

New community centre underway for Carnegie

Preliminary work on a new multi-purpose community centre at Carnegie is set to begin, following the announcement of a State Government grant towards the design of the facility.

Deputy Premier and Minister for Planning, the Hon John Thwaites visited Carnegie last month to announce a \$30,000 Urban Improvement Grant which will be matched by Council.

The announcement was attended by local community and civic leaders including Mayor Cr Noel Erlich, Member for Oakleigh Ann Barker MLA, Member for Caulfield Helen Sharkey MLA, Carnegie Traders Association Chairperson Gerald Galatis, Carnegie Shopping Centre co-ordinator Patti Perkins and Cr Veronika Martens.

Centre to consolidate community services

The new community centre will consolidate a range of separately located community facilities and services and may include some of the following: library, youth services, playgroup, children's services, senior citizens', public health services and neighbourhood programs. It may also provide a community meeting space, business incubator, public open space and car parking.

The funding will go towards the external design of the centre and its immediate surrounds. This will involve the conversion of a section of the Jersey Parade roadway into a landscaped pedestrian space, linking the facility with the shopping centre and surrounding parking, transport and residential uses.

The initiative is part of Council's Urban Village Structure Plan which is designed to strengthen and re-invigorate Glen Eira's three major shopping centres, Carnegie, Elsternwick and Bentleigh.

Incentive for local community and economic use

The design will strengthen the urban village concept in Carnegie, creating an exciting, accessible and sustainable precinct that will act as a major incentive for community usage and a catalyst for economic expansion in the area.

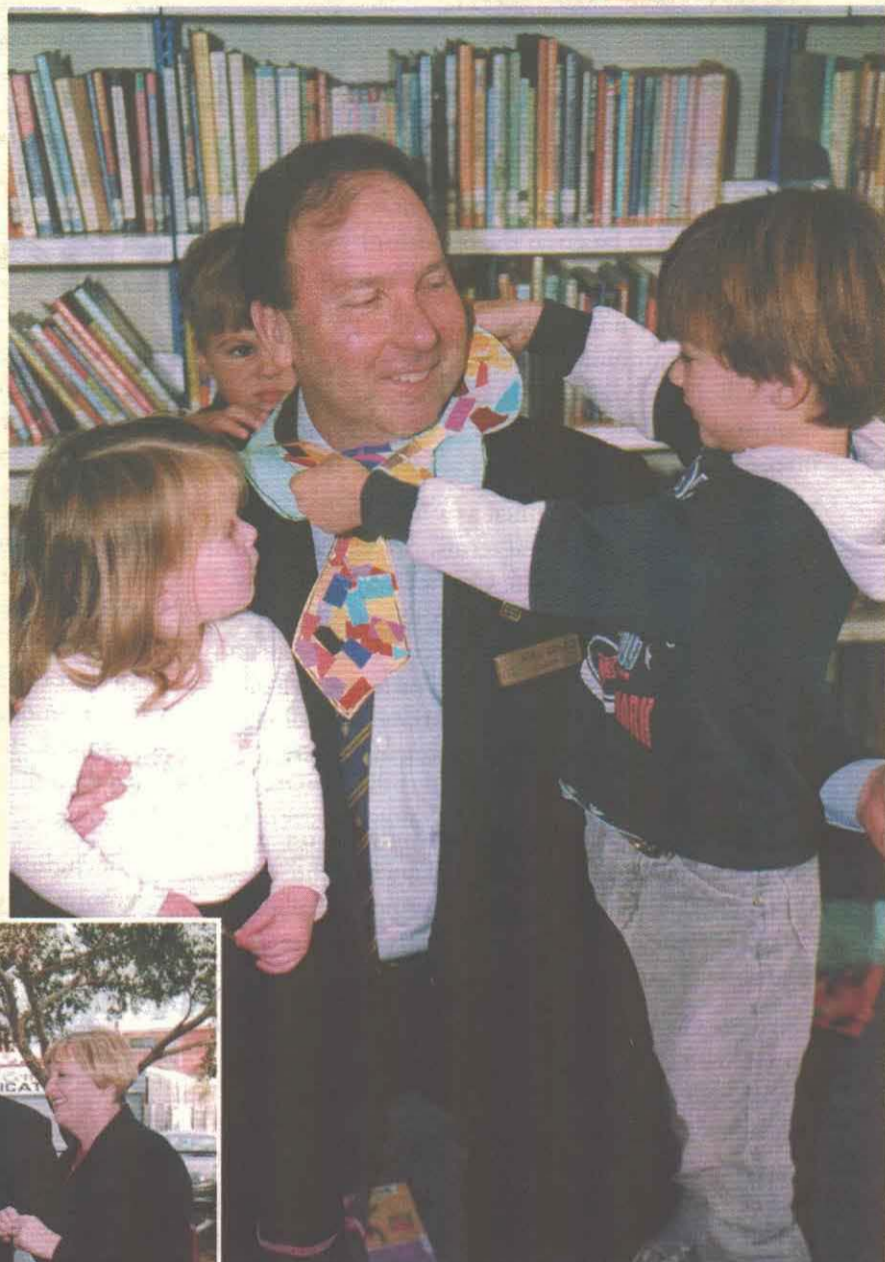
Mayor Cr Noel Erlich said Council's initiative to develop a one stop shop for

community services in Carnegie had been developed over a long period of time.

"Keeping our major centres alive and vibrant has been a key policy of Council for quite some time. With the significant competition from Chadstone and Southland, it has been a daunting challenge," Cr Erlich said.

"However, as I look at this City's major centres today, I believe we have succeeded and that the tide is now turning. I see centres that are not only holding their own, but are flourishing. I see members of our local communities renewing their bonds with their local shopping centres.

"Establishing a civic one-stop-shop here in Carnegie will assist in keeping this centre alive and will go a long way to re-establishing a real sense of community. It will also make it so much easier for our residents who use our services."



Mayor Cr Noel Erlich dons ties made by Tom Brooks (back left) and Josian Domingue (right) in "Storytime" at the existing Carnegie Library while Isabelle Barnett looks on.

Photos: Bernie Bickerton



From left: Cr Veronika Martens, Minister for Planning John Thwaites, Mayor Cr Noel Erlich and Oakleigh MLA Ann Barker discuss the new multi-purpose Community Centre planned for Carnegie.

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MAYOR'S column



One of the highlights of my life has been the privilege bestowed on me by the community in electing me as a Council representative, but another highlight occurred last month when my peers elected me as Mayor of our City for the next 12 months.

I have lived all but the first 6 months of my life in what is now the City of Glen Eira and to be given the opportunity to lead the community in which I live is a great honour.

In accepting the nomination to become the Mayor I said: "The community benefits most when Councillors and staff work hand-in-hand. That teamwork is firmly established in Glen Eira and I intend to nourish it".

I also described your Council as a "can do" Council, where, "average rates in real terms...are still lower than they were when I joined the Council way back in 1992". And I have to say that over the next few years, rates and the level of grants we receive from State and Federal Governments will become issues we will all need to tackle if our City is to continue providing a modern civic infrastructure to match our lifestyle expectations.

This newspaper has published many articles on Council's views on state planning laws and the Victorian Civil and Administrative Appeals Tribunal (VCAT)—these are extremely important issues for the future of our City.

The State Government's publication of *ResCode 2000*, a new Town Planning framework, is imminent. Your Council has had a significant effect on shaping *ResCode*. We do not expect to win all the points we

have been pushing, but, the Government is indicating it is listening, which is a bit of a novelty for Council! I am grateful to Minister for Planning, John Thwaites, for meeting with Council, listening to our arguments and responding positively. I'm hopeful this will be the first step in what I would like to be a positive partnership with the State Government.

