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Council acts for cyclist safety

— and helps the environment



Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

As part of its Bicycle Strategy, Council has begun installing shared bicycle and parking lanes on five of the City's arterial roads. The installations have been supported with funding from VicRoads and will create important east-west links across the City for bicycle users.

The Bicycle Strategy, which supports and promotes the use of bicycles as an alternative to using cars, identified sections of Inkerman, Glen Eira, Booran, Neerim and Alma Roads which will link up with existing bicycle facilities in other municipalities and within Glen Eira.

Mayor Cr Noel Erlich said: "Not only will this initiative improve cyclist safety, but making Glen Eira more rider-friendly is also a positive step for the environment."

Issues of cyclist safety were also raised by Council's Road Safety Strategic Plan, which was adopted in April. It identified a high number of bicycle crashes along the City's arterial road network and emphasised the need to provide improved bicycle facilities.

Cr Erlich said statistics in the strategy ranked Glen Eira 7th highest of all the metropolitan municipalities in relation to cyclist casualties per 100,000 population.

He said statistics showed most bicycle crashes involved collisions with motor vehicles and most occurred during daylight hours along 60km/h speed limit roads. The highest rate of bicycle casualties occurred on Thursdays and Wednesdays, and the lowest was on Sundays.

"This suggests that school and commuter related cycle travel has more casualties than recreational cycling in Glen Eira."

"Shared bicycle/parking lanes provide a clearly defined and dedicated space that separates cyclists from adjacent motor vehicles. This separation increases cyclists' safety, improves traffic flow and can improve the performance of the road. Narrowing of traffic lanes has also proven effective in reducing traffic speeds," Cr Erlich said.

Council has received a number of phone calls regarding bike lanes and the road rules. As a general rule, under the Victorian road rules, cars "...must not drive in a bicycle lane" however exemptions are listed where vehicles may drive in a bicycle lane for a permitted distance of 50 metres if:

- they are entering or leaving the road;
- they are overtaking a vehicle that is turning right or making a u-turn;
- they are attempting a legal park; or
- they are dropping off or picking up passengers.

Further bicycle lanes are scheduled to be installed this financial year in Bamba Road between North Road and Balaclava Road.

Other Council initiatives which address rider safety include planning and providing a safe and integrated on and off-road network of user-friendly well signed bicycle paths; investigating opportunities to expand off-road shared path networks; and reviewing the provision of bicycle facilities such as holding rails at key crossing points and secure bicycle parking facilities.



COMMUNITY SAFETY WEEK

2 - 8 September 2001

Focus on safety

This week is Community Safety Week. The week is aimed at raising awareness of community safety issues by emphasising partnership-based approaches to safety promotion and incorporating activities focussed on preventing crime, violence and injury.

It also provides opportunities for local communities to work together towards making their community safer— to *Think, Act, Feel and Be Safe*.

Council is committed to working with the community to ensure Glen Eira is a safe place for residents and visitors alike.

To celebrate Community Safety Week, this edition of the Glen Eira News explores safety in Glen Eira— perceptions, issues and how Council is addressing them.

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MAYOR'S column



Which is it for you. "You can't teach an old dog new tricks" or "You're never too old to learn"?

For me, it's the latter. I believe keeping an open and inquiring mind and exploring new ideas and learning keeps people young. What's more, I also think older people have an enormous

contribution to make to educating our young—even if our "young" are themselves no longer adolescents!

Last month, I was fortunate to be invited to officially open the Glen Eira Adult Learning Centre's new premises in North Road, Ormond. It is great to see the centre settling in to a new home which will give it the room to fully service its almost 200 students.

I am glad also to see that the relationship between Council and the Centre has remained strong and the group has continued to flourish despite the inconvenience the Centre has suffered during the last few years—being shifted around from Oak Tree House, to the former library in Maple Street, until finally to Ormond.

With one of the highest senior populations in a metropolitan city, Glen Eira is very fortunate to have three adult learning centres, the Glen Eira Adult Learning Centre, U3A Glen Eira and U3A Moorleigh. These centres provide much needed access to a wide range of classes and courses for older people—everything from basic literacy and numeracy, through arts and crafts, dancing and music, to computer and language training.

A couple of years ago, Council conducted a study into the social needs of our community, and one important finding noted the isolation of various groups—especially due to lack of literacy. Some 40,000 of our 124,000 residents are migrants, many from non-English speaking backgrounds. These adult learning centres play a vital role in providing for the social needs of our society. Courses in English as a Second Language not only provide practical support but an opportunity to enjoy social interaction and contact with others in their own cultural group.

I would encourage everyone to consider finding out what these learning centres have to offer. As I said, you're never too old to learn!

— Cr Noel Erlich
Mayor

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Cherry blossoms bring bright welcome

A delegation of 18 teachers from elementary and junior high schools in Glen Eira's sister city Ogaki, Japan, took time to visit recently as part of a trip to Australia to undertake an intensive English Course at Holmesglen TAFE.

The teachers were hosted by home stay families and made a number of visits throughout the City in their two-week stay—Shelford Anglican Girls' School, Murrumbeena Child Care Centre, Labassa National Trust, Caulfield Racing Museum and a tour of Monash University, Caulfield Campus Faculty of Art.

The group also enjoyed a luncheon at the Town Hall with Mayor Cr Noel Erlich, Friendly Cities Committee Chairperson Cr Veronika Martens, Cr Dorothy Marwick, members of the Friendly Cities Committee and Council staff.



The luncheon guests were delighted to be entertained by the teachers who played and sang traditional Japanese songs, complete with symbolic "cherry blossoms" (pictured below). Crs Erlich and Martens were pleased to show the group through the Town Hall complex, especially the recently opened Ogaki Room and Japanese Garden.

Step into spring

Council invites residents over 50 years to join in any or all of three walking groups to "Step Into Spring". This is a great opportunity to improve fitness in a fun, social atmosphere with a qualified instructor to encourage and motivate participants. The walk will include warm-up exercises and cool down stretches, and a morning cuppa.

Caulfield Walkers

When: Monday 17 September at 9.15am
Where: Caulfield Park (meet at car park near Bowls Club)
Corner Balaclava and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield

Bentleigh Walkers

When: Wednesday 19 September at 9am
Where: Hodgson Reserve
(meet at Bentleigh/McKinnon Youth Centre) Higgins Road, Bentleigh

East Bentleigh Walkers

When: Tuesday 18 September at 9am
Where: Centenary Park (meet at pavilion)
Brady Road entrance, East Bentleigh

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FREE

Cost \$2.20 per session

For further information contact Recreation Officer for Older Adults Cheryl Kennedy on 9524 3356.



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Great turnout for planting day

National Tree Day was well-supported in Packer Park and the new Mallanbool Reserve, Carnegie, as about 120 local residents took part in getting 2500 indigenous plants into the ground.

Organiser Mark Dornau, who co-ordinated the day, described it as a resounding success: "I was blown away with the fantastic enthusiasm and feedback the people had for Council's capital program in this area."

Mr Dornau said although the day was set to begin at 10am, by 9.45am people had already begun to arrive. A steady stream of community participation continued so that by 10.15am about 50 people had arrived, and by 11am about 80 people had joined in.

