

## City starts capital works boom

Council's 2003-04 Budget has been adopted, bringing with it a capital works boost of more than \$21 million for the City.

The cash injection will go towards major capital works projects set to start in the next 12 months.

Community facilities, parklands, children's centres and sports grounds will all benefit from Council's push toward improving amenities for current and future Glen Eira residents.

Major works for Princes Park in Caulfield South and Bentleigh/Hodgson Reserve in Bentleigh are due to begin this year, as is construction of a new library and community centre in Carnegie and the State Government-funded Curraweena independent living units in Caulfield South. Significant upgrades are also planned for playgrounds and park facilities throughout Glen Eira.

Other areas to benefit from the increased budget spend include infrastructure, assets and community services including enhanced disability access and free vaccination programs.

Recent additional costs placed upon local government such as the compulsory superannuation scheme levy, increases in public liability insurance and cuts in Government grants have placed pressure on Council to find extra funds for necessary projects and investing significantly in the City's future amenity.

The result has been an average rates increase of 6.59 per cent for residents and average rates which continue to be well below those of neighbouring councils.

Council's Chief Executive Officer Andrew Newton said Council's own costs had risen by less than the inflation rate. He said the rates rise had been caused



From left, Emily Poore, Kate Hazeldine and Stephanie Allan take to the athletics track at Duncan Mackinnon Reserve. Resurfacing of the track is one of many capital works projects earmarked for the City this year. Photo: Bernie Bickerton

by the costs imposed on Council by Government agencies and external factors such as public liability insurances. Renewing public places and community facilities continues to be the top priority.

"Our own houses go through stages where money needs to be spent on repairs, upgrading or redevelopment and the City's assets are no different. Many are run down and need investment to continue

to serve their purposes and avoid even higher costs later on," Mr Newton said.

"Despite external forces running against us, Glen Eira maintains the lowest cost for day-to-day running of vital community services compared to that of neighbouring councils."

**For full details on Council's 2003-04 Budget turn to the feature on pages 6 and 7.**

## Help plan Glen Eira's future

Glen Eira residents are being called on to help plan for the future of the City.

Council is about to embark on development of its next five-year community plan and is seeking input from residents and ratepayers.

The community plan provides Council with a framework that guides its budgetary, planning and policy decisions and shapes Council's work program. It outlines Council's long-term goals, its priorities for the next five years and its actions for the coming financial year.

A series of four community forums has been planned over the next four weeks to discuss the community's issues, needs and expectations. Each forum will focus on a different aspect of community life such as economic development, community wellbeing, and developing and renewing the City.

Council's Chief Executive Officer Andrew Newton said consultation was a major part of corporate planning.

"The community plan will be developed in full consultation with the community. These workshops are just the first step," Mr Newton said. "Council will also

arrange community focus groups to concentrate on specific issues."

"Assessing current needs of the community and visualising future needs of such a diverse community as Glen Eira is a complex task and that is why community input is essential."

Mr Newton said the community plan was the road map to the City's future, providing direction and setting a framework to guide decisions and develop policies over the next five years.

"The corporate plan is a living document that guides the City towards the objectives and expectations of those that live and work in our community," he said.

"It also gives us the opportunity to update our goals and objectives as new challenges and better solutions come our way.

"The new plan will be developed taking into consideration the views of the community and formulated into a five-year plan."

Times, dates and themes of the four community forums to discuss Council's proposed community plan are listed on page 4.

## Inside

### News:

Safer streets	3
Citizenship ceremony	5

### Features:

2003-04 Budget	6-7
----------------	-----

### Regulars:

Language Line	4
Youth News	8
Doing Business	8
Recreation News	9
Community Diary	10
Arts	11
Library News	12



# MAYOR'S column



**A**t a recent citizenship ceremony I welcomed 113 new Australians to the City of Glen Eira and was starkly reminded of the diversity of culture and needs in our City. Nearly one third of Glen Eira residents were born overseas, and more than 16 per cent of the City's

population is over 65 years of age.

Meeting the current and future needs of such a diverse community is Council's mandate, and requires a good deal of foresight and planning.

Council delivers an amazing range of services to the residents of Glen Eira. From maternal and child care services through to road reconstruction and the provision of sporting facilities, public libraries and care for the elderly, Council is committed to nurturing, developing and caring for the community now and in the future.

Allocating funds for day-to-day services and support, as well as providing for the ongoing growth of the City, is no mean feat and Council has thought long and hard over the past months about how to best serve the needs of the community given the financial constraints placed upon it.

The result is the 2003–04 Budget — and a strategy which aims to fix up our ageing assets and community facilities while maintaining essential services at not less than current levels and keeping day-to-day costs and rates well below those of our peers.

Glen Eira's rates are generally 12 per cent lower than the average of similar councils, and the cost of running day-to-day services is 24 per cent below the average of seven neighbouring councils.

Meanwhile, we give the greatest financial assistance to pensioners of all Victorian councils (a \$110 rebate over and above the State Government rebate), and are providing for more than \$21 million of capital works growth in the City in the next 12 months.

Budgets are never easy, and preserving essential services while also planning for the future growth and needs of the City is not something Council takes lightly.

Council is about to start developing its next five-year community plan — a plan for the future of the City — and as an advocate for community input, I urge all residents and ratepayers to provide their feedback and thoughts.

A series of community forums will be held to discuss the community's issues, needs and expectations and develop a corporate plan that will act as a living document to help guide Council in its long-term goals and priorities for the City.

The community plan will be a reflection of the economic, social and cultural diversity and needs of the City now and in the future — your future.

— Cr Dorothy Marwick  
Mayor

## Restoration makes a grand entrance

**B**righton Cemetery's entrance gates at Hawthorn Road in Caulfield South have been restored to their former glory.

The restoration of the gates was made possible by Council's success in obtaining a \$24,000 grant and \$25,000 low-interest loan for the works from the Melbourne Heritage Restoration Fund.

The Melbourne Heritage Restoration Fund also funded the restoration of the Brighton Cemetery's gates at the North Road entrance in 2000.

Council's Strategic Planner (Heritage) Susan Ross said the gates looked fantastic and would do so for the next 80 years.

"The Melbourne Heritage Restoration Fund has now helped the Brighton Cemetery with two separate grants to restore both of the main entrance gates to the cemetery," she said.

"Given the expense of each project, the cemetery would not have been able to carry out this work on its own."



Council's Strategic Planner (Heritage) Susan Ross inspects the newly restored gates at the Hawthorn Road entrance to Brighton Cemetery in Caulfield South.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton

### Council meetings

Glen Eira residents and business owners are welcome to attend Council meetings, held every third Monday in Council Chamber, Glen Eira Town Hall, corner of Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield. Meetings start at 7.30pm.

**Upcoming meetings:**  
Monday 18 August      Monday 8 September

#### DISCLAIMER

The information in this publication is of a general nature. The articles contained herein are not intended to provide a complete discussion on each subject and/or issues canvassed. Glen Eira City Council does not accept any liability for any statements or any opinion, or for any errors or omissions contained herein.

### Deadlines for Glen Eira News

Deadline for the next issue of Glen Eira News will be **Wednesday 13 August** for delivery 5–7 September

#### Coming deadlines:

Wednesday 10 September for delivery 3–5 October  
Wednesday 8 October

for delivery 31 October–2 November

For advertising contact 9524 3366.

To submit editorial material write to:  
Glen Eira News PO Box 42, Caulfield South 3162  
or email: editor@gleneira.vic.gov.au

Copyright © Glen Eira City Council 2003  
The copyright for all material in this document is the property of Glen Eira City Council (unless otherwise noted). Other than as permitted under the Copyright Act, no part of the document may be reproduced, reused, copied, stored or transmitted in any form without prior written permission from Glen Eira City Council. Contact Manager Public Relations and Marketing on 9524 3333.

