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### annual Carols by Candlelight concert

Take some time out with your family and friends and all your favourite performers at the 5th annual Glen Eira Carols by Candlelight concert.

Involving more than 200 cast, crew and volunteers and by arrangement with the VATC, the concert will be held at Caulfield Racecourse, on Sunday 16 December at 8.45pm. Admission is free.

> Rhonda Burchmore, who stars in the hit musical Mamma Mia, will headline the evening which will be hosted by Radio 3AW personality Denis Walter. Newcomers this year are international trio Combo Fiasco, with their own special brand of vocal harmony, and the 60-voice strong Melbourne Welsh Male Voice Choir.

> > The evening will again feature the National Boys Choir, popular organist Tony Fenelon, Terry Gill and wouldn't be complete without Humphrey B Bear. And if all the children have been good, there may be a special appearance by Father Christmas.

Bring along rugs, chairs and a picnic and enjoy a great evening of entertainment and community carols on the lawns of the Terrace Whittier Stand. Undercover seating will be available for approximately 2000 people.

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# **Glen Eira goes**

len Eira City Council has taken a Isignificant step towards the development of parkland throughout the City in future years.

The move follows Council's decision to refer Amendment C20 to an independent panel following its recent public exhibition. The amendment, if approved, will result in increased open space contributions from developers. These contributions are only for use to improve existing parks or to purchase additional public open space.

Mayor Cr Noel Erlich described the decision as "a benchmark that will green Glen Eira".

payment to Council of up to 5 per cent of the land value.

"Unfortunately, over recent years developers have been able to successfully argue down their contribution by appealing to VCAT. Contributions have more frequently been received in the range of 2 per cent or lower," Cr Erlich said.

The proposed amendment has strategically assessed the City's open space and is premised on a general open space deficiency. The amendment will lock in the maximum 5 per cent contribution with only limited scope to reduce this percentage. The ability for a developer to obtain a reduction is dependent on a number of factors including location in the City, proximity to existing parks, amount of open space provided on site, size of dwellings proposed, and the number of new lots created. Aged care facilities and nursing homes will be eligible for a special reduction.

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He said: "This is a very important decision for existing and future residents of our City. Glen Eira has less public open space than we would like and many of our parks are in need of serious upgrade. While Council is already addressing these deficiencies, this planning scheme amendment, when approved, will give us the means to accelerate upgrades and additions to much needed parkland for our residents."

The trigger for developer payment of an open space contribution is the subdivision of land - via the Subdivision Act which enables a

Five submissions regarding the amendment were received, requiring Council request the appointment of an independent panel. Council will then further consider the amendment before referral to the Minister for Planning for ultimate approval.

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n this United Nations Year of the Volunteer, the month of November saw the Mayoress' Luncheon celebrate the contribution volunteers make in enriching our community.

More than 200 people attended the function which recognised and paid tribute to the very

many people in our City who freely give of their time and expertise. Volunteers' contributions too often pass unremarked, I hope Council has redressed this during the past year with the many events it has held.

2001 has been an eventful year filled with some great successes and a few disappointments.

It is disappointing that cost shifting by State and Federal Governments continues to cost ratepayers almost \$1 million per year and that a restructuring of the Victorian Grants Commission local roads formula cut Glen Eira's share by 60 per cent or about \$400,000 per year. It was also disappointing that the City continues to suffer from a shortage of high care nursing home beds and that Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) continues to fail residents by setting aside Council's planning policies when considering planning appeals.

But the successes, and there are many, were achieved through hard work, perseverance and teamwork. They are successes of which the whole City can be proud. Work began on Mallanbool Reserve in Murrumbeena, the second new park in the City in four years, and more than 30,000 trees, bushes, shrubs and grasses were planted at Packer Park.

Council also achieved success in creating two new business networks — the Women's Business Network and BusEd, an initiative linking business and education. The 60-bed addition to Council's Warrawee aged care facility is now well and truly underway and even the responsible pet ownership program soared to new heights with a 20 per cent increase in the number of pet registrations.

With the festive season now upon us, I would like to wish each and every one of you a safe and happy holiday break. This year, perhaps more than any other recent year, is a time for us all to reflect on the very special sense of community that we are so fortunate to have in this wonderful country of ours. The terrible events of 11 September have been an ugly start to the beginning of a new century and have touched all of us in some way. I trust the festive season will renew our sense and spirit of community and that 2002 will be a peaceful, successful and prosperous year for us all.

# **Sun shines for** "Armistice"

About 50 people joined Councillors and RSL members at a service at the Caulfield Cenotaph on 11 November. The sun shone bravely between showers as attendees acknowledged Remembrance Day — the day that marks the end of World War I and has come to stand as a day to acknowledge all soldiers lost at war.

In attendance were Mayor Cr Noel Erlich and Helen Erlich, Cr Alan Grossbard, Cr Norman Kennedy and Nola Kennedy, Cr Veronika Martens, Cr Eamonn Walsh, Cr Dorothy Marwick and Geoff Marwick, and Monash Province MLC Peter Katsambanis.

Wreaths were laid by Caulfield RSL, Carnegie RSL, Caulfield-St Kilda Legacy Widows Club, and Bentleigh War Widows Club. The Mayor and Council's Chief Executive Officer Andrew Newton also laid wreaths.

A service was also held at the Bentleigh Cenotaph with a record number of school children attending. Also at this service were Bentleigh MLA Inga Peulich, Goldstein MHR Dr David Kemp, Bentleigh sub-branch president Perc Brierly, secretary lan Butcher, representatives of War Widows and returned servicemen and women.



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Mayor Cr Noel Erlich talks with president Caulfield RSL Michael Fidler (left) and past president Tom McLean at the Remembrance Day service.

Ms Peulich said: "Recent events have struck a chord with young people and the broader community, who better appreciate the sacrifices made by fallen soldiers who defended our freedom and democracy at another place and another time."

### Holiday hours

The Service Centre will operate on the following hours over the Christmas and New Year break. Monday 24 December 8am-3pm Tuesday 25 and Wednesday 26 December CLOSED 8am-5.30pm Thursday 27 and Friday 28 December Monday 31 December 8am-3pm Tuesday | January CLOSED From Wednesday 2 January Normal hours resume

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Merry Christmas and a happy Chanukah.

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- Cr Noel Erlich

Mayor

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# **Safety** — Government gets tough on pool owners

The introduction of steeper fines for noncompliance with State Government pool safety is sending a "get tough" message to all owners of pools and spas, according to Council's Building Services Manager John Bordignon.

Fines for non-compliance were set to rise to up to \$5000 as part of a State Government "blitz" on pool safety requirements. The legislation would also allow for fine payments to be used by local councils

as revenue for increasing pool inspections and safety audits.

The State laws make owners responsible for the safety of their pools. Mr Bordignon said that Glen Eira City Council had implemented a program of systematic inspections of pools and spas over the past three years. The program aims to ensure owners meet their obligations and to protect the general public. Of the 1372 known pools and spas in the City, 944 had been inspected and of these, 97 per cent now fully comply with safety barrier regulations.

In a survey of local councils undertaken recently by the *Herald Sun*, Glen Eira City Council's effort compared favourably with other municipalities. Combined figures for Melbourne and Geelong revealed only 17,409 of the 103,478 registered pools had proper safety barriers in place an overall non-compliance rate of 83 per cent.

"Over the last few years there has been numerous media campaigns alerting pool owners to their responsibility to have adequate safety barriers in place. But we are still finding pool owners with noncompliant safety barriers or no barriers at all.

"We get the feeling sometimes our pleas for safety awareness fall on deaf ears. Records show that more than 33 Victorian children have died and another 78 have almost died in home pools over the past five years. Compliance doesn't need to be a difficult or expensive process. You may simply be required to install a couple of self-latching devices at 1500mm from the floor or securely fix fly screens in place," he said.

Mr Bordignon said information kits were available at Council or from the Building



Control Commission which gave sufficient information to enable compliance. He said Council would also assist owners over the telephone with advice on the requirements of the regulations but would be obliged under State Government laws to issue on the spot fines if an inspection revealed that little or nothing had been done to comply with the pool safety barrier regulations.

"The State Government's higher fines are only part of the process. Council will continue its pool audit program. We are aiming for 100 per cent compliance — this is the only way to ensure no further lives are lost in back yard swimming pools and spas."

## Valuations - why do they affect rates?

State Government requirements for bi-annual property valuations will see Council conducting inspections over the next few months to complete the 2002 valuation. The results of this process will be used by the State Government to levy land tax and by councils to determine rates for the 2002–03 and 2003–04 rating years.

Each valuation reflects substantial shifts in property values throughout the City, on the basis of suburb and on the type of property, including residential, commercial and industrial. This change in individual property values can have a substantial affect on an individual ratepayer's rates. property types in the City, then that ratepayer's proportion of the rates will increase.

"But if the change in valuation has been below the average change in valuation across the City, then the property owner's proportion of the rates may decrease," he said.

Property sales around the date of the valuation are analysed to develop levels of value for land, buildings and rentals — all these values are applied to the various classes of property within the various suburbs throughout the City. Valuations are an accurate application of the levels of value as determined within the market place by vendors and purchasers of property. Building inspector Mervyn Mumford conducts safety checks on pools and spas.

