

## Council pursues more "open space"

Glen Eira has the second lowest amount of public open space of Melbourne's municipalities — 26.33 square metres of public open space per resident (according to the Australian Research Centre for Urban Ecology).

Council is proposing stronger obligations on developers to pay for additional public open space or improvements to existing open space.

Council will address this issue with Amendment C20 — an amendment to the Glen Eira Planning Scheme which enables Council to charge up to 5 per cent of land value on subdivision applications as an open space contribution.

Council's Director City Development Jeff Akehurst said: "Council has been aware the City has a low amount of open space for some time. Planning Amendment C20 was devised to ensure new development, which places an increased burden on our limited open space, makes an appropriate contribution which is then used to acquire or improve public open space."

Amendment C20 will allow Council to charge up to 5 per cent of the land value when subdivision applications are made. An applicant can seek a reduction if the proposal meets a number of criteria which measure the impact the development will have on Glen Eira's public open space. These criteria include where in the City the development will be, distance from a park, whether there is adequate private open space on site, the size of the dwellings, and the number of dwellings.

The amendment operates under the State Government Subdivision Act which contains a number of tests Council can use to determine the amount by making an assessment of the impact the particular development or subdivision will have on open space in the area.

Mr Akehurst said applicants often challenged Council's assessment and the matter was referred to the Victorian Civil and Administrative Appeals Tribunal (VCAT).

"Inevitably the Tribunal lowers the amount the applicant has to contribute. Over time, this has eroded Council's ability to raise appropriate contributions to acquire new open space and improve existing open space," he said.

"The implementation of Amendment C20 is a necessary step towards upholding the aims of our Community Plan — to enhance the quality of life in



*Open space — an essential aspect of healthy living.*

*Photo: Ron Torres*

Glen Eira by ensuring adequate and accessible open space for all, and continuing to upgrade our parks and facilities."

He said it addressed the lack of a consistent formula for determining public open space contributions which was lost when the *VicCode2* sliding scale was phased out several years ago.

"Since then, it has become increasingly difficult for Councils to apply public open space contribution requirements without being challenged. The lack of certainty that this creates is frustrating for both Council and applicants," Mr Akehurst said.

Amendment C20 was recently considered by an independent panel which has not supported the amendment. He said a number of modifications would be made to the amendment for consideration at the September Council meeting.

"The basic principle guiding C20 is that public open space contributions should reflect the impact that the specific development will have on Glen Eira's public open space. For example, a large development, with little on-site open space, which is a significant distance from a park, should pay more than a small development with plenty of on site open space, which is close to a park. Glen Eira's overall deficiency of public open space also needs to be recognised," Mr Akehurst said.

— Myrine Hawksworth

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# MAYOR'S column



The past month has been extremely busy and has provided me with many opportunities to meet with a great number of the residents of our City.

In mid-August I was a guest at the opening of the new aged care facility in Elsternwick, called Victoria by the Park.

This facility is a valuable addition to the lifestyle and accommodation options on offer for people aged over 55 in Glen Eira. Being a City with one of the highest numbers of older people, having a range of suitable options available to our residents is important. Victoria by the Park adds to the availability of assisted living in our City and this is to be welcomed.

The last month also provided me with one of the most enjoyable experiences I have had as Mayor. On behalf of Council it was my great pleasure to host two very special leadership events at the Town Hall — two presentations which acknowledged the leadership roles of children in primary and secondary schools. Both events were extremely well attended and very successful. I think it fair to say that, based on the feedback I have received from the children, teachers and parents, the events were viewed as being extremely worthwhile. This was the first year Council has hosted such events, and it is my hope that consideration will be given to continuing this initiative into the future.

Another special, and personal, event for me was the exhibition of Council's art collection to the wider Glen Eira community. Council holds, on behalf of the community, 287 art works and this collection is valued at more than \$737,000. By any account, this is a considerable investment of ratepayers' money and, for too long, too many of these art works have been stored away out of view. All this changed on 21 August when I launched an exhibition in Council's art gallery at the Town Hall called *Highlights*.

The exhibition of more than 40 art works has three themes — a selection of well-known artists such as Fred Williams and Arthur Boyd, works by local artists including Erica McGilchrist and Julie Goodwin and works featuring Glen Eira as the subject matter. The overall aims of this exhibition are to encourage everyone to get involved in the arts and to make these artworks more accessible to the whole Glen Eira community, who is, after all, ultimately the owner of the collection.

