre at the Town Hall.

Residents are reminded that the first consultation will be held in the Caulfield Cup Room, Glen Eira Town Hall on Thursday 8 March, 1:30–3pm.

## Council leads the way — in tightening dual occupancy loopholes

The State Government is set to tighten up controls over dual occupancy development following a concerted campaign by Glen Eira City Council.

In the consultation draft of ResCode, exhibited last year, the State Government floated a proposal to exempt dual occupancy development from the need for planning permission. In its submission to the State Government, Council opposed this move.

The revised version of ResCode currently being considered by the Minister for Planning sees this proposal removed.

Also of great interest to Glen Eira are recommendations by the ResCode Advisory Committee to close the loophole in the current planning system which allows developers to build dual occupancy developments by stealth.

Last year, Council exhibited a policy aimed at closing the loophole which allows developers to circumvent the planning process by developing large inappropriately designed and located dwellings under single house controls and then later seeking planning permission for a second dwelling. Council last year refused three developments where this approach had been used.

The revised version of ResCode sees improved front and rear set back requirements and a number of other measures aimed at stopping this practice.



# ARTS Arts

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

## Sunday Arvo concert series proudly presents THREE WEILL MEN

Sunday 25 March at 2.30pm  
Glen Eira Auditorium

Starring John O'May, Martin Croft and Mark Jones.

Three of Australia's finest musical theatre artists combine in a celebration of the work of Kurt Weill—one of the world's most influential composers.

The show includes classic songs from the hit productions of *The Threepenny Opera* and *Lost in the Stars* such as *September Song*, *Speak Low* and *Mack the Knife*.

**John O'May**, winner of a Green Room Award for his role in *A Little Night Music*, has also starred in musicals *Evita*, *Crazy for You*, *Funny Girl* and *Follies*. John has recently produced his first solo CD *Unusual Way* for Middle Eight Music.

**Martin Croft**—from *Jesus Christ Superstar* to *The Phantom of the Opera*—Martin has appeared in all the major shows in between: *Godspell*, *Cats*, *Les Misérables*, *Miss Saigon* in Australia, London and the USA. He was also the Resident Director of the Asia Pacific Tour of *Les Misérables* and the Australian tour of *Boy from Oz*.

**Mark Jones**—one of Australia's busiest musical directors/performers, his credits include *What's New Pussy Cat* and the



acclaimed production of *Jacques Brel is Alive and Well and Living in Paris*. Musical Director credits include *Happy End*, *Possum Magic*, and *Love and Other Peculiar Disorders*.

Definitely not to be missed!

Table seating (10). Tickets: \$20 and \$15 concession (incl. GST) available from the Service Centre corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield. Bookings: 9524 3371.

## 2001 Glen Eira Literary Awards

Entries close: Friday 23 March 2001

"Hurry and get your entries in for a share of the \$5000 prize pool!"

That's the advice of Co-ordinator Rosanna Verde who believes this competition is now one of Australia's biggest and most popular writing awards thanks to the generous support of the new major sponsor Caulfield RSL and regular sponsors Eastend Booksellers, The Baha'i Community of Glen Eira, and Dymocks Booksellers Elsternwick.

"It is extremely pleasing that these organisations are able to commit to this type of event and recognise its importance at a community level for writers of all ages. Their support enables the awards to continue to grow," Ms Verde said.

Apart from the cash prizes on offer for all of the awards, a real highlight is the publication of the winning entry of the Caulfield RSL 'My Brother Jack' Short Story Award in the literary journal *Meanjin*. A collection of the winning short stories, scripts and poetry will also be published by the Glen Eira Arts Complex.

### National Award Categories

Caulfield RSL <i>My Brother Jack</i> Short Story Award	\$3000
Short Script/Play Award	\$300

### Local Award Categories

Open to residents and/or students of the City of Glen Eira	
Eastend Booksellers Local Short Story Award	\$650
Youth Short Story and Poetry Awards	\$600
Children's Short Story and Poetry Awards (plus writing workshop)	\$125

Winners will be announced on Wednesday 16 May in an event that includes readings of the winning entries by professional actors.

For an entry form contact: Rosanna Verde on 9524 3287.



## Exhibitions

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

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

### Through Women's Eyes to 18 March

*Through Women's Eyes* features the work of eight female artists who made a significant contribution to the development of art in Australia in the late 19th and 20th centuries.

This exhibition completes the 125th anniversary celebration of the Presbyterian Ladies College. Works in this exhibition are coming from national, state and regional galleries as well as public and private collections around Australia. Admission charges apply: \$9 adults, \$7 PLC Old Collegians, \$5 concession.

### Linocuts and paintings—Aileen Brown and Cliff Judge

27 March to 8 April

AILEEN BROWN'S work is distinguished by the use of traditional block printing techniques. Her linocuts demonstrate a



love of colour and composition, and her images are characterised by wit. Images are based on the story of Zarafa—a giraffe that was taken from Ethiopia through Egypt, then to Paris in 1827. Also to be seen in her exhibition is an edition of oriental bound books, titled *Eight Australian Animals*, presented in hand-dyed, hand-printed cotton wraps tied with bows.

CLIFF JUDGE'S paintings of the Australian landscape begin on location from the bush

surrounding Anglesea to the urban landscapes of Northcote and Richmond. Once the "feel" of the location is captured, Cliff works on the canvasses simultaneously in his Kew studio. In this way, much of the detail is made up from remembered landscape inflecting the finished paintings with a certain abstract quality.



Judge's painting is a combination of hues, which make up the colours of the Australian bush. He gets the colour of the

sun-drenched landscape through his subtle use of titanium white.