### Protecting more of our heritage

Glen Eira City Council is about to exhibit a Heritage Amendment C19 which proposes including an additional 64 heritage places in the heritage overlay controls of the Glen Eira Planning Scheme.

Council's previous Heritage Amendment was approved in October 2000 and resulted in the introduction of 17 heritage areas and 58 individually listed properties — more than 3000 properties. Amendment C19 includes individual buildings and places that are historically and architecturally important for the heritage of Glen Eira.

Strategic Planner Sherry Hopkins said:"Not just houses are included in this amendment. Proposed for protection are heritage places as

diverse as the **Glen Eira Town** Hall, the Grand Union Tramway Junction at Balaclava and Hawthorn Roads, the Hotham Street bridge near **Ripponlea**, and the gates to Springthorpe Reserve in Murrumbeena." Amendment C19 will be on exhibition from Thursday 29 November until Thursday 17 January 2002.The amendment



Council's Rate and Valuations Co-ordinator Wilbur Scully said the valuation system was required by the Valuation of Land Act which operates throughout Victoria and Council had no discretion to adopt any other system to calculate rates. He said it was the most effective way for Council to distribute rates and regular valuations ensured equity amongst ratepayers.

"The system works like this. People pay according to their share of the total value of rateable property. If the change in value of an individual property has exceeded the average change in value across all "Most ratepayers would be aware from sales activity around their property and from reading the newspapers, that since the release of the valuations done in 2000, values in all areas of Glen Eira have significantly increased.

"This increase will have to flow through to a redistribution of the rates for the 2002–03 rating years, as required by the State Government," Mr Scully said.

amendment Springthorpe Reserve (Melway ref: 69 B5). can be viewed at the Town Hall, all library branches and on Council's website at www.gleneira.vic.gov.au



# Mayoress' luncheon =

# Luncheon to say "thank you"

Mayoress Helen Erlich held a luncheon in the Auditorium last month, with more than 200 volunteers, residents, former Mayors and Mayoresses, to say thank you for their contribution to Glen Eira.

The guests enjoyed the company of several Councillors — Cr Alan Grossbard and Judi Grossbard, Cr Norman Kennedy and Nola Kennedy, Cr Dorothy Marwick and Geoff Marwick, Cr Veronika Martens and Cr Rachelle Sapir — former Mayors Geoff Patience and Barry Neve, and their wives Jean and Jane, and former Mayoresses Alma Blair, Yvonne Walters and Felicitié Campbell.



The Mayor and Mayoress welcome (from left) Lorraine Mindel, Dianne Hirsh and Rachel Caplan to the luncheon.

### 4-year-old kindergarten

Glen Eira City Council still has vacancies for 4-year-old kindergarten for 2002. Children whose birth dates fall between

I May 1997 and 30 April 1998 are eligible to attend. Council operates a central enrolment system for

Glen Eira community-based kindergartens. Enrolment forms are available from communitybased kindergartens and Council's Service Centre, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield or phone 9524 3333.



Winner of the Belvedere Award at the 2000 Sydney Cabaret Convention Craig Schneider entertained the guests.



Mayoress Helen Erlich enjoys a chat with Jean and Geoff Patience. Photos: Bernie Bickerton.

### **Better access IS better business**

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A tlanta Paralympics gold medal winner and access consultant Nick Morris was guest speaker at a breakfast held recently to assist businesses and community organisations to improve access and equity.

The breakfast, entitled *Better Access* — *Better Business*, was made possible by a joint grant from Municipal Association of Victoria and Department of Human Services. It was part of Council's inaugural Access Awards which acknowledge organisations and businesses which promote a more inclusive community. Mayor Cr Noel Erlich said: "This is a significant market for business to consider — more than 21,000 people, the equivalent of one person in five, living in Glen Eira has some form of disability."

"Improved access is not just limited to people with disabilities. Elderly people, families with young children, people from culturally and linguistically diverse communities can all benefit. The practical advice offered and discussions held will help the whole community," he said.

back again these summer holidays. This time Eira goes "on safari" and children can join him on his reading journey, fill in Eira's passport, collect prizes along the way and have the chance to win a \$200 shopping voucher valid at any store at Chadstone Shopping Centre. Everyone who enters will be able to collect prizes but

Eira goes "on safari"

Everyone who enters will be able to collect prizes but the more books children read the more chances they have to win. Prizes include Eira safari magnets (there is a new design to collect each year), Mondos, Classic Cinema movie passes and passes to Lollipops Playground and Café.

Eira's Escapade, the reading adventure that proved so

popular with children and their parents last year, is

Glen Eira Library and Information Service manager Sue Webster said: "*Eira's Safari* aims to encourage children to continue reading over the summer holidays, to maintain their school reading level and have some added fun along the way. 'We see this as an important role of public libraries and the programs' popularity last year, at all branches, shows that children are looking for activities of this type."

Once again, non-independent readers will have a separate section — *Eira's Safari Read Too* provides parents with an enjoyable and exciting way to introduce young children to the joys of reading and the fun in selecting their own picture books. Those who enter the *Read Too* section also have the chance to win a \$200 Chadstone shopping voucher.

Children can enter as many times as they like but must complete one full passport before entering again. Eira's Safari starts on 10 December at Bentleigh, Caulfield, Carnegie and Elsternwick Libraries and children can enter at any time during the holidays. All completed entry forms must be received by 6pm on Friday 18 January 2002 to be eligible for the major prize draws.

#### Christmas storytimes

Join in the holiday spirit at one of two free preschool festive storytimes — stories, songs and a special visitor with a treat for all!

Bentleigh	Tuesday 11 December at 7pm
Library	
Elsternwick	Wednesday 12 December at 11am
Library	(replaces regular Elsternwick storytime).

#### Holiday hours

Opening hours for all branches of Glen Eira Library and Information Service.

#### **Bentleigh and Caulfield libraries**

Monday 24/12/01	10am-3pm	
Christmas Day 25/12/01	Closed	
Boxing Day 26/12/01	Closed	

Council staff and representatives from Community Services Disability Advisory Committee also made presentations and shared their personal experiences of living and shopping in Glen Eira,

The breakfast seminar focused on the retail sector it considered the impact disability can have on individuals and on the community, and offered practical steps to improve access. Participants were given the opportunity to gain a better understanding of disability and how customer relations can be improved to this particular sector of the market. Information kits have been developed as part of this initiative and include information about the Disability Discrimination Act, a summary of consumers with a disability living in Glen Eira, how to plan for accessibility, how to improve communication with people with disabilities, and a list of resources. The kits are available free from the Service Centre, Contact: 9524 3333.

The Access Awards will be presented in early December to coincide with International Day of People with a DisAbility. 

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10am–9pm 10am–6pm 10am–4pm 12noon–5pm 10am–3pm Closed Normal hours resume

**Carnegie and Elsternwick libraries** will close from Monday 24 December until Wednesday 2 January. Please note: borrowed items can be returned throughout the holiday period at all branches.

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Festive

#### The threat of rainy weather did not deter the local community from supporting the annual McKinnon Village Festival on Sunday 11 November. Large numbers turned out to enjoy the festive activities, despite ducking for cover between the showers.



When the sun did shine, Mckinnon Road was filled with people enjoying face painting, live entertainment, antique fair, stalls, and the ever popular animal farm.

Bentleigh West Primary School student Tom Beddoe lead the crowd in a minute's silence

### Banners brighten shopping strip

Colourful new banners have been erected along Dandenong Road and throughout the Carnegie shopping strip giving the centre a vibrant new look. The banners were initiated by the Carnegie Traders Association which commissioned local artist Katrina Kalson to develop the design.

Home-based business operator, Katrina said she enjoyed the task of creating something colourful and different, while in keeping with the centre.

"It's great to see the finished work in the street. It's sometimes hard to imagine what it will look like when you're working on it small size on the screen. The banners look great full size all down the street," she said.

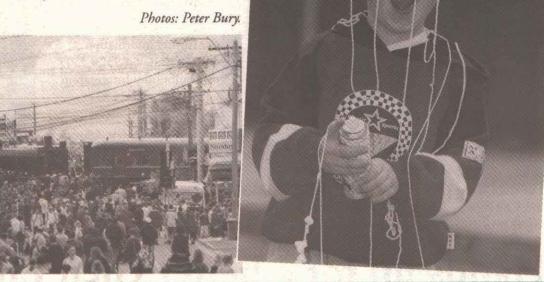
Carnegie Traders Association was able to commission this project for the benefit of the centre through it's Special Rate — Marketing and Promotional scheme which supports the trader association in its role of combating competition from the neighbouring larger regional shopping centres.



# despite the rain

for Remembrance Day. He and his fellow students then conducted a magnificent impromptu performance, juggling all manner of items. Ormond Primary School students also performed on the day.

A vintage steam train was an immense hit with families, who enjoyed a ride from McKinnon to Mordialloc to Caulfield.



# MSS and ResCode amended for clarity

Council's Municipal Strategic Statement will be amended to make the strategies it encompasses clearer to follow, and to increase Council's likelihood of success at the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT).