— Cr Peter Goudge  
Mayor

## Deadlines for Glen Eira News

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## Mayor notes young leaders



Mayor Cr Peter Goudge got a chance to share leadership stories with students from 20 local primary schools at a presentation morning at the Town Hall last month.

One hundred and eighty school and house captains were awarded certificates in recognition of their leadership roles. After presentations and photos the Mayor invited students, teachers and parents to join him for morning tea. The honey joys, muffins and fruit juice packs were a real treat for the students who obviously enjoyed them — hardly a scrap was left behind.

A similar morning was also held for secondary school students later in the month — about 80 students from 11 schools attended.

Lili Hall, Jessica Andrews, Olivia Redfern and Jessica Fernandes from East Bentleigh Primary School discussed leadership with the Mayor. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

## Social support volunteers needed

— to participate in a valuable community service.

The Social Support and Monitoring Service, part of the Home and Community Care Program (HACC), is seeking volunteers to assist elderly or disabled clients living in Glen Eira. Volunteer tasks include assistance with shopping, transport and friendly visiting. A car is necessary for this volunteer work.

If you have good communication skills, enjoy the company of elderly people, and are available for a couple of hours a week or a fortnight, please contact Volunteer Co-ordinator Susan Rutherford on 9524 3314.

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## Don't forget to enrol!

### Council elections 2003

**G**len Eira's next general election will be held in March 2003. All nine Councillor positions from three wards will be decided for a new three-year term. This election will be conducted again by postal voting, as happened at the 2000 general election.

The "entitlement date" — the date on which the voters' roll closes for this election — is likely to be in mid-December, much earlier than usually occurs in State and Federal elections. Make sure you are enrolled by this time!

### Who can vote?

Everyone enrolled to vote in State and Federal elections (mainly people 18 years or over who are Australian citizens and who have lived at their current address for at least a month) are automatically enrolled to vote at Council elections. **Voting is compulsory** for these people, except for those 70 years or over.

To update your enrolment for your current address, pick up an enrolment form from any post office, or phone the Australian Electoral Commission on 132 326. You can also download a form from the AEC web site: [www.aec.gov.au](http://www.aec.gov.au)

Other people may also be eligible to enrol for Council elections:

- People who own or occupy a property in the City, but don't live in that particular ward, and are the first or second listed person on Council's rate records will automatically be included on the voters' roll. **Voting is not compulsory** for these people.
- A **corporation** owning or occupying a property in the City may appoint someone to represent it on the voters' roll. The appointed person cannot be otherwise eligible to vote in that ward.
- Anyone who doesn't fit into one of the above categories, but owns or occupies a property and is 18 or over (eg someone who is not an Australian citizen) can apply to be enrolled.

To obtain an enrolment form for these extra categories, call Council on 9524 3202.

### Attention: Shop and commercial tenants, businesses and companies!!

Tenants of commercial properties throughout Glen Eira will receive a questionnaire this month to help Council compile and update its list of occupiers for inclusion on the voters' roll. Please take a few moments to fill out the form and return to Council to ensure you can vote at the next election.

Corporations/companies are also encouraged to appoint someone on the roll and have their say on local issues and electoral representation.

## Volunteers needed

### Meals on wheels

Council is urgently seeking volunteer drivers and jockeys for its meals on wheels program.

These volunteers provide a service, valued by Council and the community, helping frail aged residents remain independent in their home.

Volunteers required seven days a week, flexible choice of days and hours. Petrol reimbursement, training and social contact and support provided.

Contact: 9563 6611

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## Japanese teachers dance up a storm

**A**kemi Tomida (pictured right) was one of 18 teachers who visited Glen Eira from Council's sister city Ogaki in Japan recently. The teachers were in Melbourne for two weeks to study an English language course and to tour several Glen Eira schools including Shelford Anglican Girls' School, and Kilvington Girls' Grammar Wesley College.

Chairperson of the Friendly Cities Committee Cr Veronika Martens represented the Mayor in welcoming the teachers' delegation to Glen Eira at a presentation ceremony at the Town Hall.

Gifts were exchanged and the teachers presented everyone with a painted Japanese fan. One teacher said: "It is summer and very hot in Japan at the moment, you may like to use the fan during your summer."

