

The truth about dogs and cats

Glen Eira Mayor, Cr Noel Erlich was joined by some four-legged friends at Caulfield Park last week to launch Council's responsible pet ownership program for 2002.

Milo the cat and Hamish the dog took a keen interest in Council's new 16-page colour booklet *Responsible Pet Ownership in Glen Eira: Dogs and cats*, which gives local pet lovers heaps of tips and guidelines to being a good pet owner and having happy and healthy pets.

The booklet is packed with useful information on owning dogs and cats, exercising dogs, controlling barking, dangerous and menacing dogs, preventing dog attacks, the pound and what to do when a pet is lost or found. There are also contact details for local vets, animal hospitals and other animal organisations and a list of all leash-free areas in Glen Eira.

Council has also produced a poster carrying the message *Don't let your dog down* to advise dog owners to register, confine, leash and clean up after their pooches.

Cr Erlich said owning a pet was a serious responsibility, which required time, commitment, care and compassion. "There are some basic things all pet owners should

remember — register your pet, make sure it has enough food and water, has a dry place to sleep, gets plenty of exercise and stimulation and is properly confined or leashed."

"This not only makes for happy and healthy pets, but also provides a clean, friendly and safe environment for residents and visitors to Glen Eira."

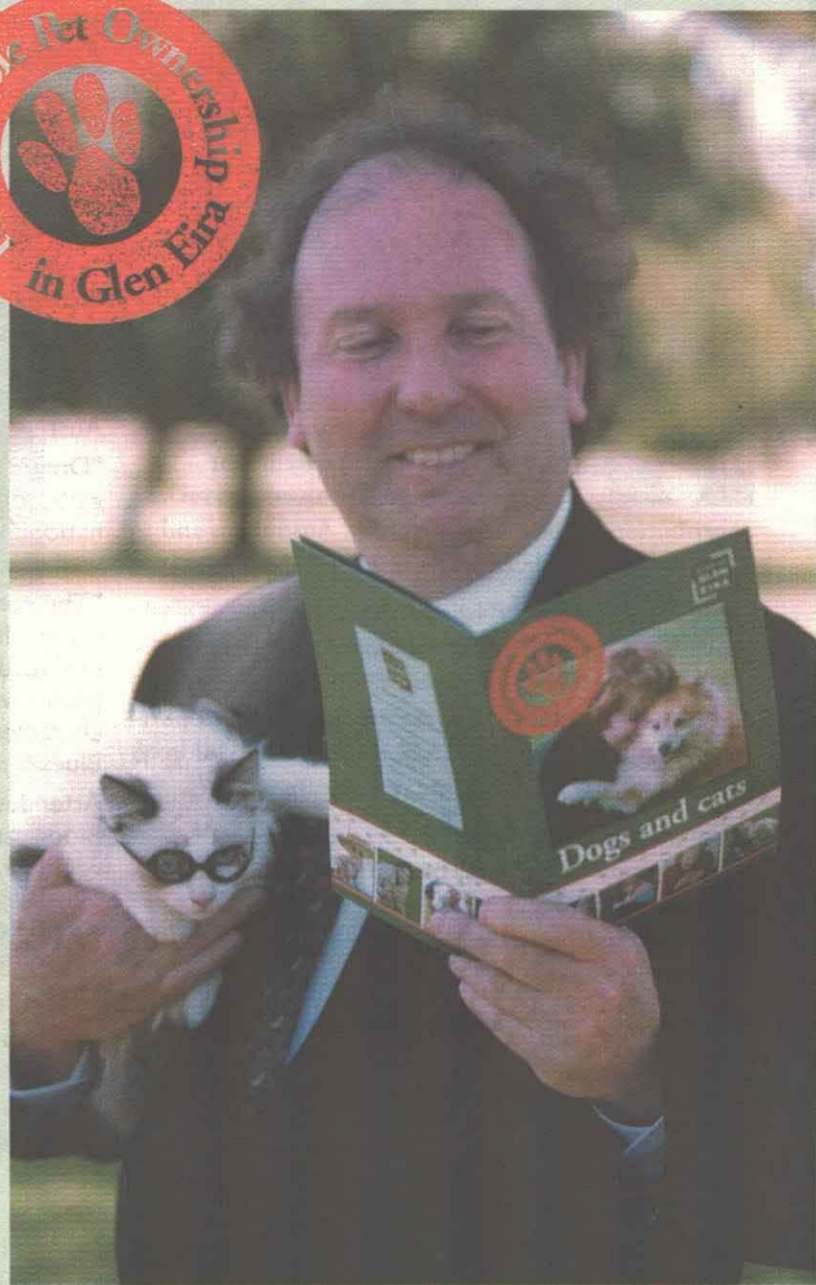
He said people also needed to weigh-up the pros and cons of pet ownership before taking on such a responsibility and then consider what sort of pet best suits their lifestyle.

"Owning a pet is a lifetime commitment. People need to think carefully about issues like the amount of space they have, how much time they can devote to the pet and how much they can pay to look after it."

Copies of the responsible pet ownership booklet and poster are available from Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 or TTY 9524 3496. The booklet can also be downloaded from Council's website at www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

— Maureen Bathgate

*Milo the cat dons his reading glasses to get a better look at Council's new responsible pet ownership booklet with Mayor Cr Noel Erlich.
Photo: Bernie Bickerton.*



Menacing dog — first for Victoria

Glen Eira is the first Council to declare a dog "menacing" under State Government regulations.

Council has declared a German Shepherd cross from Caulfield North to be a "menacing dog" under the Domestic (Feral and Nuisance) Animals Act. Council took the unprecedented move after the dog's owner was fined \$1500, plus \$819.50 costs, in Melbourne Magistrates' Court for nine dog related offences resulting from three separate incidents.

Nathan Crawford-Condrie pleaded guilty to two charges of owning a dog that has attacked, three charges of owning a dog that was at large, three charges of owning a dog that rushed and one charge of his dog not wearing an identification tag.

In the latest incident the dog, named Karma, attacked a woman, biting her on the top of the leg, before she managed to escape and call police.

Police contacted Council's Local Law officers who suspected it was the same dog which had previously attacked passers-by in the area — one incident involved a man receiving a puncture wound to his buttock and the other involved a woman and young child being lunged at and forced against a fence.

Mr Crawford-Condrie told the court he was deeply sorry the incidents had occurred and was

sympathetic of the fear and injury his dog had caused.

Barrister David Littlejohn for Mr Crawford-Condrie said a relationship breakdown had caused his client to neglect his responsibilities as a dog owner.

Magistrate Philip Goldberg said it was a serious matter that earlier attacks had been brought to Mr Crawford-Condrie's attention, but he had failed to act.

He said the penalty should indicate that the responsibilities of a dog owner were high.

Council's Manager Civic Amenity Carl Russo said while the injuries caused by the dog were not serious enough to declare the dog a dangerous dog, they were sufficient to declare it a menacing dog.

"This means that when the dog is outside of the specified premises, its owner must always have the dog muzzled to prevent it biting other people and animals. It must also be under the effective control at all times, by means of a chain, cord or leash."

Mr Russo said Council would continue to monitor and enforce dog control measures throughout Glen Eira, to encourage responsible pet ownership and make Glen Eira an even safer place to live.

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MAYOR'S column



Australia Day is a special day for our country — one we set aside to reflect on the character of our great nation, our remarkable people and the institutions that make Australia what it is.

Notwithstanding State and Federal Governments' role, local government makes an enormous

contribution to the lives of ordinary Australians and has a real and visible effect on residents' lives.

Every day, this Council brings people together, providing essential services, looking after and protecting people. In any week, 1300 older residents and people with a disability are provided with support services in their homes and 110 families with children with a disability receive home respite care.

More than 100 volunteers give up their time to deliver hundreds of "meals on wheels" to residents all over the City and many hundreds of older people come together to socialise and enjoy themselves in recreation activities organised by Council.

Council also contributes to the care of the youngest members of the City — each week, more than 300 children attend Council child care centres, more than 220 receive family day care, and 400 plus babies are seen by Council's maternal and child health officers.

In any week, 15,000 people visit Glen Eira's libraries, and more than 24,000 library materials are borrowed. More than 3000 people play sport on 50 sporting grounds and many more enjoy passive recreation on 70 hectares of open space maintained by Council.

The Australian "lifestyle" is the envy of the world — yet without local government it might be a lot different. How would the City look if Council didn't empty the 49,000 garbage bins filled with 750 tonnes of rubbish; collect the 120 tonnes of recyclables in 23,000 recycling crates; empty 2203 litter bins; and sweep 230kms of residential streets, 120km of strip shopping centre streets and 30 car parks, each week?

All this doesn't just happen by lucky chance, but by careful planning which takes account of the needs of the community. Each week, 300 planning applications move through the statutory process, 20 planning applications are determined and 14 new ones are lodged.

These are just a few things Councils do on behalf of their communities. The Council is the community and the community is the Council. Often maligned and misunderstood though it might be, local government is always there to help local people.

Local government is one of the great institutions of Australia's democracy and a significant contributor to Australians' way of life. All too often the contribution local government makes passes without remark. I believe it deserves to be acknowledged — particularly on Australia Day.

— Cr Noel Erlich
Mayor

Glen Eira Citizen of the Year

Mayor Cr Noel Erlich announced Caulfield charity worker Verna Fox as the City of Glen Eira's Citizen of the Year for 2002.

