

Friendly Cities unite in Glen Eira

During a one-day whirlwind tour of Glen Eira, a group of teachers from Ogaki, Japan took time to stop and read with local primary school students, learn to kick a football, have lunch at the Glen Eira Town Hall and dance to a traditional song.

The group of 14 teachers formed a delegation from Glen Eira's sister city Ogaki to undertake a two-week intensive English language course at Holmesglen TAFE in Moorabbin.

Caulfield Primary School, one of only three Japanese/English bilingual schools in Victoria, treated the guests to a morning tea that included one of Australia's greatest icons — sponge cake and cream.

After visiting the library to hear Grade 5 students read, the teachers joined in a spontaneous football training session in the schoolyard.

Later that day, at a luncheon held in the Town Hall, Glen Eira Mayor Cr Dorothy Marwick officially welcomed the delegation to the City.

Cr Marwick said the Friendly Cities relationship between Glen Eira and Ogaki created opportunities for residents to learn more about Japan's people, history and culture.

After lunch, the teaching delegation invited Councillors and guests to take part in dancing to a 400-year-old traditional Japanese song called *Harkoma*.



Ogaki junior high school teacher Tatsuya Oishi said his English had "improved a bit" during his two-week visit to Melbourne. Tatsuya listened to Grade 5 Caulfield Primary School student Jun Miyagi read during a recent visit to the school.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.



Councillors and guests were invited to join in a dance to a 400-year-old song at a welcoming lunch for 14 teachers from Glen Eira's sister city Ogaki, Japan. Photo: Michelle Pirie.

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A plan for all Glen Eira

Glen Eira's much-loved and valued neighbourhood character will be protected under a Housing Strategy adopted by Council. The strategy will increase planning controls to provide improved protection across the whole City.

Subject to approval by the Minister for Planning, the Housing Strategy will be incorporated into the Glen Eira Planning Scheme through the introduction of three amendments — C25, C11 and C14 — and will become law.

At the Council meeting, where the amendments were approved, Glen Eira Mayor Cr Dorothy Marwick called it "a momentous day."

"This is perhaps the single most important decision ever taken by this Council and means that Glen Eira is the first Council in Melbourne to have protections of this sort in place across 100 per cent of the City," Cr Marwick said.

The three amendments to the Glen Eira Planning Scheme will guide developers and ensure the orderly provision of new houses based on the development of about 300 dwellings per year over the next 20 years.

"Council's Housing Strategy will ensure higher density

development is focused towards locations around shopping centres and public transport. These areas are known as housing diversity areas and the strategy will moderate new developments to ensure that they are appropriate in terms of scale, height and bulk and respectful of adjacent buildings, particularly residences," Cr Marwick said.

Suburbs of the City not located around shopping centres and public transport are identified in the strategy as minimal change areas.

Council's Housing Strategy also ensures protection in these areas by increasing standards above *ResCode* standards — the State Government code for medium density dwellings. Council's strategy will increase *ResCode* standards in terms of increased private open space provision, building setbacks and reduced building site coverage to provide increased opportunities for canopied tree planting.

"There will be no free for all in Glen Eira for developers," Cr Marwick said.

"A major change is likely to be seen at the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal which must now give greater weight to Council's policies."

MAYOR'S column



I recently welcomed a delegation of 14 teachers from our Japanese sister city Ogaki and spent some time discussing the differences and similarities between our cities. As part of their stay the teachers were treated to an impromptu footy clinic from local students, and in return

they shared with us a traditional dance — a mind-boggling exchange of culture!

As Mayor of Glen Eira I am often presented with opportunities to welcome local and international visitors and dignitaries to our City, and these meetings provide me with a timely reminder that we are extremely fortunate to live in such a beautiful area of Melbourne.

From our sporting facilities and parks and gardens to our shopping strips, schools and residences, Glen Eira is a unique part of the world — and one that should be protected for future generations of residents, students, workers and visitors.

This idea of protection and looking after our current and future residents is always high on Council's agenda, and it was with some pride that we recently adopted three planning scheme amendments to protect and secure the much-loved and valued neighbourhood character of our beautiful City.

Subject to ministerial approval, these amendments will become law under the Glen Eira Planning Scheme and increase planning controls across the whole City — ensuring higher density development is focused in where the transport and facility needs of residents can be best met. Our tree-lined streets and the sanctity of residential areas will be maintained, and the ongoing needs of the community will be met through the strategy's guide for developers over the next 20 years.

Glen Eira will not see a development free-for-all.

Planning ahead for the City's needs is extremely important. A series of forums discussing economic development, community wellbeing and developing and renewing the City gave residents and interested parties the chance to have their say on where the City is heading. Thank you to all who participated in these forums and gave their views — your input is invaluable.

But community input doesn't stop now that the forums are over. A range of focus groups will investigate specific community issues to help develop the plan, but there are many continuous activities being held to improve our City right now.

From reducing the amount of litter in our streets and parks to conserving water and becoming a waste wise citizen, Council and residents can work together to improve the local environment in Glen Eira. Every little bit helps, and the health of our City depends on it.

Every resident can play a part in shaping the future of Glen Eira.

— Cr Dorothy Marwick
Mayor

Holiday exchange to Japan

The September school holidays will bring something different to a group of local secondary school students as they prepare for a trip of a lifetime to Glen Eira's sister city Ogaki in Japan as part of the Friendly Cities exchange program.

The student delegation leaders, Carole Hooper and Michaela Moloney, will lead eight students aged 14–16 years from Kilvington Girls' Grammar, Shelford Girls' Grammar, Wesley College, Star of the Sea College, Mount Scopus Memorial College, Brighton Secondary College and Glen Waverley High School on the 10-day trip.

Leaving on 21 September, the group will spend the first six days with individual host families in Ogaki. The last four days will be spent sightseeing in Tokyo.

Students in Years 9–11 who attend a school, or live, in Glen Eira were invited to apply to Council's Friendly Cities Advisory Committee for a place in the 2003 student exchange program. Before being selected, the students were required to attend two interviews in front of three members from the committee. The students' visit is partly funded by a Council scholarship.

(Seated front from right) Students Katrina Rankin, Alan Ooi, Clare Mackie, Priya Schubach, Yuki Ho, Lauren Belletti, Josh Lipson, (standing L-R) Kate Tarrant and delegate leader Michaela Moloney are preparing for a 10-day exchange program visit to Glen Eira's sister city Ogaki, Japan.
Photo: Maureen Bathgate.