To the delight of the those attending, the Japanese teachers changed into kimonos and headbands to present a traditional dance, which Yoshio Yamada, a teacher from the Ehigashi school, said was "very old but has been modernised and is still practised today



Teachers from Glen Eira's sister city Ogaki perform a traditional Japanese dance. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

in Japan". He said: "It is used to thank the gods for a good harvest."

The delegation also sang in Japanese to a mystery tune — the only clue was that the tune was originally Australian. After some pondering, the audience realised the tune was the Australian folk song *Click go the shears*.

After the song, they presented their headbands to the Glen Eira representatives. Refreshments were served.

— Sophie Aristodemou

## Safe, healthy food gets the nod

**H**ealthy nutritious food, delivered in clean safe surroundings was acknowledged at Council's seventh annual Food Business Awards night recently.

The awards night commended more than 50 local food businesses which had achieved high standards in the areas of food safety and hygiene, nutrition and food safety training.

Mayor Cr Peter Goudge presented the awards to food business proprietors and announced the Glen Eira Shop of the Year — Bentleigh East business Pizza and Pasta Downunder.

The awards recognise the efforts of food businesses that achieve excellence in food safety and hygiene, and are awarded to businesses which achieve a 5 star rating in Council's Safe Food Surveillance program.

In his address, Cr Goudge said Council was committed to enhancing the quality of life by improving the health and safety of the Glen Eira community. He said Council undertook a number of activities, such as regular food premises inspections, tests of the food safety knowledge of proprietors, and the testing of food samples, to ensure food sold within Glen Eira was safe.

"Preventing food borne illness is a local government responsibility... In 1999, the Australian and New Zealand Food Authority estimated that foodborne illnesses cost Australia \$2.6 billion each year and that Australians have a one in five chance of contracting food poisoning in any 12 month period," he said.

Council's Safe Food Program was introduced in 1994 to combat the increasing incidence of food borne illness in the community and to provide incentives for local food businesses to strive to continually improve their food safety practices.

"This municipality's outstanding food safety performance is a reflection of the commitment that food businesses have made towards the provision of healthy food choices prepared in safe conditions.

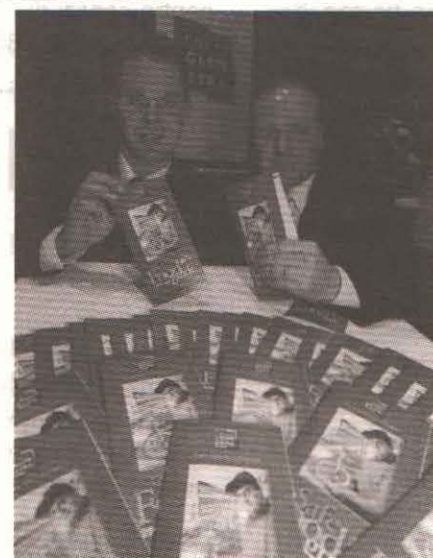
"Tonight's ceremony recognises these outstanding efforts and fosters and promotes partnerships within and between Council and the business community," Cr Goudge said.

The evening also marked the launch of *Council's Safe Food Guide 2002*. The guide publishes the names of all local food businesses that have achieved 5 or 4 star rating when assessed by

Council's environmental health officers.

A number of awards were presented to food businesses that participated in Council's nutrition program *Taste 4 Health* — which involved local food businesses in offering healthy food alternatives.

Certificates were also presented to 14 local food businesses that successfully completed food safety training. Council, in conjunction with Adult Multicultural Education Services, delivered food safety training to businesses from a non-English speaking background.



Council's Public Health Manager Mark Saunders looks over the new Safe Food Guide with Mayor Cr Peter Goudge.

Photo: Les O'Rourke.





# Language Line



## Get wise — become a “wiser driver”

**G**len Eira City Council will pilot the Wiser Driver program for senior residents of culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

The course comprises four 2-hour sessions over four weeks and is designed to encourage older people to upgrade their skills and build on their experience in the company of their peers.

Specific cultural groups are invited to organise a group (minimum 20 people) from a particular language background. A translator will be made

available in the appropriate language to assist both presenters and participants during the sessions.

The friendly, informal and thought provoking course will cost \$16.50 (incl. GST) per person and includes a handbook.

If you are interested in getting a group of 20 participants together, or if you would like to enrol as an individual, contact the Service Centre on 9524 3333.