Readers will also be aware of the many times Council has refused to sanction inappropriate developments only to have these decisions overturned by VCAT. The battle to right this wrong is far from over and will continue until such time as VCAT becomes responsive to our community's needs. As a first step VCAT should leave its sanctuary and travel out to places like Glen Eira to learn first hand of the community's concerns. We asked VCAT to meet with us—it refused!

The year is already proving to be a challenging one. Government is reviewing the grants formula for local

Councils and the early indications are that Glen Eira may lose out by hundreds of thousands of dollars—a penalty for being too effective and efficient. I'll be keeping you informed of developments and may need to call on you to help ensure Glen Eira is not penalised.

I would like to publicly thank my Councillor colleagues for giving me this opportunity to be your Mayor. Even after having served as a Councillor for a number of years now, I never cease to be amazed at the volume and variety of issues handled by Councillors. It's a part time job with a full time commitment.

Over the coming year, I will use this column to keep you up to date with issues effecting the City and look forward to meeting as many of you as I can.

— Cr Noel Erlich
Mayor

Anzac turn out despite the rain

The driving rain, the wind and the cold didn't stop our Diggers from holding the annual Anzac Day service at the Cenotaph in Caulfield Park on Sunday 22 April.

As the rain teemed down serving soldiers mounted guard on the Cenotaph and members of the Caulfield RSL marched purposefully in to start the service. Despite the wind at times lifting the marquee from the ground, the service went ahead as usual with more than 100 people attending.

In concluding what was a moving ceremony, Mayor Cr Noel Erlich reminded those present of the final sentence of the Anzac Requeim: "May these all rest proudly in the knowledge of their achievement, and

may we and our successors in that heritage prove worthy of their sacrifice." Photo: Bernie Bickerton.



Next Council meetings

Monday 21 May and Tuesday 12 June

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.

Deadlines for Glen Eira News

Deadline for the next issue of the Glen Eira News will be **Monday 14 May** for delivery 5-7 June, 2001.

Coming deadlines:

Tuesday 12 June. Delivery: 3-5 July.
Monday 9 July. Delivery: 7-9 August.

For advertising contact Margaret on 9524 3224.

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Community plans Park's future

More than 100 local residents attended a community forum at the Glen Eira Auditorium last month to provide input into the development of a master plan for Princes Park in Caulfield South (Melway Ref: 68 B6).

The forum was conducted by Glen Eira City Council and John Patrick Pty Ltd Landscape Architects, appointed by Council to develop the Master Plan, in consultation with the public.

The firm has prepared several previous park master plans for Council, including Caulfield Park, Harleston Park and Hopetoun Gardens. They have also undertaken park master plans for the Fitzroy Gardens, Carlton Gardens and the Domain Gardens in the City of Melbourne.

Glen Eira City Council is in the process of developing master plans for all parks and reserves across the City.

Princes Park Community Liaison Group Chairman Cr Alan Grossbard said the landscape master plan would be a review of the past, a study of the present and a blue print for the future of Princes Park as a whole.

He said this would be undertaken through historical research, site and context surveys, community and stakeholder group consultation and a detailed analysis of the park's components.

"The product of these processes will be a list of recommendations addressing both problems and opportunities, with suggestions on how Princes Park can better meet the needs of residents, patrons, neighbours and the community, while preserving the character and integrity of the present park," he said.

During the forum, lively discussion took place about people's likes and dislikes of Princes Park and what opportunities existed for improvement.

Some of the positive aspects of the park identified were the open space for passive recreation, the balance between off-leash and on-leash areas for dogs and the number of trees. Dislikes included the proposed multi-purpose sports facility, the fences, the existing buildings, the lack of bins, insufficient parking and traffic problems.

Opportunities for the park included a perimeter walking track, more trees for amenity and shade, more seats, safe children's crossings, better lighting, consolidating the tennis courts and upgrading the playground.

When completed, the draft master plan will be displayed publicly for community information and comment. Additional input received at this time will be incorporated into a revised plan that will be presented to Council for review. Further modifications will occur if needed. At the conclusion of this stage, the final Master Plan will be prepared and presented to Council for endorsement.

Written submissions to the Princes Park Master Plan should be addressed to Greg Mather, Contracts Manager, Parks and Leisure, Glen Eira City Council, PO Box 42, Caulfield South 3162. Fax: 9524 3424. Email: gmather@gleneira.vic.gov.au

Making North Road safer

Glen Eira City Council, VicRoads and the Victoria Police have joined forces to improve pedestrian safety along the North Road Ormond Shopping Centre.

The busy shopping strip is the focus of a pilot project called Safer Routes to Shops, which is being funded by a \$15,000 grant provided through the statewide Saferoads Strategy.

A cleaner, safer place to shop

The project will examine ways of improving both pedestrian and road safety perceptions of the shopping centre, in order to make it a cleaner, safer and more appealing place to shop.

The draft Glen Eira Road Safety Strategy released in December last year, identified the high number of crashes involving pedestrians within strip shopping centres and while crossing busy arterial roads as one of the major road safety issues facing the City.

The strategy found that someone was seriously injured or killed on Glen Eira's roads every three days.

North Road—highest pedestrian accident rate in Glen Eira

Mayor Cr Noel Erlich said the number of pedestrian accidents which occurred along the North Road Shopping Centre was among the highest in Glen Eira.

"The North Road pilot project demonstrates our collective commitment to implement the actions of the strategy and support the local shopping centres," Cr Erlich said.



VicRoads Road Safety Co-ordinator Pierre Castelino and Mayor Cr Noel Erlich get some first hand experience of safety issues in North Road Ormond. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

"Community input is a key aspect of this project and we will be seeking comment from local traders, residents, commuters and schools on pedestrian safety concerns in the area.

"It is important for the success of the project that we hear from local people who use the North Road shopping centre about the issues that need to be targeted. Our actions will be driven by their needs."

Questionnaire to determine action

In late April and early May, Ormond residents, traders and schools will receive questionnaires about safety issues in the North Road shopping strip. Consultant traffic engineers will then examine the responses, complete a road safety audit and recommend appropriate actions to be taken.

Register your pets now



Be a responsible pet owner—register your pet now!

Council officers will begin door-knocking pet owner's homes in June to check that their cats and dogs are properly registered.

Annual registration fees were due on 10 April, however approximately 25 per cent of total registrations remain unpaid. All pet owners who failed to register their animals by the deadline will be sent reminder notices during May.

Council Civic Amenity Manager Carl Russo said if registrations had still not been paid by 1 June 2001, officers would start door-knocking homes.

He said owners would be given 72 hours' notice to pay the registration fee or receive a \$200 on-the-spot fine. If the owners are not at home, but their pets are at the property and unregistered, a penalty notice will be posted to them.

"All registered pets receive an identification tag which the animal must wear whenever it is outside the owner's property," Mr Russo said. "This enables us to reunite pets with their owners, if ever they stray from home."

Registration fees are heavily discounted for pensioners and for animals which are sterilised, microchipped or over 10 years old. There are also a number of other categories that attract reduced fees. Pet owners with registration enquiries should call the Service Centre on 9524 3333.



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International Year of Volunteers

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Año Internacional de los Voluntarios

международный год добровольцев

Become a volunteer— your community could use your help!

This month, we celebrate the diversity of volunteering— some more familiar volunteer tasks and some less recognised.

Volunteers contribute their skills, time and human experience across a diversity of community services. They provide practical and emotional assistance to support people of all ages through difficult times, they care for children who are disadvantaged, ill or at risk, they help protect the environment and preserve our history and heritage, they support recently arrived migrants and refugees while they learn English and establish community links—the opportunities to help are limitless.

Volunteers give their time because they believe that what they do will make a difference. To discover how you can make a difference in your community, contact co-ordinator of the Glen Eira Volunteer Resource Project Anita Mummé, on 9524 3303.

Making a difference

Wings of Care— Kanfei Chesed is a Jewish organisation which cares for the Jewish mentally ill and supports their families. Trained volunteers visit mentally ill patients in hospital or hostels and then in their homes. Co-ordinator Lorraine, says: "Very often we are able to provide a comprehensive resource list for the family and the patient for further care and rehabilitation."

