



Session leader Simon Boubad—Lewis is pictured with keen young student Katie Costello of Bentleigh. Photo: Kim Gilliland.

Sounds of Africa in Glen Eira

The thundering sounds of African drums could be heard far and wide in Glen Eira last week, when a group of young residents came together to learn and celebrate life with music. Council is holding *Rhythms of Glen Eira* workshops each Thursday from 4.30pm to 5.30pm at the Moorleigh Community Village Reserve in Bentleigh East. For more information contact the Why? Stop Youth Information Centre on 9572 5389.

Council fights for local businesses

Glen Eira City Council will fight a proposed expansion of Chadstone Shopping Centre which could result in a multi-million dollar loss of retail trade for local strip shopping centres in Glen Eira.

Director City Development Jeff Akehurst said Council would oppose the planned expansion in the “strongest possible terms”.

The City of Stonnington has exhibited a planning scheme amendment and planning application which proposes increasing the size of Chadstone by almost 50 per cent, from almost 106,000 square metres to more than 146,000 square metres.

The amendment contains an economic impact statement which suggests in three years’ time the expansion could result in a \$5.9 million loss of turnover for Carnegie Shopping Centre, \$1.8 million for Bentleigh Shopping Centre, \$1 million for Elsternwick Shopping Centre, \$1.5 million for Caulfield Plaza and \$1 million for Glen Huntly Shopping Centre. The expansion would also severely affect other neighbourhood strip shopping centres such as Hughesdale, Murrumbeena and Patterson Road.

Council has already lodged an objection to the proposal, emphasising the damaging impact it would have on the viability of local businesses.

“Strip shopping centres are a part of Glen Eira’s history and a vital part of local communities — we will do everything within our power to ensure their survival,” Mr Akehurst said.

“The scale of the proposed development will cause hardship to local business owners and traders who are already struggling in these tough economic times. They cannot afford to lose this level of retail trade.”

Council will approach the Cities of Melbourne, Port Phillip, Boroondara, Whitehorse, Knox, Monash, Kingston and Greater Dandenong to seek their support in taking a joint stand against the proposal. Council will also contact local traders’ associations to alert them to the effects of the plan.

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Party in the parks!

It’s time to party for the residents of Glen Eira. Strange Fruit (pictured left) will form part of the entertainment line up for three free parties organised by Council in the coming weeks. Other spectacular performances are expected by the Jazz Dogs, Kavisha Mazzella and Vardos, and many community groups.

Pack a picnic and join in the fun!
See page 3 for a full report.

MAYOR'S column



My term as your Mayor is drawing to a conclusion and this will be my final column.

It has been a great personal honour for me to serve as your Mayor during the last 12 months. The year has been both satisfying and challenging. Satisfying in

that so many capital works projects have been completed leading to improvements across a range of services. They include the completion of the Warrawee aged care facility extension, the playground replacement program and more of our footpaths, roads and stormwater drains have been brought up to modern standards.

It was also satisfying to see programs such as Meals on Wheels, home care for the elderly, business development and many others continuing to support our community and add value to the everyday lives of residents.

But there have also been challenges and none more so than the failure of the Federal and State Governments to keep funding levels at appropriate levels, particularly in relation to the Home and Community Care program, a program to care for frail elderly residents in their own homes. This program began as a joint initiative funded 80 per cent by the other levels of government and 20 per cent by Council. Today Council's contribution to the program is nearly 30 per cent and the pressures are continuing to grow.

Other major challenges are in the area of road funding and strategic town planning. Glen Eira's share of the total funding devoted to roads has been significantly reduced as the State and Federal Governments have redirected funding to regional and rural Australia. I have no doubt of the need for additional road funding in areas outside of the metropolitan areas, however, for Glen Eira it may mean cutting other program areas or letting our roads deteriorate. In town planning the State Government's strategic vision for Melbourne entitled *Melbourne 2030* will pose more than a few headaches for local governments and residents alike as the pressure comes on to stop Melbourne's urban sprawl yet build more dwellings to meet the needs of a growing metropolis.

In finishing this my final Mayor's column, I would like to thank my other eight Councillor colleagues, the Council officers with whom we work and the very many members of the community I have come into contact with both during my Mayoral year and during the past three years of this Council. I would also like to thank my wife Joanne who has been a pillar of strength to me and our five children who have put up with a father juggling his time between work, Council and home.

— Cr Peter Goudge
Mayor

Japanese delegation arrives in Glen Eira

By Sophie Aristodemou

It was a long day for a group of five teachers and students from Ogaki, Japan, visiting Glen Eira as part of Council's Friendly Cities Program. The delegation had flown eight hours and had stopped in Cairns and Sydney before arriving in Melbourne.

Still managing to smile, the delegates arrived at their first stop, Glen Eira Town Hall, where they attended a welcoming ceremony with their hosts, Council's Chief Executive Officer Andrew Newton, Councillors and Council staff.

The delegation was in Melbourne for a whirlwind one-week tour where they visited Council facilities such as the Why? Stop Youth Information Centre, Spurway Nursing Home, Caulfield and Harleston Parks, various Victorian landmarks, Shelford Anglican Girls School, and Monash University.

One of the delegates Katsumasa Matsumoto, a retired teacher, said that they were "very happy to come to Glen Eira".

"We are all living in a world that is getting smaller and smaller and we are particularly interested in Australia's multicultural society and observing how Australian society lives peacefully," Mr Matsumoto said.

Dressed in traditional Kimonos, the Japanese delegates exchanged gifts with Glen Eira attendees before they sang and performed a dance.



(From left) Host family member Anne Tamhame, Friendly Cities Committee member Lauren Richardson, and Ogaki delegation group leader Katsumasa Matsumoto.

Photo: Kim Gilliland.

Yukie Arai, a Japanese teacher, explained that the song they had chosen, "Grandfathers clock", was performed widely in elementary schools in Japan.

She also explained that "Solan dance" was a traditional dance performed in Japan that had been modernised to appeal to young people and is now performed all over Japan.

After the performances, the weary delegates had just enough energy to enjoy the refreshments that had been served and mingle with their hosts.

Council elections — have you voted yet?

Glen Eira City Council's election process is well underway. Packs containing ballot papers were mailed to voters at the end of February. Voters who have not yet received their ballot pack should phone the Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) on 9532 4888.

Ballot papers must be received by 6pm on Friday 14 March 2003. Check the VEC's notice in this issue of *Glen Eira News* for more information.

Seventy candidates are contesting these elections to fill the nine Councillor positions for a new three-year term.

Voters should ensure they number every square on their ballot paper to make their vote count.

Deadlines for Glen Eira News

Deadline for the next issue of Glen Eira News will be **Wednesday 12 March** for delivery 4-6 April.

Coming deadlines:

Wednesday 9 April. Delivery: 2-4 May

Wednesday 7 May. Delivery: 30 May-1 June.

For advertising contact the PR Unit on 9524 3366.

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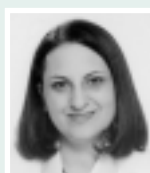
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100 per cent comply with *new food laws*

All 750 food businesses operating in the City of Glen Eira have complied with strict new food laws introduced in Victoria on 31 December 2002.

All food businesses are now required to submit a program to Council demonstrating how food will be stored, handled and served safely. Businesses must also maintain records of cleaning procedures, storage and cooking temperatures, and staff training.

Glen Eira City Council was one of the first councils in Victoria to receive programs from all registered food businesses.

Council's Environmental Health Officers have worked with local food establishments over the past three years to assist with the implementation of the new food laws. In 2002, staff conducted over 2,000 visits to local food establishments to assess the level of food safety across the municipality. In addition, officers randomly test food sold within the municipality to ensure food that sold is safe to eat.

Glen Eira City Council is also unique in that it provides incentives for food businesses to maintain safe food handling practices.