The Mayor presented Mrs Fox with her award at Council's official Australia Day Breakfast held at the Glen Eira Town Hall. More than 100 people attended the breakfast, joining in an emotional singalong of *I Still Call Australia Home*.

Cr Erlich said Australia Day was a special day for the whole nation — a day for all Australians to celebrate who and what they are.

"I never cease to be amazed at just how multicultural and diverse we are as a nation and as a City. This City consists of residents who were born across 144 different countries. More than 40,000 members of our community were not born in Australia," Cr Erlich said.

"Drawn as we are from the four corners of the globe, our social cohesion and our spirit gives our nation a reputation in the world community that is well deserved.

"The coming together of a variety of people from many different countries, particularly since the end of World War II, has led us to become a nation of great diversity, yet a nation that has lost none of its characteristic Australianess — we are all 'True Blues'!"

Attendees at the breakfast included Crs David Bloom and wife Paula, Cr Alan Grossbard and his wife Judi, Cr Rachele Sapir, and Cr Peter Goudge, MLA for Oakleigh Ann Barker, MLC for Monash Andrea Coote and MLA for Bentleigh Inga Peulich.



Flags waving and voices raised as guests at the Australia Day breakfast join in singing *I Still Call Australia Home*.

Former Mayor Barry Neve and his wife Jane also attended.

Entertainment was provided by Yuri and Izabella Mouguerman who played the balalaika and piano, and by singer and musician Craig Schneider who presented a medley of Peter Allen songs. Cr Grossbard also spoke at the breakfast and shared his experience of coming to Australia, the "lucky country", as a small child.

Council meeting dates

Ordinary Council meetings of the Glen Eira City Council will be held on the following days for 2002.

Monday 4 February	Monday 25 February
Monday 18 March	Tuesday 9 April (8 April — Yom Hashoa)
Monday 29 April	Monday 20 May
Tuesday 11 June (10 June — Queen's Birthday holiday)	
Monday 1 July	Monday 22 July
Monday 12 August	Monday 2 September
Monday 23 September	Monday 14 October
Wednesday 6 November (5 November — Melbourne Cup holiday)	
Monday 25 November	Monday 16 December

All Council meetings are open to the public and are held in the Council Chamber, Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield at 7.30pm.

Deadlines for Glen Eira News

Deadline for the next issue of Glen Eira News will be **Monday 11 February** for delivery 5-7 March, 2002.

Coming deadlines:

Tuesday 12 March. Delivery: 9-11 April.

Monday 15 April. Delivery: 7-9 May.

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Tasty awards for healthy food

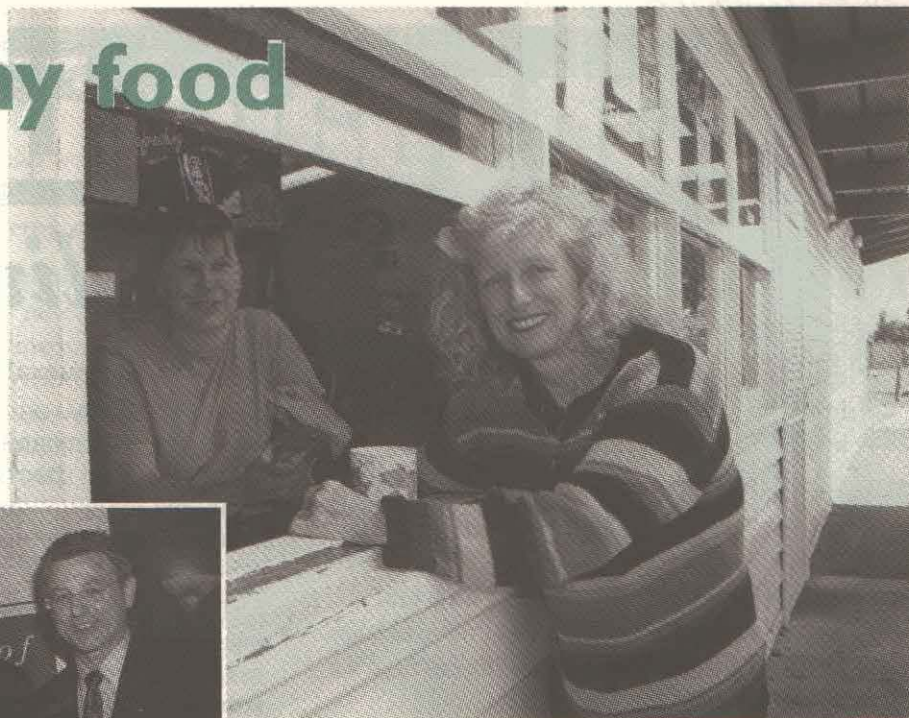
Food businesses Hopetoun Rehabilitation Hospital (Elsternwick), Health Food Thyme (Elsternwick) and Cartwright Catering (McKinnon) were named as the highest achievers in Council's recent Taste 4 Health awards and received a cash prize to be spent on a public health initiative.

The Taste 4 Health program aims to publicly recognise and reward local food businesses which achieve an 80 per cent or higher nutritional assessment, a 4 or 5 star food rating and which comply with the Victorian Tobacco Act.

The awards are made in three categories — Category 1 includes aged care facilities, nursing homes, meals on wheels, hospitals, hostels, special accommodation, reception centres and bed and breakfasts; Category 2 includes restaurants, cafés, hotels, clubs and bars; and Category 3 includes school and commercial canteens, catering, home kitchens, mobile food businesses, convenience stores, milkbars and take-away food outlets.

Cr Norman Kennedy, who opened the awards presentation, said the standard of entries was very high and 64 per cent of applications had met the Taste 4 Health requirements. He said: "Providing healthy food choices is an important part of promoting community health as today's busy lifestyles mean many more families rely on pre-prepared meals — either dining out or take home."

Cr Kennedy paid tribute to the Taste 4 Health overall winners and qualifiers for the contribution their businesses are making to the public health of the community by providing healthy food choices. All those who qualified received a Taste 4 Health certificate.



Cartwright Catering proprietor Susan Cartwright and Student Welfare Officer Vivian Bacon — ensuring students at McKinnon Secondary College get healthy food options.



Health Food Thyme proprietor Yoskiko Stynes and Hopetoun Rehabilitation Hospital catering manager David O'Sullivan receive Taste 4 Health certificates from Cr Norman Kennedy.

The Taste 4 Health Program, with its nutrition and food safety focus and its recognition of smoke free dining, spans the two major priorities of the recently

Council-endorsed Municipal Public Health Plan — physical and mental wellbeing and public health safety. Taste 4 Health is one of several strategies for promoting nutrition outlined in the community-based plan.

For more information about Taste 4 Health visit Council's website at: www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

Taste 4 Health awards

Making plans for Glen Eira

Council planning news and updates

Council receives panel reports for planning policies

Council has received independent panel reports on several amendments to the Glen Eira Planning Scheme.

Submissions to exhibited amendments must be referred by Council to an independent panel, appointed by the Minister for Planning, for a hearing and to produce a report. Council is required to consider the report before deciding whether to adopt, amend or abandon the amendment. If Council adopts an amendment, either in its exhibited or amended form it is then forwarded to the Minister for ultimate approval.

Amendment C11: Urban Villages Policy

In late 2000, Council exhibited an amendment to introduce the Urban Village Policy to the Glen Eira Planning Scheme. The policy provides a framework for future development and land uses in Benteigh, Carnegie and Elsternwick. Council received more than 160 submissions including a large petition. In response, Council made a number of changes to the exhibited policy and referred it to an independent panel, which has recently released its report recommending Council adopt the policy. The report also recommends Council make further changes which effectively brings the policy more in line with the exhibited version.

Amendment C16: Melbourne Water Special Building Overlay

Following a request from Melbourne Water in late 2000, Council exhibited a planning scheme amendment to introduce a Special Building Overlay, identifying more than 9000 properties affected by overland water flows in the event of a 1-in-100-year

storm. The overlay provides for drainage issues to be taken into account when development proposals in affected areas are considered. About 70 submissions were received and a panel hearing was held in October last year.

The recently released panel report recommends Council adopt the Special Building Overlay and Melbourne Water undertake further work to resolve a number of issues.

Before Council can make a decision on whether to adopt the amendment, more information is needed from Melbourne Water about issues relating to insurance, possible constraints on future development and flood level depths.

Amendment C13: Introduction of heritage controls for Bruce Court, Elsternwick

Council exhibited Amendment C13 to introduce heritage controls to 10 properties late last year and attracted one submission. A hearing was held in November 2001, and the panel has recommended Council adopt heritage controls for this area. Council will consider this amendment at its meeting on February 4.

Council yet to decide on Urban Villages Policy and Special Building Overlay

Council officers are currently assessing the C11 and C16 panel reports and have yet to make recommendations to Council. Council will consider these panel reports at Council meetings early this year. Submitters will be notified of meeting dates.

Copies of the panel reports can be viewed at the Service Centre or are available on Council's website at www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

Two planning awards for Council

Glen Eira City Council scooped first and second place in the Royal Australian Planning Institute planning excellence awards, winning the Local Government category for its pre-lodgment certification project and being highly commended for its town planning website.

Council's pre-lodgment certification project is designed to determine whether certification of planning applications prior to lodgment, has beneficial outcomes for users of the planning system.

