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Trees galore! 30,000 new plants

Packer Park is being transformed as it nears the completion of the Stage 1 capital works program. But it's not bricks and mortar, pathways or even playgrounds, making the difference in this park, it's trees.

More than 30,000 plants are being planted as part of the Stage 1 works of this project—a significant contribution to the greening of the area. From the beginning of public consultations for this project, residents have been keen to see this almost treeless park transformed through plantings of native trees and shrubs.

Many of the plants for Packer Park are indigenous species which have been collected from local seed stock. The plants will be positioned in keeping with the growth patterns of local native vegetation.

Of the 30,000 plants, 7000 to 8000 will be trees with the remainder of the tube stock being made up of rushes, reeds, bushes and shrubs. A great variety of plants will be used, including red gums, wattles, blackwoods and tussock grass.

While specialists will be undertaking a large proportion of the planting, it is anticipated schools and residents will be involved in planting days for the park. Advance notice of these days will be made through the local press.



New trees in Packer Park get their first drink.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Packer Park was originally opened in 1952 and has served the community well over the last 50 years. Its current transformation will ensure it remains a vital

hub for the Glen Eira community who will enjoy the shade and the wildlife that these plants will bring.
Packer Park Mel Ref 68: J8

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\$700,000 road funding cut

A restructure of the Victorian Grants Commission local road grant formula will mean cuts of up to \$700,000 in funding for Glen Eira roads over the next four years. The money will be redistributed to rural Councils.

The Victorian Grants Commission recently advised Council of a 60 per cent cut to the road grants, representing about \$400,000 per annum. This reduction in funding is to be phased in over the next four years.

The previous formula was based on population and road length within each municipality, providing a set level of funding across urban and regional councils. According to the Grants Commission it did not take into account changes in road use or the cost of preserving local road assets.

“Arbitrary” system replaced

The new formula will be based on road length, traffic volume, climate and soil conditions, and according to the Commission, replaces “an arbitrary system” with “a formula that reflects the relative local road funding needs of Victorian Councils”.

It was developed from the findings of a review undertaken by ARRB Transport Research and the

National Institute of Economy and Industry Research. The research examined traffic volume data supplied by local councils.

Ratepayers will suffer

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Noel Erlich said the impact of the cuts on Council's infrastructure maintenance would be significant. “It's all very well to say the Commission has consulted and taken road length and usage into account. But as we all know, some local Council's are already struggling to maintain or replace extremely old road systems. Some of Glen Eira's residential roads date back to before World War 1.

“Repairing and maintaining roads is something we can't just put on the backburner for 12 months. We have to maintain our roads, so the money will have to come from somewhere else. Ultimately, the impact will be on ratepayers.”

Government advice is that additional funding via the Federal “Roads to Recovery” program (administered by the Federal Department of Transport and Regional Services) would not be affected by the new formula for 2000–2001.

MAYOR'S column



National Volunteers Week came around again last month, and what a fantastic week it was for recognising the contribution these people make to our community.

Always a special event in the calendar of our City, the week was made even more special by the United

Nations declaring 2001 to be the International Year of Volunteers. This is already a special year for Australians, our nation's 100th birthday—the Centenary of Federation.

On a personal level, the last couple of weeks have been a great learning experience. I discovered our country has one of the highest rates of volunteering in the world—almost three million Australians volunteer.

In Victoria, more than 700,000 adults volunteer their services. That's about 20 per cent of the State's population. The Australian Bureau of Statistics values this at about \$340 million per year—a staggering contribution to the community.

For this year's Community Service Recognition Awards, 45 organisations nominated 222 volunteers—58 people were nominated for 500 hours of service, 48 for a contribution of 1000 hours, 67 gave 2000 hours and a further 49 people were nominated in the special category award. In total, the hours contributed by these people alone, represents 211,000 hours of service to the community during the past year.

One of the aims of International Year of Volunteers is to encourage even more people to volunteer and I hope this column and our regular features on Page 4 of the *Glen Eira News* will help to do that.

Becoming a volunteer brings benefits not only to those receiving the service but also to those who give of their time—volunteering allows young people to make a positive contribution to the community and helps develop skills to aid their employment prospects; for socially isolated people volunteering presents an opportunity to meet new people and expand social networks; recent retirees bring with them a rich expertise; and for people from the business community, volunteering offers an opportunity to support the communities that support them.

Throughout National Volunteers Week, I have been inspired by the people I have met. Volunteers unselfishly give of their time and rarely expect accolades. Council was extremely pleased to be part of showing these quiet achievers the City's appreciation.

— Cr Noel Erlich
Mayor

Snapshot of Ogaki

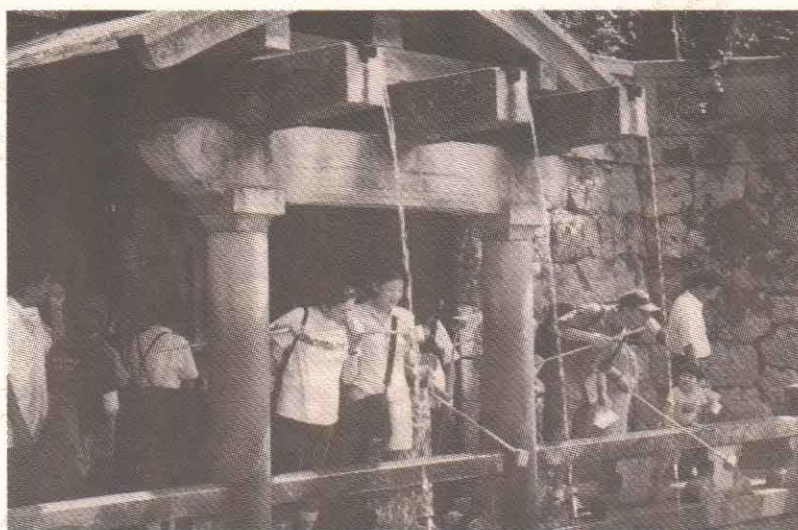
by Lauren Richardson

Last September I was fortunate to accompany eight students and Council representative Petrina Dakin on the annual student exchange to Glen Eira's Sister City Ogaki.

The exchange program has been running since 1990, and provides a very busy and comprehensive tour of both Ogaki town centre and its surrounding landmarks.

To experience the Japanese culture first hand, students stay with host families. Each morning, our group compared notes on the previous evening—the highlight this trip was one student's visit to the public baths. Despite his apprehensions, he had to admit he'd enjoyed the whole experience.

The group had a busy schedule of visits, both people and places: a trip to Ogaki castle for a view of the whole city; a meeting with a former Mayor of Ogaki;



Students of the 2000 Ogaki exchange at Kiyomizu temple.

a round of speeches for the students to show off their Japanese language skills. We also visited schools, local industries and shops, and took a day trip to Kyoto and visited the Kiyomizu (water temple).

The Ogaki Council and Exchange Association enables students to gain a wide perspective of Japan in a limited time—the trip is just a taste, and most students vow to return. The exchange program is educational, but is also a springboard for students to leap into an ongoing association with another culture. And what better way to end the trip, but with a visit to Disneyland!

It's back!

Council's **Radio Hour** returns to
88.3 Southern FM

Tune in to all the latest in Council and community news on Thursday 5 July 1–2pm

Deadlines for Glen Eira News

Deadline for the next issue of the Glen Eira News will be **Tuesday 12 June** for delivery 3–5 July, 2001.

Coming deadlines:

Monday 9 July. Delivery: 7–9 August.

Monday 13 August. Delivery: 4–6 September.

For advertising contact Margaret on 9524 3224.

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Students! Visit our sister city— Ogaki

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September–October 2001

The Glen Eira-Ogaki Friendly Cities Advisory Committee invites Year 9 to 11 students, who either live in or attend school in the City of Glen Eira, to participate in a student exchange to Ogaki, Japan during the Term 3 holidays, 27 September to 5 October.

The visit will be partially funded by a scholarship.

Applications close on 9 July.

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Appreciating our dedicated staff

Staff appreciation day



Mayor Cr Noel Erlich and CEO Andrew Newton (at back) give staff members Maree Wenham and Gabrielle Taylor a relaxing massage.

Glen Eira City Council residential staff and volunteers were treated to a day of entertainment and pampering last month, as a show of appreciation for their hard work and commitment.

About 100 staff and volunteers from the Camden, Heathlands, Rosstown, Spurway and Warrawee aged residential facilities attended the Residential Staff Appreciation Day, held at the Town Hall.