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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 and Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield. Meetings start at 7.30pm.

Upcoming meetings:

Monday 8 September Monday 29 September

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A start to planning City's future

Residents' comments on the future of Glen Eira, heard at Council's community plan forums, will be used as the first step to developing a five-year community plan.

A series of four community forums was held over the past three weeks to discuss the community's issues, needs and expectations. Each forum focused on a different aspect of community life such as economic development, community wellbeing, and developing and renewing the City.

The community plan, which will be developed in full consultation with the community, will provide direction for the next 5-10 years for people who live and work in the City of Glen Eira.

Council's Chief Executive Officer Andrew Newton said the first phase of developing Council's long-term

goals, priorities and actions was now complete.

"The community forums were an opportunity for Council to gauge what the community thinks, what people want and what residents are prepared to pay for which will be taken into account when developing the community plan," Mr Newton said.

"Our aim is to achieve balance in the City and create an environment that respects everyone's needs."

In the next phase of the community consultation process, Council will arrange community focus groups to concentrate on specific issues. Council will also undertake telephone surveys of residents.



Glen Eira resident Jack Campbell addresses the Developing Our City community plan forum. Photo: Bernie Bickerton

Council attacks termites

About 500 Glen Eira homes are treated for termite invasion each year, sparking a need for Council to determine the area "termite infested" and introduce building requirements for new homes and extensions.

Council determined the whole of Glen Eira "likely to be infested by termites" after a survey of residents and pest control companies operating in the area. Under Regulation 6.3 (1) of the Building Regulations 1994, a council can designate areas where buildings within its municipality are likely to be infested by termites. Under the Building Regulations, new buildings and additions constructed in a designated termite area must be protected against infestation.

Council's Manager Building Services John Bordignon said termites were found in homes all over Australia and almost half of Victorian councils had declared all, or part of, their municipality "subject to termite infestation".

"Glen Eira is not riddled with termites, but there are enough incidents to warrant the introduction of new design methods to prevent termite infestation," Mr Bordignon said.

Insurance policies do not cover repairs to damage caused by termite attack and Council has put measures in place to protect people who are building new homes or adding extensions on to existing houses in Glen Eira.

New building requirements will ensure builders and renovators include physical or chemical barriers to the design of their home or extension which will guard against termite destruction.



Termite buster Gordon Gordon (right) shows Council's Manager Building Services John Bordignon the trail of destruction termites can leave.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton

"There is no need for residents to be alarmed," Mr Bordignon said.

"We do have termites in Glen Eira and Council wants residents to be aware of this and follow a few simple measures when building a new home, or adding an extension, to guard against termite damage."

Mr Bordignon said the initial outlay of around \$1,250, which would protect an average-sized home, was a lot more economical than repairing termite damage.

"Treating termite infestation costs on average about \$1,500 which is guaranteed for only four to five years. The average cost to repair

damage is about \$4,500 and, in some instances around Victoria, \$40,000 worth of damage has been reported," he said.

Residents can contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 for further details about the new building requirements.



These litter critters may appear harmless, but a termite colony left untreated in a weatherboard house can eat their way through a family's home in 12 months.

Landscaping plans approved

Landscaping work at Princes Park in Caulfield South is expected to start later this year with completion scheduled for June 2004.

After extensive community consultation, Council approved a revised draft master plan for the redevelopment of the park at a recent meeting.

Council has allocated \$1.8 million from this year's Budget to begin landscaping work, which is the first stage of a two-part plan to improve the park's amenities. Stage 1 includes the construction of new paths, a playground, public toilet and sensory garden. Improvements will be made to lighting, landscape planting and picnic facilities.

Stage two includes building works. Council will engage in a full community consultation process before Stage 2 is approved.



Bentleigh resident Petra and daughter Sonja look forward to Princes Park being redeveloped. Landscaping commences soon and building works will start next year.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Fight back against termites

By following some simple tips, the likelihood of homes being attacked by termites can be reduced.

- Fix leaking water pipes and drains;
- Reduce the amount of timber used in inaccessible areas;
- Improve sub-floor ventilation and drainage;
- Do not leave timber lying around in contact with the ground;
- Inspect any railway sleepers or other timber used for landscaping;
- Inspect under the house for any tell-tale signs of mud tunnels around stumps or along the inside of brickwork; and
- Have a program of regular inspections arranged with a pest controller.

Annual rate notices



Council's annual rate and valuation notices were posted to all ratepayers on Thursday 14 August 2003. The notices detailed annual rate and service charges with the payment of the first installment due on Tuesday 30 September 2003.

If ratepayers have not received their rate notice, they should contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.



Language Line



План для всего муниципалитета Glen Eira

Муниципальный совет ввел в действие новое руководство по жилищному строительству, которое позволит сохранить исторически сложившийся характер и своеобразие муниципалитета Glen Eira. Новое руководство сделает более эффективным контроль городского планирования и охрану городской среды на всей территории муниципалитета.

Руководство по жилищному строительству будет включено в Программу планирования муниципалитета Glen Eira в виде трех поправок - C25, C11 и C14, - и после утверждения министром планирования штата, станет законом.

Три поправки к Программе планирования муниципалитета Glen Eira будут учитываться при осуществлении новых жилищных проектов и обеспечат упорядоченное строительство примерно 300 жилищ в год в течение следующих 20 лет.

Glen Eira 市政區整體計劃

市政府採納的《住房策略》將保護 Glen Eira 市政區深受大家喜愛和珍視的街坊特色。該《策略》將增加規劃控制，為整個市政區提供進一步的保護。

《住房策略》還須經規劃部長批准。它將通過三項修訂案 - C25, C11 及 C14 的推行而被納入《Glen Eira 規劃方案》(Glen Eira Planning Scheme) 並成法律。

《Glen Eira 規劃方案》的三項修訂案將為發展商提供指導，並根據今後 20 年中每年開發約 300 棟住房的規劃確保有條不紊地提供新住房。

Ένα σχέδιο για ολόκληρο το Glen Eira

Ο τόσο δημοφιλής και αξιόλογος χαρακτήρας των γειτονιών του Glen Eira θα προστατευθεί βάσει της Οικιστικής Στρατηγικής που υιοθετήθηκε από την Δημαρχία. Με την στρατηγική αυτή θα αυξηθούν οι πολεοδομικοί έλεγχοι ώστε να βελτιωθεί η προστασία σε ολόκληρο τον Δήμο.