## Councillor contacts

### JASPER WARD



**Cr Jamie Hyams**  
Phone/Fax: 9578 8966  
Mobile: 0418 374 072  
jhyams@gleneira.vic.gov.au



**Cr Bob Bury**  
Phone/Fax: 9557 7724  
Mobile: 0418 317 128  
bbury@gleneira.vic.gov.au



**Cr Margaret Esakoff**  
Phone/Fax: 9578 2877  
Mobile: 0407 831 893  
mesakoff@gleneira.vic.gov.au

### MACKIE WARD



**Cr Veronika Martens**  
Phone: 9579 0297  
Fax: 9579 7072  
Mobile: 0419 218 474  
vmartens@gleneira.vic.gov.au



**Cr Rachele Sapir**  
Phone/Fax: 9579 7218  
Mobile: 0409 186 941  
rsapir@gleneira.vic.gov.au



**Cr Peter Goudge JP**  
Phone/Fax: 9439 5535  
Mobile: 0419 505 614  
pgoudge@gleneira.vic.gov.au

### ORRONG WARD



**Cr Alan Grossbard JP**  
Phone/Fax: 9533 0052  
Mobile: 0407 374 474  
agrossbard@gleneira.vic.gov.au



**Cr Dorothy Marwick**  
Phone: 9524 3225  
Fax: 9524 3358  
Mobile: 0417 398 250  
mayor@gleneira.vic.gov.au



**Cr Noel Erlich**  
Phone/Fax: 9533 0054  
Mobile: 0417 218 485  
nerlich@gleneira.vic.gov.au

### GLEN EIRA CITY COUNCIL

PO Box 42 Caulfield South 3162 Phone: 9524 3333 TTY: 9524 3496 Fax: 9523 0339  
Email: mail@gleneira.vic.gov.au Website: www.gleneira.vic.gov.au



# Accelerating driver education

Council is helping to make local streets safer by introducing a speed detection trailer to educate drivers about speed.

The speed detection trailer will be parked on the side of Glen Eira roads. The unit measures and displays the actual speed of approaching vehicles using a radar and a screen mounted to the top of a trailer for easy mobility. A sign that publicises the relevant speed limit for that road will sit below the vehicle's detected speed.

The purchase of the trailer is part of Council's Road Safety Strategic Plan and was initiated by the Glen Eira Community Safety Committee.

Chairman of the Community Safety Committee Cr Veronika Martens said the trailer was not an enforcement device but a Council education initiative for drivers.

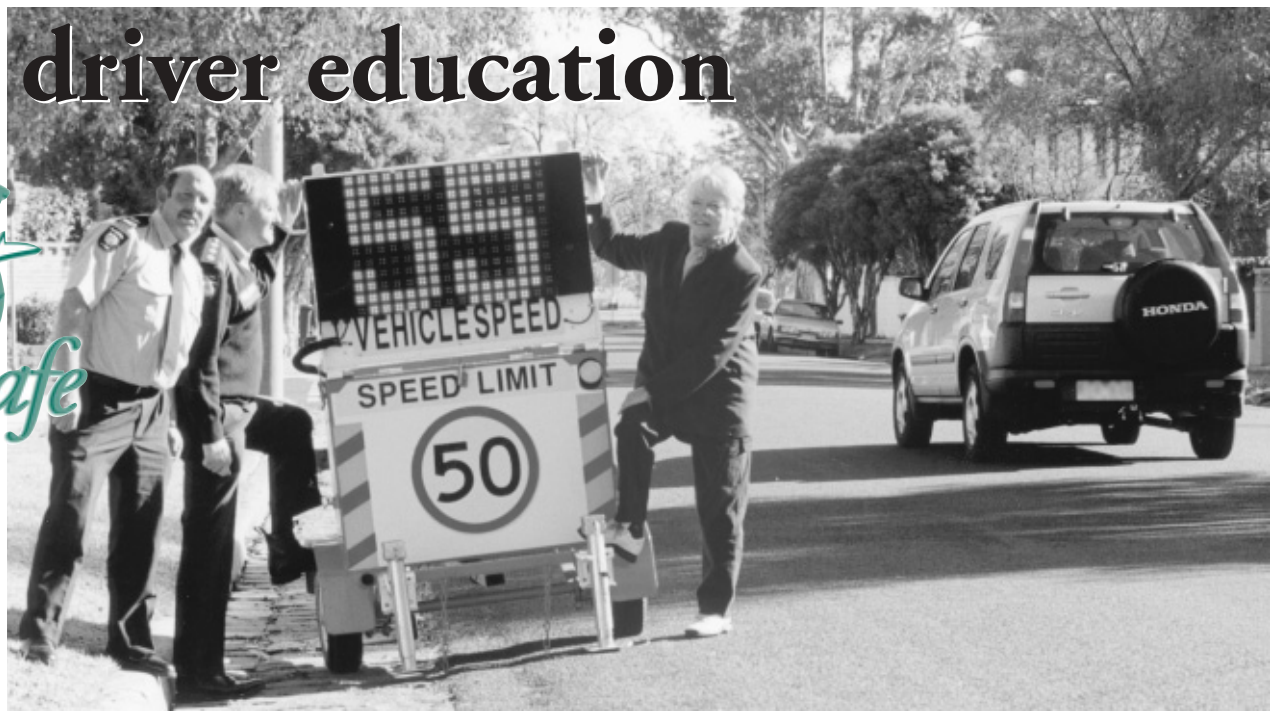
"This is a proactive approach by Council to educate drivers about speed limits in local streets and their own driving habits," Cr Martens said.

The speed detection trailer also downloads data including the number of cars using the road and vehicles' travelling rates.

Representing the Victoria Police on the Community Safety Community, Inspector Greg Parr said after a week of educating drivers on a particular road, enforcement would be the next step.

"The purpose of the speed detection trailer is to create awareness among drivers of the speed at which they are travelling. After this process the next step will be enforcement. Police will utilise other speed detection devices including radars with a view to issuing penalty notices," he said.

Other representatives on the Community Safety



(From L-R) Council's Prosecutions Co-ordinator Alan Katz, Victoria Police Inspector Greg Parr and Cr Veronika Martens test-run the new speed detection trailer in Redan Street, Caulfield North. The trailer has been purchased by Council as part of its community safety program to provide driver education. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Committee include the Department of Sustainability and Environment, VicRoads, Department of Human Services, Department of Education and the Metropolitan Fire Brigade.

"By working together the Community Safety Committee can tackle problems and come up with solutions that are particularly relevant to Glen Eira," Inspector Parr said.

"The road safety strategy is particularly important to this area. Being an older area with many wide main roads that are long and straight means that speeding is a problem."

Council will inform residents by way of letterbox drop if the speed detection trailer will be set up in their street.

## Beware of imposters

Council is warning residents to be aware of people posing as Council officers visiting Glen Eira homes and asking for cash payments in return for selected services.

Several incidents have been reported to Council over the past month where people have visited the homes of residents claiming to be from Glen Eira City Council and demanding money for services such as painting house numbers on kerbing.



Council officer Domenic Bereaux shows his official Council identification. Residents should always ask to see the identification of any visitor claiming to be from Glen Eira City Council. Photo: Maureen Bathgate

Council's Chief Executive Officer Andrew Newton said Council officers who visited homes always carried identification.

"Residents should ask to see this identification before giving any information or inviting anyone into their homes," Mr Newton said.

"If they are still unsure about the identity of the person, they should call Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 to verify the person is indeed a Council employee."

Mr Newton said it was highly unusual for Council officers to visit homes without first phoning the resident to make an appointment.

"Council officers would also never request money to be paid on the spot — an invoice would be sent for any service provided," he said.

Residents who have any concerns about the authenticity of visitors claiming to be from Glen Eira City Council should check with Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 or contact the police.

## Keeping litter clear of waterways

A newly installed litter trap in Mitchell Street, Bentleigh is proving successful helping to keep local waterways free from rubbish.



Council officers recently inspected the gross pollutant trap for the first time since its installation in April this year. Large quantities of bottles, cans, plastic bags and other rubbish were found collected in the trap — rubbish that would have otherwise ended up in local waterways.

Council's Acting Director Infrastructure Kerry Martin said the trap captured any litter that washed into stormwater drains which serviced the one kilometre length of nearby Bentleigh Shopping Centre.

