

Governor visits Glen Eira

The Governor of Victoria John Landy AC MBE paid his first official visit to Glen Eira last month.

During his day-long tour of the City he met with Council representatives and visited some of the City's leading businesses and community organisations.

The visit was part of the Governor's commitment when he took office in 2001, to visit as many Victorian municipalities as possible. His day in Glen Eira was visit number 66 out of 79 municipalities.

Before embarking on a tour of the City, the Governor met with Glen Eira Mayor Cr Dorothy Marwick, Council's Chief Executive Officer Andrew Newton and senior Council representatives, to get an overview of the City and discuss key issues.

The Mayor then led the Governor on a tour of the City, visiting the Jewish Holocaust Museum and Research Centre in Elsternwick, the Simulation and Skills Training Centre at the Monash Medical Centre in Bentleigh East, the art and design studio and treasury dealing room at Monash University in Caulfield East, and Bentleigh East manufacturing business Calex.

After sharing lunch with members of the Glen Eira-McKinnon Bowls Club at their clubrooms in Ormond, the Governor then met parents, staff and children at Council's maternal and child health centre and children's centre at Murrumbeena House in Murrumbeena.

He went to the Ormond Shopping Centre to meet with Kilvington Girls' Grammar students and Ormond Shopping Centre Association representatives to discuss a study the students are conducting to enhance the economic viability of the strip shopping



Victorian Governor John Landy and Glen Eira Mayor Cr Dorothy Marwick help Simulation and Skills Centre Manager Deborah Sage and Director Dr Brendan Flanagan operate on a mock patient at the Monash Medical Centre. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

centre. The project is part of Council's successful *BusEd* program

After the tour, the Governor attended a Civic Reception Council held in his honour at the Glen Eira Town Hall. The reception was attended by more than 170 people including the Mayor, Councillors, community volunteers, religious leaders and representatives from local community groups, sporting clubs, education bodies and traders' associations.

The Governor praised the local businesses and community organisations he had visited during the

day for their hard work, dedication and commitment to the community.

He said he was most impressed to learn about the diverse ethnic characteristics of Glen Eira.

"There are not many places in the world that could boast such a mix of nationalities co-existing harmoniously," he said.

"It's been a pleasure to see and learn about Glen Eira in all its different aspects."

Turn to pages 6-7 for an in-depth look at the Governor's day in Glen Eira.

New library soon to start

Council is in the final stages of consultation for the new Carnegie Library and Community Centre.

After a year of preparation and planning, some demolition work has begun and Council is now in the final phase of consulting with stakeholder groups.

The new library will replace the existing shop-front facility in Koornang Road. Community activities can also be transferred to the new building.

Council's Manager Corporate Assets Tim Frederico said Council has already committed more than \$1 million for the design and other preparatory works, including property acquisition.

"The Carnegie library is a major undertaking. When complete, it will be the largest community facility this Council has ever built," Mr Frederico said.

He said the library was shifted to its current location in Koornang Road 20 years ago to attract more visitors.

"At the time it was probably considered an optimal solution. A later however, revealed that the existing shop-front facility was too small and didn't meet the needs of today's users," he said.

"The things we look for in a modern library, have changed. Libraries now provide a range of services, including children's holiday programs and internet."

Mr Frederico said the new library would be four times the size of the existing shop-front library.

"It will be more than just a place where people can borrow books — there will be new meeting room facilities, study areas and more computers," he said.

The library and community centre will link with the Koornang Road shopping precinct via a landscaped mall, directly into the large entry and foyer area.

"Council has taken a holistic approach to the design of the new library. The design is based on a performance brief, which set clear parameters as to what we want the building to do," he said.

"As a result the design is both functional and flexible, so that it can change with the times."

Council has received \$500,000 from the State Government's *Living Libraries* program for the construction of the facility's library component.

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MAYOR'S column



At a recent function held by Council's three aged care facilities, Spurway, Rosstown and Warrawee, I spent time reminiscing with residents about the days of ballroom dancing and Hollywood glamour. It also started me thinking about the ways in which Glen Eira has changed over time — and how it

will change in the future.

As a Council, it is our job to serve and support our community and to react to, and provide for, the changing needs of residents and ratepayers.

Figures and demographics are excellent indicators for a community's fiscal and capital needs, but to truly plan for the future wellbeing of a community, Council must gather first-hand feedback from the City it represents.

The community plan is an excellent example of this process and how community input can influence Council's long-term goals for the City. Community forums, focus groups and extensive telephone surveys have been completed to gauge residents' opinions on a wide range of issues, which will be placed into a draft community plan for further comment.

Designs for the new Bentleigh streetscape are also out for consultation. This is a major step in the refurbishment and rejuvenation of our City's streetscapes and input from residents is very welcome.

It was community members voting with their feet and their voices that have brought about the revamping of our annual *Carols by Candlelight* celebrations. This year we will be holding two, shortened events at two separate parks in the City — bringing the celebrations closer to families and the community for which they are held.

Feedback shapes Council's decisions on so many fronts, and we're always looking for new ways to provide opportunities for residents and ratepayers to voice their opinion.

Council recently launched its new website which has a greater capacity to bring Council information directly to the public as it happens. The website contains a lot of new information about Council and the services it provides and can also take feedback online — an area which we shall be most interested to see utilised in the community.

I'm very proud of our great City, and it was with much pleasure that I recently guided the Governor of Victoria John Landy through some of our business, education and community facilities. The diversity of our population was not lost on the Governor, who was very impressed with the harmonious co-existence of such a mix of nationalities and with the groups' hard work, dedication and commitment to the community.

We're very impressed too, and hope that by working together we can all continue to have a harmonious and prosperous future.

— Cr Dorothy Marwick
Mayor

New format for *Carols by Candlelight*

Council's popular *Carols by Candlelight* concert is being revamped this year to make the celebrations more accessible to Glen Eira residents.

This year two separate *Carols by Candlelight* events will be held in two of Glen Eira's most popular parks and will feature performances by local community groups.

These will replace the single concert Council has staged at Caulfield Racecourse for the past six years.

This year residents can choose to attend *Carols by Candlelight* celebrations in Caulfield Park, Caulfield, on Sunday 7 December or Packer Park, Carnegie, on Sunday 14 December.

The 2003 celebrations will also be shorter and more family-friendly, with ceremonies starting at 7pm and finishing at 9.30pm.

Council's Director Community Services Peter Jones said the drop in attendance at Caulfield Racecourse over the last two years had prompted Council to re-think the format and location of the *Carols by Candlelight* celebrations.

"Council decided that having two events at two different locations in Glen Eira makes *Carols by Candlelight* celebrations more accessible to residents," Mr Jones said.

"The festive season is a wonderful time to celebrate family and community and Council would like to make it easier for residents to attend these special events in Glen Eira."

Mr Jones said the concerts would still feature some headline acts, but there would be more emphasis on community performances and involvement.

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Council will stage two *Carols by Candlelight* concerts this year so that more residents can get into the festive spirit.

Remembrance Day service



Council invites residents to attend a Remembrance Day memorial service at the Cenotaph in Caulfield Park, near the corner of Hawthorn and Balaclava Roads, Caulfield on Monday 11 November at 10.58am. The service will proceed in the park regardless of the weather. Light refreshments will be served after the service.

Deadlines for Glen Eira News

The deadline for the next issue of the *Glen Eira News* is **Wednesday 12 November** for delivery 5–7 December.

Coming deadlines:

There will be no issue in January.

Wednesday 14 January for delivery 6–8 February.

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Record survey for community plan

Council has undertaken its biggest ever survey of residents to help develop its new five-year community plan.

More than 600 residents of all ages and backgrounds took part in the independently-conducted telephone survey, representing the largest cross-section of residents ever surveyed by Council.

Council's Chief Executive Officer Andrew Newton said the survey one of the most ambitious research projects ever done within such a small population.

"More residents were surveyed in Glen Eira per head of population, than the nationwide opinion poll survey of 2,000 Australians used to predict the outcome of Federal elections," Mr Newton said.

"The survey will therefore give an even more detailed picture of what Council needs to focus on in our future planning."

The telephone survey is the third stage of Council's consultation process for the community plan. It began with four community forums held in August and September and was followed by focus groups.

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.

"Community consultation is a vital part of identifying Glen Eira's issues, needs and expectations," Mr Newton said.

Mr Newton said during the survey residents were asked about the aspects of Glen Eira that suited their current lifestyle and which areas they wanted Council to enhance or protect.

"The survey has helped to specifically identify which services and facilities are valued and the social and lifestyle priorities of the population within Glen Eira," he said.

"What may not be immediately obvious is the behind-the-scenes maintenance and redevelopment work Council does to ensure Glen Eira's ageing facilities, such as sports pavilions, recreation facilities, toilets and roads, meet the needs of today's population."

Mr Newton said statistics compiled during the survey would help to give Council an overview of the people who live and work in the area.

"Glen Eira has the second oldest age demographics in



Chief Executive Officer Andrew Newton says community consultation is a vital part of developing Council's new community plan. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Melbourne, so it is important for Council to find out whether we need to give more consideration to providing services for older people or providing them in different ways," he said.

"Council also provides services for families, including maternal health, youth information, and sporting facilities which are increasingly being used by junior sporting clubs."