Manager Public Health Mark Saunders explained: "Businesses that maintain excellent food safety standards receive a 5-star certificate from Council. The public should look for 5-star certificates displayed in food premises when purchasing food within the municipality."

Council publishes a Safe Good Guide each year, which lists all food premises with a 5-star food safety rating.



(From left) Council's Manager Public Health Mark Saunders is pictured with Hans Haldemann, joint-owner of Aviv Cakes and Bagels, Glen Huntly Road, Elsternwick. Aviv Cakes and Bagels has implemented its food safety program and has an outstanding record of food safety during its 15-year history. Photo: Kim Gilliland.

An invitation to *party in the parks*

Glen Eira residents will be entertained by some of Melbourne's world class performers at three Party in the Park events being organised by Council.

The free community picnics will be held at:
Packer Park, Sunday 30 March, 12pm-4pm
Leila Road, Carnegie, Melway reference 68 J8

Allnutt Park, Sunday 6 April, 12pm-4pm
Wheatley Road, Bentleigh, Melway reference 68 B11

Caulfield Park, Sunday 13 April, 12pm-4pm
Corner Balaclava Road and Park Crescent, Caulfield, Melway reference 59 D12

Leading the entertainment at the parties will be a combination of Strange Fruit, Jazz Dogs, Kavisha Mazzella and Vardos, along with performances by community groups.

Over the past six years Strange Fruit has built an outstanding reputation internationally for its unique performances that combine dance, circus and spectacle. The company has performed at over 200 international festivals and events in more than 30 countries in Europe, Asia, North America, Latin America and Australasia.

Jazz Dogs are set to thrill the audience with its hip and groovy sounds. The chunky tenor and fat barry saxophones howl out cool tunes to snazzy rhythms.

Kavisha Mazzella is one of the brightest stars on the Australian folk scene. She has performed her unique blend of acoustic folk, roots and global music at many national and international music festivals.

Vardos is a stunning trio, serenading its audiences with Transylvanian dance tunes, popular Hungarian café concert music and the latest horas from Bucharest. Their music is driven by wild violin and supported by accordion and double bass. Energetic, fun and always entertaining, Vardos generate tremendous enthusiasm wherever they play.

The parties will feature additional entertainment such as jumping castles, animal farms, face painting, costume making, circus workshops and cooking demonstrations. There will also be displays and information stalls by local schools, community groups and Council.

The Party in the Park events will provide free entertainment and activities for people of all ages. Glen Eira residents are invited take a picnic and join in the fun with their families, friends and neighbours.

For more information contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 or visit Council's website www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

A framework for Melbourne 2030

Glen Eira City Council recently lodged a submission in response to the Melbourne 2030 framework proposed by the State Government.

The Government expects the population of Melbourne to increase by up to one million people over the next 30 years, and Melbourne 2030 details its vision for development during this period.

Council's Manager Strategic Planning Jason Close said: "Melbourne 2030 looks at where people will live and how the metropolitan area will change to accommodate the predicted growth."

The State Government envisages Melbourne becoming a more compact city with an urban growth boundary, requiring higher-density residential development around existing activity centres which are well served by shopping facilities and public transport.

Council has made a submission relating to:

- the intensity of development envisaged for activity centres;
- the pros and cons of Glen Huntly being recognised as a "major activity centre"; and
- the operation of proposed regional housing groups.

Council has also suggested amendments in the following areas:

- public open space;
- development contributions;
- water saving ideas;
- public transport ticket pricing;
- integration of public transport;
- housing for the aged;
- waste minimisation; and
- stormwater management.

A copy of Council's submission can be viewed in the planning section of Council's website at www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

Copies of Melbourne 2030 can be ordered by telephoning 1300 366 356 or may be viewed on the website www.melbourne2030.vic.gov.au

The complete guide to business in Glen Eira

Council has launched its 2003 *Glen Eira City Council Business Directory*, which aims to promote local businesses and to encourage business-to-business economic activity in Glen Eira.

The directory offers a wealth of information about the people, organisations and businesses that make up this vibrant city, and an overview of Council information and services available to the business community, local business listings, useful website addresses and contacts for local traders associations.

Copies are provided to all participating businesses and are available on request to all residents and other businesses. Local business listings and websites are also available on Council's website. For more information contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.



Manager Business Development Lynda Bredin with copies of the Glen Eira City Council Business Directory, which are now available from Council's Service Centre. Photo: Kim Gilliland.



Language Line



Change your smoke alarm batteries on 30 March

Glen Eira residents are strongly urged to change their smoke alarm batteries when daylight saving ends on Sunday 30 March 2003.

Council is supporting the simple message promoted by the Country Fire Authority — only working smoke alarms save lives.

“For around just \$5, a battery for your smoke alarm is the cheapest insurance you can buy to protect your home and family,” Council’s Manager Building Services John Bordignon said.

“With a long-lasting alkaline battery giving year-long protection, you may only need to change your smoke alarm battery annually. Not changing your battery and failing to maintain your smoke alarm can be just as deadly as not having one at all.”

State legislation requires every dwelling or sole occupancy unit to have self-contained smoke alarms, which comply with Australian Standards, installed in appropriate locations.

Cambiate le batterie del rivelatore di fumo il 30 marzo

Le autorità incoraggiano i cittadini di Glen Eira a cambiare le batterie dei rivelatori di fumo (smoke alarms) alla scadenza dell’ora legale, domenica 30 marzo 2003.

Il Comune ribadisce il semplice messaggio emanato dalla Country Fire Authority (i vigili del fuoco) — solo i rivelatori funzionanti salvano la vita.

“Per solo \$5 circa, una nuova batteria per il rivelatore di fumo è l’assicurazione più economica che si possa comprare per proteggere casa e famiglia,” ha dichiarato John Bordignon, Manager del reparto Building Services del comune.

“Con una batteria alcalina a lunga vita che vi protegge per un anno intero è probabile che dobbiate cambiare la batteria soltanto una volta l’anno. Se non cambiate la batteria e non mantenete il rivelatore in buone condizioni correte il solito rischio di morte che correreste senza rivelatore.”

Secondo le leggi statali tutte le case e i singoli appartamenti e stanze in affitto devono essere munite di rivelatori di fumo collocati in determinate posizioni e conformi alle norme australiane.

請在 3 月 30 日更換煙霧警報器的電池。

市政府竭力建議 Glen Eira 的居民在 3 月 30 日夏令時間結束時更換煙霧警報器的電池。

市政府支持鄉村消防隊所作的簡單明瞭的宣傳 - 只有起作用的煙霧警報器才能救人命。

市政府建築服務經理 John Bordignon 說：“為煙霧警報器更換新電池只要花 \$5 左右，這是所能購買的保護住家和家庭的最便宜的保險。”

“長效鹼性電池可提供長達一年的保護，這樣您可能每年僅需為煙霧警報器更換一次電池。不更換電池或不維護煙霧警報器很可能像不裝煙霧警報器一樣有致命的危險。”

維州法律要求每個住家或獨戶單元房都須在適當地方安裝符合澳大利亞標準的獨立運行的煙霧警報器。

Αλλάξτε τις μπαταρίες στους συναγερμούς καπνού στις 30 Μαρτίου.

Συνιστάται στους κατοίκους του Glen Eira να αλλάξουν τις μπαταρίες στους συναγερμούς καπνού όταν τελειώσει η θερινή ώρα την Κυριακή 30 Μαρτίου 2003.

Η Δημαρχία υποστηρίζει το απλό μήνυμα που προωθεί η Πυροσβεστική Υπηρεσία Country Fire Authority - μόνο οι συναγερμοί καπνού που δουλεύουν σώζουν ζωές.