"By installing the new trap, Council is taking positive steps to protect the environment by preventing litter from continuing through the stormwater system and entering Elster Creek, Elwood Canal and ultimately Port Phillip Bay," Mr Martin said.

The trap is designed to use its water flow characteristics to divert litter to an entrapment sump and allowing non-polluted water to continue flowing. It works in tandem with an existing unit in nearby Bendigo Street, Bentleigh. Together, the units are expected to remove most of the litter from the Bentleigh Shopping Centre.

The Mitchell Street trap has the capacity to collect one cubic metre of litter that will be emptied by Council every three months to ensure drains are not blocked. It was installed as part of Council's recently adopted Litter Prevention Strategy.

The litter trap was designed by Swinburne University and jointly funded by Council and the South Eastern Regional Waste Management Group.



All this rubbish would have ended up in local waterways were it not for Council's new litter trap in Mitchell Street, Bentleigh.





# Language Line



## Ζητούμε απ' τους δημότες να βοηθήσουν στον προγραμματισμό του μέλλοντος

Δημότες και φορολογούμενοι προσκαλούνται να εκφράσουν τις απόψεις τους για το μέλλον του Δήμου σε δημόσιες συναντήσεις όπου θα συζητηθεί το προτεινόμενο Επιχειρησιακό Πρόγραμμα (Corporate Plan) της Δημαρχίας.

Το προτεινόμενο επιχειρησιακό πρόγραμμα θα αναπτυχθεί λαμβάνοντας υπόψη τις απόψεις της κοινότητας και θα διαμορφωθεί σε ένα πενταετές πρόγραμμα που θα παρέχει ένα πλαίσιο για την καθοδήγηση των αποφάσεων και την ανάπτυξη κανονισμών.

Δημότες και φορολογούμενοι προσκαλούνται να παρευρεθούν στις παρακάτω δημόσιες συναντήσεις όπου θα συζητηθεί το προτεινόμενο Επιχειρησιακό Πρόγραμμα της Δημαρχίας:

**Θέμα:** Υποστήριξη της Τοπικής Οικονομίας  
**Ωρα:** 7.30μμ–9μμ

**Ημερομηνία:** Πέμπτη 12 Αυγούστου  
**Χώρος:** Αίθουσα Caulfield Cup Room  
Glen Eira City Council

Γωνία Glen Eira και Hawthorn Roads  
Caulfield (Melway ref: 68 A2)

**Θέμα:** Κοινωνική Πρόνοια  
**Ωρα:** 7.30μμ–9μμ  
**Ημερομηνία:** Πέμπτη 28 Αυγούστου  
**Χώρος:** Κοινοτική Αίθουσα Moorleigh  
Community Village Social Rooms  
90–92 Bignell Road  
Bentleigh East (Melway ref: 78 B5)

**Θέμα:** Ανάπτυξη του Δήμου μας  
**Ωρα:** 7.30μμ–9μμ  
**Ημερομηνία:** Πέμπτη 21 Αυγούστου  
**Χώρος:** Αίθουσα Packer Park Pavilion  
Leila Road  
Carnegie (Melway ref: 68 J8)

**Θέμα:** Ανανέωση του Δήμου μας  
**Ωρα:** 7.30μμ–9μμ  
**Ημερομηνία:** Τρίτη 2 Σεπτεμβρίου  
**Χώρος:** Κέντρο Ηλικιωμένων - Bentleigh  
Senior Citizens Centre  
2 Arthur Street  
Bentleigh (Melway ref: 77 F1)

## Жителей муниципалитета приглашают принять участие в обсуждении планов развития

Мы приглашаем жителей муниципалитета и владельцев недвижимости, находящейся на территории муниципалитета, принять участие в общественных обсуждениях нового муниципального корпоративного плана.

Корпоративный план, выдвигаемый на обсуждение, будет разработан с учетом мнения общественности и окончательно оформлен в виде пятилетнего плана, который станет основой для принятия конкретных решений в различных сферах деятельности муниципалитета.

Общественные обсуждения предлагаемого муниципального корпоративного плана с участием жителей муниципалитета и владельцев недвижимости состоятся:

**Тема:** Местное экономическое развитие

**Время:** 19.30–21.00

**Дата:** четверг, 12 августа

**Место:** Caulfield Cup Room  
Glen Eira City Council  
Угол Glen Eira и Hawthorn Roads  
Caulfield (Карта Melway: 68 A2)

**Тема:** Общественное развитие

**Время:** 19.30–21.00

**Дата:** четверг, 28 августа

**Место:** Moorleigh Community Village  
Social Rooms  
90–92 Bignell Road  
Bentleigh East (Карта Melway: 78 B5)

**Тема:** Муниципальное развитие

**Время:** 19.30–21.00

**Дата:** четверг, 21 августа

**Место:** Packer Park Pavilion  
Leila Road  
Carnegie (Карта Melway 68 J8)

**Тема:** Обновление и реставрация в муниципалитете

**Время:** 19.30–21.00

**Дата:** четверг, 2 сентября

**Место:** Bentleigh Senior Citizens Centre  
2 Arthur Street  
Bentleigh (Карта Melway 77 F1)

## 請居民幫助規劃未來

我們邀請居民和地方稅納稅人參加公共討論會，討論市政府擬議的新的“企業計劃”，為本市的未來提供您的意見。

所擬議的企業計劃在制訂時將考慮社區的意見，並且納入一個五年計劃中，這個五年計劃將為指導決策和制訂政策提供構架。

我們邀請居民和地方稅納稅人參加以下公共討論會來討論市政府擬議的“企業計劃”：

**討論會：** 促進地方經濟

**時間：** 晚上 7.30–9時

**日期：** 8月12日星期四

**地點：** Caulfield Cup Room  
Glen Eira City Council  
Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads  
Caulfield (Melway ref: 68 A2)

**討論會：** 社區福祉

**時間：** 晚上 7.30–9時

**日期：** 8月28日星期四

**地點：** Moorleigh Community  
Village Social Rooms  
90–92 Bignell Road  
Bentleigh East (Melway ref: 78 B5)

**討論會：** 發展我們的城市

**時間：** 晚上 7.30–9時

**日期：** 8月21日星期四

**地點：** Packer Park Pavilion  
Leila Road  
Carnegie (Melway ref: 68 J8)

**討論會：** 恢復我們城市的活力

**時間：** 晚上 7.30–9時

**日期：** 9月2日星期二

**地點：** Bentleigh Senior Citizens Centre  
2 Arthur Street  
Bentleigh (Melway ref: 77 F1)

## Community plan forums

Council will hold four community forums to discuss its proposed new five-year community plan. Residents are invited to attend the following forums:

### Encouraging the local economy

Commercial area parking, streetscape enhancement, business development, communication  
Tuesday 26 August 7.30pm–9pm  
Caulfield Cup Room, Glen Eira Town Hall  
Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield  
(Melway ref: 68 A2)

### Community wellbeing

Aged care services, children's services, libraries, public health, arts and culture, recreation  
Thursday 28 August 7.30pm–9pm  
Moorleigh Community Village Social Rooms  
90–92 Bignell Road, Bentleigh East  
(Melway ref: 78 B5)

### Developing our City

Statutory planning, land use policy, traffic controls, building controls, Local Law compliance, parking control  
Thursday 21 August 7.30pm–9pm  
Packer Park Pavilion, Leila Road, Carnegie  
(Melway ref: 68 J8)

### Renewing our City

Parks and gardens, roads and drain maintenance, property and buildings, street trees  
Tuesday 2 September 7.30pm–9pm  
Bentleigh Senior Citizens Centre  
2 Arthur Street, Bentleigh (Melway ref: 77 F1)

## Invito ai cittadini di partecipare alla pianificazione del futuro

I residenti e contribuenti sono invitati a contribuire i loro suggerimenti al futuro sviluppo del Comune partecipando ad assemblee pubbliche per discutere il nuovo Piano aziendale comunale.

Il Piano aziendale verrà elaborato tenendo conto del contributo della cittadinanza e avrà la forma di piano quinquennale che darà una struttura per guidare le decisioni e lo sviluppo delle politiche.