Mr Newton said feedback from the survey, forums and focus groups would be used help develop the community plan. A draft will then be made available to Glen Eira residents for comment.

Council prosecutes dog attacks

Two Glen Eira dog owners were fined in Melbourne Magistrates' Court recently over two separate dog attacks.

A Caulfield dog owner was fined \$500 with conviction and ordered to pay \$177 in costs after his female heeler cross dog attacked a pregnant woman at a local shopping centre in Caulfield South.

The woman was bitten on the upper left thigh as she walked past the unattended dog, which was tied to a bicycle stand. As a result of the attack, she received a laceration and severe bruising which required medical attention.

The owner was found guilty of owning a dog that attacked and bit a person, not having his dog under effective control and failing to register his dog.

In a separate incident, a Carnegie dog owner was fined \$1,200 and ordered to pay \$142 compensation and costs after his three heeler dogs attacked a woman walking past his Carnegie business. The woman was bitten on her left shin by one of the dogs and required medical attention.

The dogs were left unattended and escaped the property through an open roller door. They had previously been declared dangerous as they were guarding non-residential property.

The owner pleaded guilty to charges including owning dangerous dogs that attacked a person, having dogs at large, failing to register a dog and having non-compliant fencing.

Council's Manager Civic Amenity Carl Russo said dog owners must ensure they kept their dogs properly restrained when in public or adequately confined to their property when at home, to protect passers by and other animals.

"Council recognises the pleasure and enjoyment pet ownership can give but the reality is pet owners need to be responsible in the care and management of their pets and ensure their pets are not causing concern or harm to the wider community," Mr Russo said.

"Our animal management officers regularly patrol the City to ensure that pet owners understand their rights and responsibilities in training, caring for and restraining their dogs to ensure dog attacks are avoided.

"Council sees dog attacks as a serious issue and will prosecute any dog owners who fail in their responsibilities in this regard."

Birdie Cage wins risk award

Council has won the Civic Mutual Plus Award for Excellence in risk management for its *Birdie Cage* public golf practice facility located in Packer Park, Carnegie.

Council's Chief Executive Officer Andrew Newton accepted the award on Council's behalf at the Municipal Association of Victoria Annual Conference last month.

The award recognised Council's risk management practices and innovative response to managing the high risk factors associated with golfers illegally practising their golf swing in public open spaces.

It is not the first award the facility has won. It was also a finalist in the safety initiative category in the 2002 Sport and Recreation Industry Awards.

Mr Newton said the *Birdie Cage* project aimed to reduce the incidence of residents practising golf in Glen Eira's parks and to provide a safe alternative for golf enthusiasts.

"Golf is becoming an increasingly popular sport in Glen Eira, however it is not allowed in any of the City's public parks and there is a lack of public golf practice facilities close by," Mr Newton said.

"This prompted Council to find an alternative for golf enthusiasts which reduced the risk of injury to park users and cut damage to the park, while allowing golfers to practise in a local public area.

"The *Birdie Cage* has proven to fulfil all of these requirements. Council is delighted to receive this

award and is pleased the facility has been recognised."

Council's *Birdie Cage* facility is believed to be the first of its kind in Australia. Its construction is a combination of the design for cricket nets and golf practice facilities used in private golf clubs. The facility is totally enclosed with a pad to hit off from and a net to hit in to. The innovative design allows golfers of all ages and levels to safely practise without endangering others.

Council is planning to construct another four *Birdie Cage* public golf practice facilities in local Council parks around the city. For a full report, see *Recreation News* on page 16.



Council's award winning Birdie Cage golf practice facility at Packer Park in Carnegie. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.



Language Line



Αλλαγές στις εκδηλώσεις για τα Χριστουγεννιάτικα Κάλαντα

Εφέτος θα ανακαινιστεί η δημοφιλής συναυλία της Δημαρχίας για τα Χριστουγεννιάτικα Κάλαντα ώστε να γίνει ο εορτασμός πιο προσίπος στους κατοίκους του Glen Eira.

Εφέτος θα γίνουν δύο ξεχωριστές εκδηλώσεις για τα Χριστουγεννιάτικα Κάλαντα στα δύο δημοφιλέστερα πάρκα του Glen Eira και θα παρουσιαστούν από τοπικές κοινοτικές ομάδες.

Αυτές οι εκδηλώσεις θα αντικαταστήσουν την μοναδική συναυλία που γινόταν στον Ιππόδρομο Caulfield στα τελευταία έξι χρόνια.

Εφέτος οι κάτοικοι μπορούν να διαλέξουν να πάνε στον εορτασμό για τα Χριστουγεννιάτικα Κάλαντα στο Caulfield Park, Caulfield, την Κυριακή 7 Δεκεμβρίου ή στο Packer Park, Carnegie, την Κυριακή 14 Δεκεμβρίου.

Οι εκδηλώσεις του 2003 θα είναι επίσης συντομότερες και πιο φιλικές προς την οικογένεια. Οι εκδηλώσεις θα αρχίσουν στις 7 μμ και θα τελειώσουν στις 9.30μμ.

Ο Διευθυντής των Κοινοτικών Υπηρεσιών της Δημαρχίας κ. Peter Jones είπε ότι η μείωση του αριθμού των παρευρισκομένων στον Ιππόδρομο Caulfield στα τελευταία δύο χρόνια παρακίνησε την Δημαρχία να επανεξετάσει το σχήμα και τον τόπο της εκδήλωσης για τα Χριστουγεννιάτικα Κάλαντα.

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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.

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Изменения в программе проведения «Рождественских песнопений при свечах»

Популярный концерт «Рождественские песнопения при свечах», организуемый Муниципальным Советом, в этом году будет проводиться по-другому. Изменения потребовались для того, чтобы сделать это праздничное мероприятие более доступным для жителей района Glen Eira.

В этом году два самостоятельных концерта «Рождественские песнопения при свечах» будут проводиться в двух самых популярных парках района Glen Eira. В них выступят местные творческие коллективы.

Эти концерты заменят собой один концерт, который проводился Муниципальным Советом на Ипподроме района Caulfield в течение последних шести лет.

В этом году жители района смогут прийти на «Рождественские песнопения при свечах» в Caulfield Park в районе Caulfield в воскресенье 7 декабря или в Packer Park в районе Carnegie в воскресенье 14 декабря.

Праздничные мероприятия 2003 года будут короче по времени и больше ориентированы на семейную аудиторию. Церемонии начнутся в 19.00 и закончатся в 21.30.

Директор Службы общественных услуг Муниципального Совета Peter Jones сказал, что в последние два года количество зрителей на Ипподроме района Caulfield уменьшилось, и поэтому Муниципальному Совету пришлось заново продумать вопрос о форме и месте проведения «Рождественских песнопений при свечах».

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Cambiamenti alle Celebrazioni dei Canti di Natale al lume di candela (Carols by Candlelight)

Il Comune ha introdotto alcuni cambiamenti al popolare concerto dei Canti di Natale al lume di candela, per rendere le celebrazioni più accessibili ai residenti di Glen Eira.

Quest'anno si avranno due eventi separati che avranno luogo nei due parchi più popolari di Glen Eira ed ai quali parteciperanno vari gruppi locali comunitari.

I due eventi sostituiranno il Concerto che negli ultimi sei anni aveva avuto luogo al Caulfield Racecourse.

Quest'anno i residenti avranno la scelta di poter partecipare a due concerti che avranno luogo al Caulfield Park, Caulfield e al Packer Park, Carnegie, rispettivamente domenica 7 dicembre e domenica 14 dicembre.

Quest'anno le celebrazioni saranno più brevi e più adatte alla famiglie con bambini piccoli, in quanto le cerimonie iniziano alle 7.00pm e finiscono alle 9.30pm.

Il Direttore dei Servizi Comunitari del Comune di Glen Eira, Peter Jones ha detto che i cambiamenti sono stati introdotti perchè negli ultimi due anni si è registrato un notevole calo nel numero dei partecipanti alle celebrazioni del Caulfield Racecourse.

燭光聖誕頌歌音樂會的變動

市政府舉辦的廣受歡迎的燭光聖誕頌歌音樂會今年將有重大變動，以更加方便Glen Eira居民參加這一慶祝活動。

今年將分別在Glen Eira最受歡迎的兩個公園中舉辦兩場燭光聖誕頌歌音樂會，由本地社區團體參加演出。

這將取代過去六年市政府在Caulfield跑馬場舉辦的單場音樂會。

今年，居民們可以選擇參加12月7日星期天在Caulfield區Caulfield公園或12月14日星期天在Carnegie區Packer公園舉行的燭光聖誕頌歌音樂會。

2003年的慶祝活動還將縮短時間並更適於家庭，燭光音樂會將於晚上7點開始，並在9點半結束。

市政府社區服務部主任Peter Jones說，過去兩年中臨時前來參加Caulfield跑馬場聖誕頌歌音樂會的人數眾多，這促使我們重新考慮燭光聖誕頌歌音樂會的形式和地點。

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Sunday 25 January Departs 8am Returns 5.30pm. Cost: \$35

PHILLIP ISLAND — Prompt departure direct to Cowes in time for morning cruise to Seal Rocks (optional extra cost per person), morning tea on board and excellent sightseeing. Coach visits the Nobbies with time to enjoy the Boardwalk. Bring or buy your own lunch in Cowes. Afternoon free time to swim or just enjoy the holiday atmosphere. Travel in air conditioned comfort, with no worries about speed cameras and the freedom to enjoy a drink at lunchtime without a breathalyser on the way home. Friendly groups - great company.