“Για περίπου μόλις 5 δολάρια, μια μπαταρία για τον συναγερμό σας καπνού είναι η φτηνότερη ασφάλεια που μπορείτε να αγοράσετε για το σπίτι και την οικογένειά σας,” είπε ο John Bordignon, Διευθυντής Κτιριακών Υπηρεσιών της Δημαρχίας.

Замените батарейки в пожарных детекторах дыма у себя дома 30 марта.

Мы настоятельно советуем всем жителям муниципалитета Glen Eira заменить батарейки в пожарных детекторах дыма у себя дома 30 марта 2003г., когда происходит переход на зимнее время.

Муниципалитет Glen Eira поддерживает призыв пожарной службы — только исправно работающий детектор дыма может спасти жизнь.

“Новая батарейка стоит всего \$5 — самая недорогая страховка безопасности для дома

и семьи,” говорит John Bordignon, начальник строительной службы муниципалитета.

“Долгосрочная щелочная батарейка рассчитана на год работы — т.е. вам нужно будет менять ее не чаще, чем раз в год. Но если этого не делать, то детектор дыма не будет работать, и вы будете подвергаться такому же риску, как если бы его не было вообще.”

По законам штата Виктория, в каждом доме, в подходящем для этого месте, должен быть установлен автономный пожарный детектор дыма, соответствующий австралийским стандартам.



City of Glen Eira Council elections March 2003

Voting closes at 6.00 pm on Friday, 14 March 2003

Voters enrolled for the Glen Eira City Council elections should have received a ballot pack containing voting material.

Complete your ballot material and post it in the reply-paid envelope.

Completed ballot material can also be hand delivered to the Returning Officer during business hours at 1-3 Carre Street, Elsternwick.

For your vote to count, your ballot material must be received by 6.00 pm on **Friday, 14 March 2003.**

If you have not received your ballot pack telephone 9532 4888.

Voting is compulsory

Voting is compulsory for residents who were enrolled on the voters' roll by 16 December 2002.

People who fail to vote may be fined.

You are encouraged to vote but do not have to vote if you are:

- aged 70 or over; or
- a non-resident voter.

Ron Preston
Returning Officer
1-3 Carre Street, Elsternwick

TTY: 9299 0570 (text telephone)

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Information:

9532 4888 or www.vec.vic.gov.au

Voting is compulsory for enrolled residents

Prostate cancer forum features survivor and specialist

March 25 2003, 7.30pm–9.30pm
Glen Eira Town Hall
Corner Hawthorn and Glen Eira Roads, Caulfield
Bookings: 131 120

To help spread the word about prostate issues, Council is hosting a prostate cancer information forum by The Cancer Council Victoria during the Victorian Seniors Festival on 25 March.

The forum will feature one of Australia's most widely admired writers and actors, and prostate cancer survivor, Alan Hopgood.

A video version of Mr Hopgood's play, *For Better, For Worse*, a heart-warming comedy about his experiences with prostate cancer, will be screened. Mr Hopgood played Dr Reed in *Bellbird* and wrote the 1970s classic Australian film, *Alvin Purple*.

"People think prostate cancer is an old guy's disease, so it doesn't matter if he is impotent. But the fact is that he does care and his partner cares...there are a lot of years after 59 you know!" Mr Hopgood said.

As a play, *For Better, For Worse* toured Australia.

The video aims to demystify cancer in an entertaining and informative way, and to give support and encouragement to those in the fight, both men with cancer and their families.

Following the video, there will be opportunities to ask questions from a panel including Alan Hopgood, Jenelle Burgess from The Cancer Council Victoria, local urologist Mr Ross Snow and general practitioner Dr Nick Carr.

Ms Burgess said, "About 2,600 Victorian men are diagnosed with prostate cancer each year, and there are an estimated 15,000 men living in Victoria who have had a prostate cancer diagnosis, causing a significant impact on the entire community."

"We hope that the forum will encourage men and their partners to find out more about this disease, the second most common cancer affecting men."

"The causes of prostate cancer are not yet known. Increasing age is the most important risk factor in the development of prostate cancer."

Australian actor, playwright and survivor of prostate cancer, Alan Hopgood, will present *For Better, For Worse* at Glen Eira on 25 March.



(From left) Janelle Burgess of The Cancer Council of Victoria is pictured planning for the prostate cancer information forum at Glen Eira with Council's Older Adults Recreation Co-ordinator Cheryl Kennedy.

"A family history of prostate cancer also appears to increase a man's risk of developing prostate cancer."

"I would encourage men and their partners who are concerned about this issue to join us at the seminar."

the age to be — The 2003 Victorian Seniors Festival in Glen Eira

Each year, Glen Eira City Council coordinates more than two weeks of activities and events across Glen Eira, as part of the Victorian Seniors Festival. This year Council is staging a big band concert, a series of walks and its popular "come 'n' try" activities, as well as presenting an important health seminar on prostate cancer in conjunction with The Cancer Council Victoria.

Local senior citizen's groups are also taking part, hosting a range of activities from card games to dinner dances and day trips. For more information about these activities, contact Council's Service Centre for a brochure on 9524 3333.

In the mood for swing

Cabaret-style entertainment with the Craig Schneider Big Band, the exciting Swing Patrol Dance Troupe, plus a host of talented performers.

Friday 21 March

1.30pm–3.45pm (doors open 12.45pm)
Auditorium, Glen Eira Town Hall
Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield
Cost: free
Phone: 9524 3333 (bookings essential)

Note: Limited transport (door-to-door) is available to Glen Eira residents living at home who experience difficulty getting out and about. Bookings essential.

Morning walk series

Walking in a group is a great way to meet people and keep fit.

Caulfield Park with the Caulfield Walkers

Monday 17 March, 9.15am
Caulfield Park (meet at car park adjacent to Bowls Club), Balaclava Road, Caulfield
Cost: free
Bookings not required

Centenary Park with the East Bentleigh Walkers

Tuesday 18 March, 9am
Centenary Park (Brady Road entrance), Bentleigh East
Cost: free
Bookings not required

Hodgsons Reserve with the Bentleigh Walkers

Wednesday 26 March, 9am
Hodgsons Reserve (meet at Youth Centre), Higgins Road, Bentleigh
Cost: free
Bookings not required

Important information: Don't forget a hat, sunscreen and a shirt. Wear loose, comfortable clothing and footwear that is flat, non-slip and supportive. Light refreshments will be served at the end of each walk.

Federation Walk

Starting at Swan Street Bridge, walkers will venture along Birrarung Marr towards Federation Square, and visit the Indigenous Gallery at the National Gallery of Victoria before a final leg through Alexandra Gardens to Swan Street Bridge. Cold refreshments and a barbecue lunch will be served at the conclusion.

Friday 28 March

Bus departs 8.45am from Hodgsons Reserve, Higgins Road, Bentleigh (meet at the Bentleigh-McKinnon Youth Centre).
Bus departs 9am from Caulfield Park, Balaclava Road, Caulfield (meet at the bowls club car park)
Buses are expected to return at about 2.30pm.
Cost: free
Phone: 9524 3333 (bookings essential)

At Glen Eira's libraries!

For more information about the special events and offers available during Victorian Seniors Week read *Library news* on page 5.

A season of prints

Visit two exhibitions — one featuring linocuts by Aileen Brown, the other a collaborative exhibition by Carmella Grynberg, Amanda Laming and Gerry Katz. For more information read the *Arts news* on page 11.

20–30 March

Monday to Friday 10am–5pm,
Saturday and Sunday 1pm–5pm
Glen Eira City Council Gallery, Glen Eira Town Hall

Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield
Cost: free
Bookings not required

Come 'n' try activities

Council invites residents to take part in the following activities at half the normal price. For all keep fit activities, wear loose, comfortable clothing and footwear that is flat, non-slip and supportive. Bookings are not required for these activities.

