

Age shall not weary them...

A record number of people turned out at the Cenotaph in Caulfield Park to commemorate Anzac Day last month.

Mayor Cr Peter Goudge was joined by Caulfield RSL president Michael Fidler and Carnegie RSL president John Hill in addressing the crowd which included returned soldiers, school students, and members of both the Caulfield St Kilda Legacy and Bentleigh War Widows clubs.

Caulfield RSL Sub-branch and members, were led by the City of Glen Eira Band as they marched to the Cenotaph from the corner of Balaclava and Hawthorn Roads. The 1st



Petroleum Company Australian Defence Force (based at Oakleigh Barracks) formed the Catafalque Guard at the Cenotaph and, with the Beacon Hills cadets, also formed a Guard of Honour.

Anzac Day is the National Day of Remembrance which is recognised in Australia and New Zealand in memory of the many thousands of men who lost their lives at Anzac Cove during World War I. The day, 25 April, marks the landing of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps on the Gallipoli Peninsula.

Caulfield RSL Sub-Branch President Michael Fidler gave the Anzac address, and Carnegie and District RSL Sub-Branch president John Hill read the *Anzac Requiem*.

"On this day above all days we recall those who served in war and who did not return to receive the grateful thanks of the nation... We remember those who still sleep where they were left... We remember those who lie in unknown resting places in almost every land, and those gallant men whose grave is the unending sea..."

Cr Goudge thanked everyone for attending and said: "It is very pleasing to see such a large number of our youth taking the time to pay their respects to those who lost their lives fighting for their country. Many of those who went to the wars were only a few years older than many of the young people here today."

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Mayor Cr Peter Goudge addresses attendees at the Anzac ceremony at the Cenotaph in Caulfield Park.



Members of the 1st Petroleum Company Australian Defence Force and the Beacon Hills cadets surrounded by poppies and white crosses representing the many lives lost at Anzac Cove. Photos: Bernie Bickerton.

Council calls for *better deal from governments*

On the eve of the Federal and State budgets, Council has called for more of Federal and State taxes to be spent locally.

This call for locally focussed funding follows revelations that:

- the average person in Glen Eira pays more in taxes on petrol than they do in rates intended to cover the cost of all local services and facilities;
- stamp duty on house purchases in Glen Eira is higher than the total rates in the City;
- gaming taxes collected from Glen Eira total more than \$24 million each year but, so far, very little of this revenue has come back to the City via the

Community Support Fund;

- the value of the State Government's Pensioner Rebate has fallen by half because it has not increased in the last 20 years. In effect, pensioners in Glen Eira are missing out on \$1.3m each year.

Mayor Cr Peter Goudge said: "The funding situation is exacerbated by both governments shifting costs onto local Councils for expenditure to be met from rates, rather than taxes. This cost shifting is happening in Glen Eira to the tune of nearly \$1 million each year."

"This is not about party politics — we have a State Government which is Labor and a Federal Government which is Liberal. Council is looking for a better

response from both levels of government. Councillors are elected to look after the interests of local people. We are standing up for our community."

Cr Goudge said Australian Bureau of Statistics data showed a significant discrepancy in the percentage increase of funding across all levels of government over the last 10 years. He said both Federal and State Governments had shown more than a 50 per cent increase in the amount of available funding since the 1992-93 tax year.

In contrast to this, Glen Eira's average rates and charges had increased only eight per cent (less than half the CPI) from the 1993-94 tax year to the current year.

For some startling facts about taxes and rates, see page 6.

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ABS data creates the following picture:

	1992-93	1999-2000	Change \$	Change %
Federal tax revenue:	\$88,760m	\$152,576m	\$63,816m	72%
State tax revenue:	\$6,241m	\$9,708m	\$3,467m	55%
Consumer Price Index				23%
	(1993-94) (2001-02)			
Glen Eira's average rates and charges:	\$634.83	\$686.26		8%

MAYOR'S column



I never cease to be astounded by the community spirit that embodies our City of Glen Eira.

In the short time since I was elected as Mayor of our City, my life has been a non-stop whirl of engagements — meeting very many individuals, groups

and organisations who make up our great City.

Being elected Mayor by my peers is a great personal honour for me and one I will always cherish. I remain grateful to my colleagues for the trust they have placed in me and to my daughters Kahlia and Dana and my partner Joanne for their support, without which I would not have been fortunate enough to be in the position to take on these duties.

My intention for the year is to build on the successes of my predecessors and keep Glen Eira at the leading edge of local government in Victoria.

Many critical issues face us. One of these is ongoing concern over town planning matters, in particular, the workings of the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT). We hope we are now seeing the light at the end of the tunnel, as the State Government is setting up a working party to examine various aspects of VCAT's operations. Indeed, your Council is the only Victorian Council to be given a specific right to make a submission to the group.

Perhaps the greatest challenge facing our City is the need to generate enough capital to renew our community facilities and infrastructure. At a public meeting on 16 April, organised by the Glen Eira Residents Association and the Glen Eira Community Forum, all comments and questions favoured increased capital projects financed by increased rates. However, Council is conscious of the need to hear from more of our community and remain engaged in discussions with the people of this City before final decisions are made.

State issues are also having a considerable impact on our City. The State Government levy on Council to fund the fire brigade is now more than \$1 million per annum (more than 3 per cent of rates). This levy is calculated according to relative values of property, and because property values in Glen Eira are rising faster than most areas, Glen Eira's levy is increasing dramatically (by about \$350,000 in 2002-03).

Increased costs to Council will also be created by the Melbourne Water Special Building Overlay (which will require significantly more permits and significantly more administrative costs) and by the cost of Council's insurance premiums (which are projected to rise by approximately \$200,000, despite Glen Eira being rated first of all Councils in Victoria for risk management.)

Alongside this, Council's Grants Commission road grant is being reduced by a further 15 per cent

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"Let us all hope that never again will circumstances arise which will call upon our youth to lay down their lives, as those, to whom we pay tribute today, did."

The official party also included Caulfield MLA Helen Shardey, Bentleigh MLA Inga Peulich, Oakleigh MLA Ann Barker, Council's Chief Executive Officer Andrew Newton, who laid wreaths alongside Caulfield Ladies RSL Club, Caulfield St Kilda Legacy Widows Club, the Scouts and Guides associations, and representatives from the Polish Army and Leibler Yavneh College.

Also attending were: Cr David Bloom and his wife Paula, Cr Alan Grossbard and his wife Judi, Cr Noel Erlich and his wife Helen, Cr Norman Kennedy and his wife Nola, Cr Dorothy Marwick and her husband Geoff, Cr Rachele Sapir, Cr Eamonn Walsh and his wife Helen Green and son Damian.

(\$130,000) for the coming year (and in each of the next two years).

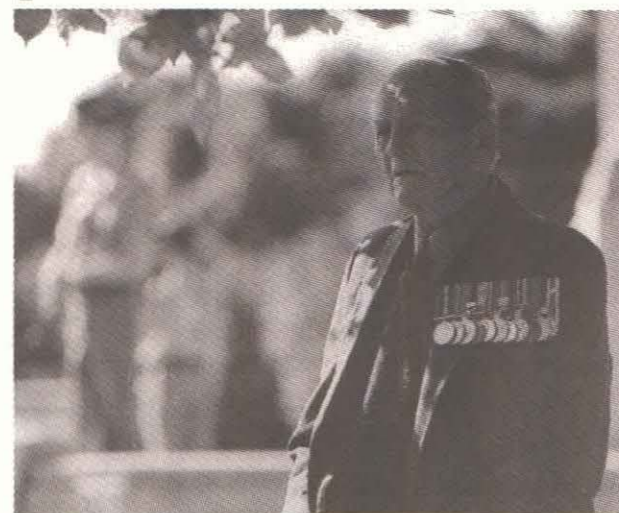
Stamp duty payments are now higher in Glen Eira each year than rates — the amount of stamp duty due on the average property now exceeds 20 years' worth of rates. (Stamp duty is a classic growth tax, which both Federal and State Governments have while local governments have not.)

All properties in Glen Eira are being revalued — a two-yearly State Government requirement. The value of rateable properties in the City has risen about \$9 billion in the last six years. Movements in individual's rates in 2002-03 are likely to be significant. The revaluation will affect the distribution of rates, depending on relative property values.

This revaluation process costs Council in excess of \$400,000 each time. Council does not believe this needs to happen every two years, but believes the money could be better spent on facilities for the community.

Over the next 12 months, I look forward to working with all of our community to meet these challenges.

— Cr Peter Goudge
Mayor



A moment of quiet contemplation — a digger remembers.
Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Japanese exchange opportunity

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The Glen Eira-Ogaki Friendly Cities Advisory Committee invites adults who are either a resident, ratepayer or teacher in the City of Glen Eira, to lead a student delegation to the City's sister city, Ogaki in Japan.

Applicants should be aged 18 years or over, preferably speak Japanese or have contributed to the Friendly Cities relationship. The visit will be from 29 September to 10 October, 2002 and will be partially funded by a scholarship.

Applications close 28 June.

For further information call Michelle Hurd on 9524 3225.