### 'You are what you eat' an exhibition by Jillian Holmes-Smith

27 March to 8 April

JILLIAN HOLMES-SMITH trained and exhibited both in Australia and overseas. She is primarily interested in the relationship between people and their physical environment, and uses a variety of media—

woodcraft, painting, making and casting handmade paper and woodcraft—to explore this premise.

In this exhibition, her work is directly influenced from fruit and vegetable paintings of the Renaissance period, offering a fresh perspective on the relationship between fresh produce and the consumer. These colourful works offer a "lighthearted" appeal, yet on reflection, show a deeper sense of our relationship to the food we eat and our surrounding environment.





## Planning first – website a bonus for residents

In an achievement that is a first for local government in Victoria, residents and applicants can now access Glen Eira's City Council's Town Planning Applications register via the internet.

Although other Council's have a planning website, Glen Eira City Council's website provides residents with access to details about development proposals (past and present) in their street or suburb. Residents can find out what stage an application has reached or lodge an objection electronically to a proposal undergoing public exhibition. The website also features: downloadable policies and forms, information on planning scheme amendments and major projects, the latest Glen Eira VCAT decisions, and the subdivisions register.

The website will also be upgraded to include plans of all development proposals on public exhibition—a milestone in service delivery which is planned to be available by the end of the year.

Representatives from both the Department of Infrastructure (DOI) and Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) have test-driven the website and given it the thumbs up. The website accords with Council's commitment to develop a more transparent system through electronic town planning service delivery.

To access the Town Planning website, simply visit the Glen Eira Council Homepage at [www.gleneira.vic.gov.au](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au) and click on the Town Planning icon left of screen.

## Tranquility at the town hall

Running water, rough-hewn and river-smooth stones, a bamboo fence and pergola, and beautiful plants and flowers—all the elements of a traditional Japanese garden can now be enjoyed in a tranquil corner of the Town Hall complex.

Mayor Cr Veronika Martens last month officially opened Glen Eira's first Japanese garden, which includes the stone lantern given to the City by its sister city Ogaki, Japan.

Cr Martens, who is also the Chair of Council's Sister City Committee said: "I believe the creation of this garden is of importance to the whole community. It symbolises our strong link with our Sister City—a link which creates an opportunity for our residents to learn more about Japan; its history and culture. Schools are very much involved and it is certainly an opportunity for our young people to learn and understand more about the people of Japan."

"By creating a Japanese garden, our connection with Ogaki will be permanent and we can remember our many friends in Japan."

In her address Cr Martens said: "I am particularly proud as

Mayor and Chairperson of the Sister Cities Committee to officially open this Japanese garden here at our Town Hall and I do hope that all who visit the Town Hall will experience some peaceful moments when stopping here."

Designed by John Patrick Pty Ltd in association with Japanese Landscape Architect Koji Ninomiya, the garden reveals many of the traditional strands of Japanese landscaping in the form of a Stone Garden.



Mayor Cr Veronika Martens officially opens the garden by unveiling the plaque.



The calm beauty of the traditional Japanese garden.

## New art workshops and classes

For details contact: Anthony McInnery 9524 3402.

### Introduction to Printmaking

Half day workshop  
Saturday 17 March or Saturday 24 March, 1–5pm  
Tutor: Caroline Curtis

Learn the principles of printmaking using monoprint, woodcut and linocut techniques. Transform your drawings, designs and life drawings into prints.

Cost \$50 (incl. limited materials and GST).

### Introduction to Watercolour Painting

Four Tuesday sessions, March 13–April 3, 7–9pm  
Tutor: Michelle Caithness

Through a series of exercises learn basic watercolour techniques and approaches. Use an existing drawing as a starting point or develop a piece for this medium.

Cost \$75 (incl. basic materials and GST).

### Parent's Art Break

Three Thursdays, March 15, 22 and 29,  
9.30am–12.30pm  
Tutor: Kate Money

Take this opportunity to put your young children into quality occasional care and indulge in some

creative activity. Try your hand at clay work, wheelwork, painting, drawing and life drawing. Polish up on your art skills, learn some new ones or simply enjoy looking, thinking and creating. Enjoy a cuppa, a chat and the sharing of ideas about creativity. The child care and art facilities are within a stone's throw of each other.

Cost: \$100 (incl. child care, materials and GST).

### Art for new parents and their children

Four Monday sessions, March 12–April 2,  
10am–12noon.  
Tutor: Kate Money

A creative class where parents and their children work together to discover colour, form and texture. Each session will work with a different medium. Explore the world of art and creativity with your children. Build a work together to keep forever.



## School Holiday Art Program

A full art program of two-hour workshops for 5–11 year olds and 12–16 year olds. The program covers ceramics, painting and drawing, cartooning and a special class for the little ones on egg painting. Program dates to work around the Easter and Passover Holidays are: Monday 9–Thursday 12 April (inclusive) and Tuesday 17–Friday 20 April (inclusive). Contact Anthony McInnery on 9524 3402.

## Mailing list

The Arts Complex has a wide range of information available. Please indicate which area is of interest to you and we will include you on our mailing list(s).

- Exhibitions ☐ Special events ☐ Seminars ☐  
Classes/workshops ☐ Arts & (newsletter) ☐  
Concerts/music performances ☐

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Send to: Rosanna Verde, Publicity Officer,  
Glen Eira Arts Complex, PO Box 42, Caulfield 3162.  
or email: [rverde@gleneira.vic.gov.au](mailto:rverde@gleneira.vic.gov.au)  
[www.gleneiraarts.citysearch.com.au](http://www.gleneiraarts.citysearch.com.au)



# A 'week' to celebrate our senior citizens

The following groups will hold activities for Senior Citizens' Week 2001. Please note, unless otherwise stated on individual events, bookings are not required. If you would like a copy of the Senior Citizens' Week program guide, contact the Service Centre on 9524 3333.