A game of cards

Monday 24 March, 1pm
Corner El Nido Grove and Grange Road, Glen Huntly
Cost: \$1 Solo and Crazy Whist

Table tennis

Tuesday 25 March, 10am–12pm
Bentleigh-McKinnon Youth Centre, Higgins Road, Bentleigh
Cost: \$1.50 beginner and advanced

Ladies keep fit

Tuesday 25 March, 1.30pm
Bentleigh-McKinnon Youth Centre, Higgins Road, Bentleigh
Cost: \$1.25

Fit active exercises

Wednesday 26 March, 11am
314 Neerim Road, Carnegie
Cost: \$1.75

Seniors strength training

Wednesday 26 March, 1.30pm
Caulfield Recreation Centre, 6 Maple Street, Caulfield South
Cost: \$2.50

Chair-based exercises

Thursday 27 March, 11am
Concert Hall, Bentleigh Senior Citizens' Centre, 2 Arthur Street, Bentleigh
Cost: \$2.50

Healthy living seminar — prostate cancer

For more information see the article on this page.

Saving Water in Glen

Council welcomes water exemption

South East Water has granted Council an exemption to allow a one-off refill of Caulfield Park lake to ease the stress caused by the current drought.

According to Level 1 water restrictions, without an exemption the water level in lakes can only be topped up or maintained with a hand-held or trigger hose, bucket or watering can.

Council's Acting Director Infrastructure Kerry Martin said: "Obviously none of these refilling methods are appropriate for Caulfield Park lake, and the water level has been dropping at a rapid rate. It's in the worst condition I have seen it in my 13 years working with Council, and we were concerned that it may soon get to

the stage where the clay liner will dry out and shrink which could result in leaking."

"This exemption will provide a welcome relief for the lake, including the large variety of aquatic life and birds it supports."

While awaiting an exemption from South East Water, Council commenced a program of removing sludge and silt from the base of the lake.

A typical section of Caulfield Park Lake before cleaning. Photos: Kim Gilliland.



Saving water in 2003

2003 is the *International Year of Freshwater* — a time for people to focus their attention on protecting and respecting our water resources, as individuals, communities, countries, and as a global family of concerned citizens.

Of all the water in the world, only three per cent is fresh and less than a third of one per cent of this is available to humans. By protecting this valuable resource, people can help to ensure the future and the planet's long-term prospects.

The amount of water used by the average Melbourne household each year is the equivalent of five average-sized domestic swimming pools (around 240,000 litres). The average household uses more than three swimming pools worth of water in the laundry, kitchen and bathroom:

- one swimming pool is used for the toilet;
- one swimming pool is used in the bathroom;
- $\frac{3}{4}$ swimming pool is used in the laundry; and
- $\frac{1}{2}$ swimming pool is used in the kitchen.

Melbourne's water supply can not be taken for granted. Local catchment areas have experienced low rainfall in recent years and Melbourne's water industry has response plans in place.

The current drought highlights the need for sensible use of water, and Council is encouraging Glen Eira residents to follow these water-wise tips:

- turn the tap off while brushing your teeth;
- when shaving, fill the basin instead of letting the water run;
- a quick shower uses less hot water than a full bath tub;
- consider installing low flow, water efficient shower heads and taps in your home;
- instead of rinsing the vegetables under a running tap, half fill the sink with water;
- turn off taps tightly but gently so they do not drip;
- wash the car on the grass and water the garden at the same time;
- never clean the driveway or footpath with a hose — use a rake or broom;
- water in the cool of the morning or late evening;
- water the garden less often but more thoroughly; and
- choose water-wise plants.

For more information on water conservation visit www.savewater.com.au



Council has been busy with its program to remove sludge and silt from the base of Caulfield Park lake.

Street trees — can you help?

Glen Eira is fortunate to have thousands of trees throughout the City to provide shade and further enhance the physical environment.

Many of these trees are in parks where they receive water from Council's irrigation systems.

About 35,000 trees are growing along streets and this number is increasing each year. New trees are planted with a perforated plastic pipe around the root ball so that watering is more effective. Mulch is also placed around the base of the tree to conserve water.

Council has a program of watering trees that have been planted in the last two years, however this program has been restricted due to the current dry weather conditions. Residents can assist by watering trees on nature strips two or three times a week. Ten to 15 litres each time will make a big difference if residents fill the plastic pipe first and then water around the tree. Keeping mulch around the trees will also help.

For the past six years Melbourne has received lower than average rainfall and this summer has been particularly dry. The trees might be well established and many look healthy, but some are showing signs of distress. The trees are feeling the effects of the drought and need some help if they are to continue to enhance the City.

Council considers recycled water

Council is considering the use of recycled water for the irrigation of its parks and reserves.

Melbourne Water and the Environment Protection Authority will make recycled water available from Melbourne's western and eastern treatment plants as part of a drought relief initiative.

Council's Acting Director Infrastructure Kerry Martin said: "Melbourne is in its sixth year of drought and Council is investigating several ways to restrict its use of freshwater."

"The City's parks and gardens are suffering in many areas and this initiative may be a way for Council to reduce the effects of the drought."

To assist with drought relief, the cost of recycled water has been kept to an absolute minimum.

EPA Victoria has approved the following uses of recycled water for councils:

- watering municipal garden beds and trees;

- watering municipal lawn areas, with restricted public access (ie fenced and signposted for four hours after watering or irrigation at night);
- municipal works (for example, roadworks and dust suppression); and
- other uses approved by Melbourne Water.

The following uses are not approved:

- uses that involve direct prolonged human exposure to the water, including bathing and drinking;
- watering during the day of lawn areas with unrestricted public access;
- road cleaning; and
- filling of ornamental ponds and water features.

Recycled water is already widely used and there are more than 150 schemes operating in Victoria. Any potential risk to the environment, employees and the community is minimised through good recycled water management practices.

Mallanbool Reserve — designed to cope in all conditions

Mallanbool Reserve is unique in Glen Eira — it is not a manicured European style park full of exotic broadleaf tree species and lush green grasses, but has a dry landscape known as a xeriscape.

The reserve is an “ephemeral wetland” — having a central grassed swale, and planted with indigenous species around the perimeters which tolerate periodical wet and dry conditions.

Council’s Acting Director Infrastructure Kerry Martin said the park was surviving the drought quite well despite the fact that the plants have not had a lot of time to become fully established.

“Mallanbool Reserve has been designed specifically to cope with all weather conditions. The new

Mallanbool Park (pictured right) is surviving quite well despite the recent dry weather conditions. Melway reference: 68 K8.

Photos: Kim Gilliland.



plantings are indigenous, suited to their environment and therefore not demanding of water or fertiliser for success.”

Mr Martin said Glen Eira residents could learn from the success of Mallanbool Reserve to create environmentally sensitive gardens and to integrate their gardens with the broad environmental setting.



Footpaths — who is responsible?

The City of Glen Eira has a total of over 900 kilometres of footpaths — enough to reach from Melbourne to Sydney. The current value of this asset is \$60 million.

For the safety and convenience of residents, Council is committed to ensuring that the footpath network is maintained in good condition. This is a huge task, which costs \$1.1 million each year.

While Council has the overall responsibility to maintain and repair footpaths that are damaged or worn out, residents, builders, developers and public utilities also have a part to play. Everyone should take care not to damage footpaths when undertaking any activity in the street or on property close to the footpath.

Council is the owner of the footpath asset and as the owner has the right to recover the cost of repairing damage caused by others. Builders, developers and public utilities that cause damage to footpaths are required to pay the cost of repairs.

Council has an arrangement with the public utilities whereby they notify Council of any damage they cause. Council repairs the damage and the utility pays for it.