As part of the day's activities, staff indulged in aromatherapy, T'ai chi and massages and were entertained by magician Graham Etherington, comedy mime artist Steve Fioretti and *Waiting For Marlene* a play from the Melbourne International Comedy Festival.

Dynamic speaker Jim Morris gave a lively talk on humouring stress and to finish there was wine, cheese and music for all. Mayor Cr Noel Erlich and Chief Executive Officer Andrew Newton spoke of their appreciation for the care that staff and volunteers provided residents.

Cr Erlich said Council was extremely proud of its residential staff and valued what they did for the community.

"The three years' accreditation you (the staff) achieved at all five of our aged residential facilities is testament to your

commitment to the quality of care you deliver for our residents. Council could not have achieved this without the many hours you all put in," he said.

"You are all valued staff and I salute your commitment and your achievements."

Aged Residential Services Manager Penni Michael said feedback from staff about the day had been extremely positive.

She said those who attended had thoroughly enjoyed themselves and thought the organising committee had done an excellent job.



Cr David Bloom enjoys a reflexology massage.

Council appeal to State could save \$780,000

Council has appealed to Environment Minister Sherryl Garbutt to allow it to extend the use of the 2000 general property valuation until 2004—a move which could save close to \$1million.

The revaluation cycle was changed from four to two years by the former State Government, effectively doubling the cost to metropolitan Councils. The impact on regional Councils was even greater, as revaluation cycles were reduced from six to two years.

The first revaluations on this new cycle were carried out last year using computer assisted techniques for the first time—incurring a cost to Council in excess of \$780,000. Council costs for administrative staff and computer resources brought the total cost to \$1,100,000.

No additional revenue

Mayor Cr Noel Erlich said the shorter revaluation cycle would not generate any additional revenue as revaluations simply redistribute the tax burden amongst ratepayers.

"This is a major cost to the Victorian community for little, if any, benefit. The next value date is currently January 2002, that's only seven months away. Given a slowing economy, despite any further interest cuts, Council believes any rise in property values is going to be pretty nominal anyway," he said.

Benefits not justified by cost

"Completing the revaluation will satisfy State Government legislation, and provide more up to date valuations, but when you weigh this against the cost, the benefits cannot be justified," Cr Erlich said.

Section 13DD of the Valuation of Land Act states if Councils believe no general appreciable change in land values has occurred, application to the Minister can be made to extend the period of use of the existing valuations for a two year period.

At its meeting at the end of April, Council resolved to contact the Minister with a proposal to extend the use of the existing valuation until 30 June 2004. At time of going to print, Council had not received a response from the Minister.

Peace restored to Glen Huntly street

Glen Eira City Council has removed a noisy dog from a Glen Huntly property after its owner failed to comply with a Magistrates' Court order.

At a hearing at Melbourne Magistrates' Court in March, Michael Stubbs, of Waratah Avenue, Glen Huntly, had been ordered to enrol his male beagle with Barkbusters, a dog obedience training company, within 28 days and successfully complete the course within 60 days.

Magistrate Ms J Bowles further ordered Mr Stubbs to notify Council's prosecutor that he had taken these steps or Council would have the authority to remove the dog from the property.

Mr Stubbs had been charged with four counts of allowing a dog to be a nuisance by barking, as well as allowing his dog to be at large during the day time and failing to register it. In addition to the order, he was convicted and fined an aggregate of \$900 plus \$155 in costs.

The hearing followed numerous complaints to Council from neighbouring residents, about the dog's excessive barking over an extended period of time.

Council Civic Amenity Manager Carl Russo said that while Mr Stubbs booked and attended one training session with Barkbusters, he had failed to attend subsequent sessions in order to successfully complete the course.

Mr Russo said "the dog continued to bark so Council impounded the dog."

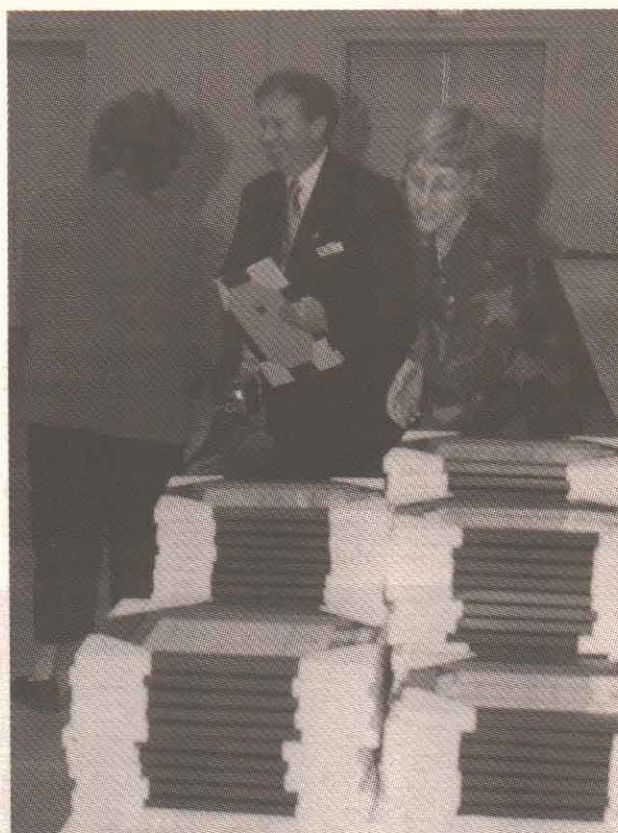
"It is the responsibility of all dog owners to ensure their dogs do not cause a nuisance to neighbours by barking excessively. In this instance the neighbours had tried to talk with the owner and even offered to exercise the dog, but to no avail."

The dog will be kept at The Lost Dog's Home where it will be assessed for its suitability for rehoming.

Saturday morning Father's Group

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At: Glen Huntly Maternal and Child Health Centre, corner Royal and Rosedale Avenues, Glen Huntly
On: 23 June and 28 July, 10.30am—noon
Topics: Feed me what? And when?
Development in a child's first year
Bookings essential as numbers limited.
Contact: Helen 9572 5126 or Erena 9572 5123.



Mayor Cr Noel Erlich presented almost 200 certificates in recognition of the work of volunteers at a ceremony held in National Volunteer Week.

“Thanks again” to our volunteers

Glen Eira auditorium resounded with “thank yous” last month as almost 200 volunteers, representing 45 community groups, received Council’s annual Community Service Recognition Award.

About 420 people attended the night held during National Volunteer Week. Mayor Cr Noel Erlich presented certificates acknowledging 500, 1000 and 2000 hours of volunteer service, and special awards for support not quantifiable in hours. Entertainment was provided by Glen Eira City Band. This year, a record 222 people were nominated by a diverse range of groups.

In his address, Cr Erlich said: “This year is Australia’s 100th birthday—our Centenary of Federation—and it is also the International Year of Volunteers. It is therefore with a great deal of pride that our City honours and recognises the important and valuable work of volunteers in our municipality.

“Volunteers can be found working for national organisations like the Country Fire Authority, State Emergency Service, Surf Life Saving Association, Red Cross, and National Trust. In many instances this can be life saving work.

“At the local level, we have volunteers working in arts and culture, community support, family, youth and community services, sporting clubs and senior citizens clubs,” Cr Erlich said.

He said based on the hours of service across the three award categories, this year’s recipients represented a contribution of 211,000 hours of community support over the past year.

“Volunteers make a valuable contribution to the community and are often on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year in all sorts of weather. Volunteers enrich the lives of the people they come into contact with, and generally do not want accolades. They unselfishly give of their time and it is opportune in National Volunteers Week to be able to show them our appreciation of their work through this ceremony,” Cr Erlich said.

The ceremony was attended by 193 of the nominees and award certificates will be posted to those who were unable to attend.



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International Year of Volunteers

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Volunteers— *help for the whole family*

In June, International Year of Volunteers celebrates the vast contribution made by volunteers in supporting families and the community. Volunteers work with community groups to provide a wide range of practical and emotional support for children, young people and adults in need. They offer transport services for the elderly and disadvantaged. They work as carers and companions for the elderly and for those with disability. They contribute to community health programs. Many services would not be able to continue without the dedication and time invested by volunteers.

If you can offer some time to assist, contact the Glen Eira Volunteer Resource Centre Co-ordinator on 9524 3303 and learn about the many interesting volunteer opportunities available in this area.