Υποκείμενης της έγκρισης της Υπουργού Πολεοδομίας, η Οικιστική Στρατηγική θα ενσωματωθεί στο Πολεοδομικό Πρόγραμμα Glen Eira μέσω της εφαρμογής τριών τροποποιήσεων - C25, C11 και C14 - και θα γίνει νόμος.

Οι τρεις τροποποιήσεις στο Πολεοδομικό Πρόγραμμα Glen Eira θα καθοδηγούν τις οικοδομικές εταιρίες και θα διασφαλίσουν την κανονική παροχή νέων οικιών με βάση την ανοικοδόμηση 300 περίπου κατοικιών ετησίως για τα επόμενα 20 χρόνια.

Un piano per tutto il territorio di Glen Eira

Il carattere del vicinato di Glen Eira, tanto apprezzato e amato da chi abita in questo comune, verrà salvaguardato dal piano per l'edilizia residenziale adottato dall'amministrazione comunale. Il piano rafforzerà il potere di controllo della pianificazione per garantire una migliore tutela in tutto il territorio comunale.

A condizione che sia poi approvato dal Ministro per la Pianificazione, il piano per l'edilizia residenziale verrà integrato nel Glen Eira Planning Scheme (Programma della pianificazione) attraverso tre emendamenti: C25, C11 and C14 i. Il piano quindi acquisirà forza di legge.

I tre emendamenti faranno da guida alle imprese edili per garantire la costruzione ordinata di circa 300 nuove residenze nei prossimi 20 anni.

An education in safety



Council, VicRoads and representatives from three local schools participating in the *Safe Routes to Schools* program attended an education planning day recently to discuss an action plan for incorporating traffic safety into the school curriculum.

Safe Routes to Schools is a partnership program between Council, VicRoads and schools designed to reduce injuries to children while walking, cycling or travelling as passengers to school.

The program is managed by the Glen Eira Community Safety Committee, which has adopted a three-pronged approach — engineering, education and enforcement — to improve road safety around schools.

Ripponlea Primary School, Melbourne Grammar and Shelford Anglican Girls School have been involved in the program for the past two years and a draft engineering plan has been developed for each school. Once approved, Council will undertake work included in the engineering plan such as installing new signage for traffic and pedestrians.

Chair of the Glen Eira Community Safety Committee Cr Veronika Martens said road safety around schools had been identified as an important action area in Council's road safety strategic plan.

"If more parents and children can be encouraged to walk to school — at least some of the time — rather than drive, it is not only good for their safety but

good for their health and the environment," Cr Martens said.

At the education planning day, participants discussed potential topics to be included in the action plan such as correct road crossing procedures, wearing bicycle helmets, travelling on school buses and wearing seat belts.

The encouragement component of the program will be the last stage to be implemented and will involve gaining support from parents and guardians of school-age children to reinforce safety messages.

Calling parents and carers of four year olds

Are your children starting out safely?

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- What your child needs to do to be a safe passenger?



Can your child:

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- Consistently check for reversing cars in driveways?
- Tell when traffic is coming **towards** or going **away** from them?
- Tell you which vehicles are moving **fast** or **slow**?



Starting Out Safely is Victoria's early childhood road safety program. The program is designed to help parents, carers and teachers assist young children to develop the skills they will require to survive as independent road users in the future. You can check whether your child is being taught the program at the child care centre that your child attends.

It's never too soon to be starting out safely.

For information about Starting Out Safely contact: Pierre Castelino Road Safety Coordinator from VicRoads on 9881 8016.

This program is supported by the Glen Eira Community Safety Committee.



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Keeping the City above water

New underground drainage pipes have been installed in Elsternwick as part of Council's commitment to improving existing infrastructure and preventing localised flooding.

The work involved the installation of 240 metres of drainage pipe and new stormwater pits in the vicinity of Elizabeth and Sinclair streets.

Council has allocated \$1 million from its current budget to undertake a number of new drainage projects in Glen Eira, which will include work at Mackie Road, Bentleigh East, Keane Street, Caulfield South and Gough Street, Elsternwick.

Council's Director Infrastructure Kerry Martin said Council's ongoing drainage improvement program aimed to upgrade the existing capacity of the City's underground stormwater network.

"The program is designed to meet ratepayers requirements for the disposal of stormwater run-off," he said.

"Residents could assist in easing the demand on the stormwater system by installing rain water tanks on their properties. This would have the added benefit of conserving water, which is particularly important in times of water restrictions."



(inset) Council installed 240 metres of drainage pipe and new stormwater pits in the vicinity of Elizabeth and Sinclair streets.



Recent drainage work in Elsternwick will greatly assist in the disposal of stormwater run-off in the area around Elizabeth and Sinclair streets. Photos: Bernie Bickerton.

Older people to get new housing

The demolition of 24 independent living units in Curraweena Road, Caulfield South will start soon to make way for the construction of better and more affordable housing for older residents living in Glen Eira.

Council has contributed the land at the Curraweena site, valued at \$2.27 million, and has now fully secured funding of \$4.1 million from the State Government under the Social Housing Innovations Program to develop the project.

Council recently put the building contract out to tender which was awarded to SJ Higgins & Co who also undertook the recent redevelopment and refurbishment of the Warrawee aged care facility in Bentleigh East.

Residents of the existing Curraweena units have been relocated to other Council independent living units or private rental accommodation for the duration of the project.

These residents will have first option of returning to live in the new independent units when the project is completed next year.

Council's Manager Corporate Assets Tim Frederico said the existing units, built in the 1960s, were in poor condition and no longer met modern building standards.

"The units currently on the site are mostly bedsitters and do not comply with current disability standards," he said.

"The 30 new purpose-built units, each with private courtyards, will provide low-cost rental accommodation with more living space for occupants."

Council operates independent living units throughout the City.

To be eligible residents must have a connection to Glen Eira, be aged over 60 years and meet Department of Human Services' criteria.

Dog owners asked to clean-up

Local dog owners are being reminded to clean up after their dogs when exercising their pets.