Volunteers with *Wings of Care* receive professional training and support and participate in a monthly professional development program. Contact: Lorraine on 9527 4866.

Bentleigh Bayside Community Health Service provides a range of treatment services to health care card holders as well as a large number of group programs and health education sessions to the whole community.

Volunteers are vital to this service— assisting in day centres and social groups, hydrotherapy, clerical and computer tasks, child minding for parents during appointments, bus driving and jockeying and with a local school literacy program. Two hundred and fifty

volunteers give two to eight hours of their time per week to help the centre. Training is provided. Contact: Kia or Kathy on 9575 5312.

Social Support and Monitoring Service has provided one-to-one practical assistance to frail aged people and people with disabilities in the Glen Eira community for almost 20 years. Volunteers make a difference to what might otherwise be a lonely lifestyle, by providing assistance with shopping, transport to local appointments and companionship. It only takes a couple of hours each week, fortnight, or even occasionally. Contact: the Co-ordinator on 9524 3314.

The Rehabilitation and Extended Care Kiosk at Caulfield General Medical Centre operates seven days per week, 9.30am–3.30 pm, to provide hot snacks, sandwiches, cakes, and beverages for patients, visitors and staff. The kiosk provides a welcome break for all clients and is run by volunteers. Contact: Rema on 9276 6211.

Developing skills in a friendly environment

Glen Eira Adult Learning Centre provides educational opportunities to develop skills in a friendly supportive environment and focuses on offering low cost tuition in ESL (English as a Second Language), literacy and computer skills.

The Centre relies on volunteers who work tirelessly and selflessly— whether on the committee of management, producing newsletters or in office administration.

Volunteer tutors work with students on a one-to-one basis in the community to provide ESL or literacy support. Sessions are two-sided— tutors learn about other people and cultures as a bonus! The Outreach program trains volunteers from the community and matches them with students needing ESL or literacy support.

For information on training programs contact Helen or Lee at the Centre on 9532 8319.

The diverse world of volunteering

Monday 14 to Sunday 20 May is National Volunteers Week.

To honour the work of local volunteers, Glen Eira City Council holds an annual ceremony during National Volunteers Week, on Tuesday 15 May in the Council Auditorium.

Non-profit community based groups nominate people who volunteer their services. This year, Council received nominations from 45 different organisations ranging from arts and culture, community support groups, family and community services, to sporting clubs, senior citizens and youth groups. Listed below are the organisations that have nominated volunteers this year.

Arts and culture

Friends of Labassa
Glen Eira Historical Society
Moorabbin Historical Society
Jewish Cultural Centre & National Library
Jewish Holocaust Centre

Community support

Adult Day Activity Support Service
Bethlehem Hospital
Carnegie Lions
Caulfield Lions
Caulfield Rotary Club
Community Information Glen Eira
Diabetes Support Association
Do Care

Jewish Care
Kosher Meals on Wheels
Glen Eira Adult Learning Centre
Glen Eira Food Services
Moorabbin Hospital Ladies Auxillary
MS Society
National Council of Jewish Women
Neighbourhood Watch

Family and community services

Bentleigh Progressive Synagogue
Brady Road Kindergarten
Interchange Southern
Nursing Mothers Assoc of Aust—
Caulfield

Nursing Mothers Assoc of
Aust— Bentleigh /
Moorabbin
Uniting Care Connections

Sporting clubs

Ajax Maccabi Athletics Club
Carnegie/Caulfield Cycling Club
Caulfield Cricket Club
Caulfield Little Athletics Club
Caulfield Over 50s Dance Group
Lauriston Lawn Tennis Club
Machol Israeli Dance Group
Glen Huntly Athletics Club
Glen Huntly Bridge Club
West Bentleigh Cricket Club

Senior citizens' clubs

Carnegie/Murrumbidgee Greek Senior CC
Italian SC Recreation Group
Open House for Seniors
Ormond SCC
University of the Third Age— Glen Eira
University of the Third Age— Moorabbin

Youth

Anglicare Southbridge
Guides Victoria
Scouts Association



Long-serving Bethlehem Hospital Volunteer Nora Ryan (right) helps out a patient at lunchtime.

15 years of patient support

Visit Caulfield's Bethlehem Hospital any Tuesday and you are bound to come across one of its longest-serving volunteers, Nora Ryan.

The sprightly 85-year old great-grandmother has been volunteering at the hospital for more than 15 years, ever since its volunteer program began. Her many years of dedicated service has resulted in her being acknowledged in the Glen Eira City Council Community Service Recognition Scheme this year.

Every Tuesday morning, Mrs Ryan catches a tram and a bus from her Carnegie home to spend four hours at the hospital helping patients and staff.

She will sit and talk with patients until their relatives or friends come to visit, get them a drink or help to feed them lunch. Other times she folds bed linen and helps out with some administrative tasks such as ruling up the day book.

"When I started here, there were no guidelines for what volunteers had to do, so I had to make jobs for myself," she said.

"Nowadays some of the volunteers massage people's feet and will go around and do their nails— the patients just love it."

Mrs Ryan said she had a relative in the hospital at the time when the volunteer service was originally being developed. She said when the Sister told her about the scheme, she immediately decided to become involved.

"I think I would have liked to have been a nurse," she said. "I have three nieces who all were nursing sisters. I love hospital stories, I love hospital pictures and I love watching All Saints and RPA on television."

"I like coming down here every week. I feel I can give back something for what I've got in life. I don't want to give it up. I figure someone might have to do the same for me one day."

House numbers can save lives



Acting team manager Catherine Hiney indicates a good example of house numbering.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Poorly lit or missing house numbers can cause unnecessary delays for ambulance, emergency and police officers searching for a particular address in response to an incident—especially at night.

Acting team manager with the Metropolitan Ambulance Service Catherine Hiney said house numbers that can be seen clearly at night are essential for officers to attend quickly to call outs.

"We understand how stressful it can be when an ambulance is required. We want people to recognise the importance of identifiable house numbers on walls, fences or letter boxes, so that we can attend to emergencies with minimum delay," she said.

Proposed naming of Murrumbeena Linear Park

"Mallanbool Reserve"

Last year Council invited suggestions from the public to name the linear park opposite Duncan MacKinnon Reserve in Murrumbeena, at the corner of Leila and Murrumbeena Roads (Melways map 68 K8), which used to be part of the former Murrumbeena Secondary College site.

From the responses received, Council has chosen as its preferred option the name "Mallanbool Reserve"—an Aboriginal word meaning "pool of reeds" in the Wurundjeri people's language.

Council invites written comments on the proposed name before making a final decision. Written replies will be received until close of business **Friday, 8 June 2001**. Address submissions to: Chief Executive Officer, Glen Eira City Council, PO Box 42, Caulfield South Vic 3162. Quote ref: 65/030/00158

Council is required to submit the chosen name to the Registrar of Geographic Place Names.

Contact: 9524 3202

"Contrasting colours, larger numbers and reflective material are the best options. And people are encouraged to think about minimising confusion—if for example their house number is located on one street, but the entrance is on another."

Council strongly supports the proper identification of properties, both business and residential, and the display of clearly visible numbers. A Local Law has been introduced which requires residents and traders to prominently display property numbers or face a fine for non-compliance.

Residents are required to maintain and display the property number on the property or a fixture associated with the property so that it can be readily seen and is clearly identifiable from the road or footpath adjacent to the property.

Properties which do not display adequate house numbering may be served a notice and further non-compliance may incur a \$50 fine.

4-year-old Kindergarten

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Council operates a central enrolment system for community-based kindergartens within the City of Glen Eira.

For children who will be attending 4-year-old kindergarten in 2003, applications can be lodged from 1 May 2001. Children whose birthdays fall between 1/5/98 and 30/4/99 are eligible to attend kindergarten in 2003.