I residenti e contribuenti sono invitati a partecipare alle seguenti assemblee pubbliche per discutere il Piano aziendale del Comune:

### Argomento: Incoraggiare l'economia locale

**Ora:** 7.30pm–9pm  
**Data:** Giovedì 12 agosto  
**Luogo:** Caulfield Cup Room  
Glen Eira City Council  
angolo di Glen Eira e Hawthorn Road  
Caulfield (Melway ref: 68 A2)

### Argomento: Il benessere della collettività

**Ora:** 7.30pm–9pm  
**Data:** Giovedì 28 agosto  
**Luogo:** Moorleigh Community Village  
Social Rooms  
90–92 Bignell Road  
Bentleigh East (Melway ref: 78 B5)

### Argomento: Sviluppo del nostro Comune

**Ora:** 7.30pm–9pm  
**Data:** Giovedì 21 agosto  
**Luogo:** Packer Park Pavilion  
Leila Road  
Carnegie (Melway ref: 68 J8)

### Assemblea: Rinnovo del territorio comunale

**Ora:** 7.30pm–9pm  
**Data:** Martedì 2 settembre  
**Luogo:** Bentleigh Senior Citizens Centre  
2 Arthur Street  
Bentleigh (Melway ref: 77 F1)

# New Australians welcomed to Glen Eira

Glen Eira is home to 113 new Australians following a citizenship ceremony at Glen Eira Town Hall recently.

Making their Australian citizenship pledge before family and friends were men, women and children from England, the United States, Russia, South Africa, India, China and New Zealand.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Dorothy Marwick led migrants through their pledges and presented them with a certificate of citizenship, the final step to becoming Australian citizens.

Cr Marwick officially welcomed the new Australians into the Glen Eira community and congratulated them on their decision to become Australian citizens.

"I, too, chose to make Australia my home," Cr Marwick said. "Thirty years ago I married an Aussie. I was born in Northern Ireland and was raised and educated in Cape Town, South Africa.

"Growing up in South Africa, under the laws of Apartheid, I witnessed first-hand, extreme intolerance. I now know that I live in a country of great tolerance."

Cr Marwick said about 45,000 of the 124,000 people who lived in Glen Eira were born overseas.

"Our country and our City are the wonderful places that they are today partly because of the contributions made by the diverse migrant groups and we are grateful," she said.

After making the pledge, each new citizen received a



Glen Eira residents take the final step to becoming Australian citizens — the Australian citizenship pledge. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

gift of an Australian flag and small native tree. Pianist Blanka West and singer Danielle Matthews then got the patriotic juices flowing with a moving rendition of *I am Australian*.

Council conducts citizenship ceremonies under the authority of the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs and is prescribed by the Australian Citizenship Act 1948. Since 1948, 3.5 million migrants have become Australian citizens, residing all around the country.

Also attending the ceremony were: Council's Chief Executive Officer Andrew Newton; Cr Bob Bury and his wife Marnie; Cr Noel Erlich and his wife Helen; Cr Margaret Esakoff and her husband Jack; Cr Alan Grossbard and his wife Judi; Cr Jamie Hyams; Cr Veronika Martens; State Member for Monash Province the Hon. Andrea Coote MLC; State Member for Higinbotham Province the Hon. Noel Pullen MLC; State Member for Bentleigh Ann Barker MLA; and State Member for Caulfield Helen Shardey MLA.



Becoming new Australian citizens is a special time for families. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

## Calling Australia home

The three young Kark boys, Eran, Ariel and Asher, may be missing their family back home in South Africa but new friends, great beaches and sport have helped them settle into Australia and call it home.

Eran aged 8 years, Ariel 9 years and Asher 11 years, became Australian citizens along with parents Mervyn and Laurine at a ceremony held at the Glen Eira Town Hall recently.

The Kark family arrived in Melbourne four years ago after deciding that if they didn't move from Johannesburg as a family, the children would leave South Africa eventually.

Mrs Kark said Australia was their number one choice for migration because of the weather, culture and outdoor lifestyle which is similar to Johannesburg.

"South Africans generally find it very easy to integrate into the Australian society which is what makes this country preferable to live," she said.

Moving to Australia meant the Kark family had to start over. Mr Kark started a business in

McKinnon installing Automatic Teller Machines (ATMs) and has since employed 26 full-time permanent employees.

Glen Eira's newest Australian family planned to celebrate its citizenship status with a special night out in the city.



Mervyn and Laurine Kark with sons (from left) Ariel, Asher and Eran became Australian citizens at a ceremony at the Glen Eira Town Hall. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

## Historic church up in lights

The architectural beauty of St Mary's Anglican Church in Caulfield can now be seen during the evenings since floodlights have been installed.

Through discretionary funds contributed by Glen Eira's Orrong Ward, St Mary's Anglican Church now has two floodlights to highlight the building in its entire glamour during the evenings. Additionally, there is a spotlight on the historic bell on the roof of the building.

The architecturally designed church was built in 1870 from bluestone. It is one of the oldest churches in the City of Glen Eira.

Orrong Ward Councillors Cr Alan Grossbard (left), Cr Noel Erlich and Cr Dorothy Marwick with Reverend Barry Green (now retired) at the switching of the floodlights at St Mary's Anglican Church in Caulfield.



## Community forum

### Shopping local or shopping centres

Residents and business owners are invited to attend a community forum to discuss the future of shopping facilities in the City of Glen Eira.

The forum will focus on the proposed expansion of Chadstone Shopping Centre and include speakers who will present different views on retail planning issues.

Date: Thursday 4 September 2003

Time: 7.30pm

Venue: McKinnon Public Hall  
118 McKinnon Road, McKinnon

Contact: Glen Eira Community Forum  
Jack Campbell  
9523 9228



# Infrastructure, assets and services



Stage one landscaping works of the master plan redevelopment for Princes Park in Caulfield South are planned to get underway. Photo: Ron Torres.

If every footpath in Glen Eira was laid in a straight line the path would walk residents all the way to Sydney. The City's roads lined end-to-end would drive them to Mount Gambier. Drains would transport water from the Glen Eira Town Hall to Swan Hill.

The City's service network is vast, but Glen Eira is also an ageing municipality — both demographically and in terms of its infrastructure and assets — requiring regular maintenance in order for vital services to be sustained for the City's residents and visitors now and in the future.



The ageing concrete road in Moira Avenue, Carnegie will be reconstructed to preserve its heritage qualities.

Over the next 12 months Council will spend \$21.5 million on improving roads, drains, footpaths and buildings as well as increasing the amenity of parks and sports grounds and other community facilities.

More than \$8.4 million will be spent maintaining the City's infrastructure, including:

- repairs footpaths at a cost of \$1.2 million (an increased allocation of \$200,000 from the previous budget);
- upgrades to underground drains at a cost of \$1 million; and
- a total of \$3.5 million towards road reconstruction, an increase of \$840,000 from the previous budget.

Ageing concrete roads will be given priority as part of Council's pavement management system. Roads such as Moira Street, Carnegie, were originally built over swamplands in the 1930s and will be reconstructed to preserve their heritage qualities.

But the biggest chunk of the budget goes to new capital works around Glen Eira. Major capital works for 2003-04 include:

- Stage 1 landscaping works as part of the Princes Park redevelopment in Caulfield South at a cost of \$1.8 million;
- a \$3.2 million upgrade to Bentleigh/Hodgson Reserve in Bentleigh including a new all-abilities

access playground and landscaped open space;

- \$1 million to start work on the new Carnegie library and community centre; and
- \$2.9 million of the State Government funds for the redevelopment of the Curraweena independent living units in Caulfield South.

Planning, paving and replacing street furniture at shopping centres also feature in the budget, with a \$750,000 boost for local businesses, as well as a \$360,000 allocation for resurfacing shopping centre carparks.

Cushioned netball courts and a regional athletics track are part of a \$330,000 capital works upgrade for Duncan Mackinnon Reserve in Murrumbena. Over the next 12 months Council will resurface the Reserve's athletics track and eight netball courts which are heavily used by local clubs and schools.

