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Festival fun

A near perfect spring day helped draw an estimated 50,000 people to the Bentleigh Festival in Centre Road last month.

The annual family street festival, organised by the Bentleigh Traders' Association, was a great community celebration with specials from local traders, displays by community groups and performances by local schools.

It was a day of a colour and fun for all the family. There were roving musicians, face painting, sideshows, farm animals, camel and pony rides, a giant slide, a ferris wheel and traders' stalls. The State Emergency Service, Victoria Police, Metropolitan Fire Brigade and St John's Ambulance all had interactive displays and provided services.

Local schools including Bentleigh West Primary School, McKinnon Secondary College and Our Lady of the Sacred Heart College provided entertainment, while Kilvington Girls' Grammar held a chess-play off.

This year the festival was held in conjunction with the Bentleigh Traders' Association Yellow Spot Sale, which proved to be a great success for local traders — some reporting increased sales of about 25 per cent.

Council's information stand proved to be popular and



Camel rides were one of the most popular activities with children at this year's Bentleigh Festival.

Photo: Peter Bury.

residents also took the opportunity to inspect Council's proposed new streetscape design for the Bentleigh Shopping Centre which was on display. Council's youth activities were a hit with young people including a basketball challenge, circus activities and African drumming sessions.

Better parks for Bentleigh

Seven parks in the Bentleigh–McKinnon region will be upgraded thanks to almost \$750,000 in savings Council has identified in the proposed Bentleigh– Hodgson Reserve Master Plan redevelopment.

The revised plan keeps tennis in its current location, while still including a playground and picnic area. It also includes a new walking track, barbecue facilities, an informal play area and further tree planting at the eastern end of the park.

Bentleigh–Hodgson Reserve is one of Glen Eira's main parks, catering to residents and tenant sporting clubs.

Council's Chief Executive Officer Andrew Newton said the revised plan would spread improvements across more parks in the City's south and benefit more residents.

He said the park upgrade projects included new public toilets, playground improvements, training lights, car park upgrades, drainage works, sportsground fencing and better pathways. "The original draft master plan included a proposal to remove the existing tennis courts and construct seven new courts and a clubhouse — all at a substantial cost," Mr Newton said.

"By keeping tennis in its existing location, Council is able to make a large number of significant improvements in seven parks, rather than relocate tennis courts in one reserve.

"The end result is a win for everyone concerned residents, park users and sporting clubs — and much better value for all ratepayers."

Once the community consultation phase of the revised draft master plan is completed, a final plan will be prepared for Council consideration. After the plan has been adopted, works are expected to start at Bentleigh– Hodgson Reserve in early 2004.

The other 14 park upgrade projects are expected to start progressively over the next four months. Details of

these projects are listed below.

The revised plan is on display at Council's Service Centre and at Bentleigh Library. Copies are also available for viewing at all Council libraries and on Council's website at www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

Council will receive written comment on the plan until the close of business Friday 12 December 2003. Submissions can be mailed to Recreation Services, Glen Eira City Council, PO Box 42, Caulfield South 3162 or emailed to recservices@gleneira.vic.gov.au.



Park	Project	Cost
Halley Park, Bentleigh	New automated toilet	\$110,000
Centenary Park, Bentleigh East	New automated toilet	\$110,000
King George VI Reserve, Bentleigh East	Training lights	\$ 80,000
Victory Park, Bentleigh	Barbecue refurbishment and pathways	\$ 60,000
Bailey Reserve, Bentleigh East	Remove retaining wall in front of pavilion	\$ 60,000
Bailey Reserve, Bentleigh East	Training lights at oval 3	\$ 50,000
Victory Park, Bentleigh	Training lights at oval 1	\$ 50,000
Centenary Park, Bentleigh East	Major pathway redevelopment	\$ 50,000
Centenary Park, Bentleigh East	Drainage works to oval 2	\$ 50,000
Victory Park, Bentleigh	New edging and softfall for playground	\$ 30,000
McKinnon Reserve, McKinnon	Car park upgrade	\$ 30,000
Mackie Road Reserve, Bentleigh East	Car park upgrade	\$ 30,000
Centenary Park, Bentleigh East	Sports ground fencing	\$ 25,000

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len Eira is home to Gpeople of many different cultural and religious backgrounds a fact which Council both recognises and celebrates in many ways.

From events such as Carols by Candlelight and neighbourhood festivals to recognising resident achievements on

Australia Day and enjoying our Japanese sister city relationship, we're proud to celebrate the City's diversity together. We like to think these events help providing opportunities to share our goodwill and community spirit with friends and family, regardless of beliefs or background.

This year we will celebrate the festive season with two Carols by Candlelight events on separate evenings in two of the City's beautiful parks. Carols has long been a highlight of Council's events calendar, and we hope that even more people are able to take part in the festive atmosphere of these family-friendly events.

Council works hard to help residents feel a part, and be a part, of the community by holding and supporting a variety of programs and events throughout the City — and by celebrating the contributions residents make to the City's wellbeing.

One way of acknowledging the vital role that residents play is through the Glen Eira Citizen and Young Citizen of the Year Awards on Australia Day. A call for nominations has gone out, and we know there are many unsung heroes in the City who deserve this accolade as part of the Australia Day festivities.

These awards provide official recognition of the considerable leadership and input made by Glen Eira residents, but community contribution to the wellbeing of the City takes many shapes and is worth celebrating in all its forms.

Supporting and contributing to the local economy can be as easy as attending events such as the recent Bentleigh festival, which brought people of all backgrounds and ages together. Consultation is another area in which people who live, work or study in the City can contribute to the ongoing success of the City. Council does not make decisions alone community feedback is vital and there are currently several proposals for major community projects open for discussion.

We have a lot to celebrate in Glen Eira, and looking

Mayor opens *new clubhouse*

Ien Eira Mayor Cr Dorothy Marwick officially Gopened Armadale Bowls Club's new clubhouse at Princes Park, Caulfield South last month.

The rebuilt clubhouse gives the club one of the most modern bowling facilities in Glen Eira, following the recent renewal of two bowling greens and surrounds.

The Armadale Bowls Club moved to Caulfield South in 2000 as a means of revitalising the smaller Caulfield South bowls club and to benefit from the larger facility at Princes Park.

Cr Marwick said described the upgraded facility as "first class" and applauded the club's efforts to achieve all the work at its own cost.

"Sports clubs which are active and serve the Glen Eira community will always have the full support of Council," Cr Marwick said.

"And occasionally, when a particular club may go into decline, we aim to pass on those community facilities to new hands which can reinvigorate the facilities and meet the needs of the community."

Cr Marwick said it was wonderful to see the club had great pride in its members and home ground.

"While you have asked me to open the new clubhouse, what really gets these improvements open is the drive, hard work and expertise of the chairman, committee and all members of the Armadale Bowls Club," she said.