The amendment, Amendment C22, will also increase *ResCode* standards, introduce the preliminary findings of Council's Housing and Residential Development Strategy, and achieve residential character objectives.

Mayor Cr Noel Erlich said: "This amendment will have a profound effect on the way we manage residential development across the City. Not only will it serve to protect the majority of Glen Eira's residential areas from inappropriate development, it will also place Council in a much stronger position when defending its decisions at VCAT".

The changes to Council's MSS outlined in the amendment, will make it less open to interpretation and reinforce Council's strategy of targeting particular areas for multi-unit development. It also makes explicit where these locations are, how far they extend and the level of development considered appropriate.

The amendment defines the types of development which would be encouraged in specific "preferred" locations. Appropriate development includes semi-detached dwellings with large and well vegetated back gardens, substantial well-landscaped front setbacks and space between buildings.

The ResCode changes include:

- increasing the private open space provision for multi-unit developments from 40sqm to 80sqm with one parcel a minimum 40sqm with 5m;
- increasing rear setbacks for single and multidwellings to 5 metres for single storey development and 7.5m for two storey development; and
- decreasing the allowable site coverage for single and multi-unit developments from 60 per cent to 45 per cent.

Amendment C22 will be used to assess all planning applications for single dwelling and multi-unit development received after 6 December 2001. If it is adopted, the *ResCode* changes will also apply to building applications for single dwellings.

The amendment will be on display from 6 December until to 7 February 2002 at the Town Hall and at all branches of the Library and Information Service. Copies of the amendment and a short explanatory brochure are available by contacting the Strategic Town Planning Department on 9524 3476 or from Council's web site www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

Local artist Katrina Kalson with the new banners.

apartment style and shop top housing in commercial zones and multi-unit development (that complies with *ResCode*) in the residentially zoned land around neighbourhood centres and along tram lines. In "nonpreferred" locations, only single dwelling and dual occupancy development will be encouraged.

Changes are also proposed as part of the amendment to selected *ResCode* standards as they apply to residential development in Council's non-preferred areas for multi-unit development. These proposed changes recognise the majority of Glen Eira's residential areas (outside preferred locations for multiunit development) are characterised by detached and All applicants are encouraged to contact Council's Statutory Planning Department as soon as possible to discuss implications of the amendment for pending applications.

Submissions must be received no later than 7 February 2002, and should be sent to:

Municipal Strategic Statement Amendment (C22) Strategic Town Planning Department Glen Eira City Council PO Box 42 Caulfield South 3162

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Glen Eira News



# A great year for our volunteers

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ecember brings the close of International Year of Volunteers. It has been an exciting and busy year for everyone involved in volunteering and has succeeded in focusing on an

area often largely unrecognised - hopefully this focus will be maintained into the future.

In Glen Eira, the number volunteers has increased significantly during 2001. The Glen Eira Volunteer Resource Service has become better known and prospective volunteers have been linked to a wide range of not-for-profit organisations.

The team at the Glen Eira Volunteer Resource Service and Community Information Glen Eira work together to connect prospective volunteers to

appropriate volunteer opportunities. They would like to thank all those involved in activities and events during this International Year of Volunteers.

For further information contact Anita on 9524 3303 or Community Information Glen Eira on 9524 3272.

Volunteers make a difference at Community Information Glen Eira and Glen Eira Volunteer Resource Service — (from left) Anita Mummé, Laurel Thompson and Susan Rutherford.

Inset: Volunteers a great team of people.



Hands up for a better Glen Eira!

any people have put their hands up to make Glen Eira a better place to live — making sure disadvantaged people find emergency aid, shopping for housebound people or helping others complete their tax return. These volunteers form part of the vital and energetic team at Community Information Glen Eira (CIGE).

Volunteers come from all age groups, all backgrounds and all have different skills, but they share an interest in people and a determination to help the community. The United Nations has recognised and celebrated the vital contribution these volunteers make to strengthen and unite communities around the world by declaring 2001 the International Year of the Volunteer.

CIGE has a team of 38 volunteers, with a further seven in training. Emergency aid enquiries account for half of all calls to this service and consume at least two-thirds of the volunteers' time - including the distribution of more than 2000 food vouchers.

About 50 regular clients, many frail and aged and others with varying disabilities, are also cared for by volunteers who help with shopping, banking or visits to specialists - representing more than 3000 hours of volunteer assistance.

To volunteer contact Community Information Glen Eira on 9524 3200 or call in at the office at 256 Hawthorn Road, Caulfield (right next door to the Town Hall). Hours: Monday-Friday, 9.30am-4pm. Bentleigh Outreach Service is at Godfrey Street Community House, 9 Godfrey Street, Bentleigh. Hours: Tuesdays, 11am-2pm.

"traditional Aussie", I like the idea of supporting battlers.

Phyllis McLean - Volunteer with Social Support and Monitoring Service.

I have worked as a volunteer with this particular service for 10 years. In that time I have worked with many older local residents. At present, I work with a 90-year-old woman assisting her with shopping, taking her to podiatry appointments and such. With another client, I do the banking and drop-in visits. I often become friends with those I assist and keep in touch on the telephone.

Volunteering is a big part of my life — I also volunteer as an interviewer with Community Information Glen Eira, work at an Opportunity Shop, at the kiosk at the Caulfield Hospital, and with my church.

Joan da Silveira — Volunteer with Glen Eira Volunteer Resource Service and Management Committee.

I joined the centre to learn more about this area and become more involved in my community. I had some time and responded to an advertisement calling for assistance. My role is to interview potential volunteers, discuss their skills and preferences with them and provide some options for volunteering. I also have a role on the management committee which is made up of volunteers from the organisation and community representatives.

David McVilly — Statistics Officer — one of the administrative team at CIGE.

Having been a librarian for 25 years, after early

confidentiality and the lack of "advice giving". Where possible clients are given a range of options from which to choose. Further experience has shown me the importance of the human contact and clients often report they value the warm response they receive from the centre.

#### Sam Price - Interviewer.

I volunteered at the centre because of my interest in people. I have a strong desire to work in the community and thought this would be a good start. I love it. I enjoy interacting with different people and helping provide a service which people seem to find approachable.

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or most people, a great return is getting a few hundred dollars back on their tax. But for the volunteers at Community Information Glen Eira a great return is the satisfaction they get back from helping others with their tax.

Tax Help is a free, volunteer-run service helping low income earners in Glen Eira lodge their tax return. Terry Aquino-



#### Meet the volunteers

#### Marie Nailon - Interviewer.

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I like the Community Information centre because it provides a secure structure for volunteers. I believe it does good work and I enjoy the support and companionship of my volunteer colleagues.

I was a secondary teacher and have always been interested in battlers who just keep on going. Many people are struggling, and simply need a helping hand when they experience a small crisis — the sort of crisis that might mean very little to someone with material assets or an adequate income. I suppose I am

retirement, I was looking for useful work in the community and was interested in information work. I joined CIGE but found the work to be more to do with helping people in need. The job of statistician is very important both for accountability to Council and the Federal Government (which provides large amounts of emergency relief) and for an overview of clients' needs.

Val Gershman — Interviewer and manager of the non-perishable food store.

Since joining CIGE, I am most impressed by two aspects of the work - the emphasis on

Puno (pictured right) assists people on low incomes

prepare their returns. She took the opportunity to be trained by the tax office by responding to an advertisement for local Tax Help volunteers when she was looking for a new direction after retrenchment from her position as an auditor. Terry said she had been wanting to return to volunteer work for many years to give back to the Australian community for all the support she has been given over the years.

# Students enjoy cultural exchange

Seven Years 9–11 students flew to Ogaki, Japan recently to participate in a student exchange with Council's sister city.

The 10-day trip was part of the Friendly Cities relationship between the Cities of Ogaki and Glen Eira — a program which aims to promote international friendship and a positive ongoing relationship between the two municipalities.

Each year, the exchange provides students who either live or attend schools in Glen Eira with an opportunity to experience Japanese culture and lifestyle first-hand, encouraging them to practice their Japanese language skills, and to provide incentive for ongoing study.

During the exchange, students stayed with Japanese host families and participated in visits to local schools, took part in various cultural exhibitions such as formal tea ceremonies, ikebana displays, and the traditional sport of Kendo, and went on historical and cultural excursions to nearby Nara and Takayama. Students were also able to spend some time sightseeing in busy Tokyo. Here are a few of their thoughts on returning to Glen Eira.

### Bright lights and protest marches — Daniel Eden

Jingu Temple in Tokyo and Takayama City. These ancient and beautiful buildings were enjoyable to

explore, but, for me, were nothing compared to Dobutsu Temple.

On the weekend of our trip, I was fortunate to have my family take me to Kyoto, a city on southern Honsku which has long been a leading religious and cultural centre. It is the site of more than 2000 ancient temples and shrines. The first sight of valuable history we stopped off at was Sanju-sangen-do

stopped off at was Sanju-sangen-do — registered as a national treasure by the Japanese Government. The temple is surrounded by a vast garden and within the hall lie 1001 statues of

the Buddhist Deity, protected by 28 Guardian Deities of Kannon. Each Buddhist statue has a slightly different carved face than the one before it. The spectacle is simply mind-blowing.