Dog owners are asked to carry a plastic bag at all times when using public open space areas to pick up their pet's faeces. All Council parks and reserves have plastic bag dispensers. As well, Glen Eira parks and gardens are patrolled regularly by Council officers who carry plastic bags to educate dog owners about cleaning up after their pets.

Council's Manager Civic Amenity Carl Russo said along with dogs behaving badly, owners not cleaning up after their pet was one of the main reasons for restricting dogs' access to public open space.

"There are both environmental and social reasons why it is so important for dog faeces to be collected from public places and disposed of," Mr Russo said.

"Litter contaminates waterways and ringworm that is often found in dog faeces can be harmful to humans.

"By collecting your dog's faeces and disposing of it responsibly, pet owners are helping make the environment cleaner, and contributing to the healthiness of others."

Under Council's Local Law, people who are repeatedly caught failing to clean up after their dog face a penalty of up to \$500.



Caulfield resident Choodie always ties plastic bags to her lead when walking dog Sky in local parks and gardens. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

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Enforcing better public health

Council is responsible for enforcing local and State Environmental pollution laws with noise levels and odour emissions being the main concern.

Every year Council is called out to investigate hundreds of complaints from residents about noise and odours coming from neighbouring residential and business properties.

The most common complaints come from residents experiencing high levels of noise from neighbouring air conditioners, heaters, and swimming pool and spa pumps outside their prohibited operating times.

Council's Manager Public Health Mark Saunders said loud air conditioners were the number one cause for complaint.

"During the summer months,

Council officers are called out to investigate about 100 complaints regarding noisy air conditioners," he said.

"Offenders are often unaware that they are causing a disturbance and Council usually issues a warning first.

"Under the *Environmental Protection Act 1970* Council is authorised to take further action if necessary and issue fines."

Council also investigates residents' complaints of offensive odours.

"The most common complaints received are cooking and rubbish odours from food businesses and sewage smells from leaking or blocked pipes," Mr Saunders said.

In addition, Council's Local Law deal with odours from unclean animal enclosures and the accumulation of rubbish from residential properties.

Council advises residents to discuss any problems with their neighbour first and use Council as a second resort if a compromise cannot be reached.

For further information contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.



Council's Senior Environmental Health Officer Lyle Clausen investigates a complaint about a noisy air conditioner.

Shopping centre clean-up



Café 101 Proprietor Domenic Kalderone is constantly sweeping cigarette butts from the front of his Koornang Road premises and supports Council issuing litter bins.

Council is helping in the fight to keep the City clean by introducing strategies to remind people not to litter.

Over the next 12 months Council will distribute almost 200 cigarette butt litter bins to alfresco cafes and restaurants in Glen Eira's shopping precincts.

By issuing the stainless steel bins, with signage that reads "Butt it and Bin it" Council aims to reduce the number of cigarette butts polluting local waterways.

Proprietor of Café 101, in the Carnegie Shopping Centre, Domenic Kalderone supports Council's initiative to supply cigarette butt litter bins.

"I supply ashtrays for the outside tables of the café but cigarette butts still end up on the ground and I am constantly sweeping the outside of my premises to get rid of them," Mr Kalderone said.

Council has also installed anti-litter signs in rubbish dumping hot-spots around the Carnegie Shopping Centre.

Council's Manager Public Health Mark Saunders said the carpark near Carnegie's Safeway supermarket was prone to people leaving food scraps on the ground to feed birds.

"The signage was installed to educate people that feeding birds violates litter prevention laws and that Council would enforce fines to people who dump bread and other food scraps," he said.

The "Butt it and Bin it" project and anti-litter signs are part Council's four-year Litter



Council's Manager Public Health Mark Saunders inspects the incidence of litter dumped in the Safeway supermarket carpark in Carnegie. Anti-litter signs remind people that fines will be enforced for littering. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Prevention Strategy that was adopted earlier this year.

During 2003-04, Council will also develop strategies to reduce the incidence of litter dumped outside blocks of flats and at bus and tram terminals.

Environment for Glen Eira

Operating within the law

Residents can legally operate equipment during the times below. Times outside the permitted hours can be reported to Council if heard from inside a habitable room of another residential premises.

Group	Prescribed item	Permitted times
1	A motor vehicle (except a vehicle moving in or out of premises), lawn mower, or other grass cutting device and any equipment or appliance not falling within Group 2 having an internal combustion engine	Monday to Friday 7am–8pm Weekends and public holidays 9am–8pm
2	An electric power tool, chain or circular saw, gas or air compressor, pneumatic power tool, hammer and any other impacting tool or grinding equipment.	Monday to Friday 7am–8pm Weekends and public holidays 9am–8pm
3	A domestic air conditioner, swimming pool pump, spa pump, domestic heating equipment (including central heating and hot water systems) and a domestic vacuum cleaner.	Monday to Friday 7am–10pm Weekends and public holidays 9am–10pm
4	A musical instrument and any electrical amplified sound reproducing equipment including a stereo, radio, television and public address system.	Monday to Thursday 7am–10pm Friday 7am–11pm Saturday and public holidays 9am–11pm Sunday 9am–10pm
5	Any electric equipment or appliance not falling within Group 2, Group 3, Group 4, including electric gardening equipment.	Monday to Friday 7am–8pm Weekends and public holidays 9am–8pm

Table supplied by the Environmental Protection Agency.

Council programs to create *waste-wise residents*

With the support of Council, Glen Eira residents can play a major role towards achieving the State Government's objective to reduce the generation of waste materials by 1.5 million tonnes in the next 10 years.

A draft solid waste strategy, *Towards Zero Waste: A Material Efficiency Strategy for Victoria* has been developed by State Government agency EcoRecycle Victoria and requires Council and the community to treat waste management as more than just disposal and recycling.

Council has developed its own Waste Wise Education Strategy that includes community education programs that will help achieve its own, and the State's, goals.

Waste Wise Schools is an ongoing program within Council's Waste Wise Education Strategy. Under this program, local schools have integrated waste management into their curriculum and are developing and running waste and litter programs.

During 2003–04, Council will roll-out its strategy further to include the promotion of Council's fortnightly green waste collection service to increase the number of users within the municipality. Council will also assist EcoRecycle Victoria with the proposed Household Chemical Collection day, which will give residents an opportunity to dispose of their unwanted household chemicals, in December.

Council's Waste Management Engineer Doug Griffiths said the community would be encouraged to minimise waste through these education programs.