## St. Patrick's Day Eve Afternoon Tea Dance

Join the official opening of Senior Citizens' Week in Glen Eira at the St Patrick's Day Eve Afternoon Tea Dance.

Senior Citizens' Week celebrations will be officially opened by Mayor Cr Veronika Martens.

Glen Eira Town Hall Auditorium, corner Hawthorn and Glen Eira Roads, Caulfield on Friday 16 March, 1.30-3.30pm. **Cost:** FREE. **Contact/bookings:** Service Centre, 9524 3333 by Tuesday 13 March. **BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL.** Limited door to door transport available (bookings required).

## Getting better with age— explore your local libraries

**Free reservations of library materials** to all Seniors' Card holders during Senior Citizens' Week, 16 March-1 April 2001.

*For details of library events see page 11 of the News.*

## Come 'n' Try at Half the Price

Glen Eira City Council invites residents to take part in the following activities at half the price.

### Walking Groups \$1.10

Caulfield Park (meet at Bowls Club Car Park) corner Balaclava and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield on Monday 19 March, 9.30am OR Centenary Park, Brady Road, East Bentleigh on Tuesday 20 March, 9am OR Hodgsons Reserve, Higgins Road, Bentleigh on Wednesday 21 March, 9am.

### Solo and Crazy Whist \$1.10

Corner El Nido Grove and Grange Road, Glen Huntly on Monday 19 March, 1pm.

### Fit Active Exercises

Caulfield Recreation Centre, Maple Street, Caulfield (courtesy Rans Management) on Tuesday 20 March, 9.30am (\$2) OR 314 Neerim Road, Carnegie on Wednesday 21 March, 11am (\$1.65).

### Table Tennis Beginner/advanced: \$1.65

Bentleigh/McKinnon Youth Centre, Higgins Road, Bentleigh on Tuesday 20 March, 10am.

### Ladies Keep Fit \$1.25

Bentleigh/McKinnon Youth Centre, Higgins Road, Bentleigh on Tuesday 20 March, 1.30pm.

### Chair-based Exercises \$1.40

314 Neerim Road, Carnegie on Wednesday 21 March, 10am OR Concert Hall, Bentleigh Senior Citizens' Centre, 2 Arthur Street, Bentleigh on Thursday 22 March, 11am. **Contact:** Cheryl Kennedy 9524 3356

## Italian Open Day

The Glen Eira Italian Pensioners and Senior Citizens' Club will hold an open day with an Italian theme. Includes light lunch at 2 Newham Grove, Ormond on Saturday 17 March at 10am-5pm. **FREE.** **Contact:** Angelo Villanti 9523 5172 or 9571 8512.

## Social Afternoon and Spit Roast

The DJ Coakley East Bentleigh Senior Citizens' Club will hold a Spit Roast Luncheon, followed by dancing, games, afternoon tea and music by the 'Derry Aires' at 1 Derry Street, East Bentleigh on Saturday 17 March at 11.30am. **Cost:** \$8. **Contact:** Gwen Brown 9570 4917. **BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**

## Family Cultural Afternoon

Argos Orestico and District Australian Greek Senior Citizens' Club will hold a Family Cultural Afternoon, lunch included, at Moorleigh Multicultural Senior Citizens' Centre, 92 Bignell Road, East Bentleigh on Sunday 18 March at 1.30-3.30pm. **Cost:** \$5. **Contact:** Paul Tsiangos 9571 0617. **BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**

## Greek Barbecue Picnic

The Greek Cyprian Senior Citizens' Community of Glen Eira will hold a barbecue lunch and music, Greek

style, and walking event at 2 Arthur Street, Bentleigh on Tuesday 20 March at 10am-3pm. **Cost:** \$3 food charge. **Contact:** Paul Savva 9557 6405.

## Greek Style Luncheon and Music

The Greek Senior Citizens' Club of Glen Eira will hold an afternoon of traditional Greek music and food—fully catered lunch, music and dancing—proceeds donated to the Pronia Nursing Home, at Moorleigh Multicultural Senior Citizens' Centre, 92 Bignell Road, East Bentleigh on Tuesday 20 March at 10.30am-2pm. **Cost:** \$8. **Contact:** Vicki Papas 9576 4058.

## BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

## Open Day

Ormond Senior Citizens' Club will hold an Open Day. Complimentary tea, coffee and biscuits at 2 Newham Grove, Ormond on Tuesday 20 March at 12noon-4pm. **FREE.** **Contact:** Norman Mott 9592 2131 or clubrooms 9578 7653.

## Afternoon Concert

Carnegie Murrumbena Senior Citizens' Club will hold an afternoon of music, song and afternoon tea at 314 Neerim Road, Carnegie on Tuesday 20 March at 2pm. **FREE.** **Contact:** Jean Wyatt 9563 5953 or clubrooms 9569 7778. **BOOKINGS REQUIRED FOR NON MEMBERS**

## An Introduction to Croquet

The Caulfield Park Croquet Club offers residents an opportunity to try croquet at Caulfield Park, Balaclava Road, Caulfield North on Wednesday 21 March at 10.30am-3.30pm. **FREE.** **Contact:** Pam Christensen 9596 3845 after 6pm or clubrooms 9500 9775.

## Pasta Night

The Italian Senior Citizens' Recreation Club will hold an evening of music, dancing and good food, Italian style at 8 Cedar Street, Caulfield on Thursday 22 March at 7pm. **Cost:** \$7. **Contact:** Angela Cerra 9562 9401. **Bookings:** Tom Florio 9528 6378 (RSVP by 15 March) **BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**

## Greek National Day Celebrations

Come and enjoy the Greek National Day Celebrations with the Carnegie/Murrumbena Greek Senior Citizens' Club—Greek food, music, and dance at 314 Neerim Road, Carnegie on Monday 26 March at 10am-2pm. **Cost:** \$2.50 (members) \$5 (non-members). **Contact:** Chris Tsarlestos 9568 5335. **BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**

## Dance Along, Sing Along

Caulfield Over 50s Dance Group will hold an afternoon of old time/new vogue dancing at Glen Eira Town Hall Auditorium, Caulfield on Monday 26 March at 12.30-4pm. **Cost:** \$2. **Contact:** Tony Bell 9578 5143.