Deadlines for the Glen Eira News

There is no issue published in January. The deadline for the next issue is Wednesday 14 January for delivery 6-8 February 2004. **Coming deadlines:** Wednesday II February for delivery 5-7 March. Wednesday 10 March for delivery 2-4 April. For advertising and Community Diary enquiries contact 9524 3366. To submit editorial material write to: Glen Eira News, PO Box 42, Caulfield South 3162 or email: editor@gleneira.vic.gov.au



Mayor Cr Dorothy Marwick sends the first bowl down the green to mark the opening of Armadale Bowls Club's new clubhouse in Caulfield South. Photo: Robert Churchus.

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Council will hold an Australia Day breakfast in the Auditorium, Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield on Friday 23 January 2004 at 7.30am.

Guest Speaker: Professor Richard Larkins AO, Vice Chancellor Monash University, Caulfield Campus.

The Glen Eira Citizen and Young Citizen of the Year Awards will be presented at the event.

RSVP: Thursday 15 January 2004 \$25 per head Cost: Tickets: Contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

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back over the accomplishments of the past year, I know we are in a strong position to continue to develop and grow as a City and as a community.

The holiday season is a time to reflect on the successes of the past year and a time to enjoy each other's company. I hope that you and your families enjoy this time in peace and safety and wish you a happy and prosperous new year.

> - Cr Dorothy Marwick Mayor

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Silence sounds for young and old

Young and old alike gathered at the Cenotaph in Caulfield Park for Council's Remembrance Day Service last month.

Exactly 85 years after World War 1 ended, more than 150 Glen Eira residents ranging from school students to war veterans, paid their respects to those men and women who have died in conflict.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Dorothy Marwick and Chief Executive Officer Andrew Newton laid a wreath at the foot of the Cenotaph on behalf of the City. They were followed by representatives of numerous local ex-servicemen and women organisations and schools.

As the clock struck 11am on the 11th day of the 11th month, a hush fell across the crowd as participants held two minutes' silence in honour of fallen soldiers. Flags at the Cenotaph and the Glen Eira Town Hall were flown at half-mast, a bugler sounded the *Last Post* and Cr Marwick recited *The Ode*.

Among those at the service were Cr Veronika Martens, Cr Margaret Esakoff, Cr Jamie Hyams, Member for Member for Monash Province the Hon Johan Scheffer MLC and Member for Caulfield Mrs Helen Shardey MLA.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Dorothy Marwick said Remembrance Day was a day to honour the sacrifice of servicemen men and women who did not return home from battlefields scattered around the globe.



"I am particularly keen to reinforce the message that this day began as a day to remember the thousands of young and not so young men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in that most awful of wars — World War I," Cr Marwick said

"Equally, I think it is important that their sacrifices serve to remind us of the current situation in Iraq and to hope that one day peace can be achieved across the world."

Caulfield RSL President Mick Fidler said the participation of so many young school children in

the Remembrance Day service gave one hope that the day would continue forever.

He said that Remembrance Day united people, as there was no creed for servicemen and women or any discrimination, no matter what backgrounds they came from.

Former Polish Lieutenant Nelly Boratyn bore her badges proudly, reminders of years spent fighting in the Middle East with the free Polish forces.

She joined the army after being released from a Russian concentration camp, where she was held as a political prisoner for six months. Before that she had received military training, so she said it was a logical step for her to join the

fight for freedom.

A Caulfield resident for 46 years, Mrs Boratyn said she was still in contact with the women who served under her during the war.

Search is on for top citizens

The search has begun — for two outstanding community-minded residents who are worthy of the titles Glen Eira Citizen and Young Citizen of the Year for 2004.

Council is calling for nominations for the two prestigious awards which will be presented as part of Council's 2004 Australia Day Breakfast to be held on Friday 23 January next year.

Organisations and individuals are invited to nominate Glen Eira residents whom they believe have made an outstanding contribution to the community.



The young and the old united — Council's Remembrance Day service saw local students come together with local war veterans to honour those who have died during conflict.

From left, Caulfield RSL President Mick Fidler, Glen Eira Mayor Cr Dorothy Marwick and Carnegie RSL Presdient John Hill lead two-minutes' silence on Remembrance Day.

Photos: Robert Churchus.

"There are many deserving people who make valuable contributions to Glen Eira. These awards reflect that people's contributions to the community have a wider impact across Victoria and even Australia," Mr Marks said.

"There are many women, for example, that are the backbone of volunteer organisations and really deserve to get a pat on the back for their dedication to making our country such a wonderful place to live."

Nominations can be submitted for individuals who have made a noteworthy contribution during the current year or have given outstanding service to the local community over several years.



Former Polish Lietenant Nelly Boratyn pays her respects to fallen comrades at Council's Rembrance Day service.

2003 Glen Eira Citizen of the Year Stan Marks is urging loca residents to submit nominations for Council's Citizen and Young Citizen of the Year awards.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Dorothy Marwick said the awards gave residents a chance to recognise the contribution of individuals to life in Glen Eira.

"There may be someone you know who has selflessly given their time and effort to help others or to improve our lifestyle in Glen Eira," Cr Marwick said.

"It's a chance for residents to let this person know that their efforts have been appreciated."

Glen Eira's 2003 Citizen of the Year Stan Marks of Caulfield South urged local residents to submit nominations for the awards. Nominees for Citizen of the Year must be Australian citizens and, unless there are exceptional circumstances, must be residents of Australia. To be eligible for Young Citizen of the Year nominees must be under 27 years of age on 26 January 2004.

Nominations close on Friday 12 December 2003. For further information and nomination forms contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333. For details on Council's Australia Day Breakfast see the advertisement on page 2 of this issue.





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Migliorie ai parchi di Bentleigh

Il Comune ha deciso di stanziare quasi \$750.000 per lavori di miglioria in sette parchi della zona di Bentleigh-McKinnon, uno stanziamento ottenuto da risparmi individuati dal comune nel Piano Maestro Bentleigh–Hodgson Reserve.

Il nuovo piano maestro per il parco Bentleigh-Hodgson di Bentleigh conserva i campi da tennis dove si trovano attualmente e così anche il campo da giochi per i bambini e l'area per i picnic. Il proposto rinnovamento prevede inoltre un nuovo percorso pedonale, fornelli per barbecue, area giochi informale e la piantagione di alberi all'estremità est del parco.

L'amministratore del comune, Andrew Newton, ha affermato che dopo la revisione del piano i lavori di miglioria saranno ripartiti in un maggior numero di parchi nella zona sud del territorio comunale e a vantaggio di un maggior numero di residenti.