Tougher legislation introduced by the Environmental Protection Agency and increases in state landfill taxes would see tipping cost increases in the order of \$1 million per year by 2008 if current waste generation levels are not reduced.

Council's recovery rate of household waste has increased from 14 per cent to 28 per cent over the last three years. The EcoRecycle strategy is aiming to recover 45 per cent of household waste by July 2008 and 65 per cent by 2013.

To achieve these targets residents will need to play a role in preventing waste generation by reducing and reusing not just recycling.

As part of the implementation of the State's strategy, Council will also work closely with the South Eastern Regional Waste Management Group to develop alternative disposal technologies and implement best practice standards for the collection of kerbside waste.

Schools wise to waste

In Glen Eira, 11 schools have committed to the *Waste Wise Schools* program by introducing environmental sustainability to their curriculum.

The program, developed by EcoRecycle Victoria and supported by Glen Eira City Council through its Waste Wise Education Strategy, encourages schools to become more enviro-conscious.

Environmental initiatives at Glen Huntly and Coatesville Primary schools have been acknowledged. The two primary schools have received a *Becoming Waste Wise Schools* sign that was presented by Glen Eira Mayor Cr Dorothy Marwick.

Glen Huntly Primary nominates two waste wise monitors in each class who take on the role for the school year. The monitors are responsible for emptying paper recycling boxes into Council recycling wheelie bins and putting food scraps from in-class buckets onto worm farms. The school is also conscious of recycling bottles and cartons.

Coatesville Primary has allocated an area of the school for composting and growing vegetables, which are later sold to parents at after school markets. The school also recycles aluminium cans and organises rubbish-free lunch days.

Glen Huntly and Coatesville primary schools now have a year to work towards becoming fully accredited. The process involves meeting eight Statewide standards for excellence in reducing waste and litter.



Waste wise monitors James Gavnoudias and Alexandra Vassilopoulos from Glen Huntly Primary School are responsible for emptying food scrap buckets into one of two on-site worm farms. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.



Doing Business



Pedestrian refuge for Booran shoppers

New median stripes have been painted through shopping centre area of Booran Road in Caulfield as part of Council's road safety strategy to reduce pedestrian accidents.

The 1.4 metre wide diagonal markings, called a chevron median, provides a pedestrian refuge along Booran Road, between Beatty Crescent and Bundeera Road.

The \$4,000 median was fully funded by Council after investigations established the shopping centre did not meet VicRoads criteria for provision and funding of a formal pedestrian crossing.

Council's Director City Development Jeff Akehurst said concern had been raised in relation to the safety of pedestrians crossing Booran Road in the shopping centre area.

"While the area did not satisfy VicRoads funding for pedestrian operated signals or a zebra crossing with flashing lights, the chevron median will improve safety for people using the shopping centre area," he said.



A newly installed chevron median provides a safe place for pedestrians to stop as they cross busy Booran Road near the shopping centre precinct. Photo: Bernie Bickerton

"It also compliments the pedestrian warning signs that already existed on both approaches to the shopping centre.

"The installation of the new chevron median has not resulted in a loss of parking, nor does it interfere with access to the side streets."

Seminar delivers POW strategies

Business management guru Jeff McLean delivered an informative, entertaining and interactive speech at Council's recent *BusEd* seminar dinner.

Co-director of the Australian Consortium for Effective Organisations (ACEO) and Department of Management Senior Lecturer at Monash University, Jeff presented an evening about *Strategies for Developing Personal Organisational and World (POW) Success* to an audience of 120 business people.

During his presentation, Jeff highlighted the importance of the "four pillars" of POW success — effective people relationships, effective win-win relationships, knowledge management and effective learning and action.

Council's Manager Business Development Lynda Bredin said the *BusEd* program worked to the same philosophy of Jeff's POW notion that all relationships needed to be balanced and there must be a win-win for both parties.

"*BusEd* is about linking business and education for the mutual benefit of both parties so that all stakeholders gain a return," she said.

Council hosts three dinner seminars each year through its *BusEd* program. The seminars are a partnership program between Council and Monash University.

For further information contact Council on 9524 3333.

Goals for success

At the September Women's Business Network meeting guest speaker Andrea Johnston from BMK Partners will share her proven methodologies that have enabled many small to medium-sized businesses achieve goals and enhance their performance.

Operating as a business development consultant, Andrea works with small to medium sized businesses and individuals wanting to enhance their performance through strategic planning, training and development.

Andrea specialises in customer service, goal setting, planning and implementation with a focus on helping businesses unlock the potential of their staff.

The next Glen Eira Women's Business Network meeting will be held on Thursday 18 September from 7pm–9.30pm. The cost is \$10. Bookings are essential. Please call Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 by Monday 15 September to register.

Guide to local business

Copies of the *Glen Eira City Council Business Directory* are available for residents and businesses to collect from Council's Service Centre. The directory is produced by Council to promote local businesses and encourage business-to-business economic activity within Glen Eira.

The directory has information about the people, organisations and businesses that operate in Glen Eira, Council information and services relevant to the business community and contacts for local traders' associations.

Visit Council's Service Centre to pick up a Business Directory or call 9524 3333 to have a copy mailed out.

Students manage *BusEd* project



A group of Kilvington Girls' Grammar students attend Council each week to manage a Council *BusEd* project. Photo: Bernie Bickerton

A group of high achieving students from Kilvington Girls' Grammar are helping to shape the future of the Ormond Railway Station and North Road shopping centre in Ormond.

The Year 8–10 extension program students have joined a Council *BusEd* project to research and analyse community needs of these two busy areas.

The Kilvington students attend Council each week to work through issues with all stakeholders, including the Ormond Shopping Centre Association.

Council's Business Development Manager Lynda Bredin said the group had shown a mature, methodical and enthusiastic approach to managing the project.

"Working on this project has broadened the girls' knowledge of both working with a Council and the Glen Eira community," Ms Bredin said.

The scope of the project includes the completion of a needs analysis for the North Road shopping strip and Ormond railway station, research of solutions and strategies, and presentation of findings and recommendations to Council.

Ms Bredin said inclusion in the project had given the students an opportunity to develop their problem solving skills and apply them to real world issues.

"This is another great example of business and education working together for a rewarding experience to achieve positive outcomes," she said.