Allnutt Park in Bentleigh and Greenmeadows Gardens in St Kilda East will also benefit with public toilet facilities listed for installation as part of the budget.

Council continues its commitment to providing all-abilities access playgrounds at local parks, with a new playground to be built at Koornang Park in Carnegie. Minor upgrading works to local children's centres will also be undertaken to meet Government accreditation requirements.

A further \$210,000 has also been allocated for disability access programs to create a more accessible community.



Cramped space in Carnegie Library will be a thing of the past when the new Carnegie Library and community centre is completed. Work is expected to begin in 2003-04.



A number of parks through the City will receive new access for all abilities playgrounds.

## Protection for children

As part of its 2003-04 Budget, Council has included approximately \$60,000 to fund free meningococcal vaccines to local children.

More than 13,000 students aged 6-14 years, attending local schools in Glen Eira, will have access to a free vaccine against the deadly meningococcal disease through Council's immunisation program.

Council has already administered meningococcal vaccines to young people aged between 15-19 years who attend local secondary schools.

All vaccines on the childhood immunisation schedule are provided free of charge by Council. Other non-scheduled vaccines are available at a nominal fee. Council holds seven monthly immunisation sessions at venues throughout the City. These details are published monthly in the *Glen Eira News*.



More than 13,000 Glen Eira children will receive free vaccinations against meningococcal disease under Council's 2003-04 Budget. Photo: Bernie Bickerton



# Big budget winners

## Ratepayer dollars *at work*

Rates are a necessary part of community life, and the revenue raised goes towards an important end — providing vital services and maintaining facilities for day-to-day living in the City.

From every \$100 raised through rates, Council spends \$8.35 to fund the maintenance and upgrade of community infrastructure and assets such as roads, drains, footpaths and buildings.

A further \$31.14 is spent on capital works, \$7.17 on home care, meals on wheels and other aged care programs, \$5.02 on youth and children's services and \$6.11 on providing a more than 200,000 book library service.

Funds also go towards immunisation, checking the safety at swimming pools and the hygiene of food shops, operating school crossings and waste management.

Council's Chief Executive Officer Andrew Newton said that on average, each Glen Eira household would pay \$853 in 2003-04 for rates and waste management services — the equivalent of \$16 per week in return for the multitude of services Council provides.

"That's about the same as the average home phone bill and the same as the average person pays in tax on their petrol each week," Mr Newton said.

"On average, residents are paying \$2 per week to have their garbage collected, \$6 for their roads, drains, footpaths and facilities to be maintained.

"That leaves only \$8 per week for the provision of hundreds of services such as libraries and maternal and child health centres and to cover government charges."

## Not such a super scheme

Glen Eira City Council recently received a bill for \$1.9 million from the Defined Benefits Scheme — a superannuation fund set up by the State Government in the 1940s. Council has elected to pay the compulsory levy in two instalments — \$900,000 this year and the remainder from next year's budget.

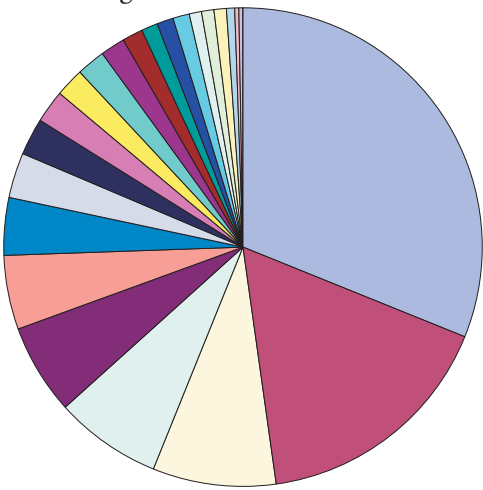
The Defined Benefits Scheme provides a prescribed payment based on the number of years employees were members of the scheme and their salary at the time of retirement. The scheme closed to new members in 1993 and only 20 per cent of current Council employees still belong.

Historically, the Defined Benefits Scheme has been fully funded with assets worth more than \$1 billion. Victorian councils were advised recently that due to falls in international and local share markets, assets had fallen below estimated future liabilities.

The number of past Council employees who were members of the scheme, as well as current staff, was taken into account when determining the prescribed levy.

Council's Chief Executive Officer Andrew Newton said the amount was a large component of Council's budget.

"More than 80 per cent of current Glen Eira staff are in a regular accumulation scheme where what staff get out depends on how much we have put in," Mr Newton said.



Capital works	\$31.14	Arts and culture	\$1.68
Park/recreation services	\$16.64	Town planning	\$1.54
Roads, drains, building maintenance	\$8.35	Environmental health	\$1.14
Home care, meals on wheels, home maintenance, aged care programs	\$7.17	Caulfield swimming pool	\$1.04
Libraries	\$6.11	Bentleigh East swimming pool	\$0.96
Youth and children's services	\$5.02	Traffic engineering	\$0.95
Residential aged facilities	\$3.88	Building control	\$0.84
Statutory planning	\$3.05	Senior citizens centres	\$0.84
Metropolitan Fire Brigade levy	\$2.58	School crossing safety	\$0.66
Maternal and child health	\$2.17	Older adults programs	\$0.27
Waste management	\$2.01	Local laws	\$0.18
Street lighting	\$1.78		

The distribution of every \$100 of ratepayers' money

## Council keeps costs low

### Debt free. Low cost. Investing in the future.

When it comes to running a low-cost council Glen Eira is one of the best.

Glen Eira's average rate increase of 6.59 per cent is lower than that of Stonnington, Port Phillip, Bayside, Kingston, Monash, Boroondara and Yarra councils. Also, while the average debt of Victorian councils is nearly \$14 million (and some as high as \$21 million in debt), Glen Eira remains debt-free.

Despite external funding pressures, Glen Eira has upheld its additional pensioner rebate of \$110 and increased spending on much needed infrastructure

and capital works projects while maintaining the lowest rates among many of its neighbouring municipalities.

Council's Chief Executive Officer Andrew Newton said a policy of providing for the community in an efficient and cost-effective manner had driven Glen Eira's financial position.

"In 2002-03, the cost of running day-to-day services for the City was 24 per cent below the average of neighbouring municipalities," Mr Newton said.

"Glen Eira City Council is a low-cost council. Increases above the Consumer Price Index have gone to meet externally imposed costs."

City assets and infrastructure will be improved to the tune of \$21.5 million in the next 12 months and, while other costs will not decrease, Glen Eira will still offer a pensioner rebate of \$110 in addition to the State Government's rebate of \$135.

### How Council's costs compare with the neighbours'

	Average rates and charges	Parking fees and fines	Debt	Pensioner rebate	Number of senior executives	Number of cars
Glen Eira	\$853	\$2.6 million	Nil	\$110	16	37
Stonnington	\$925	\$14.6 million	\$14 million	Nil	20	64
Port Phillip	\$993	\$19.49 million	\$10.2 million	\$80	20	150
Bayside	\$1,021	\$1.38 million	\$18.6 million	Nil	14	53
Kingston	\$889	\$1.5 million	\$19.1 million	\$15	15	60
Monash	\$715	\$2.4 million	\$13.3 million	Nil	24	70
Boroondara	\$1,092	\$4 million	\$14.14 million	Nil	30	76
Yarra	\$1,218	\$16.32 million	\$21.16 million	Nil	17	103



## Flying High for SIDS

Students from St Joseph's Primary School in Elsternwick recently showed off the skills they learnt during Council's *Flying High Circus* program in a special performance to raise money for SIDS.

The circus performance was scheduled to coincide with Red Nose Day and all students attending the performance were asked to dress in red and make a gold coin donation to the SIDS Foundation with the school raising about \$140.



Council's Youth Services team had been working with a group of 20 Year 6 students from the school to teach circus and performance skills as part of the *Flying High Circus* program.

*Flying High Circus* uses circus skills to teach self-esteem and self-confidence to students in Glen Eira schools. The program is run in one primary school and one secondary school each term.