爲 Bentleigh 區修建更好的公園

由於市政府在所提議的 Bentleigh-Hodgson Reserve 總體規劃中確定節省近 \$750,000,因此 Bentleigh-McKinnon 地區將有 7 個公園得到昇級更新的款項。

修訂後的 Bentleigh 區 Bentleigh-Hodgson Reserve 總 體規劃草案仍將網球場原地保留不動,仍然包括兒童 遊戲場和野餐區。另外還包括一條新的步行道、燒烤 設施、非正規遊樂場地,並在公園的東端種植樹木。

市政府首席執行官 Andrew Newton 說,修訂的規劃 將使市政區南部更多的公園得到改觀,使更多的居民 得益。

他說,公園昇級更新計劃包括新的公廁,兒童遊樂場 更新、訓練燈、停車場更新、排水工程、體育運動場 圍牆及更好的步行小道。

昇級更新的公園有 Bentleigh 區的 Halley Park 和 Victory Park , Bentleigh East 區的 Centenary Park 、 King George VI Reserve 、 Bailey Reserve 和 Mackie Road Reserve 以及 McKinnon 區的 McKinnon Reserve。

總體規劃的修訂草案現分別在 Caulfield 的市政府服務 中心和 Bentleigh 的 Bentleigh 圖書館陳列至 12 月 12 日星期五,供廣大社區閱覽並發表意見。Caulfield、 Carnegie 和 Elsternwick 等圖書館也有文本供翻閱, 另外市政府網站 www.gleneira.vic.gov.au 上也有此 文件。



Lord Reserve

Nei lavori sono compresi nuovi gabinetti pubblici, l'illuminazione delle aree dedicate all'allenamento sportivo, la recinzione dei campi sportivi nonché migliorie dei campi per giochi, dei parcheggi, degli scarichi piovani e dei percorsi pedonali.

I parchi interessati dal rinnovamento sono Halley Park e Victory Park in Bentleigh, Centenary Park, King George VI Reserve e Bailey Reserve e Mackie Road Reserve in Bentleigh East e McKinnon Reserve in McKinnon.

Il nuovo piano maestro è esposto al pubblico, il quale è pregato di offrire i suoi commenti, presso il Service Centre del comune a Caulfield nonché presso la biblioteca di Bentleigh, fino a venerdì 12 dicembre. È possibile infine prendere in visione gli esemplari esposti nelle biblioteche di Caulfield, Carnegie e Elsternwick o visitando il sito comunale a www.gleneira.vic.gov.au.

Усовершенствование парков в районе Bentleigh

Семь парков в районе Bentleigh-McKinnon будут усовершенствованы благодаря \$750 000, которые муниципалитету удалось сэкономить в проекте перестройки парка Bentleigh-Hodgson Reserve.

В измененном проекте для парка Bentleigh-Hodgson Reserve в районе Bentleigh предусматривается оставить теннисный корт на своем месте, при этом устроить игровую площадку и места для пикника. Также предусмотрены в проекте новая пешеходная дорожка, место и оборудование для барбекю, места для детей и новые посадки деревьев в восточной части парка.

Исполнительный директор муниципалитета г-н Andrew Newton отметил, что изменения в проекте позволят усовершенствовать большее число парков в южной части муниципалитета в интересах всех жителей.

Он также сказал, что в планах работ предусмотрены новые общественные туалеты, усовершенствования игровых площадок, освещения, мест парковки машин, канализации, ограждений спортивных площадок и пешеходных дорожек.

Работы по усовершенствованию запланированы для парков Halley Park и Victory Park в районе Bentleigh, Centenary Park, King George VI Reserve, Bailey Reserve и Mackie Road Reserve в районе Bentleigh East, а также McKinnon Reserve в районе McKinnon.

Измененный проект перестройки парка Bentleigh-Hodgson Reserve представлен для общественного обозрения в муниципальном офисе в районе Caulfield и в библиотеке Bentleigh до 12 декабря. С проектом также можно ознакомиться в библиотеках Caulfield, Carnegie и Elsternwick и на вебсайте муниципалитета - www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

Καλύτερα πάρκα στο Bentleigh

Επτά πάρκα στην περιοχή Bentleigh-McKinnon θα ανακαινιστούν χάρης στην εξοικονόμηση σχεδόν 750.000 δολ. που πέτυχε η Δημαρχία στο προτεινόμενο Κύριο Σχέδιο αναβάθμισης του Πάρκου Bentleigh-Hodgson.

Με το τροποποιημένο Κύριο Σχέδιο για το Πάρκο Bentleigh-Hodgson στο Bentleigh διατηρείται το γήπεδο τένις στο μέρος που βρίσκεται τώρα, χωρίς να αποκλείσει την κατασκευή παιδικής χαράς και χώρου για πικνίκ. Περιλαμβάνει επίσης ένα νέο μονοπάτι για πεζοπορία, εγκαταστάσεις μπάρμπεκιου και περισσότερη δενδροφύτευση στο ανατολικό άκρο του πάρκου.

Ο Γενικός Διευθυντής της Δημαρχίας Andrew Newton ανέφερε ότι με το τροποποιημένο σχέδιο θα γίνουν βελτιώσεις και σε άλλα πάρκα στα νότια του Δήμου και θα ωφελήσει περισσότερους δημότες.

Είπε ότι τα έργα αναβάθμισης του πάρκου περιλαμβάνουν δημόσιες τουαλέτες, βελτιώσεις στους χώρους παιχνιδιού, φωταγώγηση γηπέδου προπόνησης, βελτιώσεις στους χώρους στάθμευσης, περίφραξη των αθλητικών χώρων και καλύτερα μονοπάτια.

Τα πάρκα που περιλαμβάνονται στα έργα αναβάθμισης είναι Halley Park και Victory Park στο Bentleigh, Centenary Park, King George VI Reserve και Bailey Reserve και Mackie Road Reserve στο Bentleigh East και McKinnon Reserve στο McKinnon.

Το τροποποιημένο κύριο προσχέδιο εκτίθεται για σχολιασμό του κοινού στο Δημοτικό Κέντρο Εξυπηρέτησης Δημοτών στο Caulfield και στη Δημοτική Βιβλιοθήκη Bentleigh στο Bentleigh μέχρι τις 12 Δεκεμβρίου. Μπορείτε επίσης να δείτε αντίγραφα του σχεδίου στις βιβλιοθήκες Caulfield, Carnegie και Elsternwick και στην ιστοσελίδα της Δημαρχίας στο www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

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Koornang Park

Facelift for shopping strip



Traders were consulted as part of the Ormond Shopping Centre upgrade.

Community plan preparation underway

Council has begun drafting its new five-year community plan, following a lengthy community consultation process.

Over the past four months, Council has conducted four public forums, a series of focus groups and more than 600 telephone surveys to gauge the community's issues, needs and expectations for the future.

Council's Chief Executive Officer Mr Andrew Newton said consultation was an important part of corporate planning as it helped to identify community priorities and areas for improvement.