The Kilvington Girls' Grammar students may have an opportunity to be involved in implementing some of the recommended actions and strategies to improve both the North Road shopping centre and Ormond railway station.

LIBRARY News



Holiday Mania

Local kids have no reason to be bored during the coming school holidays, with a range of exciting events being held at Council's libraries.

Participant numbers are limited and early purchase of tickets is recommended for popular activities such as *Go Wild*. Tickets go on sale at all library branches on Tuesday 9 September.

Go Wild

Back by popular demand, *Go Wild* is an interactive show for children aged four and over that gives them an experience in smiling at a crocodile, cuddling a python and seeing a giant cockroach close-up.

Date: Monday 22 September

Time: 11am-12pm

Venue: Carnegie Library

Cost: \$4.40

Date: Monday 29 September

Time: 11am-12pm

Venue: Caulfield Library

Cost: \$4.40

Paper Art

Some of the crafty staff from boutique stationery store Starfish Lane will host a session in creating party invitations and other artworks for children aged five and over.

Date: Wednesday 24 September

Time: 11am-12.30pm

Venue: Caulfield Library

Cost: \$4.40

The Great Quiz Show

Children aged five and over can discover what it would be like to be a game show contestant at this event. Groups of children working as a team to earn points can try their luck with answering questions about sport, television shows, movies and the world.

Date: Thursday 25 September

Time: 11am-12.30pm

Venue: Elsternwick Library

Tickets \$4.40

Project Internet

Older children, aged 9-12 years, can join *Project Internet* — a specially developed class that teaches Internet skills for school projects and homework.

Date: Tuesday 30 September

Time: 2pm-3pm

Venue: Caulfield Library

Cost: \$16.50

Mary, Mary and the Canary

Mary, Mary and her friend the canary will lead the 4-8 year old participants of this event in singing and dancing to a host of original songs.

Date: Wednesday 1 October

Time: 11am-12pm

Venue: Bentleigh Library

Cost: \$4.40

Internet Classes

The following classes will be held in the computer training facility at Caulfield Library during September. Bookings can be made at any library.

Computer Basics

Computer Basics is the ideal class for the absolute beginner.

Date: Monday 8 September

Time: 2pm-4pm

Cost: \$44

Introduction to the Internet

Date: Thursday 18 September

Time: 2pm-3.30pm

Cost: \$33

Author, illustrator visits library

Children from two local schools were treated to a morning with talented children's author and illustrator Coral Tulloch who visited Council's Elsternwick Library as part of Children's Week celebrations.

Nearly 100 students from St Anthony's and Ormond primary schools sat enthralled at Coral's tales of Antarctica and eager to hear her tips on being an illustrator of stories.

Coral told the audience that illustrating and writing books was something you could do your whole life. The talented illustrator of more than 50 children's books gave tips and techniques for drawing with pencil and creating characters by sketching an illustration that had a connection to Antarctica with input provided by the audience.

"When you draw, use something you know and then add your imagination," she told the group.

The result was a character head on a multi-coloured penguin's body, which was a great way of introducing the group to her new book, *The Heart of the World, Antarctica*.

Coral spent five years researching, writing, producing the initial design and illustrating the book, which is a



(L-R) Grade 3 Ormond Primary students Phillip Gelberidis and Miffanwy Smith got rugged up in clothing taken to Antarctica by author Coral Tulloch. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

factual account of Antarctica.

On display at Coral's library presentation were clothes, maps, journals and photos from her Antarctica adventure. A handful of children were chosen from the audience to try on some of the garments Coral took to the world's most southern continent including a freezer suit, windproof jacket, balaclava and sheepskin-lined boots and gloves.



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

Finals fever for Wildcats

The Why? Stop Wildcats basketball team is aspiring to reach the finals in the Oakleigh Basketball Association competition after consistent playing throughout the season has made them almost unbeatable.

Council's Director Community Service Peter Jones said this year's results were a fantastic achievement for the team, which is co-ordinated by the Why? Stop Youth Information Centre.

"The Wildcats' good form has been a credit to the enthusiasm and commitment of the young people showing up each week," he said.

The Wildcats ended the 2002 season — the team's first year together — on the bottom of the league ladder with only two wins and a draw.



The Why? Stop Wildcats basketball team is flying high as the team soars towards a place in this season's finals series. Photo: Jim Hooper.

The first semi-final will be played on Monday 8 September at the Oakleigh Recreation Centre. The grand final showdown will be held on Monday 15 September.

The Wildcats play in the Oakleigh Basketball Association's D-grade competition every Monday night at the Oakleigh Recreation Centre. New players aged 14-19 can join the team next season and supporters are welcome.

For more information contact the Why? Stop Youth Information Centre on 9527 5389.

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. The club will celebrate its 30th birthday on Thursday 18 September. 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 17 September at 7.30pm. Guest speaker. Supper served. New members welcome. Contact: 9523 9669.

Southern Suburbs Orchid Society Inc. meets at N.G Wishart Senior Citizens Hall, corner Exley Drive and Nepean Highway, Moorabbin on the first Wednesday of each month (except January) at 8pm. Contact: 9570 1066.

Solace Association Vic Inc is a non-denominational self help support group for those who have lost their partners. Meetings are held weekly in various locations. For further details contact 9384 1722.

Club 66 holds old time, modern, new vogue dances with live band at Bentleigh Uniting Church Hall, 495 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.

The Elsternwick Club welcomes new lawn bowlers at the Elsternwick club, 19 Sandham Street, Elsternwick every Sunday from September at 11am. Casual clothing and flat shoes required. Contact: 9523 9221 or Max 9579 4558.

Ormond Community Church of Christ drop in centre provides an opportunity to meet new friends and enjoy fellowship, corner North Road and Arnott Street, Ormond on the second Thursday of each month. Next meeting Thursday 11 September. Bus driver urgently required. Cost: \$5. Contact: Jean 9569 4384, Joan 9578 1187.

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Activities for September

Enquiries and bookings
Margaret 9596 6124

Thursday 11 September

An opportunity to visit Garden World in Keysborough. We also visit the Moorabbin Factory Outlet Complex where you can save a lot of money. Bring your own lunch or buy it. Time 9.15am from 185 Poath Road, Hughesdale and 9.30am from 99 Grange Road, Glen Huntly. Cost: \$20

Thursday 25 September

Markets have a fascination of their own so today we visit Prahran Market, a great place to shop. Bring your own lunch, buy at the market or Chapel Street. Depart 9.15am from 185 Poath Road, Hughesdale and 9.30am from 99 Grange Road, Glen Huntly. Cost: \$5.