For children who will be attending 4-year-old kindergarten in 2002, applications are still being accepted and processed.

Enrolment forms are available from community-based kindergartens and Council's Service Centre. For a form contact: 9524 3333.

For 3-year-old kindergarten enrol directly at the kindergarten of your choice.

\$10,000 boost for Food Safety Awards

Council has been awarded \$10,000 in funding from Food Safety Victoria to further develop Council's Food Safety Awards Program.

Food Safety Victoria offered five \$10,000 grants to Victorian Local Government Authorities for the best food safety projects or programs.

Chosen for innovative food safety incentive scheme

Council was chosen on the basis of its innovative food safety incentive scheme that rewards local food businesses for maintaining excellent food safety practices and procedures.

Local food businesses receive incentives including reduction in registration fees, free publicity and awards for maintaining good hygiene practices. Thus good food safety performance is rewarded and poor performance attracts sanctions in accordance with the Victorian Food Act.

Grant will fund new food safety standards

Funding will be spent on incorporating new food safety standards recently introduced by the Australia New Zealand Food Authority into Council's existing food safety inspection criteria and food safety incentive scheme.

This will ensure Council continues to set best practice in the area of food safety enforcement and education.

Community Grants 2001/2002

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Local, non-profit community organisations and groups are invited to apply for funds through Council's Community Grants program.

An information package with application forms is available from Council's Service Centre or by contacting 9524 3333.

Information is also available on Council's web site at www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

Closing date for applications: 29 June at 5pm. Late applications will not be considered.

Food for toddlers

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You are invited to an informal talk with Dietitian Ingrid Phyland of Caulfield Community Care Centre.

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

When: Monday 21 May 1.30pm–3pm

Cost: \$3 Donation

Contact: 9524 3403

ARTS *Arts*

The Very Best Songs of Al Jolson

Sunday 27 May at 2.30pm

A musical tribute to the legend of Al Jolson by Sonny Buoy (aka Issi Dye).

Well-known performer Issi Dye presents an afternoon of song and dance in minstrel black face effect, celebrating the wonder of Al Jolson.

Performing more than 30 hit songs from this legendary entertainer including *Swanee*, *Mammy*, *April Showers*, *You Made Me Love You*, *By the Light of the Silvery Moon*, *Red Red Robin* among many other all time classics.

Al Jolson was instrumental when music moved from vaudeville to theatre/stage productions. His music was so popular that he was one of the first



entertainers to sell a million records. Al Jolson was known to have influenced such greats as Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and Bing Crosby.

In many ways Issi Dye experienced a similar upbringing to the legendary entertainer. Both were sons of cantors—and both began singing in synagogue choirs

before moving to popular entertainment.

This affinity to Jolson and Issi's love of his songs, drew Issi to create this tribute event which he has performed in more than 300 shows and toured nationally to rave reviews.

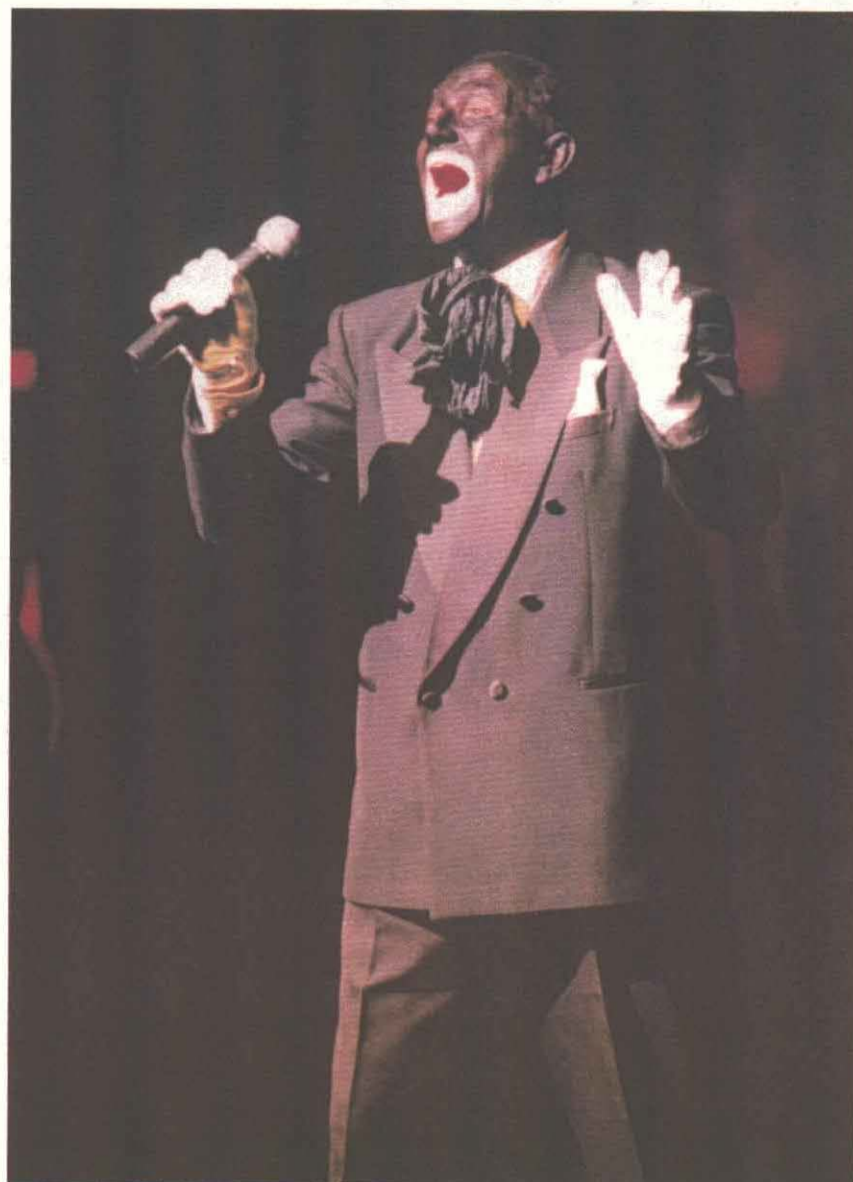
"I want to take the audience back to an era long gone and enjoy a day of nostalgia and sing along and to really connect with the show. It's important to me that the audience participates and becomes involved in the show creating a really fantastic atmosphere."

Be part of this tribute to one of the most popular entertainers of all time.

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

Cost: \$12/10 (incl. GST) on sale at Council's
Service Centre.

Credit card bookings: 9524 3371



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.

Julie Goodwin with Konrad Winkler

9 to 20 May

Julie Goodwin has long painted images dealing with aspects of her life, her family and her domestic environs.

After experiencing a period of depression, Goodwin decided to create a body of work which not only seeks to address how she felt during this period, but to create works that examine depression itself. A very intimate approach to her art exposes the conflicting roles of mother, artist, housewife and partner.

Her charcoal drawings are like a diary of self-portraits and the paintings of suburban rooms form the internal spaces that occupy her mind. Images of Goodwin by photographer and friend Konrad Winkler powerfully reinforce Goodwin's drawings and paintings. The exhibition will include paintings, drawings and photography.



Paintings by Arnold Mezdreis

9 to 20 May

Opens: 8 May at 6pm

Arnold Mezdreis paints in a great variety of styles—from surrealist to traditional to abstract art in a range of genres. Each style of work that Arnold undertakes is given equal importance and intensity. The paintings usually grow directly out of a spontaneous approach to colour and take form through his imagination. A self-taught artist and former architect, Mezdreis approaches his work with great enthusiasm and passion.

Patchworkers and Quilters' Guild of Victoria

20 to 27 May

Opens: 19 May at 6pm

The Guild was formed in 1978 when



a group of women, who had taken a patchwork course, wished to extend their passion for the craft and continue the friendships they had begun.