See December issue for New Year dates.

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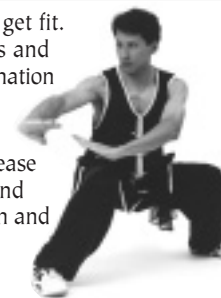
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Litter goes under the microscope

By Sophie Aristodemou

Council will co-ordinate a one-month study with students from Swinburne University to determine the efficiency and compare the designs of its two litter traps in Bentleigh.

The study aims to compare a newly installed gross pollutant trap (GPT) in Mitchell Street against an older structure in Bendigo Avenue.

The final-year Civil Engineering students will deposit marked litter, for identification, into the stormwater system and follow the litter's progress until it reaches either of the two traps. This exercise will allow the students to identify the ability of the



Some of the marked litter being used in the study.

traps to capture varying types and sizes of litter in an actual real-life setting.

Council's Acting Director Infrastructure Kerry Martin said the aim of the traps was to capture and remove pollutants from the stormwater system before they entered local waterways.

"Both the Mitchell Street and Bendigo Avenue GPTs service the Bentleigh Shopping Centre and capture most litter that is washed into stormwater drains," Mr Martin said.

"Shopping centres are high litter generation areas generally because of the number of people and the variety of businesses. Significant litter contributors are food outlets and ATMs.

"The students will be dropping different types of litter such as paper, polystyrene cups, cigarette butts and drink bottles in the stormwater drains. The GPT will not trap all rubbish but it will trap most of it."

Mr Martin said the best way to ensure that litter does not reach local waterways is for the community not to litter.

The study will be supervised by the trap's inventor Dr Don Phillips and its effectiveness will depend on rainfall and the weather.

This project is one of the many strategies Council



(From left) Council's Infrastructure Project Officer Peeter Kallista, gross pollutant trap inventor Dr Don Phillips and Swinburne University students Elvon Man and Titus Yuen deposit marked litter into the Bentleigh Shopping Centre stormwater system. Photos: Bernie Bickerton.

is implementing to improve Glen Eira's environment and the health of local waterways. The GPTs are part of Council's *Stormwater Management Plan* which aims to ensure that stormwater quality is protected.

Stray cats boom in spring

Council is urging residents to help reduce Glen Eira's stray cat population.

Council's Manager Civic Amenity Carl Russo said spring time often saw an increase in the City's stray cat problem, with Council's animal management officers picking up 18 stray cats in September alone.

"When you consider that each stray cat has the potential to kill at least 64 small mammals, reptiles or birds each year, each cat roaming loose and hunting for food poses an environmental problem," Mr Russo said.

Mr Russo said residents could help to keep stray cat numbers down, by not feeding strays and notifying Council if they encounter any in their local area.

"Feeding stray cats in Glen Eira is not only illegal, but contributes to the population increase," Mr Russo said. "Residents shouldn't feed cats which are not wearing a collar or registration tag. If they're strays, then feeding them only exacerbates the problem.

"Residents are also required by law to notify Council about strays, so that animal management officers can safely trap the cat. If the cat has lost its registration tag, but is registered or microchipped, then we are able to return it to its rightful owner."

Mr Russo said desexing cats could also help control the stray cat population. Cats can have up to three litters a year and, as a result, stray cat numbers can grow at a rate faster than the population can be contained.



Signs switched for safety

Council will change the traffic conditions at a busy Bentleigh East intersection this month to improve motorists' safety.

Traffic signs at the Marlborough Street-Stockdale Avenue intersection will be changed to improve traffic flow along Marlborough Street. The give way signs which currently face traffic travelling along Marlborough Street will be removed and stop signs installed in Stockdale Street.

Council's Group Manager Statutory Services Duncan Turner said Stockdale Street was the only intersection along Marlborough Street where motorists confronted a give way sign.

"Council received a concern from a local resident about this intersection and, following investigation, concluded there could be safety benefits in giving traffic in Marlborough Street priority over traffic in Stockdale Avenue," Mr Turner said.

Mr Turner said Council had consulted with nearby residents about the proposal and would install *changed traffic conditions ahead* signs on every approach to the intersection to alert motorists to the change.

The changes are expected to take place in early November.

Give way signs in Marlborough Street Bentleigh East will be removed and replaced with stop signs in Stockdale Avenue to improve traffic flow. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.



Parking changes

Motorists who park in Horne and Rusden Streets, Elsternwick may be noticing some changes to parking arrangements.

Bus zones which Council had temporarily relocated to Rusden Street are returning to their original location in Horne Street.

During construction of *The Hub* retail development, the bus zones on the east side of Horne Street at Elsternwick Railway Station were temporarily relocated to Rusden Street for safety reasons and to enable construction of the adjacent buildings.

Now that the development has been completed, Council is progressively reinstating the bus zones to their original Horne Street location. The temporary bus zones on the north side of Rusden Street are expected to be removed by the end of November.

Council's Group Manager Statutory Services Duncan Turner said Council appreciated the co-operation and patience shown by neighbouring residents and businesses during this period.

Council has also reduced the weekday parking limit in Rusden Street from three hours to two hours to improve parking turnover in the area. Council is also planning to modify the loading zones in Horne Street so they revert to unrestricted parking outside business hours.

Waste event *first* in Glen Eira



Council will help Coatesville Primary School in Bentleigh East stage the City's first *Wastewatch* event as part of the school's 50th anniversary celebrations in November.

A *Wastewatch* event involves organisations implementing strategies to avoid waste creation during festivals, carnivals, fetes and other public events.

Council's Waste Management Engineer Doug Griffiths said the aim of the school's *Wastewatch* event was to implement simple and cost-effective waste, recycling and litter management systems as part of its 50th anniversary celebrations.

"It will help Coatesville Primary School to both reduce waste and save on disposal costs," Mr Griffiths said.

"Normally such a large event would generate a mountain of unwanted rubbish, but this way the school not only reduces the amount of waste generated but can also recycle used beverage containers to raise money as part of its fundraising activities."

Council's *Waste Minimisation Education Strategy* helps community groups and schools to stage *Wastewatch* events and other *Waste Wise* programs.

"Coatesville Primary School will receive assistance from Council and the South Eastern Regional Waste Management Group to help plan and organise waste minimisation activities and resource recovery," Mr Griffiths said.

"Council expects the celebrations to be a huge success for the school, both in terms of resource recovery and the avoided volume of waste."

Wastewatch events are an initiative of EcoRecycle Victoria and are supported by Glen Eira City Council and the South Eastern Waste Management Group.



Coatesville Primary School students (from left) Nicholas Oaten aged 7, Lucy Jukes aged 8 and Dylan Ingham aged 8 get ready for their school's *Wastewatch* event being held with Council's assistance. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

New-look website

Residents logging onto Council's website at www.gleneira.vic.gov.au may have noticed some big changes lately.

In launching the new-look website late last month, Council's Chief Executive Officer Andrew Newton said Internet users would be able to find information about Council and Glen Eira much more easily.

"With almost 50 per cent of people in Glen Eira using the Internet, there is an increasing demand for Council information to be available online," Mr Newton said. "It's a key way for Council to communicate with the community."

Mr Newton said Council's new website was more interactive, easier to use and navigate and contained a much wider range of information about Council and its services, activities and functions. The site features an improved layout and design and more than 400 pages of information.

"I encourage all residents who have access to the Internet to check out the new site," he said. "Those who do not have Internet access at home can visit one of Council's libraries at Caulfield, Bentleigh, Elsternwick and Carnegie and access the website free of charge."



Bentleigh Traders Association

Yellow Spot Sale and Annual Family Festival

Supported by the Rotary Club of Bentleigh-Moorabbin Central.



Location: Shopping strip at Centre Road, Bentleigh

Date: Saturday 15 November and Sunday 16 November

Sale on both Saturday and Sunday with genuine discounts available. The Family Festival will be held on Sunday only and includes rides, games, entertainment and fun for all.

Contact Richard Atkinson on 0418 175 736 for more information.

Get into the guide

Council has begun production of its 2004 *Council and Community Resource Guide*.

Over the next week, clubs and community organisations which appeared in last year's guide should receive a registration form for inclusion in the 2004 edition.

Clubs and organisations should complete the form and return it no later than Friday 21 November, to ensure their details are included. Forms need to be returned even if details remain unchanged.

Post the form to:
**Community resource guide registration
Glen Eira City Council
PO Box 42
Caulfield South 3162**

All not-for-profit community based organisations, groups and clubs based in Glen Eira are eligible for a free listing in the guide.

Groups which have not received a registration form by Friday 7 November or those which were not in last year's guide and would like to be included should contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 for a registration form.

The guide will be published in early 2004 and distributed to all households and businesses in Glen Eira.

Pavilion gets a lift

Council will install a lift and wheelchair access in the 70-year old sporting pavilion at EE Gunn Reserve in Ormond.