Council funds volunteer support

Glen Eira City Council has supported the Glen Eira Volunteer Resource Project for a second year by providing a Community Grant of \$31,700. This funding means the service can consolidate and develop the work it has already undertaken in creating a focus for volunteering in Glen Eira. The service aims to assist in recruiting volunteers, to help potential volunteers make informed choices about volunteering and to refer them to appropriate community organisations.

The Glen Eira Volunteer Resource Centre also offers opportunities for managers of volunteers to meet, to share information and skills and to be part of a network within the Glen Eira area. Any community based, not-for-profit group which is not already linked with the centre is welcome to contact Anita Mummé on 9524 3303.

A home to go to

Last year, Anglicare South East needed more than 700 placements for foster care of children who were unable to live with their own families. These homes were provided by volunteer foster carers.

Foster care is needed for children for a number reasons. Sometimes parents feel isolated or lack the support of friends or family members at a time of crisis. Sometimes they suffer from physical or mental health problems, they may be imprisoned or may be drug or alcohol dependent. Some just need support in their parenting role.

Foster carers can make an enormous difference to children and their families by being there to help out during the tough times—in an emergency (when foster care is needed for a few days), or for extended periods (a few months or more than a year). The aim is for children to be reunited with their own families where possible.

Based in Elsternwick, Anglicare South East seeks more volunteers for its Foster Care program, to provide a safe and loving “home away from home” for children in the south eastern suburbs. Foster carers

are all ages and come from diverse backgrounds. They can be couples or singles, with or without their own children. They can be employed full time and still provide foster care for school aged children, with before and after school care available.

Foster Carers receive financial reimbursement, ongoing training and support. Contact Anglicare South East on 9523 1999.

Weekend hosts help out

Interchange Southern seeks volunteers to look after a child with a disability for a day or a weekend a month as part of its host program. Currently 68 children have been matched with volunteer hosts, but more than 80 families in the southern region are waiting for a volunteer host to care for their child to provide much needed respite.

The host program is a winner for all concerned—while parents receive a break, children have the opportunity to make new friends, and volunteers are rewarded by having the opportunity to give to a child and their family as well as give something back to the community.

Interchange Southern Program Manager Scott Sheppard said: “I am constantly inspired by the people involved with our program, their generosity of spirit, the support they provide and the difference they make in the lives of the children with a disability and their families. International Year of the Volunteer and Interchange Week are opportunities to spread the word that more volunteers are needed.”

Hosts attend an information session before undertaking an assessment which includes police, medical and reference checks. Hosts are supported by Interchange program workers and undertake training before being matched with a child. The next information session is on Wednesday 27 June. Contact: 9532 0155.

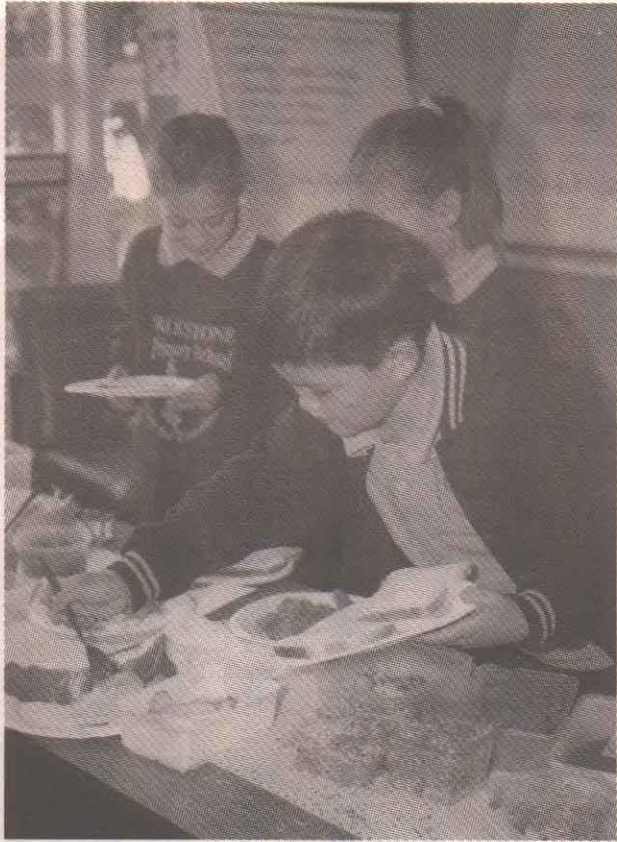
Caring support in local community

Do Care is a social support service which helps older frail people and adults with a disability to be involved with and remain in their own community. The service is provided with the support of trained volunteers who offer social interaction and support with outings and activities.

Volunteering for Do Care is a rewarding opportunity to enhance the quality of life on a one to one basis with people who are socially isolated and who live independently in the community. Volunteers must be over 17 years of age and are given training and support as needed. For more details or to become a volunteer, contact Angeline on 9666 1274.



Do Care volunteer Adrienne (right) gets a few snooker pointers from Bentleigh resident Ken.



Healthy activities for Heart Week

Children at Valkstone Primary school got a taste for healthy sandwiches when they were given the opportunity to make their own as part of Heart Week promotions last month.

Council joined forces with the East Bentleigh school, involving the school community in healthy activities to promote heart health awareness and this year's Heart Week focus— *Active Families*.

Council's Public Health Unit sought expressions of interest from primary schools to participate in a 2001 Heart Week health promotion activity. Valkstone Primary School was chosen from a number of schools to take part in a pilot project which Council hopes will result in a promotional resource to be made available to all primary schools in Glen Eira.

The Unit provided Valkstone Primary with resources

to run several activities such as "preparing a healthy lunch", as these children from Grade 2 (left) demonstrate.

The students were asked to bring some healthy food to share with the class and had the opportunity to make up their own healthy lunches while learning about nutrition and the importance of healthy food choices.

Other activities included a parents walk around the school's fitness track, a walk or ride to school day, special physical education activities, and displays focussing on healthy hearts.

Council staff and teachers considered the week a great success and another example of how Council and its community can work together.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

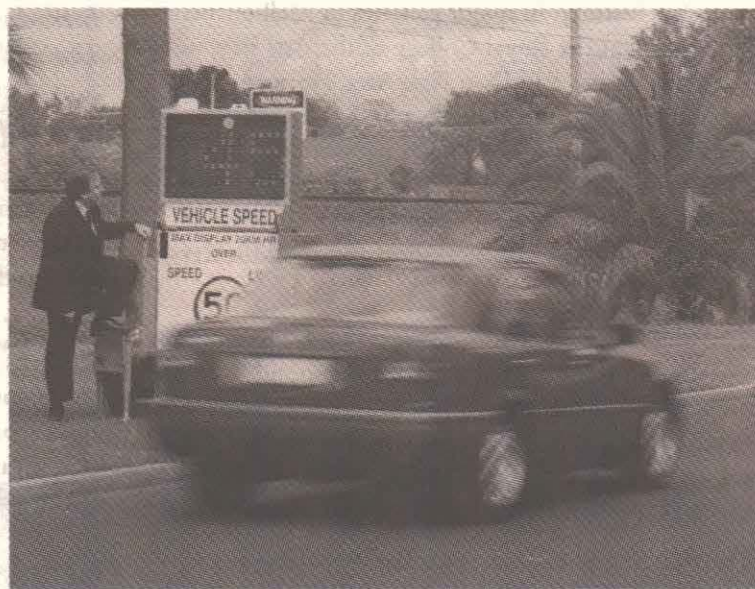
Think safe— think 50km on Glen Eira roads

Glen Eira drivers will have the opportunity to check their odometers while they adjust to driving at 50km in built-up areas over the next few months.

A radar speed observation sign will be in operation on local streets throughout the City to help drivers reduce their speed levels. The mobile sign uses a radar to detect and measure motorists' speeds. The sign displays the speed of the approaching vehicle and has a static display of the speed limit. The sign also records speed and volume data for analysis by Council's traffic engineers.

Council's Road Safety Strategy identified that every three days someone is seriously injured or killed on Glen Eira's roads and on average someone dies every 10 weeks from a road crash in Glen Eira.

Mayor Cr Noel Erlich said: "The need to reduce the speed of vehicles on Glen Eira streets is an issue identified in our road safety plan. We have supported the State Government in introducing lower speed limits on local streets and will continue to promote the need for drivers to slow down on our streets."