The craft of patchwork was born of necessity in days when fabric scraps retrieved from old garments and blankets were stitched together to form a quilt top. Another layer of fabric was used as the backing, and the filling for warmth, was often recycled from old woollen garments, blankets or raw wool and cotton. All three layers were stitched together to provide much needed bed coverings. Today's Quilters use their techniques to decorate pieces, often commemorating a special moment or exchanging them as gifts. The design and hand-crafting of wall hangings using this method, producing colourful and textured works of art, makes them exciting pieces to see.

Selected highlights from the City of Glen Eira Permanent Art Collection will also be on display. Come in and see the newest addition to the collection—photographs by Ponch Hawkes titled *Generations*. These works explore relationships between mother and daughter.



Free Lunchtime Concert Series

Featuring Mark and Elena Mogilevsky

Friday, 18 May

Monash University and the Glen Eira City Council proudly present a Free Lunchtime Concert at the Glen Eira Auditorium on Friday May 18 at 1.10pm.

This concert features the remarkable talents of Mark and Elena Mogilevsky, who this year celebrate 25 years of performing together. Mark Mogilevsky (Violin) is associate concert master of the Melbourne Symphony, and Elena (Piano) is in demand throughout Melbourne for her skills as an accompanist and piano lecturer.

Mark and Elena perform one of Beethoven's most popular works from the violin/piano repertoire, the *Spring Sonata*, Op 24. Also on the program is Shostakovich's *10 Preludes*, and Paganini's *La Campanella*. This concert is guaranteed to be a true show of musicianship and virtuosity! Don't miss out! For further information telephone 9903 1000.

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

Time: 1.10pm to 2pm.

Movie giveaway



The Glen Eira Arts Complex in conjunction with Newvision Films is giving 30 readers a chance to win a double pass to *What's Cooking?*

Once in a while a film comes along that has something to which all members of the family can relate to. *What's Cooking?* is such a movie, celebrating a smorgasbord of cultures and that holiday occasion we can love or hate—the family get together!

Directed by Gurinder Chadha and led by a stellar cast

including **Joan Chen** (*The Last Emperor*), **Alfred Woodard** (*How to Make an American Quilt*), **Kyra Sedgwick** (*Phenomenon*), **Julianna Margulies** (*ER*), **Lainie Kazan** (*Beaches*), Mercedes Ruehl (*Married to the Mob*) and the hilarious **Estelle Harris** (known to audiences the world-over as George's mother in *Seinfeld*), *What's Cooking?* is sure to strike an affectionate chord amongst anyone who has gathered together for a family feast.

Featuring **mouth-watering food sequences**, this charming tale interweaves four different households—African-American, Jewish, Latino and Vietnamese—as they make their preparations for the traditional American Thanksgiving Feast.

Season commences 17 May at Kino, Como and Brighton Bay Cinemas.

For a chance to win a double pass simply email your name, address and telephone number to: rverde@gleneira.vic.gov.au. The first 30 emails received will win the double passes.

Glen Eira Literary Awards

The winners of the 2001 Glen Eira Literary Awards will be announced at a presentation in the Auditorium on the new date of **Thursday, 24 May** (not the previously published Wednesday 16 May) at 6.30pm.

The Awards will begin with the presentation of the Children's and Youth Categories, followed by the Eastend Booksellers Local Short Story Award, and Short Script/Play Award. The major award, Caulfield RSL *My Brother Jack* Short Story Award, will be presented at 8.30pm.

The evening will include an appearance by best-selling children's/youth author John Marsden as special guest speaker. Judges Arnold Zable, Stephanie Holt, Peter George, Agnes Nieuwenhuizen, Michael Farrell and Joy Dettman will also be present.

A real highlight is the readings of the winning stories and poems by professional actors including Alan Hopgood.

Date: Thursday, 24 May
Time: From 6.30pm
Venue: Auditorium, Glen Eira Town Hall
Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield
Cost: \$10 Full price \$7 Concession
\$25 (Family of four)

Light refreshments will also be provided

Bookings and further information are available from Rosanna Verde on (03) 9524 3287 or by email: rverde@gleneira.vic.gov.au

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or email: rverde@gleneira.vic.gov.au
www.gleneiraarts.citysearch.com.au

Volunteers help at taxing time

Income tax assistance for low income earners

Are you good with numbers and looking for a chance to do something positive for members of your community? Why not volunteer to be involved in the Tax Help Program?

The Tax Help program, sponsored by the ATO, provides free assistance with preparing tax returns for people on low incomes including seniors, first time lodgers, people from non-English speaking backgrounds, Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders, and people with a disability.

The program has been operating nationally for 12 years and last year 1,500 volunteers were recruited from all sectors of the community, and underwent training to offer assistance to an estimated 50,000 clients.

If you would like to volunteer to help out on Glen Eira's Tax help Program, register for the training



From left: Tax Help volunteer co-ordinator Alf Amery, Judy Angwin, Federal Treasurer Peter Costello and John Coates discuss the Tax Help Program.

Photo supplied.

sessions by contacting Laurel Thompson or Alf Amery at Community Information Glen Eira on 9524 3250. Further information about the program is also available from Fran Kearney on 9275 2487.

Getting ready for winter

Now that the wet weather is beginning, overhanging branches weighed down with rain can pose problems along our pathways and lanes—impeding walkers and obscuring drivers' view.

Council's Local Law officers are appealing to residents to do the right thing and trim back overhanging foliage and branches on their own properties to a level of three metres clear of the

footpath, ie above a pedestrian holding an umbrella, and in line with fences and property boundaries.

Council's Local Law officers advise that property owners, not Council, are responsible for maintaining overhanging bushes and trees on their properties, and notices to remove or trim shrubs will be issued where necessary. Property owners who do not heed notices, may be fined up to \$200.

FREE—green waste collections

Residents who sign up for Council's Green Waste Collection service in May or June will receive the remaining collections in this financial year (up to 30 June 2001) free of charge.

Green Waste Collection Service

Registration Form

I wish to be registered for the new green waste collection service.

I understand there will be an annual charge for the service which is non-refundable.

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Glen Eira City Council
Green Waste Collection
PO Box 42 Caulfield South Vic 3162

Public Forum on

"Glen Eira Community speaks"

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

"Is the Council's Community Consultation process effective?"

DATE & TIME: Tuesday 22 May 8pm

VENUE: Glen Huntly Park function room, cnr Booran & Neerim Rds, Glen Huntly (Melways ref: 68 E4)

CHAIR: Heather Aldred

KEYNOTE: Glen Eira City Council CEO Andrew Newton

SPEAKERS: VLGA Sally Isaacs

COMMUNITY: Elsternwick traders Gary Braun

EXPERIENCE: Princes Park Protest Group Jennifer Williamson

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

No admission fee. Coffee/tea provided

More information: Marlene Campbell 9527 1205

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LIBRARY News

Fun for all at Bentleigh

Come and enjoy the opening of Australian Library Week at the Bentleigh Library on Sunday, 13 May 2-4pm. Sample a glass of wine, listen to some music, select from titles new to the library and talk to staff about the collection. Plus there is plenty of entertainment for children with face painting and a special show by Red the Clown at 3pm.

Another free event from the Glen Eira Library and Information Service.

Edward the Emu

Meet Edward the Emu at our regular storytime session during Australian Library Week 14 to 20 May. Edward has decided it's no longer fun being the only emu at the zoo but what should he become? Come and listen to a tale about Edward and some other Australian favourites.

Introduce your child to the joys of reading at our weekly storytime sessions:

Bentleigh Library Mondays 2 pm
(repeated Thursdays 11am)

Caulfield Library Tuesdays 11am
(repeated Fridays 2pm)

Elsternwick Library Wednesdays 11am

Carnegie Library Wednesdays 2pm
(repeated Fridays 11am)

Interested to learn the internet?