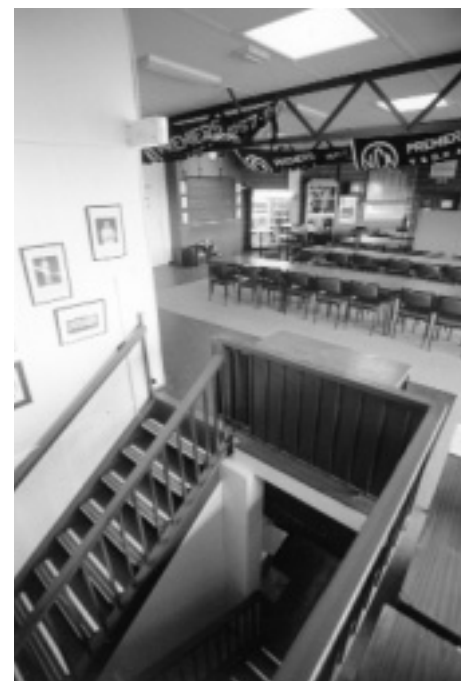
Home of the Ormond football and cricket clubs, the sporting pavilion is being upgraded as part of Council's disabled access remediation program, which aims to provide Glen Eira residents with equal access to all facilities.

Building works will include the construction of a lift to the first-floor social rooms and alterations to the existing toilet facilities to allow wheelchair access.

Council's Manger Corporate Assets Tim Frederico said the refurbishment would ensure that facilities could be used well into the future.

"These building works will make the pavilion much more functional and are an example of Council's commitment to providing facilities for all members of our community," he said.

Building works will start in November and are expected to be completed by January.



Stairs currently provide the only access to the first floor social rooms at the EE Gunn Reserve pavilion. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Oh golly! What an exhibition

Residents at Council's Warrawee aged care facility in Bentleigh East held their first ever *Doll, Teddy Bear and Golliwog Exhibition* in October.

The display, which was organised as part of Warrawee's recreation program, included — among other treasures — a teddy bear made from an old fur coat and a 200-year-old doll.

Council's Manager Aged Residential Services Penni Michael said that as well as engaging with Warrawee's 90 residents, the event drew in visitors from Council's Spurway and Rosstown aged care facilities.

"The display started small and wasn't very widely promoted, but as word of mouth spread, both residents and staff chipped in and as a result the display ended up looking like a small doll fair."

More than 180 golliwogs of all shapes and sizes, from the 1920s onwards, filled one room.



A selection of dolls on display as part of the exhibition.

There was a wide array of porcelain and rag dolls, including a precursor to the cabbage patch kid — a doll named *Cambell Kid*. Made in Melbourne in 1910 by Hosman, *Cambell Kid* is uncomfortably stuffed with crushed cork.

Resident Jill Ross said the 200-year-old doll on display belonged to her great aunt. The tiny doll is porcelain, with an exquisitely painted face, well-rounded legs and painted black pointy boots underneath the skirt.

"I remember seeing the doll when I was twelve years old. It was originally designed to be a hat pin, I think. It used to nestle in the folds of a lemon and navy polka dot stole my great aunty had draped over a mirror," Mrs Ross said.

"For many years after my great aunt died, I'd thought we'd lost the doll. Then, one day I was sifting through a box of old Christmas decorations, and there it was."

Mrs Ross said she had to make new clothes for the doll, as the material from the original dress was so old it disintegrated.

Another resident Margaret Biffin, had on display a rag doll brought back from France and exotic puppets from Bangkok and Singapore.

Mrs Biffin said that she once looked after a deaf child who refused to speak. She brought her an American Indian doll named *Pocahontas*, which the child so loved that she learnt how to say this difficult word.

"Now she speaks beautifully, whether it was the doll I'm not sure, but it certainly helped," Mrs Biffin said.

Ms Michael said the display gave residents an opportunity to reminisce and sparked topics of interest.



Warrawee resident Margaret Biffin displayed her unique French rag doll at Council's recent Doll, Teddy Bear and Golliwog Exhibition. Photos: Bernie Bickerton.

"Staff and residents were able to share their memories about their own or their children and grandchildren's dolls. Dolls and teddy bears have been such an integral part of growing up in our society that many of us have at least some association with them," Ms Michael said.

"The event has achieved everything we'd hoped for, and more. Next year it's possible the *Doll, Teddy Bear and Golliwog Exhibition* might even be open to the public."

A return to Hollywood glamour

Residents of Council's three aged care facilities danced the afternoon away in at a *Hollywood Gala Ball* in Murrumbidgee recently.

More than 140 participants, including Glen Eira Mayor Cr Dorothy Marwick, residents of Council's Spurway, Rosstown and Warrawee aged care facilities and their family and friends, attended the event at St Giles Church hall.

Many residents enjoyed being able to reminisce about the days when ballroom dancing was all the rage.

The ball featured a parade of Hollywood-style clothes and accessories, which were gathered from second hand clothing shops in Glen Eira. There was also a demonstration of stylish footwork from Caulfield's Over 50s dance troupe.

The *Hollywood Gala Ball* follows the successful *Wedding Gala* held in June, which featured more than 50 wedding and bridesmaid dresses dating back as far as the 1800s.

The facilities' next event will be a Highland gathering on Wednesday 26 November at St Giles Church hall in Murrumbidgee and will include performances of Scottish dancing and bagpipes.

Council's Manager Residential Services Penni Michael said the Highland gathering would be open to all the community and was a way for local residents to engage with and support Glen Eira's aged care residents.

Golliwog trip down memory lane

Warrawee Unit Manager Mary-Jo Prince's collection of golliwogs was an instant hit at Council's recent *Doll, Teddy Bear and Golliwog Exhibition*.

Ms Prince said the golliwogs brought back fond memories for aged care residents who had grown up with them in the 1920s and 1940s.

She said the golliwogs had gone out of fashion in recent times, despite their popularity in the first half of last century.

"During wartime, when all resources were turned to supporting the war effort and people couldn't afford to buy toys, golliwogs were a godsend. Parents could make them cheaply out of whatever resources they had handy at home," Ms Prince said.

"Many golliwogs were hand-knitted and people used things like buttons for eyes."

The story of the golliwog started in 1889, when 16-year-old Florence Upton returned to England following the death of her father in Africa. With her, she took a strange black doll that she named *Golliwog*.



Council's Warrawee Unit Manager Mary Jo Prince surrounded by her collection of 180 golliwogs. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Florence went on to publish 13 books about the golliwog and his adventures. Her mother wrote the verse and she did the illustrations.

"The golliwog has made a comeback in recent years and sparked an interest in collecting gollys, particularly the felt home-made golliwogs made in the 1920s and 1940s," she said.

"My own golliwog collection started 22 years ago with a golly I purchased for \$1 at a country clearing sale. Soon after this, I was given a bread dough golly decoration and a golly keyring. Since I had three golly items, it was the beginning of a collection."

Ms Prince said most of her golliwogs had been found in opportunity shops, markets, gift shops, fetes and craft shops, as well as being gifts from friends.

"Golliwogs have been a part of the childhood of many people and bring back memories of toys and storybooks which were loved and enjoyed," she said.

Diversity, community, prosperity

Governor welcomed to Glen Eira

Glen Eira has played host to many important figures, but the recent visit by the Governor of Victoria John Landy AC MBE was a significant day — giving community, Council, business and education leaders a chance to showcase the City's diversity and vitality.

Welcomed to the City by Glen Eira Mayor Cr Dorothy Marwick, the Governor was treated to a tour of the municipality followed by a civic reception held in his honour.

The first port of call was the Council offices in Caulfield where Council's Chief Executive Officer Andrew Newton gave an overview of the unique characteristics of the City. The Governor heard details about Glen Eira's heritage and population, and talked with Council directors about current Council programs and services and future plans and strategies for Glen Eira.

Cr Marwick, acting as Governor Landy's guide for the day, said it was the first time a Governor had visited the City of Glen Eira.

"We're delighted that the Governor could visit our City and that, as a community, we have the opportunity to show first-hand how Council, businesses and community groups strive to achieve the best outcomes — which, directly or indirectly, has benefits for all Victorians," she said.



Starting the day by discussing long-term goals for the City with senior Council representatives.

Holocaust Museum

The Jewish Holocaust Museum and Research Centre in Elsternwick is one of the only memorials in the world specifically dedicated to commemorating and educating visitors about the horrors of the Jewish Holocaust.

Accompanied by Centre president Mr Shmuel Rosenkranz, Governor Landy was told how the museum is supported by the Centre's extensive research and education endeavours.

The Governor talked to museum guides, many of who are Holocaust survivors, and said he couldn't remember a time when he'd been so moved. Museum guides give a first-hand account of their experiences, providing a direct living link with the history on display.

"I spoke to some of the volunteer guides and discovered that, despite being survivors of the terrible crimes perpetrated during Holocaust, they were prepared to forgive and to hope that this would never happen again," Governor Landy said.



Reflecting upon those who perished in the Holocaust while reading tributes in the Jewish Holocaust Museum Memorial Room.



Monash Medical Centre

Advancement in medical training was the subject of the Governor's visit to the Monash Medical Centre's Simulation and Skills Training Centre in Bentleigh East.