Mayor Cr Noel Erlich at the radar speed observation sign, which was in Nicholson Street, Bentleigh last month. Photo: Bernie Bickerton

"The speed observation sign will alert drivers to the speed they are travelling and reinforce the need to slow down," he said.

Council will target those streets where the speed limits have been reduced to 50km but speeding remains a concern.

Attention grandparents!

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Interested in sharing your experiences, and learning about modern parenting ideas?

Glen Eira Maternal and Child Health Service is planning a series of parenting talks, specifically aimed at helping grandparents understand changes in parenting practices.

A meeting will be held to discuss grandparents' biggest concerns and what future sessions should cover.

Grandchildren are welcome and toys, tea and coffee will be provided.

As interpreters may be needed, it is important to register your attendance in advance.

At: Glen Eira Maternal and Child Health Service, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield

On: Wednesday 13 June, 2–3pm.

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

Open space at Caulfield Racecourse!

Did you know that the Caulfield Racecourse track and centre area are open to the public for recreational use?

This land, which is on Crown Land, has been permanently reserved, for use for "racing recreation and public park purposes". The course and centre car park area are open daily between sunrise and 8pm or sunset (whichever is later) except on days on which race meetings are held.

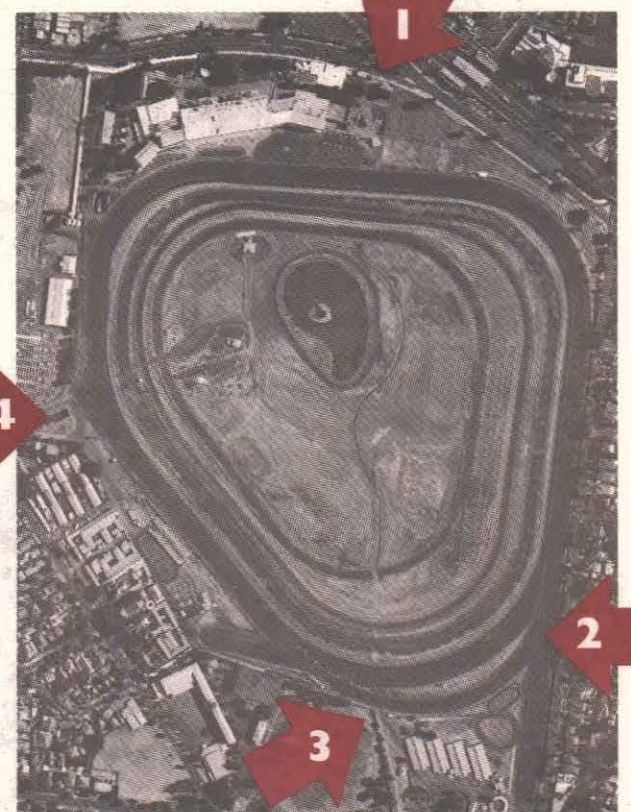
Dogs are permitted on the centre area between 4.30pm and 8pm or sunset, except on racedays. The centre area is leash-free but dogs must be leashed while entering and exiting the park.

There are four formally designated public access points to the course which are shown on the aerial photograph.

Signed public access:

1. Junction of Station Street and Normanby Road, next to the public car park opposite Caulfield Station
2. Along Queens Avenue, between Clifton Street and Lord Street
3. North-east corner of the Glen Huntly Reserve, off Neerim Road
4. Next to the tunnel entrance opposite the roundabout at Booran, Kambrook and Glen Eira Roads intersection.

There are regulations which govern use of the racecourse. These are displayed on notice boards at each of the above entrances.



ARTS Arts

Term 3 Art Classes

Oak Tree House

16 July to 15 September

The regular Oak Tree House program of painting, drawing and ceramics classes is complemented by new classes in film animation for teenagers, oil and watercolour painting and jewellery making. Together with one-off workshops in picture framing, printmaking and abstract art, there is bound to be something for everyone with an interest in the visual arts.

The Arts Unit is fortunate to be able to offer the community professional visual artists and teachers as tutors at Oak Tree House at highly competitive prices.

Day, evening and weekend classes for children, teenagers and adults are available. A term program consists of eight two-hour classes over the school term. Prices are \$145 for adults and \$110 for children for term classes.

Tutor profiles

Viliama Grakalic— From beads to jewellery
Fridays 20 July–14 September, 10am–noon

Award winning jeweller, Viliama Grakalic, is the latest addition to the pool of talented tutors conducting art classes at Oak Tree House. She has regularly exhibited in group and solo shows and won the Award for Contemporary Wearables in 1999 at the Toowoomba Gallery in Queensland. She was recently commissioned to design the Chancellor's Award for Deakin University.

Viliama will teach students how to transform old bead necklaces, found objects and some readily available materials into unique personal adornments by using a few simple tools. The class is aimed at

adults who possess a touch of creativity with an interest in jewellery making and a willingness to learn. Numbers are limited and bookings are essential.

John R Neeson
Introduction to oil painting

Mondays 16 July–10 September, 7–9pm

Oil painting studio

Saturdays 21 July–15 September, 1–3pm

John is a highly skilled and prolific painter whose work has featured in major galleries in Melbourne. He studied at the Royal College of the Arts in London and has a PhD in Fine Arts. He is an experienced teacher having lectured at major tertiary institutions. John has exhibited his work for almost three decades and has received grants, awards and commissions from various organisations including the Victorian Tapestry Workshop and the Ministry of the Arts.

This course is designed to teach through instruction and demonstration. He will cover the sound preparation of surfaces, choice of medium, under painting, impasto and glazing and mixing of tone and colour. Illustrated talks will assist students in their appreciation of art.

The Painting Studio on Saturday afternoons is an intermediate/advanced series of studio and outdoor painting sessions. These sessions will cover painting



from observation and invention, advice on materials and techniques, composition, scale and design.

Moira Joseph
Introduction to Animation (teenage class)
Thursdays 19 July–13 September, 4.30–6.30pm

Moira has been teaching film animation at Council of Adult Education for nearly 20 years and has had films screened on the SBS program *Eat Carpet*. Her work with primary and secondary school students as artist in residence has won numerous awards. She has produced countless short animated films with children, teenagers and adults.

Students will be introduced to the principles of animation including pixelation, flick book/cell animation, time lapse and claymation. Students will view a variety of techniques, develop a script and create a short film.

Full art class programs available from the Service Centre or by calling Anthony McInnery on 9524 3402.

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.

Di and John Koenders

31 May–17 June

To be opened by **John Wood**; actor, director, producer and star of *Blue Heelers*.

Born overseas, Di and John Koenders developed their passion for painting and drawing from a very young age. Successful artists in their own right, the Koenders have also won many prestigious national and international prizes.

John's paintings (mostly in watercolours and gouche) abound in the romance and light of the Australian bush. Di's love for wildlife has her actively involved in animal protection networks. Creatively she expresses her passion for wildlife through her detailed pastel studies of birds and animals. The exhibition includes landscapes, seascapes and wildlife.



Tribal art and adornment

22 June–1 July

Opening night: 21 June at 6pm

In their fifth showing at the Glen Eira Gallery, Tasmania's Sidewalk Gallery presents a new and exciting collection of tribal African artefacts. Acquired by the gallery's owner, Anne Porteus, on her most recent adventure through Africa and Asia, an amazing range of museum quality artifacts dating back more than 2500 years include Japanese ivory

buttons, Bedoin silver from Egypt, and African sculptures from diverse locations as Sudan, Congo and Mozambique.

The exhibition is complemented by the terracotta sculptures of Tasmanian artist Sally Curry, delivering an experience of cultural diversity.



YOUTHPIH2001

Photographic Award and Exhibition

Open section (artists under 26 years of age)

1st prize \$1000

2nd prize \$400

3rd prize \$200

Secondary School Students Section

Prizes are tuition in photography or course of your choice from the Melbourne School of Art to the value of:

1st prize \$1000

2nd prize \$600

3rd prize \$400

Judges

Curator/Writer Natalie King; Artist (Melbourne School of Art) Kerrilee Bateson-Ninnis; and Gallery Manager (Monash University Faculty of Art and Design) Malcom Bywaters.

Entries close: Monday, 23 July. Entry fees apply.

Entry forms: David O'Halloran 9524 3214.

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

School Holiday Art Program

The Glen Eira Arts Complex in conjunction with Library and Information Services presents a creative and stimulating school holiday program for children and teenagers.