Brahma Kumaris Raja Yoga offers courses in meditation for beginners at 275 McKinnon Road, McKinnon on the first Tuesday of every month at 7.30pm. No charge, voluntary contributions are welcome. Bookings are essential. Contact: 9578 9955.

Events

Music Lovers Society will hold a classical recital at St Paul's Anglican Church, 530 Dandenong Road, Caulfield North on Sunday 14 September at 2pm. Visitors and new members welcome. Contact: 9822 7292 or 9571 0850.

Hughesdale Art Group will hold an oil painting demonstration on Wednesday 10 September featuring Joan Skudutis and a demonstration on printing by Richard Gao on Wednesday 24 September at the Hughesdale Community Centre, corner Poath and Kangaroo Roads, Hughesdale. Contact: 9885 6407.

The Lupus support group will hold a seminar as part of Lupus awareness month at the Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield on Friday 3 October at 12.45pm. Cost: \$10/\$5 donation. Bookings essential by Monday 29 September. Contact: 9509 2735.

Southern Suburbs Orchid Society Inc. will hold its annual spring show at N.G Wishart Senior Citizens Hall, corner Exley Drive and Nepean Highway, Moorabbin on Saturday 13 September and Sunday 14 September from 10am. Cost: \$2. Contact: 9570 1066.

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.

GLEN EIRA 2003 BUS TRIPS

Budget tours travelling with an accredited company.

We accept advance payment by Bankcard, Visa or Mastercard.

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 Muckleford 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.

Wednesday 19 November, 9am–4.30pm.

Cost: \$35 includes lunch

PHILLIP ISLAND

Morning drive to Tooradin (morning tea) and then on to San Remo for the pelican feeding which is always entertaining. Bar-b-que lunch today at 'the Woolshed', a farm property which is always an enjoyable experience. Afternoon touring of the island with a detour to Corinella on the way home.

Sunday 7 December

WESTERNPORT LUNCHEON CRUISE

Coach food and drinks are unlimited during cruise. Fully inclusive fare \$105 per person, \$50 deposit to confirm booking please. Bookings close 14 November and final payment is due on that day. A cancellation fee will apply after bookings close.

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 9720 5677.

Monday to Friday ONLY 9am–2pm

By mail: Glen Eira 2003, PO BOX 221, NUNAWADING 3131
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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 2003. Contact: Leanne 9555 5070.

Bentleigh Art Exhibition Committee will hold an art exhibition including handcrafts at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart College, 111 Jasper Road, Bentleigh from Friday 10 October to Sunday 12 October. Cost: \$4 Saturday and Sunday. Contact: 9563 9522.

The Anglican Church of St James the Great will hold a 'blessing of animals' at 435 Inkerman Street, St Kilda East on Sunday 5 October from 2pm to 4pm. Guest Speaker Dr Hugh Wirth, RSPCA. The event is free, donation to RSPCA appreciated. Contact: Lorraine 0412 722171 or 9527 8083.

Glen Eira Residents Association will hold its Annual General Meeting in the Foster Street Hall of St Johns Uniting Church, 567 Glen Huntly Road, Elsternwick on Thursday 9 October at 7.30pm. Excellent speaker, supper available. All welcome.

Community

B'nai B'rith House has large print diaries for people of the Jewish community at 99 Hotham Street, St Kilda East from Monday to Thursday from 10am to 4pm. Cost: \$18. Contact: 9527 8249.

U3A Glen Eira seeks voluntary tutors to teach painting and chess to retired senior citizens. Contact: 9572 0571 from Monday to Friday between 10am and 3pm.

Immunisation dates for September

Murrumbeena Baptist Church

44 Murrumbeena Road, Murrumbeena
Monday 8 September 10am–11am

Glen Eira Town Hall

(entry via Glen Eira Road)

Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield
Tuesday 9 September 9.30am–10.15am

Bentleigh–Bayside Community Health Service

Gardeners Road, Bentleigh East
Wednesday 17 September 6pm–7pm
Saturday 27 September 9.30am–10.30am

Glen Huntly Maternal and Child Health Centre

Corner Royal and Rosedale Avenues, Glen Huntly
Wednesday 24 September 9.30am–11am



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Recreation News

Drought puts summer sports *at risk*

Council may face substantial renovation costs to city sportsgrounds when Stage 2 water restrictions, which came into force on 1 August 2003, are lifted.

Under the new restrictions, only specified playing surfaces including turf wickets, tennis courts, croquet lawns, hockey grounds and golf and bowling greens can be watered.

Council began preparing for water restrictions three years ago by installing automated irrigation systems at many local sportsgrounds.

Since early this year, the condition of all sportsgrounds has been monitored closely by Council in anticipation of Stage 2 water restrictions being introduced.

Council's Manager Recreation Services Linda Smith said sports clubs using Glen Eira sportsgrounds had been very co-operative by reducing training sessions and changing venues if required.

"We expect to be able to get through what is left of the winter season without closing any grounds, but we have serious concerns about the summer season sports if the drought conditions continue and we do not get above average rainfall," she said.

Council is working with the summer sports associations regarding the potential impact of the Stage 2 restrictions and will continue to monitor playing surfaces on a weekly basis.

Stage 2 water restrictions has put playing football on local sportsgrounds at risk for brothers Nathan (left) and Charles Forrester from Caulfield. Photo: Bernie Bickerton



Local kids star in *World Cup*

Soccer stars Harry Kewell and Mark Viduka prepare to move over because a group of Glen Eira kids not only have the moves, they have already played in a World Cup Soccer tournament.



Playing for England in the World Cup soccer competition took a lot of concentration from Glen Eira Junior Soccer Club's Goalkick players.

Photo: Jim Hooper.

Glen Eira Junior Soccer Club's Goalkick players re-created Mackie Reserve in Bentleigh East to become four

world-renowned grounds — the MCG, English grounds Wembley Stadium and Old Trafford, and Italian stadium San Siro — for the final of their World Cup soccer competition.

The 72 players, aged 5–6 years, were divided into teams to represent soccer nations Australia, Italy, England, Nigeria, Brazil, Argentina, Scotland and Ireland.