The first of its kind to be built in Victoria, the Centre uses a computerised mannequin that breathes, talks and reacts to a variety of stimuli to provide realistic hands-on simulation for a wide range of clinical areas.

A chance to participate in a mock operation on the mannequin appealed to the Governor's scientific background, ably assisted by Simulation Centre Director Brendan Flanagan and Cr Marwick. The mannequin chatted with his "surgeons" before being anaesthetised by the Governor and Mayor.

Simulation Centre Director Dr Brendan Flanagan (left) the Governor and the Mayor attend to their patient — a highly responsive computerised mannequin.

Monash University

Arriving at Monash University in Caulfield, Governor Landy could be forgiven for thinking he'd walked straight into the stock exchange.

Students were taking part in an interactive stimulated foreign exchange trading game — trading currencies and interest rates in the computerised environment.

"Walking into the room I may just as well have arrived into the middle of a stock market," Governor Landy said.

"The students were on the phone talking quickly, issuing directions to buy or sell shares, based on what was happening on their computer screen."

The innovative computer-based laboratory teaches students to manage risk and maintain an effective bank balance sheet in preparation for real-life financial trading.



Speaking with banking and finance students in Monash computerised stock market.

— the Governor's Glen Eira tour

Ormond Shopping Centre



Students walked and talked the Governor through their plans for the Ormond strip shopping centre.

Students from Kilvington Girls' Grammar School took the Governor on a walking tour of Ormond strip shopping centre as they discussed some of their strategies for enhancing the centre's economic viability.

"The things you do at this age can have a profound effect and influence, even if you don't end up in business," Governor Landy said.

The students have been preparing a report and plans for potential improvements to the centre in North Road, Ormond, after consulting with residents, shoppers and traders as part of Council's *BusEd* initiative which links business and education through joint projects. In this case, students used developing project management and consulting skills to provide Ormond traders with a swathe of well-researched strategies for improving the centre.



Cablex

A high-speed tour of multi-million dollar manufacturing business Cablex, introduced the Governor to the inner workings of a local business operating on a global scale.

Governor Landy said the company's approach to meeting client needs was refreshing and that it was one of the most impressive local operations he'd seen.

The Bentleigh East company started out as a business on-the-side and is now a sustainable business with long-term mass transport, aerospace and defence market projects, employing more than 170 staff.

Cablex General Manager Fred Slavin shows samples of the cabling which have made the Glen Eira company a worldwide success.



Murrumbeena House

Narrowly escaping becoming a work of art himself, Governor Landy sidestepped the paintwork of an enthusiastic young artist at Murrumbeena House on his tour of the Council-operated child care facility and maternal and child health centre.

Speaking with parents and children at the centre was the last stop on the Governor's tour, and his eyes lit up at the prospect of meeting some of the City's youngest citizens.

"This is a great facility for parents, and it's a been a pleasure to see and learn about Glen Eira in all its aspects," he said.

Governor Landy watches Murrumbeena Children's Centre's young Picasso Ashleigh Roberts hard at work.

Civic reception

A crowd of more than 170 people including the Mayor, Councillors, Chief Executive Officer, community volunteers, religious leaders and representatives from local community groups, sporting clubs, education bodies and traders' associations were gathered at the Glen Eira Town Hall to help the Governor end his day with a civic reception held in his honour,

The Governor spoke warmly of his visit to the City and thanked everyone for their hospitality.

"It has been a great pleasure to visit the City of Glen Eira," Governor Landy said.

"Visiting municipalities and attending community events is part of my role as Governor of Victoria, and one which I enjoy the most. It has been a delight for me to visit here."

Sharing tall tales and true with Glen Eira Cr Robert Bury (left).

Glen Eira-McKinnon Bowls Club

Regaling the eager crowd with tales from his athletics days, Governor Landy was a sure-fire hit with members of the Glen Eira-McKinnon Bowls Club at Ormond, where he was introduced to the sport's finer points by the club champion, and then inundated with invitations to lunch with lady club members.

In his welcoming speech, Club President Sam Courtney referred to the Governor's many contributions to the Victorian community.

"John Landy was a shining light in Australian athletics. He was the world record holder for the 1,500 metres race and was the second man ever to run the mile in under four minutes," Mr Courtney said.

Governor Landy said that he was often remembered for the race in which he helped a fallen Ron Clarke stand back up.

"There were only 25,000 people at the track that day, but I seem to have met all 350,000 of them since!" the Governor said.

Governor Landy entertained an enthusiastic audience with tales from his sporting days at the Glen Eira-McKinnon Bowls Club.





A vision for Bentleigh:

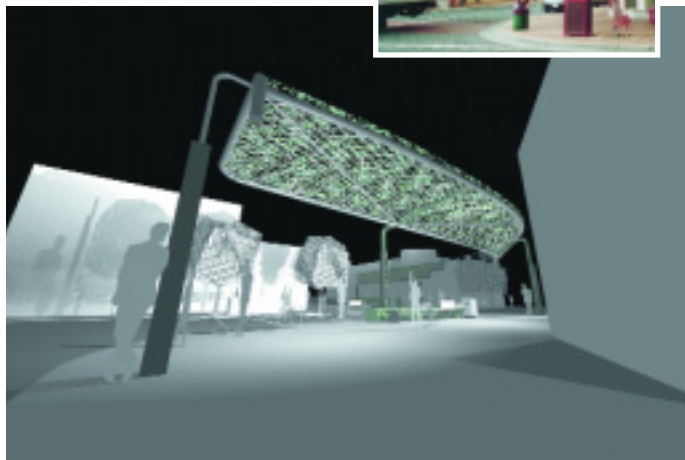
What is proposed

Street lighting

A new lighting scheme would be established to create an attractive night-time ambience to replace the current standard road and pole lighting. A combination of in-ground uplights, arbour light features, light bollards and the spill of existing road and pole lighting would be used. The intended effect is to create clusters of illumination along the length of Centre Road that coincide with public zones.



Street lighting now



Street lighting future

Street trees and planting

New street planting is proposed along Centre Road to create equity between the eastern and western sides of the railway line. Existing trees that are damaged or dead will be replaced with species such as *Horse Chestnut*, *Common Ash* and *Callery Pear* and new planting is proposed both in and on the street between Burgess Street and Cairns Grove. Where possible, the break in the green tree canopy between Centre Road and its side streets will be filled. New planting for side streets will be determined on a case by case basis after a study of the existing species in each local region. All trees, existing or new, will be fitted with a new pit detail featuring a porous paving of resin-treated stone with a galvanised steel edge and water trap.

Rotunda space

Community consultation revealed there was great concern about the design and use of the rotunda space at Daley Street. While it was seen to make a potentially valuable contribution to the public life of Centre Road, there was a strong feeling that the space was under-utilised, unsafe, empty and prone to loiterers — largely due to lack of activity, low lighting and no passive surveillance.

The proposed new design for the area uses several simple gestures to bring life back into the space. It involves removing the rotunda structures and replacing them with an elevated turf plane with “floating” relocated trees. One of the car park access paths would be closed and incorporated into the space, making it larger and more passive. A day and evening commercial activity such as a cafe would be incorporated into the site, encouraging through traffic and activity at all times. A new public toilet would also be provided. The reconfiguration of Daley Street and the rotunda space will depend on the future location of services and future planning requirements.



Rotunda space future



Rotunda space now

Streetscape

Existing paving treatments along Centre Road are inconsistent and cluttered. Many different materials are used and as a result the pavements are in varying stages of repair or disrepair. The main brick paving is expensive to install and is prone to uneven surfaces, trip hazards and poor patching. The proposed approach is to systematically remove the clutter and replace it with a simple and easy-to-maintain “urban carpet” that forms a spine for the whole street, including the side streets. Materials used will include asphalts of varying aggregate mix, precast concrete paving strips, inlaid markers and exposed aggregate kerbs. Its simplicity will allow furniture, planting, retail frontages and pedestrians to be the feature of the streetscape, rather than the street itself.



Pavement now



Pavement future



Street furniture now



Street furniture future

Street furniture and amenity

The street furniture currently along Centre Road is becoming aged and is prone to graffiti and fading. The placement of furniture along the strip is considered to be excessive and arbitrary.

The proposed approach is not a single-use piece of furniture placed everywhere, but a selection of modular pieces used selectively to respond to special spaces and functions. The furniture is designed to be easily adaptable, economical to build and have multiple uses. Tough materials such as anodised aluminium extrusions and rolled steel will ensure durability and easy maintenance.

vibrant, accessible, safe

Bentleigh Streetscape Design Study

Bentleigh streetscape

Council will place a proposed new streetscape design for the Bentleigh Shopping Centre on public exhibition this month to obtain community feedback on the plan.

The proposed design follows extensive consultation with local residents, traders and shoppers to gain their comments, concerns, issues and aspirations about the busy strip shopping centre in Centre Road, Bentleigh.

The feedback obtained during the consultation process has helped develop the *Bentleigh Streetscape Design Study* which Council is now taking to the community for comment and feedback.

The Bentleigh strip shopping centre runs along Centre Road between Arthur Street and Cairnes Grove and boasts about 290 businesses. It is one of the City's major retail, economic and cultural centres.