"We have asked people about life in Glen Eira, not merely opinions of Council facilities or services," Mr Newton said.

"Research to date indicates that a large proportion of the community is very pleased with their local area, including those aspects handled by Council.

"Issues which are emerging include concerns about railway stations, traffic and parking, facilities for teenagers, and opinions about some forms of new residential development. Council has direct roles in some of these issues and can advocate to State or Federal Governments on other issues."

The telephone surveys found most residents are positive about living in Glen Eira, with 90 per cent rating quality of life as excellent or good, 72 per cent feeling secure, 72 per cent ranking the City's appearance as excellent or good and 67 per cent rating recreation and leisure opportunities highly.

What people liked most about living in Glen Eira included its convenient location, environment, lifestyle, public transport and community. While almost 40 per cent of respondents said they had no dislikes about the City, others focussed on traffic and parking issues, the environment, property development and lifestyle. Ormond Shopping Centre has undergone a facelift to improve the centre's appearance and make shopping safer for residents.

Council has recently completed work on a section of the north side of the North Road shopping strip, between Newham Grove and Malane Street, which involved installing new pavement, replacing damaged and bent bicycle racks and removing concrete planters and planting standard trees.

The new pavement, which consists of brick borders surrounding asphalt squares, replaces uneven brick pavement that buckled when underground water leaks eroded the sandy base.

The new pavement mix is safer to walk on, particularly for elderly people, is easier to maintain and can be installed with minimal disruption to the public. The asphalt is laid on a stabilised crushed rock base and is designed specifically for foot traffic.

Council's Manager Business Development Lynda Bredin said the upgrade was designed to lift the overall appearance of the Ormond Shopping Centre and provide economic benefits.

She said Council consulted with local traders and residents to identify what was needed for the shopping centre, before the works were undertaken.



Council workers install new asphalt pavement to make the Ormond Shopping Centre safer for shoppers. Photos: Bernie Bickerton.

The works complete the north side of the shopping strip upgrade. Council carried out similar works on another stretch of North Road, between Grange and Katandra Roads, last year.

Bus shelters get thumbs up

New bus shelters Council is installing throughout the City are proving to be a hit with local residents.

Council began installing 75 new bus shelters in February this year to replace ageing shelters which had been removed due to safety concerns. The shelters are being provided under a contract which includes installation, maintenance and cleaning.

Murrumbeena pharmacist Bev Baxter, who approached Council about constructing a bus shelter



at a stop along Murrumbeena Road in Murrumbeena, said she was delighted with the new shelter.

She said many people used the buses which travelled along the road to go to and from the Murrumbeena, Chadstone and Southland Shopping Centres, the train station, local parks, schools and into the city.

"I'm happy that Council was able to act promptly and courteously," Mrs Baxter said.

"There's a bus shelter on the other side of Murrumbeena Road for the bus line going to Southland, but as the road is always really busy it's not practical or safe for people to wait on the other side."

Council's Director of Infrastructure Kerry Martin said the location of each shelter was assessed on a case-by-case basis, depending on whether the structure could pose safety risks. Bus shelters which have advertising signs at one end are placed against fence lines to ensure drivers have a clear view of the road.

"Council is installing some shelters against fence lines rather than on naturestrips to improve driver

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

Once the draft plan has been completed, it will be published for further community comment and input. safety, particularly when exiting properties into incoming traffic," Mr Martin said.

Mr Martin said the shelters were lit at night and had been designed to meet current standards of access for people of all ages and abilities.

He said wider concrete pads were being built in front of the shelters to allow pedestrians and wheelchairs to move safely around the structures.

Council is currently carrying out an audit to assess the current status of bus shelters and to prioritise future upgrades.

Murrumbeena pharmacist Bev Baxter is delighted with the new bus shelter Council has installed in Murrumbeena Road. Photo: Les O'Rourke.



Mayor honours **community leaders**

Community leaders were honoured at a Mayoral Civic Dinner hosted by Glen Eira Mayor Cr Dorothy Marwick at the Glen Eira Town Hall, last month.

Sporting, cultural, religious, business and service organisation leaders from across the City were acknowledged for their contribution to the community at the gala event.

Cr Marwick welcomed guests to the celebration



The event recognised leaders from across the City for their contribution to the community.

through their community groups or organisations, carried much responsibility for moving the groups forward to meet new community needs. "Sporting clubs develop new

about creating a future and leaders,

facilities, raising the money to do so, and teach our young. Service clubs merge for the benefit of their members. Trader groups establish identities for their shopping strips. Established groups reach out for younger members and help them make their way in life," she said.

Cr Marwick said recognition of leadership was also important and was a recurring theme for the achievements of the past year.

"Earlier this year the State Government included recognition of local government in the Victorian Constitution," she said.

"Given that this Council has existed since 1871, and is older than the Commonwealth of Australia, it is good to see that the State Government has not acted with undue haste.

"We see this as recognition not for Council, but for the local services and the local facilities, determined and paid for by local people, on which the life of the community depends — and for the numerous partnerships which exist between Council and the organisations represented in this room."



Glen Eira Mayor Cr Dorothy Marwick (centre,) together with husband Geoff, welcomed guests to the Mayoral Civic Dinner. Photos: Les O'Rourke.

The event was attended by more than 160 people including the Mayor's husband Geoff Marwick, Cr Bob Bury and his wife Marnie, Cr Margaret Esakoff and her husband Jack, Cr Alan Grossbard and his wife Judi, Cr Jamie Hyams, Cr Veronika Martens, Cr Rachelle Sapir, the Federal Minister for Heritage and the Environment the Honourable Dr David Kemp MP, Member for Bentleigh Rob Hudson MLA and Melbourne Racing Club Chairman John Dillon.

Guests were treated to performances by soloists Danielle Matthews and Jedda Wignall, and a vocal group and the Little Mac Big Band from McKinnon Secondary College.

Students taste Japanese culture

leadership was

E ight local secondary students gained a unique insight into the Japanese way of life during a recent cultural exchange to Glen Eira's sister city Ogaki, in Japan.

The students, along with two leaders, spent 10 days in Japan as part of Council's annual Friendly Cities exchange program, which is partly funded by a Council scholarship. The group spent six days living with host families in Ogaki before spending four days sightseeing in Tokyo.

The trip enabled

"All the students gave short presentations in Japanese about who they were and what they hoped to do."



Visiting Ogaki was more like a homecoming for Yuki Ito, aged 15, of McKinnon. At home the Ito family eats Japanese food and the family says a blessing in Japanese before and after each meal.



McKinnon student Yuki Ito is shown how to make sushi.

Lauren Belleli, 16, of Caulfield said the visit was fantastic because it took the students beyond studying to experiencing life in Japan.

"It was surreal. Ogaki is about the same size as Glen Eira, which makes it equivalent to a small town in Japan," Lauren said. "The hospitality was amazing. People went out of their way to make sure we felt at home."