Week 1 Monday 2 July–Friday 6 July

Week 2 Monday 9 July–Friday 13 July

A full range of art and craft classes for children of all ages. For young children we have a fantastic program including:

- hand puppets and marionettes,
- plaster casting, and
- claywork and creative woodwork.

Teenage program includes:

- wheel thrown pottery,
- film animation, and
- mixed media and mosaics.

A special "famous artist" session in both clay and painting should appeal to teenagers with an interest in the major artists of the 20th Century.

"Art and Stuff" is a class on recycling sculpture for those who like to construct, build, model and mess about.

Full program details available mid June.
Call Anthony on 9524 3402.

Were you born in 1901?



Jennifer Lee (centre) has a chat with Leslie King (who turns 100 this year) and 104 year old Betty Ross of Crendon Lodge, Ormond during Senior Citizens' Week celebrations. Both hope to meet Mayor Cr Noel Erlich at Council's Centenary of Federation celebration luncheon.

- Were you born the same year our nation became a Federation?
 - Are you 100 years old or older or turning 100 this year?
 - Do you know some one who is a centenarian?
- then Glen Eira City Council would like to hear from you!

As part of Council's Centenary of Federation celebrations, we have great pleasure in inviting residents who are turning 100 this year, or who are already 100, to a special celebration luncheon in their honour.

Friday 20 July at noon, Caulfield Cup Room, Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield

A family member or carer is welcome to accompany attendees.

For further information or to register your interest contact Older Adults Recreation Officer Cheryl Kennedy 9524 3356.

Sunday Arvo Concert Series proudly presents:

Klezmania

Australia's top exponents of Klezmer music return to the Glen Eira Arts Complex with Yiddish songs mixed with the traditional sounds of the folk music from Eastern European villages plus a dash of Australian spice.

Klezmania are always a great attraction at the Arts Complex and early bookings is advised.

Tickets: \$15/12 (incl. GST) on sale at the Glen Eira Service Centre, Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield, Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 5pm. Credit card bookings: 9524 3333.



And the winners are...

The winners of the Glen Eira Literary Awards 2001 were announced last month. This year more than 1600 entries were received. Full report and photos next month.



Caulfield RSL 'My Brother Jack' Short Story Award

1st Prize	Lisa Merrifield, NSW	<i>One Lovely Thing</i>
2nd prize	Cate Kennedy, VIC	<i>Direct Action</i>
Eq 3rd prize	Claire Thomas, VIC	<i>Fugitive Blue</i>
Eq 3rd prize	Amra Pajalic, VIC	<i>Siege</i>
Eq 3rd prize	David Cohen, WA	<i>A Short Course In Hebrew</i>

Short Script/Play Award

1st prize	Nicholas Boseley, VIC	<i>Shit Skin</i>
2nd prize	Nova Weetman, VIC	<i>Mr Wasinski's Song</i>

Eastend Booksellers Local Short Story Award

1st prize	Susan Yardley, Caulfield	<i>Falling</i>
2nd prize	Carole McNally, Caulfield	<i>Green Timber</i>
3rd prize	Nick Sheridan, Bentleigh	<i>Soul Train</i>

Youth Short Story Award

1st prize	Marisa Pintado	<i>A Hairy Situation</i>
2nd prize	Jeremy Sinclair	<i>Black Sphere</i>

Youth Poetry Award

1st prize	Angelina Saule	<i>The Car</i>
2nd prize	Jenny Kohn	<i>Untitled</i>

Children's Short Story Award

1st prize	Emily Jenkins	<i>The Event</i>
2nd prize	Sarah Walker	<i>The Gasman's Glove</i>

Children's Poetry Award

1st prize	Emma Hamilton	<i>Change</i>
2nd prize	Lauren James	<i>The Way I Feel When I Dance</i>

A Book Collection of all winning works is available at \$8 per copy. Orders can be made directly to Rosanna Verde on 9524 3287.

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: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Email address: _____

Send to: Rosanna Verde, Publicity Officer,
Glen Eira Arts Complex,
PO Box 42, Caulfield 3162.

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

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Playtime paradise at expo

Colour, texture, sound and movement—a vast array of play possibilities from simple to sophisticated was on display at the Planning to Play Expo held at the Glen Eira Auditorium last month. Everything from structured play (dining settings, counting games and books) to creative free play (dolls, paints and paper, shells, autumn leaves and coloured beads) were on show.

With the help of Council's Children's Services Resource and Development Officers Susan Brown and Merryn McDonald, the second annual expo was organised by the Inner South CSRDO Network Group comprising staff from Glen Eira, Stonnington, Bayside, Kingston and Port Phillip.

The expo gave staff from long day care centres, family day care schemes, occasional care programs, out of school hours and vacation care services an opportunity to explore materials and options to promote inclusive programming.

Ms McDonald said: "Play is a very important aspect of learning and can provide children with opportunities to explore diversity. Many people assume play is only spontaneous, and while this type of play is important, planned play experiences with specific props can be of great benefit in including children with additional needs."

"CSRDOs support mainstream children's services to develop inclusive programs which cater for children from birth to 12 years who have a disability or delay or who are undergoing assessment. We also support staff who work with children who come from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds," she said.

The materials displayed at the expo reflected ideas and resources targeted at these services and the children they include. It was well attended by appreciative staff who gave very positive feedback.

What's on at the Works Depot

The following projects will be in progress or completed, by Glen Eira City Council's Depot, during June.

PROJECT	COMMENCED	COMPLETION
Road reconstruction		
Poath Rd	January	June
Bambra Rd	March	June
Murray Rd	March	June
Kinnoul Ave	May	June
Testar Grove	May	August
Malane St	May	September
Scott St	May	September
Wilson St	June	August
Drainage upgrades		
Langdon Rd / Hawthorn Rd	May	June
Frogmore Rd	April	May
Delhi St	April	June
Right of way upgrades		
Kooyong Rd to Hoddle St	June	June
Shopping centres		
Murrumbeena	March	June



Council CSRDOs Susan Brown and Merryn McDonald role play dinner time at the Planning to Play Expo.

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- ◆ Both sashes (4 cords) from \$50
- ◆ Tubular balances from \$55 per pair
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Price depends on size, condition and number

- Also ◆ Fit heavier counter weights
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You are invited to an informal talk on:

Food for toddlers

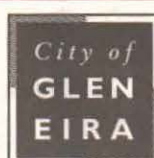
with speaker Dietitian Ingrid Phyland from Caulfield Community Health Service

At: Glen Eira Maternal and Child Health Centre, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield

When: Thursday 28 June, 1.30–3pm

Cost: \$3 donation

Contact: 9524 3403



Help judge Glen Eira's Building Design Awards

Council would like to hear from any Glen Eira resident with planning, architecture or urban design experience who would like to be part of the judging panel for the Building Design Awards 2001.

The Glen Eira Building Design Awards are considered beneficial as they promote good design and reward designers and builders for their positive contribution to Glen Eira's built environment.

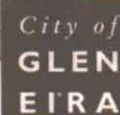
Judging will be conducted by Glen Eira planning staff, Councillors and one or more suitably qualified Glen Eira residents. As part of the judging panel, you will be required to be available for one full day in early August (date to be advised) for inspections of nominated sites and panel discussion to declare winning entries.

Please apply in writing (including qualifications, experience and availability) to: Jacqui Brasher, Strategic Town Planning Unit, Glen Eira City Council, PO Box 42, Caulfield South, 3162. Submissions close: Friday, 15 June 2001.

For more information contact Jacqui Brasher on 9524 3423.

City of Glen Eira

Building Design Awards 2001



Glen Eira City Council is accepting nominations for its annual Building Design Awards which recognise excellence in the field of design and construction within the City.

This year, four separate awards will be given to developments in the categories of:

- Best new residential development: 1–2 dwellings;
- Best new residential development: multi-unit development;
- Most respectful residential or non-residential heritage redevelopment/conservation; and
- Best non-residential or mixed use development.

The Building Design Awards aim to promote good design within the City and reward designers and builders for their efforts.

Council recognises development is sometimes perceived as inappropriate and is keen to promote high quality, innovative and sympathetic development.

To be eligible for nomination, all entries must:

- be located within the City of Glen Eira; and
- have been completed and occupied, or be ready to be occupied by 30 June, 2001.

Nomination forms are available from the Statutory Planning Counter at the Town Hall. Entries close 30 June 2001.