I'd like to thank the Friendly Cities Committee for giving me the privilege of experiencing the sights and spirituality of these amazing, superbly built temples. I was spiritually, culturally and mentally moved.

#### Tradition meets western world — David Jennings

In Ogaki, I stayed with a host family of four mother, father, 10 year old girl and six year old boy. They were a great family.

Their house was both western and traditional downstairs, where I slept, was a traditional Japanese room with futons and tatami mats, but upstairs the house turned into a more western style. The shower and bath were traditional. Only one bath is drawn for the night — the guests are first, then the father, followed by the children and then the mother. It is





Ogaki

customary to shower and soap down before entering the bath, which is about two feet deep and on the verge of being at boiling point. After stepping out of the bath, feeling pretty dizzy, I needed to have a cold shower to lower my body temperature back to normal.

My host mother cooked many great meals for me, including stir-fry, yakisoba, okanamiyaki, sushi and for my last meal the whole family went out to Billy Bronko's steakhouse.

Staying with a Japanese host family made this a real Japanese cultural exchange for me. My host family told me they may come to Australia, which would be great because I could return the favour of showing them around my city.



David Jennings (far right) with his Japanese host family.

#### Thank you! — Ruby Partland

I would like to thank Glen Eira City Council and the Ogaki Friendly City Advisory Committee for giving this group the amazing opportunity to make this trip the greatest time of our lives!

At least that is how I regard the trip as a whole — I feel very, very lucky to have been chosen. The

If you think you've seen a lot of advertising and bright colours and lights — think again! When we stepped out of the train at Akihabara "Electric Town" in Tokyo we needed sunglasses to avoid blinding ourselves. The city was full of the most advanced gaming consoles, computers, internet and mobile phones — some even with built in cameras so you could see the person you were speaking to.

After a typical Japanese lunch in Akihabara, we were off to Shibuya. Again we travelled by train using the JR line to one of the busiest places in Tokyo — wall to wall people, hundreds of shops and a protest. Yes that's right, marching down the main street in Shibuya was a protest about trying to stop the US retaliation in Afghanistan. One of my companions, Ruby couldn't resist stopping the protest just to get a photo. Good one, Ruby.

#### Temples have spiritual impact — Ben Schmedie

There it was. One of the world's largest bronze statues lay less than five metres away from me. I stared into

its mesmerising eyes. Suddenly, the hulking superstructure reached out for me and... Okay, get a hold of yourself Ben. You're not in an Indiana Jones Movie.

Apologies for confusing the reader, but this is truly how I felt when I first laid eyes on the 16.2 metre statue of Buddha in the Dobutsu Temple off Nara — the first permanent capital of Japan — in the heart of a wild deer park.

Apart from Dobutsu Temple, our group visited Todai-ji Temple and Toshodaiji Temple in Nara, Meijiexperience of being part of the Japanese culture with few unrevealed aspects, made us feel as if we had received an enormous privilege that everyday tourists will never quite understand.

We have that to thank you for. What you gave us was something to take or leave and to make the most of — do not be worried that we didn't all grab every possible chance to keep our eyes peeled, meet Japanese teenagers, talk in Japanese, thrill school children with our gifts and culture, and represent Glen Eira and Australia, all at the same time as having a frenzy of fun and friendship.

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# **HACC** services funding squeeze

Despite a commitment from Federal and State Governments to provide 80 per cent of funding required for local councils to provide Home and Community Care (HACC) services, government funding for these services in Glen Eira has effectively dropped to less than 70 per cent.

This year Glen Eira City Council will receive only a 2.8 per cent increase in base funding even though the real rise in costs is significantly higher. Council will be covering 32 per cent of the cost. This increase, required to meet the rising cost of service provision, equates to \$2 million of ratepayers' money.

Mayor Cr Noel Erlich said Council was committed to providing nearly 126,000 hours of home, personal, respite, and disability care to older residents and those with disabilities in 2001-02.

"Most of these hours are provided for help in the home such as house cleaning, and helping with shopping. Almost 2000 people receive this service each year, some weekly but most fortnightly. We also

provide 400 residents each week with personal and disability care services — offering assistance with bathing, showering or sponging, dressing or grooming and eating and drinking, as well as help with mobility, toileting, fitting and use of personal aids. Many residents rely very heavily on this support," he said.

Council records indicate about 150 new referrals each month. Last year, more than 1800 people were assessed and referred for new services or for a change in service levels. Council also delivered more than 120,000 meals last year to nearly 1000 residents. HACC services also cover the provision of Adult Day Care — providing people with an opportunity for friendship and social activities, gardening, and outdoor activities.

"Demand for all these services has increased and will continue to increase with the ageing population into the next decade. The lack of nursing home beds, the problems with public hospitals, and the Federal and State policies that support older people remaining at home, all add to this demand.

"This is a real challenge. Even the hours Council currently provides are not considered adequate ---especially as more frail clients are staying at home needing more complex care. There has also been an increase in younger adults with chronic illnesses and families with disabled children waiting for assessment and care.

"People pay taxes to fund these programs. But the money is not coming back to Glen Eira in services. Without funding support, the cost of this increase in demand is being met by local councils — in effect ratepayers," Cr Erlich said.

Council's Chief Executive Officer Andrew Newton said there had also been a shift in the skills required by direct care staff as a result of the changing

demands:"We are fortunate to have many dedicated staff members, and we are trying to support them in supporting our clients. But current levels of funding do not recognise increasing costs or demand and service.

"As a result, recruitment and retention of home care staff has become a problem and the quality and level of service provided to our older and disabled residents has suffered," he said.

"The bean counters should remember that care in the home avoids government expenditure on premature admission to hospitals or nursing homes or lengthy stays in high cost hospital beds. The rest of us should celebrate a program that gives people independence and dignity — a program that demonstrates a community that values all its members," Mr Newton said.

# Not just a place to live



Carole Saddington (left) leads Flo Redman in a specially adapted since the program began. "It's T'ai chi form.

len Eira City Council provides a wide range of Tresidential services and facilities for its older residents from high care nursing home beds to low care hostel style living. But these communities - at Spurway, Rosstown, Warrawee, Camden and Heathlands — are not just places to live. Each community also offers its residents a wide range of activities, both passive and active, at all levels of ability.

The stereotyped image of aging residents "sitting around the heater, staring at the television in the day room", just does not fit with the range of activities offered — music therapy, diversional therapy, activities and recreation program, art therapy,

physiotherapy, gentle exercise and balance classes, and outings such as lunches, bus trips, theatre, and shopping. Everyone gets involved in something — even if it's only the footy tipping or a Melbourne Cup sweep.

More structured programs include gentle exercise programs and T'ai chi, designed to keep residents moving and maintain flexibility. The gentle exercise program involves a staff member performing exercises which residents follow — combining movement and hand weights. These sessions are usually full to capacity with up to 15 participants.

T'ai chi has also become an extremely popular session at a number of facilities following its introduction at Spurway three years ago. Small group sessions are held outside when possible so participants can reap the benefits of the energy of sunshine and fresh air while they practice their "form". T'ai chi instructor Carole Saddington adapted the Chinese form for

people with disabilities. Spurway resident Flo Redman said she had been practising T'ai chi great, look at my arm, I can move it right up like this (raising her arm over her head). I never used to be able to do that, before I started doing the T'ai chi," she said.

Music therapy was introduced into Council's residential facilities previously this year and aims to enhance and support the social, spiritual, emotional, cognitive and physical wellbeing of residents in group and individual sessions. Participants enjoy

singing, music listening and reminiscing, sensory stimulation, instrument playing and discussion.

The sessions help to maintain socialisation, increase self expression, and reduce confusion and disorientation for residents with dementia. Since the introduction of these sessions, staff report residents are more relaxed in the evenings following the therapist's weekly visit, and have noted a positive shift in motivation and emotional response in individual residents.

Residential community manager Patrice Dolan said: "Music is the language of the heart and has the capacity to touch everyone on an emotional level, irrespective of their age or background. Music therapy is a welcome addition to the existing programs offered to our residents."



Rosstown resident Cavell Manypeney takes a turn through the facility's gardens with residential supervisor Sarah Lawson.



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All of Councils facilities offer outings, which staff say are always extremely beneficial. Not only do they provide contact for residents with the outside community, in a variety of settings, but whether it be a walk along the beach, visiting a museum or simply having lunch in the Dandenongs, these outings provide an opportunity for people to develop greater rapport with each other.

Council also conducts older adults activities for residents still living in their own homes - senior citizens' activities include walking groups, social card groups, keep fit and chair-based exercise programs, table tennis clubs, and the "Explorers — out and about" group which conducts day trips for older adults.

mean that it is difficult to provide more than a core

Spurway resident Julie Holian enjoys the benefits of a regular aromatherapy hand massage.

Managers at Council facilities choose activities which respect residents' needs and preferences. For example, Warrawee Nursing Home recently introduced pet therapy for a small group of residents. The program consists of weekly visits conducted by the Delta Dog Society with Chippy the dog, who brightens their days by providing an opportunity to talk to and pet an animal and recall memories about pets they have

-Story and photos Myrine Hawksworth.