Cric dinner

students to experience Japanese

culture first-hand, including sushi-making, a tea ceremony, a visit to two Japanese schools, cooking, doll-making and the Japanese martial art of Kendo, as well as a visit to the Golden Temple.

Tour leader Carole Hooper said a banquet was held in their honour on the second night in Ogaki.

"We were treated like royalty and lauded with gifts. The Mayor of Ogaki hosted the banquet, which made it a special event as he presides over what is equivalent to an Australian state," Ms Hooper said. "In Japan I stayed with a wonderful family who were a lot more traditional. The grandparents wore Japanese clothes and one day the grandmother even wore a kimono," Yuki said.



Josh Lipson is ready for action after being fitted out in a Kendo uniform.

Josh Lipson, 15, of Caulfield South said one of the things that stood out for him was how compact everything was in Japan compared to Australia.

"Ogaki is a colourful place, with a lot of street stalls and shops. It is very clean and easy to get around on public transport," he said.



Registration reunites cat with owner

ouncil has reunited a wandering puss with its frantic owner thanks to the simple act of pet registration.

Bobby, an eight-month-old cat, had been missing from his Bentleigh East home for two weeks when he was found by Council's animal management officers injured in Caulfield South. Luckily Bobby's owner Avi Wekselman had registered him with Council and ensured Bobby always wore his registration tag.

This made Council's animal management officers' job so much easier when they found the wandering moggie. By checking the tag number against the Council's records, they were quickly able to track down Bobby's owner.

"I was so happy when Council called and they told me they'd found my cat," Mr Wekselman said.

Cats a gift for life

Council is reminding parents to think carefully about the responsibilities involved in pet ownership, before giving kittens as gifts this year.

Council's Manager Civic Amenity Carl Russo said the decision to become a pet owner required careful thought and planning about the responsibilities involved.

"Kittens may look all cute and cuddly when they first arrive, but they are a lifetime commitment,' Mr Russo said.

"Parents need to consider all the pros and cons of pet ownership before giving pets as gifts ---the cost of food, registration, vaccination and veterinary bills, whether they have enough space and a suitable environment for the cat to live in and whether they are willing to look after the animal for 10 years or more.

"Too often pet ownership decisions are made impulsively and the end result sees Council's pound inundated with unwanted cats and kittens."



"Bobby's my alarm clock, when I don't hear the alarm he scratches or bites me on the nose to wake me up.

"When I get home at night he's always waiting for me at the door and he's really friendly. When he went missing, I was upset because I think I'm the luckiest person to have this cat.

"All I can say is that if you have a cat then it pays to do all the right things for it including getting it

desexed, vaccinated and registered. It's an investment in the cat's health and your peace of mind."

Wandering moggy Bobby is back playing

alarm clock for his owner Avi Wekselman

The tag that saved a cat — Bentleigh

Bobby was one of two lost cats Council was able to return to their owners recently because they had been registered.

Council's Manager Civic Amenity Carl Russo said not only was registering cats a legal requirement, it was also a safeguard for pet owners.

"Registration and ensuring tags are always worn can save cat owners a lot of heartache when their pets go missing," Mr Russo said. "Missing cats that are registered and wearing their tags are much easier to return to their owners.

"Even though Bobby had wandered a long way from



home, he was still able to be reunited with his owner."

Mr Russo said all cats over six months of age must be registered with Council and wear a registration tag whenever they are outside their owner's property.

He said it was also important that cat owners advised Council when they changed address so records could be kept up-to-date.

Discounted registration fees apply for concession card holders and those whose cats are desexed, microchipped, more than 10 years' old, registered with the Feline Control Council or kept for breeding at a registered domestic animal business.

For a pet registration application form contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

Wonderful world of wizardr

By Anne Stafford

Eggs that materialised from nowhere, metal hoops that mysteriously joined and separated and a disappearing white rabbit were the highlights of a special magic show at Council's Carnegie Children's Centre last month.



Mr Winkle the Wizard had children at the centre astounded and delighted with his array of marvellous magical tricks. The visit was organised as part of the centre's monthly special events program which aims to provide an event that appeals to all children at the centre.

Dressed in a purple gown, red and



Remi helps Mr Winkle separate some magic silver rings by Photos: Les O'Rourke. blowing on them.

green cloak and large pointed wizard's hat, Mr Winkle amazed the children with sliding knots, disappearing handkerchiefs and broken wands that mysteriously mended themselves.

There was no shortage of volunteers to help perform the magic tricks. Kai made an egg magically appear from an empty bag by saying the magic words "chick chick". Remi and Emma separated metal hoops with a short sharp puff and then tried to rejoin them.

Mr Winkle pulled brightly coloured streamers from out of his mouth and produced red foam balls from behind children's ears to squeals of delight.

The highlight of the show was Fraidy the

Mr Winkle the Wizard and Kai show their surprise and delight at making an egg magically appear from a bag.

disappearing white rabbit. A wide-eyed audience was spellbound as Mr Winkle said the magic words "inky binky boo" to make Fraidy vanish.

Many children thought they had discovered the secret to the trick, only to be dumbfounded when they realised Fraidy had, in fact, magically disappeared into thin air.





About 50 young people from Glen Eira recently attended a Council workshop designed to help them learn how to deal with stress.

Youth News and Doing Business

Back in 5 - a chance to escape the daily grind gave Years 9 and 10 students from nine Glen Eira schools an opportunity to relax and to take some time to think about stress in their lives.

Participants learned creative ways for managing stress, including massage, tai chi, laughter therapy, African drumming, juggling, initiative activities and music.

Back in 5 was developed, promoted and facilitated by young people from Council's *Just Youth* leadership and project group. *Just Youth* is open to Years 9 and 10 students who live or go to school in Glen Eira.

Council's Manager Recreation and Youth Services Linda Smith said that after six weeks of hard work and anticipation, *Just Youth* members were able to watch their ideas become reality and enjoy the comfortable vibe of the day.

"Comments from participants indicated that



Young people found drumming a great way to relieve tension at Council's Back in 5 stress management workshop.

everyone had a great day and learned some valuable skills," she said.

Just Youth is planning several other events for young people, including a sleep-out to raise awareness of homelessness and events to celebrate National Youth Week 2004.

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

Promoting a healthy body image

Students from St Joseph's Primary School in Elsternwick were recently involved in a series of activities aimed at promoting a healthy body image.

Council youth workers and a dietitian from the Caulfield Community Health Centre held a combination of student workshops, teacher training and parent training at the school from August to November.

The activities for students in Years 5 and 6 were part of Council's *Free to Be Me* school package which aims to create an environment that encourages feelings of self-worth and confidence.

The 14 students involved in the activities also formed a body image awareness group so that they could freely voice their concerns, raise issues and come up with ideas on how to promote a healthy body image within their school.