## U3A Glen Eira Open Day

U3A Glen Eira offers an opportunity to see classes in action with complimentary tea, coffee and cake at rear 1151 Glen Huntly Road, Glen Huntly on Tuesday 27 March at 10am-3pm. **FREE.** **Contact:** Josie Coyle 9572 0571.

## U3A Israeli Dance Groups

U3A Israeli Dance Groups will perform at Christ Church Ormond, corner Wheatley and North Roads, Ormond on Tuesday 27 March at 9.30am-12noon and Thursday 29 March at 1.30-3.30pm. **FREE.** **Contact:** Josie Coyle 9572 0571.

## Community Walk

See advertisement on this page. **Contact:** Sarah or Denise 9524 3228. **BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**

## Greek Barbecue Lunch

The Caulfield Greek Senior Citizens' Club will hold a barbecue lunch with a Greek flavour in Harleston Park between Seymour and Allison Roads, Elsternwick on Tuesday 27 March at 1pm. **BYO picnic chair.** **Free (members) \$2.50 (non-members)** **Contact:** Ourania Sgouros 9528 1197. **BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**

## Afternoon Tea and speaker

Join the Jewish Senior Citizens' Study Groups to hear a prominent speaker in the community. Afternoon tea will be served at Caulfield Cup Room, Glen Eira Town Hall,

Caulfield on Tuesday 27 March at 2.30-4pm. **FREE.** **Contact:** Rabbi Cowen 9527 5902.

## Moorleigh U3A Open Day

Moorleigh U3A will hold an Open Day at Moorleigh Community Village, 92 Bignell Road, East Bentleigh on Wednesday 28 March at 10am-2.30pm. Refreshments incl. **FREE.** **Contact:** Marie Henderson 9570 3929.

## Come and Try Croquet

Elsternwick Croquet Club will hold an afternoon of 'come and try' croquet in Hopetoun Gardens 27 Parkside Street, Elsternwick on Wednesday 28 March at 1-3pm. Flat-soled shoes required. Afternoon tea will be served. **FREE.** **Contact:** Margaret Hardy 9523 7480.

## Picnic at Wattle Grove

The Polish Senior Citizens' Club of Moorabbin will hold its annual barbecue lunch at Wattle Grove Reserve, Wheatley Road, McKinnon on Wednesday 28 March at 1pm. New members welcome. (Note: In case of bad weather, meet at 2 Arthur Street, Bentleigh) **Cost:** \$5. **Contact:** Peter Sojka 9578 6024. **BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**

## Community Walk

City of  
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Glen Eira City Council invites residents and friends to take part in a community walk to celebrate Senior Citizens' Week 2001, at Caulfield Park (corner of Hawthorn and Balaclava Roads) Caulfield on Tuesday 27 March, 10am-12noon.

Activities will include: a 10 minute warm up, then an easy scenic 30 minute walk for all fitness levels (assistance available); a talk by two senior citizens on community safety and falls prevention; information exchange and morning tea.

Come and be active with friends in a supported environment where everyone is welcome.

For catering and seating purposes please RSVP by 20 March on (03) 9524 3228.

Limited transport assistance available. Bookings essential.

## Human Services Community Conversation

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On Wednesday 28 March at 8pm Human Services will hold its first community conversation for 2001, in the Carnegie Senior Citizens Centre, 314 Neerim Road, Carnegie.

Meet with other residents to discuss your concerns or come along and have your say about a particular Human Services issue.

## You are invited to an informal talk on: Toilet Training

City of  
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by Community Health Nurse Jackie Wallace Caulfield Community Care Centre.

**Date:** 28 March  
**Time:** 1.30-3pm  
**Cost:** \$3 Donation  
**At:** Bentleigh Maternal and Child Health Centre, 542 Centre Road, Bentleigh  
**Contact:** 9557 2359



# Facelift for cemetery



Restoration works begin on the main gates of Brighton Cemetery.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

The front entrance to the Brighton Cemetery, off North Road, has been given a new lease of life thanks to funding from the Melbourne Heritage Restoration Fund.

Council was instrumental in obtaining the funding which has allowed for the restoration of the two pedestrian gates on either side of the main gates and 10 side ironwork panels at the front entrance.

Brighton Cemetery Manager Chris Burke was delighted with such a major restoration project in this historically significant cemetery: "The restoration of these gates would not have been possible without the financial assistance of the Melbourne Heritage Restoration Fund. I am grateful to Council for thinking of the Cemetery when this funding opportunity arose."

The cemetery was established in 1854 but the wall and gates were not in place until 1923 when the Trustees of the cemetery contracted Scarcebrook Bros to install the main entrance gates at a cost of £395. The project will restore the gates to their former grandeur.

The restoration works will cost more than \$60,000—half of which was received as a grant by the MHRF, with the remainder being made available as a low interest loan.

Mayor Cr Veronika Martens said: "Brighton Cemetery is an important historic and cultural asset of the City. Council is always willing to go the extra distance to protect and enhance such an asset".

## Slow down!

— ALL roads in Glen Eira are 50km/h EXCEPT the following:

### 1. Primary arterial roads (black roads in Melways).

For example: North Road (60km/h and 70km/h), Neerim, Hawthorn, Glen Eira, Grange, Jasper, Murrumbeena, East Boundary, and Balaclava Roads (all 60km/h).