Deadlines for Glen Eira News

Deadline for the next issue of Glen Eira News will be **Monday 13 May** for delivery 4-6 June.

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Resurgence sought for shopping strip

Council has undertaken significant revitalisation works to improve the footpaths in the heritage area of McKinnon Shopping Centre. New garden beds have been installed where possible, and up-lights have been placed to illuminate the existing trees and create a welcoming ambiance in the evening.

Council's Business Development Manager Lynda Bredin said Council hoped the works would be the beginning of McKinnon's resurgence and that the investment in its streetscape would encourage a renewal in the shopping strip.

"McKinnon Shopping Centre is one of Glen Eira's crown jewels. It bears the character of a village with heritage significance, giving it its own special place within the City of Glen Eira and the wider metropolitan Melbourne," she said.

Ms Bredin said the centre had experienced a decline in commercial activity, as Bentleigh and other neighbouring shopping centres had taken over as the main commercial areas.

"But McKinnon has the potential to create its own niche market, there are a number of shops waiting for the lateral business opportunity. The centre's character is not unlike the very successful Maling Road centre in Canterbury, which has recreated itself as a recreational centre boasting fine food with unique, quality giftware, craft and household items.

"The Maling Road centre adapted to consumer lifestyle needs in the development of its marketing

niche, with weekends now being its main trading days."

She said Council was firm in its belief that the smaller shopping centres were just as important in the community as larger centres — being an asset to the City, with equal opportunity to provide a niche service to the community.

"Like all centres, it takes a united effort to entice and encourage a resurgence. Council hopes property owners will also look at their assets and property investments with the view to maintenance. Property owners and managers also need to give careful consideration to potential tenants to ensure they choose tenants which will add to the centre's long term vitality," Ms Bredin said.



New paving, street trees and lighting is installed to revitalise McKinnon Shopping Centre. Photo: Myrine Hawksworth.

Shopping strip revitalised

Linking business and education — Glen Eira BusEd

Monash University Information Technology students (pictured right) got a "taste" for business with Cottage Cakes proprietor Dorothy Fraser when they attended her business to begin work on developing a Cottage Cakes website as part of Council's BusEd — Linking Business to Education program.

Ms Fraser said working with the students had been an on-site educational experience for her that had developed her knowledge of information technology.

The BusEd program will hold a series of dinner seminars, beginning on June 6, exploring the opportunities for businesses to link with students for mutual learning experiences.

The first seminar is entitled *Innovative Marketing — A key ingredient to success* and will include a presentation by Monash University students on a project which assisted a small business owner to develop a new product, manufacturing method and marketing strategy.

Guest speaker Department of Marketing Monash University Ken Grant said: "In today's increasingly global markets it is becoming difficult to find a source of competitive advantage and even harder to sustain it. Ideas, innovation and knowledge management has ultimately grown in importance. This presentation highlights the nature and scope of innovation in small business marketing."

For bookings contact Lynda Bredin on 9524 3384.



Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Court conviction for illegal building works

The removal and relocation of a house from Cromwell Street, Caulfield, without appropriate building permits, has resulted in the charging and fining of John Albert Madren.

Mr Madren was charged with two counts of carrying out building works without a permit pursuant to Section 16(1) of the Building Act 1993. On one charge he was released on an undertaking (a good behavior bond) and on the other he was convicted, fined \$1000 and ordered to pay \$1500 in costs.

This result follows investigation by Council building inspectors in June last year. An inspection of the Cromwell Street property revealed that a professional house remover had been engaged to relocate the house from Cromwell Street to Thirteenth Street, Mildura. At the time of the inspection, half of the dwelling had been loaded on to a prime mover. A "stop work" order was immediately issued under the provisions of Section 116 of the Building Act 1993. Less than two weeks later the works resumed after a permit was issued by a "private building surveyor" in Mildura.

Council's prosecuting officer told Magistrate Dugdale in the Mildura Magistrate's Court, that Mr Madren had been a house removalist for 12 years. The Court was advised by Madren's representative that his client didn't check to see there was a permit.

The case represented a win for Glen Eira City Council and according to City Development Director Jeff Akehurst should encourage builders and developers to ensure appropriate permits have been granted before commencing building works in the City.

Visy moves to containers for commercial cardboard

Cardboard and paper recycling for businesses and shops in Glen Eira is about to get easier with a new bin system provided by Visy Recycling, which reduces hassles and potential litter problems.

For the past five years Visy Recycling has conducted the collection of commercial cardboard from major strip shopping centres in Glen Eira. Cardboard is currently stacked on the footpath for collection on Thursday nights.

But after 16 May, cardboard for collection will need to be placed in a container provided by Visy. Traders wishing to continue participation in

cardboard collection will need to contact Visy to register for the service. A collection fee will apply, depending on the type of container required.

Council is not involved with the collection but welcomes the change. Using containers for cardboard collection will greatly reduce the amount of litter generated by the previous collection process.

A brochure detailing the changes to the service is being distributed by Visy. For further details Visy Customer Service can be contacted on 1300 368 479.



Language Line



Il Comune esige un trattamento migliore da parte dei governi

Alla vigilia del varo delle leggi finanziarie federale e statale, il comune ha richiesto che una quota maggiore delle tasse federali e statali vengano elargite al livello locale. Questa richiesta segue la scoperta che:

- il cittadino medio residente nel comune di Glen Eira spende di più in imposte sulla benzina che in tasse comunali;
- l'imposta sugli acquisti delle case (stamp duty) supera il totale complessivo delle tasse comunali;
- ogni anno nel comune di Glen Eira vengono raccolti \$24 milioni di imposte sul gioco d'azzardo. Finora non è stata rimborsata che una piccolissima parte di questo totale al Community Support Fund (il cosiddetto "fondo di sostegno alla comunità");
- il valore del Pensioner Rebate (lo sconto per i pensionati) offerto dal governo statale è stato dimezzato negli ultimi 20 anni poiché non ha mai subito alcun aumento. I pensionati residenti nel comune di Glen Eira devono fare a meno di \$1,3 milioni ogni anno.

La situazione finanziaria dei comuni viene aggravata dal fatto che i governi si aspettano che le spese comunali vengano affrontate ricorrendo alle tasse comunali, invece che a quelle statali o federali. Questo "spostamento" dei costi nel comune di Glen Eira raggiunge un totale di \$1 milioni ogni anno.

Dalle indagini dell'Australian Bureau of Statistics (l'ufficio statistiche) risulta che a partire dall'anno fiscale 1992-93 sia i governi federale che statale si sono presi più del 50% dell'aumento dei fondi a disposizione. Le tasse comunali nel comune di Glen Eira sono aumentate comunque soltanto dell'8% (meno della metà del carovita) dall'anno fiscale 1993-94 fino ad oggi.

Per leggere l'articolo completo vedere a pagina 6.

市政府要求從聯邦政府和州政府獲得更合理的財政撥款

在聯邦和州政府公佈財政預算前夕，市政府要求聯邦和州政府將更多的稅收用於地方，原因在於：

- Glen Eira 地區平均每人支付的汽油稅比市政稅還要多；
- 購置房屋的印花稅高於 Glen Eira 市政府的市政稅總稅收；
- 在 Glen Eira 地區所收的賭博總稅收逾二千四百萬澳元，而迄今此稅收中僅很少一部分通過社區支持基金 (Community Support Fund) 用於本地區；
- 州政府的養老金退還款 (Pensioner Rebate) 最近二十年來始終沒有增加，所以其價值降低了一半。Glen Eira 地區的養老金領取者實際上每年少得一百三十萬澳元的養老金。

聯邦政府和州政府要求市政府的財政支出由市政稅相抵，而不是取自其他稅收，這樣就加劇了財政撥款的問題。每年，Glen Eira 的此開支轉嫁款額高達一百萬澳元。

澳洲統計局數據顯示，自從 1992-93 稅務年度起，聯邦政府和州政府所收資金增加了 50%。但是，自 1993-94 稅務年度至今年，Glen Eira 的平均市政稅和其他收費僅增加了 8% (不到消費價格指數的一半)。

詳情請參閱第 6 頁。

Муниципалитет выступает за более справедливое соглашение с федеральным и штатным правительствами

В предверии принятия государственного федерального бюджета и бюджета штата, муниципалитет выступает за то, чтобы больше средств из федеральных и штатных налоговых поступлений было выделено на нужды муниципалитетов. Как недавно было установлено,

- среднестатистический житель муниципалитета Glen Eira платит больше налогов на бензин, чем муниципальных налогов на недвижимость;
- общая сумма государственной пошлины на покупку жилья, собранной в муниципалитете Glen Eira, превышает общую сумму муниципальных налогов на недвижимость;
- поступления от налогов на азартные игры в муниципалитете Glen Eira превышают 24 миллиона долларов в год, но пока что лишь малая часть этих средств возвращается в муниципалитет через Фонд общественной поддержки;
- реальная стоимость льгот для пенсионеров, предоставляемых

правительством штата, уменьшилась вдвое, поскольку эти льготы остаются без изменений уже 20 лет, и пенсионеры муниципалитета Glen Eira таким образом теряют 1.3 миллиона долларов каждый год.