Builders and developers are required to notify Council before starting any work that may result in damage to the footpath. Unfortunately, this doesn’t always happen and Council may hold the property owner responsible for the cost of repairs. Residents having

any work done on their property, or those buying a newly developed property, should ensure that the footpaths and naturestrips are in good condition before paying their builder or developer.

Property owners also have a responsibility to ensure that anything that happens on their property does not cause damage to the footpath. For example, trees growing close to the front fence can have roots that extend under the footpath causing it to lift up. Where this happens, Council will notify the owner of the problem and request them to rectify it or have Council rectify it at the owner’s expense.

Residents can help to preserve the footpaths by not planting tree and shrub species with wide-spreading root systems too close to the front of their property. Root systems can damage fences, drains and driveways as well as footpaths. Ask your local nursery for advice on what to avoid planting in your front garden.

Residents should also be aware that the section of footpath incorporated in the vehicle crossing is deemed to be part of the crossing. The reason for this is that crossings have to be constructed to a higher standard than footpaths to take the weight of vehicles. As the crossing is for the purpose of providing access to the property, it is Council policy that the owner is responsible for the construction and maintenance of the crossing from the kerb line to the property line.

For more information contact Council’s Service Centre on 9524 3333.

Anzac Day Service **City of GLEN EIRA**

Glen Eira City Council invites residents to attend an Anzac Day Service at the Cenotaph in Caulfield Park, near the corner of Hawthorn and Balaclava Roads, Caulfield on Sunday 13 April at 2.30pm.

Light refreshments will be served after the service.

Contact: 9524 3333

Glen Eira BusEd **City of GLEN EIRA**

— bringing business and education together

Glen Eira City Council and Monash University present:

Dinner seminar series 2003

Thursday 3 April at 6pm

Winning and keeping high value customers

- how to measure valued customers and why they are important;
- what keeps them happy and what to do to retain them; and
- disaster recovery, what to do if you upset a profitable customer.

Presented by: Kevin Woodward, Director, Australian Centre for Retail Studies, Faculty of Business and Economics, Monash University.

BusEd project case study

Students will present their current project outcomes and benefits of working on business community projects.

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

Cost: \$25 (incl. GST)
Includes three course dinner.

Bookings and payment by Monday 24 March.

Contact: Service Centre on 9524 3333.

Eira's a favourite with young winners

Council congratulates the clever winners and all of the very talented participants in the recent *Eira's Pirate Tales* summer reading program.

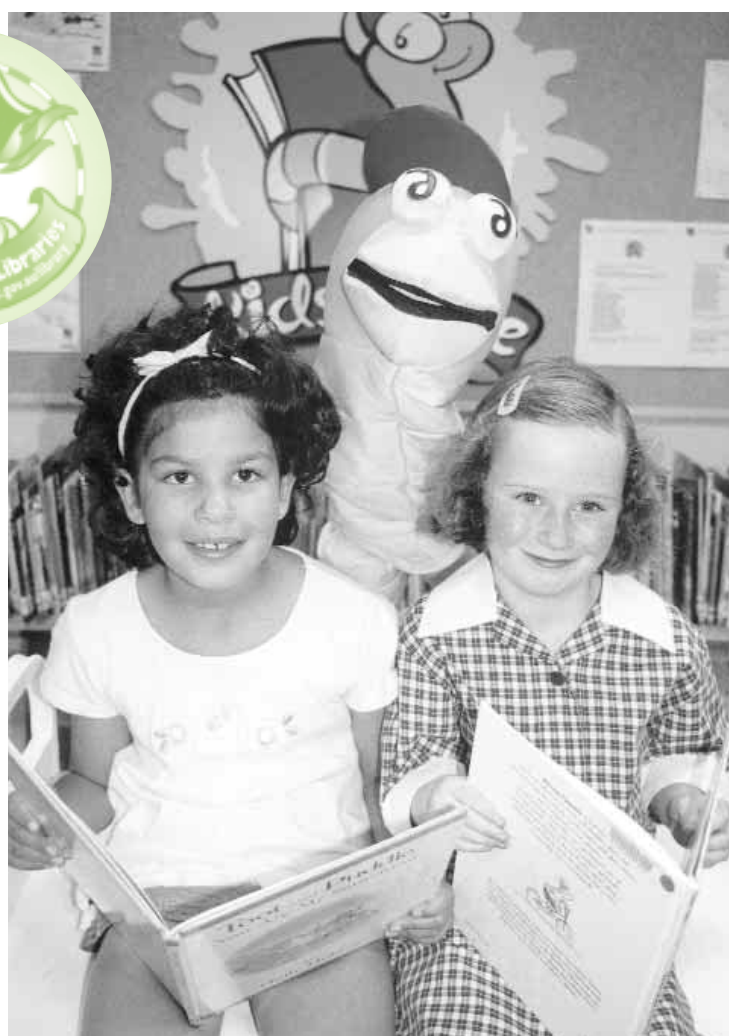
During the summer, pre-school and primary school children followed Eira, a funny little bookworm, on a reading adventure on high seas, as part of the program run by Council's Glen Eira Library and Information Service.

The popular program aims to make reading fun and encourages children to continue reading out of the school environment so that they maintain the reading skills acquired during the school year.

The winner of the My Favourite Book competition was 12-year-old Yadav Ravi who entered at Bentleigh Library. Yadav won his own movie party for 46 people at Classic Cinema in Elsternwick.

Seven-year-old Rebecca Hassett of Murrumbeena Primary School won the Independent Reader section. Rebecca read 50 books and her favourite was *Pamela Camel*.

Grace Ephraums' favourite book is *Flora the Frog*. The six-year-old won the special Read Too section for young children.



Winners of the *Eira's Pirate Tales* summer reading program (from left), Grace Ephraums and Rebecca Hassett read books with Eira in the Caulfield Library. Photo: Kim Gilliland.

LIBRARY News

2003 Victorian Seniors Festival

Glen Eira Library and Information Service invites all senior residents to join in the following events:

Tunes and tea

Tuesday 18 March, 11am

Enjoy morning tea and musical melodies with The Wandering Stars.

Bentleigh Library

Cost: free. Book at any branch or telephone 9557 8278.

Discover the Internet

Wednesday 19 March, 10.30am to 12noon

View demonstrations and discover the scope of the Internet. Morning tea provided.

Caulfield Cup Room, 1st Floor, Glen Eira Town Hall
Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield

Cost: \$5.50. Book at any branch or telephone 9532 9466.

Scott Ryan and Chester the Bear Show

Tuesday 25 March, 11am

Perfect for grandparents, parents and young children to enjoy together.

Caulfield Library

Cost: free. No bookings required.

Note: replaces regular storytime session.

Reservations of library materials

This service will be free of charge to all Seniors Card holders during the festival.

Computer Basics — new class

The ideal class for absolute beginners.

Wednesday 26 March 10.30am–12.30pm

Cost: \$44.

More Internet classes

The following classes will be held at Caulfield Library in March. Bookings can be made at any branch or call 9532 9466 for details.

Introduction to the Internet

Friday 14 March, 2pm–3.30pm

Cost: \$33 (includes GST)

Further Steps on the Internet

Monday 24 March, 2pm–4.30pm

Cost: \$55 (includes GST)

Web Based Email

Wednesday 5 March, 10.30am–12noon

Cost: \$33 (includes GST)

Seniors Card holders can book into any *Introduction to the Internet* class for the discounted price of \$25 (normally \$33) during the Victorian Seniors Festival.

Note: Gift certificates for Internet classes can be purchased at any of the City's libraries.



Doing Business



2003 BusEd dinner seminar series

Winning and retaining business

Thursday 3 April, 6pm

Auditorium, Glen Eira Town Hall

Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield

Cost: \$25, includes three-course meal

Council will host its first BusEd dinner seminar for 2003 in conjunction with Monash University. BusEd is a Glen Eira City Council initiative and jointly funded by the Victorian Government StreetLife program. The program's aim is to link the business and education sectors for the mutual benefit.