Caulfield Library will offer the following introduction classes to the internet for those who would like to start to use the technology in the library or at home. The class is designed for people with little or no experience and is held in a private room so each person has their own PC. Bookings for the following classes can be made at any branch or by calling 9532 9466. Cost: \$33 (incl.GST).

Tuesday 8 May 7-8.30pm

Wednesday 16 May 11am-12.30pm

Thursday 24 May 11am-12.30pm.

Our top ten

The 10 most popular titles with our borrowers are:

A Painted House John Grisham

Chocolat Joanne Harris

The Blind Assassin Margaret Atwood

Café Scheherazade Arnold Zable

Lone Eagle Danielle Steel

The Bonesetter's Daughter Amy Tan

Death in Holy Orders PD James

Harry Potter Series JK Rowling

Floating Brothel Sian Rees

Soldier Boy: the true story of Jim Martin the youngest ANZAC Anthony Hill (non-fiction)



Doing Business



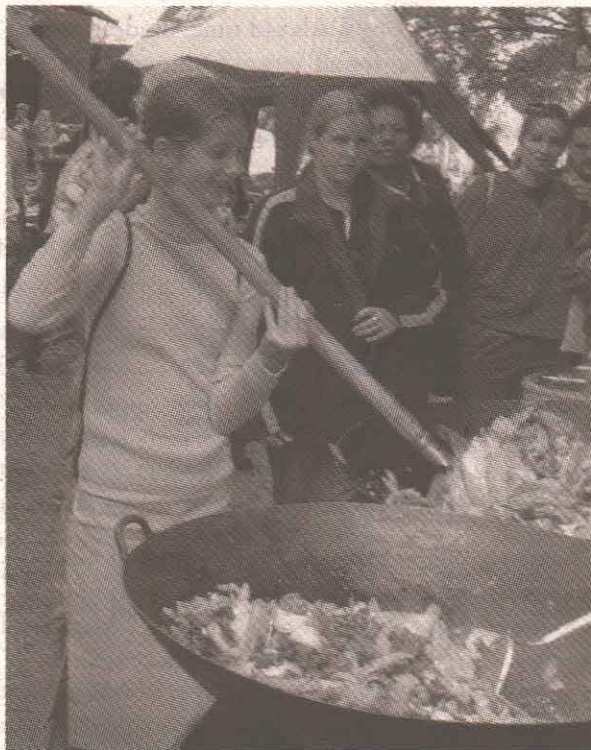
Tasting success

— Elsternwick Food and Wine Festival

The Elsternwick Main Street Committee staged another successful Food and Wine Festival earlier this year, with local restaurants and wine merchants displaying and providing samples of their tasty delicacies.

More than 4000 people took the opportunity to enjoy the sun and taste testing provided by four wineries, CUB and Baileys Irish Cream and a range of music styles performed by several bands during the day. The festival also featured roving clowns, dancers and magicians, face painting, rides and a wine auction conducted by Jack Brukarz of major sponsor Ray White Elsternwick.

Representative of Elsternwick Main Street Committee Alison Doherty described the event as a great success. "This was a relaxed family day out and thoroughly enjoyed by all who came along. We were delighted with the numbers of new faces in the street and we're looking forward to making next year's festival an even better one."



A participant at the festival tries her hand at a giant stir-fry at Anton's Flying Woks stall. Photo supplied.

Important breakfast briefing — don't miss it!!

Human Relations and Employment Relations the big issues of business today

Discover how professional people management can make your business succeed.

If you are in business and employ staff, or are looking at expanding, this informative and educational breakfast briefing is for you.

People management is the vital element of every business—it can be the fine line between highly successful and struggling businesses.

Keynote speakers will be experts in the area of people management and employment relations Mariana Brkich and Dr Gerry Giffin.

Mariana Brkich is the principal of Career Dynamics, a psychological consultancy service based in Melbourne which helps organisations and businesses

improve their people management skills and helps individuals pursue their career goals. Mariana will present case studies giving an overview of human resource/employment relations management.

Dr Gerry Giffin is Professor of Industrial Relations and Director of the National Key Centre in Industrial Relations, a research centre established by the Australian Research Council at Monash University.

Dr Giffin's major areas of research are industrial relations at the workplace level and enterprise bargaining—areas in which he is both an acknowledged expert and a prolific author. He has worked full-time in employment relations in both the public and private sectors. He will address the current and changing environment in employment relations.

The breakfast will be held in the Auditorium at Glen Eira Town Hall on Tuesday May 22 from 7.15 to 9am. Cost: \$25 per person. Contact: Council's Manager Business Development Lynda Bredin on 9534 3384 or email lbredin@gleneira.vic.gov.au

Buylocal Free Business Seminar

— presented by Stockford Solutions Management Enterprise

Glen Eira Town Hall
Tuesday 12 June from 6.30 to 8pm.
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Business briefs

Women's Business

Glen Eira Women's Business Network will hold its inaugural meeting on May 10 at 7pm in the Caulfield Cup Room.

The group aims to help women develop their business skills, network and keep in touch with modern business developments and education.

The program will be designed primarily under the guidance of the group, delivering initiatives which are relevant and practical and will encourage personal growth. Meetings will allow for networking and will encourage a mentoring environment, and link expertise, experience and opportunity.

If you are interested in being a part of Glen Eira Women's Business Network, please call Council's Manager Business Development Lynda Bredin on 9534 3384 or email lbredin@gleneira.vic.gov.au

Murrumbeena Shopping Centre

Council has commenced a revitalisation program in Murrumbeena Shopping Centre to upgrade the streetscape. Working closely with traders, Council has already begun the pavement and street works program, and aims to complete the first stage in Neerim Road and Murrumbeena Road north of the railway line by the end of the financial year.

The second stage on the southern side of the railway line, will commence in the new financial year. The work is being done by GlenWorks using Council staff and sub-contractors.

Council would like to thank traders and shoppers for their patience and understanding of any inconvenience that may occur during this period.

Council's Business Development Unit will work with traders and the local community to help develop a theme for the Murrumbeena shopping precinct. Murrumbeena has a strong link with the artistic Boyd family who lived in the area—choosing a theme that pays homage to the family's local contribution is one option.

Anyone interested in contributing ideas on the theme for the development please contact Lynda Bredin on 9524 3384.

Education Forum

Council's Business Development Unit recently conducted an Education Business Forum to network, consult, and develop an appropriate linkages and working relationship between the education sector, the general business community and Council.

About 40 representatives from all levels of the education sector attended, brainstorming ideas at the morning's workshops, which will set the platform for action.

A working steering committee was formed with representatives from a broad range of schools, institutions and colleges along with representatives from Council, Melbourne Development Board and Business Victoria/ StreetLife. The committee will explore the ideas put forth at the forum and develop a working strategy.

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COMMUNITY *Diary*

Council apologises to any Community Organisations which submitted Diary entries based on the advertised publication dates. Due to late scheduling changes, Glen Eira News is one week later than planned.

Events

National Council of Jewish Women will hold a lecture on Women in Literature with author Marlo Newton at The Annia Castan and Sadie Fink NCJW Community Complex, 133 Hawthorn Road, Caulfield on Tuesday 15 May at 8pm. Cost \$5 incl. refreshments. Contact: 9523 0535 or 9523 0536.

St Johns Elsternwick Cricket Club will hold a centenary dinner at Glen Eira town hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield on Saturday 16 June. Presentations, Team of the Century, memorabilia and guest speaker. Former members and supporters welcome. Contact: Jim Aylmer 9807 8732 or email: aylmer@mail.optusnet.com.au

Murrumbeena Playgroup will hold a trivia night at St Patrick's Primary School, Murrumbeena Road, Murrumbeena on Saturday 2 June from 7.30pm. Cost: \$10 per person (tables of 10). BYO drinks and supper. Bookings: 9569 5765.