Applicants will be able to seek written confirmation that an application meets information requirements, planning policies and attend pre-application meetings, prior to lodging it — streamlining the lodgment and notification process. Certification of an application has no implications for Council's final decision. In contrast to the current planning process, the project has produced significant reductions in the time between lodgment and Council's final decision, and fewer objections. Applications were consistently of a higher standard and have generally met Council policies — a benefit for all involved in the process.

The website is designed to make the planning process more accessible to the community and allow customers to independently obtain information about planning issues and permits. Customers can submit objections online and access information about scheme amendments and major projects.

The ability to access Glen Eira's Town Planning Register via the website is believed to be a first for local government in Victoria. Council's planning unit has reported reduced numbers of requests for copies of policies, forms, and enquiries on application status.



Language Line



Never too old to "live it up"

Glen Eira residents are invited to "Live it up" at the 2002 Victorian Seniors Festival, celebrating 20 years of Senior Citizens' Week.

The event will be officially opened by Mayor Cr Noel Erlich at *An Afternoon of Song and Dance* on Friday 8 March at the Auditorium, which will feature performances by Craig Schneider and his band, Jennifer Lee, and ballroom dance champions Dallas and Martha Williams. Bookings will be essential for this event.

The festival will also feature the Wiser Driver Program, presented in conjunction with VicRoads. The 4-week course covers road laws, confidence on the road, the impact of ageing on driver ability, fatigue and general road safety issues. Two courses will run, starting Tuesday 19 March and Wednesday 20 March. Cost: \$10.

Other Council events include: *Come 'n' Try at Half the Price*, library activities, an exhibition of work by senior resident and artist Felix Tuszyński, a seminar *Stop Working and Start Living — Making the most of your Retirement* and *Picnic in the Park* for residents of Glen Eira hostels and nursing homes.

Council is also proud to support local Senior Citizens' groups which will offer a range of activities from guest speakers and musical performances, to food and dance events and "come and try" activities. For details or the full program of events contact Denise or Sarah on 9524 3228.

'Live it up'

— there is life after work

Council, in conjunction with Bentleigh-Bayside Community Health Service, will hold a seminar on making the most of retirement.

Guest speaker, healthy living expert John Toomey, will explore topics: 'stop working and start living', 'new life, new lifestyle' and 'eating to live'.

Date: Tuesday 19 March

Time: 7pm-8.30pm

Where: Theatre, Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Hawthorn and Glen Eira Roads, Caulfield.

Bookings essential.

Contact: Sandi Bishop 9524 3484.

Volunteers urgently needed — to participate in a valuable community service

The Social Support and Monitoring Service is part of the Home and Community Care Program, providing one-to-one assistance to frail-aged, confused elderly, and people with disabilities, enabling them to live independently in their own homes.

Volunteers are urgently needed for one or two hours per week or fortnight, to assist with tasks such as shopping, transport to local appointments, and friendly visits. A car is necessary for shopping and transport tasks.

Contact: Co-ordinator Susan Rutherford on 9524 3314.

Возраст не помеха!

Мы приглашаем вас на фестиваль штата Виктория для людей старшего возраста. В 2002г. на этом фестивале мы отмечаем 20 лет с начала проведения, ежегодно, специальных недель, посвященных людям этой возрастной группы.

Мы рады будем видеть жителей муниципалитета Glen Eira на официальном открытии фестиваля — «День песни и танца» — который состоится в пятницу, 8 марта, в 13.30, в помещении Auditorium. В программе Craig Schneider и его оркестр, Jennifer Lee и выступление чемпионов по бальным танцам Dallas и Martha Williams. Места надо заказывать заранее.

В рамках фестиваля, совместно с организацией VicRoads, мы также проводим специальную программу для водителей старшего возраста (Wiser Driver Program), где рассматриваются самые разные вопросы безопасности на дорогах. Много интересных мероприятий проходят в центрах для людей старшего возраста (Senior Citizens' centres). Полную программу фестиваля можно заказать по тел. 9524 3228 (Denise или Sarah).

Η διασκέδαση δεν έχει όριο ηλικίας

Ελάτε και διασκεδάστε στο Φεστιβάλ Ηλικιωμένων Βικτώριας 2002, που γιορτάζει τα 20 χρόνια της Εβδομάδας Ηλικιωμένων.

Δημότες του Δήμου Glen Eira προσκαλούνται στην επίσημη έναρξη - ένα απόγευμα με τραγούδι και χορό - που θα γίνει την Παρασκευή 8 Μαρτίου στην Αίθουσα Εκδηλώσεων (Auditorium) στις 1.30μμ, όπου θα παίξει ο Graig Schneider με την ορχήστρα του, η Jennifer Lee, και οι πρωταθλητές χορευτές δωματίου Dallas και Martha Williams. Κλείσιμο θέσεων απαραίτητο.

Στο φεστιβάλ θα παρουσιαστεί επίσης το Πρόγραμμα Ασφαλέστερης Οδήγησης (Wiser Driver Program), με τη συνεργασία του VicRoads και καλύπτει διάφορα θέματα οδικής ασφάλειας για ηλικιωμένους οδηγούς, και μια μεγάλη γκάμα δραστηριοτήτων και εκδηλώσεων στα Κέντρα Ηλικιωμένων.

Για ένα πλήρες πρόγραμμα των εκδηλώσεων της Δημαρχίας και των Συλλόγων Ηλικιωμένων επικοινωνήστε με την Denise ή Sarah στο 9524 3228.



Non si è mai troppo vecchi per "Godere le vita"

Venite a "Godere le vita", al Festival 2002 per gli Anziani del Victoria che celebra il 20mo anniversario della Settimana dedicata agli Anziani. Tutti i residenti di Glen Eira sono invitati all'apertura ufficiale — Un Pomeriggio di Canti e Danza — che avrà luogo venerdì 8 marzo alle ore 1.30pm nell'Auditorium del Comune, con la partecipazione di Craig Schneider a la sua banda musicale, Jennifer Lee, ed i campioni di ballo Dallas e Martha Williams. È essenziale prenotarsi.

Il festival introduce anche il "Wiser Driver Program", un programma presentato in congiunzione con VicRoads che copre diverse questioni di sicurezza sulla strada per gli automobilisti più anziani, ed una vasta gamma di attività ed avvenimenti presso i vari Centri per gli Anziani.

Per ottenere il programma completo degli avvenimenti organizzati dal Comune e dai gruppi dei Centri per gli Anziani, contattate Denise o Sarah al numero 9524 3228.

盡歡不言老

請前來盡情地歡樂，共同歡度2002年維州老人節，並慶祝「老年公民周」舉辦20周年。

我們邀請 Glen Eira 市民參加題為「載歌載舞」的老人節開幕式，時間定為3月8日星期五下午1.30，地點在大禮堂，節目包括Craig Schneider及其樂隊、Jennifer Lee、以及交誼舞冠軍Dallas和Martha Williams等表演。必須預訂。

老人節設有特別項目「更理智的駕車人計劃」，這是與維州路政局(VicRoads)共同舉辦的項目，涉及各種道路安全問題。老人節還將在各老年公民中心舉辦廣泛的活動和節目。

欲知市政府及老年公民團體的全部節目詳情，請與 Denise 或 Sarah 聯繫，電話9524 3228。

New library design underway

Design work has begun on the new Carnegie library and community centre following the appointment of Architects and Designers Perrott Lyon Mathieson by Glen Eira City Council.

Mayor Cr Noel Erlich said the design phase would involve extensive consultation with residents, users, service staff, traders and other interested community members and organisations.

Cr Erlich said the design intended to both add to and blend with the character and urban design unique to the Carnegie Urban Village. The facility will be built on Council-owned land in Shepparson Avenue and Jersey Parade.

"The new library will be significantly bigger than the existing shop-front in Koornang Road and will be linked to a new multi-function community area catering for older person's programs, children's programs and other activities," Cr Erlich said.

"The new facility will also help anchor the Carnegie Shopping Centre by attracting a broader clientele.

The new centre is part of Council's Urban Village Structure Plan which is designed to strengthen and re-invigorate Glen Eira's three major shopping centres — Carnegie, Elsternwick and Bentleigh.

Shopping made safer

Shoppers in the Murrumbeena and Benteigh shopping centres can cross the streets with more confidence now that Council has completed work on two pedestrian crossings.

A pedestrian crossing has been upgraded in Neerim Road, near Murrumbeena Railway Station and new pedestrian signals have been installed in Centre Road, Benteigh, between Wheatley Road and Gilbert Grove.

Council's Manager Statutory Services Duncan Turner said improving pedestrian safety, was identified as a key area for action in Council's Road Safety Strategic Plan.

"Two pedestrian-related accidents have occurred in this section of Centre Road, in recent years," Mr

Turner said. "Before these signals were installed, there were very few gaps in the traffic and the nearest traffic signals were more than 250 metres away."

Improvements to the Neerim Road crossing include kerb extensions, installation of raised reflective pavement markers and better linemarking. The kerb extensions allow pedestrians to move out away from the kerb, before stepping onto the roadway. They also enable drivers to see pedestrians more easily before they step onto the road.

(From left) Council's Manager Statutory Services Duncan Turner, Manager Business Development Lynda Bredin and Murrumbeena Chamber of Commerce representative Paul Rosser try out the improved pedestrian crossing in Murrumbeena.