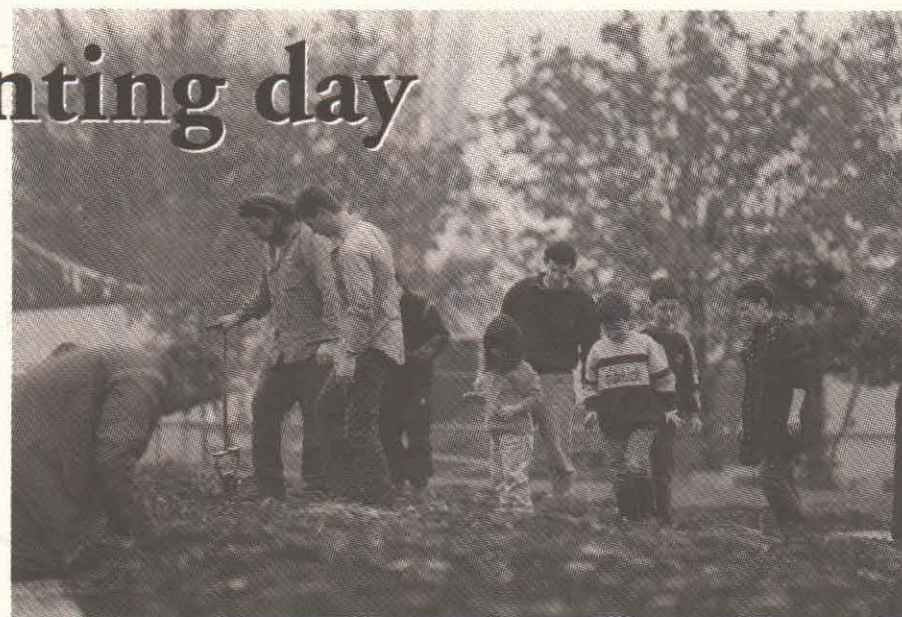
"We had planned initially to plant approximately 1000 plants on the day. By 10.45am, that thousand were in the ground. Fortunately, we had organised another 1000 plants for the surrounds of the creek area in Packer Park— by 11.15am, that 1000 was in the ground too!"

"Luckily we had another contingency plan for a further 500 plants for Mallanbool Reserve should the demand require it. By 12pm all 2500 plants were in the ground," he said.

Mr Dornau said the result was "almost unprecedented" in terms of the number of people, the efficiency with which they planted and the enthusiasm, passion and commitment to their local open space. About 50 people stayed on after the planting to enjoy a barbecue, share experiences and ask questions of organisers and staff.

Council's Contract Manager Greg Mather said Council was extremely pleased with the result. "It was a great opportunity to get the community involved in developing their open space. And of course the parks and wildlife also benefit from all the native plants."

He said Council was planning further tree planting days and would be encouraging residents to don their gumboots and gardening gloves again. "We hope to make this a regular event on Council's calendar."



About 120 people took part the planting program at Mallanbool Reserve and Packer Park to commemorate National Tree Planting Day.



Beate Sutterby (holding baby Tara) gives a helping hand to Grace (5) as she carefully plants native grasses, while Emily (5) looks on.

Photos: Bernie Bickerton.

Week to promote mental health

Council will support a number of activities during Mental Health Week (7-13 October), to raise awareness of issues surrounding emotional and mental health.

Mental Health Week aims to promote increased community awareness of the causes, effects and treatment of mental illness and to encourage people to develop strategies to cope with modern life and help them stay healthy. The week also serves to highlight the impact of mental illness on human and financial resources.

Community mental health breakfast

Bentleigh Bayside Community Health Service and Council, in partnership with Bentleigh-Moorabbin Central Rotary Club, will host a breakfast at the Town Hall on Tuesday 9 October from 7.15am.

The breakfast will be free for the public (Rotarians will be asked to pay \$15). Guest speaker will be Neil Cole— renowned playwright, author, lawyer and former member of parliament— who will talk about his personal experience of "living with a mental illness".

Post natal depression

Education and support worker with Post and Ante Natal Depression Association (PaNDa) Liz Senior will talk on post natal depression, the signs and symptoms on 10 October at 8pm at the Glen Huntly Maternal and Child Health Centre.

Free yoga class for stressed out parents

A free yoga and relaxation class will be held in the Caulfield Cup room, Glen Eira Town Hall on Thursday 11 October at 10.30am. Child care will be available but bookings essential by 20 September.

For more information or to register your attendance at the above activities contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 by Tuesday 2 October.

Save water— adopt a tree

The health of Glen Eira's parks and street trees is starting to suffer due to prolonged drought conditions across Victoria.

Mayor Cr Noel Erlich said many established street trees, such as ash and prunus are in severe distress.

"We are asking residents to help out and 'adopt a tree' by watering young nature strip trees with a couple of buckets of water twice a week through spring and summer," Cr Erlich said.

"Council will also be reducing the watering of sports grounds to only nighttime. Although the turf will be under some strain, we expect playing surfaces to be reasonable for all sports.

"We have heavily mulched our park garden beds to improve moisture retention. If conditions become too harsh we will have to reduce flower displays."

Victoria is in the grip of its fifth consecutive year of drought— its longest period of drought for 85 years. August figures showed Melbourne's water storages were at 51.3 per cent capacity.

Cr Erlich urged Glen Eira residents to reduce their water consumption by around three buckets (or 30 litres) a day, to help reduce the likelihood of water restrictions being enforced this summer or reduce their severity.

Melburnians use about 35 billion litres of water a month, which equals about 23,000 Olympic-sized swimming pools. The target is to reduce this usage by about 5 per cent or 1.7 billion litres a month.

"There are only two things that could prevent water restrictions— reduced water usage or good rainfall," Cr Erlich said. "While we can't control the amount of rain we receive, we can control how much water we use."

"It's relatively easy to save water and if, as a community, we all make an effort, we can make a difference. Even just reducing shower times by two minutes can save as much as 40 litres of water per shower.

Cr Erlich said saving three buckets of water a day was well within the reach of all Glen Eira households by making some small changes such as:

- reducing the length of showers by two minutes;
- using only full loads in the dishwasher and washing machine;
- sweeping driveways and paths instead of hosing them;
- washing cars with buckets rather than hoses; and
- fixing leaking taps and toilets.

If introduced, Level 1 restrictions would limit water usage involving sprinklers, gardens, sports grounds, vehicles, windows, paved areas, fountains, pools and spas and ponds and lakes.

For more water conservation tips visit www.savewater.com.au



Doing Business



Roadside art on display in Elsternwick

Business and education work together

Businesses along Elsternwick Mainstreet were alive with colour and form last month for the "Roadside Art" exhibition of paintings and artworks from students of Shelford Anglican Girls' School.

The exhibition was developed by Elsternwick Mainstreet Committee in consultation with students and teachers at the school, as part of Glen Eira's BusEd program which works towards uniting the business and education sectors to achieve mutually beneficial outcomes.

Artworks were created by students of all ages, from Prep to Year 12 and displayed in 26 retail windows

along Glen Huntly Road. Students consulted with individual retailers to co-ordinate presentation and hanging of artworks in the windows.

Elsternwick Mainstreet committee president Peter Haley praised the work of students taking part in the initiative: "The students have taken on this project with enthusiasm and imagination, to present this unusual and exciting exhibition, reflecting many of the characteristics of the Elsternwick area."

"This project is another example of the educational community and retailers joining forces to promote the unique aspects of our local environment," he said.



(Foreground) Year 9 student Gabrielle Pelletier talks Council's Business Development Manager Lynda Bredin through a mural, with (background) Justine Smethurst, Mainstreet Marketing Co-ordinator Cathy Madigan and Laura Osborne.



(From left) Fenton Long demonstrates the composition of a compass made from individually crafted tiles to Minister for Small Business and Consumer Affairs Marsha Thompson, Council's Business Development Manager Lynda Bredin and Oakleigh MLA Ann Barker. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Minister visits the City

Minister for Small Business and Consumer Affairs Marsha Thompson visited Glen Eira last month for an overview of Council and business roles in the City.