For more information contact: Strategic Town Planning Unit on 9524 3476 or fax: 9524 3432.



Doing Business



Business for brekkie

An early start didn't stop 100 guests from attending a breakfast at the auditorium to launch Council's Strategic Leasing Kit for Retail Shopping Strips last month.

Amid the croissants and coffee, the breakfasters enjoyed a powerful panel of speakers including



(Clockwise from back) Council's Manager Business Development Unit Lynda Bredin, Mayor Cr Noel Erlich, Honeligh Enterprises Beverley Honig, and Monash City Council Business Development Manager Andrew Millen peruse the Strategic Leasing Kit. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Margaret Porrit, of Feathers Boutique; Tony Standley of Retail Alert; Rick Berry of Fitzroys; Peter Hunt National Property Manager Woolworths; and Peter Haley of Elsternwick Main Street Committee. The speakers covered a range of topics from retail leasing to the importance of maintaining a healthy business mix in strip shopping centres.

Mayor Cr Noel Erlich launched the kit to the business community, reinforcing Council's ongoing commitment to supporting the retail business sector.

Beverley Honig of Honeligh Enterprises chaired the morning and outlined the kit's benefits to the real estate agents, landlords and retailers attending the breakfast.

The kit comprises check lists to guide and reinforce the importance of placing your business or tenant in

the best retail position to maximise the best possible long term return on your investment.

Glen Eira has 36 strip centres— from the small neighbourhood centres to the sub-regional and community shopping centres.

Strip shopping centres don't have the same management controls as larger shopping complexes, and their business mix has traditionally been governed by the landlord's fundamental and immediate need for tenants, with little or no consideration to what will compliment the centre, or survive long term.

The resounding message from of the breakfast was "consideration of the right business mix is vital to the survival, success and revitalisation of strip shopping centres."

Women's business begins

The inaugural meeting of the Glen Eira Women's Business Network was held recently after receiving a strong expression of interest from local women in business.

The group got off to a positive and enthusiastic start with 20 women attending, offering diverse business backgrounds and skills. The group were open in sharing their backgrounds, challenges and aspirations.

Guest speaker Anne Morrison of Kingston City Council's Business Women's group KB Connect talked about the group's background and what it's members have gained from its association in education, self development, mentoring support and networking opportunities.

Although Council's Business Development Unit was instrumental in forming the Women's Business Network, the women attending agreed they wanted to take personal ownership of it's future direction, moulding it to suit their needs, with Council acting in a support and a facilitation role to assist in it's ongoing program and success.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 14 June. For details contact Manager Business Development Lynda Bredin, on 9524 3384 or email lbredin@gleneira.vic.gov.au

New rules for goods on footpaths

Glen Eira City Council is reviewing local laws governing goods on footpaths in an effort to improve pedestrian safety near shops.

The local law refers to goods such as footpath displays, items for sale, signage, and tables and chairs which traders place on footpaths in front of their businesses.

Civic Amenity Manager Carl Russo said the current guidelines were being revised to provide better access for people moving along footpaths, particularly those who were legally blind, mothers with small children and prams, the elderly and people with movement disabilities.

"We are looking at establishing three distinct areas along footpaths in shopping centres— a shop front corridor, a pedestrian corridor and a kerbside corridor," he said.

"We need to ensure pedestrian traffic can move through shopping centres safely, while ensuring local traders are able to conduct their businesses effectively."

Council's Manager Business Development Lynda Bredin said Glen Eira had a large aging population, who preferred to shop locally, but often travelled to larger regional shopping centres which provided better access.

"These safety improvements to our strip shopping centres will help local businesses, by making local shopping more appealing to people who have access problems," Ms Bredin said.

Mr Russo said the draft guidelines should be ready for public display and comment from June. He said local business owners, traders' organisations and community organisations would be consulted during the process. The new guidelines are expected to be in place by 2002.

Buylocal Free Business Seminar

— presented by Stockford Solutions Management Enterprise

Glen Eira Town Hall
Tuesday 12 June from 6.30 to 8pm.
Supper supplied.

"To fail to plan is to plan to fail"

Understanding the Business Planning Process

— a seminar to help business people understand how the planning process is crucial to business success. Discover how easy strategic planning can be and the impact it will have on your business.

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Open your doors to young minds

As a business person, do you want to:

- contribute to your local community;
- help the local economy;
- access the minds and talents of local youth;
- provide local students with local opportunities; and
- boost the business skills of our young people?

Then this forum is for you!

BusEd is a Glen Eira City Council initiative to develop links between schools and businesses in Glen Eira— through mentoring, providing quality work placements, linking resources and improving the mutual skills of business owners, employees and students.

To ensure the program's success, we need a real picture of what local business owners need, across all sectors. A similar forum was held with members of the local education community in March, with great results. Now it's time for input from local businesses— help us establish a taskforce and develop specific projects.

Wednesday 20 June at 6pm
Auditorium, Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield.

To register your interest call Manager Business Development Lynda Bredin on 9524 3384 or email lbredin@gleneira.vic.gov.au

COMMUNITY *Diary*

Events

Glen Eira City Choir will hold a concert at the Glen Eira Arts Complex on Sunday 17 June at 2pm. Haydn's Creation with Thomas Heywood (organ) and Jane Elton-Brown (conductor). Tickets at door: \$18 (\$15 concession), \$35 family. Contact: Cathy Pearce 95782443.

National Trust building Labassa is open to the public at 2 Manor Grove, Caulfield North, on the last Sunday of each month. Next open day Sunday 24 June from 10.30am to 4.30pm. Guided tours, refreshments available. Entry: \$7.70, \$5.50 and \$19.80 (family). Contact: 9527 6295.

Meetings and clubs

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.

McKinnon Occasional Care offers parents of 2-4 year olds a break at McKinnon Presbyterian Church (rear entrance) 261 McKinnon Road, McKinnon on Wednesdays 9.15am to 12.15pm. Cost: \$8 per session (permanent and casual avail.) Contact: Vicki 9557 7620 or Eugenie 9578 6056.

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. Cost: \$6. All ages welcome. Contact: 9587 1092.

Bentleigh Life Activities Club offers opportunities to meet new friends and join social activities such as carpet bowls, table tennis, Scrabble, Solo, Canasta, theatre, walking etc. Plus mid-year social on 30 June. Contact: 9557 2562 or 9563 2554.

Tennis players wanted for Saturday afternoon competition at the tennis courts corner Fraser St and North Rd Ormond. Contact: 9563 9269.

Neighbourhood Support Program runs the following groups at 6 Jersey Parade, Carnegie: Father's Group on Tuesdays 9.45-11.15am; Young Mother's Group on Tuesdays 1pm-2.30pm; Chinese Mother's Group on Wednesdays 10.30am-noon; and Solo Mother's Group at Moorleigh Community Centre 92 Bignell Road, East Bentleigh on Mondays 1.30-3pm. Contact: Elizabeth Saddington on 0419 348 936 or Judy White on 9524 3403.

Alfred Hospital—New Ormond Auxiliary seeks members to assist in raising funds for equipment. Meets on the fourth Monday of each month at 10.30am. Contact: Eveline Moir 9578 1721.

Caulfield Ladies Probus Club meets at Gladys Machin Hall, Cedar St, Caulfield South on the third Thursday of each month. Recently retired women welcome. Meetings, speakers and trips. Contact: Chris La Ponder on 9596 8200 or (AH) 5975 1015.

Life Activities Club—Caulfield meets monthly at Gladys Machin Hall, Cedar St, Caulfield South. Next meeting 20 June at 7.30pm. New members welcome. Guest speaker and supper. Contact: 9568 5849 or 9523 9669.

Ladies Probus Club of Moorabbin seeks new members. Meets at Sandbelt Hotel South Road, Moorabbin on the third Wednesday of each month at 10am.

Probus Club of Caulfield meets at St John's church hall, corner Glen Huntly Rd and Foster St, Elsternwick on the first Tuesday of each month at 10am. Guest speakers and outings to interest recently retired professional business men. Contact: Lou Perlstein on 9523 6210.

Community

St John Ambulance—Glen Eira Combined Division seeks volunteers willing to help injured and acutely ill people at events such as school fetes, concerts and sporting events. If you can perform 10 minutes of CPR, have an outgoing nature and can meet on Monday nights, contact Helen Hoffman on 9528 6085.