Проблемы финансирования осложнены еще и тем, что федеральное и штатное правительства ожидают, что муниципальные расходы будут в основном покрываться поступлениями от муниципального налога на недвижимость, а не поступлениями от других налогов. В муниципалитете Glen Eira эта переориентация средств происходит в объеме около 1 миллиона долларов в год.

Как показывают данные Статистического Бюро Австралии, за период с 1992-1993 финансового года бюджетные средства федерального и штатного правительств увеличились более чем на 50%. При этом муниципальные налоги и пошлины в муниципалитете Glen Eira за период с 1993-1994 финансового года возросли в среднем только на 8%, что составляет меньше половины роста инфляции за это время.

Более подробная информация на эту тему на стр.6.

Η Δημαρχία ζητά καλύτερη αντιμετώπιση από τις κυβερνήσεις

Τις παραμονές των προϋπολογισμών της Ομοσπονδιακής και Πολιτειακής Κυβέρνησης, η Δημαρχία ζητά να δαπανώνται περισσότερα χρήματα απ' τους ομοσπονδιακούς και πολιτειακούς φόρους στην τοπική περιοχή. Αυτό είναι επακόλουθο αποκαλύψεων ότι:

- ο μέσος δημότης του Glen Eira πληρώνει περισσότερα χρήματα σε φόρους καυσίμων απ' ότι πληρώνει σε δημοτικούς φόρους,
- τα χαρτόσημο από την αγορά ακινήτου είναι υψηλότερο απ' ότι το σύνολο των δημοτικών φόρων του Glen Eira,
- οι φόροι από το τζόγο που συγκεντρώνονται στο Glen Eira είναι συνολικά πάνω από 24 εκατομμύρια δολ. κάθε χρόνο, αλλά μέχρι τώρα, πολύ λίγα απ' αυτά τα έσοδα επιστρέφονται μέσω του Ταμείου Κοινοτικής Υποστήριξης,

- η αξία της Πολιτειακής Παροχής Συνταξιούχων έχει πέσει στο μισό επειδή δεν έχει αυξηθεί στα τελευταία 20 χρόνια. Στην πραγματικότητα, οι συνταξιούχοι του Glen Eira χάνουν 1,3 εκατομμύρια δολ. ετησίως.

Στοιχεία της Στατιστικής Υπηρεσίας Αυστραλίας δείχνουν ότι αμφότερες η Ομοσπονδιακή και Πολιτειακή Κυβέρνηση έλαβαν πάνω από 50 τοις εκατό αύξηση στα διαθέσιμα ποσά χρηματοδότησης από το φορολογικό έτος 1992 - 93. Αλλά ο μέσος όρος των δημοτικών φόρων και χρεώσεων του Glen Eira αυξήθηκε μόνο κατά οκτώ τοις εκατό (κάτω από το μισό του Πληθωρισμού) από το φορολογικό έτος 1993 - 94 μέχρι το τρέχον έτος.

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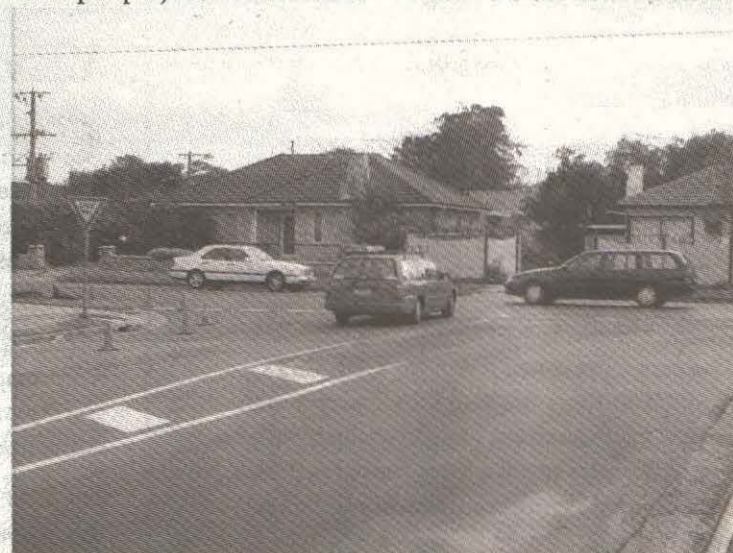
Blackspot project begins

Works to install traffic lights at the intersection of Brady and Centre Roads, Bentleigh, have begun.

The works have been funded by VicRoads' Blackspot project, at an estimated cost of \$180,000 and will be completed by Council's depot GlenWorks. Brady Road is used by about 15,000 vehicles per day, including buses, and pedestrians, and has been the site of seven casualty accidents in five years.

Drainage works have been completed and the fire hydrant and water valve have been removed. Concrete works commenced in late April and were due to be completed early May, in preparation for new asphalt and the installation of lights.

The works will include a pedestrian crossing and a right turn lane into Brady Road from Centre Road.



Reserve's future looks bright

Bentleigh Hodgson revised draft master plan on final display

The consultation period is almost finished for the development of the park master plan for the Bentleigh Hodgson Reserve, Higgins Road, Bentleigh (Melway Ref 77 F1). The plan has been on display for almost four weeks and written submissions close on Monday 13 May.

Following earlier community comment, Council has revised the draft master plan and now seeks written feedback from residents and key stakeholders. The planning process establishes the parameters for future park developments and enables them to be included in Council's capital works program.

Implementing park master plans such as this one will mean the park will meet the needs of both current and future park users and ensures the park will be well preserved for future generations.

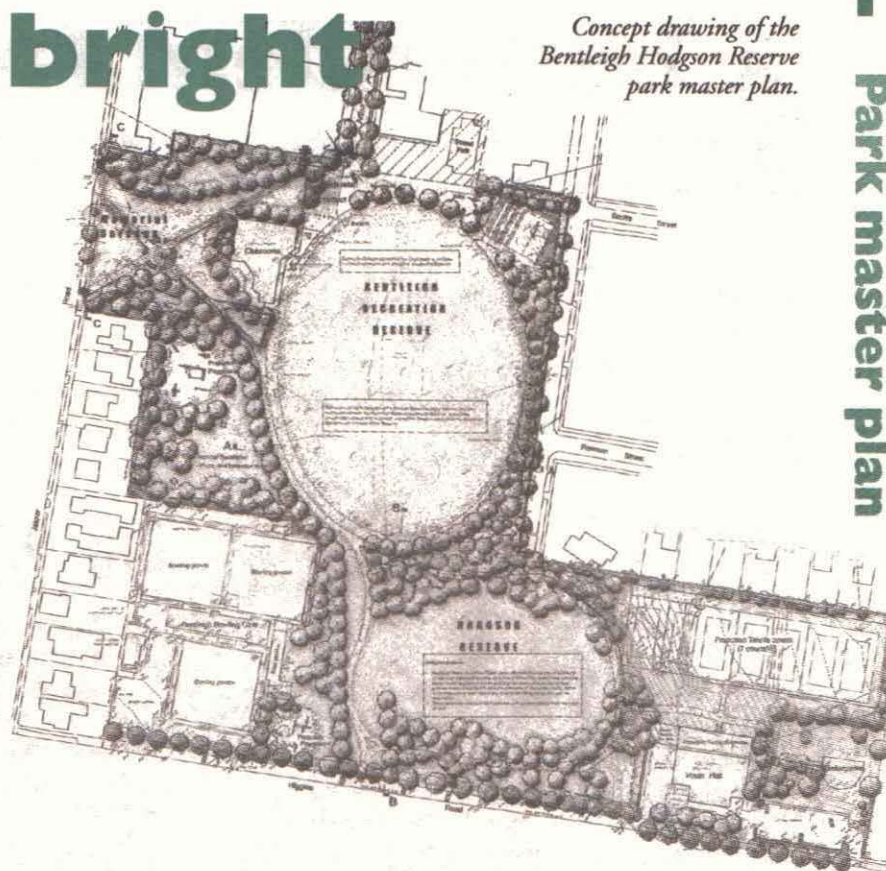
Under the new plan, seven high standard tennis courts will be established to replace and consolidate the existing dilapidated courts. Existing chain wire fencing will be removed to improve access through and around the reserve and link it with the nearby Memorial Gardens. A shared pedestrian/bicycle path will link all areas and activities in the reserve.

Entry points will be improved, via planting and better signage, to maintain and enhance links to adjacent residential areas, businesses and services.

Other highlights of the plan include increased car parking areas, upgrading the existing playground, providing a new playground for older children and exploring the possibility of a youth activity area. About 10,000 native trees will be planted to beautify the park.

The draft plan is on display at Council's Service Centre, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield and at Bentleigh Library, 161 Jasper Road, Bentleigh. Copies are also available for viewing at the Caulfield, Carnegie and Elsternwick libraries and on Council's website at www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

Written comments can be submitted until the close of business Monday 13 May, by mailing to Recreation



Concept drawing of the Bentleigh Hodgson Reserve park master plan.

Park master plan

Services, Glen Eira City Council, PO Box 42, Caulfield South 3162 or emailing to recservices@gleneira.vic.gov.au

Drains, rains and autumn leaves



Council's street sweepers operate on a monthly cycle, and more frequently to deal with leaf fall. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Autumn has arrived, and with winter not far away, fallen leaves and more rain means possible drainage problems.