Guest speaker will be Kevin Woodward, Director of the Australian Centre for Retail Studies, Faculty of Business and Economics, Monash University.

This seminar will not only be appropriate for all business operators and key managers, it will also be beneficial for all staff. Kevin will focus on measuring customer value, effective customer service, and maintaining profitable customers.

Future dinner seminar dates

Thursday 24 July

Thursday 23 October

For more information and bookings phone Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

Bookings for the 3 April event close on 24 March.

Glen Eira Business Womens Network

Focusing on wealth and success

Thursday 20 April, 7pm

Glen Eira Town Hall

Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield

Cost: \$10, includes supper

Business women in Glen Eira will have the opportunity to benefit from the expertise of three key members of the National Bank at the next meeting of the Glen Eira Business Womens Network.

Vicki Carr is a certified Financial Planner, Anne Dalton is a practicing Financial Planner and was previously a Business Banking Manager, and Katrina

Flinn is Business Banking Manager at Malvern Business Banking.

They will focus on:

Wealth creation — dollar cost averaging; gearing; superannuation; and wealth protection.

Elements of success — building a banking partnership; banking risks for business; and baseline information bankers will ask clients.

For more information and bookings phone Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

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Recreation News

Australia's cricket champions train at Caulfield

Glen Eira resident Belinda Clark recently captained the Victorian women's cricket team *Victoria Spirit* to victory in the national championships at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

The win also resulted in a huge personal success for Belinda, who was named Player of the Finals for her determined batting. Belinda and three other Victorians — Cathryn Fitzpatrick, Melanie Jones and Clea Smith — were also selected in the Australian Southern Stars team to play a quadrangular one-day series in New Zealand.

Victoria Spirit defeated New South Wales (NSW) in the best-of-three final series of the Women's National Cricket League, ending NSW's six-year winning streak at the senior level.

It was one of the team's best domestic season in years, finishing on top of the WNCL ladder with six wins from eight matches at the end of the home and away series, losing only once to South Australia at home and once to NSW away. By finishing on top, Victoria earned the right to host the finals, and for the first time in history a women's domestic match was played at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

Victoria Spirit moved its training base to Caulfield Park at the start of this season. The Caulfield Cricket



Glen Eira resident and captain of *Victoria Spirit* Belinda Clark in action at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

Photo: Courtesy of the VWCA.

Club, the Victorian Women's Cricket Association and Council worked together to ensure a smooth transition for the team.

Victoria Spirit will recommence training at Caulfield Park in October in preparation to defend their newly won title.

Caulfield Park — Melway ref 59 C12

Washington Park Cricket Club hits alcohol for six!

Washington Park Cricket Club's efforts to address the issue of alcohol management have resulted in the club receiving the Australian Drug Foundation's Good Sports Accreditation Program Level I Certificate.



The Good Sports Accreditation Program was designed to assist clubs with the responsible management of alcohol through the development of a code of conduct. It is the first statewide alcohol accreditation program of its kind.

The program breaks the reliance on heavy alcohol sales for club profits and guides clubs to a healthier future by becoming more attractive to a wider range of people in the community, especially children and families.

Club Secretary Andrew Kindred said the club had made a concerted effort to address the criteria required for the Level I Certificate.

"We still serve beer, but we serve it responsibly," Mr Kindred said.

"All of our bar servers complete a training course in the responsible service of alcohol. We're committed to offering friendly, safe and welcoming club facilities which comply with liquor licensing requirements."

The club will be regularly monitored to ensure compliance with the accreditation criteria.

The Washington Park Cricket Club is based at Packer Park in Carnegie (Melway ref 68 J8).

The Good Sports Accreditation Program was developed following research by the Australian Drug Foundation which showed that by introducing responsible alcohol management policies, clubs were able to improve membership and enhance viability.

For more information about the Good Sports Accreditation Program contact James Waddell at Melbourne Sports Network on 9349 5781.

In brief

Coming up in this month

The Victorian Veterans athletes are going to have a busy month at the Duncan Mackinnon Reserve Athletics Facility in Murrumbidgee. The State Weight Throwing Pentathlon Championships will be held at 10am on Sunday 23 March, and the State Track and Field Championships will be held from 10am on Sunday 30 March and 5 April. These events will attract competitors ranging from 30 to 90 years of age from across Victoria, with some competitors at world and Australian championship standard. Spectators are welcome.

Duncan Mackinnon Reserve — Melway ref 68 K9.

Get on your bike

The Glen Huntly to Ormond Station bike path has been completed. Residents of all ages have been enjoying leisurely strolls and bike rides along this 1.6 kilometre route. This off-road path intersects with the Rosstown Rail Trail that has off-road sections through the Oakleigh Road Reserve in Glen Huntly and the Marara Road Reserve in Caulfield South leading to EE Gunn Reserve in Ormond and Princes Park in Caulfield South.

Bocce fun

Bocce is a great game for all ages. All that is needed for a game is a set of balls and a place to play. There are two courts in the municipality — one at Harleston Park (Melway ref 67 H2) and the other at Moorleigh Community Village (Melway ref 78 B5). Both courts are available free to the public with no bookings necessary.

Bocce is played between two players or teams of up to four players. It's similar to bowls in that the player aims to place their bowl as close as possible to the jack which may displace the opposition's bowl. The bowl can be bowled along the ground or thrown through the air.

For more information on bocce, check out the Bocce Federation of Australia website at www.bocce.net.

Pool season closes

The East Bentleigh Memorial Swimming Pool in Bentleigh East and the Caulfield Memorial Swimming Pool in Carnegie will close on 31 March. It has been a great season for swimmers with higher than average attendance figures.

Both pools will re-open on 1 November 2003.



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Venues for hire

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Council offers a number of rotundas amongst picturesque settings in parks to be hired for a special event or wedding. More information is available on Council's website 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

COMMUNITY *Diary*

Meetings and clubs

Bentleigh Life Activities Club offers opportunities to meet new friends and enjoy social activities such as carpet bowls, table tennis, scrabble, solo, canasta, rummy tiles, music, craft, golf, armchair travel and theatre outings. New members very welcome. Contact: 9557 2562.

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.

Caulfield Life Activities Club will meet at Gladys Machin Hall, Cedar Street, Caulfield, on Wednesday 19 March at 7.30pm. Guest speaker. Supper served. New members welcome. Contact: 9568 5849.

Scottish Country Dancing classes with Clan McDonald for fun, fitness and friendship. All ages and standards, including beginners are welcome at St Giles, Murrumbeena Rd, Murrumbeena, on Thursdays. Cost: \$2.50. Contact: 9579 5532.

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

Melbourne Scots Dancing Circle will hold Scottish country dancing classes with at Ormond Uniting Church, corner Booran and North Roads, Ormond. Classes begin Friday 7 March at 8pm. Cost: \$3. Contact: 9890 5470.

Glen Huntly Progress Group is a non profit organisation working to improve residents choices, become a member and participate \$10/\$5 membership. Inquiries welcomed. Contact: Orek 9578 3531, Mary 9578 1885.

Events

Adelphi Players Theatre Company presents champagne comedy "Candida" by Bernard Shaw at Labassa, Manor Grove, Caulfield on Friday 4 April at 8.15pm and Saturday 5 April at 2.15pm and 8.15pm. Cost: \$12/\$10 concession refreshments included. Bookings are essential. Contact: 9690 1593 or 9578 0952.

The City of Glen Eira Band is having a membership drive. Brass players are invited to come along to Caulfield Park Croquet Clubrooms on Wednesdays from 7.30pm to 10pm. Contact: Graeme 9878 8099.