Council's Business Development Manager Lynda Bredin, Oakleigh MLA Ann Barker and Department of State and Regional Development representative Phil Allen accompanied the Minister as she toured local businesses, attended a Business Forum and visited the Glen Eira Town Hall.

The party visited Murrumbena business Austile, where the Minister was given a guided tour of the design and manufacturing process by owner operator Fenton Long. Ms Thompson said she was fascinated by the company's ability to design individual tiles and murals and was interested to be given a try at some of the operational processes involved.

At the Town Hall, Ms Thompson met with Mayor Cr Noel Erlich and senior Council officers and discussed Glen Eira's Urban Village Structure Plan and the new Carnegie Library and Community Centre project.

Ms Thompson and Cr Erlich also discussed business networks and mentoring programs—both of which Council is pursuing by developing a mentor program and links between education and business with the BusEd program, and the Glen Eira Womens Business Network.

For your diary...

The following events will all be held in the Caulfield Cup Room at the Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield. Supper will be provided and bookings are essential. Please contact Lynda Bredin on 9524 3384.

Glen Eira Women's Business Network
Commonwealth Business Bank—Preparing for Finance
Thursday 13 September 7pm–9pm.

Australian Retailers Association Victoria
Managing Security to Lift Your Bottom Line
Wednesday 10 October from 6pm.
Cost: \$20 (incl. GST).

Glen Eira Women's Business Network
IBM—e-business
Thursday 11 October 7pm–9pm.

ARES
Initiating—Website, domain registration, website design and development, marketing, choosing an ISP, hosting, WAP
Wednesday 24 October 6.30pm–8.30pm.

Festival season looming

The festivals season is approaching and Bentleigh, Carnegie and McKinnon trader associations are calling for expressions of interest from schools, community organisations, street stalls and entertainers.

Contacts:

McKinnon Fiesta—Sunday 11 November.
Contact: Simon Matthews on 9578 9571.

Carnegie Festival—Saturday 24 November.
Contact: Patti Perkins on 0407 095 856.

Bentleigh Festival—Sunday 25 November.
Contact: Richard Atkinson on 0418 175 736 or 9557 9822.

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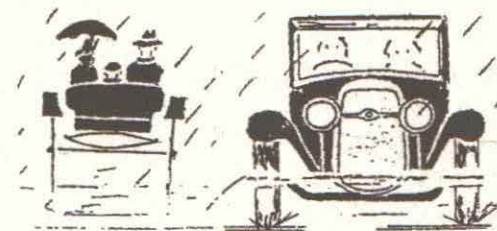
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A pledge to Australia

A record 95 migrants took the pledge to become Australian citizens at a recent ceremony in the Glen Eira auditorium.

This was a special ceremony as it fell in Australia's Federation Year—a year that recognises Australia's place as one of the world's longest continuously serving



democracies. New citizens came from many countries including New Zealand, Malaysia, The Philippines, Israel, South Africa and England.

In his address, Mayor Cr Noel Erlich reflected on the journey of his parents: "My parents came here to Australia because they saw it as a land of opportunity, a land free of old world conflicts, a land in which they could safely raise their children and where their children could fulfill their potential. How right they were."

The Mayor led the migrants through the pledge and Cr Peter Goudge, Cr Alan Grossbard and Cr Rachelle Sapir presented them with a certificate and commemorative plants, flags and badges.

Ben and Irene Chew (pictured left with the Mayor and their children Colleen, Renny and Peter) were naturalized after being in Australia for 20 years. Also among the new citizens were Andrew Bailey and 4-month-old baby Cameron (right), who seemed more than happy to wave the Australian flag.



Photos: Bernie Bickerton.

Citizenship ceremony

Language Line

Home at last!

After eight months of planning, the Glen Eira Adult Learning Centre has finally found a home—at 491 North Road, Ormond.

Mayor Cr Noel Erlich was invited to cut the ribbon at an opening attended by Southern Western Port Regional Council of Adult Community and Further Education chairperson Dorothy Jenkins and about 70 volunteers, staff, students and friends.

Adult Learning Centre Chairperson Adele McNair said the centre had been operating for 15 years and now accommodated almost 200 students from 41 community groups. It had five English as a Second Language tutors and offered classes in a range of areas including literacy and numeracy and computer training.

"The centre now has significantly enhanced library and computer facilities which will be a great benefit to both staff and students. We will continue to offer low cost classes in a friendly supportive environment."

"In this the International Year of the Volunteer, the Centre is proud to have more than 40 volunteers associated with it, in various roles, and their tireless work has been integral to making this transition as smooth as it has been," she said.

The Glen Eira Adult Learning Centre's new phone number is: 9578 8996.



Finalmente a casa!

Dopo otto mesi di lavori il Glen Eira Adult Learning Centre (Centro di apprendimento per adulti) ha finalmente trovato una casa - al nr 491 di North Road, Ormond.

Il Presidente Adele McNair ha detto che il centro, che ormai opera da 15 anni, attualmente conta quasi 200 studenti provenienti da 41 gruppi comunitari diversi. Ha detto che il centro ora avrebbe avuto una biblioteca più ricca nonché un sistema di computer più avanzato e avrebbe continuato ad offrire corsi a basso prezzo in un ambiente amichevole e accogliente.

Il Consigliere Noel Erlich, sindaco di Glen Eira, ha tagliato il nastro alla cerimonia d'apertura, alla quale hanno assistito Dorothy Jenkins, presidente di Southern Western Port Regional Council of Adult Community and Further Education, assieme a volontari, il personale, studenti e amici.

Per informazioni sui corsi contattare il Glen Eira Adult Learning Centre telefonando al 9578 8996.

校舍終於有了!

經過八個月的規劃，Glen Eira 成人學習中心終於找到了校舍 - 491 North Road, Ormond。

Adele McNair 主任說，成人學習中心已經建校十五年了，現有來自四十一個社區團體的近二百名學員。她還說，學習中心加強了圖書館和電腦設施，並將繼續在友好的支持環境中開設低收費的課程。

Noel Erlich 市長出席了啟用儀式並剪了彩，其他參加成人學習中心啟用儀式的人士包括西南港灣地區成人社團及繼續教育理事會主席 Dorothy Jenkins，以及自願人員，教職員工，學生和朋友。

欲知課程方面的訊息，請聯絡 Glen Eira 成人學習中心，電話：9578 8996。

Mayor Cr Noel Erlich officially opens the Glen Eira Adult Learning Centre's new home with (from left) Dorothy Jenkins, Helen Yandel and Adele McNair.

Наконец мы дома!

После восьми месяцев подготовки и планирования мы в конце концов нашли новое помещение для нашего Центра (Glen Eira Adult Learning Centre) - 491 North Road, Ormond.

Председатель Центра г-жа Adele McNair отметила, что Центр работает уже 15 лет и в настоящее время имеет почти 200 учащихся из 41 этнической группы. Центр теперь располагает расширенной и улучшенной библиотекой и компьютерными классами, и по-прежнему будет предлагать учащимся недорогие учебные программы, проходящие в обстановке дружеского внимания и поддержки.

Член муниципального совета и мэр г-н Noel Erlich официально объявил об открытии Центра на церемонии, на которой присутствовала председатель регионального совета по вопросам образования для взрослых Southern Western Port г-жа Dorothy Jenkins, а также волонтеры, наши сотрудники, учащиеся и друзья Центра.

Информацию о различных курсах можно получить в нашем Центре по тел. 9578 8996.

Επιτέλους βρήκαμε σπίτι!

Μετά από οκτάμηνο προγραμματισμό, το Κέντρο Μάθησης Ενηλίκων Glen Eira βρήκε τελικά δικό του σπίτι - στο 491 North Road, Ormond.