Glen Eira has a good drainage system that is maintained regularly and is being constantly improved and extended. The system comprises a

network of underground pipes and a series of inlet pits to take the water off the road and dispose of it, ultimately into Port Phillip Bay.

Council sweeps the streets each month with additional sweeping in areas of heavy leaf fall during autumn. This helps prevent leaves and other debris getting into the drains and causing blockages. Cleaning of drains and pits is done partly on a regular cycle in known problem areas and partly in response to specific requests from residents.

While Council has a major role in keeping the drains clean, residents also have a part to play. At this time of year, Council recommends checking and cleaning roof gutters, downpipes and drains. Stormwater drainage pipes are residents' responsibility including the section from their property boundary to where the drain connects to Council's drain or the street kerbline.

A few common sense approaches can reduce the impact of fallen leaves on the City's drains.

- In heavy rain quite a lot of pits will block due to leaves and debris in the street washing onto the pit grate. Often these can be cleared by dragging the rubbish off the grate with a rake.
- Compost leaves and lawn clippings and use them as mulch on your garden rather than sweeping them into drainage pits where they will either block the drains or end up polluting the bay.
- A lot of Council drains are in easements on properties. Any pit lids on residents' properties should be kept clear of obstructions. Keep drainage pits clear of any structures, such as barbecues or paving, to ensure the drains can be accessed if need be.
- Before you plant any trees or shrubs, check with your nursery — some plants have intrusive root systems that will get into drains and cause blockages.
- Report any flooding or damaged pits to Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

— by Kerry Martin



Rake up your autumn leaves for compost and to reduce drain blockages.

Become a volunteer!



Many people would like to do voluntary work but are unaware of the options available and are uncertain where to start looking.

The Glen Eira Volunteer Resource Service provides information and referral to residents about volunteer opportunities in the community.

National Volunteer Week (13–19 May) is an ideal time to think about the contribution you can make to your community.

Phone Anita Mummé at the Glen Eira Volunteer Resource Service on 9524 3303 (Monday, Wednesday and Thursday) for information or to make an appointment to discuss volunteering opportunities.

Are you willing to participate in a valuable community service?

Volunteers are always required for the Social Support and Monitoring Service, part of the Home and Community Care Program.

HACC provides one-to-one assistance to frail-aged elderly, and people with disabilities, enabling them to live independently in their own homes.

Volunteers are needed for two or three 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.

If you think you have the qualities necessary for this valuable volunteer work please contact co-ordinator Susan Rutherford on 9524 3314.

Where does the money go?

A better deal from our taxes

All too often local Councils are the target of resident criticism for rising rates and increased service fees.

But while Glen Eira City Council struggles to manage the financial challenges of aging infrastructure and facilities, rises in the cost of service provision, and continued cost shifting by both Federal and State Governments onto Councils, the average rates in Glen Eira have risen by only 8 per cent since the 1993-94 tax year.

In the face of some startling revelations regarding the way in which funding is distributed by both governments, and the impact this has on residents of Glen Eira, Council is calling for a better deal for its community.

State and Federal Governments:

Home and Community Care (HACC) is a joint Federal and State program. Glen Eira City Council cares for 4000 elderly and disabled people in their homes. The program was introduced on the basis that Governments would pay for 80 per cent and Councils would cover the remaining 20 per cent. Government funding has failed to keep up with demand.

Council (in other words ratepayers) are now paying 30 per cent of the cost of HACC services — almost an extra \$500,000 per year.

State

Government: Gaming taxes now total \$24 million in Glen Eira. Council is applying for a grant from this money (via the Community Support Fund)

to help improve library services. No decision has been made yet. But we hope that some of the money that has gone out of Glen Eira will come back.

Federal Government: Council would like more help with providing immunisation. It costs Council \$13 to immunise a child (the average across Councils is \$17). If you have your child immunised by Council, the Government reimburses Council \$6. If your child had the same immunisation from your GP, the Government would pay that doctor \$46 (the Medicare rebate of about \$22, plus \$24 to encourage doctors to make sure children are up-to-date with vaccinations). While it may be good policy to give doctors incentives to do this, it begs the question why Councils are paid less than the cost of the immunisation while doctors are paid more?

State Government: Developers pay planning fees when lodging applications for building development — fees which are set by the State Government. The fees currently cover less than half the cost of processing the application. Ratepayers are paying for the rest.

While one perspective might be that the planning process gives residents a say, so it is fair and reasonable they should pay for the privilege. But when you look at it another way, it means ratepayers are subsidising the developers. Either way, Council

believes the State Government should increase the fees to reduce the burden on ratepayers.

State

Government: Glen Eira City Council is being levied an extra \$350,000 next financial year to help pay for the Melbourne Metropolitan Fire Brigade.

This makes a total levy of more than \$1 million — that's \$1 million of ratepayers' money.

The MFB levy is calculated according to relative values of property. Because the value of Glen Eira property is rising faster than almost all other municipalities, Glen Eira's levy is increasing significantly.

The main reason property values are rising in Glen Eira is land value. But it is not land that burns! Surely, it would be more appropriate to base the MFB levy on the value of buildings, not land. There is no way around it, at the moment Glen Eira residents are subsidising the fire service for other parts of Melbourne.

State and Federal Governments:

The Grants Commission distributes hundreds of millions of tax dollars to Councils according to their "need". Glen Eira City Council gets the lowest grant per person of any Council in Victoria — \$15 per person. Whitehorse Council gets \$26 per person — across Glen Eira's population of 123,000, that makes a difference of \$1.3m. Cardinia Council gets \$70 per person — an even greater amount.

Although the formula and decisions are not made by either government but by independent commissions, they are made according to national principles set by the governments. Council seeks a review of those principles so that more of the taxes paid by people in Glen Eira get returned to Glen Eira.



State Government: About 7 per cent of properties in Glen Eira are sold each year. Purchasers pay stamp duty on the purchase price. Stamp duty on the average house in Glen Eira in 1993 was about \$6000. On the same average property today it would be about \$15,000. Total stamp duty each year in Glen Eira on the 7 per cent of properties sold, is now far higher than total rates paid by 100 per cent of properties. Stamp duty now amounts to more than 20 years worth of rates. Council believes this windfall gain in stamp duty should be returned to local areas to help fund services and facilities for local people.



State and Federal Governments: Pensioners receive a State Government rate rebate of \$135 — which has remained \$135 for 20 years. No government — Liberal nor Labor — has increased it. If it had been indexed for inflation, it would now be worth \$268 which means pensioners are missing out on \$133 each, or the equivalent of \$1.3 million across Glen Eira. Council has introduced its own rebate of a further \$35 a year for pensioners. Glen Eira is one of very few Councils to do so.

While Glen Eira City Council appreciates that Federal and State Governments have many claims on funds (hospitals, schools, policing, income support payments and so on), Council does not believe this justifies either government under-funding local communities.

Photos: Myrine Hawksworth.



Is your gas heater safe?

Unflued gas heaters are an effective source of heat, but Council advises they may pose health risks when not used properly or serviced regularly.

An unflued gas heater has no external flue and releases combustion pollutants and water vapour directly into the room. Some unflued gas heaters can be moved around the room, having a flexible hose to plug into a wall or floor gas outlet. Others may be fixed to the wall. In some the flame is visible, while others have the flame out of sight.

Council's Acting Public Health Manager Mark Saunders said: "When unflued gas heaters burn gas to make heat, they release combustion pollutants into the room. These pollutants include two harmful gases called carbon monoxide and nitrogen monoxide. Unflued gas heaters in good condition which are used properly, make only very small amounts of these pollutants."

"But, if combustion pollutants build up in the room, they may affect people's health — especially people with asthma or heart disease, children, unborn babies and elderly people. Extremely high levels of combustion pollutants can be dangerous to everyone."

Mr Saunders said there were several steps people could take to ensure their unflued gas heater is used safely and effectively.

- (1) **Check that plenty of fresh air is coming into the room.** Fresh air is needed to push combustion pollutants out of the room and to replace oxygen used by the gas heater.
- (2) **Have the unflued gas heater serviced every two years.** The gas burners in unflued gas heaters can get dirty over time. Dusty gas burners may produce higher levels of combustion pollutants. Gas heaters that are not working properly may produce dangerous levels of carbon monoxide.
- (3) **Always follow the manufacturer's instructions when using the heater.** Never use the heater if there is a strange smell or a smell of gas coming from the heater. Never use an unflued gas heater in a room where there is no fresh air coming into the room, or in a bedroom, bathroom or caravan, or in a room where people are sleeping.

For more information about health effects from unflued gas heaters and air pollution in the home please contact the Department of Human Services Environmental Health Unit on 9637 4156. Information is also available at: www.dhs.vic.gov.au/phd/0005108/index

Speed humps for safer streets

Consultation with residents has resulted in the installation of speed humps in local streets — Gardeners Road (near Bailey Reserve) and Sussex Road (near Brighton cemetery). Three humps have been put in place by GlenWorks in each of these streets aimed at reducing speed limits and improving safety.