Hughesdale Art Group will hold two demonstration evenings at the Community Centre, corner Poath and Kangaroo Roads, Hughesdale. A watercolour demonstration by Queensland artist Lois Beumer will be held on Wednesday 12 March at 8pm and an oil demonstration will be held on Wednesday 26 March 26 at 8pm. Visitors welcome. Donation: \$5. Contact: Pat 9885 6407 or Tom 9596 3352.

Lupus—Sjogrens support group patients, families and friends welcome to meet fourth Sunday of each month in Glen Eira area. Books and information available. Contact: 9509 2735.

The National Trust Mansion Labassa will hold a display on fashions of the 1950s at 2 Manor Grove, Caulfield North, on Sunday 30 March. Historic guided tours at 11am, 1pm and 2.45pm. Refreshments served in the servants hall. Please note, no parking in Manor Grove. Entry: \$5.50/\$7.70/\$19.80. National Trust Members \$2. Contact: 9527 6295.

The Rotary Club of Glen Eira jointly with Smorgon ARC will hold its 15th Annual Businessperson's Breakfast at the Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield, on Monday 17 March from 7.15am to 8.45am. Cost: \$40. Contact: 9528 4355 or 9571 3833.

The Council Council of Victoria will hold a prostate cancer information seminar at the Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield, on Tuesday 25 March from 7.30pm to 9.30pm. Bookings are essential. Contact: 131 120.

Community

Caulfield South Community House will hold a short course on gardening offering handy hints for growing plants at 450 Kooyong Road, Caulfield South, from Wednesday 19 March to Wednesday 9 April, 10am to 11.30am. Cost \$33. Contact: 9596 8643.

U3A Glen Eira urgently seeks voluntary tutors to teach painting to retired senior citizens. Contact: 9572 0571.

Caulfield Community Toy Library has returned to normal opening hours, come and browse, return or borrow toys, videos, costumes or games at 2 Moira Avenue, Carnegie (next to Caulfield pool), on Wednesdays from 7.30pm to 8.30pm, Thursdays 9.30am to 11.30am and Saturdays 9.30am to 12.30pm. Contact: 9572 5102.

Immunisation dates for March

Glen Eira Town Hall

(entry via Glen Eira Road)

Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield
Tuesday 11 March 9.30am–10.15am
Tuesday 1 April 6pm–7.30pm

Murrumbeena Baptist Church

44 Murrumbeena Road, Murrumbeena
Monday 17 March 10am–11am

Bentleigh–Bayside Community Health Service

Gardeners Road, Bentleigh East
Wednesday 19 March 6pm–7pm
Saturday 22 March 9.30am–10.30am

Glen Huntly Maternal and Child Health Centre

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



Public Health Officer
Renae Stanecki speaks
with Astrid Giezen,
pictured (right) with
daughter Annika, at
Council's
immunisation session.
Photo: Kim Gilliland.

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GLEN EIRA 2003 BUS TRIPS

Low budget bus trips travelling with an accredited company organised by volunteers for you.

Wednesday 9 April, 8.30am–4.45pm (approx.)

(please note: date change) LOVELY LORNE

After morning tea at Geelong we drive to Torquay and on through Anglesea to Lorne. Time to walk along the beach, wander in the shops etc. We visit Teddy's lookout before travelling inland to Winchelsea and back to Melbourne. Cost: \$25

Wednesday 7 May, 8.45am–4.30pm (approx.)

HISTORIC KYNETON

Today we take the Ring road around the city to Campbellfield and then to Beveridge on the Hume Highway. We then head across country to Kyneton where we take a tour of the town and visit Kyneton Fine China who make a wide variety of finest quality china ornaments.

Bring your own lunch or buy. We return along the Calder Highway. Cost: \$25

Air conditioned coaches depart from Glen Eira Town Hall and 10 minutes later from Glen Huntly Station (Tram Stop 60).

Bookings: BY PHONE OR MAIL 9720 5677 9am–2pm
Glen Eira 2003, PO BOX 221, NUNAWADING 3131

Glen Huntly Friendship Group

99 Grange Road, Glen Huntly

Activities for March

Enquiries and bookings
Margaret 9596 6124

Thursday 13 March

"Stitches and Crafts" an exhibition of artistic and professional needle and hand work. Venue — Caulfield Race Course.

Admission \$12. Concession: \$9. Food available or bring your own. Depart 99 Grange Road 10.30am by private cars.

Thursday 27 March

Bus trip to Gilliondale, near Yarrum in South Gippsland. We visit a private home and garden where we will have lunch. Return via the Grand Ridge Road—one of Victoria's most scenic drives. Pick up the Princess highway at Traralgon.

Please note earlier departure — 8.45am from 99 Grange Road, Glen Huntly and 9am from 185 Poath Road, Hughesdale. Cost: \$36 including morning tea.

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Exhibitions

Bungay Art House (Bahouse) presents Kelly-Ann Denton and Christophe Stibio

6 to 16 March

An innovative new charity organisation is making its premiere at Glen Eira. Bahouse, both a registered charity and member of the Federal Register of Cultural Organisations, will fund bursaries and scholarships to support the development of artists.

Bahouse has drawn together two diverse and intriguing bodies of work — Sydney artist Kelly-Ann Denton's photographs and a preview of work by Melbourne painter Christophe Stibio.

Kelly-Ann Denton's digitally altered photographs of street and urban scenes disrupt conventional notions of documentary photography. By capturing her subject on film — usually homeless and indigenous people — Denton raises issues regarding the identity of not only the person in the photograph but also of her own identity as the photographer.

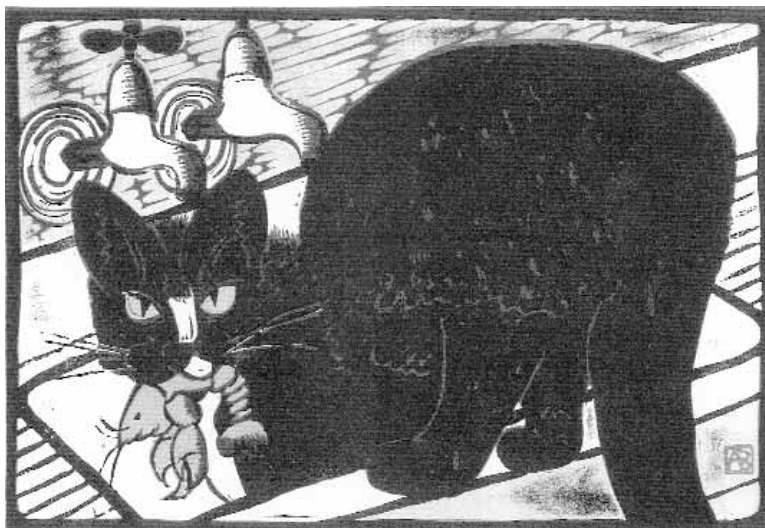
The paintings of Christophe Stibio provide a light and inspired interlude. His practice began in China, where he learned traditional calligraphic techniques, which more recently translated into works inspired by the Australian landscape. Using inks, acrylics and natural pigments on traditional rice paper, Christophe's paintings are bold and colourful.



Artwork: Christophe Stibio.



Photograph: Kelly-Ann Denton.



Artwork: Aileen Brown.

Exhibition of recent linocuts — Aileen Brown

Opening Tuesday 18 March 6pm and continues to 30 March

Following her successful exhibition at Glen Eira City Council Gallery in 2001, Aileen Brown returns with 30 limited edition prints using traditional printmaking techniques combining colour and quick wit. Angels and chooks on stilts are the main themes for this exhibition.

The now rarely used multi-block print process distinguishes Brown's work. The exhibition will also feature the equally time consuming techniques of reduction printing.

Immutable — Carmella Grynberg, Amanda Laming and Gerry Katz

Opening Wednesday 19 March 6pm and continues to 30 March

This collaborative exhibition explores change, femininity and existence with sensitivity and intimacy.