Η Πρόεδρος Adele McNair είπε ότι το κέντρο λειτουργεί για 15 χρόνια και έχει τώρα σχεδόν 200 σπουδαστές από 41 κοινοτικές ομάδες. Είπε ότι το κέντρο έχει βελτιωμένες εγκαταστάσεις βιβλιοθήκης και ηλεκτρονικών υπολογιστών και θα συνεχίσει να προσφέρει μαθήματα με χαμηλό κόστος σ' ένα φιλικό και στοργικό περιβάλλον.

Ο Δήμαρχος Cr Noel Erlich έκοψε την κορδέλα των εγκαίνιων στα οποία παρευρέθηκαν η Πρόεδρος του Συμβουλίου Κοινοτικής και Περαιτέρω Κοινοτικής Εκπαίδευσης Ενηλίκων Περιφέρειας Southern Western Port Dorothy Jenkins και εθελοντές, προσωπικό, σπουδαστές και φίλοι.

Για πληροφορίες μαθημάτων επικοινωνήστε με το Κέντρο Μάθησης Ενηλίκων Glen Eira στο: 9578 8996.

Glen Eira— *safer than you think*

A comparison between a local safety survey carried out by the Department of Justice (Crime Prevention Victoria) in 2000 and actual crime statistics, has shown Glen Eira to be safer than its residents perceive it to be.

The survey showed that although people's perceptions of safety issues were well-matched to actual statistics in terms of the types of crimes posing concern, the perceived degree of those crimes was exaggerated when compared to actual crime rates.

The survey identified the perception that older people are less safe than other sectors of the community and are more often the target of crime. This perception may be partly due to a sense of frailty, isolation and vulnerability, and is often reinforced by media coverage of attacks on older people in their homes which highlight their ages.

However, Victorian crime statistics showed the older a person becomes, the less likely it is he or she will become a victim of crime. The report said people aged 60 and over, while making up 16.8 per cent of the state's population, experience only 3 per cent of all crimes against the person.

People in this age group are three times less likely to be a victim of robbery and nine times less likely to be a victim of assault.

Chairperson of the Glen Eira Community Safety Committee Cr Veronika Martens said: "People **feel** more unsafe than they actually are, often because of negative media reports. Statistics show that, compared to other Cities, Glen Eira is actually safer. Unfortunately, people don't always **feel** that way. They appear to react to negative reports rather than facts".

Cr Martens said Glen Eira's Community Safety Report (July 2000) confirmed these perceptions: "A sample of crimes in Glen Eira reported to the police over a three month period in 2000, showed that Glen Eira was generally lower than the state average in reported crimes. Figures for property damage and burglary (residential) were higher."

"But, the rate for crimes against the person were in the low range for all post codes in the City of Glen Eira— showing Glen Eira to be in reality a safe place to live," she said.



School crossing supervisors ensure childrens' safety.

Glen Eira Community Safety Committee

The Glen Eira Community Safety Committee's work plan for the next 12 months includes addressing perceptions of safety, road safety measures and taking up partnership opportunities targeting major concerns raised by the community.

Council is making our City safer

Every day of the year, Council is hard at work helping to ensure Glen Eira is a safe place to live and visit. Council's safety initiatives encompass almost every aspect of community life including roads, school, home, parks, playgrounds and shopping centres.

Here are just a few examples of Council's commitment to community safety:

- Council is a partner in the Glen Eira Community Safety Committee, formed last year with Victoria Police and Neighbourhood Watch, to provide an integrated approach to addressing community safety issues in Glen Eira.
- A total of \$4.54 million has been allocated for footpath works (\$1.1 million), road and right-of-ways works (\$2.1 million), and road maintenance (\$1.34 million) across the city in 2001–2002 to help make sure they are safe for pedestrians and motorists.



Pedestrian safety and traffic flow improved in Glen Huntly Road, Elsternwick.

- \$900,000 is spent on street lighting each year to ensure roads and public spaces are well lit and safe for residents.
- Council pays \$1.1 million for the Metropolitan Fire Brigade each year.
- Recommendations contained in Council's Road Safety Strategic Plan are progressively being implemented to improve pedestrian safety and access within strip shopping centres and across busy arterial roads.
- Council has joined forces with VicRoads and the Victoria Police on a pilot project to improve pedestrian safety along the North Road Ormond Shopping Centre.
- Council has adopted a Bicycle Strategy which promotes safer cycling and aims to reduce potential injury.
- Shared bicycle/parking lanes are being installed along five main roads across Glen Eira to boost cyclists' safety.
- An extended median strip has recently been painted along the centre of Glen Huntly Road, Elsternwick, to improve the traffic flow through the shopping centre and make the area safer for pedestrians and shoppers.
- Council employs 50 school crossing supervisors to ensure children travel safely to and from school. The supervisors are trained in safety issues.
- Council will be hosting a wiser driver course, beginning in September, designed to encourage older people to become better, safer and wiser drivers.
- All playgrounds in the City's parks are checked daily to make sure they are safe for children to use.



Council officers carry out spot checks for pool safety.

- Council has successfully attracted funding through the Federal and State Government's Blackspot program to fix dangerous roads and intersections throughout the City.
- As part of their statutory responsibilities, Council's building surveyors inspect buildings to ensure smoke alarms have been fitted and are operating effectively.
- Council carries out spot checks on private swimming pools and fencing to ensure they comply with building and safety regulations.
- Incidents such as graffiti and damage to Council buildings are dealt with within a 48-hour turnaround from the time of reporting.
- Council's Business Development Manager liaises with trader associations to encourage positive use of public space in shopping centres to make them safer.
- Council encourages responsible pet ownership. Council's animal control officers carry out regular patrols of parks, streets and public places to ensure animal control regulations are being complied with for the safety of residents and children.

- Safety measures such as public toilet patrols, dangerous dog controls and syringe retrieval and disposal are being increased.

Road safety funding for "black spots"

Research as part of Council's Road Safety Strategic Plan showed someone had been seriously injured or killed on Glen Eira roads every three days in the past five years.

This alarming statistic instigated investigation and nomination of a number of sites for Federal and State Government funding under a program known as the "Blackspot Program". It is hoped the program will help achieve the Governments' objective of a 20 per cent reduction in the road toll by 2006.

Mayor Cr Noel Erlich said: "It is terrific that we have success here on behalf of our community. The funding will help us improve the road environment with traffic engineering treatments.

"However, it is important to recognise that human behaviour also remains a major contributing factor to accidents in our City. It's important that drivers, pedestrians and cyclists not become complacent, as it is often individual's decisions and behaviour on the roads that is the cause of road accidents."

Council has successfully attracted funding for the following sites:

- Grange Road/Leila Road Ormond traffic island— installed in May (\$18,000)
- Kambrook Road/Station Street Caulfield roundabout— in design stage (\$102,000)

- Orrong Road/Riddell Parade Elsternwick roundabout— design completed (\$72,000)
- Normanby/Kambrook Roads Caulfield separate right turn lane and kerb extension— in design (\$77,000)
- Glen Huntly Road between Gordon and Beavis Streets Elsternwick pedestrian refuge— installed June (\$5500)
- Centre Road/East Boundary Road East Bentleigh right turn lane— in design (\$305,000)
- Glen Huntly Road/Kambrook Road Glen Huntly— treatment to prevent dangerous turn (\$28,000)
- Koornang/Oakleigh Road Ormond— roundabout (\$140,000)
- Neerim Road/Koornang Road Carnegie— traffic signal mast arm (\$25,000)
- Koornang Road/Leila Road Ormond— roundabout (\$138,000)
- Glen Eira Road/Kooyong Road Caulfield— mast arm on two approaches (\$30,000)
- Inkerman/Orrong Road Caulfield— mast arm on two approaches (\$30,000)
- Katandra Road Ormond speed humps— installed (\$15,000)

Making our roads safer

The Glen Eira Road Safety Strategic Plan, adopted by Council in April 2001, 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.