Both streets ranked high on Council's "warrants" list for traffic engineering works, a list which prioritises streets according to speed, volume of traffic, accident history and activity generators.

Signs of safety

Motorists must slow down in North Road, Ormond

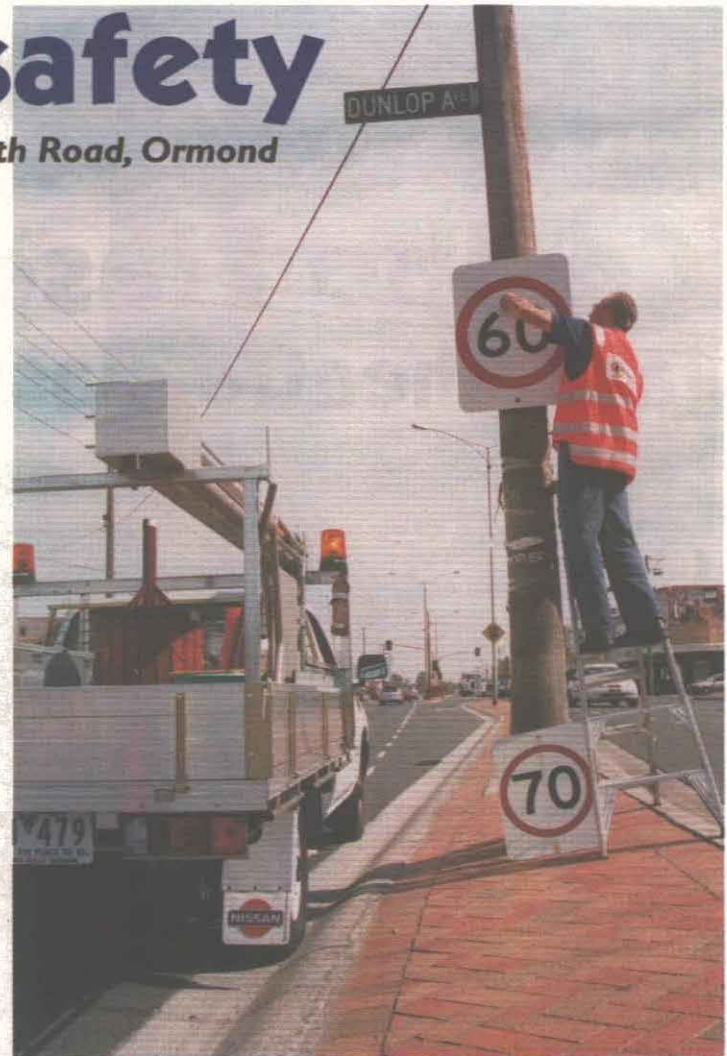
The speed limit along North Road, through the Ormond shopping Centre has been reduced to 60km/h as a result of consultation between Council, VicRoads, Victoria Police, and residents and the community.

The section of road from the Jasper Road/Grange Road intersection to Wheatley Road was reduced from 70km/h as part of the implementation of a Safe Routes to Shops pilot project, for the Ormond Shopping Centre.

Group Manager Statutory Services Duncan Turner said reducing the speed limit through the shopping centre was one of the significant outcomes of the project. He said pedestrian safety within and around strip shopping centers was a major concern to Council.

"The call for reduced speed limits came from consultation with the local community and traders and was a recommendation of the Pedestrian Safety Audit completed as part of the project. VicRoads approval for the reduction was sought and implemented by Council," he said.

"Strip shopping centres and the surrounding streets can be very complex environments, where there are competing interests of road users. In particular, pedestrians wanting to access local community services and businesses versus the motorists trying to reach a destination as quickly and smoothly as possible."



Slow down — speed signs indicating the reduction to 60km/h are installed in North Road, Ormond. Photo: Myrine Hawksworth.

The project is partially funded by Saferoads (a VicRoads program) and its implementation is overseen by the Glen Eira Community Safety Committee which is chaired by Cr Veronika Martens.

Footpath permits increase pedestrian safety

More than 1500 permits, representing 99.6 per cent of those Glen Eira businesses which require permission, have been issued — enabling traders to display signs and products and conduct trading on the City's footpaths.

Patrols were recently carried out by Council's Local Law officers to ensure that footpath permits had been

renewed for the 2002 year. Civic Amenity Manager Carl Russo said permits were required by all shopkeepers to allow for goods and trading on footpaths.

"These permits are renewed annually, and as part of the process of renewing them, traders are required to confirm a current public liability insurance policy.

"It is very important to ensure all businesses obtain the necessary permit. We are talking about equity for all businesses, but more importantly Council is concerned about community safety and risk and liability issues — unless a permit has been granted, Council cannot ensure the business has the necessary cover," he said.

Mr Russo said six traders had opted for ignoring Council's request for renewal and were continuing to display goods and conduct footpath trading without a current permit.

"We want to see footpath trading continue, but with safety and due care. Signs, tables and chairs and so on add to the vibrancy and life of our shopping centres and improve commercial viability for the specific business."

Mr Russo said the offending businesses had been sent renewal notices, caution notices and infringement notices, as well as follow up letters advising of impending court action. "They have also been advised that their furniture (tables chairs and wind-breaks), A-board frames or goods may be impounded if their permits are not renewed."

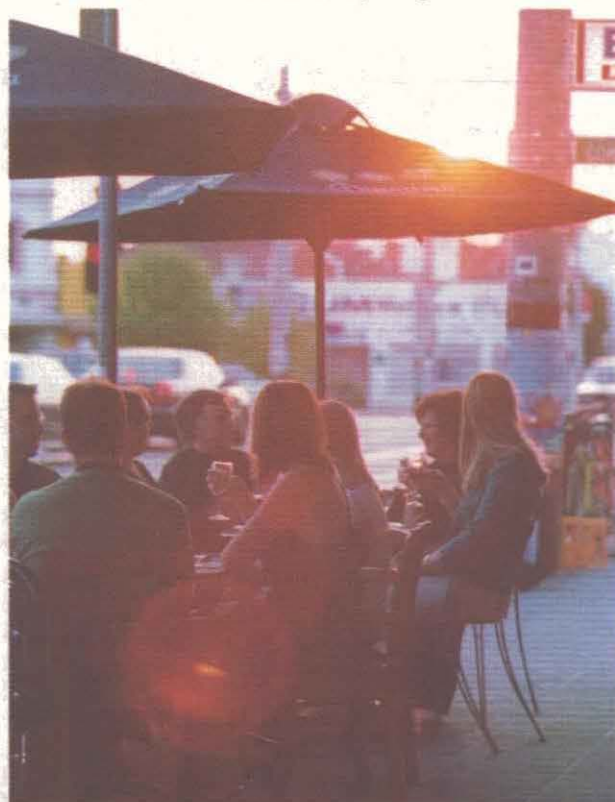


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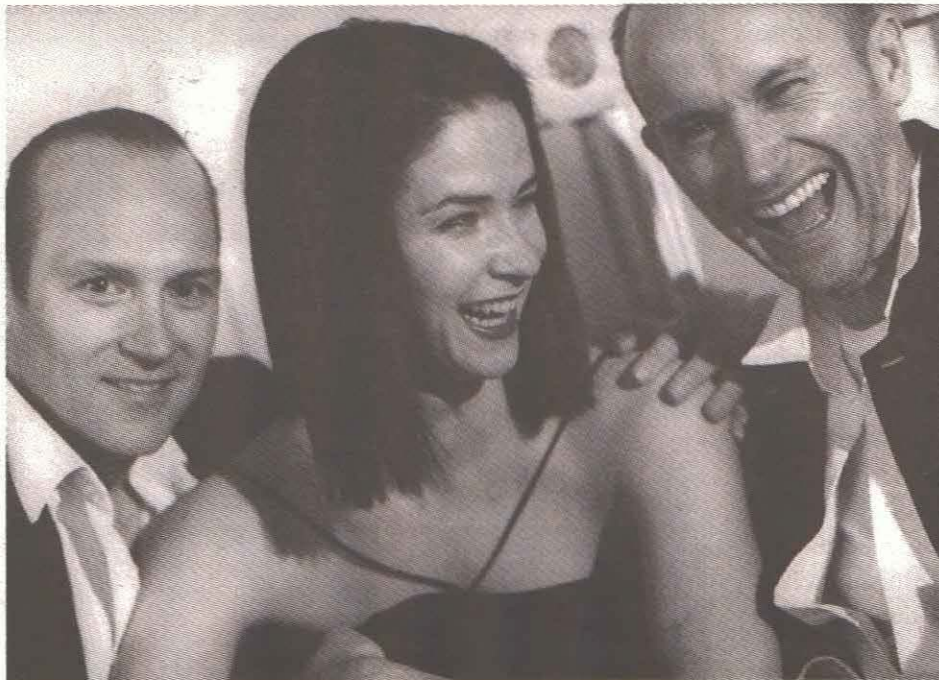
ARTS *Arts*

Combo Fiasco — jazz, theatre classics, cabaret

Sunday 26 May at 2.30pm

Glen Eira City Council presents international vocal sensation Combo Fiasco at the Glen Eira Auditorium for one show only!