Benteigh Traders' Association Centre Manager Richard Atkinson (left), Council's Manager Business Development Lynda Bredin and Council Traffic Engineer Matt Harridge at the new pedestrian signals in Centre Road, Benteigh.

Snuff out fire hazards

Glen Eira residents are being asked to rid their properties of potential fire hazards.

Council's Civic Amenity Manager Carl Russo said overgrown vegetation such as dry grass, plants, undergrowth, weeds or other combustible materials, were a serious fire danger in the current dry weather conditions.

"The recent tragic bushfires in New South Wales remind us all of the devastation fires can cause," Mr Russo said. "We must all be mindful of the condition of our properties, to ensure the safety of our families, our neighbours and the community."

Mr Russo said Council's Local Law officers had the authority to enter any private



Overgrown vegetation creates a dangerous fire hazard.

property under the provisions of the Local Government Act 1989. If a property is considered a fire hazard Council may issue a notice to comply and/or serve a \$250 on-the-spot fine.

Safety committee supports "PartySafe"

The Glen Eira Community Safety Committee has endorsed PartySafe — a kit developed by the Department of Human Services and the Road Traffic Authority to address safety issues associated with drinking and driving, and raise awareness of the potential risks of drinking to excess.

Council and local police have initiatives in place for parties and social events at Council facilities and residents' homes.

All groups booking Council facilities for parties will receive a PartySafe kit, providing information on recommended drinking levels and hints to help organisers hold an enjoyable event.

The Victoria Police is encouraging those who hold parties at home to register the event at the local police station and receive a PartySafe kit. Police will undertake to monitor and patrol the area, as best they can, to prevent "gate-crashers" from disrupting celebrations.

Two more "lolly pops" for school crossings

Glen Eira began the 2002 school year with two new supervised school crossings — one in Florence Street, Benteigh East, near St Peter's School, and one in Murray Road, Ormond, near Ormond Primary School.

Both schools had contacted Council requesting supervisors be posted at the crossings due to the number of children using them each day to get to and from school.

Council's traffic engineers surveyed vehicles and pedestrians in both areas and found they met the criteria for VicRoads' subsidies. About 175 vehicles and 156 pedestrians travel through the Florence Street crossing each day, while 120 pedestrians and 311 vehicles use the Murray Road one.

This move brings the total number of supervised school crossings in Glen Eira to 49, with Council employing 51 school crossing supervisors. The cost of school crossing supervisors is funded two-thirds by Council and one-third by VicRoads.

Council's Director City Development Jeff Akehurst said school road safety was identified as one of the key areas for action in Council's Road Safety Strategic Plan.

"Council takes the issue of child safety very seriously," Mr Akehurst said. "Council sees the provision of school crossing supervisors as an essential service to the community. They play a vital role in ensuring children travel to and from school safely."

"We will continue to monitor and assess school crossings and other crossing points near schools to ensure the ongoing safety of our children."

Blitz

Victoria Police and Council traffic officers will closely monitor all local school crossings to ensure motorists are complying with school crossing laws and parking regulations around schools. Drivers are advised to be careful when travelling near schools. Police and Council traffic officers will not issue warnings — offending drivers will be fined and issued with an infringement notice.

Volunteer Recognition Scheme



Organisations are invited to nominate volunteers for this Council sponsored ceremony to honour the contribution made by volunteers to community life in the City of Glen Eira.

The ceremony will be held in May in National Volunteers Week.

Information and nomination forms are available from the Service Centre on 9524 3333.

Applications close Wednesday 20 March at 5pm. Late submissions will not be accepted.

Community celebrations in Glen Eira

Record crowd for carols

A record crowd enjoyed ideal weather conditions for the City of Glen Eira's annual *Carols by Candlelight* concert at Caulfield Racecourse in December.

The evening was described as one of great family atmosphere, with people from eight months to 80 years rugging up on the grounds and filling the Terrace Whittier stand, to sing along with entertainers Rhonda Burchmore and Denis Walter. Children were encouraged to take part in the pre-carols entertainment by Sacha Lefevre who had them "bobbing" for doughnuts, racing to win in the "clothes line relay", and singing their favourite carols from on stage.

Council's then Manager Arts and Culture Phil de Losa said the evening offered an opportunity for quiet reflection. "After all the events of the last few months, it was good to have an experience that could put

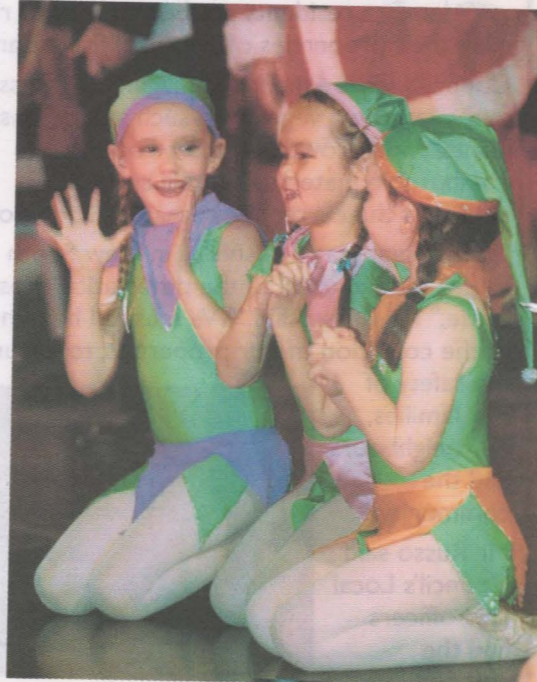
things back into perspective — a moment to focus on positive things like peace and goodwill, and sharing time with family among the community."

"The evening went really quickly. The show was well paced and the audience seemed to get into the spirit of it, all holding their candles up and singing along with the carols," he said. Pre-carol entertainment was also provided by the Glen Eira City Band with soloist Jane Blanford, McKinnon Big Band and Senior Singers. Other performances included Combo Fiasco, the National Boys Choir, Tony Fenelon, the Melbourne Welsh Male Voice Choir, and Terry Gill.

Carols by Candlelight is an annual event held in conjunction with the Melbourne Racing Club (formerly Victorian Amateur Turf Club), which draws people from all over the city to enjoy a relaxing evening with friends and family.



A few careful wind shield adjustments and this young audience member can keep her candle alight during the annual Carols by Candlelight concert.



Three of Santa's little helpers join in the celebrations at Carols by Candlelight.

Rhonda Burchmore and the National Boys Choir in full voice.



Festivals bigger and better than ever



Koorng Road is transformed into "al fresco" cafes for the Carnegie Festival.

An estimated 30,000 people attended the Carnegie Festival in Koorng Road late last year. Organisers said numbers were up on the previous year's festival.

The annual festival's Christmas-like atmosphere was aided by new Christmas decorations organised by the Carnegie Traders Association. The decorations were provided through the traders association's mainstreet program marketing levy, which helps strip shopping centres develop a cohesive marketing strategy.

Among those attending was Cr Norman Kennedy representing the Mayor, who rode with Santa in the opening procession in a sleigh pulled by Samoyed dogs. Humphrey B Bear made an appearance on stage, where local primary schools were also represented by student performances.

Local organisations such as Carnegie Lions Club, State Emergency Service, art societies and craft groups held stalls and plenty of rides were available for children, such as a jumping castle and merry-go-round and of course, a sausage sizzle. For the more daring, festival goers, motorcycle rides and bungee jumping were also available.

Spokesperson for Carnegie Traders Association Patti Perkins said the sunny spring weather was a welcome relief for the day. She was pleased with the success of the festival. "It was a family orientated festival with a friendly atmosphere."

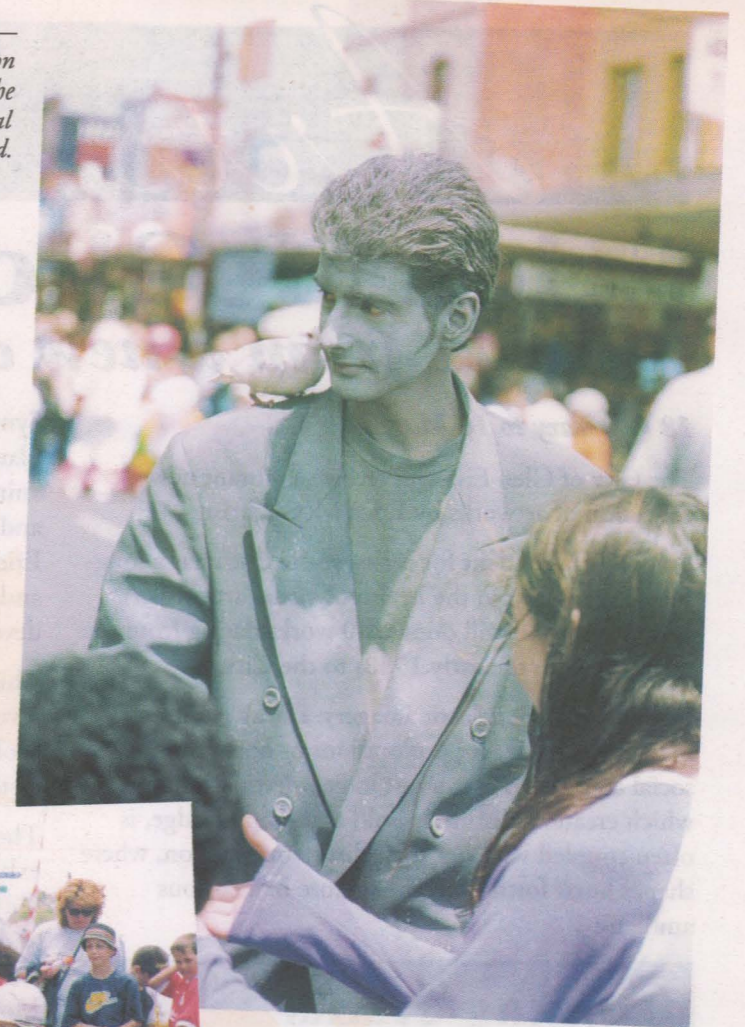
The number of people attending Bentleigh Festival was also up on the previous year. Bentleigh Traders' Association spokesperson Richard Atkinson said the festival was a highly successful family day which drew an estimated 40,000 strong crowd.