### 2. Secondary arterial roads (red roads in Melways).

For example: Kooyong, Glen Huntly, Inkerman, Alma, Koornang, Tucker, Wheatley, Booran, Bamba, Poath, and Kambrook Roads and Hotham Street.

### 3. Some collector roads

#### a. 60km/h (and will have signs installed)

Patterson, Kangaroo, Brewer, Chesterville, Gardenvale, and Glen Huntly Roads, Railway and Riddell Parades, Clarence, and Smith Streets, Chesterville Drive, (between Grange Road and Truganini Road), Orrong Road (between Glen Huntly Road and Riddell Parade), Truganini Road (between Glen Huntly Road and Koornang Road), Neerim Road (between Murrumbeena Road and Poath Road), and Kambrook Road (between Glen Eira and Glen Huntly Road).

#### b. 50km/h (and will have no signs in the street)

Mckinnon, Mackie, Leila, Oakleigh, Katandra, Bignell, Marara, Eskdale, Derby, and St Georges Roads, Deakin, Lyons and Dover Streets, Royal, Woodville and Aileen Avenues, and Sir John Monash Drive.

Drivers are reminded roads which **do not** have speed signs installed are 50kmh.

#### Please note:

**Service roads** for Nepean Highway, North Road, Dandenong Road will be sign posted as 50km/h.

## Neighbourhood Support Program

— recommencing soon

The following groups will commence soon, and all will provide a friendly environment where parents can meet and socialise with other parents who have children of similar ages.

#### Coffee and Chat for parents of young babies—

Mondays, 11am–12noon, at the Maternal and Child Health Centre, corner of Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield.

**Young Mother's Group**— Tuesdays, 1–2.30pm, at 6 Jersey Parade, Carnegie.

**Father's Group**— Tuesdays, 9.30–11am, at 6 Jersey Parade, Carnegie.

**Chinese Mother's Group**— Wednesdays, 10.30am–12noon, at 6 Jersey Parade, Carnegie.

**Solo Mother's Group**— first Monday of the month, 1.30–3pm, at Moorleigh Community Centre, 92 Bignell Road, East Bentleigh.

For further details and enrolments, or if you have an idea for another group, contact Group Facilitator Elizabeth Saddington on 0419 348 936, or Judy White on 9524 3403.

## Next Council meeting

Monday, 19 March

All Council meetings are open to the public and will be held in the Glen Eira Council Chamber, corner Hawthorn and Glen Eira Roads, Caulfield at 7.30pm.

## Are you tired of your toddlers fighting?

You are invited to an informal talk

by Social Worker Susan Friedman from Caulfield Community Care Centre on:

### Your toddler and the new baby

Date: 6 April  
Time: 1.30–3pm  
Cost: \$3 Donation  
Venue: Moorleigh Maternal and Child Health Centre, 92 Bignell Road East Bentleigh  
Contact: 9570 3870 or 9570 6418

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## Outstanding rates and charges

Council advises that action to recover unpaid rates and charges will begin this month.

The vast majority of residents pay their rates in full and on time. It is not fair to them that a small number of ratepayers do not pay their share. Council will take action to recover rates on properties in arrears or which have missed instalments, and on ratepayers in default of arrangements with Council.

Council issues annual rate, instalment, and reminder notices and for ratepayers who can show financial difficulties, realistic repayment arrangements can be made. But failure to pay rates will result in the debt being handed over to Council's debt collection agency and will incur legal costs payable by the ratepayer.

As a last resort in recovering unpaid rates, Council has the power to sell property and has at times initiated this course of action.

Ratepayers who have an arrangement in writing with Council and are making payments as agreed will not be affected. Ratepayers who did not receive the third instalment notice sent in February, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.



# COMMUNITY *Diary*

## Events

**Beauville Estate Heritage Plaque** will be unveiled by the Mayor at 227-235 Murrumbeena Road, Murrumbeena on Saturday 10 March at 1pm. Sausage sizzle and celebrations 11am-3pm. All welcome.

**Caulfield South Primary School** will hold an April Fools' Day Fete at the school, Bundeera Road on Sunday, 1 April. Stalls: trash and treasure, second-hand clothing, art/craft, plants. Family attractions: craft workshop, tombola, Harley rides, music, choir and lots more.

**St Agnes' Church** will hold a Grande Fete at 114 Booran Road, Glen Huntly on Saturday, 17 March 9.30am-2.30pm. Gourmet foods, cakes, sweets, restaurant, plants, books and much more. Contact: 9571 3932.

**The National Council of Jewish Women of Australia** will hold the following events at 133 Hawthorn Road Caulfield: *Israel Now* drop-in on 13 March 7.30pm; a *Music Lovers* afternoon with Rabbi Link on 15 March 2-4pm (\$5 per person); *Power of Women* with Dr Elizabeth Farrell on 3 April 7.30pm (\$5 per person); a Book Fair on 29 April 9am-12pm. Contact 9523 05356.

**Allant Marriott Foundation** will hold a Fund Raising Dinner at 60-66 Patterson Road on 16 March at 7.30pm. Keynote speakers: Paralympian Don Elgin and Ian Cover MP (previously Coodabeens). Cost: \$50. Contact: 9578 7557.

**Adelphi Players Theatre Company** will present *Woman in a Dressing Gown* at Labassa on 9 March at 8.15pm, 10 March at 2.15pm and 8.15pm and 11 March at 2.15pm and 7pm. Tickets: \$12 concession and \$10 Trust members. Bookings essential. Contact: 9690 1593 or 9578 0952.

**The Bentleigh Senior Citizens** will hold open days at 2 Arthur Street Bentleigh, 19 and 21 March from 10am. Join in exercises, indoor bowls, table tennis and cards. Contact: 9557 6010.