In 1998, Combo Fiasco burst onto the New York cabaret scene, playing to packed houses and receiving rave reviews culminating in a performance on NBC's *Today Show*. The group has subsequently performed three highly acclaimed seasons in Manhattan.



Last year, Combo Fiasco was the hit of the inaugural Adelaide Festival, where it returns this year before moving to Brisbane with a performance of *Blue Angel Cabaret*, which thrilled audiences at last year's Brisbane Arts Festival.

The Combo Fiasco trio — Tony McGill, Shaun Murphy and Charmaine Clements — will delight audiences with a mixture of jazz standards, music theatre classics, and original satire and comedy.

Catch Combo Fiasco at the Glen Eira Auditorium before they wing off again!

Tickets: \$25/22 concession (incl. GST)

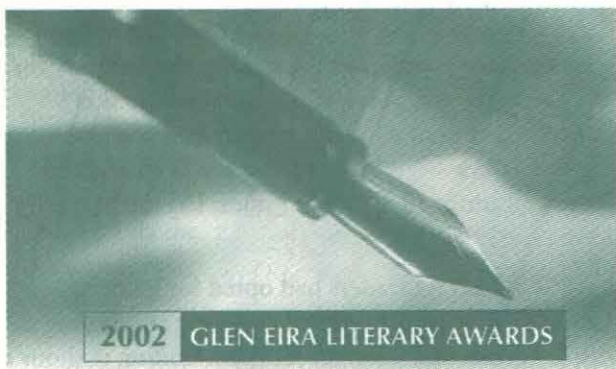
Bookings: 9524 3333

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

Time: 2.30pm–4.30pm

Light refreshments available.

Glen Eira City Council presents the 2002 Glen Eira Literary Awards Presentation evening



The seventh annual Glen Eira Literary Awards will be presented on Wednesday 22 May (Junior Section 10–14 year olds) and Thursday 23 May (Open Awards). More than \$7000 in cash and prizes will be awarded over the two evenings.

This year, more than 1300 entries were received across eight local and national award categories. The event will be held in the Auditorium at Glen Eira Town Hall and will feature special guest speakers, competition judges and readings of the winning works by professional actors.

Bookings are essential. Contact 9524 3287 for further details.

Mailing list

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Send to: Arts mailing list,
Glen Eira City Council,
PO Box 42, Caulfield 3162.
or email: rverde@gleneira.vic.gov.au

Exhibitions

Vlad Kopp

8–19 May

This exhibition hallmarks Vlad Kopp's life-long passion for travel and photography.

His work was first published in a Children's Encyclopedia in Moscow in 1970. He arrived in Australia from Moscow in 1979. His busy career as a specialist doctor has not endangered his productivity, and the photographs are high standard documents of the people and places around him. This exhibition showcases a truly wonderful collection of photographs that stand as colourful portraits of the places Vlad has been.

Tim Bateson

8–19 May

Tim Bateson is co-director of The Melbourne School of Art (Elsternwick) — a highly regarded art training school for children and adults. This exhibition sees lush computer prints with imagery of what look like weathered stone surfaces, from which nude male torsos and figures emerge. A suite of smaller images accompanies these rich images, again with the weathered or stained ground but this time with iconic images of hand tools laid over the top.

Liz Caffin

23 May–2 June

Intense blacks and gentle greys made possible by the acquatint process, provide part of the richness and depth necessary for Caffin's storytelling about our



relationship with nature. Her beautiful evocative work often made as concertina books or a set piece in a box, features human figures set within mythical landscapes. In Caffin's work, the human figures become part of the landscape itself — they fold with the wind, fly with the clouds and run with the dusk.



Rehgan De Mather

23 May–2 June

Rehgan De Mather's paintings replicate the traces of industry, and the cryptograms of

graffiti, on walls of contemporary spaces. They flash with comic book exclamations, bleed with paint scrawled behind alleyways, and are seared by an essence of New York grit.

Born in Adelaide in 1981, Rehgan's work is exciting because it is raw and has a genuine interest in the noises and signs that clutter urban spaces.

Hamish Carr

23 May–2 June

This young artist produces ephemeral and yet graphic art works. The graphics in his works are like signs that form the alphabet of a larger language.



Human behaviour and our responses to phenomena, are perhaps the ultimate ambitious subject matter of Hamish Carr's art. His artwork does not give itself up easily, it seeks to engage the viewer to think outside the square.

LIBRARY News

Discover your family history

A seminar for people with an interest in family history will be held at Caulfield library as part of Library and Information Week. Genealogy Society of Victoria representative Anne Dixon will explain how to begin a search, while library staff introduce participants to Internet resources and electronic research tools available. Refreshments will be served.

When: Wednesday 22 May
from 10.30am to 12.30pm

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

Cost: \$11 (incl. GST)
Tickets available at any library branch.

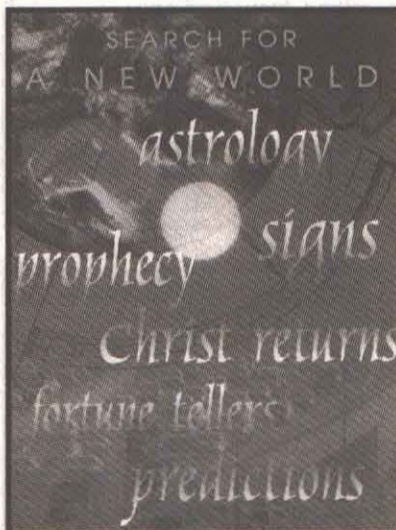
Need help with the Internet?

The Glen Eira Library and Information Service provides Internet classes suitable for a range of abilities. The following classes are now open for bookings:

Introduction to the Internet
Wednesday 29 May, 10.30am-12pm
Cost: \$33

Email
Thursday 30 May, 10.30am-12pm
Cost: \$33

Classes are held in the computer training facility at Caulfield Library. Book at any branch or call 9532 9466 for details. All prices include GST.



Why are so many people expecting the return of Christ in the near future?

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99 Grange Road, Glen Huntly 3163

What a corker!

Students from Glen Huntly Primary School have collected a record number of corks to support the development of an elephant enclosure at the Royal Melbourne Zoo, at the same time making a significant contribution to recycling.

The school's 250 students collected more than a quarter of a million corks in only six months, raising \$2000 to donate to the zoo late last year. But their enthusiasm for the recycling program has not waned. Students have continued to collect corks at the rate of 5000 per month — ensuring ongoing financial support for the elephants.

Parent and corkathon organiser Cherrill Earls said the children's target of 25,000 corks was well and truly met when they counted a whopping 286,000 corks.

She said the recycling exercise had had a two-fold result: "We ran a cork counting competition at the school's annual fete, which raised money for the school, then we passed the corks on to the zoo, which sold them for recycling and kept the money to go towards the elephant enclosure."

"The exercise really captured the children's enthusiasm. They had classes on the recycling process and on valuing natural resources. They looked at where cork comes from, products it is used for, and what can be made out of recycled cork. They drew posters showing the elephants in their new enclosure."



Karina Lui (Grade 4), Tom Earls and Christopher Irwin (Grade 2) with corks ready to send to the zoo.

"We had corks from all over Victoria, wineries, hotels, sporting clubs, and as far away as Adelaide and Tasmania. We even had four corks arrive in a package from England!"

Ms Earls said the school was still collecting and had set up collection points for anyone to donate corks towards supporting the zoo.

Focus on heart health

Heart week (April 28-May 4) is a yearly event designed to raise awareness about heart health, heart disease and how individuals can easily reduce the risk of developing heart problems.

Cardiovascular diseases are one of the major causes of death in both male and female residents of Glen Eira, according to the *Municipal Public Health Plan for the Glen Eira Community 2001-2004*.

Heart Foundation Director of Health Professor Andrew Tonkin confirms that cardiovascular disease (heart, stroke and vascular diseases) is Australia's bigger killer, claiming a life every 10 minutes.

The good news, according to the Heart Foundation, is that everyone can reduce the risk of heart disease and stroke. Common risk factors include cigarette smoking, high blood cholesterol, physical inactivity, diabetes, high blood pressure and being overweight.

Glen Eira City Council, in partnership with the Alfred Hospital, Caulfield Community Health Service and Bentleigh Bayside Community Health Service will hold a seminar targeting heart health, nutrition and diabetes on 16 July. For more information or to put your name on a mailing list for this event contact Council's Public Health Unit on 9524 3484 or 9524 3442.

Drumming up a special day



More than 250 women from many nationalities attended the 2002 celebration of International Women's Day at Moorleigh Village Community Centre.

Celebrations were held on the Thursday prior to the official day of Friday 8 March, to ensure all women could attend. A community grant of \$3000 from Council greatly assisted with organising the event.

The day began with a traditional Aboriginal smoking ceremony by Joy Murphy to welcome all the women. With interpreters on site, participants were able to discover a little more about the various services offered throughout the City. Workshops held included drumming, belly dancing and singing.