Council's strategic plan sets a number of actions in place to improve pedestrian safety and access, such as: a review of the phase times of pedestrian signals in high activity areas; seeking funding for audio-tactile devices at key locations; identifying sites for the installation of "puffin" crossings (traffic lights which provide longer time frames for crossing); skid resistant pavements at the approach to signals; a renewal program for painted pedestrian cross walks; and kerb extensions to provide safe zones for waiting crossers.



"Black spot" corner, Neerim Road and Koornang Road Carnegie, will get a \$25,000 traffic signal upgrade.

The Safer Routes to Shops pilot project in North Road Ormond, a joint initiative between Council, VicRoads and the Victoria Police, is another initiative aimed at improving pedestrian safety. The project has involved consultation with local residents, traders and schools, an analysis of crash statistics for the centre and the preparation of a pedestrian safety audit. A report from traffic consultants is imminent and will make recommendations for consideration.

Older drivers get wise

As part of its road safety awareness program, Council is hosting a "wiser driver" course for older drivers. The course, held over four weeks, is designed to encourage older people to become better and wiser drivers.

Statistics show that as roads get busier, older motorists are more likely to be at risk should an accident occur and more likely to be at fault. The course will provide older drivers with skills and confidence to continue to be responsible, road-worthy drivers.

Community Safety Week

Sunday 2 to Saturday 8 September, 2001 is Community Safety Week.

Glen Eira City Council will support a number of activities throughout the week and provide local groups with opportunities to link together and take simple and effective steps towards a safer community for all.

Activities will include displays, pamphlets, competitions, seminars and talks at Moorleigh Community Village, Room 24, Chris Koutoumas Wing, 92 Bignell Road, East Bentleigh on Wednesday 5 September from 9.30am to 3.30pm.

Neighbourhood Watch and Victoria Police will attend an evening hosted by Council in the

Caulfield Cup Room, Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Wednesday 5 September from 7pm to 9pm. All welcome.

A series of talks will also be held at Oakleigh Fire Station, 100 Atherton Road, Oakleigh (Melway 69 G7):

Wednesday 5 September
10am Helping older people
2pm Help for carers in the home

Thursday 6 September
10am Helping people with disabilities
2pm Meeting Culturally and Linguistically diverse groups

For information on any of the above activities contact: 9524 3448.

Check those smoke alarms!

Now that the colder weather is here and fires and heaters are being more heavily used, Council's Building officers are reminding residents and businesses that smoke alarms need to be checked annually to maintain safety.

The operation of most smoke alarms can be easily checked by depressing the button on the outside of the alarm. The test should be conducted in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.

The battery in most smoke alarms will need to be renewed annually (lithium batteries lasting up to seven years are also available). Smoke alarms should emit a warning sound when the battery needs replacement.

The alarm should also be cleaned annually—carefully vacuum to remove dust particles that may affect the operation of the unit. Once again, full details will be in the manufacturer's installation and operation details.

Neither a Council nor a relevant building surveyor is required to check that the owner is maintaining the smoke alarm, but a municipal building surveyor can inspect smoke alarms installed in some buildings. Fines may apply for units which have not been maintained.

ARTS Arts

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

Puppets, spring, mosaics and favourite art things



Saturday morning art class with tutors David Ray and Michelle Zuccolo.

School Holiday Art Program

Monday 24 September to Friday 28 September

The Glen Eira Arts Complex, in conjunction with Glen Eira Library and Information Services, presents the popular school holiday program for children and teenagers.

Programs ideal for young children include:

- hand puppets and marionettes;
- claywork and creative woodwork; and
- messy mornings to explore colour, shape and pattern.

with special feature:

A puppet show for preschool to 8-year-olds will be held in the Auditorium.

Introduction to animation with school holiday program tutor Moira Joseph.

Teenage program includes:

- wheel-thrown pottery;
- film animation; and
- mosaics.

Program details will be available in early September. Call Anthony on 9524 3402 to be put on the mailing list. Tickets on sale from 10 September.



cinema sprints
30 seconds in 3 minutes creation

The Glen Eira Film Festival, now in its second year, is calling for entries to the main competition Cinema Sprints—inviting films of 30 seconds to three minutes duration, open theme, format and genre. Total prize pool: \$10,000 in cash and prizes, includes the FUJIFILM Best Film Award of \$5000 (\$3000 cash/\$2000 film stock courtesy of FUJIFILM, and \$1500 film processing courtesy of Cinevex).

Telephone, email or download an entry form and be part of the fun. Contact: 9524 3287 or 9524 3390 Email: rverde@gleneira.vic.gov.au or csmith@gleneira.vic.gov.au
Website: www.cinemasprints.com

Hurry, entries close Friday 28 September!



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New ceramic classes and ceramic news

October to December

Ceramic artist Angelina Brazzale is teaching a wide range of ceramic classes in Term 4. Angelina has a Bachelor of Arts, Fine Arts with a major in ceramics from RMIT. She was an award winner in the graduate show Fresh at Craft Victoria.

Slipcasting and decoration
Ceramics for young people
Zen and wheel-thrown pottery
Ceramic tiles
Wheel-thrown pottery
Saturday morning teen art

Monday 1pm–3pm
Monday 4.30pm–6.30pm
Tuesday 7pm–9pm
Thursday 1pm–3pm
Monday 7pm–9pm
Saturday 10am–noon

For more information please contact the Arts Program Co-ordinator 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.

The Alfred Hospital Exhibition

13 to 23 September

The Former Alfred Staff Committee has brought together a fundraising event of fine quality. An array of talented artists from a variety of different disciplines including M Beattie, A Jansons and A Castagnet are participating in this worthy cause. All proceeds go to the Alfred Hospital.

The Island

26 September to 7 October

Jenny Plunkett's light filled exhibition gives the feeling that it's continually summer. Observations of the landscape and people around Phillip Island—the artist's home for the last 11 years—form the majority of material and inspiration for her work.



Shimmering blocks of colour portray waves of heat on the shoreline and in contrast, other paintings depict a world packed with the pattern and vigour of figures crowding the beach. These two distinct bodies of work suggest Jenny Plunkett's differing relationship with her environment.

Jenny has been exhibiting regularly since 1979 and is represented in public and private collections in Australia and overseas.

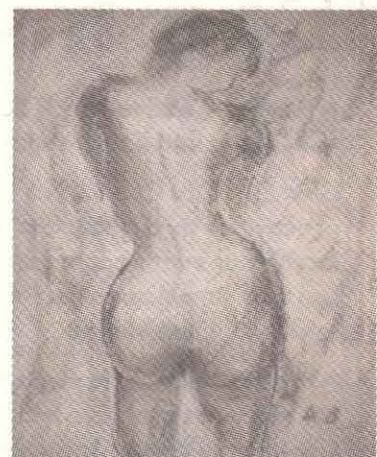
Dianne Bresciani

25 September to 7 October

Described by Margaret Rutter in her catalogue essay as a "concert", Bresciani's exhibition explores the rhythm of line and the forms of various melodies.

Although Bresciani's work can be broken into three main categories—figurative sketches, seascapes and abstract works—the images seem more like they have been plucked individually from the recesses of dream or memory.

Bresciani's paintings have a general lightness and airiness about them, and a constant rhythm in the strokes as she sensitively evokes the subject matter. Children are absorbed in their own play and landscapes are given a visionary hue.