### Как стать «опытным водителем»

Муниципалитет Glen Eira организует пробную программу «Опытный водитель» для жителей муниципалитета старшего возраста, представляющих различные культуры и национальности.

Программа состоит из четырех занятий, по 2 часа каждое, в течение 4 недель, и рассчитана на то, чтобы улучшить навыки вождения и закрепить полезный опыт у водителей старшего возраста.

Мы приглашаем вас организовать группу (минимум 20 человек) из людей, говорящих на вашем языке. Для занятий будет заказан соответствующий переводчик, чтобы облегчить работу преподавателей и учащихся.

Занятия будут проходить в дружеской, неформальной атмосфере, мы хотим сделать их по-настоящему интересными. Стоимость - \$16.50 (включая GST) на одного человека, включая пособие.

Если вы хотите организовать целую группу (минимум 20 человек), или сами хотите записаться, позвоните в наш Центр по тел. 9524 3333.

### Fatti furbo — diventa un “wiser driver” (autista più accorto)

Il Comune di Glen Eira condurrà un programma pilota chiamato Wiser Driver (Autista più Accorto) per i residenti anziani di diverse origini linguistiche e culturali.

Il corso comprende quattro sessioni di 2 ore per un periodo di quattro settimane ed è inteso a incoraggiare le persone anziane ad aggiornare le loro capacità di guida ed aumentare la loro esperienza in compagnia di altri in simili circostanze.

I vari gruppi culturali sono invitati a organizzare un gruppo (minimo 20 persone) di una stessa lingua particolare. Un interprete dell'appropriata lingua sarà a disposizione per assistere sia i presentatori che i partecipanti durante le sessioni.

Il corso, condotto in un'atmosfera amichevole, informale e stimolante per tutti, costerà \$16.50 (incluso GST) per persona e include un apposito manuale.

Se siete interessati a organizzare un gruppo di 20 partecipanti, oppure se volete iscrivervi individualmente, mettetevi in contatto con il centro servizi del comune, cioè il Service Centre, al numero 9524 3333.

### Γίνετε σοφός - Γίνετε ένας “σοφότερος οδηγός”

Το Δημαρχείο της Glen Eira θα συστήσει το πειραματικό πρόγραμμα Σοφότερος Οδηγός για ηλικιωμένα άτομα διαφορετικής πολιτιστικής και γλωσσικής καταγωγής.

Η σειρά μαθημάτων συνίσταται από τέσσερις 2ωρες συναντήσεις και είναι σχεδιασμένες να ενθαρρύνουν ηλικιωμένα άτομα να βελτιώσουν τις ικανότητές τους και να επεκτείνουν τις εμπειρίες τους με συντροφιά συνομήλικών τους.

Προσκαλούνται συγκεκριμένες ομάδες ατόμων να διοργανώσουν μια ομάδα (το κατώτερο 20 άτομα) από μια συγκεκριμένη γλωσσική καταγωγή. Θα διατεθεί διερμηνέας στη συγκεκριμένη γλώσσα για να βοηθήσει τους ομιλητές και τους συμμετέχοντες κατά τη διάρκεια των συναντήσεων.

Η φιλική, ανεπίσημη, σειρά συναντήσεων που διεγείρουν τη σκέψη θα κοστίζει \$16.50 (περιλαμβανομένου του GST) για κάθε άτομο και περιλαμβάνει την παροχή ενός ενημερωτικού εγχειριδίου.

Αν ενδιαφέρεστε να συγκροτήσετε μια ομάδα 20 συμμετασχόντων, ή αν θέλετε να εγγραφείτε ως άτομο, επικοινωνήστε με το Κέντρο Υπηρεσιών στον αριθμό 9524 3333.

### 成為更加理智的駕車人

Glen Eira 市政府將為各種文化和語言背景的老年居民試行開設 “更加理智的駕車人” 課程。

此課程分別在四個星期中各教授2小時的課，專為鼓勵老年人在同齡教員的指導下，在自己原有駕駛經驗的基礎上提高駕駛技術。

市政府邀請特定文化背景的團體機構組織其特定語言的駕駛學習班(至少20人)。市政府將安排相關語言的翻譯員在授課期間協助教員和學員。

這一課程氣氛友好，形式輕鬆，發人深省。每位學員的費用為 \$16.50 (包括 GST)，其中包括一本筆記簿。

如果你有興趣組織20名學員，或者您想個別報名，請與服務中心聯繫，電話9524 3333。

## Dogs on leash equals safety

**E**xercise is an important part of the wellbeing of Glen Eira residents and their dogs. But it is equally as important for the community to feel safe while exercising.