Carmella Grynberg has exhibited extensively at Glen Eira and her etching *The Thoughts of a Young Woman* is held in the Glen Eira City Council Art Collection. Her expressionist, often monotone, drawings and prints will be on display, including some works in boxes.

Amanda Laming has a strong interest in creative arts therapy. Her intimate, predominantly black and white figurative drawings have been widely exhibited and she has work in the collection of the Victorian National Gallery Society.

Gerry Katz will bring a narrative element to the work using text to explore her passion for story.



Artwork: Amanda Laming.

Get write to it!

2003 Glen Eira Literary Awards

Entries close Friday 20 June 2003

Some of Australia's greatest novelists began their careers writing and entering short story competitions. Most professional writers agree that it is the accessibility of the short story that remains attractive to writers, particularly new writers.

The short story writer is a succinct writer — with the talent to engage the reader immediately. The subject matter is completely unrestricted with writers in the past choosing a wide range of themes including family conflict, political issues, drug dependency, and relationship breakdowns.

The eighth annual Glen Eira Literary Awards is considered one of Australia's major literary events. Cash and prizes valued to \$8,000 will be awarded across the eight categories.

There are also sections (junior, youth and adults) open only to those people who either live, work or go to school within the City of Glen Eira.

Glen Eira City Council publishes a complete collection of all winning works in a book. Copies of the 2002 collection book are available at \$15 per copy by phoning Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

National section

This category is open to all residents of Australia.

Caulfield RSL <i>My Brother Jack</i>	
short story award	\$3,500
Classic Cinema short screenplay award	\$1,000
Short stage play award	\$650

Local community section

This category is restricted to those who either live, work or go to school within the City of Glen Eira.

Sunflower Bookshop	
local short story award	\$1,000
Local youth short story award	\$350
Local youth poetry award	\$350
Local junior short story award	\$500
Local junior poetry award	\$500

Entry forms can be downloaded from www.gleneira.vic.gov.au.

For more information email arts@gleneira.vic.gov.au or phone Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.





The *Why? Stop* Youth Information Centre provides free, friendly and confidential support to young people. Find out more about what Council's youth centre has to offer — drop in and meet the youth workers at 54 Rosstown Road, Carnegie (near Carnegie train station).
Phone: 9572 5389 email: ystop@gleneira.vic.gov.au

Get involved in National Youth Week 6–12 April

National Youth Week is dedicated to celebrating the talents and ideas of young people. Young people interested in contributing their suggestions or assisting with activities are encouraged to visit the *Why? Stop* Youth Information Centre or phone 9572 5389. It's about YOUth so get involved!

Kilvington students take a leading role

"All things great have been created by youth", Benjamin Disraeli.

When planning an event for young people to highlight the contribution young people make to Glen Eira society, who better to plan than Glen Eira's young people?

As part of the Kilvington Challenge Program, six Year 9 students have been hard at work over the past few weeks developing and planning a two-day youth leadership training and celebration seminar. This event will be held as part of Council's Youth Services National Youth Week festivities (7–11 April 2003).

The effort of these Kilvington students will ensure the event is a program for young people organised by young people.

Glen Eira secondary schools can nominate up to four Year 9 students to participate in the seminars and experience first hand the hard work and efforts of these young people.

There will be several guest speakers and students will participate in a range of team building activities and individual projects.

Leaders will be members of the community from all walks of life, with selection from all levels of education and various cultural backgrounds.

If you would like information about nominating someone you know or being nominated for participation, contact the *Why? Stop* Youth Information Centre.

Year of the Wildcats



The Why? Stop Wildcats in action! Photo: Emely Saad.

2003 may be The Year of the Goat but it is fast shaping as the Year of the Wildcat — or more specifically, the *Why? Stop* Wildcats basketball team.

Two games back after the Christmas/New Year break, and with two victories on the board, the team is full of enthusiasm and confidence with sights now set on a finals berth, as well as continuing to develop players' fitness, skills and teamwork.

The Wildcats are now playing their second season in Oakleigh Recreation Centre's domestic competition, which began in September 2002.

The team welcomed four new players this season — Lucas, Simon, JW and Brendan — who have contributed further enthusiasm, commitment and skills. All players have been working consistently to develop each other's strengths and confidence. Having a regular team on court each week has assisted in the teamwork and morale of the Wildcats, which in turn has reflected positively on the scoreboard.

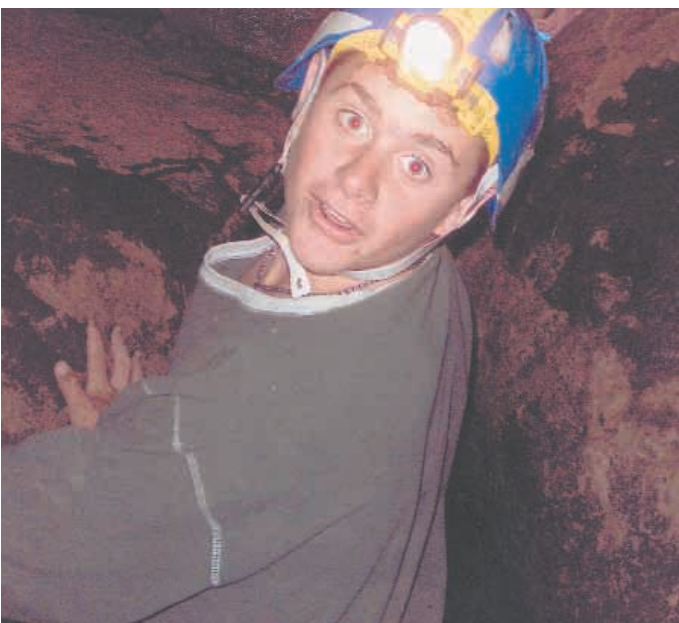
The *Why? Stop* Wildcats play on Monday nights at Oakleigh Recreation Centre. Players and spectators are always welcome.

Taking the challenge outdoors

Their mission was a risk, but the nine recruits for the Glen Eira City Council Youth Services adventure camp knew the adrenaline rush would make their efforts worthwhile.

Knees were weak, hands clammy, and pounding hearts pumped nervous energy through every vein in their bodies. They ensured their protective gear was fitted tight and ventured forward.

Hidden among the surrounding shrubs and grasslands in Flowerdale, one by one the troops plunged to great depths. Under the ground the foreboding darkness held a maze of crevices and hidden passages, seen only through the scarce light offered by the emergency lighting strapped to their helmets. Often the recruits had to explore by crawling on their stomachs for metres on end.



Mark Duthie in action during a caving activity.

After the mission the recruits were debriefed and given the opportunity to express their true feelings about their experience.

"The caving was pretty scary", Steven Ward remarked.

This was one of the many activities endured during the camp held from 22 to 24 January, organised by Glen Eira City Council's Youth Services as part of its Community Strengthening Initiative. The troops conquered their fears and had a "mad fun" time while participating in activities including a high-ropes course, orienteering, team sports, hiking and adventure games.

Among the positive outcomes of the camp were the friendships that developed between the 14 to 18 year old students.

Council's Youth Services Coordinator Jacinta Lucas said: "Strong relationships were formed quickly as everyone participated in demanding tasks. But for many people the camp was about more than just fun. It brought about the realisation that dreams can be achieved when we push past our boundaries and go for our goals. For a couple of young people the realisation that they could get 'high on life' was a major achievement. Another camper stated they would now feel more confident to go up to someone he didn't know and say 'hi'".



(From left) Heidi Pritchard and Abbey Franklin share a laugh.

Council's Community Strengthening Initiative provides the opportunity for young people to participate in sports, recreation, arts and cultural activities in a drug free environment.

"The adventure camp was a very valuable experience for the workers and young people alike, and one that will not be forgotten!" Ms Lucas said.