# A happy home for Nan

A lifetime of memories fills the room in A Healthlands where Nancy (Nan) Salmon lives. Photographs, trinkets and cards adorn the dressers and tables in the room at the Caulfield North facility she has called home for the past five years.

At 103 years of age, Mrs Salmon has witnessed a lot in her life - three centuries, two world wars, the Great Depression and the birth of four children, seven grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

As she sits surrounded by numerous greetings from the Queen, Governor General, Prime Minister, Governor, the Victorian Premier and the Glen Eira Mayor, postcards from around the world and well-worn family photographs, the warm, sprightly centenarian reflects on her life.

The second youngest of five children, Mrs Salmon grew up in Ballarat, a city she still loves despite it being "a bit cold in winter". Until the age of 15, she attended a convent day school because her father, although not a Catholic himself, "believed in the discipline of the nuns".

Two years at boarding school followed. Although the school was only a "stone's throw" from the family home in Ballarat, she received no special privileges, such as visits home. "We were treated the same as the girls who came from Queensland," she said.

She has a love of music which extends back to the age of eight, when she began studying violin under Walter Guide. She became quite proficient at the instrument, performing with the school orchestra and the Ballarat Lyric Orchestra. Although her violinplaying days are long behind her, music is still her favourite pastime, with her radio permanently tuned to classical music.

"I was no good at sport really," she said. "Music was in my family - my elder sister had a very good voice and went to the conservatorium."

After finishing school at 17, she worked for a time at the free kindergarten in Ballarat, before deciding to become a nurse. "My sister did her nursing training at St Vincent's in Melbourne. She did very well, so I decided to follow in her footsteps. But I never nursed professionally because I got married straight after I finished my training."

It was while she was training to be a nurse that Mrs Salmon met her husband Robert (Bob). "His father was a doctor in Ballarat, however I didn't know him that well when I was young. I met him when I used to go home on holidays," she said.

The couple married at St Patrick's Cathedral in Melbourne and subsequently set up home in Ballarat.

Seven years later they moved to Caulfield and Mrs Salmon has lived in the area ever since.

She loves living at Heathlands and has nothing but praise for the staff. "I'm very happy - the staff are very good to you, very thoughtful." She also has the honour of being the oldest person currently living in Council's residential care facilities. So what is her it's not in your own hands, it's in the hands of the Lord."

- Maureen Bathgate



Photographs and memories — Heathlands resident Nan Salmon with her "family".



#### **Victorian Seniors Festival 2002**

Senior Citizens' Week has a new name! To celebrate 20 years of senior citizens' weeks, the Victorian committee has renamed the week the Victorian Seniors' Festival (VSF) 2002.

In keeping with the theme of "Live it up", Council will officially open it's Victorian Seniors' Festival with "Live It up - an afternoon of song and dance" on Friday 8 March 2002, and follow up with two and half weeks of great opportunities for senior residents to get out and about and try something new.

Council will also conduct two courses of the "Wiser driver" program which proved very popular with senior residents during Safety Week 2001. The course covers road laws, confidence on the road, the impact of ageing on driving and general road safety.

Contact Sarah or Denise on 9524 3228 to put your name of the mailing list for the Victorian Seniors' Festival 2002.

### \$3.5 million to ensure independent living

unding from the State Government's Department of Human Services, Office of Housing, will assist in the redevelopment of Council's 81 independent living units.

Late last year, Council applied to the Supported Housing Innovation Project to redevelop the older units and upgrade the current bedsitters to one bedroom units. With an "in principle" agreement from the Department to fund the project, Council is now exploring options of unit design and locations, and expects funding to be finalised in the next few months.

The first block of units, in Curraweena Road Caulfield South, were built in the 1960s. Although these units were built to the standards and design of the time, improvements in the standards of housing over the past 40 years, mean changes are needed to meet these rising standards.

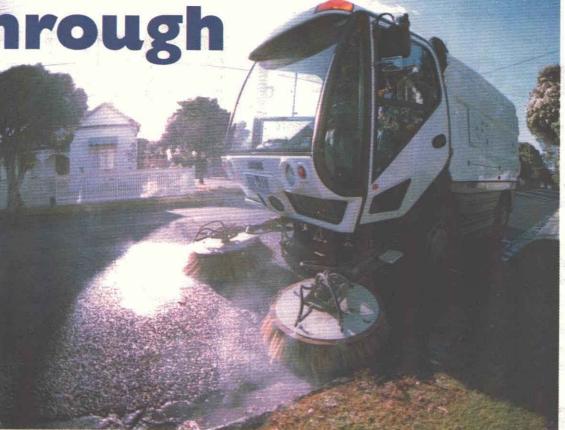
This is just one of the many ways in which Council is working towards ensuring appropriate services and facilities are provided to meet the changing needs and priorities of the residents and ratepayers.

# Sweeping through our streets

ouncil's waste management service includes residential street sweeping which is done on a monthly schedule, and in some areas more frequently during the autumn months.

Street cleaning begins at 11pm each night, with the night shift cleaning the shopping centres and heavily trafficked major roads. The day crew take over at 7am through residential streets until 2pm — four sweepers are on the go for almost 15 hours per day. The City's major commercial centres are cleaned every night.

The City has been divided into 20 sweeping areas, each is swept on the same day of the month. A map of the sweeping areas and sweeping days will be published in Council's waste information guide Keeping Glen Eira clean. Council hopes residents make themselves familiar with the sweeping schedule and assist the cleaning by trying not to park cars in the street on the scheduled sweeping day.

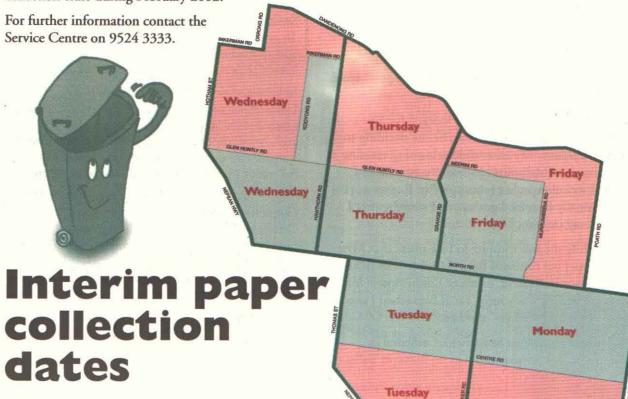


# Keeping Glen Eira clean

len Eira City Council offers weekly and fornightly waste collection and recycling services to residents and Jbusinesses in the City. New contracts have been awarded which will mean some changes to the delivery of these services in 2002 (see table at right).

From March next year, household waste and recycling (bottles, cans, paper and cardboard) will be collected weekly in separate receptacles. The service will include two 60 litre crates (a new crate for paper and the existing one for bottles and cans) which will be collected weekly. Council will continue with the current 240 litre general waste bin and the voluntary green waste bin services.

Details of the new service and collection calendars for the remainder of 2002, will be published in Keeping Glen Eira clean, Council's waste information booklet. This booklet will be delivered with the additional collection crate during February 2002.



Photos: Bernie Bickerton.

#### Weekly: Household garbage collection Recycling - bottles and cans Fortnightly: Recycling — newspaper and magazines Green Waste - leaves, lawn clippings, small branches and weeds (user pays service) Monthly: Pre-booked - bundled branch collection hard rubbish collection Street cleaning - residential Service from March 2002 Weekly: Household garbage collection Recycling - bottles and cans newspaper/magazines/cardboard Fortnightly: Green Waste - leaves, lawn clippings, small branches and weeds (user pays service) Monthly: Pre-booked - bundled branch collection - hard rubbish collection Street cleaning - residential

**Current** service



Until the weekly collection service begins, the paper collection dates for January and February 2002 will be as follows. Please see map for your area.



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Dumping of rubbish and unusable household items at charity clothing bins is becoming an increasing problem — creating an eyesore in Council car parks and costing charities millions of dollars to clean up.

Waste Management Engineer Doug Griffiths said under an agreement between the charities and Glen Eira City Council, charities must service bins on Council property at least four times per week and remove any rubbish dumped around the bins.

"These bins are allowed in Council car parks for receipt of clothing only. People disposing of junk around the bins are not making a donation, they are breaking the law and can be fined up to \$2000 under the Litter Act," he said.

Council recently received a grant from the South Eastern Region Waste Management Group to purchase video surveillance equipment to assist with the prosecution of people littering or dumping rubbish.

"Clothing bins are first on a list of litter hot spots that have been identified for random surveillance. There is no excuse for dumping rubbish on public land. Council provides the most frequent and convenient hard rubbish collection service in the metropolitan area," Mr Griffiths said.

Residents wanting to dispose of items of furniture and junk can contact the Service Centre to book a hard rubbish collection on 9524 3333.

### No butts please!

**C** igarette butts are the single biggest litter item on Glen Eira streets — accounting for almost half of the litter stream in number of items. Carelessly discarded butts damage the environment by polluting waterways, killing marine life and detracting from local amenity.