Meetings and clubs

Probus—Elsternwick Ladies Club meets at the Gladys Machin Hall on the first Monday of each month at 10am. Guest speakers and social activities. New members welcome. Contact: Shirley 9571 9004.

Caulfield Writers Group meets fortnightly for new and established writers, all ages, to read and workshop their work. Short stories, children's or adult, poetry, biography. Contact: John 9889 7922.

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CAULFIELD SOUTH 3162
Telephone 9596 8643

Low cost short courses in your local community

COMPUTERS

Introduction to computers (2 week courses)
\$30 per course plus 4 hours free practice time
Starts: 8 May (Evening) & 24 May

Computers for beginners (4 week course)
\$58 Starts: 7 May

Word 97 for beginners (4 week course)
\$58 Starts: 8 & 10 May (Evening class)

Word 97 for intermediates (4 week courses)
\$58 Starts: 7 June

HEALTH AND PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

T'ai Chi (7 week course)
\$42 Starts: 10 May

Over 50s exercise class (7 week course)
\$50 Starts: 8 May

Reiki Fundamentals

Introduction 7 May No charge
5 week course \$40 Starts: 14 May

ART & CRAFT

Rubber stamping & Stencilling (4 week course)
Make greeting cards, invitations & wrapping paper using rubber stamps and stencils. Starts: 7 May.
\$44 plus \$5 material fee each session.

For more information ring 9596 8643
TERM DATES: 23 April–29 June
House open 10am–4pm
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

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

The Over 40s Club holds old time, modern, and new vogue dances for all ages at Ormond Uniting Church, corner North and Booran Roads, Ormond on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month at 7.45pm. Cost: \$7. Contact: 9570 4564.

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

Bentleigh Life Activities Club offers opportunities to meet new friends and join social activities such as carpet bowls, table tennis, Scrabble, solo, Canasta, craft, music etc. Contact: 9557 2562 or 9563 2554.

"Connections" Multicultural Friendship Group will meet at Godfrey Street Community House, 9 Godfrey Street, Bentleigh on Monday 21 May and 18 June, 1–3pm. No cost. Coffee and tea provided. Contact: Brian Doyle 9521 5666.

Community

Southern Citizen Advocacy seeks people to become volunteer advocates for people with a disability. Roles include representation, support and friendship. A challenging but very rewarding commitment of about two hours per week. Contact: Kerry 9576 0155.

Neighbourhood Support Program

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Fathers' group (Weekly)	Tuesday 9.45–11.15am	6 Jersey Parade, Carnegie
Young mothers' group (Weekly)	Tuesday 1pm–2.30pm	6 Jersey Parade, Carnegie
Chinese mothers' group (Weekly)	Wednesday 10.30am–noon	6 Jersey Parade, Carnegie
Solo mothers' group (Monthly)	First Monday of each month 1.30–3pm	Moorleigh Community Centre 92 Bignell Road, East Bentleigh

Contact: Elizabeth Saddington on 0419 348 936 or Judy White on 9524 3403

Glen Huntly Friendship Group

99 Grange Road, Glen Huntly
Activities for May

Thursday, 3 May: A look at Geelong

Morning tea at Serendip Nature Reserve. Demonstrations and exhibitions at Wool Museum, Geelong's Wintergarden Christ Church stained glass. Bollards around the bay. All incl. cost: \$35.

Thursday, 17 May: Bev Jeffrey—Keeper of Bees!

Grange room, 99 Grange Road. Honey for sale and you won't get stung! NOTE: Change of program. The Carribean Gardens Market has been changed to Wednesday 13 June.

Thursday, 31 May: William Ricketts Sanctuary

Featuring sculptures displayed amid the ferns and mountain ash. Mt Dandenong Observatory and lookout, Olinda shops and lunch. Cost: \$30.

Bus departs 99 Grange Road, Glen Huntly at 9am and 185 Poath Road Hughesdale.

Bookings Margaret 9596 6124

Immunisation dates for May

Glen Eira Town Hall

(entry via Glen Eira Road)

Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield
Tuesday 8 May 6–7.30pm
Wednesday 6 June 9.30–10.30am

Murrumbeena Baptist Church

44 Murrumbeena Road, Murrumbeena
Monday 14 May 10–11am

Bentleigh-Bayside Community Health Service

Gardeners Road Bentleigh East
Tuesday 15 May 10–11am
Saturday 26 May 9.30–11am

Glen Huntly Maternal and Child Health Centre

Corner Royal and Rosedale Avenues Glen Huntly
Wednesday 23 May 9.30–11am

Bentleigh Baptist Church

10 Vickery Street, Bentleigh
Monday 4 June 1.30–2.30pm

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9 May	Computer for Beginners X 4	\$60 course
9 May	Seasons for Growth Intro	Gold coin
10 May	Photography for Beginners	Gold coin
11 May	Reflexology Aromatherapy Massage	Gold coin
16 May	Seasons for Growth course	\$40 incl. materials
28 May	The Cutting of the ties that bind	Course \$40
Every Thursday	Singing for enjoyment	Gold coin
Every Thursday	Painting and Drawing group	\$2.50

7–11 May Neighbourhood House Week

Health and Well Being Activities enrol 2, 7 or 9 May.
For more information phone 9557 9037

9 Godfrey Street, East Bentleigh
Tel: 9557 9037 Fax: 9557 1734

UBA BUS TOURS

9 May 9am–4pm
AUTUMN DRIVE IN THE DANDENONGS—
with hotel luncheon.

We enjoy a leisurely tour through Belgrave to Grants Picnic Ground where we feed the colourful rosellas (bring your camera—great photo opportunities). On the way to the Ranges Hotel at Gembrook for lunch we travel through Menzies Creek, Emerald and Cockatoo—the countryside will be alive with the red and gold colours of Autumn.

18 July 9am–4pm
Emu Bottom Homestead

Our first opportunity to visit the historic Emu Bottom Homestead, Victoria's oldest homestead—featured in many TV series. We have a mid-winter Pioneer Christmas 3-course luncheon with bush music entertainment. Sherry on arrival with freshly baked Aussie damper. After a warm welcome, the folk at the homestead will tell us about Emu Bottom and take us on a guided tour. Luncheon will be spit roast lamb with a smorgasbord of freshly cooked vegies, salads and freshly baked bread, followed by apple pie and cream, also fruit punch, tea/coffee, carafes of red or white wine. Entertainment by Dave's Bush Music Show with sing-along Christmas carols. Booking fee: \$10.

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

Glen Eira

Youth Page



Reaching for the top

Perserverance is the key to personal success, reigning Brownlow Medallist Shane Woewodin, told young people at the City of Glen Eira Youth Consultation Forum last month.

A talented midfielder with the Melbourne Football Club, Shane recalled his own struggles to reach the top of his chosen field, as he officially opened the forum.

Shane spoke about his childhood and the difficulties he faced growing up away from his family home, after he obtained a scholarship to play cricket at the age of 11.

He spent his teenage years in Perth, and realising his athletic talent, aspired to become a great football



Working party members Rebecca Rowlands and Kylie Lightfoot present guest speaker Shane Woewodin with a football signed by all the youth forum participants.

player. However, his dream to play in the AFL suffered several setbacks.

After missing out on being drafted by an AFL Club a number of times, he was finally given an opportunity to try out for the Melbourne Football Club four years ago. At 20 years of age, he again moved away from home and arrived in Melbourne—a strange city where he did not know anyone. What drove him and kept him going, was his unshakeable desire to succeed. Succeed he did, last year taking out football's highest honour, the Brownlow Medal, and playing for his beloved Melbourne in the AFL grand final.

Shane's position as a high profile footballer has enabled him to devote much of his spare time talking with young people about participating, having a go and expressing themselves. Shane said his own avenue for self-expression had come through his talents as a footballer and his commitment to young people.

He said that perseverance and sacrifice were vital in helping him reach his ultimate goal. He said it was only through taking real opportunities as they came and making the best of these opportunities, that anyone could improve their circumstances.