The cosmopolitan atmosphere was enhanced by a talk by Alicia Vacis-Lavin who came from Argentina where she had worked as a social worker. Alicia shared her experiences as a newly arrived migrant — encouraged by many women she returned to study and now works with children with disabilities.

An elaborate lunch topped off what was a very informative and entertaining day.

COMMUNITY *Diary*

Meetings and clubs

Royal Children's Hospital Auxiliary (Caulfield Branch) meets at the Alma Club, 1 Wilks Street, Caulfield North on the third Wednesday of each month at 1pm. New members welcome. Contact: Olive 9578 2395 or Patricia 9571 2666.

Ladies Probus Club of Caulfield meet at the Gladys Machin Hall, Cedar Street, Caulfield South on the third Thursday of each month at 10am. Next meeting Thursday 16 May. Contact: Chris 5975 1015.

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

Glen Eira Historical Society meets at the north-west corner of Bailey Reserve, East Boundary Road, Bentleigh East on Wednesday 15 May at 7.30pm. Guest speaker: Dr Geulah Solomon.

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

Little Steps Playgroup designed for toddlers aged 12 months to 3-4 years, at St Catherines Anglican Church, Kooyong Road, Caulfield South on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9.30am to 11am. Contact: Rev. Sue 9523 7135 or Gillian 9572 1926.

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.

Events

Royal Children's Hospital Auxiliary (Caulfield Branch) will hold a card luncheon at the Alma Club, 1 Wilks Street, Caulfield North on Wednesday 15 May from 11am to 3.30pm.

The National Trust Mansion Labassa — come and see where a scene from the new movie *Queen of the Damned* was filmed at 2 Manor Grove, Caulfield North on the last Sunday of every month from 10.30am and 4.30pm. Guided tours at 11am, 1pm and 2.30pm. Entry: \$7.70/\$5.50/\$19.80. Contact: 9527 6295.

St Agnes Anglican Church will hold a sale of pre-loved and brand new clothing at the church, 114 Booran Road, Glen Huntly on Saturday 1 June at 9.30am. Contact: 9563 2327.

GLEN EIRA 2002 BUS TRIPS

Take advantage of low budget bus trips — organised by volunteers for you. Travel with an accredited bus operator.

Wednesday 5 June. Cost: \$35 9am-4pm (approx.)
DIAMOND VALLEY AFRICAN VIOLET FARM, RUNNING CREEK ALPACAS, PANTON HILL HOTEL LUNCH.
Morning tea, informative talk and demonstration at the AFRICAN VIOLET FARM. Buy that special plant, or ask those difficult questions. Next stop, the RUNNING CREEK ALPACA FARM, where you can feed these friendly animals. Range of souvenirs and gifts available. Lunch at PANTON HILL HOTEL, two-course, tea/coffee. Price incl. bus, morning tea, two admissions and hotel lunch.

Wednesday 17 July. Cost: \$35 10am-3.30pm (approx.)
CHRISTMAS IN JULY at the famous CUCKOO RESTAURANT, OLINDA. Smorgasbord feast and entertainment by The Bavarians. Log fire and Father Christmas. We will really enjoy ourselves — another memorable visit to the CUCKOO. Price incl. bus and lunch. Both tours depart from Glen Eira Town Hall and 10 minutes later Glen Huntly Station (Tram Stop 60).
Bookings by phone only — Fridays 9am to 2pm on 9523 7862.

Fellowship of Australian Writers — Bayside Writers will hold a warm winter festival at the Uniting Church Hall, corner Central and Balcombe Roads, Black Rock from Friday 31 May at 7.30pm to Sunday 2 June at 12pm. Contact: Tony 9551 1329.

City of Moorabbin Historical Society will open Box Cottage in Joyce Park, Jasper Road, McKinnon on the last Sunday of each month, February to November, 2pm-4.30pm. Admission by donation. Contact: 9578 7060.

Glen Eira City Choir will perform Handel's Messiah at the Auditorium at Glen Eira Town Hall, corner of Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield on Sunday 2 June. Tickets: \$22 or \$17 (concession) available at door or contact: Cathy 9578 2443.

Caulfield Grammar School presents the following performances at 217 Glen Eira Road, St Kilda East: *Bullets over Broadway* by Woody Allen from Wednesday 15 May to Saturday 18 May and *Cheating the Void* by Tony Harrison from Monday 3 June to Wednesday 5 June. Contact: 9524 6300.

Community

Caulfield Grammar School will hold an open day at the school's three Melbourne campuses on Saturday 18 May from 11am to 3pm. Contact 9524 6300.

Immunisation dates for May

Murrumbeena Baptist Church
44 Murrumbeena Road, Murrumbeena
Monday 13 May 10am-11am

Glen Eira Town Hall
(entry via Glen Eira Road)
Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield
Tuesday 14 May 9.30am-10.30am
Tuesday 4 June 6pm-7.30pm

Bentleigh-Bayside Community Health Service
Gardeners Road, Bentleigh East
Wednesday 15 May 6pm-7pm
Saturday 25 May 9.30am-10.30am

Glen Huntly Maternal and Child Health Centre
Corner Royal and Rosedale Avenues, Glen Huntly
Wednesday 22 May 9.30am-11am

Bentleigh Baptist Church
10 Vickery Street, Bentleigh
Monday 3 June 1.30pm-2.30pm

Glen Huntly Friendship Group

99 Grange Road, Glen Huntly
Activities for May

Enquiries and bookings contact
Margaret 9596 6124

Wednesday 15 May
Melbourne Tramboat Cruise. The world's first floating tram — new and comfortable. Cruise along the Maribyrnong River past Flemington Racecourse and disembark at Essendon Boulevard for a walk through Poynton's Nursery. Cost: \$25 cruise and lunch. Meet 10am at Flinders Street Station (under the clock). Cruise departs Victoria Harbour 11am.

Wednesday 29 May
Bus trip to Heathcote — Central Victoria
We visit the Pink Cliffs of the early goldfield days. A tour of the town and its environs. Then lunch at the 'Bank'! Cost: \$30
Depart 9.15am from 99 Grange Road Glen Huntly, and 9.30am from 185 Poath Road, Hughesdale.

Auxiliary turns 70

The Caulfield Auxiliary of the Royal Children's Hospital held its 70th annual general meeting recently. Members are pictured below with the birthday cake in the hospital's Historical Room.

Auxiliary president Carol Lowens presented badges to two members — Merle Grace for 15 years' service and Fay Seamans for 10 years' service.

After lunch and a piece of cake, attendees enjoyed a tour of the hospital's Starlight Room, adolescent education area, and roof gardens.



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Caulfield South 3162

Some vacancies exist in the following computer courses.

Introduction to Excel (6 week course)
Starts: 15 May Cost: \$72

Introduction to Internet & Email (4 week courses)
Starts: 6 June Cost: \$62

Women's Lunchtime Network (meets monthly at 12:30pm)
Next meeting 21 May

Singing for Pleasure (Tuesdays 10am)

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL — RING: 9596 8643

TERM 2: 15 April-27 June
House open 10am-4pm
Tues/Wed/Thur
During school terms

Recreation News

JCAAA cross country day

Glenhenty Athletics Club, in conjunction with Joint Councils Access for All Abilities (JCAAA), will hold its annual cross country run/walk event for participants with an intellectual disability at Duncan Mackinnon Reserve on Friday 24 May at 10am.

Last year's event attracted more than 150 competitors from a range of specialist schools and adult training support services (ATSS). Run as a loop around the reserve, the course offers participants either a 1.5km or 3km option.

The event offers participants the opportunity to take part in an event hosted and conducted by a local sports club and focusses on "having a go" and fun. It is hoped the event may also act as a qualifier for students to progress to further competitions with the Victorian Primary or Secondary School Sports Associations.

Glenhenty Athletics Club is committed to offering people with disabilities the chance to take part in athletics with their club. The club hosts an annual athletics carnival for students attending special schools across the southern region of Melbourne in October each year.

JCAAA is an initiative of the Cities of Port Phillip, Glen Eira, Bayside and Stonnington. Funded by Sport and Recreation Victoria, JCAAA aims to develop community-based sport, recreation and arts opportunities for people with disabilities by developing partnerships with sport and recreation providers, disability service providers, councils and people with disabilities and their carers.

For more information on the JCAAA service, contact co-ordinator Laura Cattapan on 9209 6753 or for further information about the Cross Country event, contact Sports Development Officer Linda Sedgman on 9209 6552.

In brief
Did you know?
 Council often gets calls from enthusiastic joggers and walkers regarding the distance around some of Glen Eira's most popular parks. The walking track around Caulfield Park is 1.98km while the Duncan Mackinnon Reserve track is 1.208km. Remember that just 30 minutes a day is enough exercise to significantly reduce the risk of heart disease. So get those walking shoes on!