Council's youth workers met with students for one hour per week over eight weeks and were able to provide valuable feedback to their teachers. Students were also able to create posters that targeted body image and related issues.

At the program's conclusion, the school received a package that would assist them in maintaining ongoing body image work at their school.



Doing Business



Balancing work and life

About 100 local business operators gained an insight into work-life balance at Council's final Glen Eira *BusEd* dinner seminar for 2003.

Monash University Department of Management Senior Lecturer Dr Anne Bardoel gave real examples of the effects of an imbalanced work-life approach, the risks involved and what it means for business.

A highlight of the evening was the presentation of a *BusEd* information technology (IT) networking project which Holmesglen Institute of TAFE students had recently completed for Penhalluriak's Building Supplies and Garden Centre in Caulfield South.

Tackling adversity head on

Four inspiring women who have overcome difficulties to be successful businesswomen shared their stories on tackling adversity at a recent meeting of Council's Glen Eira Women's Business Network.

Leanne Faraday-Brash of Brash Consulting facilitated the evening, leading a panel of three women who have turned obstacles into opportunities while coping

with the day-to-day challenges of life and business. Their main message was for women not to be afraid to ask for help when needed.

Janet Massie of Harvey World Travel in Carnegie decided to embark on her business journey while juggling a young family — this was at a time when it was almost impossible for women on their own to be taken seriously in business. Janet's continual positive energy has helped her deal with the many dilemmas facing the travel industry over the past few years. herself many times in the ever-changing environment of the fashion industry. Melma now runs a successful company exporting her unique designs around the world.

There is no Glen Eira Women's Business Network meeting in December or January. The first meeting for 2004 will be held on Thursday 19 February.



Mr Penhalluriak said he was initially skeptical about the project but decided to proceed with it to help the students. He said his experience defied his expectations, with the students giving him invaluable information to assist him and his staff with the upgrade of his current system.

He said while the project had been a significant commitment, it had delivered a positive outcome and a mutual learning experience.

BusEd is a Council initiative which is designed to encourage the local business and education sectors to work together on mutually beneficial projects.

Any business operators interested in participating in *BusEd* projects starting in 2004 should contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

Janie Vandergriff of Domestic Goddesses established her business with fellow former airline hostess and friend Kerry Morrison after the collapse of Ansett left them unemployed. They brainstormed ideas then turned these into action, creating their own holistic domestic management company for busy executives.

Melma Hamersfeld of Metallicus has reinvented

From left, Janet Massie, Melma Hamersfeld and Janie Vandergriff spoke about flying in the face of adversity at a recent Glen Eira Women's Business Network meeting. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.



LIBRARY News

Reading adventures with Eira



Council's popular Summer reading program *Eira's Escapade* is back for another year. Preschool and primary school children will be able to follow

Council's library bookworm Eira on his cycling adventure as they read books.

This year's program has the theme *Power away with Eira* and is open to all children aged under 12 years. Each time children borrow and finish reading a book they mark it on a special map of Eira's very own bike track.

This is the fourth year Council has run *Eira's Escapade*, with more than 1,300 children taking part in 2002.

Council's Manager Library and Information Service Sue Webster said the program aimed to encourage children to use their local library, as well as continue reading over the summer holidays.

"Eira's Escapade is a fun way to encourage children to read. We see this as an important role of public libraries — to make reading fun," Ms Webster said.

"Each year we get more and more children participating in the program — in previous years children have joined Eira on a pirate adventure and on safari — they are always eager to see what he is doing next."

Power away with Eira starts at all Glen Eira library branches on Monday 8 December and will run through the holidays until Friday 30 January. There

Holiday hours

Council's four libraries will be open at the following times during the holiday period:

	Bentleigh	Carnegie	Caulfield	Elsternwick
Wednesday 24 Decembe	<u> </u>	10am–3pm	10am–3pm	10am–3pm
Thursday 25 December	Closed			
Friday 26 Decembe				
Saturday 27 Decembe	1	Closed	10am–4pm	Closed
Sunday	12pm–5pm	Closed	12pm-5pm	Closed



Council Library Officer Barbara Whitehead joins young readers Gabriella and Magnus in farewelling Eira before he embarks on his summer cycling adventure. Photo: Robert Churchus.

are two sections — one for independent readers and the other for preschoolers.

By following Eira on his reading journey, children have the opportunity to win a cool mountain bike just like Eira's. There are also other great prizes to win along the way including a special Eira keyring, a double pass to Lollipops Playland and Café and Classic Cinema movie passes. The more books children read, the more chances they have to win.

Children aged 6 to 12 years will also have the chance to test their reading knowledge by answering eight book questions. The first-drawn correct entry will win

Festive storytimes

Council will be holding some festive storytimes this month to help Glen Eira families get into the festive spirit. There will be stories, songs and a special visitor. All sessions are free.

Christmas concert

• Bentleigh Library, 161 Jasper Road, Bentleigh, Tuesday 9 December at 7pm.

Santa in Toyland

- Elsternwick Library, 4 Staniland Grove, Elsternwick, Wednesday 10 December at 11am (replaces regular Elsternwick *Storytime*).
- Caulfield Library, Corner Hawthorn and Glen Eira Roads, Caulfield, Wednesday 17 December at 7pm.

Great gift idea

Council has gift certificates available for all Internet classes conducted through Council's library and information service. Certificates are available for *One-on-one, Computer Basics, Introduction to the Internet, Further Steps on the Internet* and *Introduction to Genealogy on the Internet* courses. Certificates are valid for six months and are ideal for someone who is interested in the Internet, but has little computer experience. Ask at any library branch for details.

a cool private movie party for 46 guests at the Classic Cinema in Elsternwick.

Entry forms are available at all branches from Monday 8 December or online at www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

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

Sculptors and was a founder of the group *Twenty*

Twenty Melbourne Painters continues to have a vital

role in Alice Bale's legacy by acting as the judges for

this biennial award. The group regularly exhibits at

Boyd pottery

on display

Melbourne Painters.

Council's Gallery.

Alice Bale Art Award

Announcement of winners and exhibition opening on Sunday 14 December at 2.30pm and continuing until Sunday 21 December.

The Alice Bale Art Award is Australia's



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Normal hours resume

Borrowed items can be returned throughout the holiday period at all branches during opening hours or through the after-hours returns chutes. premier award for traditional realism and figurative art.



Held every two years *A portrait of Alice Bale.* at the Glen Eira City

Council Gallery, the award includes a major prize of \$40,000 for a travelling scholarship and \$2,000 for each of the oil/acrylic and works on paper categories.

The award was established in 1981 in continuation of the legacy of Alice Bale. Alice Bale was born in 1875 and remained a champion of traditional realist stilllife and portraiture painting until her death in 1955.