Soccer was recently hailed as the most popular Australian team sport, ousting longstanding favourite cricket.

Association Secretary Mary Weerdenburg said Glen Eira Junior Soccer Club started just eight months ago and had already attracted almost 250 players.

"It is a very supportive club. The under 7 year olds have been helping the 5–6 year old Goalkick group develop their soccer skills.

At the presentation ceremony held after the event, Glen Eira Councillor Bob Bury handed-out certificates and encouragement awards to the participants.

Goalkick is a Victorian Soccer Federation initiative that provides children with the opportunity to develop skills and confidence through an organised soccer program.

Holiday program *a chance for a break*

Children and teenagers with a disability can take part in a September school holiday program that promises to be a fun-filled fortnight for participants and respite for their parents and carers.

The holiday program, co-ordinated through the Joint Council's Access for All Abilities *Enhancing Vacation Care* project, is a partnership arrangement between a group of Councils and mainstream vacation care providers.

People with a disability aged 5–18 years who live within the cities of Glen Eira, Bayside, Stonnington or Port Phillip are eligible to enrol.

Council's Recreation Services Manager Linda Smith said the program allowed young people with mild to moderate disabilities to join in vacation care activities.

"Vacation care providers operating within the Joint Council's Access for All Abilities' municipalities are given support through the councils to enhance their capacity to include children and teenagers with disabilities into their programs," she said.

The project receives funding from the Department of Human Services' GreatBreak Initiative.

For further information contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

Website *a useful tool*

The location and details of Glen Eira's parks, playgrounds and walking paths that are suitable for people with disabilities or impaired mobility can be found on Council's website.

Council's Manager Recreation Services Linda Smith said the site was also a good resource for carers.

"The site has valuable information about local recreation facilities for people with a disability and their carers looking for new outdoor-type activities," she said.

Information about local all-abilities facilities can be found by logging on to www.gleneira.vic.gov.au and looking on the Recreation Services' page under facilities and then access tours.

Venues for hire

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Rotundas set within Council parks provide a perfect setting for a family reunion, birthday party, wedding, conference, exhibition, anniversary or special event.

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Southern Light

— the art of Jan Murray from 1983–2003

The work of internationally celebrated artist Jan Murray has been selected for this year's Glen Eira City Council Gallery survey exhibition.

Council's annual survey is a retrospective exhibition of a mid-career Victorian artist who has made a national contribution to art and continues to influence up-and-coming artists.

Southern Light — the art of Jan Murray follows the development of the artist's ideas since her first exhibition was held in 1983. The exhibition will be opened by Glen Eira Mayor Cr Dorothy Marwick on Thursday 11 September and continues until Sunday 5 October.

"Putting on an exhibition of work I have done over 20 years is a little daunting," Jan said.

"I have some anxiety about whether my work is consistent enough, or too consistent. I think though that my work has definitely changed direction and is now more refined and more overtly conceptual in motivation compared to the expressive, large-scale pieces I started out painting."

Jan Murray has inspired two generations of artists through her teaching roles at the Victorian College of the Arts.

Her popularity was at its greatest height in the mid-1980s when she was one of a handful of Australian artists selected to participate in a group exhibition, *Australian Visions*, at the Solomon R Guggenheim Museum in New York.

Council's Arts Co-ordinator and exhibition curator David O'Halloran said by selecting to survey the work of this artist, the Council had acknowledged the national significance of Jan Murray's art.

"Over the last decade, Jan Murray's methodology has continued to evolve towards paintings of gilt frames and the world of an artist's studio," he said.

"Guests at Jan Murray's exhibition should allow time to absorb the artist's work."



Work spanning two decades from artist Jan Murray will be exhibited at Council's annual "survey" exhibition.
Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Entry to the exhibition is free and a fully-illustrated catalogue is available for purchase.

Concert series hits the right notes

This year's cabaret format for Council's annual *Winter Music Series* — that included a drinks bar and dance floor — was a hit with the concerts' audiences.

Council's Director Community Services Peter Jones said the community appreciated the *Winter Music Series*, which attracted about 250 people to each concert.

"The *Winter Music Series* concerts contribute to a real sense of community," Mr Jones said.

"Council aims to make the concerts accessible for the whole community by keeping the costs as low as possible. All the concerts are held right on the doorstep of residents in the town hall which is on the tram line and has ample parking — making the concerts easy for people to get to."

The *John Montsante's Café Society Orchestra* — a 20-piece Swing Band — kicked off the *Winter Music Series* in July. Other Sunday afternoon concerts included performances by popular Klezma band Klezmania, the Latin sounds of Kenny Lopez and Havana Connection and international cabaret group Combo Fiasco.

Next year, Council plans to expand the *Winter Music Series* to include special concerts for seniors and children.

All aboard to Morning Melodies

A morning train, stopped at Murrumbena railway station, waited as ramps were laid for residents of Council's aged care facilities to board the city-bound service.

About 12 residents from Spurway and Rosstown aged care facilities were escorted via public transport to the Victorian Arts Centre by staff and volunteers for the monthly *Morning Melodies* concert.

Council's Acting Manager Residential Services Anne Davey said volunteers were an important part of the facilities' recreation program.

"Elderly residents in wheelchairs need someone to accompany them which requires a team of volunteers to join the staff on activities held outside the facilities," Ms Davey said.

"The variety of activities that can be organised within Rosstown and Spurway's recreation programs are dependent on the availability of volunteers."

Ms Davey said recreation officers employed at Spurway and Rosstown incorporate activities into the program that are accessible and that link the residents to the community by maintaining and enhancing social skills.

"It is great to see residents interact with each other and being considerate of one another's needs," she said.

On regular train services, only two wheelchair passengers can board a train from the same station. Council successfully negotiated with the operator of the Pakenham train line, M>Train, to roster an extra staff member on days the residents would be travelling to the concert.

Other regular recreation activities at Rosstown and Spurway aged care facilities include coffee shop visits, monthly bus trips, quizzes, Friday happy hour with games, musicians' visits and Tai Chi.

For more information about Council's aged care facilities, or to inquire about becoming a volunteer, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.



At Murrumbena Railway Station, Council's Recreation Assistant Tricia Williams helps Rosstown resident Billie Herridge board a city-bound train to attend a Morning Melodies concert at the Victorian Arts Centre.

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