In the year 2000, Council created an order that requires dogs to be kept on a leash in all public areas, not just on leash areas in reserves. This means dogs must be properly restrained whenever they are in public places including roads, streets, footpaths, car parks or any parks or reserves which are on-leash areas in the City of Glen Eira.

Council's Manager Civic Amenity Carl Russo said Council has a duty of care to the community. “We need a balanced approach. Providing exercise for our pets is important but so is maintaining the safety and amenity of all our residents,” Mr Russo said.

In order to cater for the needs of all residents, many parks have designated off-leash areas.

When off leash, dogs must be kept under voice control and must not chase other animals or people. Owners need to look out for signs in parks and reserves that indicate which areas are on-leash and off-leash.

Dogs must not be off-leash within 50 metres of playgrounds, barbecue areas, the Duncan Mackinnon

athletics track and netball facilities, Packer Park velodrome, schools and sports grounds during sports club and schools training and match times.

Council's animal control officers regularly patrol parks and reserves during the day, evening and at weekends.

Owners who do not comply with Council's Local Law may be subject to fines and/or court action.

For more information on the off leash areas, residents can contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 or pick up a copy of *Responsible Pet Ownership in Glen Eira*. Residents can also view an interactive dog leash map on Council's website at [www.gleneira.vic.gov.au](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au)



*Dogs must be on leash in all public areas.*

### On leash-off leash amendment

Please note: Correction to recently-published Council and Community Resource Guide — Koornang Park is on leash only and Lord Reserve is off leash.



# Boost for recycling efforts

Council has been awarded more than \$114,600 for having introduced a more efficient household recycling service throughout the City.

State Government agency EcoRecycle Victoria presented a cheque to Mayor Cr Peter Goudge as part of \$8.1 million made available to local government in Victoria through the National Packaging Covenant (NPC).

Cr Goudge said: "This funding is a very tangible acknowledgement of Council's efforts to provide a service that not only supports the environment, but,

as we can already see by the community's response, supports what the City's people want as well."

"We've seen a surge in paper recycling of nearly 100 per cent," he said.

The NPC is a voluntary agreement between governments and the packaging industry to improve the recovery of packaging and paper. In partnership with local government, the implementation of the statewide *Best Practice Kerbside Recycling Program*, is leading to greater quantities of material being recovered from households in a more economic and sustainable manner.

Council qualified for the funding by adopting new best practice standards by introducing paper crates and state-of-the-art collection vehicles in March this year as a result of a Best Value consultation process.

EcoRecycle Chief Executive Ian Coles acknowledged Council's progressive approach to kerbside recycling: "Glen Eira is one of the first municipalities in the state to have access to these funds. By providing this support we are further encouraging the community to divert more resources from landfill.

"The Covenant, which is based on 'shared responsibility', is very important if we are to make an impact on the environment through household recycling," Mr Coles said.



EcoRecycle Chief Executive Ian Coles and Mayor Cr Peter Goudge try out Council's recycling crates.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

## Glen Eira residents are paper recycling champions!

Since its introduction in March 2002, Council's paper recycling collection service has already contributed to a substantial increase in the amount of paper recycled.

This would not have been achieved without the efforts of residents who have contributed to a 100 per cent increase in the amount of paper and cardboard collected.

Each detached property in the City was issued with a paper crate before the start of the new service and residents living in flats are now able to place their paper in the red-lidded mobile recycling bin allocated to each block of flats.

### Paper and cardboard recycling

To help sustain Glen Eira's high recycling rates, residents are reminded of the types of paper and cardboard that can be placed out for weekly collection:

- newspapers and magazines;
- cardboard and food cartons;
- envelopes and office paper; and
- telephone books.

Residents can also help in the recycling process and prevent littering by flattening cardboard food boxes, weighting their paper crate with a brick to avoid paper blowing around, and avoiding stacking or leaving paper and cardboard products next to the crate or recycling bin.

For recycling and waste services information visit Council's website [www.gleneira.vic.gov.au](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au) or refer to the Waste Services information guide *Keeping Glen Eira Clean*.