She was a member of the Victorian Artist's Society and The Melbourne Society of Women Painters and Council's collection of Boyd family pottery will be the subject of a special display at the historic Glenfern mansion in St Kilda East next month.

The ceramic display is a highlight of an open weekend the National Trust is staging at Glenfern on Saturday 17 and Sunday 18 January, from 1pm to 5pm. The weekend will provide a great opportunity to see not only some of Council's art collection but an important historic house located in Glen Eira.

Glenfern, situated on the corner of Inkerman and Hotham Streets, was built in 1857 and was home to the Boyd family from 1876 to 1901. Painter Arthur Merric Boyd grew up there, and his son, sculptor and potter Merric Boyd (father of famous artist Arthur Boyd) was born there in 1888.



COMMUNITY Diary

Meetings and clubs

Ormond Senior Citizens Club will open over the festive season. Play table tennis, indoor bowls and card lessons. No experience necessary. Contact: 9578 7653.

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.

The 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 essential. Contact: 9578 9955.

4th Caulfield Cubs and Scouts offers weekend camps for girls and boys and other fun activities in Birch Street, Caulfield South. Cubs are 7¹/₂ to 10 years. Scouts are 11 to 14 years. Contact: Jo or Steve on 9505 6995.

Club 66 holds old time, modern and new vogue dances with live band at the Bentleigh Uniting Church hall, 495 Centre Road, Bentleigh on the first and third Saturday of each month at 8pm. Cost: \$6. Contact: 9587 1092.

Centre Bentleigh Garden Club will hold its next meeting at St John's Anglican Church Hall, corner Centre and Tucker Roads, Bentleigh East on Tuesday 3 February at 1.30pm. Meetings held first Tuesdays of each month except January. New members welcome. Contact: 9579 1669.

Polish Senior Citizens Club of Moorabbin meets at 2 Arthur Street, Bentleigh every second Wednesday, 1pm–4pm. Contact: Peter Sojka 9578 6024.

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Cut this out now! Place under a Fridge Magnet > **STEEL FRAME WINDOWS** **St Catharine's Anglican Church Community Playgroup** meets in the lower hall at 406 Kooyong Road, Caulfield South on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 9.30am and Fridays at 10am. Contact: Stephen 9523 8963.

Ogonyok Multicultural Association of Russian Women holds ballroom dancing classes for all ages from beginners to advanced on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 7pm–9pm at Ormond, Carnegie and Murrumbeena. Enrolment and bookings are essential. Contact 9570 8952 or 0416 251 317 from 1pm to 9pm.

Events

The Adelphi Players Theatre Company will hold a *Puss in Boots* pantomime at Labassa, 2 Manor Grove, Caulfield North on 6, 7, 13 and 14 December. Bookings are essential. Cost: Adults \$8, children \$6. Contact: 9690 1593 or 9578 0952.

Caulfield Community Toy Library will hold its annual toy sale at the corner of Moira Avenue and Lyons Street, Carnegie (beside the Caulfield pool) on Saturday 6 December from 9.30am until 12pm. Contact 9523 9985.

Glen Eira City Choir will hold its *Celebration of Christmas* concert at St Mary's Anglican Church, Glen Eira Road, Caulfield North on Sunday 14 December at 2.30pm. Cost: Adults \$18, concession \$15, children free. Contact: 9502 7707.

St Catharine's Anglican Church will hold Christmas services at 406 Kooyong Road, Caulfield South. Crib Service on Sunday 21 December at 6.30pm; Christmas Eve — carols and Eucharist at 11.30pm; and Christmas Day — Eucharist at 9.30am.



HOUSE ITEMS FOR SALE DUE TO DOWNSIZING

Paintings — framed — mainly originals, two by Richard Herzog, various prices.
Food and Plate warmer [auto-tray style in walnut teak] \$30
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Marble Hall table 24" high \$50
Lamp Shades [2] 24" and 18" across base \$20 and \$15.
Oscilling Fans [2] [standard-near new] \$15 each
Phone 9528 5724 after 7pm.



The Lupus/Sjogrens Support Group will hold its end of year lunch, on Sunday 15 December. Families and friends welcome. Contact: 9509 2735.

Community

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

U3A Glen Eira class list for 2004 can be obtained by sending a stamped self-addressed envelope to PO Box 286, Glen Huntly 3163. Contact: 9572 0571.

Ogonyok Multicultural Association for Russian Women seeks volunteers to assist with various tasks including administration, clerical work and mini-bus driving. Contact: 9570 8952 between 1pm and 6pm or 0416 251 317 between 10am and 9pm.

Deadline for next Community Diary is Wednesday 14 January 2004 for delivery 6–8 February 2004.

Immunisation dates for December and January

Bentleigh Baptist Church

10 Vickery Street, Bentleigh Monday 1 December 1.30pm–2.30pm Monday 5 January 1.30pm–2.30pm

Glen Eira Town Hall

(entry via Glen Eira Road) Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield Tuesday 9 December 9.30am–10.15am Tuesday 6 January 6pm–7pm Tuesday 13 January 9.30am–10.15am

Murrumbeena Baptist Church

44 Murrumbeena Road, Murrumbeena Monday 8 December 10am–11am Monday 12 January 10am–11am

Bentleigh–Bayside Community Health Service

Gardeners Road, Bentleigh East Wednesday 17 December 6pm–7pm Saturday 20 December 9.30am–10.30am Wednesday 21 January 6pm–7pm

Glen Huntly Maternal and Child Health Centre Corner Royal and Rosedale Avenues, Glen Huntly Wednesday 28 January 9.30am–11am



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Recreation News

Playtime improved for local kids

Glen Eira children will have two new playgrounds to have fun on over the summer holidays.

Council has recently installed a new state-of-the-art playground in Bailey Reserve in Bentleigh East and is putting the finishing touches on a new play facility in Glen Huntly Reserve in Glen Huntly.

Both projects have seen new play equipment installed to replace old, outdated equipment which had limited play values. Council has also installed new edging, softfall areas and seating at the playgrounds.

The new playgrounds are part of Council's ongoing program to upgrade ageing playgrounds throughout

Boyd Park plan on display

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Council is seeking comment of on a draft management plan for Boyd Park. Photo: Myrine Hawksworth.

Consultation on a landscape draft management plan for Boyd Park, Springthorpe Gardens and Riley Reserve in Murrumbeena.

The draft plan has been developed following research, site surveys and community consultation.

The aim of the management plan is to provide a blue print for the future of the three parks which together form the Outer Circle Railway Linear Park. The plan will eliminate any adhoc development, protect remnant indigenous vegetation, outline future priorities and provide a detailed upgrade, maintenance and management framework for the parks.