Tree protection and ResCode

In response to community and Council concerns about the changing nature of neighbourhood character, the final version of *ResCode*, recently released by the State Government, gives Council more power in regard to new development and tree replacement.

From treescape to moonscape

These new powers have been developed to tackle the problem of "moonscaping" — the complete clearing of a property by a developer. The house is demolished, all trees are removed, the site is totally flattened and then the developer approaches Council and applies for a planning permit. Because the trees have already been removed, they no longer form part of the "character of the site" which under planning requirements must be protected.

Director City Development Jeff Akehurst said concerns that the treed character of many Cities was under constant threat were raised during the process of developing *ResCode*.

"This seems to be especially the case in regard to the unwarranted removal of vegetation, particularly large trees, from private property associated with redevelopment proposals, ie the act of moonscaping," he said.

In response to these concerns, the final version of *ResCode* which governs the siting and design of residential development, enables Councils to require replacement trees — if trees have been removed prior to making a planning application for a new development. Council may even refuse a proposal on the basis that trees have been removed, particularly if it is clear that a development advantage has been sought.

"These controls, while not preventing the removal of vegetation, will substantially reduce incentives to remove vegetation prior to preparing the

neighbourhood and site description and the design response component of an application."

"Council cannot stop the trees being removed but we can make sure the developer achieves no real advantage through moonscaping and is required to plant suitable replacement trees," Mr Akehurst said.

Contact Council's Strategic Town Planning Unit on 9524 3476 for further information on tree protection in Glen Eira and the standards included in *ResCode*.



Before and after — Rosella Street, Murrumbeena is reduced from a treed suburban site to a completely cleared block.

Heritage hap'nings

Amendments to protect additional buildings

As part of the ongoing process of managing and protecting Glen Eira's heritage assets, Council is considering two proposals for heritage protection for additional buildings.

Amendment C13, which has been through public exhibition, proposes introducing heritage overlay controls over the properties in Bruce Court, Elsternwick. At its meeting on 13 August, Council considered the amendment and resolved to proceed to the next stage, which involves asking Minister for Planning John Thwaites to appoint an independent panel to hear submissions.

Council also considered amendment C19 at its August meeting, which proposes including 70 individual places for heritage overlay protection. These places, which include the tramway junction

at Balaclava and Hawthorn Roads, three railway stations and private buildings, are considered to be a significant part of Glen Eira's heritage. Council decided to proceed with Amendment C19 and it will be on public exhibition soon.

Job vacancy

Glen Eira City Council seeks the services of Div I (Grade 4) Registered Nurses for its Spurway Residential Community.

Two part time positions are available.

For more information contact Anne Davey on 9563 1911 or Human Resources on 9524 3451.

City of
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You are invited to an informal talk on: Toilet training — the essentials

with speaker Caulfield Community Care Centre Health Nurse Jackie Wallace.

Date: Wednesday 19 September

Time: 10.30am–noon

Cost: \$3

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

Contact: 9524 3403

City of
**GLEN
EIRA**

You are invited to an informal talk on:

Food for toddlers

with Caulfield Community Care Centre Dietitian Ingrid Phyland.

At: Moorleigh Maternal and Child Health Centre, 92 Bignell Road, Bentleigh East

When: Monday 1 October

Time: 11am–12.30pm

Cost: \$3 donation

Contact: 9524 3403

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EIRA**

23 years of club support

Not only has Thelma Beasley (pictured) shown her prowess on the bowling greens, but she is fondly regarded as a stalwart of the Bentleigh Ladies Bowling Club, having been associated with the club for 23 years.



Recently, Thelma bade farewell to the secretarial position, which she held for 18 years, to take up a new challenge as member of the club's selection committee.

She introduced the Classic Competition in 1993 and took on the responsibility of organising the four day Master Pairs event introduced in 1996, both of which are now annual highlights. Thelma was also instrumental in motivating club members to indoor bowls throughout the winter months.

The Bentleigh Ladies Club honoured Thelma with a well deserved life membership in 1996. Although the club respects Thelma's decision to relinquish her leadership role, it is also comforted by the knowledge that her experience will continue to be felt as she assumes her new role.

COMMUNITY *Diary*

Meetings and clubs

Over 40s Club dance— all ages— old time; modern; new vogue at Ormond Uniting Church, corner North and Booran Roads, Ormond on 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month at 7.45pm. Supper and live music. Cost: \$7. Contact: 9570 4564.

Bentleigh Life Activities Club offers opportunities to meet new friends and enjoy social activities. Contact: 9557 2562 or 9563 2554.

Royal Children's Hospital Auxiliary meets at the Alma Club, 1 Wilks Street, North Caulfield on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 1pm. Contact: Olive 9578 2395 or Pat 9571 2666.

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

Ladies Probus Club of Moorabbin will meet in the Conference room at Sandbelt Hotel/Motel in South Road, Moorabbin on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 10am. Next meeting Wednesday 19 September. Contact: Margaret 9557 5275.

Women's Scrabble Group meets at Caulfield South Community House, 450 Kooyong Road, Caulfield South on Wednesdays. Cost: \$2. Contact: 9596 8643.

Bentleigh Lawn Bowling Club has vacancies for pennant, social, and carpet bowls and cards. Contact: Bruce 9557 6200 or the club 9557 4418.

4th Caulfield Cubs and Scouts has fun activities and weekend camps (cubs 7½ to 10 years and scouts 11 to 14 years). Meet weekly in Birch Street, South Caulfield. Contact: Suzi 9578 8425.

The Glen Eira City Choir invites singers to join the choir to perform in the Christmas concerts scheduled for early December. Rehearsals begin Monday 24 September at 8pm. Contact: Cathy 9578 2443.

Caulfield Life Activities Club will meet at Gladys Machin Hall, Cedar Street, Caulfield on Wednesday 19 September at 7.30pm. Guest speaker. Supper served. New members welcome. Contact: 9569 5249.

The Caulfield Australian Breastfeeding Association will hold a general discussion and counselling afternoon tea on Friday 14 September 1pm–3pm and a "let's hear your story" discussion on Wednesday 26 September 1pm–3pm. Contact: 9571 3651.

The Elsternwick Club will run free lawn bowls lessons at 19 Sandham Street, Elsternwick every Saturday morning in September at 10am. Contact: Max 9579 4558 or Ted 9882 0546.

Events

The Music Lovers' Society— Ida Doubleday Bequest will hold a recital at the Glen Eira Arts Complex on Saturday 15 September at 8pm. Featuring: Rohan Murray (piano). Cost: \$15, conc. \$10, children (under 15) \$7, family \$35, and members free. Supper will be served after the recital.

The Moorabbin Historical Society will open Box Cottage, Joyce Park, Jasper Road, McKinnon on Sunday 30 September 2pm–4.30pm. Admission by donation. Contact: 9578 7060.

Hughesdale Art Group will hold a demonstration in acrylics by Nance Silverman at Hughesdale Community Centre, corner Poath and Kangaroo Roads on Wednesday 12 September at 7.30pm. Visitors welcome. Contact: Pat 9885 6407.

Living on the Bay Cocktail Opening and Auction at Ripponlea Primary, Carrington Grove, East St Kilda on Friday 14 September. Bookings \$20. Contact: 9527 5728. Also Ripper Kid's Art Day on Saturday 15 September 10am–4pm. Small entry fee. Contact: 9593 2714.

Murrumbeena Playgroup invite you to Jump to it in concert at Murrumbeena Hall, Gerald Street, Murrumbeena on Friday 21 September at 10.30am. Cost \$5 per family. Contact: 9569 5765.

The Glen Eira City Choir will perform a spring concert at the Southern Community Church of Christ Hall, 4 Chesterville Road, Cheltenham on 16 September at 2pm. Afternoon tea included. Cost: \$18, conc. \$15. Contact: Julie 95841139 or Cathy 95782443.