Singers wanted to join the Glen Eira City Choir to sing in spring and Christmas concerts. Rehearsals on Monday nights from early July. Contact: Cathy Pearce 95782443.

Classes and courses

Caulfield South Community House provides education and personal development activities for all age groups. Meet new friends, develop new skills. For information about classes, contact: 9596 8643. Open house: 10am-4pm Tuesdays to Thursdays.

Folk art classes will be held by Hughesdale Art Group at the Community Centre, corner Kangaroo and Poath Roads, Hughesdale every Friday 1-3pm. Beginners welcome. Contact: Irene 9578 5132.

Apology

—Toilet training seminar

The seminar scheduled for Friday 15 June at Moorleigh Maternal and Child Health Centre has been cancelled.

For details of the next session please contact: Judy 9524 3403.

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BEGINNERS TO BLACK BELT – From 4 years old

Immunisation dates for June

Glen Eira Town Hall

(entry via Glen Eira Road)

Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield

Tuesday 12 June 6-7.30pm

Wednesday 4 July 9.30-10.30am

Murrumbeena Baptist Church

44 Murrumbeena Road, Murrumbeena

Monday 18 June 10-11am

Bentleigh-Bayside Community Health Service

Gardeners Road, East Bentleigh

Tuesday 19 June 10-11am

Saturday 23 June 9.30-11am

Glen Huntly Maternal and Child Health Centre

Corner Royal and Rosedale Avenues Glen Huntly

Wednesday 27 June 9.30-11am

Bentleigh Baptist Church

10 Vickery Street, Bentleigh

Monday 2 July 1.30-2.30pm

Red balloon

—walk, talk and coffee

Do you have a baby or toddler, but find it difficult to meet other parents?

Glen Eira Maternal and Child Health Service has the solution—a walk, talk and coffee session.

It's simple! Meet other mothers or fathers in a designated park and start walking together, pushing your pram or stroller as you chat. You'll know who belongs to the walking group, because all the prams will have a red balloon attached.

After the walk participants are encouraged to share a coffee.

When: Every Monday 11am-12noon

Where: Caulfield Park, corner Balaclava and Hawthorn Roads (near the mother and child sculpture), Caulfield.

Contact: Group Facilitator Elizabeth Saddington 0419 348 936 or Judy White 9524 3403.

Meet Elizabeth—pictured here at caulfield Park, balloons and all!



UBA BUS TOURS

18 July 9am-4pm

Emu Bottom Homestead

Join us on our first visit to historic EMU BOTTOM HOMESTEAD, Victoria's oldest homestead—featured in many TV series. 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-a-long Christmas carols.

15 August, 9am-4pm

A DAY ON THE MORNINGTON PENINSULA

We travel to Flinders via Frankston, Tyabb and Shoreham where we have morning tea at The Bakehouse. After a stroll along the ocean at Rye back beach, we will have a 2-course luncheon at the Rye RSL Club. Return journey is via Rosebud...And remember, the coach is always comfy and warm.

Enquiries: 9572 0571 or (A/H) Charlotte on 9523 7862

Glen Huntly Friendship Group

99 Grange Road, Glen Huntly

Activities for June

Wednesday, 12 June

Caribbean Gardens Market bus trip. Morning tea at Grange Room before leaving at 10am. Pick up at 185 Poath Road at 9.30am.

12 July

It's Christmas again! In July at the Cuckoo. 10.30am depart from 99 Grange Road and 10.45 from 185 Poath Road, Hughesdale.

Bookings Margaret 9596 6124

Glen Eira

Youth Page



LIBRARY News

Let's get fruity

Tuesday 3 July at 10.30am

Glen Eira Auditorium, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield



Fruit Salad to perform these holidays.

Our popular kid's concert is back for the July school holidays! Sing and dance with the fruity fantastic trio—Fruit Salad. The trio consists of the bold, fun characters Peaches, Cherry and Honeydew. A vibrant, interactive show that features funky, original songs children love.

Tickets on sale from 18 June at Caulfield, Bentleigh, Carnegie and Elsternwick Libraries. Best value school holiday fun: Junior library members \$3.30 Non-members \$5.50 parents and children under 12 months of age admitted free.

School holiday program gets even bigger

The school holiday program run in conjunction with Glen Eira Arts, will be even bigger these July holidays. See page 7 for details.

In the library two special internet workshops will be run—one for children 7 to 12 years (an introduction to the web) and a more advanced workshop for ages 9 to 12 years (for those with more experience). This workshop will teach skills to find resources on the internet for school projects and homework. Parents are invited to accompany their child if they would like to gain a better understanding of how the internet can best be used to complete homework tasks.

A schedule for the holiday program is available from all branches of Glen Eira Library and Information Service from mid June. Tickets go on sale at Caulfield Library from 18 June.

Elsternwick warms up for winter

With the on-set of the cooler months, patrons of Elsternwick Library will be pleased to learn that a new heating and cooling system has been installed in the library. This will provide much need warmth throughout the winter months and cool relief in summer.

Top 10 magazines

Glen Eira Library and Information Service has a wide range of magazines available at all branches which cater for an assortment of tastes and interests. Any number of magazines can be borrowed for one week. Some of the most popular magazines with our borrowers are:

Who Weekly
National Geographic
Australian Women's Weekly
Australian Personal Computer
Australia Gourmet Traveler

Business Review Weekly
Popular Science
Vogue Australia
Health and Healing

Students take a dive

by Mark Bekerman
Why Stop? Youth Worker

Students at Caulfield Park Community School dived, juggled and tumbled their way through a term of workshops with Council's "high flying" circus trainers.

As many as 12 young people were given the opportunity to learn performance skills, including juggling; stilt walking; head-stands and hand-stands; dive-rolls and tumbling; acrobalance and group formations as part of Council's school based Flying High Circus program.

Over the nine week course the participants built on their skills and gradually gained enough confidence to put on a show for their teachers, some of their friends and a small audience of parents.

The Flying High Circus Program is a school based initiative provided by Glen Eira Youth Services involving students in learning circus and performance skills. The program aims to teach young people positive risk-taking behaviour and presents participants with an opportunity for self-expression.

The workshops are a lot of fun and allow young people to interact with positive role models while being involved in a recreation activity not usually available to the wider community.

Each school term, the circus "team", comprising a youth worker, a circus trainer and a performance artist, visit a new school in Glen Eira.

It was a pleasure to be involved with these young people, who showed great potential as future performers with some students discovering talents they never knew they possessed.

The circus program is being delivered at McKinnon Secondary College during Term 2. For information on the Flying High Circus Program please contact Mark Bekerman at the Why Stop? Youth Information Centre on 9572 5389.



Caulfield Park Community School student John Morgan flies over fellow students at a Flying High Circus workshop.

New faces in GE Youth Services



Jacinta Lucas— new youth services co-ordinator

Hello, my name is Jacinta Lucas and I am delighted to accept the position of Glen Eira Youth Services Co-ordinator. I have been involved in the youth sector in some capacity all my professional life. I aim to continue the work already being undertaken in our community to support young people in navigating their futures successfully and happily.

I have come to Glen Eira City Council with eight years experience working for the Department of Education with students at risk. I also have two years experience as an account manager of community focused projects for blue chip corporate companies.

For the past 10 years, I have been living or working in the Glen Eira community and feel that this role is a natural progression for me.

I look forward to working with the fantastic team of youth workers down at the Why? Stop, and, most importantly with young people and the wider community to develop strong relationships and long and lasting partnerships. I can be contacted in Youth Services on 9524 3321.



Simon Vella— new youth worker

Hello, my name is Simon Vella and I am a new youth worker with Glen Eira Youth Services. I am 31 years old and have worked in the welfare sector for more than eight years.