The aim of the study is to totally revitalise the strip shopping centre to improve its appearance and create an exciting, vital, safe, physically accessible, sustainable and visually improved centre which has a unique identity, is valued by the community and can act as a catalyst for economic expansion.

In October 2002, Council commissioned Melbourne urban design company OCULUS with David Lock Associates to complete a streetscape design study for the centre. As part of the development process, extensive consultation was carried out with key stakeholders during December 2002.

Some of the key issues raised during the consultation process related to access and movement, identity, car parking, lighting and security, paving and pedestrians, public spaces, street furniture and amenity, reducing visual clutter, the rail crossing space and the rotunda space.

The proposed design addresses these concerns, incorporating modern modular furniture, removing the current pavement clutter and replacing it with an "urban carpet" type pavement treatment and undertaking new street tree planting.

There are two key features of the proposed design — redesigning the rotunda area and transforming it into a better utilised passive public open space; and installing green arbours at three intersections to create

a strong, individual and unique marketing identity for the shopping centre.

The *Bentleigh Streetscape Design Study* will be on exhibition in the Council stand at the Bentleigh Festival on Sunday 16 November. It will then go on display at Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn, Caulfield and the Bentleigh Library, 161 Jasper Road, Bentleigh, from Monday 17 November to Friday 12 December for community comment. For further information, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

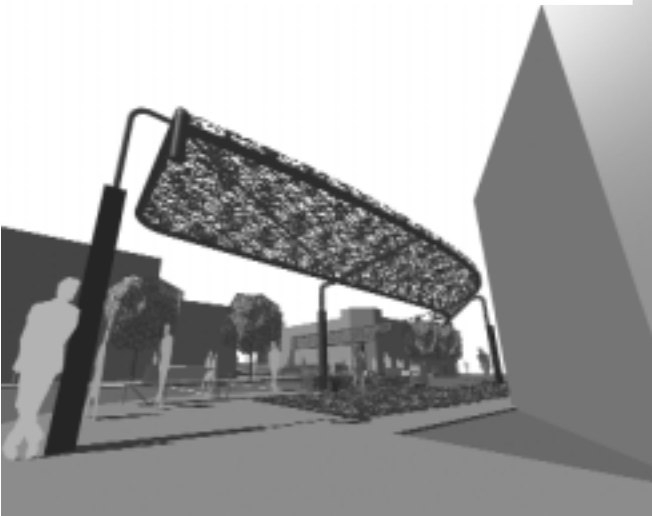


Green arbour

A green arbour is proposed to help divert some Centre Road's energy off the main street and into important side connections. This would create a strong, individual and unique marketing identity for the shopping centre. The arbour would take the form of a free-standing public awning that would provide a vertical screen to blank facades off the main street, before twisting to form a horizontal green canopy at the edge of Centre Road. This approach has been developed as a steel growing frame that will allow climbers to make a green veil on and across the street. The arbour will become a focus for signage, lighting and movement across Centre Road. The underside of each arbour canopy will be lit by adjustable floodlights which will provide ambient illumination and safety.



Three intersections will be transformed with green arbours



Green canopy proposed for the centre.

Community consultation

During development of the *Bentleigh Streetscape Design Study* extensive consultation was carried out with residents, traders and shoppers. An information stand was set up in the shopping centre for a day during the busy pre-Christmas shopping period and interviews were conducted with traders at their annual awards night.

Feedback was sought on what they liked and disliked about the shopping centre, what improvements could be made, what their vision was for the centre and what they could do to help the centre. The responses gathered were used to summarise stakeholders' key issues, aspirations and concerns. These included:

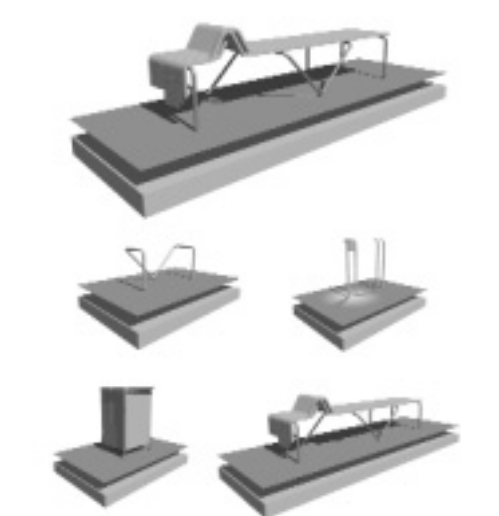
- the railway line being a physical and psychological barrier;
- better access and links needed from carparks through to Centre Road;
- celebrating the strip shopping centre experience as an alternative to the hardtop shopping centres;
- the streets, carparks and public spaces are poorly lit making people feel unsafe at night;
- brick paving and cobbles are unattractive, difficult to maintain and are a potential public liability issue;
- street furniture is visually poor, cluttered and randomly placed;
- public toilets are poorly located, maintained, outdated, unsafe and insufficient in numbers;



Consultation with local shoppers.



The railway line is seen as a barrier.



- street signs, shop signs, overhead wires and directional signs create visual clutter; and
- the rotunda public space is under-utilised and has become a target for graffiti and vandals.

The study addresses each of these issues by proposing a series of broad-ranging design moves that will shape the appearance and performance of the Centre's future.

The suite of street furniture proposed in the study.

ARTS Arts

Glen Eira City Council Gallery
corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield
Hours: Monday to Friday 10am–5pm
Weekends and public holidays 1pm–5pm

Visual Communication Graduate Exhibition

Opens Wednesday 19 November 6pm and continues to Sunday 30 November

A new generation of designers will show they have what it takes to dazzle an audience at the Glen Eira City Council Gallery.

The *Visual Communication Graduate Exhibition* will showcase the quality and originality in the latest designs of students from Monash University's Faculty of Design. It is also a promotional display for design industry representatives.



Designs by Jaclyn Barker.



Ceramics by Rebekah Barnard.

The work of designers captures the eye everyday, often without people being aware of it. Designers are behind the witty billboards, the sensual advertisements for chocolate on the back of taxis, and the clean and minimal fashion shop signs.

Highlights of last year's graduate exhibition included the suite for an entire airline, including graphics on the hull of the plane, tickets and safety instructions. Other intriguing projects were the design of a complete toolbox, lunch box and artist box kits.

Monash University's Faculty of Design, located in Caulfield, is widely recognised as one of Australia's premier design institutions, with graduates recognised for their high standard of conceptual thinking and innovative design.

Diploma of Creative Arts Graduate Exhibition

Opens Wednesday 5 and Thursday 6 November from 6pm (both nights) and continues to Sunday 16 November

This exhibition will feature designs created by Diploma of Creative Art students from Holmesglen TAFE to enhance the look of the Murrumbeena Shopping Centre.

The students have developed designs which could

be used to create decorative inserts, or mosaics, for pavements in Murrumbeena.

This public art project is being undertaken as part of Council's *BusEd* program, which links business operators and students on mutually beneficial projects. For more a full story on the project, see *Doing Business* on page 13.

LIBRARY News

Learn about Glen Eira

Residents will soon be able to find out more about the Glen Eira community via Council's website.

A new information package will make it easy to find out about Glen Eira's population, demographic and economic characteristics.

Council's Manager Community Services Peter Jones said Council's online community profile would give residents, local businesses and students easy access to statistical data.

"The new information package will help residents find out who and what makes up Glen Eira," Mr Jones said.

The *Community Profile* includes information about the City, suburbs and wards and the people who call Glen Eira home.

Drawn from the Australian Bureau of Statistics 2001 *Census of Population and Housing*, information is presented in simple, clear tables and charts with concise factual commentary. Census data from 1991, 1996 and 2001 is also presented to give a picture of the changing characteristics of Glen Eira over time.

Residents can access this information through Council's website at www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

Online information expanded

Residents will benefit from several new online databases that can be accessed either from Council's libraries or via Council's website.

The new databases include:

- The *New Book of Knowledge*, a reference and current events resource suitable for Grades 3 students onwards.
- *Encyclopedia Americana*, which contains in-depth information and news archives.
- *Land and Peoples*, a comprehensive encyclopedia of countries, cultures and current events. It contains 330 articles on the continents and countries of the world, including 900 maps, 270 flags and 500 photos. There is a *culture cross* for direct on-screen comparisons, a weekly spotlight on current event stories and a *passport to fun*, which includes quizzes and games to test knowledge.

To access these resources, residents need to be members of the Glen Eira Library and Information Service as their membership number is required to enter the databases. Membership is free and residents can register at any branch.

The databases can be found at Council's website: www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

Bookworm comes back

Eira, the libraries' favourite bookworm, is jumping on his bike for another adventure with Council's summer reading program.

Council's *Eira Escapade* program aims to make reading fun and encourage children to continue reading out of the school environment so they maintain the reading skills acquired during the school year.

Glen Eira Library and Information Service Manager Sue Webster said the aim of *Eira's Escapade* is to encourage children to read over the summer holidays and have some added fun along the way.

"Once again there are lots of great prizes to be won, including bikes, movie passes and books," Ms Webster said. Keep a lookout out at one of Council's four libraries for more details.

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Creative designs for pavement art

Pavements in the Murrumbene Shopping Centre may get a whole new funkier look thanks to Council's *BusEd* program and the work of Holmesglen TAFE students.