A team of circus trainers and a youth worker present activities which encourage young people to challenge themselves and work co-operatively to learn skills and achieve things they didn't think were possible.

All students from St Joseph's Primary School, from prep to Year 6, were invited to the performance, which included stilt-walking, juggling, plate spinning, acrobatics and a performance by magician Luigi Zucchini.

*Year 6 students from St Joseph's primary school held a circus performance to coincide with Red Nose Day, to raise money for SIDS.*

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](mailto:ystop@gleneira.vic.gov.au)

## Youth Week Victoria activities

Youth Week Victoria will give young people the chance to express themselves creatively and emotionally through events and activities being held throughout the State.

From 25–31 August, Victorian youth can participate in activities that have been organised by young people, for young people.

The official launch of Youth Week will be held on Friday 22 August from 6pm–11pm at Metro Nightclub in Bourke Street, Melbourne. The night's celebrations will involve a dance party and Battle of the Bands and DJ competitions.

A youth forum has been organised for young people to discuss important local issues and produce key recommendations for politicians. The forum will be held on Monday 25 August from 9.30am–2.30pm at the Melbourne Town Hall.

For more information about Youth Week Victoria activities and events visit [www.youthweek.com.au](http://www.youthweek.com.au)



## Doing Business



### Boosting business through mentoring

The call is out for local small business operators and citizens with business experience to join Council's Mentor Partners program and boost their business — and the local economy.

Volunteer services are being sought from people concerned with the future business capabilities and strengths of small businesses to join the program both as mentors and participants. The program, developed jointly by Glen Eira and Kingston City Councils, matches mentors' business experience to local business operators' information needs.

Council's Manager Business Development Lynda Bredin said the program provided networking opportunities and a sounding board from which operators could gain valuable business assistance.

"By matching mentor skills with business planning deficits, the program hopes to maximise business success in Glen Eira through job growth — boosting the local economy in the process," Ms Bredin said.

The free service is based on an award-winning Tasmanian model and matches current and potential small businesses with experienced mentors who can provide a sounding board for ideas and plans.

Program membership is open to all small businesses — from retailers and wholesalers to services and manufacturers.

The Mentor Partners is supported by the State Government through the StreetLife program. For further information contact Council's BusEd Mentor Partners program co-ordinator on 9524 3333.

### How to add value to marketing

Adding value to marketing efforts is the topic for Council's Women's Business Network meeting in August.

Zebra Direction's Business Development Director Michael Dowling will talk through marketing issues such as direct marketing, multimedia, website marketing, email and permission-based marketing and integrated campaigns — providing insights from his years of first-hand marketing experience.

As a direct marketing communications business, Zebra Direction has enjoyed continued growth and success since its inception in 1997. Its client base boasts companies such as Tattersalls, Berri Ltd, Redkin, the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) and Mental Health Research Institute.

The company has developed specific customer retention programs that are integrated with sales promotions, email marketing and traditional permission-based direct marketing.

Mr Dowling's background is in marketing and business development with an interest in the use of online space for communication strategies. He is also a member of the Australian Institute of Marketing.

The Glen Eira Women's Business Network meeting is on Thursday 21 August from 7pm to 9.30pm. The cost is \$10. Bookings are essential. Please call Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 by Monday 18 August to register.

### Cut this out now! Place under a Fridge Magnet "

#### STEEL FRAME WINDOWS (KM)

- Old winders repaired and serviced
  - Windows unstuck • Locks
- New winders supplied and fitted
- Old stays converted to winders

*20 years' experience  
On site service only*

For the "Rolls Royce" of winders tel:

**Acorn Winder Replacements**

0418 312 615 — Telephone: 9882 5966  
56 Auburn Grove, East Hawthorn

### Broken Cords or Balances

#### IN DOUBLE HUNG WINDOWS

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

Price depends on size, condition and number

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

**John Moline:  
9822 3470 AH**

*Cut out this ad and keep for future reference*



# Recreation News

## Big win a great birthday present

Caulfield and District Netball Association had a double reason to celebrate recently — winning the Under 13 State Netball Championship and reaching its 10th birthday milestone.

The group celebrated with a sausage sizzle at Duncan Mackinnon Reserve in Murrumbeena last month attended by Glen Eira Councillors Cr Veronika Martens, Cr Bob Bury, Cr Jamie Hyams and Cr Alan Grossbard and State Member for Bentleigh Rob Hudson MLA.



All hands were on deck at Caulfield and District Netball Association's celebrations — cooking up a storm are Glen Eira Councillors, from left Cr Bob Bury, Cr Veronika Martens, State Member for Bentleigh Rob Hudson MLA, Cr Jamie Hyams and Cr Alan Grossbard. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

The State Netball Championship was held at Royal Park in Parkville following a tournament contested by teams from 240 affiliated associations. The under 13 team won the State title after beating Benalla in the final play-off.

Caulfield and District Netball Association President Marg Cummins and under 13 coach Leonie McDonald congratulated the team on its achievement.

“This win is certainly a great anniversary present for the Caulfield and District Netball Association,” Mrs Cummins said.

The Caulfield and District Netball Association began in 1993. More than 800 players are involved in the competition at Duncan Mackinnon Reserve netball courts.

New players are welcome and the association runs a program called *Netta*, which teaches netball skills to people who have never played. Coaching and umpiring courses are held throughout the year. For more information call the Caulfield and District Netball Association on 9570 2443 or 0408 524 764.



The Caulfield and District Netball Association — winners of the Under 13 National Championship — celebrated its 10th anniversary with netball games played at Duncan MacKinnon Reserve and a sausage sizzle attended by Glen Eira Councillors. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

## In brief

### Moorleigh perfect for all functions

Moorleigh Community Village in Bentleigh East is always a hive of activity with groups and residents of all ages using the centre each day.

Community groups such as the toy library, Maternal and Child Health, creative art groups and adult education group U3A use the centre regularly.

Rooms of different sizes are available for hire on a casual or permanent basis for meetings, functions, seminars or training sessions seven days a week. Kitchen facilities and a gymnasium are also available for hire.

The Moorleigh Social Room caters for functions up to 100 people, has views across the park to the neighbouring Yarra Yarra Golf Club and has kitchen facilities.

For more information please contact Council's facility booking officer on 9524 3253 or log on to Council's website at [www.gleneira.vic.gov.au](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au)

### National lacrosse titles in Glen Eira

The Caulfield Lacrosse Club hosted the National Boy's Under 17 Tournament at Caulfield Park recently.

Glen Eira Mayor Dorothy Marwick officially opened the lacrosse event, held between 6–12 July.

Council's Recreation Manager Linda Smith said Caulfield Lacrosse Club had plenty of past experience at hosting national championships.

“The Caulfield Lacrosse Club was excited to be able to host this year's junior lacrosse final as it has been one of the club's main focuses for this year,” she said.

Teams from Victoria, South Australia, Western Australia and the United States competed at the championships.

Caulfield Lacrosse Club's efforts with its junior side has paid off, with two members — Michael Rodrigues and Melissa Roberts — currently competing in the Under 19 World Championships being held in Baltimore, in the United States.

## New fencing boosts safety



Council has installed new fencing at three Glen Eira sportsgrounds as part of its sports fencing replacement program.

The sports ground fencing program was introduced to deal with the ageing infrastructure in Council's parks. The new black mesh fences are less intrusive than the old fencing and are safer for sports clubs.

The fences, at the East Caulfield Reserve main oval in Caulfield East, Mackie Reserve oval in Bentleigh East and number three oval at Princes Park in Caulfield South, were replaced to look more attractive and provide better safety.

## Kung Fu

**for Fitness, Confidence & Self Defence**

Learn to defend yourself while you get fit. Develop better concentration, focus and awareness. Your balance and coordination will improve.

Special breathing, stretching and mind-body control exercises will increase your power yet you'll be graceful and flexible. Separate classes for children and adults. Numbers are limited.