# Language Line

#### Teniamo Glen Eira pulito

Attualmente il Comune di Glen Eira offre una gamma di servizi di raccolta dei rifiuti ai residenti ed alle aziende commerciali entro il Comune. Tuttavia, sono stati stipulati dei nuovi contratti e questo significa che ci saranno dei cambiamenti alla fornitura del servizio nel 2002.

A partire dal mese di marzo del prossimo anno, i rifiuti domestici e di riciclaggio (bottiglie, barattoli, carta e cartone) saranno raccolti ogni settimana in contenitori separati. Il servizio includerà due cassette da 60 litri (una cassetta nuova per la carta e quella che avete attualmente per le bottiglie e i barattoli) che saranno raccolte settimanalmente. Il Comune continuerà la raccolta dell'attuale bidone da 240 litri per rifiuti domestici e del bidone volontario per i rifiuti verdi del giardino.

I dettagli del nuovo servizio e il calendario delle date di raccolta per il resto del 2002, saranno pubblicati nel libretto informativo sui servizi di nettezza urbana del Comune chiamato Keeping Glen Eira clean (Teniamo Glen Eira pulito). Questo libretto verrà consegnato ai residenti insieme alla cassetta supplementare durante febbraio 2002.

Per ulteriori informazioni contattate il Centro Servizi del Comune al numero 9524 3333.

#### Date per la raccolta della carta

Fino a quando non incomincia il servizio di raccolta settimanale, le date per la raccolta della carta per i mesi di gennaio e febbraio 2002 sono esposte nella tavola intitolata "Paper collection dates" (Date per la raccolta della carta) a Pagina 10.

#### 保持Glen Eira市政區的整潔

Glen Eira市政府目前向市政區內的居民和工商企 業提供一系列垃圾收集服務。新的垃圾收集承包 合同現已簽署,這意味著2002年的服務將有所變 動。

自明年3月起,家庭垃圾及回收利用物品(瓶、罐、 紙張及硬紙板)每周將分別使用不同的容器收集。 這項服務將包括兩個60公升的箱子(新的箱子用於 放紙張,原有的箱子用於放瓶和鑵),每周收集一 次。市政府將繼續目前的240公升家用垃圾桶和自 願使用的綠色垃圾桶的收集服務。

2002年余後時間內的新服務及收集日歷表詳情將 刊登在市政府垃圾訊息小冊子《保持Glen Eira市政 區的整潔》上。此小冊子將在2002年2月期間隨同 另加的收集箱發放到各家各戶。

欲知詳情,請與服務中心聯繫,電話9524 3333。

#### 紙張收集日期

第10頁上的 "紙張收集日期" 示出了至每周收集服 務開始前的2002年1月和2月的紙張收集日期。

"There are alternatives. Many organisations are putting receptacles at entrances to office blocks and the like, and most public places have bins. Requirements under the State Government's Litter Act 1987 mean people found dropping 'litter that is burning', ie cigarette butts, can be fined up to \$100 on the spot. Council's Local Law officers do police this, but the difficulty is actually catching people in the act!"

#### Διατηρούμε το Δήμο Glen Eira καθαρό

Η Δημαρχία του Δήμου Glen Eira προσφέρει διάφορες υπηρεσίες συλλογής απορριμμάτων στους δημότες και στις επιχειρήσεις του δήμου. Έχουν συναφθεί νέες συμφωνίες που σημαίνει ότι θα υπάρξουν μερικές αλλαγές στον τρόπο παροχής των υπηρεσιών το 2002.

Από τον Μάρτιο του επόμενου χρόνου, οικιακά απορρίμματα και αντικείμενα ανακύκλωσης (μπουκάλια, κουτάκια, χαρτί και χαρτόνια) θα συλλέγονται εβδομαδιαίως σε ξεχωριστά δοχεία. Η συλλογή θα περιλαμβάνει δύο καφάσια 60 λίτρων (ένα νέο καφάσι για χαρτί και το υπάρχον καφάσι για μπουκάλια και αλουμινένια κουτάκια) τα οποία θα συλλέγονται εβδομαδιαίως. Η Δημαρχία θα συνεχίσει την τρέχουσα συλλογή οικιακών απορριμμάτων σε δοχείο 240 λίτρων και την εθελοντική συλλογή φυτικών απορριμμάτων.

Λεπτομέρειες για τη νέα υπηρεσία και τις ημερομηνίες συλλογής για το υπόλοιπο του 2002, θα δημοσιευθούν στο Keeping Glen Eira clean (Διατηρούμε το Δήμο Glen Eira καθαρό), το ενημερωτικό φυλλάδιο συλλογής απορριμμάτων της Δημαρχίας. Αυτό το φυλλάδιο θα διανεμηθεί με το επιπλέον καφάσι ανακύκλωσης κατά τη διάρκεια του Φεβρουαρίου 2002.

Για περισσότερες πληροφορίες επικοινωνήστε με το Κέντρο Εξυπηρέτησης στο 9524 3333.

#### Ημερομηνίες συλλογής χαρτιού

Μέχρι να αρχίσει η εβδομαδιαία συλλογή, οι ημερομηνίες συλλογής χαρτιού για τον Ιανουάριο και Φεβρουάριο 2002 θα αναγράφονται στον πίνακα "Ημερομηνιών συλλογής χαρτιού -Paper collection dates" στη Σελίδα 10.

#### Сбор мусора и отходов в муниципалитете Glen Eira

В настоящее время муниципалитет Glen Eira предлагает жителям и организациям, находящимся на территории муниципалитета, разнообразные услуги по сбору мусора и отходов. Муниципалитет заключил ряд новых контрактов, и поэтому в 2002г. в организации этих услуг произойдут некоторые изменения. С марта следующего года бытовые отходы и отходы для переработки (бутылки, банки, бумага и картон) будут собираться в отдельных контейнерах, раз в неделю. Два 60литровых контейнера (один новый контейнер для бумаги и старый контейнер для бутылок и банок) будут собираться еженедельно, а кроме того муниципалитет будет продолжать в обычном режиме сбор бытовых отходов в 240литровых контейнерах и садовых отходов в специальных контейнерах (для желающих). Подробная информация и график сбора отходов на период с марта 2002г. будут опубликованы в специальном информационном буклете Keeping Glen Eira clean. Этот буклет будет рассылаться вместе с новым контейнером в феврале 2002г. Более подробную информацию можно получить в центре обслуживания муниципалитета по тел. 9524 3333.

Unfortunately, the problem of cigarette litter is increasing as recent changes to the smoking laws force smokers onto the streets.

Council's Waste Management Engineer Doug Griffiths said: "Council certainly supports the new tobacco laws and smoke free food premises this has been a great move. But we need to appeal to people who will continue to smoke, to not take the problem out into the street." Mr Griffiths said probably the best way for smokers to ensure they avoid littering is to carry a sealed container with them, such as the Eco Safe Personal Ashtray which is endorsed by the Keep Australia Beautiful (Victoria).

"Council would encourage those who must smoke to use a personal ashtray and help ensure butts don't find their way onto footpaths and gutters and then into our waterways." График сбора бумажных отходов До того, как начнется еженедельный сбор отходов, в январе и феврале 2002г. служба сбора бумажных отходов будет работать по графику, который приведен на стр. 10 – «Paper collection dates».

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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 second and fourth 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.

#### **Events**

Adelphi Players Theatre Company presents Noddy and the Noah's Ark at Labassa Manor Grove, North Caulfield on Saturday 8 and 15 December and Sunday 9 and 16 December at 2pm and 4pm. Tickets: \$8, children \$6, includes refreshments. Contact: 9690 1593 or 9578 0952.

Koornang Uniting Church Parish will hold the following services: 23 December: Tara Grove Uniting Church Family service: 9am Carnegie Uniting Church, Neerim Road service: 11am 24 December: St Giles Uniting Church, 117 Murrumbeena Road Family service: 6pm 25 December: St David's Uniting Church, Grange Road

Christmas service: 9.30am

#### Volunteers

U3A Glen Eira requires volunteers to teach Spanish to retired senior citizens at intermediate level commencing next February. Contact: 9572 0571.

### **Broken Cords** or Balances

#### IN DOUBLE HUNG WINDOWS

- Bottom sash (2 cords) from \$40
- Both sashes (4 cords) from \$50
- Tubular balances from \$55 per pair
- Pensioner discounts available

Price depends on size, condition and number

- Also Fit heavier counter weights
  - Convert concealed to tubular balances

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John Moline:

Summer holiday programs for recreation or professional development at Godfrey Street **Community House** 16 Dec-20Jan '02 Introduction to Acting x 6 Weeks 2-4.30pm \$50

wo of Community Information Glen Eira's (CIGE) longest serving volunteers were acknowledged by Mayor Cr Noel Erlich recently. Joyce Moorrees and Betty Splatt have been awarded life membership of CIGE for their untiring contribution to volunteering in Glen Eira.

Joyce (pictured left) trained as a volunteer for the then Caulifield Citizens' Advice Bureau in 1976 her 25 years makes her one of the longest serving workers. Joyce has been involved on the committee of management both as secretary and president and represented Caulfield in the southern region for many years.