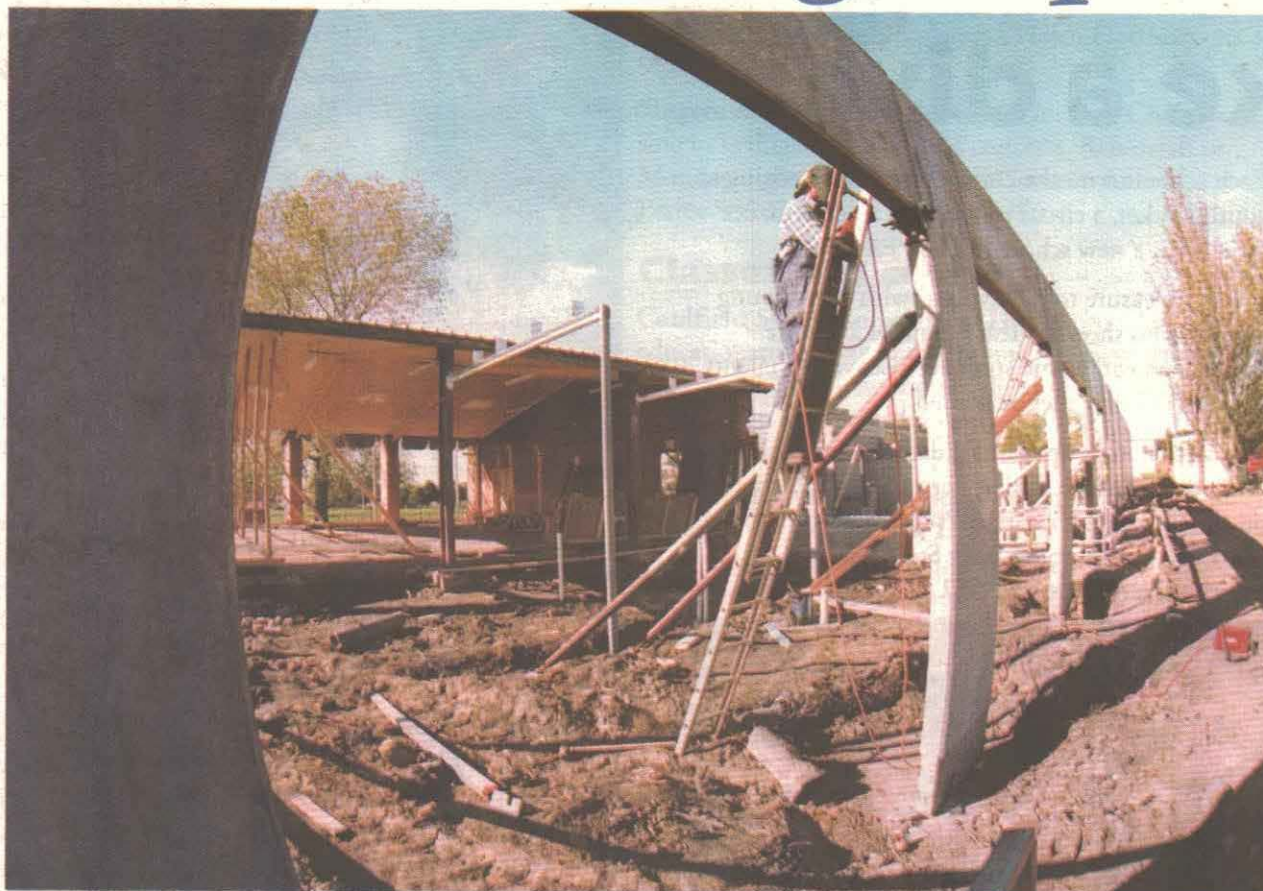
I have assumed a wide variety of roles working with youth, involving recreation, accommodation, young men's groups, child protection and local government. These experiences have developed my ability to work in a number of environments and deliver a comprehensive service to the young people with whom I work.

Before coming to Glen Eira, I was employed by Anglicare Youth Services where I provided support to young people who were unable to reside with their family of origin and required out-of-home care. During my time at Anglicare I completed a Master of Social Science (Policy and Community Management), having previously completed a BA in Youth Affairs.

I look forward to beginning my new role with Glen Eira Youth Services and I am delighted about working with such a highly skilled and professional team. I can be contacted at the Why Stop? Youth Information Centre on 9572 5389.

Recreation News

Pavilion *taking shape*



Construction site at Packer Park

Photos: Bernie Bickerton.

The Packer Park Pavilion is finally taking shape after months of planning and many weeks work on demolition and new foundations. Steel framework is being erected along with internal brick walls and the tilt slabs, which form the exterior walls.

The pavilion has been funded by a grant from Sport and Recreation Victoria and through Council's capital works program.

The current tenants of the reserve will benefit from these new works—the Carnegie Caulfield Cycling Club, the Glen Eira Football Club and the Washington Park Cricket Club will all use the new pavilion. The configuration of the complex will allow

for more than one user at a time, giving clubs the ability to use the pavilion concurrently. It will also allow the facility to be used by school groups.

The new facility will include a meeting room and social room area that will be used by clubs and available to residents for hire. The venue will be perfect for such occasions as a family special event, a community meeting or even use by playgroups. Being located next to one of the biggest playgrounds in the City will certainly make this new venue a popular one.

Packer Park Mel Ref 68: J8

In brief

Off to Canada

Kellie Manzie of East Bentleigh is off to Toronto Canada after gaining the unique honour of being chosen as a member of the Australian Women's Baseball Team. The team will play in July of this year at the inaugural Women's World Baseball Championships.

Kellie has been playing baseball from a very young age and has won numerous awards in local competitions including most valuable player, most outstanding junior player and many pitching and batting awards.

We wish Kellie and the Australian team all the best for the forthcoming competition.

Special olympic softball

Five years ago, the Moorabbin Softball Association began an association with the Southern Swingers Special Olympic Softball Team that has remained strong today.

The team is part of the southern region of the Special Olympic competition, a sporting program for people with Intellectual Disabilities.

Athletes train all year with the aim of competing in games held at regional, state, national and international levels. Softball is among the 10 sports enjoyed in Special Olympics.

The Southern Swingers not only train with the Moorabbin Association but now play against the Moorabbin teams. This season, two of the players were chosen to represent Victoria at an invitational game in Sydney. At the recent state games the Moorabbin Swingers won the gold medal. Some members of the team may be chosen to go to the national games in Sydney next year and then on to the world games in Dublin.

The Moorabbin Swingers are grateful to the Moorabbin Softball Association for helping their athletes integrate into everyday community sporting activities. It is a great example of an important community partnership.

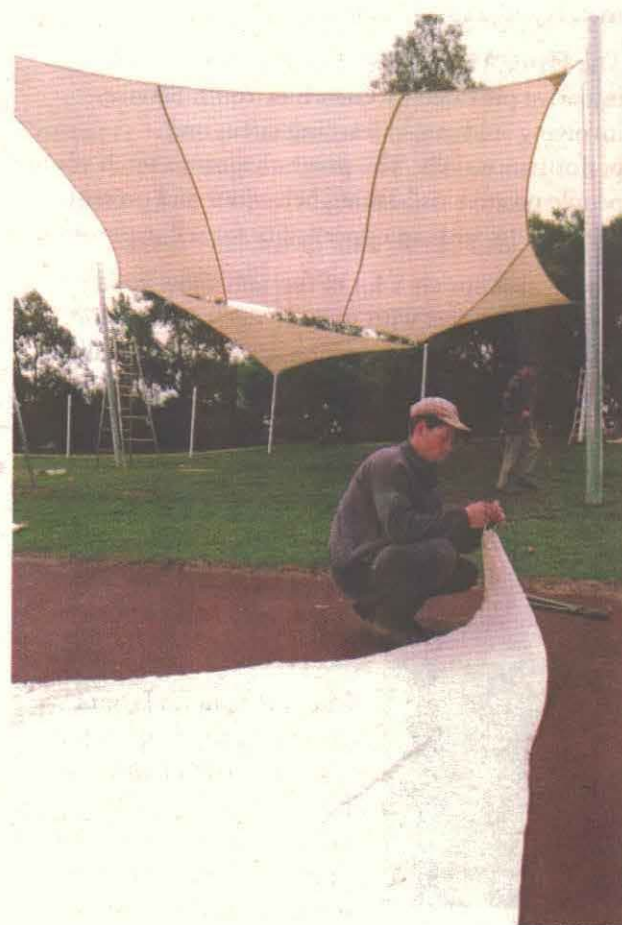
Duncan Mackinnon gets shade

Competitors and spectators will benefit from the new shade shelters being installed at the Duncan Mackinnon Reserve. These new structures are a joint initiative between Sport and Recreation Victoria and Council.


The two shade structures have been installed in the athletics venue at the north and south ends of the track, following consultation with the clubs and reserve advisory committee. Netball is also a winner with two permanent shade umbrellas being installed at the courts.

The new shade shelters are expected to help provide a sun safe environment at the Duncan Mackinnon Reserve.

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Shade sails go up at Duncan Mackinnon Reserve.



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