Chips fly as the wood chopping competition gets into full swing at the Bentleigh Festival.



Community celebrations in Glen Eira photos by Peter Bury.

The human statue — complete with pigeon — entertains the Carnegie festival crowd.



Below: Just one of the range of rides at the Carnegie Festival — these young boys get into the carnival spirit on 4-wheeled motorcycles.



Attractions included a diverse range of foods, rides and entertainment, catering for all ages and interests — wood chopping competitions, tug o' war, early settlers displays, an animal farm, and a street pipe organ.

Local schools were well represented with performances from students at Bentleigh West and Valkstone primary schools and a "very professional" swing band put together by McKinnon Secondary students.

Smiling clowns draw the attention of a young Bentleigh Festival-goer.



Bentleigh Festival draws a crowd from all over the city to fill Centre Road.

Happy Chanukah lights up the sky

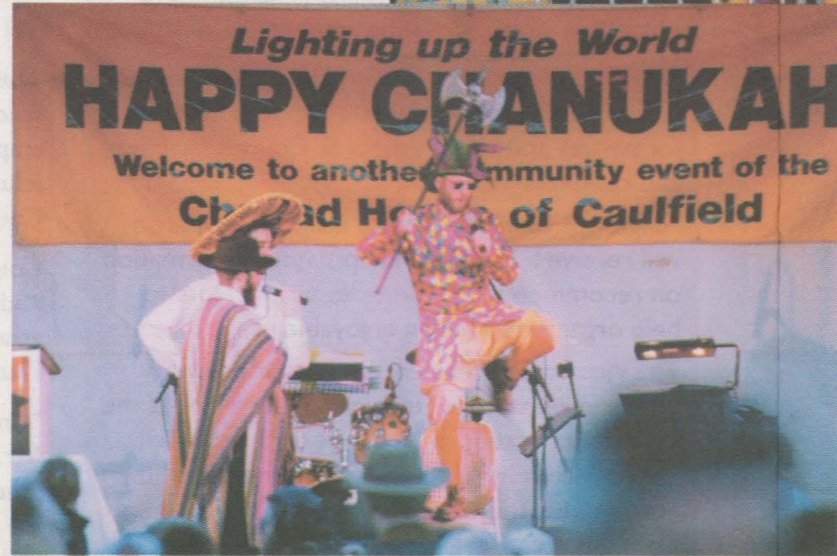


Fireworks lit up the night sky at the Festival of Lights held in Caulfield Park last December. The Chanukah celebrations were organised by Chabad House of Caulfield and drew a crowd that was estimated to be the biggest for some years.

The event included all the regular carnival rides, the jumping castle, and music, plus performances of the stories which form part of the Jewish tradition and the lighting of the special "Chanukia" to commemorate the "miracle of the oil".

The Hebrew word "Chanukah" means "dedication" and refers to the story of the revolt of the Jewish people against being assimilated into Greek culture in the 2nd Century BCE. According to the traditional story, the Jewish fighters who successfully defended their people against the Greek rule, returned to Jerusalem in the month of December to find the holy temple desecrated. When they came to light the menorah, only one small jar of oil bearing the pure seal of the high priest could be found.

The story describes the miracle that this tiny jar burned for eight days, until more oil could be brought. Hence the eight day celebration which Jewish people observe — Chanukah, the festival of lights.



ARTS *Arts*

Glen Eira Arts Complex,
corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield
Website: www.gleneiraarts.citysearch.com.au

Erica McGilchrist — works from a new collection

18 February to 10 March

The City of Glen Eira will receive a vibrant new collection of artworks by Erica McGilchrist.

A Glen Eira resident for many years, Erica has a long-standing interest in the health of visual arts in her community and will donate 80 works dating from the early 1960s to the early 1980s to the City.

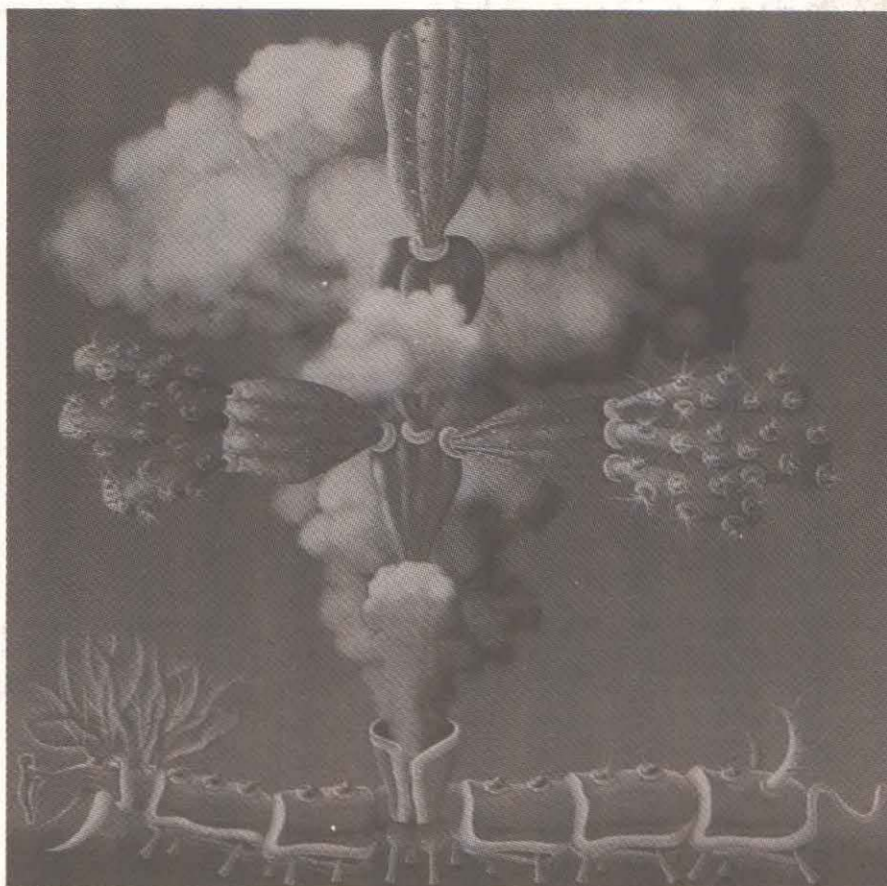
Known for their eclectic imagery, Erica's paintings, mainly in acrylic, are explorations of both formal and social concerns. An interest in geometric illusion, which creates a distinctly bold and graphic edge, is often coupled with her surrealistic imagination, where shapes burst forth from the picture in a curious ambiguity.

Symbolic combinations of plants becoming human, animals becoming machine, and vice versa are employed by Erica to question social change and technological developments.

This collection of paintings reveals the vulnerability of ecological, social and political systems.

The works will be on exhibition in the Glen Eira City Gallery corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield. Hours: Monday–Friday 10am–5pm and Saturday/Sunday/Public Holidays 1pm–5pm.

Contact David O'Halloran on 9524 3214.



Above right: *Nuclear Cactoblastis* (Animal mutation from characters from a morality play series) 1978.

Coming events

Glen Eira City Council presents

Music in the park

Sunday 23 February from 1pm–3pm

City of Glen Eira Band under newly appointed Conductor Hayden Denise, with soloist Danielle Matthews, will perform an afternoon of popular music in Caulfield Park, Balaclava Road, Caulfield (Melway Ref: 59 C12). Free for all the family — bring a picnic to this relaxing Sunday afternoon.

Allan Zavod Trio

Sunday 17 March

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

Time: 2.30pm–4pm

Cost: \$25/\$22

Light refreshments available.

For further information contact co-ordinator Peter Regan on 9524 3371.

Literary Awards

Don't forget — entries for the 2002 Glen Eira Literary Awards close Friday 22 March.

For applications contact:
Rosanna Verde 9524 3287 or email
rverde@gleneira.vic.gov.au

2002 GLEN EIRA LITERARY AWARDS

Short courses for aspiring writers

Oak Tree House

February–March

Discover you can write with Gaylene Carbis

3 x half day workshops. Ages 16 and over.
Saturdays, 9–23 March, 10am–2pm. Cost: \$110

Gaylene Carbis has written more than 30 short plays and three major plays. Recognition of her work includes poetry selected for inclusion in Australia's Best Poetry, a Highly Commended for Australasian Poetry Awards and First Prize for Poetry at the Victorian Writers Centre. Her work has been widely presented and reviewed in major literary journals. She is currently working on the screen adaptation of her play *Crossing the Bridge* with award-winning filmmaker Kelli Simpson.

This course is for aspiring fiction writers and will give their ideas form and fluidity. Complete a first draft of a short story during this course.