**Golden Lion Academy**  
98 b Murrumbeena Rd, Murrumbeena **9569 5084**



# 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.

**Carnegie Murrumbeena Elderly Citizens Club** provides an opportunity to have fun and enjoy bowls, cards, craft, entertainment and billiards. Contact: Barbara 9569 7778

**East Bentleigh Senior Citizens' Club** will hold line dancing classes at the East Bentleigh Senior Citizens' Club rooms, 1 Derry Street, Bentleigh East every Thursday at 1pm. Cost: \$2.50 includes afternoon tea or coffee. Contact: 9579 4573.

**Anxiety Disorder Support and Self-Help Group Bentleigh** provides information support and self help for families living with anxiety disorders at Bentleigh Bayside Community Health Service, Gardeners Road, Bentleigh East on the second Monday of each month at 7.30pm. Contact: 9576 2477.

**McKinnon Men's Probus Club Inc.** meets in the Bentleigh Club, Yawla Street, Bentleigh on the second Wednesday of the month at 9.45am. New members welcome. Contact: 9578 6506.

**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.

**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.

**Caulfield Life Activities Club** will meet at Gladys Machin Hall, Cedar Street, Caulfield, on Wednesday 20 August at 7.30pm. Guest speaker. Supper served. New members welcome. Contact: 9523 9669.

## Events

**The National Trust Mansion Labassa** will hold a concert on dressing up the Queen of England at 2 Manor Grove, Caulfield North, on Sunday 7 September at 2.15pm. The Early Music Consort of Melbourne will play music of the Queen's court. Bookings: 9509 6596.

**St Mary's Anglican Church** will hold a demonstration on making floral arrangements at St Mary's Anglican Church, Glen Eira Road Caulfield on Saturday 23 August at 1pm. Sally Waters of Bosky Blooms will run the demonstration, bring flowers and foliage from your own garden. Contact: 9527 2146.

**Box Cottage** situated in Joyce Park, Jasper Road, McKinnon is open on the last Sunday of each month, February to November from 2pm to 4pm. Admission by donation. Contact: 9578 7060.

**Adelphi Players Theatre Company** will hold a series of concerts at Labassa 2 Manor Grove, Caulfield North, on Friday 8 August, Saturday 9 August and Sunday 10 August. Bookings: 9690 1593 or 9578 0952.

**Music Lovers Society** will hold a classical recital at St Paul's Anglican Church, 530 Dandenong Road, Caulfield North on Saturday 16 August at 8pm. Visitors and new members welcome. Contact: 9822 7292 or 9571 0850.

**Bentleigh Art Exhibition Committee** will hold an art exhibition at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart College, 111 Jasper Road, Bentleigh from Friday 10 October to Sunday 12 October. Entries close Friday 19 September. Contact: Leanne 9555 5070.

**Coatesville Primary School** will hold a 50 years anniversary reunion function in the Coatesville Primary School hall, Mackie Road, Bentleigh East on Saturday 25 October at 2.30pm. All past students, parents and staff welcome. Contact: Meredith 9570 1652.

**Glen Eira City Choir** will hold *Music from the Highlands* at the Glen Eira Arts Complex, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield on Saturday 6 September at 2.30pm. Cost: \$18/\$15. Contact: Marie 9532 1421.

**Soka Gakki International Australia** will hold a *Making a Difference* youth festival at 12 Ripon Grove, Elsternwick from Sunday 10 August to Sunday 17 August at 1pm. Free entry. Contact: 9523 7669.

## Community

**The Smith Family** seeks volunteers to teach conversational English to migrants as part of its *Each-One-Teach-One* program. No previous teaching experience required, full training and tutoring material provided. Contact: Sue 9473 4307.

**Do Care** offers volunteer roles in the community to spend time with older people and younger people with disabilities living at home. Contact: Angeline 9532 1662.

## JUDO

**YAMADA JUDO ACADEMY**  
Caulfield Recreation Centre  
6 Maple St, Caulfield South  
**9578 4460**

**Self defence, Concentration, Discipline, Co-ordination, Self-esteem, Enjoyment, Stress Release**

**BEGINNERS TO BLACK BELT – From 4 years old**

**Caulfield Community Toy Library** is open Wednesdays 7.30am–8.30pm, Thursday 9.30am–11.30am and Saturday 9.30am–12.30pm next to the Caulfield Pool, Moira Ave, Carnegie. A huge variety of toys are available for borrowing. Contact: Fiona 9572 5102.

## Training sessions for volunteers

The following training sessions are free to volunteers in Glen Eira:

- An introduction to volunteering on Tuesday 7 October.
- Cultural Diversity on Monday 11 and Monday 18 August (run over two sessions).
- Interpersonal skills for community volunteers on Wednesday 3 September.
- Being an effective member of a committee of management on Tuesday 16 September.
- Working with people on very low incomes on Wednesday 24 September and Wednesday 29 October.

**Enquiries and bookings can be made by calling Angela Russell on 9524 3303 or arussell@gleneira.vic.gov.au.**

## Immunisation dates for August

### Bentleigh Baptist Church

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

### Glen Eira Town Hall

(entry via Glen Eira Road)  
Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield  
Tuesday 12 August 9.30am–10.15am  
Tuesday 2 September 6pm–7pm

### Murrumbeena Baptist Church

44 Murrumbeena Road, Murrumbeena  
Monday 11 August 10am–11am

### Bentleigh–Bayside Community Health Service

Gardeners Road, Bentleigh East  
Wednesday 20 August 6pm–7pm  
Saturday 23 August 9.30am–10.30am

### Glen Huntly Maternal and Child Health Centre

Corner Royal and Rosedale Avenues, Glen Huntly  
Wednesday 27 August 9.30am–11am

## GLEN EIRA 2003 BUS TRIPS

Low budget bus trips travelling with an accredited company organised by volunteers for you and travelling with a fully accredited coach company.

**Wednesday 13 August, 9am–5.15pm. Cost: \$25**

**DAFFODILS IN WARRAGUL** — August is Daffodil time and Western Gippsland is the place to find them. Today we travel to Warragul where there is time to visit Glengarry Knitting Mills who make excellent knitted garments for men and ladies. Bring or buy your own lunch. In the afternoon we visit Rowse Bros farm at Ellinbank and yes there will be the opportunity to buy blooms.

**Wednesday 17 September, 9am–5pm approx. Cost: \$30**

**HISTORIC MALDON** — Classified by the National Trust as Australia's first 'notable town', historic Maldon has much to offer the visitor. We drive up Mount Tarrengower to take in the view, explore the shops, maybe take home some bread from the bakery. Bring or buy own lunch. Later we step back in time as the steam train (fare included in cost) takes us on our way to Muckledford where we re-join the coach for the trip home.

**Wednesday 15 October, 9am–5pm. Cost: \$25**

**SERENDIP, YOU YANGS & SLEEPY HOLLOW** — Serendip Bird Sanctuary at Lara is a fascinating place to visit and many folk wish they had been there sooner. The nearby You Yangs offer terrific views of Corio Bay and the title 'Sleepy Hollow' definitely does not apply to Geelong any more. Bring or buy your own lunch and have a most informative day out with friends.

**Please note:** Bus departs from outside Glen Eira Town Hall promptly at scheduled time. Please plan to be there 10 minutes prior to departure. We pick up at Glen Huntly Station (Tram Stop 60) ten minutes later.

**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 August

Enquiries and bookings

Margaret 9596 6124

Thursday 14 August

Mad Hatters Parade

High excitement... test your ingenuity and patience... great prizes. Morning tea provided at 99 Grange Road, Glen Huntly at 10am. Donation: \$2.50

Thursday 28 August

Waverley Cinema — Mrs Caldicot's Cabbage War

Time to relax and enjoy British humour at its best.

A minimum of 20 needed...bring your friends.

Lunch included. Depart 9.45am 99 Grange Road, Glen Huntly and 10am from 185 Poath Road, Hughesdale. Cost: \$13.10.

*It's a world of computer experience*



**Nucleus Computer Services Pty Ltd**

• Hardware and software repairs to all computers, monitors, printers and notebooks.

**NEED IT FIXED?**

On site or in our workshop.

**NETWORK, INTERNET and VIRUS SUPPORT**

• Accessories, parts, cables, fans, print cartridges available.