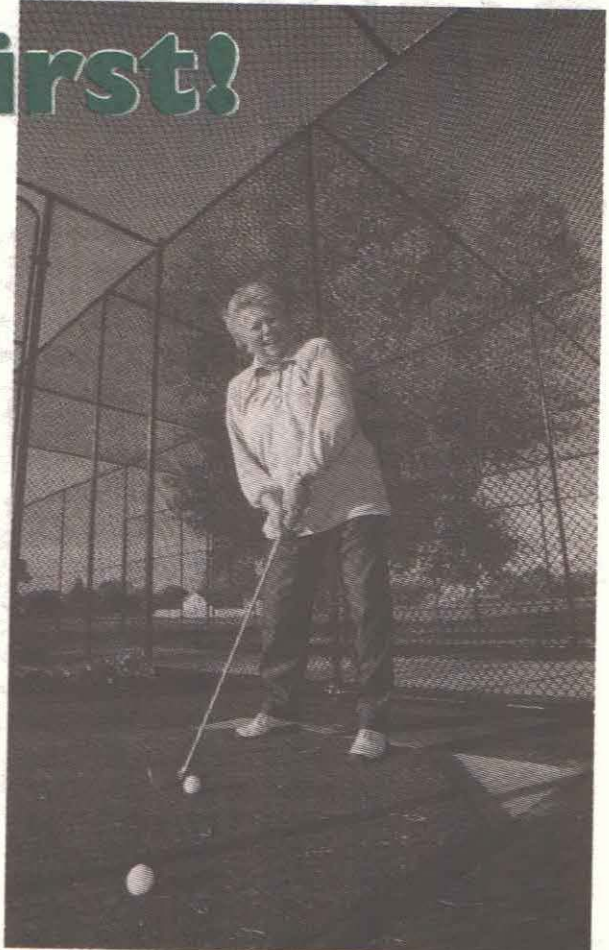
A golfing first!

For all those keen golfers in Glen Eira eager to improve their form, a new Council initiative may be just the answer. In what could be a first for local government in Victoria, a public golf practice facility has been opened at Packer Park.

Cr Veronika Martens, who was on hand to open the new facility and have a swing, said: "This is a great initiative for residents. Golf is one of the most popular sports in the City and people now have a place to go and practise with safety."

The facility is similar to a cricket practice net but totally enclosed and with a pad to hit off from and a net to hit into. The facility is available to all residents and is expected to be open during daylight hours each day. For safety, only one person is allowed in the facility at any one time.

The playing of golf is not permitted in any of Glen Eira's parks because of the danger to other park users. This facility at Packer Park means golfers now have the chance to pop down to a local park for a practice swing.



Cr Veronika Martens takes a swing in the new golf nets.
 Photo: David McArthur.

Packer Park (Melway Ref: 68 J8)

Be daring — try a different park!

As creatures of habit, all too often people are happy with what is familiar and comfortable. Unfortunately, this sometimes means they miss out on some great opportunities for new and different experiences. Don't let this happen to you — get "out and about" in Glen Eira.

Glen Eira is lucky to have some wonderful parks within easy reach of most residents. So, this month, rather than going back to the local park, take a trip to Centenary Park, in Bignell Road, Bentleigh East. Centenary Park has something for everyone — a shady park with a picnic and barbecue area within easy access of off-street parking. The park also has a walking track and a large sports oval.




Centenary Park (Melway ref: 78 B3)

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Travel scholarship to Japan 

29 September-10 October 2002

The Glen Eira-Ogaki Friendly Cities Advisory Committee invites students of Years 9 to 11, whose parents are ratepayers or residents of the City of Glen Eira, to participate in a student exchange to Ogaki, Japan during the third term holidays.

The visit will be partially funded by a scholarship.

Applications close 28 June.

For more details contact Michelle Hurd at Glen Eira City Council on 9524 3225.

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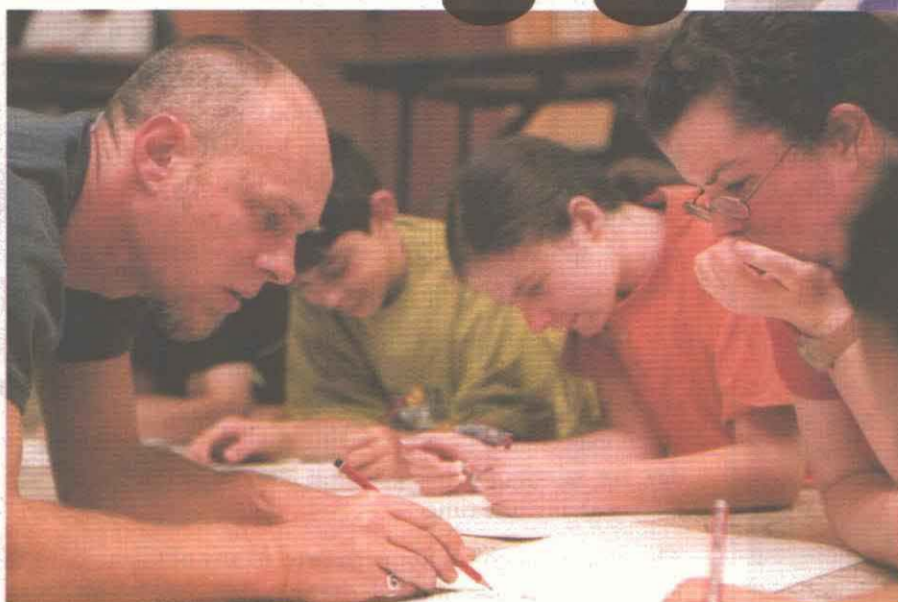


Aerosol artist Julian Lelah instructs a young artist in aerosol painting.

Y-Art? brings it on

Glen Eira Youth Services celebrated National Youth Week with *Y-Art?* — a series of workshops in aerosol art, drawing and cartooning, facilitated by professional artists. The week's activities culminated in an impressive exhibition, displaying the creative talents of Glen Eira's young citizens.

Y-Art? was developed to provide young people with an opportunity to express themselves through a range of artistic mediums and was jointly funded by the Victorian Government National Youth Week 2002 Grants Program and Glen Eira City Council.



Cartoonist Bradfield Dumbleton works with participants at National Youth Week activities.

Parents whose children attended the workshops were pleased to see an interest in art develop in children who would otherwise be "just watching TV", but the greatest benefit for the participants was the opportunity to work with professional artists on a personal level.

Cartoonist Bradfield Dumbleton and aerosol artist Julian Lelah shared their experience and skill with the young people, to produce some remarkable artwork, and also newfound confidence, creativity and friendships for the participants.

The exhibition at the Glen Eira Town Hall Auditorium at the end of the week of workshops demonstrated and celebrated the creativity, enthusiasm and value of our young people.

Photos: Bernie Bickerton.



Sketch-ing a new career

Whether you are looking to create an art portfolio for entrance into a course, or you would just like to learn some new creative skills, then Sketches is for you.

An informal art program run from The Why? Stop Youth Information Centre, *Sketches* aims to provide local young people aged 10 to 18 years with access to art resources without the heavy costs involved. A local artist is on hand most weeks to offer encouragement and expertise. Participants will have the opportunity to develop their artistic skills, put together a portfolio, access information about art courses and get support from youth workers.

Sketches runs every Wednesday afternoon from The Why? Stop Youth Information Centre at 54 Rosstown Road, Carnegie, 4-6pm. Contact: 9572 5389.

School sessions offer info on the hard issues

Adolescent health was the focus of School Information Sessions conducted by Glen Eira Youth Services at Bentleigh Secondary College, Holmesglen TAFE Moorabbin Campus, and Caulfield Park Community School, last term.

The sessions are an important way for Youth Services to provide information to young people about services available in the City, and give young people the opportunity to raise issues such as safe sex, drug and alcohol use, financial issues, recreation options and mental health.

Participants were given an overview of support services available in the community, provided with information regarding services to assist them with job-seeking and showed their enthusiasm and interest for art, basketball and music programs being run from The Why? Stop during school holidays and after school hours.

If you would like to know more about Youth Services involvement with local schools, contact the Why? Stop Youth Information Centre on 9572 5389.



Flying high goes primary

The Flying High Circus Program ventured into primary level education for the first time this year, offering students from St Anthony's Primary School a six week workshop during Term 1. The program aims to promote team-work, build self-esteem and provide an alternative recreation model for the participants.

The students were an extremely enthusiastic group and their high energy levels created the ideal atmosphere for developing circus and social skills. Grade 6 student Hayley Toth writes about her experience.

The Glen Eira Council got together a team of three people, Mark, Maya and Asphyxia. Every Tuesday after playlunch a group of 18 children are involved from 11.30am-1pm. We learnt cartwheels, handstands, rolls, juggling and stretches.

Now about the trainers: Mark used to be a personal trainer. One day he got together Maya and Asphyxia.

He knew quite a bit already, but learnt a lot more from the girls. Maya's in the circus. She walks on silts [sic] and she's a choreographer. She knows a fair bit and helps you out if you don't understand something. She also does the stretches so you don't hurt yourself during the lesson. Last but not least, Asphyxia. She is deaf, so you have to listen to her carefully. If you want to speak to her, you speak clearly and loudly, you might need to repeat yourself and you might have to use actions.

These trainers are fabulous. The program is wonderful and energetic. Everyone doing it has a great time!

The Flying High Circus Program is one of several youth initiatives Council provides to engage and support young people. For information about any of Council's school-based programs, contact The Why? Stop Youth Information Centre on 9572 5389.