Shane's story struck home with the young people at the forum, many of whom had experienced being away from family or having to be independent, at a very young age. They were clearly inspired by Shane's message and presented him with a gift of appreciation.

Mayor launches Y files

Mayor Cr Noel Erlich checks out the Y Files Youth Directory with participants of the Youth Consultation Forum.



The latest edition of the Y Files, Glen Eira City Council's Youth Services Information Directory, has hit the streets.

Mayor Cr Noel Erlich launched the Y Files at the City of Glen Eira Youth Consultation Forum last month.

The booklet, compiled by Glen Eira Youth Services, aims to help young people aged between 10 and 25 years by providing information on services available to young people within Glen Eira and is targeted at young people or those who work with them.

Many young people helped produce the Y Files directory and most of the artwork which appears in it, is the result of a cartoon workshop held in February by Youth Services with help from professional cartoonist, Bradfield Dumpleton.

The young people who attended the workshop designed cartoon images representing youth in the 21st Century. Artwork produced during the workshop was also displayed in the Glen Eira Auditorium at the Y Files launch. The work can be viewed at the Why? Stop Youth Information Centre at 54 Rosstown Road, Carnegie.

Copies of the Y Files are available from Why? Stop Youth Information Centre or by calling 9572 5389.

Forum tackles youth issues

A Youth Consultative Forum involving young people and community leaders from the City of Glen Eira has identified the key issues facing local young people and possible ways of addressing these problems.

A group of 19 young people, aged 15 to 18 years participated in the forum, held at the Glen Eira Auditorium on 5 April, as part of National Youth Week Celebrations.

The forum aimed to give young people from the local community an opportunity to voice their concerns on issues which directly affect them.

In the lead-up to the forum, participants had selected four topics which they considered most important for discussion. These were recreation and leisure; rights and responsibilities; education; and self expression.

All participants came to the forum, having discussed their topics with other young people in the community. The first session of the forum saw participants divide into four groups, each discussing one of the four chosen topics.

Much positive interaction and enthusiastic discussion arose from all corners of the auditorium as the groups defined the key issues for their topics.

During the afternoon session, the groups began making recommendations and developing possible strategies to deal with each issue at a personal, local and state level. These recommendations were then developed into presentations which each group delivered to the audience—comprising Mayor Cr Noel Erlich, Councillors, local police, community leaders, youth agencies and school representatives.

The presentations proved insightful and varied in format, from direct speeches, to role plays depicting various aspects of young people's lives.

Some of the potential solutions identified included more positive media portrayals, improved services, wider education choices, more lifeskills training, better facilities and increased entertainment options.

The forum was seen as a large step forward in the discussion of youth issues within the local community. It provided an ideal opportunity for young people to discuss issues affecting their lives on a daily basis and



Participants in the Youth Forum prepare material for presentation.

Photos: Bernie Bickerton

develop strategies and recommendations to address them.

A report has been compiled documenting the issues and solutions discussed at the forum. This report will be distributed to key stakeholders in the Glen Eira community, to ensure the planning, development and implementation of programs in the future, appropriately responds to the needs of local young people.

Recreation News

It's all *action* at Park Developments!



Packer Park and East Caulfield Reserve redevelopments are fully underway. The contractors moved on site in late March and early April and have already made significant progress.

Much of Stage 1 of the works at Packer Park will be centered on the eastern end of the park where the majority of the civil works will be undertaken. The frog hollow has been dug out to create a small wetlands area which will be representative of the wetlands that were originally

part of the Carnegie/Murrumbena area. Major sections of the extensive pathway and trail network have been constructed with the contractor making good progress in the dry weather. The garden beds are being created in readiness for the tree-planting program that will soon follow. Construction of stage 1 of the playground will begin shortly.

While all this action is happening in the park, contractors are also rebuilding the Packer Park Pavilion with demolition work and foundations now complete.



At East Caulfield, work has begun on measuring out for the four plexi-pave public tennis courts. Work is also underway on the first stage of the pavilion. During these works, it is expected the Dudley Street car park entrance will be intermittently closed. A

temporary access thoroughfare has been created from the Sir John Monash Drive car park, for people wanting to access this car park.

The pavilion upgrade includes, new toilets and showers, painting inside and out, a new roof, and access for people of all abilities. Future stages will include a new kiosk and extra toilet and shower facilities.

The East Caulfield redevelopment is a joint initiative of Council, Monash University and Monash University Student Union following the adoption of a master plan for the reserve in 1999. The Packer Park project is funded by Council with the Sport and Recreation Victoria jointly funding the adventure playground and pavilion.

The transformation of both these parks is an exciting undertaking and one that will be highly valued by the community. These major works are part of Council's ongoing commitment to upgrade parks in line with the Open Space Strategy. The result will be parks and facilities that will meet the needs of current and future generations.

East Caulfield Reserve: Mel Ref 68 G2
Packer Park: Mel Ref 68 J8

Softball hits a winner!

It's all happening in softball in Glen Eira. The Moorabbin Softball Association recently voted to change its name to the Glen Eira Softball Association reflecting the area in which the competition is played.

The Association also won the A1 final against Frankston in a game where Glen Eira were clearly the underdogs. The game was won by Glen Eira 11 to 1—a comprehensive win in just five innings. Team Coach, Kim Packer was elated at the win and said: "Everything just clicked on the day. It is unusual to have such a convincing win in a final."

Kim said the highlight of the day was Tania Perry's exceptional grand slam home run. All bases were loaded and after a huge hit by Tania all four got home runs. Best players for Glen Eira were Jan O'Sullivan, Bronwyn Thomas and Jess Ashford.

Team Coach Kim Packer said: "The win is the result of the development of the younger players by the association and the co-operation received from Council in developing the club's facilities."

The Glen Eira Softball Association runs women's teams for all ages from junior and primary through to teenage and open age groups. There is even a masters team, so it is never too late to start playing the game. The association is based at Bailey Reserve in Bentleigh East and welcomes new members.

Obviously with the finals result and a membership of more than 300, the association is looking forward to a bright future. Contact: Kim Packer 9570 7204.

Bailey Reserve Mel Ref 68 K12

In brief

Get in to Bocce

Autumn is a wonderful time to get out and enjoy Glen Eira's parks and gardens. Whilst enjoying the great outdoors, why not take time out to play a game of Bocce?

The game of Bocce originated in Italy and is becoming an increasingly popular recreational pursuit. Bocce is a great game for all ages. All that is needed is a set of bowls and a place to play. Glen Eira has two courts—Harleston Park and the Moorleigh Community Village. Both courts are available free to the public with no booking necessary.

Bocce is played between two players or teams of up to four players. Similar to bowls, players aim to place

their bowl as close as possible to the jack which may displace the opposition's bowl. The bowl can be bowled along the ground or thrown through the air.

So get out and have fun!

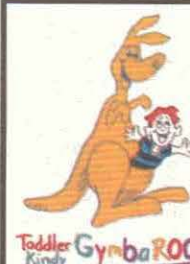
Harleston Park Mel Ref 67 H2

Moorleigh Community Village Mel Ref 78 B5

Show me the money!

A reminder to sports clubs that funding details of grant opportunities have been collated by Recreation Services and placed on the web. This initiative allows local clubs to get up-to-date information on a wide variety of grants. In all, there are seven major areas listing many types of grants available to clubs. So get on the web and get the money!

Check it out at www.gleneira.vic.gov.au/recreatn.htm



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Did you know that the rotundas in our parks could be hired for a special event? Weddings are often held in these picturesque settings. More information is available on Council's web site www.gleneira.vic.gov.au/facilityhire

For a free brochure or further information contact the Facilities Booking Officer on 9524 3253 or email recservices@gleneira.vic.gov.au

For further information on a club near you ring Recreation Services on 9524 3470 or check out the web site www.gleneira.vic.gov.au/recreatn.htm