**24 HOURS — 7 DAYS**

Call now for prompt and reliable service

**9569 1388**

www.nucleuscomputer.com.au  
9b Morton Ave, Carnegie 3163



## Winter Music Series 2003

### Kenny Lopez and Havana Connection

An afternoon of hot Latin sounds from Kenny Lopez and Havana Connection will be held at the Glen Eira Town Hall as part of Council's *Winter Music Series*.

Kenny Lopez and Havana Connection is an eight-piece band with singers and musicians originating from Cuba, Brazil, Africa and Australia.

The band will entertain the audience with its Cuban and Latin rhythms and original songs on Sunday 17 August starting at 2pm.

*The latin sounds and rhythms of Kenny Lopez and Havana Connection can be heard at the Glen Eira Town Hall on Sunday 17 August.*



*Popular cabaret trio Combo Fiasco will perform at the Glen Eira Town Hall as part of Council's Winter Music Series.*



### Combo Fiasco

International cabaret sensation Combo Fiasco will provide the grand finale of this year's *Winter Music Series*.

The smooth vocals of Tony McGill, Charmaine Clements and Shaun Murphy can be heard on Sunday 31 August at 2pm at the Glen Eira Town Hall.

Combo Fiasco burst onto the New York cabaret scene in 1998 and its mix of jazz classics, music theatre and original comedy is world-renowned.

Tickets for Kenny Lopez and Havana Connection and Combo Fiasco are on sale through Council's Service Centre, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield for \$25 and \$20 concession. Phone bookings can be made by calling 9524 3333.

## Exhibitions

### Sorelli

*Opening Tuesday 12 August 6pm and continuing to Sunday 24 August*

A group of 10 female artists has formed a support network that enhances each other's abilities as contemporary artists.

*Sorelli* is an exhibition of these artists' work that explores a sense of place and the function of decoration and beauty. The artwork on exhibit ranges from realism through to textural abstraction.

The group includes artists Monika Larmer, Bronwyn Morley, Cherry Ward, Christine Glynne, Lisa B, Claudia Rubinstein, Melinda Campbell, Jan McGowan, Kathryn Tilley and Geula Kohn.



*Artwork: Jan McGowan.*

### Twenty Melbourne Painters — 85th Annual Exhibition

*Opening 26 August and continuing to 7 September*

A group of technically adept, traditional realist artists known as Twenty Melbourne Painters will exhibit portraiture and landscape artwork at the Glen Eira City Council Gallery.

Twenty Melbourne Painters invite members on the basis of skill and dedication to painting. Once accepted, artists are members for life and, as the name suggests, the group never exceeds 20.

Artist Alice Bale, whose legacy supports the continuation of realist portraiture through the Alice Bale Art Award, established Twenty Melbourne Painters in 1910.



*Artwork: Marg Cowling.*

## It all Rests on the Carpet

Sales & Installation

Residential & Commercial Carpets

Major brands including:

Victoria Carpets  
Brintons Fine Carpets  
Godfrey Hirst

**10% discount on all orders over 90 square metres**  
**Valid until 31 July 2003**

**9528 4118**

**Shop 9,  
242 Glen Huntly Road  
Elsternwick Vic 3185**

*20 feet from Gloria Jean's coffee!*

## Art award open for entry

Glen Eira City Council Gallery is hosting this year's Alice Bale Art Award and will exhibit entries from 15–21 December. Members of Twenty Melbourne Painters will make up the judging panel for this award.

The major prize of a travelling scholarship valued at \$40,000 will be awarded on the basis of skill, and potential to pursue life as a practicing artist.

Applications for entry close 31 October 2003. Entry forms are available at Glen Eira City Council Gallery, Corner Hawthorn and Glen Eira Roads, Caulfield or contact the gallery on 9524 3333.

### B'nai B'rith Jewish Youth Art Award

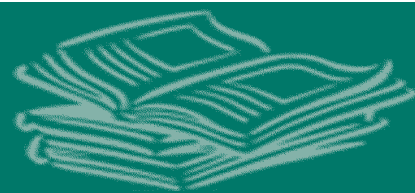
*Opening Thursday 14 August and continuing to Sunday 24 August. Launch and announcement of winners, Sunday 17 August at 2.30pm.*

The B'nai B'rith award celebrates young Jewish artists aged 11–18 years. The Glen Eira City Council Gallery will exhibit the work, which will include paintings, collages and sculptural pieces.

B'nai B'rith is staged by Melbourne's Shalom Unit.



# LIBRARY News



## Wild holiday fun

Council's Bentleigh Library hosted some unlikely book lovers during the school holidays, namely Sammy the sand goanna, a stumpy lizard known as Bumpy Stumpy and a 3½ metre long python called Olly.

The reptile trio and their friends — Terence the turtle, Freddo frog and Jasper the black headed python — were all part of a wildlife show called *Slither About*.

The interactive show, by mobile zoo *Wild Action*, mesmerised about 30 local children as one-by-one the reptiles were taken out of their travel bags and placed on the ground.

The children were invited to touch the scales of the python, the slimy coat of the green tree frog and the shell of the short-necked turtle.



*Bumpy Stumpy the omnivorous stumpy lizard makes his way around the Bentleigh Library, stopping to say hello to local children.*

*Jemma, aged 5, does not seem worried that a green tree frog named Freddo has jumped on her head.*  
Photos: Bernie Bickerton.

## Budding artists un-masked



*A sea of animal faces at the Carnegie Library's mask workshop held during the school holidays.*

*Esther Justin from the Art Factory shows Jane some tips on creating a lion mask.*

Photos: Bernie Bickerton



About 15 lions and a rabbit emerged from Council's Carnegie Library after a mask-making activity held during the school holidays.

Esther Justin from the Art Factory ran a mask-making workshop with local budding artists aged between 5–8 years. Most of the children followed Esther's lion mask sample, adding a personal touch to make their creations individual.

The workshop group took over the library with long tables set out with pots of glues, piles of foam, bags of cut-up hessian and lots of colourful tissue paper squares.

At the end of the 90-minute art session, the children very proudly took home their animal mask inventions.

## Library members very satisfied

Community satisfaction of Council's libraries has strengthened over the past 12 months, with 91 per cent of members happy with the service.

The survey, which is compiled annually, was completed by 210 members who had visited one of Council's libraries during the past three months. It also showed that satisfaction with the service of information staff remained high at 94 per cent.

Council's Director Community Services Peter Jones said according to the survey the Glen Eira Library and Information Service's strongest points were the range and size of collections, staff courtesy and attention, and staff assistance with queries and questions.

"The key attractions of libraries continue to be the availability of library materials, the overall service they provide, the reference and information service and the range of operating hours," Mr Jones said.

Bentleigh is the most popular library with 41 per cent of members surveyed visiting this branch most often. Caulfield is the second most popular (36 per cent) followed by Carnegie (13 per cent) and Elsternwick (10 per cent).

## Children's Book Week

Council libraries will host Children's Book Week events starting Saturday 16 August. John Larkin, author of *Spaghetti Legs*, *Pizza Features* and the *Western Wildcats* series, will visit Caulfield library to speak to Year 5 and 6 students during the week.

At Elsternwick library Coral Tulloch, author of the books *The Heart of the World*, *Antarctica* — will talk to Years 2 and 3 students about writing, illustration and her Antarctic voyage.

*Storytime* sessions have also been planned during the week and will feature a selection books nominated for this year's Children's Book Week awards.

For more details about Children's Book Week please contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

## Aussie authors inspire local crowd

Australian authors Joy Dettman and Jane Clifton spoke to a sell-out crowd in the Glen Eira Town Hall recently, as part of Council's involvement with the *Writers on the Road* program.

The authors spoke about their careers and writing successes. The *Writers on the Road* program is a State Library of Victoria initiative that aims to bring contemporary writers to local libraries. The Glen Eira attendance was the largest since the program started two years ago.



*Jane Clifton (centre) and Joy Dettman spoke to a sell out audience at the Glen Eira Town Hall recently as part of the Writers on the Road program.*