Betty (right) trained as a volunteer in 1982 giving 19 years to volunteering. Members of CIGE acknowledged her "quiet courage, good sense, dedication and commitment" and said she had provided a role model to other volunteers.

Cr Erlich said he was proud to be asked to make the award and said the International Year of Volunteers had provided many such people with the acknowledgment they deserved.



#### Art Classes AT

#### **GLEN EIRA CHELTENHAM ART GROUP**

Plan ahead to develop your artistic talent with us in 2002. All levels catered for.

- Qualified professional tutors
- Choose from sketching, painting in oils, acrylics, pastel, watercolour, folk art.
- Day and evening classes and workshops in light and airy studio
- Childrens classes for Grade 2 and up, on Saturday morning
- Not-for-profit group offering moderate fees

Moorleigh Community Village Rob Flavell Wing (Room 2) 90-92 Bignell Road, East Bentleigh CONTACT MARJORIE 9578 4326 OR VAL 9570 3596

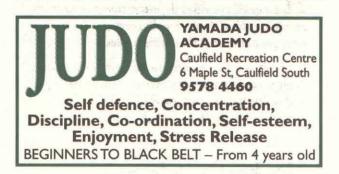


### Immunisation dates for December

Murrumbeena Baptist Church 44 Murrumbeena Road, Murrumbeena Monday 10 December 10am-11am

**Glen Eira Town Hall** (entry via Glen Eira Road) Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield Tuesday 11 December 6pm-7.30pm

**Bentleigh-Bayside Community Health Service** Gardeners Road, East Bentleigh Tuesday 18 December 10am-11am Saturday 22 December 9.30am-11am



### **Glen Huntly CHRISTMAS BREAK UP PARTY**

For Adults & Children, techniques include method acting, improvisation and using your voice • 20 Dec-24 Jan '02 Introduction to Acting x 6 weeks 7-9.30pm — \$50 • 7 Jan-11 Jan '02 Computer Intensive Learning for Beginners 9.30am-12.30pm Mon/Wed/Fri — \$70 • 14 Jan-18 Jan '02 Computer Intensive Learning for Beginners 9.30am-12.30pm Mon/Wed/Fri -- \$70 • 15 Jan '02 Wellbeing for Women 10am-2pm 15 Jan '02 Weilbeing for Women Toam-2pm
 Take time to nurture yourself through massage & creativity — \$30
 23 Jan '02 Mask Making I0am-2pm Discovery & Creativity for Personal Development — \$30
 17, 18, 21 & 22 Jan '02 First Aid Certificate — Level 2 10am-4pm - \$150 Gain a new, or update your current qualification One to One Computer per hour by appointment - \$15 ENROL Before 20 December or after 14 January 2002 at: 9 Godfrey Street, Bentleigh. Ph: 9557 9037 Fax: 9557 1734 OR From 21 December 2001–13 January 2002 phone: Computer classes: 9527 4790 Acting drama classes: 9576 5545 or 0417 521 617 First aid: 0413 323 184

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TAKE ADVANTAGE OF LOW BUDGET BUS TRIPS - organised by volunteers FOR YOU.

**Glen Eira 2002 Bus Trips** 

A DAY AT SORRENTO and STRAWBERRY FARM

Wednesday 13 February 2002. Cost: \$20 Bring own food and drink - or buy there. 8.30am Glen Eira Town Hall and Depart: 8.40am Glen Huntly Station (Tram stop 60). Return: 5pm approx.

#### UPPER YARRA DAM and BOARDWALK, WARBURTON

Wednesday 13 March 2002. Cost: \$20. Bring own food and drink.

Depart: 9am Glen Eira Town Hall and 9.10am Glen Huntly Station (Tram stop 60). Return: 4.30pm approx.

> Bookings by phone only -Fridays 9am-2pm on 9523 7862.

THURSDAY 13 DECEMBER at 10.30am at 99 Grange Rd, Glen Huntly Join us as we celebrate a happy year of friendship and good times together. Bring your singing voices for some carols, a plate of food for lunch and your requests/suggestions for future bus trips and programs in the hall. We will resume February 2002.

All welcome!

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# Flying High goes out and about

#### Max gets active — Active Australia Day

The Flying High Circus team enjoyed the opportunity to pass on their skills to cricket icon Max Walker when he spoke at the Active Australia Day festivities at the end of October.

Young people enjoyed watching youth worker Mark Bekerman take Mr Walker through a juggling lesson, and demonstrations of a range of circus skills.

The event, supported by Australian Sports Commission and Leisure Australia, is a nation wide campaign

aimed at increasing the level of physical activity of all Australians. With less than 60 per cent of the population now engaged in regular physical activity the event places an emphasis on raising young people's awareness of recreation options.

Flying High Circus offers unique activities that allow young people to develop physical fitness and skills

### Collaborative partnerships tackle tough topics

A bout 65 parents of school-aged young people recently attended an interactive forum with the "Operation Aware" team on providing strategies to deal with a variety of drug and alcohol usage concerns.

Glen Eira Youth Services, in collaboration with Taskforce and Parentzone, provides education for parents who are concerned about substance abuse amongst young people.

The presenters offered a "big picture" approach to understanding substance abuse — an approach which they believe leads to more successful outcomes for young people. Central to this approach is relationship building between parents and their children. Strengthening relationships encourages young people to become more comfortable talking to their parents about troubling issues.



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They don't call me 'Tangles' for nothing — Max Walker attempts to learn juggling with Mark Bekerman from the Flying High Circus team.

such as strength, flexibility and hand-eye co-ordination, whilst also allowing them to express their creativity.

The team made contact with an estimated 100 young people all of whom had the opportunity to experiment with circus equipment, some for the first time.

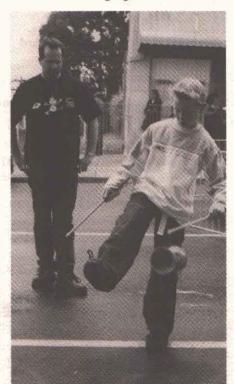
#### **Circus takes to the street**

Flying High Circus program was also busy at the first of Glen Eira's street festivals — the McKinnon Main Street Festival held on Sunday 11 November.

The youth team took along props from the Flying High Circus program and discovered some real talent in the community — young people from Bentleigh West primary school gave credit to the school's juggling program for their circus skills by providing an impromptu demonstration of circus skills and taught the youth workers a trick or two with the juggling balls, clubs and diabolo.

Festivals provide a sense of belonging to the

community and youth workers were overwhelmed and delighted by the level of youth participation.



# *Chrismas* New Year wishes

It's that time of year again and Glen Eira Youth Services understands that the Christmas and New Year period is not always a joyous time for some young people. The following services are open during the Christmas break should you or a friend need support. And don't forget, you can drop into the Why? Stop before 24 December and collect contact details relevant to your situation.

Please keep safe and we will see you in the New Year!

#### Youth Services information

The Why? Stop Youth Information Centre will be closed from **Monday 24 December 2001** and will reopen on **Monday 7 January 2002.** The following agencies will be able to offer young people assistance during this closure.

#### Accommodation

Argyle St Housing Information and Referral Service 9593 9349 (Open every day except 25, 26 Dec and 1 Jan)

Melbourne Youth Support Service 9614 3688 (Open every day except 25 Dec)

#### General support

Anglicare Southbridge Youth Services 9532 3482 (Open every day except 24 Dec)

Crisis counselling Care Ring (Open 24hrs 7 days a week)

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Legal services Youth Advocacy and Legal Service (OZ Child) 9794 5428 (Open every day except 25, 26 Dec and 1 Jan)

#### Sexual assault and violence

South East Centre Against Sexual Assault (SECASA) 9594 2289 (Open every day except 25, 26 Dec and 1 Jan)

Centrelink Youth and students 132490 (Open every day except 25, 26 Dec and 1 Jan)

Directline Drug information, crisis and

Parents were encouraged to work on relationship building with their children, become actively involved in their children's lives, display positive role modeling through their own behaviour, and be available to talk about difficult issues.

At the conclusion of the evening, positive feedback was offered by participants and organisers deemed the night informative and successful. Tom Beddoe (12 years) from Bentleigh West Primary gives diabolo a try under instruction from youth worker Simon Vella. counselling referral

#### 9416 1818

Christmas lunch/dinner Sacred Heart Mission Free meal (all ages)

9537 1166

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Contact us!

For information, support or referral, contact the Why? Stop Youth Information Centre on 9572 5389 or email ystop@gleneira.vic.gov.au **We're free, friendly and confidential.**  Arts

# rts 'Like it is' takes major prize The Glen Eira theatrette was overflowing with

people to celebrate closing night of the 2nd annual Glen Eira "Cinema Sprints" Film Festival on 11 November. Congratulations to the winners who shared in more than \$13,000 in cash and prizes including the \$6500 FUJIFILM Best Film Award won by the quirky film Like It Is by Chris Begley and Tony D'Aquino.