Screen writing with Marie Craven

10 x 3 hour classes. Ages 16 and over.

Thursdays, 7 February–28 March, 6.30pm–9.30pm.
Cost: \$145

Marie Craven has been involved in screenwriting and filmmaking for more than 10 years. She has written and directed numerous short films including *Blow*, a short film funded by the Australian Film Commission in 2001, and *MaidenHead*, funded by the Australian Film Commission and winner of the Best Film at the 1996 St Kilda Film Festival. Marie has taught and assessed screenwriting and filmmaking at Melbourne CAE, Open Channel and RMIT.

This course focuses on the creative process of writing screenplays. Participants will work towards completing a short first-draft screenplay.

Oak Tree House Art Classes Term 1

Presented by
Glen Eira
City Council

	Children			Adults		
	Kid's Corner 5–7 years	Art for 8–12 years	TeenArt	10am–12pm	1pm–3pm	7pm–9pm
Monday 4 February – 25 March	• Drawing class	• Exploring art	• Ceramics for young people	• Abstract and mixed media painting	• From beads to jewellery • Folk and decorative craft • Ceramic tiles	• Introduction to oil painting • Introduction to watercolour and acrylic • Leadlighting
Tuesday 5 February – 26 March	• Clay Kids Club	• Drawing class	• Drawing and painting for teenagers		• Ceramic garden works	• Wheel throwing pottery • Learn to draw • Portrait painting from photographs
Wednesday 6 February – 27 March	• Every picture tells a story		• Mosaic	• Mosaic • Mandala art	• Art for seniors • Slip casting and decoration	• Mosaic • Intermediate oil painting • Introduction to drawing
Thursday 7 February – 28 March	• Art and stuff	• Clay works	• Introduction to film animation			• Introduction to life drawing • Screenwriting • Mandala art for wellbeing
Saturday 9 February – 23 March	• Saturday morning art 5–12 years		• Saturday morning art 12–16 years	Discover you can write 10pm–2pm (3 half-day workshops @ \$110). 9, 16 and 23 March		Introduction to film making 2pm–4pm 7 weeks @ \$127

Monday: 4.30pm–6.30pm; duration 7 weeks; cost \$97
Tuesday to Thursday: 4.30pm–6.30pm; duration: 8 weeks; cost \$110
Saturday: 10am–12pm; duration 7 weeks; cost \$97
All prices include basic materials and GST

Monday: duration – 7 weeks; cost \$127
Tuesday to Thursday: duration – 8 weeks; cost \$145
Saturday: as indicated
All prices include basic materials and GST



For program information call 9524 3402

LIBRARY News

Internet training



How to buy a computer
In response to many requests, a new two-part class *Buying a Computer: making an informed decision*, has been introduced. For people thinking of purchasing or upgrading their computer, this class is essential.

Tuesday 26 March and Tuesday 2 April
10.30am–12.30pm. Cost: \$60

Introduction to the Internet

Thursday 14 February 1.30pm–3pm
Thursday 7 March 1.30pm–3pm
Wednesday 27 March 10.30am–12pm
Cost: \$33

Email

Wednesday 20 February 10.30am–11.30am.
Cost \$33

Further steps on the Internet

Thursday 14 March 1.30pm–3pm. Cost: \$55

Special offer

Book both an *Introduction and Further Steps class* and pay only \$66 — save \$22.

Introduction to the Internet and *Email* classes are suitable for people with little or no Internet experience. Classes are held in the multi-stationed Computer Training Facility at Caulfield Library. All prices include GST. Details and bookings at any branch of the Glen Eira Library and Information Service.

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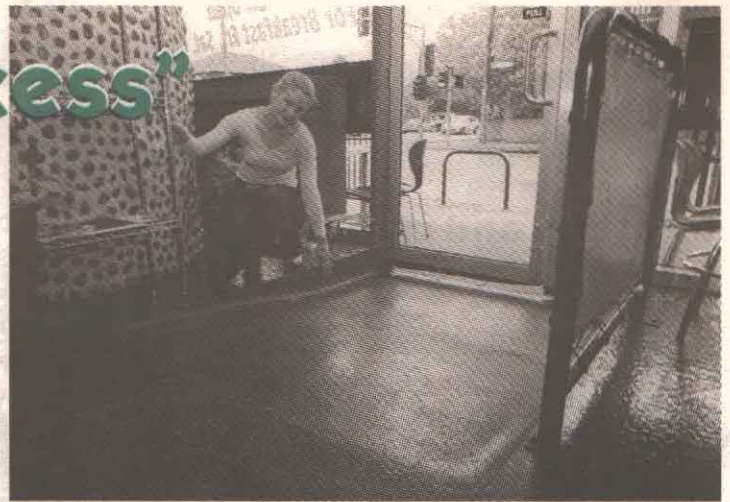
Jill Griffiths
Carnegie 9504 4472

Praising "access" efforts

The inaugural Glen Eira Access Awards, held to coincide with International Day of People with a DisAbility in December last year, were presented to businesses Ecoblu (Caulfield North), Harry Blatt Pharmacy (Caulfield South) and Daisy Art Florist (Caulfield South), and community organisations Bentleigh-Bayside Community Health Service's volunteer program and Financial Counselling Service Southern.

Mayor Cr Noel Erlich said he was pleased to be part of such an important acknowledgement of the need for equity and inclusion in the community. He said: "All of the recipients have achieved excellent standards of accessibility for people with a disability. Their efforts have undoubtedly contributed to making access easier for people with disabilities."

"More than 21,000 people, representing 18 per cent of Glen Eira residents, experience some form of disability, the most prevalent being physical and sensory. Such a large part of our community cannot be ignored. These awards give businesses the incentive to focus on supporting people with disabilities," Cr Erlich said.



Ecoblu Assistant Manager Alice Penna with the recently installed entrance ramp for disabled access. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

As part of the award program, Council also held a breakfast workshop *Better Access — Better Business*, aimed at increasing understanding of the needs of people with disabilities, providing practical advice on how services and facilities can be made more accessible and increasing awareness of the Disability Discrimination Act and other relevant legislation.

Council will continue to promote accessibility with further workshops during 2002. For further information contact Access and Equity Officer Sharon Granek on 9524 3339.

— Christina Cox
Year 10 work experience student

Health plan for the community

Agencies and health professionals who contributed to developing the Glen Eira Municipal Public Health Plan were acknowledged at a morning tea, held to launch the document late last year.

Mayor Cr Noel Erlich outlined Council's role in coordinating the research and data collection which underpins the health promotion priorities for the City for the next three years.

The plan has a strong health promotion and illness prevention focus and outlines sustainable activities which have been developed in consultation with community agencies and their communities. The success of the plan will be determined by community participation and capacity-building in health promotion activities.

"By working in partnership and with the abundance of expertise the health planning partnerships have established, we all should be confident that health gains will be made for our residents, some short term, some with a longer lead time," Cr Erlich said.

Copies of the *Municipal Public Health Plan for the Glen Eira Community 2002–04* are available from Council's Service Centre and libraries. The plan is also available on Council's Website www.gleneira.vic.gov.au under Services/Public Health/ Health Promotion



(From left) Council's Medical Officer of Health Dr Mark Faigen, Public Health Manager Christine Millsteed and Mayor Cr Noel Erlich with the Municipal Public Health Plan.

CAULFIELD SOUTH COMMUNITY HOUSE

450 KOORYONG RD (Cnr Jupiter St)
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Low cost short courses in your local community

COMPUTER CLASSES

Computers For Beginners (4 week courses)	Cost: \$60
Word 97 for Beginners (4 week courses)	Cost: \$60
Introduction to Internet and Email (4 week courses)	Cost: \$62
Introduction to Publisher (4 week course)	Cost: \$60
Introduction to Excel (6 week course)	Cost: \$72

*We only have 4 students per class
Some concession places are available*

ADULT EDUCATION

Literacy for Life (16 week course)	Cost: \$48
English for Visitors (7 week course)	Cost: \$105
Maths for Grandparents (6 week course)	Cost: \$50

HEALTH AND PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

T'ai Chi (7 week course)	Cost: \$42
Meditation & Spirituality (6 week course)	Cost: \$48
Managing Pain (6 week course)	Cost: \$56

GENERAL ACTIVITIES

Knitting Circle (meets fortnightly at 1.30pm) — Starts 13 Feb
Women's Lunchtime Network (meets monthly at 12.30pm) — Starts 19 Feb
Singing for Pleasure (Tuesdays 10am) — Starts 12 Feb

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL — RING 9596 8643

SEMESTER ONE: 29 January–27 June
House open 10am–4pm
Tues–Wed–Thur
During school terms

Where are you?

Are there people out there looking for some volunteer work involving maintenance of our community information database?

A familiarity with gathering information via the telephone, and organisational skills would be required.

Please come forward and join our friendly team of volunteers.

Contact Laurel at Community Information Glen Eira on 9524 3272.

COMMUNITY *Diary*

Meetings and clubs

Caulfield Life Activities Club will meet at Gladys Machin Hall, Cedar Street Caulfield on Wednesday 20 February at 7.30pm. Guest speaker. Supper served. New members welcome. Contact: 9568 5849.

Over 40s Club dance — all ages — old time; modern; new vogue — 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.