Southern Suburbs Orchid Society will hold a Spring Show at NG Wishart Senior Citizens' Club, Nepean Highway, Moorabbin on Saturday 15 and 16 September 10am–4pm. Cost: \$2.

Community

B'nai B'rith House has large print diaries for people of the Jewish community with impaired vision. Commences Jewish New Year and contains English/Jewish holidays. Available from 99 Hotham Street, East St Kilda from Mondays to Thursdays 10am–4pm. Cost: \$15. Contact: 9527 8249.

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Caulfield Recreation Centre
6 Maple St, Caulfield South
9578 4460

Self defence, Concentration, Discipline, Co-ordination, Self-esteem, Enjoyment, Stress Release
BEGINNERS TO BLACK BELT – From 4 years old

U3A BUS TOURS

3 October, 9am–3.30pm
BRAND NEW GIPPSLAND GREEN ASPARAGUS TOUR
Experience everything from paddock to plate. There will be cooking demonstrations, delicious produce for sale. Incl. bus, morning tea, entry and 2-course lunch (2 choices) at Tooradin.

29 October–1 November
SPECIAL U3A EXTENDED BUS TRIP TO BENDIGO - ECHUCA - HARCOURT - DAYLESFORD/HEPBURN SPRINGS 4 DAYS/3 NIGHTS
We spend three nights at the Bendigo Motor Inn. A special itinerary with all the details available at the office.

20 November, 8am–4.30pm
SAN REMO TOUR AND CRUISE
We depart San Remo Fisherman's Warf on board the "Kasey Lee" for a 1-hour cruise in Westernport Bay's Eastern Channel. This is an opportunity to see spectacular views of areas not accessible by land. After our cruise we will watch the FEEDING OF THE PELICANS at the Fisherman's Co-op before our 2-course bistro lunch at the Westernport Hotel. Incl. bus, cruise, lunch.
Note: this tour is on a Tuesday.

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

Volunteers

U3A Glen Eira urgently requires volunteers to teach painting to retired senior citizens on Monday and Thursday afternoons. Contact: 9572 0571.

Are you walking this year?

Carnegie and City of Caulfield Lions clubs are holding a fun walk at Caulfield Racecourse on Sunday 28 October at 9.30am to raise funds for a Hart Walker— an aid that allows children with severe physical disabilities such as Cerebral Palsy, to learn to stand and experience walking.

The last walk raised enough money for a Hart Walker to assist a little boy. The Lions clubs seek support from schools, clubs, organisations and individuals to participate and promote the walk.

Contacts:

Norman Robinson 9568 6786
John Cummins 9570 3598
Robert Larkin 9578 5791

Immunisation dates for September

Murrumbeena Baptist Church
44 Murrumbeena Road, Murrumbeena
Monday 10 September 10am–11am

Glen Eira Town Hall
(entry via Glen Eira Road)
Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield
Tuesday 11 September 6pm–7.30pm
Wednesday 3 October 9.30am–10.30am

Bentleigh-Bayside Community Health Service

Gardeners Road, East Bentleigh
Tuesday 18 September 10am–11am
Saturday 22 September 9.30am–11am

Glen Huntly Maternal and Child Health Centre

Corner Royal and Rosedale Avenues, Glen Huntly
Wednesday 26 September 9.30am–11am

Bentleigh Baptist Church

10 Vickery Street, Bentleigh
Monday 1 October 1.30pm–2.30pm

VOLUNTEERS!

We need you at Godfrey Street Community House

Come along, be involved, and share your skills. Lifetime learning is what it is all about, join in at the grass roots, and be part of your own community.

Meet others who, through the community house, have improved their working skills, their qualifications and their self-confidence.

CALLING ALL PAST VOLUNTEERS

Where are you?

We need you and your stories for our 'VOLUNTEER HISTORY BOOK'

Please contact us to meet old and new friends and help us celebrate

'INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE VOLUNTEER' in November 2001

Supported by Department of Community and Family Services IYV Grant
at 9 Godfrey Street Bentleigh 3165
Please call Shirley on 9557 9037

Glen Huntly Friendship Group

99 Grange Road, Glen Huntly
Activities for September

Thursday 6 September

Bus trip to Leongatha Daffodil Show. The Daffodil Festival embraces many crafts and displays. Decorated shop windows, wood crafts, CWA crafts, pottery, glass, gemstones and plants for sale. Lunch in show hall consists of soup, sandwiches, cake and tea/coffee.
Cost: \$28 incl. lunch.

Thursday 20 September (change of date)

Bus trip to Tesselaar's Tulip Festival. We are taking advantage of the beautiful flowers and colours of spring in the Dandenong Ranges. Come and enjoy. Visit the Wise Possum Nature Gallery.
Cost \$35 all inclusive.

Pick up at 9am from 185 Poath Road, Hughesdale and 9.15am from 99 Grange Road, Glen Huntly.

Contact: Margaret 9596 6124

Glen Eira

Youth Page

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Youth and Library News

Taking it to uni' students

Using their "Flying High Circus" skills Glen Eira youth workers performed juggling and diabolo routines to amaze and astound students at Monash University's Caulfield campus recently.

Youth Services was invited to take part in Monash Open Day and Multicultural week which gave them the opportunity to practice their circus skills—one of many mediums they use to convey positive messages to young people. The team also used the opportunity to talk to students and provide information on services in the local community.

Both the Flying High Circus Program and the School Information Days, along with many other programs, are provided by Glen Eira Youth Services free of charge to schools and colleges in Glen Eira. For more information contact the Why? Stop Youth Information Centre on 9572 5389 or email ystop@gleneira.vic.gov.au



Youth worker Simon Vella (centre) demonstrates using the diabolo to young people at the Monash University open day.

Students "flying high" with circus

A group of McKinnon Secondary College students enjoyed Council's Flying High Circus Program during second school term this year. The program taught circus and performance skills to a group of 12 enthusiastic participants.

Flying High is delivered to teach positive risk-taking behaviour and provide young people with a unique forum for self-expression.

In a show of the skills they had developed over the 8-week program, participants gave a performance that included: diabolo, hoola-hoops, juggling and stilt walking. One student gained enough confidence and skill to

propel himself from a mini-trampoline through the air and a series of hoops.

The program was well received and supported by the community at McKinnon Secondary College where feedback indicated noticeable positive outcomes for the students who were involved.

The continued success enjoyed by the Flying High team with local young people has seen the program being invited to Bentleigh Secondary College for Term 3. For more information regarding circus activities for young people, please contact Mark Bekerman at the Why? Stop Youth Information Centre on 9572 5389.

Happy birthday!

Three cheers for Bentleigh Library which celebrated its 40th birthday on 26 July!

The library hosted a special story time birthday party to commemorate the event, at which almost 80 children enjoyed hat making, birthday stories, lolly-bags, music and, of course, a very large birthday cake.

Bentleigh library still occupies the same structure as when it first opened its doors on 26 July 1961—although services and facilities have changed to keep pace with modern life.

Branch Leader Linda Baker said: "The most obvious change has been the introduction of the Internet in libraries. Bentleigh now has eight PCs for public use, which brings new users to the library."

She said originally the library opened as part of the Shire of Moorabbin—built on the site of the



Moorabbin Produce Market at a cost of 27,000 pounds. Today the library processes almost half a million loans per year and 6000 residents use its services weekly. It became part of the Glen Eira Library and Information Service in 1995 during Council amalgamations.