The 2001 Cinema Sprints winners were:

Best Editing:	<i>The Smell That Killed Him</i> Roberta Horslie
Best Script:	<i>Small Town</i> David Blumenthal
Best Original Music:	<i>S-Crash</i> Marco Biasion
Best Actor:	Paul Smith — The Foley
Best Actress:	Dawn Klinberg — Like It Is
Best Director:	<i>Fallen Together</i> Chi Yen Ooi





Left to right: Peter George with Che Yen Ooi (Best Director Fallen Together) and David Blumenthal (Best Script Small Town). Photos: Peter Leis.

#### **Encouragement Awards:**

Samantha Page —	Example 1: The Shop	
Ben Noonan — Th	his Way Out	

Filmink Best Comedy:

Stiff — Joe Villanti **Fujifilm Best Film Award Finalists:** 

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	Verbatim
	The Smell That Killed Him
	The Passenger
	Fallen Together

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#### Winner: Like It Is

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Opens: Wednesday 12 December 6.30pm until Sunday 23 December

Renderings continues the keen interest Council's Arts and Culture Unit has in young artists, and its long standing rapport with the locally-based Melbourne School of Art. The exhibition will display a fresh array of work from students, teachers and friends of Melbourne School of Art and provides a great opportunity to view the talents of local residents of diverse ages.

The Melbourne School of Art provides part-time and full-time courses which vary depending on the complexity and experience required. The school has a high reputation for its advanced computer courses from web design to digital film making but is also well grounded in drawing, photography and painting.

Titled Renderings, this collection of video animations, digital prints, photography, paintings and drawings, represents the diversity with which the students choose to resolve their particular medium. This end of year show provides the perfect opportunity to see the accumulation of a year's worth of work and to see not only the students' development but also the inspiration their teachers have gained.

Council's Arts and Culture Unit and **Newvision Films** are giving 50 readers the chance to win a double pass to the



award-winning film by Mira Nair, Monsoon Wedding.

An exuberant and hilarious family drama set in Mira Nair's beloved Punjabi culture, where ancient tradition and dot-com modernity combine in unique and perfect harmony.

"Rich and vibrant... a gaudy, noisy, genial riot of colour, music and emotional whimsy that sings with the joys of life ... 'IndieWIRE.

"... exhilarating... splashy, noisy and downright



### **2002 Glen Eira Literary Awards**



The 7th annual Glen Eira Literary Awards focus on "short" writing mediums- short stories,

Categories

Caulfield RSL My Brother Jack National Short **Story Award** \$3000 prize pool 1500-3000 words

National Short Screenplay Award \$1000 prize pool Maximum duration: 10 minutes

Eastend Booksellers Local Short Story Award \$800 prize pool 1500-3000 words

screenplays and poetry and are dedicated to giving new and talented Australian writers an opportunity to have their work recognised and rewarded by a judging panel of some of Australia's best-selling authors. The feature award, the Caulfield RSL My Brother Jack Short Story Award, invites entries from contemporary Australian writers on any theme. It was established in honour of George Johnston's classic Australian novel set in what is now known as Glen Eira between the two world wars.

Locally, Council is proud to again offer children's and youth short story and poetry awards and the Eastend Booksellers Local Short Story Award for adults.

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Young Writers Awards (10-19 years) \$750 prize pool

Entries close: Friday 22 March 2002. Contact: rverde@gleneira.vic.gov.au or (03) 9524 3287.

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fun," Variety.

Offer valid 14-16 December (not valid Saturday after 5pm)

To win a double pass write your name, address and contact telephone on the back of an envelope and mail to:

Film Giveaway Arts and Culture Unit Glen Eira City Council PO Box 42 Caulfield South, Victoria 3162 The first entries received by 10 December will win the double passes.

# Recreation News **Clubs back home**



Members of the Caulfield-Carnegie Cycling Club (from left) Doug Garley, Simon Clarke, Shane Perkins and Michael Ford Photo: Myrine Hawksworth. prepare for training in the new changing rooms.

fter a patient wait, sports clubs at Packer Park are Amoving into their new home — the fully refurbished Packer Pavilion.

Caulfield-Carnegie Cycling Club and Washington Park Cricket Club have unpacked and are feeling at home in the new pavilion which provides a new generation of sports facilities in Glen Eira. This multi-purpose pavilion will not only provide change, social and storage facilities for the tenant clubs, including Glen Eira Football Club, but will allow use of the facilities by schools, community groups and residents.

Caulfield-Carnegie Cycling Club Coach Hilton Clarke said the club was very happy with the new facilities. "We've got plenty of storage space, meeting spaces and beautiful new showers and toilets. It'll be just great when all the landscaping and paths are finished, too.'

### **Applications for** use of sporting reserves winter season 2002

Applications are invited for the use of the following reserves for the 2002 winter sporting season. **Bentleigh Reserve Bailey Reserve** 

Club members were also pleased with the flexible design of the changing rooms which allowed for different groups to use the facilities at the same time.

The newly refurbished hall with its great views out over the park and velodrome and kitchen facilities are available for hire by the public. The venue will be ideal for special events and has seating and tables for 80 guests. The pavilion also has a meeting room, which is available for hire by members of the community, and has full disability access. For enquiries or bookings, call the facility booking officer on 9524 3253.

Packer Park (Melway ref: 68 J8).

### In brief

#### Take the plunge!

Whether it is lap swimming, learning to swim or simply relaxing on the grass in the shade, make sure you visit one of Council's swimming pools this summer. These heated outdoor pools are surrounded by grass and are a great venue for a picnic on a warm day. The pools offer excellent value family entertainment with plenty of fun for all ages.

The swim centres are open:

6am-7pm Monday - Friday 8am-6pm Saturday and Sunday 8am-6pm public holidays

If the forecast temperature is 30 degrees celsius or above, the pool hours will be extended to 8pm.

#### For more information contact:

Caulfield Swim Centre	9571 8143
East Bentleigh Swim Centre	9570 7394

#### Australian championship in Glen Eira

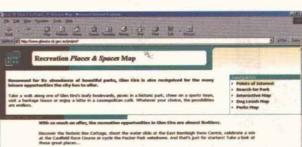
If you want to see some top class cricket in January then get down to Caulfield Park for the U19 Australian Women's Cricket Championships. These championships will be held at Caulfield Park and Monash University January 3-10, 2002. Ten players will make their debuts for Victoria at an U19 level with nine players from last year's victorious U17 Victorian team!

The teams will compete for the Betty Wilson Shield. Seven other teams will also be participating reigning champions NSW, WA, SA, Queensland, Tasmania, ACT and an Invitational XI. For more information contact Claudia Fatone at the Victorian Women's Cricket Association 9653 1181 or visit the website www.viccricket.asn.au

# Get out and about — using your *computer*!

Want to find out more about your nearest park, local places of interest or your nearest sports club? These questions and many more can be answered from your computer by visiting www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

Access one of Australia's most comprehensive local government on line leisure guides and explore five key leisure areas: points of interest; park information; park maps; dog walking information and maps; and an interactive map.



**Bentleigh Secondary** College EE Gunn Reserve Glen Huntly Reserve King George IV Reserve McKinnon Reserve Moorleigh Community Murrumbeena Park Village Packer Park

Caufield Park **Centenary Reserve** East Caufield Reserve Hodgson Reserve Koornang/Lord Reserve Mackie Reserve Marlborough Street Reserve **Princes Park** Victory Park Reserve

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Applications must be lodged by Monday 28 January 2002 Application forms are available from: Recreation Services 9524 3470 or 9524 3455 or email recservices@gleneira.vic.gov.au

Local points of interest can be viewed with ease with links to relevant web sites. Find out about the latest activities on offer at historic homes Rippon Lea or Labassa, through a simple mouse click or view a current timetable for rail or tram travel.

The park search facility highlights parks containing selected facilities and offers many options and combinations for searching. Parks can be selected via suburb, or by facilities such as barbecues and playgrounds. All parks are listed with photos and facilities. Dog walkers can even view the on and off leash areas of their local park.



The interactive map contains information under three key areas: places, routes and sport clubs. Select the information you require and turn off the nonessential information.

A free leisure guide brochure highlighting places of interest, major parks, sporting opportunities, getting out with your dog and facility hire is also available. Contact Recreation Services 9524 3470 or email recservices@gleneira.vic.gov.au



Carols -

# Carols by Sunday 16 December Terrace Whittier Stand, **Caulfield Racecourse**

### Program

#### 6.15pm

Sale of programs and candles by the Caulfield Girl Guides and District Scouts Association of Glen Eira.

#### Pre-carols entertainment

Sacha LeFevre - Childrens' entertainer McKinnon Big Band conducted by Ian

Orr with the McKinnon Senior Singers Glen Eira City Band conducted by Len

Russell with soloist Joanne Blankfield Sefra Burstin School of Dance

#### 8.45pm-10.30pm Carols by Candlelight

Starring: Rhonda Burchmore

Hosted by: Denis Walter

Featuring:

**Combo Fiasco** National Boys Choir (directed by Peter Casey and Philip Carmody) Melbourne Welsh Male Voice Choir (Directed by Douglas Heywood OAM) Tony Fenelon, Terry Gill Humphrey B Bear and Santa

#### Admission is free

Programs: \$1 Candles: 50¢

Proceeds to Community Information Glen Eira

Station Street. Pedestrian access is through



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