The need for a management plan to protect and enhance the area's indigenous landscape and environmental significance was identified in Council's Long Term Open Space Strategy. The plan has been developed with joint funding from Council and the Department of Sustainability and Environment's *Crown Land Improvement Program*. the City. In the past year Council has installed 10 new playgrounds in Glen Eira parks, nine as part of its Small Playground Acceleration Program.

Council's Manager Recreation and Youth Services Linda Smith said the new playgrounds meet Australian Standards

"The playgrounds are designed to provide children with a stimulating and creative environment in which to play," Ms Smith said.

"Playgrounds encourage children to be active and to enjoy playing outside, which is important for

their health and their development.

"The new equipment will provide hours of free entertainment for children and their families."



Workers put the finishing touches on the new playground at Bailey Reserve.

The new Bailey Reserve playground takes shape. Photos: Les O'Rourke.

Ms Smith said Council encouraged parents to keep children away from the playgrounds until work has been completed to ensure their safety.

Summer park fun

Summer is here and there is no better way to enjoy the sunshine that to spend an afternoon at one of Council's great parks. Glen Eira is home to 68 parks which are easily accessible and offer hours of free entertainment for residents of all ages.

As a result of Council's playground improvement program, Glen Eira has many excellent playgrounds offering great play opportunities for children, with associated picnic areas and toilets. Among the best to check out are:

- Allnutt Park, Bentleigh (Melway reference: 68 C11). Large playground, bike path, basketball ring, rotunda, wheelchair accessible toilets and playground, sealed walking paths and barbecue area.
- **Caulfield Park**, Caulfield (Melway reference: 59 C12). Three large popular playgrounds including a new access for all abilities playground in Inkerman Road. Park Crescent playground has picnic facilities, toilets and a lookout.
- Harleston Park, Elsternwick (Melway reference: 67 H2). All abilities playground set in a shady park
- **Packer Park**, Carnegie (Melway reference: 68 J8). All abilities playground with lookouts, giant gecko, giant web play structure and musical snake. There are also picnic facilities and toilets.

Residents wanting something a little more passive, should try one of Council's three walks — the historic tree walk in Hopetoun Gardens, Elsternwick, the cultural and botanical interpretive trail through Mallanbool Reserve in Murrumbeena and the Rosstown Rail Trail starting in Elsternwick which traces the history of a railway that was built in the 1880s, yet was never used as a train line. www.gleneira.vic.gov.au. Copies of the *Out and About* booklet, Hopetoun Gardens tree walk pamphlet and Rosstown Rail Trail guide are available on Council's website or from Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

Group bookings of park facilities can be made through the Service Centre.

Accessibility award for playground

Council's Packer Park playground in Carnegie was nationally recognised for excellence in playground accessibility at the inaugural Parks and Leisure Australia and Playgrounds Association of Victoria awards presented recently.

Council was highly commended for the Packer Park playground, which provides equipment and facilities to meet the needs of people with disabilities. The commendation places Packer Park in the top two accessible playgrounds in Australia.

Coming a close second behind winner Knox City Council, Glen Eira was presented with the award at the recent recreation industry national conference.

Entries were open to all councils in Australia. The awards support good practice and innovation in the design of play spaces for children and young people.

The draft management plan is on display at Council's Service Centre, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield and the Carnegie Library, 104 Koornang Road, Carnegie. Copies are also available for viewing at the Caulfield, Bentleigh and Elsternwick libraries and on Council's website at www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

Council will receive written comment on the plan until the close of business Monday 22 December 2003. Submissions can be mailed to Recreation Services, Glen Eira City Council, PO Box 42, Caulfield South 3162 or emailed to recservices@gleneira.vic.gov.au Council's two pool complexes, the Bentleigh East Swim Centre in Bentleigh East and the Caulfield Swim Centre in Carnegie are a great way to escape the heat on a hot day and are heated on cool days.

Ideas for loads of other great summer park fun can be found in Council's *Out and About* booklet and on the interactive parks map on Council's website



Packer Park playground has won a national award for excellence in accessibility. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.



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ouncil's 2003 Carols by Candlelight concerts will be a celebration of life and community in Glen Eira.

Two separate Carols by Candlelight concerts will be held this year to feature more local performers and make the events more accessible to local families.

The first concert will be held at Caulfield Park, Caulfield on Sunday 7 December and the second in Packer Park, Carnegie on Sunday 14 December. Both concerts will start at 7pm and finish at 9.30pm and feature traditional hymns and carols.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Dorothy Marwick said the two concerts would appeal to residents of all ages and backgrounds.

"Council's annual Carols by Candlelight events celebrate that Glen Eira is home to people of differing cultural and religious backgrounds," Cr Marwick said.

Caulfield Park

Corner Hawthorn and Balaclava Roads, Caulfield Sunday 7 December 2003 7pm–9.30pm

Hosted by television personality Jo Bailey

Program

6.30pm: Sale of candles and programs by the Caulfield Guides and District Scouts Association of Glen Eira.

7**pm**: Entertainment begins.

- Glen Eira City Band, conducted by Hayden Dinse.
 - Glen Eira City Choir, conducted by Jane Elton Brown, accompanist Joan Shewan.
 - Young Voices of Melbourne, directed by Mark O'Leary.
 - Coatesville Primary School Choir, conducted by Tania Casey, accompanist Christine Rainford.

Eira Cr Dorothy Marwick.

Come celebrate the festive season with family and friends Two festive celebrations. Two fabulous parks.

"The festive season means so many things to so many people and Council would like to think that these events create a sense of belonging in our community.

"I encourage all residents to gather their family and friends together, pack a picnic and head down to two of the City's most popular and picturesque parks to celebrate the festive season."

Media personality Jo Bailey will host the concert at Caulfield Park, which will include the Three Chinese Tenors and talented community groups the Glen Eira City Band, the Glen Eira City Choir, Coatesville Primary School Choir and the Young Voices of Melbourne.

Television personality Nicky Buckley will host the Packer Park concert introducing the amazing voices of Vika and Linda Bull, the Young Voices of Melbourne, the McKinnon Secondary College Big Band, McKinnon Secondary College Senior Singers and the Glen Huntly Primary School Choir.

Programs and candles will be available for sale at both concerts. Proceeds will be donated to Community Information Glen Eira for emergency relief.

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

Packer Park Leila Road, Carnegie

Sunday 14 December 2003 7pm-9.30pm

Hosted by television personality Nicky Buckley

Program

6.30pm: Sale of candles and programs by the Caulfield Guides and District Scouts Association of Glen Eira.

7**pm**: Entertainment begins.

- McKinnon Secondary College Big Band, directed by Ian Orr.
- McKinnon Secondary College Senior Singers, directed by Blanka West.
- Glen Huntly Primary School Choir, conducted by Phyllis Smith.
- Young Voices of Melbourne, directed by Mark O'Leary.

Welcome by the Mayor of Glen Eira Cr Dorothy Marwick.

- Vika and Linda Bull.