Centre Benteigh Garden Club meets at St John's Church Hall, corner Centre and Tucker Roads, on the first Tuesday of every month at 1.30pm. Features gardening displays, speakers, and "opportunity" table. Contact: Beulah Gray 9578 6081.

Benteigh Life Activities Club offers opportunities to meet new friends and enjoy social activities. Contact: 9557 2562 or 9563 2554.

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

Glen Eira City Choir will begin rehearsals for Handel's Messiah in early February. Concert performed in June. Contact: Cathy 9578 2443.

Classes and courses

Glen Eira Cheltenham Art Group has positions available for adults and children. Qualified teachers, moderate fees. Contact: Marjorie 9578 4326.

U3A Glen Eira offers English lessons, elementary level to more advanced. **Please note:** classes for 2002 commence Monday 11 February. For information please send a stamped self-addressed envelope to PO Box 286 Glen Huntly 3165. Contact: 9572 0571.

Community

Southern Citizen Advocacy seeks volunteers to assist adults with disabilities. A variety of challenging and rewarding roles available. Commitment is usually two to three hours per week. Contact: Kerry 9576 5455.

Events

Hughesdale Art Group will hold a demonstration in oil still life paintings by Peter Smales on Wednesday 13 February and a demonstration on working with charcoal by Christine Wrest-Smith on Wednesday 27 February at Hughesdale Community Centre, corner Poath and Kangaroo Roads Hughesdale at 7.30pm. Donation: \$5. Contact: 9885 6407.

The National Trust Mansion Labassa will open with a special exhibition (of exquisite table settings) at 2 Manor Grove, Caulfield North on Saturday 23 February and Sunday 24 February, 10.30am to 4.30pm. Parking in Orrong Road. Contact: 9527 6295.

Council events

Council's Adult Day Activity Support Service (ADASS) program provides social options and daily activities and outings for Glen Eira residents. Contact: Angela Mancini on 9532 8493.

Men's Shed Program — a new program for older men, to be implemented by ADASS and Caulfield Lions Club, will be launched at an afternoon tea at 681 Glen Huntly Road South Caulfield on Friday 1 March from 2pm. The program aims to provide retired men with a "shed" in which to enjoy social contact and small wood and handicraft projects. Contact: ADASS 9532 8493.

A "Mega Splash Day" will be held at Benteigh East Swim Centre at 190 East Boundary Road, Benteigh East on Saturday 16 February, 11am-5pm. Featuring: inflatables, jumping castle, face painting, music, demonstrations and give aways. Cost: \$3 (under 4 years free), family ticket \$10. Contact: 9570 7394.

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9578 4460

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BEGINNERS TO BLACK BELT — From 4 years old

Glen Eira Community Forum presents:
RESCODE REVISITED
How is ResCode affecting YOU in the City of Glen Eira?
Tuesday 26 February, 8pm

Venue: The Lighthouse
Corner Centre and Brady Roads,
East Benteigh (rear of church)

Chairperson: Cr David Bloom,
Glen Eira City Council

Speakers: Ashley Admiral — State Department of Infrastructure
Ronald Torres — Glen Eira City Council,
Statutory Planning
Duncan Turner — Glen Eira City Council,
Statutory Services
Save Our Suburbs (name to be confirmed)
Coffee/tea provided

Parking is available in the car park, enter off Brady Road.

For further information
Julie Mercer on 9557 1771

Low cost courses and activities at
Godfrey Street Community House

4/7 Feb	Occasional Child Care — Mon/Thurs	\$8 sess. \$3 p/h
5/19 Feb	Film & Video Group — fortnightly	\$3
6 Feb	Gentle Yoga — Wednesday x 8 weeks	\$72 course \$11 sess
11 Feb	Interest Group — (monthly) Organic Gardening, Experimenting with Make-up, Home preserves	\$gold coin
11/13 Feb	Computer for Beginners Level 1	\$56/\$60 course
15/2 & 8/3	Computer Spreadsheet/Excel x 6 hrs	\$54
18 Feb	Women's Issues, Health & Environ.	\$3 session
18 Feb	Parenting Support Group	\$3 session
18 Feb	CAE Book club	\$per CAE
22 Feb	3yr old Kinder — Friday x 5 weeks	\$40 term
25/2 & 4/3	Volunteer Orientation & Training	\$no charge
4/13 Mar	Computer Beginners Level 2	\$56/\$75 course
6 Mar	Essay Writing group	\$10 per session
7 March	Organic Gardening	\$ gold coin
Thursday	Massage by appointment	\$10 per 1/2 hour
Thursday	Singing for Enjoyment	\$2
Friday	Reflexology by appointment	\$10 per 1/2 hour
Friday	Counselling by appointment	\$5 per session

Bookings required ENROL MONDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2002
9 GODFREY STREET EAST BENTEIGH.
Contact: 9557 9037 / FAX: 9557 1734
email: gschouse@vicnet.net.au Website: www.gschouse@vicnet.net.au

Community gift of Christmas luncheon



Eighty-one guests from Council's independent living units adult day programs and home care were treated to a special three-course Christmas luncheon at the Steak Bank Restaurant in Ormond.

The lunch was provided by the restaurant for frail aged, socially isolated and financially disadvantaged residents of Glen Eira. Council's community buses and a 45-seater bus, provided by Nuline, transported people to the venue.

The whole day was made possible by the generous support of the Glen Eira community — the entertainment was provided by "Afternoon Delight"; raffle draw prizes were donated by Betta Electrical and Furniture Plus; and a range of gifts and bon-bons were supplied by local nursery James H Lees and Sons, L'Oreal, Pacific Trends International, and Safeway.

Immunisation dates for February

Murrumbeena Baptist Church
44 Murrumbeena Road, Murrumbeena
Monday 11 February 10am-11am

Glen Eira Town Hall
(entry via Glen Eira Road)
Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield
Tuesday 12 February 9.30am-10.30am

Benteigh-Bayside Community Health Service
Gardeners Road, East Benteigh
Wednesday 20 February 6pm-7pm
Saturday 23 February 9.30am-10.30am

Glen Huntly Maternal and Child Health Centre
Corner Royal and Rosedale Avenues, Glen Huntly
Wednesday 27 February 9.30am-11am

Benteigh Baptist Church
10 Vickery Street, Benteigh
Monday 4 March 1.30pm-2.30pm

Glen Huntly Friendship Group

99 Grange Road, Glen Huntly

Activities for February

Welcome to 2002 and a new year of good friendship and enjoyable outings. Please note: a change of day to 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month. Some days may have to be changed due to bookings.

Wednesday 13 February, 10am-12pm

Bev Mower is a much travelled lady and invites us to join her on an armchair travel around South America. Morning tea provided. Cost: \$2.50. Bookings: Margaret 9596 6124

Tuesday 26 February

Sit back and enjoy some fun while viewing "Dalkeith" at Waverley Cinema. A basket lunch is provided. Pick up from the Grange Room at 9.15am and from 185 Poath Road, Hughesdale at 9.30am. Cost: \$12.60.

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Youth Page



Youth news

SFYS supports anti-vandalism aerosol art program

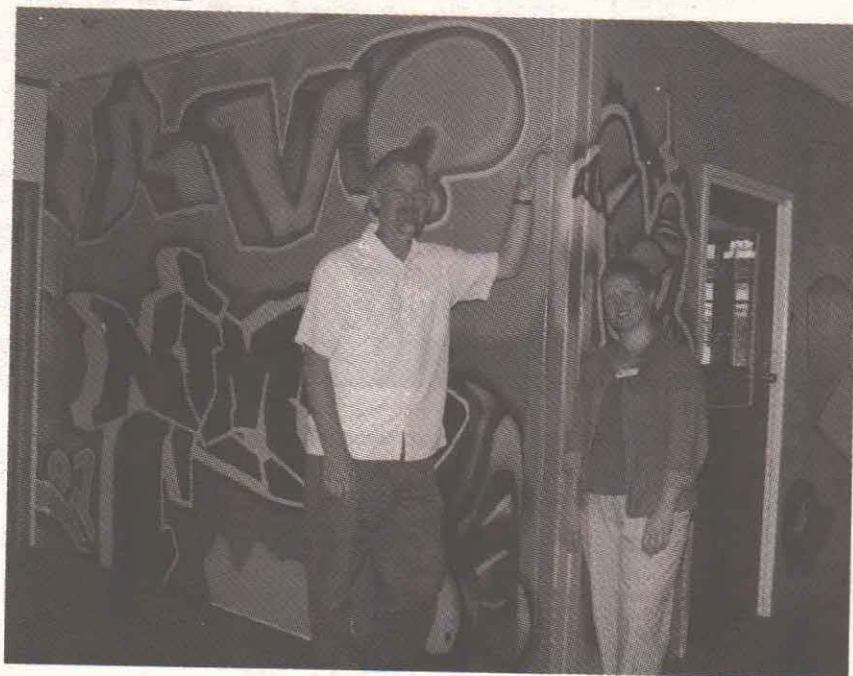
Students at Caulfield Park Community School recently took part in an anti-vandalism, Aerosol Arts Program.

The program aims to foster individual artistic talent, reduce the incidence of illegal graffiti, increase students' self esteem and explore future career options.

With funding from the School Focused Youth Service (SFYS), a joint Council initiative between Port Phillip, Stonnington and Glen Eira, Caulfield Park Community School was able to run the Aerosol Arts program during Terms 3 and 4.