The Diploma of Creative Arts students have been working together with the Murrumbene Chamber of Commerce on a public art project to revitalise the shopping centre. The *BusEd* program, which links business and education through joint projects beneficial to both students and businesses, brought the two parties together.

As part of the project, students researched and created designs relevant to the history of Murrumbene and its prominent artistic background — including examining the contribution of the Boyd family both to the area and to Australian art.

The students' designs could ultimately be used as mosaics pavement inserts in the shopping centre, as part of the centre's revitalisation program.

Council's Manager Business Development Lynda Bredin said project's aim was to give students a greater understanding of the skills needed for planning and organising public projects.

The students' work will be exhibited at the Glen Eira City Council Gallery at the Glen Eira Town Hall from Wednesday 5 November to Sunday 16 November as part of Holmesglen TAFE's Diploma of Creative Arts exhibition.

Awards will be presented for the winning designs at the exhibition opening. One winner and three highly



Students prepare designs that could end up decorating Murrumbene shopping centre pavements.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

commended works will be selected on the basis of overall aesthetics, audience accessibility and providing an intelligent response to the place or context.

An artistic makeover for Murrumbene

Council is considering transforming an under-utilised block of land in the Murrumbene Shopping Centre into a transient space to display local students' art work.

The innovative proposal is being considered as part of a cultural and design study Council is undertaking for the strip shopping centre. The land is located on the corner of Murrumbene and Neerim Roads, north of the railway line, and includes a community toilet block.

Council's Manager Business Development Lynda Bredin said the study had been initiated as part of Council's *BusEd* program after Monash University and Holmesglen TAFE identified the need for more opportunities to display student art.

She said the study aimed to find means for art students in Glen Eira to exhibit their work, while also attempting to improve community safety in the area.

"Transforming the area into space where local artwork can be temporarily displayed would give the centre a marketing edge and hopefully attract more businesses and customers," Ms Bredin said.

"Murrumbene has a strong cultural history, particularly given its links to the Boyd family, who are renowned for their contribution to Australian art and for encouraging freedom of artistic expression."

"We hope this project will brand and underpin the economical base of the centre, provide an opportunity to bring student art out into the community, and create a safer pedestrian walk."

A model depicting the concept design in progress for the area will be on display for community comment and feedback throughout Holmesglen TAFE's *Diploma of Creative Arts Graduate Exhibition* at the Glen Eira City Council Gallery from Wednesday 5 November to Sunday 16 November.

Free web seminar

Council will hold a free strategic web design management seminar in the Theatre, Glen Eira Town Hall, on Monday 24 November.

Gold Medal Marketing's Gary Copolov will present *E-Max — strategic Internet planning to web design brief* which will demonstrate ways even the smallest business can learn how to build a successful website.

Participants will learn about the strategies of successful websites and e-commerce, preparing website briefs and website analysis software.

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

Women's business

A night of not-so-serious business is planned for the last Glen Eira *Women's Business Network* meeting for 2003 in the Caulfield Cup Room, Glen Eira Town Hall, on Thursday 20 November.

Sue Barrett of Barrett Consulting will take a lighter look at life and business and show business women how to positively deal with the fear of being "too much" — too wild, too loud, too outrageous, too emotional or too needy.

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

Business breakfast good for a change

Businesses can learn more about effectively managing internal organisational change at a Council breakfast seminar next month.

The two speakers from Monash University, Dr Elisabeth Wilson-Evered from the Department of Psychology, and Associate Professor Charmine Härtel from the Department of Management, will talk about understanding and managing change in relation to leadership, innovation, effective work groups, culture-climate, organisational performance, human resources strategies and practices and project management.

Council's Manager Business Development Lynda Bredin said most organisations struggled to succeed with managing change.

"The costs associated with ineffective change management relate to a range of difficulties — distressed individuals, ineffective work groups, poor business performance, erosion of customer base and profits and even financial losses," Ms Bredin said.

"This breakfast will present some effective strategies to manage organisational and employee needs, which will help reduce the difficulties associated with internal change."

The breakfast will be held in Caulfield Cup Room, Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield on Wednesday 3 December at 7.15am. Cost is \$25. To book call Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

Festival fun

Two of Glen Eira's major shopping centres are gearing up for their annual street festivals.

The Carnegie Festival, to be held on Saturday 29 November in Koornang Road, Carnegie, will feature a Christmas fair and sidewalk sale. The festival will run from 10.30am until 3.30pm.

The Bentleigh Festival is on Sunday 16 November in Centre Road, Bentleigh from 10am to 4pm. The festival will include a *Yellow Spot Sale* which will also run on Saturday 15 November.

The festivals will have free rides and activities for children, entertainment, community stalls and displays from local schools. Santa Claus and Humphrey Bear will make special appearances at the Carnegie Festival, while the State Youth Marching Band and the Scottish Pipe band will perform at Bentleigh.

The McKinnon Festival is not being held this year.

COMMUNITY *Diary*

Meetings and clubs

Bentleigh Life Activities Club offers opportunities to meet new friends and enjoy social activities. New members very welcome. Contact: 9557 2562.

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

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 Community Centre group offers opportunities to meet new friends and activities. Contact: 9569 7778.

The Victorian Bridge Association is now located at 131 Poath Road, Murrumbeena. The club offers duplicate on most days at midday and 7.30pm. Contact: 9530 9006.

Caulfield Lupus/Sjogrens Support will meet on Sunday 23 November at 2pm. For further details contact 9509 2735.

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.

Ormond Senior Citizens Club offers table tennis, indoor bowls and card lessons. Contact: 9578 7653.

Gladys E. Machin Senior Citizens Club offers activities and outings at 8 Cedar Street, Caulfield South. Cost: \$5 membership. Contact: 9528 6514 or 9523 8508.

Glen Eira Historical Society needs volunteers to assist in putting history on disk, no computer knowledge required. Contact: 9523 9228.

Ladies Probus Club of Caulfield meets in the Gladys Machin Senior Citizens Club Hall, Cedar Street, Caulfield South on the third Thursday of each month at 10am. Contact: Chris 5975 1015.

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Events

Ripponlea Primary School will hold a Ripponlea Twilight Bazaar at Ripponlea Primary School, Carrington Grove, St Kilda East on Friday 7 November from 5pm to 9pm. Market stalls, food, wine. Contact: 9527 5728.

Leighmoor Uniting Church will hold its annual fete at the Leighmoor Uniting Church, 29 East Boundary Road, Bentleigh East on Saturday 15 November from 9am to 2pm.

St. John's Anglican Church will hold its annual fete at St John's Anglican Church, corner Centre and Tucker Roads, Bentleigh East on Saturday 8 November from 9am to 2pm.

Murrumbeena Kindergarten Inc. will hold its annual general meeting at Murrumbeena Kindergarten, 1A Blythe Street, Murrumbeena on Monday 24 November at 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start. RSVP required. Contact: 9569 9405.

The National Trust Mansion Labassa will hold an open day at 2 Manor Grove, Caulfield North on Sunday 30 November. Guided tours available at no extra cost. Afternoon tea and light lunches are available in the old servant quarters. Cost: \$5.50/\$7.70/\$19.80.

McKinnon Kindergarten will hold a festival at 220 McKinnon Road, McKinnon on Sunday 9 November from 10am to 3pm.

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Glen Huntly Primary School will hold a Mad Hatter's Bazaar at Glen Huntly Primary School, Grange Road, Glen Huntly on Saturday 15 November from 10am to 4pm. Contact: 9571 2931.

Combined Ezra groups will hold their annual fete at the Birch Street Hall, Birch Street, Caulfield South on Sunday 9 November from 9.30am to 1pm.

B'nai B'rith will hold its annual gigantic garage sale in the two halls at corner Birch Street and Hawthorn Road, Caulfield South on Sunday 16 November from 8am to 4pm. Admission is free and all proceeds go to charity.

Community

U3A Glen Eira seeks a voluntary tutor to teach calligraphy to retired senior citizens. Contact: 9572 0571 from weekdays between 10am and 3pm.

The Helmesmen Kiosk has Christmas cards, calendars and diaries for sale at Caulfield General Medical Centre, 260 Kooyong Road, Caulfield. All proceeds to the centre.

U3A Glen Eira classes for 2004, enrolments can be made in person at U3A Glen Eira premises, 1151 Glen Huntly Road, Glen Huntly from Monday 24 November to Wednesday 3 December. Contact: 9571 0572.

Immunisation dates for November

Murrumbeena Baptist Church

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

Glen Eira Town Hall

(entry via Glen Eira Road)

Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield
Tuesday 11 November 9.30am–10.15am
Tuesday 25 November 6.00pm–7.00pm

Bentleigh-Bayside Community Health Service

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

Glen Huntly Maternal and Child Health Centre

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

Bentleigh Baptist Church

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

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Activities for November

**Enquiries and bookings
Margaret 9596 6124**

Thursday 13 November

A special viewing of the film 'The Princess Diaries' (Julie Andrews and Anne Hathaway). This is a story about a grandmother and granddaughter coming to terms with life changes. A humorous Disney film everyone will enjoy. Morning tea provided. Time: 9.45am at 99 Grange Road, Glen Huntly. Cost: \$2.50

Thursday 27 November

A day spent exploring some of the many attractions of the Mornington Peninsula. From Arthur's Seat to the Maze, Seawinds, Car and Teapot museum, Mc Crae's cottage and time permitting, Linton's Nursery on the way home. Bring your own lunch or buy it. Depart 9.15am from 185 Poath Road, Hughesdale and 9.30am from 99 Grange Road, Glen Huntly. Cost: \$28.