## Meetings and Clubs

**Ormond Senior Citizens Club** meets at 2 Newham Grove, Ormond. Activities include table tennis, carpet bowls, card playing, billiards and pool, bus trips. Open Day: 20 March 12-4pm. Contact: 9578 7653.

**The Life Activities Club—Caulfield** will meet at the Gladys Machin Hall, Cedar Street on 21 March at 7.30pm. Marjory West will speak about "Vision Australia".

## McKinnon-Moorabbin Group of Alcoholics

**Anonymous** meets each Friday at 8pm at the hall of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, McKinnon Road, McKinnon. The group welcomes anyone interested in or suffering from alcoholism.

**Carnegie and Murrumbeena Senior Citizens Club** meets at 314 Neerim Road, Carnegie. Tuesday is Happy Day—special artists, community singing, afternoon tea. Cost: 50cents. Activities include carpet bowls card playing, bingo, billiards etc. Contact: 9569 7778.

**Caulfield Branch of the Royal Children's Hospital Auxiliaries** meets at the Alma Club, 1 Wilks Street, North Caulfield on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 1pm. New members welcome. Contact: Olive Swift 9578 2395 or Pat Piper 9571 2666.

**Club 66** holds old time-modern-new vogue dances at the Bentleigh Uniting Church Hall, Centre Road, Bentleigh on first and third Saturdays of the month at 8pm. Cost: \$6. All age groups welcome. Contact: 9587 1092.

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

**The Over 40s Club** holds dances at the Uniting Church, corner North and Booran Roads, Ormond on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month at 7.45pm. Supper, live music. Cost: \$7. Contact: 9570 4564.

**The Probus Club of Caulfield** meets monthly at St John's Church Hall, corner Glen Huntly Road and Foster Street, Elsternwick on 1st Tuesdays. Newly retired professional and business men welcome. Contact: Lou Perlstein 9523 6210.

## Community

**First Central Moorabbin Cub Pack** East Bentleigh is looking for a new leader and more young friends to join each Thursday night for fun indoor and outdoor activities. Contact: Debbie 9570 5401.

**Glen Eira City Choir** has recently appointed a new conductor, Jane Elton Brown and recommenced. Male and female singers welcome. No auditions required but sight reading an advantage. Contact: Catherine Pearce 9578 2443.

**Connections New Beginnings Group** offers a 6-week group for women who have experienced being put down, abused or not respected in relationships they have had either as children or adults. Contact: Karen or Sheelagh on 9521 5666.

**Deadline for next Community Diary is Tuesday 13 March for publication 3-5 April.**

## Immunisation dates for March

### Glen Eira Town Hall

(entry via Glen Eira Road)

Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield  
Tuesday 13 March 6-7.30pm

### Murrumbeena Baptist Church

44 Murrumbeena Road Murrumbeena  
Monday 19 March 10-11am

### Bentleigh Baptist Church

10 Vickery Street Bentleigh  
Monday 2 April 1.30-2.30pm

### Bentleigh-Bayside Community Health Service

Gardeners Road Bentleigh East  
Tuesday 20 March 10-11am  
Saturday 24 March November 9.30-11am

### Glen Huntly Maternal and Child Health Centre

Corner Royal and Rosedale Avenues Glen Huntly  
Wednesday 28 March 9.30-11am

## FRIENDLY TOURS SOCIAL CLUB

Day tours—first Sunday each month

Departing Corner Grange and North Roads, Ormond

Phone 9569 0134 for new itinerary

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## Glen Huntly Friendship Group

99 Grange Road, Glen Huntly

Activities for March/April

8 March (Thursday): Williamstown—its charm and history

Meet together "under the clocks" at Flinders Street Station no later than 10.15am to catch the 10.28 train to Williamstown. Return by Ferry. Cost of ferry \$10. Lunch and any entrance fees own expense. Please book: Margaret 9596 6124.

22 March (Thursday): Healesville Sanctuary

Morning tea at Lilydale Lake. A guided tour and lunch at the Sanctuary. Includes visit to a gallery of paintings, pottery and jewellery. Cost \$34 all inclusive.

4 and 5 April (Wednesday and Thursday):

Echuca on the Murray

Please bring own picnic lunch. Dinner, bed and breakfast at Port of Echuca Motor Inn. Morning river cruise and return via Wooroopna and Ardmona Cannery. Cost \$155 twin share. \$191 single supplement. Depart 9am from Grange Road and 9.15 from 185 Poath Road, Hughesdale.

**Bookings Margaret 9596 6124**

## UBA BUS TOURS

CHOICE OF DATES:

FRENCH ISLAND ECO CRUISE/TOUR

First Tour: 14 March Second Tour: 21 March  
8am-6.15pm approx.

Includes bus, ferry, Island bus tour, morning tea, smorgasbord lunch and afternoon tea. Informative guide for an intriguing tour of historic Prison Farm. Prolific wildlife, fascinating stories of the Island's rich history. Due to remoteness, price of \$70 is higher than usual. Great opportunity to join us on this unusual Touring Experience.

18 April 2001 9am-5pm

MOUNT MACEDON—WEST ROCK FARM/GALLERY

We visit the famous Cross, enjoy lunch at West Rock Farm and Gallery (home of Athol Guy of The Seekers fame). Lots of time to wander through the Gallery and relax in the beautiful garden. Includes bus, 2-course lunch.