The program was run in conjunction with St Kilda Youth Services and students were instructed by mentors who themselves have made the transition from illegal graffiti practices to professional aerosol artists.

Organisers said the program had been successful in producing some creative and innovative art and focusing the students' energy on becoming valid artists rather than vandals.



Principal David Roycroft and SFYS co-ordinator Karla Fitzpatrick at the school hall decorated by students.

SFYS provides program funding for students who require support and intervention to remain in school, and who are at risk of developing self-harming or anti-social behaviours. For further information contact SFYS Co-ordinator Karla Fitzpatrick on 9524 3392.

Youth expo broadens schools' focus

Resources and programs for primary and secondary school students from the cities of Glen Eira, Port Phillip, and Stonnington, were showcased at the School Focused Youth Service (SFYS) Expo in December last year. The Expo, held in the auditorium Glen Hall Town Hall, gave youth organisations and schools the opportunity to network over Christmas cake and champagne.

The Victoria Police Schools Liaison Unit, Centrelink, Peer Support Victoria, and Holmesglen TAFE were among the 15 agencies offering prevention and early intervention programs and support to schools on issues such as drug and alcohol education, family mediation, spirituality, body image, self esteem and mental health.

School Focused Youth Service Co-ordinator, Karla Fitzpatrick said that while the number of schools attending the Expo was not

as high as anticipated the diversity of schools attending was a promising sign. Representatives from a wide variety of schools — primary, secondary, independent, government and Jewish schools — were able to get program ideas and resources for their classrooms.

SFYS provides brokerage funds for schools and community agencies across the three local government areas to form partnerships and implement programs focusing on suicide prevention and student wellbeing. The service also links students with community support networks to help them build self esteem and increase vital skills needed to make the most of their education. For information about the program contact SFYS Co-ordinator Karla Fitzpatrick on 9524 3392.

— Christina Cox
Work experience student



(From left) Senior Constable Jeremy Beaumont and Senior Constable Jason Fox represent Victoria Police School Liaison Division at the Youth Expo.

Welcome 2002

Throughout 2002 the Glen Eira News Youth Page will publish the voice of local young people, keep them updated on what is happening in and for schools, and report on events, issues and activities affecting young people.

Get involved with Glen Eira Youth Services in 2002! Call, email or drop into the Why? Stop Youth Information Centre at 54 Rosstown Road, Carnegie. Contact: 9572 5389. email: ystop@gleneira.vic.gov.au

The Flying High Circus program offers unique activities for young people to develop physical fitness, strength and flexibility and hand-eye co-ordination by learning circus skills. If you would like Glen Eira Youth Services to bring the Flying High Circus Program to your school in 2002, contact Mark Bekerman at the Why Stop? Youth Information Centre on 9572 5389.

Good mates or total fakes?

My university friends and I share a similar recollection of our teenage peers, that all our schools had a similar hierarchy of student groups — the "cool people", the "alternatives" and the "nerds", and then the "total losers".

The goal of almost everyone in school was to be accepted by the "cool" group, but when I look back, I can't really work out why.

The only conclusion I can draw is that we did not want to be picked on as "different" — we wanted the same looks, clothes and lifestyles. But why did we want to be part of a collective who were all the same and whose hobbies were bagging and giving other people a hard time? Were they really any happier?

Since leaving high school, one thing I've learnt is individuals stand out. You can achieve so much more by having a strong sense of self and happiness, and not caring which group you belong to or what others think about what you look like.

Standing up for yourself and realising it is inappropriate to rate others by status groups, gives you a better chance of having friendships that are strong through thick and thin. Real friends are those who don't judge you or have a go about things that are different, but appreciate you as an individual.

Zoe Webber
University student

Contact us!

For information, support or referral, contact the Why? Stop Youth Information Centre on 9572 5389 or email ystop@gleneira.vic.gov.au
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Recreation News

Netball club shoots goals

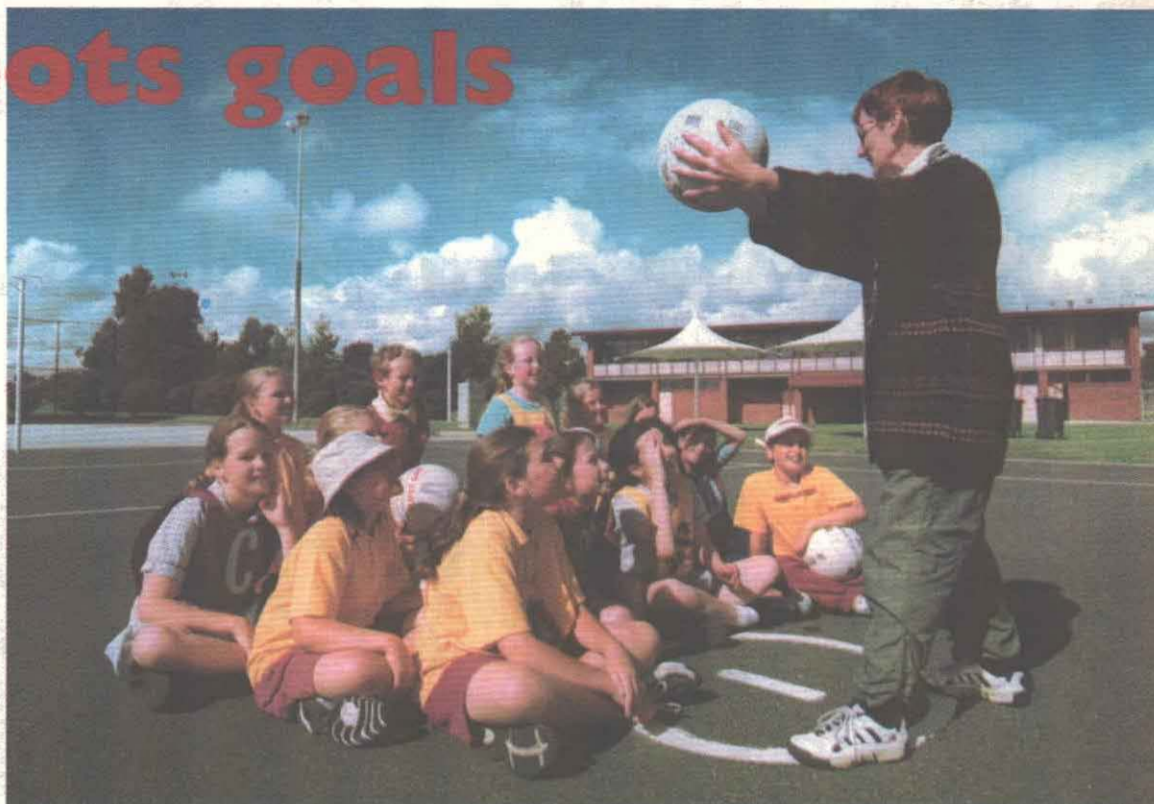
Murrumbeena Netball Club is a thriving member of the Caulfield and District Netball Association. This is a long way from its humble beginnings in 1990 when a parent at Murrumbeena Primary School formed a team so her nine-year-old daughter could follow in her mother's footsteps playing netball.

Today, 15 teams play in winter and spring competitions at the Duncan Mackinnon Reserve on Saturday mornings in both junior and senior levels.

The club has strong parent involvement at all levels which brings a sense of family to the club. Club members believe this is why 85 per cent of players who start as Under 11 continue to play through to senior level. Recent achievements include four girls becoming junior umpires, a senior player gaining her C Grade umpire's badge and one parent umpiring at senior level.

The club offers players and coaches support from a semi-professional coaching supervisor and maintains a strong code of behaviour, focusing on effort and performance, rather than winning or losing.

The Caulfield and District Netball Association's 2002 competition starts on 23 February. For registrations and further information on Murrumbeena Netball Club contact club president Berndt Nolle on 9571 5173.



Murrumbeena Netball Club team members take instructions from their coach during practice at Duncan Mackinnon Reserve.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Victorians runner up in eight-day tournament

NSW successfully defended its U19 Australian Women's Cricket Championship title with victory over Victoria in the finals held in January at Caulfield Park.

The tournament, which included teams from Western Australia, South Australia, Queensland, Tasmania, Australian Capital Territory and ACB Invitational XI, also played at Monash University (Clayton campus).

Victoria and NSW finished the preliminary rounds undefeated and faced Tasmania and Queensland in the semi-finals. Whilst the Victorian team had a relatively easy match, bowling Tasmania out for 55, the NSW team had a tough match against an improving Queensland outfit.

The final, played at Caulfield Park, was eagerly anticipated by both teams and spectators and the first innings saw some great fielding and bowling by the Victorian team who were able to restrict NSW to 9/167 off the 50 overs.

The Victorian team never threatened, and was bowled out for 69. NSW retained the Betty Wilson Shield for 2002 with the final placings as follows: NSW, Victoria, Queensland, Tasmania, ACT, Western Australia, South Australia and ACB Invitational XI.

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Victorian Vice Captain Natalie Mifsud in the semi-final against QLD at Caulfield Park.



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Teams of 10 or more are invited to register for the event and gain sponsorship. Cost: \$10 per person, includes a T-shirt, receipt books, posters and other essential items.

Highlights of the event are the Candlelight Ceremony and the Survivors and Carers' Walk. Spectators are welcome to the event to encourage the teams and attend the ceremonies. For further information contact: 1300 656 585.

Duncan Mackinnon Reserve (Melway Ref: 68 K9)

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