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Phone: 9572 5389
email: ystop@gleneira.vic.gov.au

Seeing Glen Eira through young eyes



Work by Kamal, aged 13.

Basketball challenge

Council's annual *Why? Stop* basketball challenge is on again on this November as part of Glen Eira's annual street festivals.

Young people are invited to participate in free throwing competitions and three-on-three contests, with prizes to win, as well as giveaways and showbags.

Players from the *Why? Stop* Wildcats basketball team and members of Caulfield police will challenge young people on the basketball court.

Other activities held by Council's Youth Services team on the day include African drumming performances and workshops, and circus activities.

Bentleigh Festival is on Sunday 16 November and the Carnegie Festival is on Saturday 29 November.

Kilvington Girls fly high

Glen Eira school students are discovering they don't need to run away to join the circus.

The sky was the limit for 14 Year 8 students from Kilvington Girls' Grammar in Ormond, who challenged themselves, and each other, to learn a variety of circus skills.

Students learnt tumbling, juggling, diabolo, tightrope and acro-balance in after school sessions held through the Council's *Flying High Circus* program.

Council's Manager for Recreation and Youth Services, Linda Smith said after eight weeks of training there was a huge change in the participants.

Glen Eira's young artists have revealed their hopes and dreams in a new exhibition opening at Council's Caulfield Library in December.

The *Images of Youth* exhibition is the creation of young people involved in Council's *Sketches* art program run at the *Why? Stop* Youth Information Centre in Carnegie. This program enables young people aged between nine and 14 years to express their creativity through art.

Council's Manager for Recreation and Youth Services Linda Smith said the exhibition uses creative expression to show how young people view their community, their lives, their inspirations and their dreams.

"You never know what you might find in the images of the young, perhaps a lost dream or the hope of youth," Ms Smith said.

Ms Smith said *Sketches* provided a great opportunity for young people to develop friendships with other young people in the community.

"The program has proven to be a great success and participants have often said that it has been the highlight of their week," she said.

"The inspiration, creativity and talent of the young people displaying their work is surprising."



A portrait by Razanne Briman, aged 9.

"Expressed in the artist forms of abstract, cubism, cartoons and fantasy, these young people have extended their artistic boundaries to produce a challenging insight into the images of youth."

The *Images of Youth* exhibition runs from Monday 1 December to Wednesday 31 December.

Wildcats make finals for first time

The *Why? Stop* Wildcats basketball team secured its first-ever spot in the Oakleigh Basketball Association finals since starting playing in early 2002.

The four-point victory over the Strugglers, in the second-last round of the season led to the Wildcats taking to the court against, and losing to, eventual runners-up Mechengers. But this was not without a fight and a great team effort.

Council's youth worker Stuart O'Brien, Jason Fox of Caulfield Police and Marcus Reid from Taskforce Community Agency worked extremely hard with the team of young people throughout the season. Their efforts to coach the team have paid off.

The Wildcats program is aimed at vulnerable young people in the community who lack easy access to recreational activities and who benefit from links with youth services.

The program aims to connect young people with ongoing recreation opportunities and to strengthen their links with community agencies and the police.

The Wildcats summer season is currently underway with all grading games completed.

This season the team is looking to improve on last season's great performance, which will be aided by the addition of two new players.



Why? Stop Wildcats player Brendan Rose lines up a shot for goal.
Photo: Jim Hooper.

Recreation News

Keeping ovals green

Council is planting drought-resistant grass on many of its sportsgrounds to prepare for the onset of a dry summer.

Melbourne is currently under Stage Two water restrictions prohibiting the watering of sport ovals.

With no guarantee of sufficient rain this summer, Council has planted specialised varieties of Couch grass to reduce the loss of turf cover.

McKinnon Park saved

Drought-resistant grass seedlings planted at McKinnon Park main oval, McKinnon, will prevent the oval from losing its grass cover.

The oval has one of Glen Eira's best sports surfaces since its 1999 reconstruction to a sand profile, in which surface of the oval was covered with a top layer of sandy soil to improve drainage.

The main oval was at risk of losing its top layer of sandy soil if the existing Rye grass turf died from lack of water.

Council has planted Couch grass seedlings to ensure that, even under Melbourne's current water restrictions, the surface of the oval can be safely used for cricket and other sporting activities.

"The Couch grass will help to bind the sandy soil, so that even if the oval becomes very dry, there's less risk of the sand layer being blown away in the wind," Council's Manager Park Services Laurie Unwin said.

"Council selected this particular variety of Couch grass on the basis that it's been specifically bred for sporting grounds in Australia. It grows better under higher temperatures, so we're waiting to see how it performs as the weather warms up."

South East Water gave Council an exemption to allow the new grass to be watered in to ensure its establishment.

Couch grass thrives in hot and dry conditions and provides reasonable ground cover during the cricket season. This new grass will complement, and during summer, take over from the existing Rye grass turf, which is dependent on regular watering.

Council's Manager for Park Services Laurie Unwin said wickets were an exception under Stage Two restrictions, as they could be watered.

"Although the wickets might be fine, if we don't get sufficient rain throughout the Stage Two restriction period there is the danger of the rest of the sporting ground turf dying off," Mr Unwin said.

"Council is wanting to be both pro-active and more sustainable in how it looks after Glen Eira's recreational facilities. It's also about making sure that residents can still use the sporting grounds, even if Melbourne is experiencing drought conditions."

"Once Couch grass is established, it will require approximately 30 per cent less water than the existing Rye grass turf, representing a significant water saving."

Couch seed has been sown on ovals at Caulfield Park in Caulfield; Bentleigh Reserve in Bentleigh; Glen Huntly Reserve in Glen Huntly; Moorleigh



Council's Turf Team Leader Peter Todd checks the condition of drought resistant turf.
Photo: Joanne Faggian.

Community Village Reserve in Bentleigh East; Packer Park and Koornang Reserve in Carnegie; Princes Park in Caulfield South; and EE Gunn Reserve in Ormond.

In brief...

Summer fun



Picnics are a great way to enjoy some of Glen Eira's great parks during summer.
Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Summer is almost here and there's no better place to enjoy a picnic or barbecue than at one of Glen Eira's great parks.

Glen Eira's major parks and popular picnic areas can be booked for any occasion. A booking and insurance fee applies which gives the person who booked priority, but not exclusive use to the area. Groups consisting of more than 40 people wanting to use picnic facilities must make a booking.

For residents' convenience, all of the most popular park areas have signage to notify park users of the booking. For more information or bookings, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

Public tennis courts a winner

Glen Eira's public tennis courts are proving popular with residents keen to have a casual hit. Glen Eira has public tennis courts at the East Caulfield Reserve in

Caulfield East, Koornang Park in Carnegie and Princes Park in Caulfield South.

With the warmer weather now here, it's a great time for families, young people and friends to get out for a hit of tennis after work or school.

There's no need to join a club, just make a booking. The courts can be booked on an hourly basis and are equipped with lights for night tennis. To make a booking please see the contact details listed below.

Brooklyn Avenue Tennis Courts (Princes Park)

Brooklyn Avenue
Caulfield South
Bookings: Caulfield Recreation Centre 9532 4956

Moirs Avenue Tennis Courts

(adjacent to the Caulfield Swim Centre)
Moirs Avenue
Carnegie
Bookings: Caulfield Swim Centre 9571 8143

East Caulfield Reserve

Sir John Monash Drive
Caulfield East
Bookings: MONSU Fitness Centre 9903 2358

Splashdown!

Glen Eira's two swim centres have opened for the summer season.

Caulfield Swim Centre in Moira Avenue, Carnegie, and Bentleigh East Swim Centre in East Boundary Road, Bentleigh East, are open from:

- Monday to Friday, 6am–7pm;
- Saturday and Sunday, 8am–6pm; and
- public holidays, 8am–6pm.

If the forecast temperature is a minimum of 30 degrees celsius, the pool hours will be extended to 8pm. The season will run through to 31 March 2004.

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

A golfer's dream

Council will build four new public golf practice facilities in Glen Eira parks.

The additional four *Birdie Cage* facilities will be built in Caulfield Park, Caulfield, Centenary Park in Bentleigh East, EE Gunn Reserve in Ormond and McKinnon Park in McKinnon.

This follows on from the success of the first *Birdie Cage* golf practice facility, which opened at Packer Park in Carnegie in May 2002.

Council's Manager for Recreation and Youth Services Linda Smith said the four new facilities would enable golfers to practise their golf safely at their local park.

"The aim of the *Birdie Cage* facility is to provide a safe alternative for people wishing to practise golf and a safe environment for people wishing to relax in the park. The facility also helps to reduce damage to park infrastructure," Ms Smith said.

The facilities will be available to all residents and will be open during daylight hours each day. For safety reasons, only one person is allowed in the facility at any one time.