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

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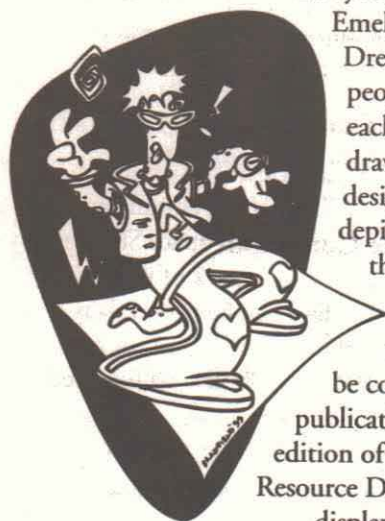
# Youth Page



## 'Toons of Youth Cartoon Workshops

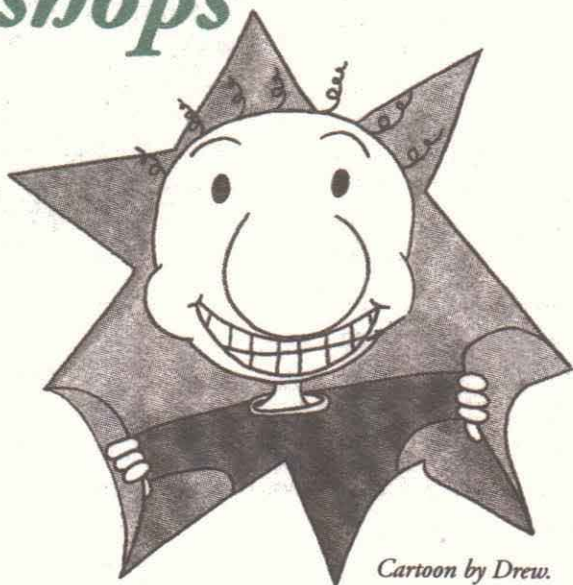
During February well known Cartoonist Bradfield Dumpleton conducted a series of free cartoon workshops involving 28 young people from the City of Glen Eira.

Under Bradfield's guidance and with the help of Why? Stop Youth Worker Emely Saad and local artist Drew Knight, the young people spent five hours each day perfecting their drawing skills and designing images depicting youth issues in the 21st Century.



Cartoon by Bradfield.

All artwork from the workshops will be considered for publication in the third edition of the Y Files Youth Resource Directory and displayed at an Art Exhibition on Thursday 5



Cartoon by Drew.

April at Glen Eira Town Hall as part of National Youth Week Celebrations.

For information on the launch of the Y Files contact Emely Saad on 9572 5389.

## Youth consultation forums

At its meeting on Monday 5 February, Council agreed to conduct two Consultation Forums with Young People during 2001. The forums aim to identify and publicly present the issues and needs of Glen Eira young people—to increase the community's capacity to work collaboratively to improve the lives of young people in Glen Eira.

The first Glen Eira Youth Consultation Forum will be held on 5 April, as part of National Youth Week Celebrations. A working group will be developed with Cr Rachel Sapir and Cr David Bloom representing Council in conjunction with representatives from Glen Eira Youth Services, local secondary schools and youth agencies.

Young people interested in participating in the Forum are invited to attend a Briefing Session on Wednesday 21 March. The Forum will conclude with young people presenting the day's findings to representatives from Council, local youth agencies and secondary schools.

If you are aged 15 to 18 and would like to participate in the first Youth Consultation Forum, contact Youth Services Co-ordinator Jodie Belyea on 9524 3321.

### Inner Middle South Youth Consultation Forum Report

The Report from the Inner Middle South Youth Consultation Forum held in October 2000 is now available and will be forwarded to local youth agencies, schools, State Government Department and participants from the forum in early March.

The report documents the issues and recommendations presented by young people from the Cities of Bayside, Glen Eira, Kingston, Port Phillip and Stonnington. The report provides feedback on key youth issues such as: substance use; homelessness; education, employment and training; mental health; and youth and the community.

Many thanks to Youth Workers Andrea Rowland, Grant Jennings, Suzanne Brae, Melanie Doherty and Leanne Tilley and to all the young people who participated on the day for their contributions and the compilation of a very comprehensive and informative report.

For copies of the report contact Jodie Belyea on 9524 3321.

## Welcome to Mark



— new staff member @ the Why? Stop

My role with Glen Eira Youth Services will involve client support and case work and the Flying High Circus Program.

My previous position was at Malmsbury Juvenile Justice Centre

where I delivered sport and recreation programs to 17–21 year old youth offenders. While completing my Honours degree (Psychology) at the University of Ballarat, I was a Boarding House-parent offering pastoral care to approximately 55 young men aged 12–21.

I am very excited to become part of this great team and involve myself with a strong network of dedicated professionals. I am available at the Why? Stop Youth Information Centre Monday to Thursday 9–6am and Fridays 12–5pm and can be contacted on 9572 5389. I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

**Mark Bekerman**  
Youth Worker

## LIBRARY News

### Libraries celebrate Senior Citizen Week 2001

Glen Eira Library and Information Service is pleased to be a part Senior Citizens' Week 2001 and invites all residents to join in these special events and explore their local libraries.

**Free reservations of library materials to all Seniors' Cardholders**  
16 March to 1 April.

**Unravel the mystery of the internet**  
Monday 19 March 10.30–11.30am

What does the Net mean? How can you use the Internet? What is email? Join our friendly staff in a relaxed setting to learn all this and more. Morning tea will follow the session.

Caulfield Cup Room, 1st Floor, Town Hall, corner Hawthorn and Glen Eira Roads, Caulfield. Free of charge. Bookings essential. Contact: Caulfield Library 9532 9466

**Tunes and tea**  
Tuesday 20 March at 10.30am

Musical melodies to get your foot tapping accompanied by a delicious morning tea.

Bentleigh Library, 161 Jasper Rd, Bentleigh. Free of charge. Bookings essential. Contact: Bentleigh Library 9557 8287.

**The Grandma and Grandpa Show**  
Thursday 22 March at 11.00am

A show of vibrant songs and comical banter for Grandparents and parents to enjoy with their grandchildren, children or other young friends.