Children's Book Week

More than 500 students from local primary schools attended Children's Book Week author talks at the library, a regular free event for schools during August. This year two authors visited Glen Eira, Jeannette Rowe and Brian Caswell. Author and illustrator of two colourful ABC picture book series *YoYo* and *Whose are these?*, Jeanette Rowe spoke to Year 3 and 4 students about the importance of illustration and drew some wonderful images for the children. Well-known junior fiction author Brian Caswell spoke to Year 5 and 6 students about the creative writing process and was particularly popular because of his science fiction series *Alien Zones*.

Both teachers and students enjoyed the opportunity to meet well-known published authors and to be able to ask questions and discuss the writing process and the challenges faced by authors to have their works published.

Internet classes

The following classes are now open for bookings. Bookings can be made at any branch. All Internet classes are held in our multi-station Computer Training Facility at Caulfield Library.

Introduction to the Internet

Wednesday 12 September at 11am–12.30pm

Wednesday 10 October at 11am–12.30pm

Thursday 18 October at 11am–12.30pm

• \$33 (incl. GST)

Further Steps in the Internet

Wednesday 19 September 10.30am–1pm

• \$60.50 (incl. GST)

September holiday program

Don't miss our exciting September school holiday program. See page 8 of the *Glen Eira News* for details of Arts program or collect a brochure from any library. Tickets on sale from 10 September.

The highlight these holidays will be the Grand Fairies Ball—a magical show of songs, stories and poems to be performed by Christine Hutchinson. Meet the Tooth Fairy, the Bad Breath Fairy, the Goodtime Fairy and

even Neil the Frog before the Grand Fairies Ball begins. Come as one of the guests at the ball dressed in your favourite fairy costume!

At Glen Eira Auditorium corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield on Tuesday 2 October at 11am. Tickets: junior library members \$3.30, non-members \$5.50, parents and children under 12 months free. Tickets on sale at all branches from 10 September.



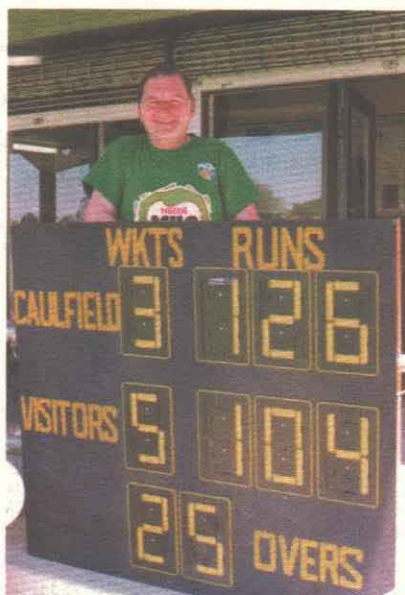
Recreation News

Volunteers keep us active

by Byron Douglas

When you next see a sports team in one of Glen Eira's parks, spare a thought for the volunteers who helped put it there.

When we think of volunteers, we often automatically think of people like meals on wheels deliverers or service club volunteers. But a recent Australian Bureau of Statistics study has found that each year an estimated 1.5 million volunteers provide a staggering 165.5 million hours of work in the delivery of sport and recreation. An estimated 41 per cent of all volunteers are found within the sport and recreation sector!



This year, International Year of the Volunteer, with the support of so many volunteers, sports clubs have a lot to celebrate.

Whether it is serving meals in the canteen, coaching or being involved on a committee, it's volunteers who get the sports team out on the ground each week, year in, year out. For a number of Glen Eira's sports clubs, this has been happening for more than 100 years! It takes a lot of dedicated volunteers to help make clubs last that long.

The official International Year of the Volunteer website is putting together a collection of real life stories about volunteers in the Australian community and September's theme is sport and recreation. This is a great opportunity for sports clubs to pay tribute to key volunteers. Life stories can be emailed to: iyv2001@facs.gov.au

This site also has certificates that can be printed off to present to club volunteers.

Managing volunteers is an important task for any sports club to ensure the club doesn't just survive but is successful. Some great resources are available for sports club use. The Australian Sports Commission has a good selection of publications available to clubs at

very reasonable prices—and in some cases free! If you have volunteers at your club and want to not only retain them but get the most out of them, this site is definitely worth a look:

www.ausport.gov.au/pubcat/

As a community we can be really proud of the selfless work undertaken by volunteers to ensure that sport continues to be an important part of the social fabric of Glen Eira. Whether at training during the week or on the weekend as an official, trainer or canteen volunteer, their contribution is invaluable. Volunteers save sports clubs huge amounts of money and many are even involved in the fundraising for their club.

So, to the many volunteers in the sports clubs of Glen Eira, we thank you!



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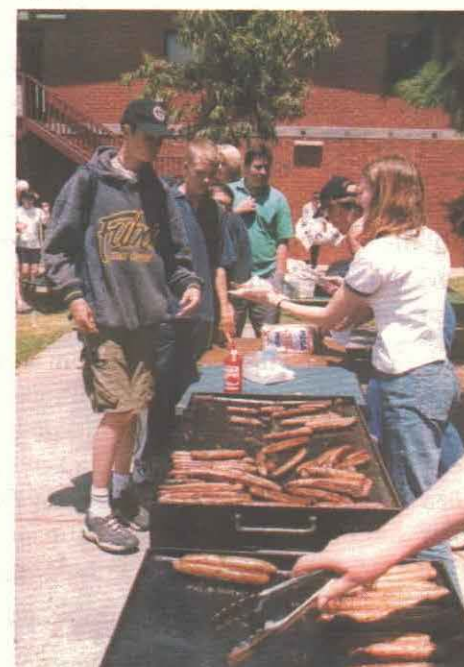
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Park draft master plan on display

The draft master plan for Murrumbeena Park is now on display for community comment. This major park caters to sports clubs, schools and the community providing a valuable resource for Glen Eira. The draft master plan reflects input from the community and stakeholders.

The development of master plans for Glen Eira's major parks is part of Council's Community Plan. Good planning of parks ensures they will be able to serve the changing needs of park users and provide a vision as to how the park can be developed. The master plan for Murrumbeena

Park will make certain that future park developments are in line with the community requirements and that the park is preserved for generations to come.

Residents are asked to make written comments on the draft master plan. The plan will be on display at the park, Council offices, and Bentleigh Library until close of business Friday 14 September. The plans will also be available for viewing at Carnegie and Caulfield Libraries.

Murrumbeena Park Mel Ref 69 B7

In brief

"World Champion" at 17!

Local cycling club member Mark French is only 17 and already he is a dual world cycling champion! Mark is a member of the Carnegie Caulfield Cycling Club and trains at the Packer Park Velodrome.

After a magnificent Australian track season where his successes included winning the 2001 Austral Wheel Race, and becoming the Australian Men's 19 sprint champion he travelled to Trexlertown, Pennsylvania, for the World Junior Track Cycling Championships.

Mark French has now established himself as the premier junior sprint champion in the world, by not only being a member of the victorious Australian Under 19 Olympic Sprint Team (with Jason Niblet and Kial Stewart), but also by winning the individual sprint crown. Mark won both the first and second heats and the final after ranking first with an excellent 200m time.

Mark is now looking forward to the summer track season and hopes to ride for Australia again at next year's World Juniors, which will be held in Melbourne at the Vodaphone Arena.

Congratulations Mark!

World Veterans Championships in Brisbane

Word has it that a number of Caulfield Veterans Athletic Club and Glenhuntly Athletic Club members have done extremely well at the 14th World Veterans Championships held in Brisbane in July. This was the largest IAAF-sanctioned athletics event in the world and was open to all women over 35 years and men over 40 years.

The championships consisted of a full track and field program as well as non-stadia events including a 8km cross country, road race walks and full marathon. The championship attracted more than 6000 visitors from 79 countries. Well done to all who competed.



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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