Caulfield Library, corner Hawthorn and Glen Eira Roads, Caulfield. Free of charge. No bookings required.

**April School Holiday Fun**  
Monday 9 to Thursday 12 April

Go a little mad these school holidays with fun activities from the Glen Eira Library and Information Service and the Glen Eira Arts Complex. Try your hand at working with clay, puppet creation, chocolate making or cartooning. Something to suit all ages and interests.

Limited places so book early! For more details pick up a brochure from Caulfield, Bentleigh, Elsternwick or Carnegie Libraries or call 9532 9833 or 9524 3402 during business hours. Tickets available from Caulfield Library.



# Recreation News

## Watch this space!

*It's not every day you get to see a park created, or in this case re-created!*

Packer Park is about to undergo a significant makeover following the development of a park master plan. Local residents have made a significant contribution in the creation of the master plan, which will now be implemented.

The first stage of the park redevelopment will begin with earth works to create the much awaited frog hollow. This small wetlands will be representative of the wetlands which were originally part of the Carnegie/Murru-beena area.

Pathways and boardwalks will then be installed to form the basis of an accessible walking trail network through and around the park.

Much of the Stage 1 work will be centered on the eastern end of the park where the majority of the civil works will be undertaken. This area will be a hive of activity with the redevelopment works at the pavilion already in full swing.

Once these works are complete, more than 20,000 indigenous plants will be planted— residents will be invited to take part in this program through a community tree planting day (details coming).

An important aspect of the master plan is the creation of a playground with play opportunities for different ages and for all abilities, which will be built close to the new barbecue and picnic facilities. The first stage of this new playground will be completed in this current work program.

Packer Park began in the 1940s when Council purchased properties to create the park. In 1947 a sketch plan of local land showed the proposed park layout complete with provision for a cycling track and cricket ground. The park was officially opened in 1952.

Sports club provisions at the park were somewhat primitive compared to today's standards with "two temporary dressing sheds erected and two sanitary conveniences provided". Over the years many sports clubs have been associated with the reserve— even a pony club— and the park has evolved as playground



*Make sure you watch this space to see the transformation of Packer Park!*

and picnic facilities were added.

The transformation of Packer Park is an exciting project and part of Council's ongoing commitment to upgrade parks in line with the Open Space Strategy. The result will be exceptional— a park of which current and future generations can be proud. It is a great example of good planning and community involvement— a partnership which has rejuvenated an important community asset.

## Let's Celebrate!



There are plenty of reasons to celebrate in Glen Eira— and plenty of places to do it as the recent *Let's Celebrate* brochure and web site for facility hire will confirm. Both provide all the necessary information to book your special event— the brochure provides information about the venues and the web site gives a more

detailed guide accessible 24 hours a day.

Both cover all social rooms; community facilities, such as rotundas, and the Caulfield Park Conservatory and sports facilities like the community tennis courts or the Duncan Mackinnon Athletics Facility.

Many people are enjoying the benefits of booking one of Council's venues for a special event— as well as being easy to book, these venues are an economical alternative to having large crowds at home. Council's facilities are clean, comfortable and competitively priced. Venues can be inspected prior to your special event or you can check out the web site for a preview via internal and external photos, floor plans, and sample table seating arrangements.

From functions of 200 people to workshop groups of 10— Glen Eira has a venue for you. Call the facilities booking officer on 9524 3253 for a free brochure or simply click on the website [www.gleneira.vic.gov.au/facilityhire](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au/facilityhire)

## In brief

### Need to raise some funds?

Fundraising— one of those jobs no-one wants to do but which is absolutely necessary. Help may be at hand to make raising funds easier for clubs. The Australian Sports Foundation Limited was established in 1986 by the Federal Government to help community organisations raise funds for sport by offering tax deductibility for donations as an incentive. Some fees are involved but it is definitely worth a look for those clubs with a specific project in mind. Contact Recreation Services on 9524 3470 or [recservices@gleneira.vic.gov.au](mailto:recservices@gleneira.vic.gov.au)

### Off to the "world's"

Congratulations go to Sue McSolvin, Michelle Lincoln and Meridith Carre from the Caulfield Lacrosse Club on being selected for the Australian Women's Lacrosse Team. The Australian Team will fight it out for the world cup to be held in England in July. Sue McSolvin will be representing Australia for the third time.

### Relay for Life

The Anti-Cancer Council invite you to enter a team in Relay for Life— 24

hours of fun, the challenge of completing a relay-style walk or run, and the satisfaction of raising funds for cancer research.

The relay will be held at the Duncan Mackinnon Athletics Facility from noon on 24 March until noon 25 March. People of all ages and levels of fitness



welcome. Includes: survivor's walk, candlelight ceremony, entertainment, camping overnight, free breakfast, spot prizes, and free massage. Contact: 1300 65 65 85.

### Veterans are champions

The Victorian Championship Veterans Meet will be held at the Duncan Mackinnon Athletics Facility, 30 March–1 April, 10am–5pm.



This annual event is full of great athletic action— competitors, including world and Australian standard athletes, range from 30 to 90 years old and compete in the full range of athletics events. The event will bring people from all over Victoria and even interstate. Spectators welcome.

### Recognition for our sport volunteers

Volunteers are an important part of any sports club. Council values and recognises their contribution through its Community Services Recognition Scheme during National Volunteers week in May. Nominations can be made on the appropriate form by Monday 2 April, 5pm. Contact: Customer Service Centre on 9524 3333.

### Pool season finishes

The Caulfield and East Bentleigh Swim Centres will close for the Summer Season on 31 March. This has been a great season for swimmers with higher than average attendance figures. Both pools will reopen on 1 November this year.