## Fingers crossed for good weather

Work at Warrawee Community aged care facility to extend the existing 30 bed home by a further 60 beds is well on the way to completion. If good weather prevails, the facility is expected to be fully operational for Christmas.

Council's Manager Corporate Assets Tim Frederico said: "The roofs are now nearly complete on all four of the new houses and the administration block. Once they are all on, the internal works can be completed and then it won't matter what the weather might throw at us."

He said one of the many strengths of the extension was the creation of six distinct houses with design that focusses on a domestic, rather than institutional ambience.

"The new building will incorporate four houses of 15 beds each. Each room will have a private ensuite. Each home has its own lounge, kitchen and dining room with additional activity space provided within the administration block," he said.

The existing buildings are also being modified to be brought in line with the operating principles that apply to the new buildings and to meet the 2003 building certification requirements. A new sprinkler system and sophisticated nurse call system is now operational. A new link corridor within the existing home has provided easier, sheltered access.

The original Warrawee facility, housing 30 beds, was established in 1993 by the Moorabbin Extended Care Society, a voluntary group of community-minded people committed to the provision of high quality residential aged care.

At the time, the Moorabbin City Council agreed to provide the land under a trust deed, and the State Government agreed to fund the building. On 1 September last year, Warrawee Nursing Home transferred management to Council, which had become the owner of the land after local government amalgamations.

To continue with aged care service delivery in the City, Council has undertaken this major development of the site. The additional beds will be relocated from Camden and Heathlands aged care facilities.



Development at Warrawee on track for Christmas opening.

## Volunteer opportunities!

Community Information Glen Eira seeks volunteers

**Community information workers** — after undertaking a training course volunteers work with members of the local community providing information, referral and emergency relief.

**Volunteer placement workers** — become trained in assisting potential volunteers to match their skills and preferences with one of the 90 organisations in the City who employ volunteer workers.

Contact Laurel at Community Information Glen Eira on 9524 3272.

Do your bit for water conservation — mulch your garden beds with

**FREE MULCH**

Council's Park Services staff will fill your trailer or ute with mulch for free!

**When:** Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 September from 10am to 2pm

**Where:** at the rear of the Caulfield Bowling Club in Caulfield Park (enter via the driveway on Balaclava Road).

Come back as many times as you like. Bring your garbage bags, your car boot, or even your wheelie bin and fill them yourself.

The mulch comes from wood chipped prunings from around the City, and is always available for residents to help themselves.

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## Fun and action for kids

Children in Glen Eira can choose from a huge selection of sporting and recreational activities — from mainstream sports such as football, netball, cricket, soccer and tennis to less conventional activities like callisthenics, gymnastics or judo.

Many clubs have junior development programs and "come and try" days to give young people a taste of a range of options. Being involved in sport and recreation at an early age encourages children to be active and lays the foundation for continued involvement in sport throughout their lives.

For those not as interested in a regular sporting commitments but who enjoy being active Bailey Reserve offers the skate facility. This is a popular venue for young people to try their skill at skateboarding, rollerblading, roller-skates, BMX bikes and scooters.

Council maintains several playgrounds and parks for passive recreation and hours of fun — children can enjoy kite flying, kicking a ball around, walking the dog or having fun on one of the many great playgrounds. Bicycle riding is also an option, as many of Glen Eira's parks now have off-road bike paths for shared bike and pedestrian use.



The skating facility at Bailey Reserve — just one of the many options for recreation for children in Glen Eira.

## Child care service extends family

by Vida Mierendorff

An almost-quiet audience listens to a well-told story; painted hands press firmly against paper to create fridge-worthy artwork; excited laughter bubbles in the sandpit; noisy truck play on a carpet streetscape — the hustle and bustle of a regular day in one of Council's child care centres.

Child Care Co-ordinator (Carnegie and Murrumbidgee centres) Rukmini Bose-Rahman said underneath all the fun, "play time" was serious business. Child care centres care for children from six months to school age, so child care workers need to be aware of, and plan for, children's developmental, social and support needs.

"Planning activities that are suited to the children's developmental needs is an important part of child care work — they explore things they might not otherwise get to, gain independence, deal with conflict and learn to play and share," she said.

Programs include activities that focus on fine motor skills (painting, crafts), cognitive skills (puzzles, reading) and gross motor skills (games, outdoor play) for children as well as social development — for both children and their parents.

# Looking after our children

Council offers a range of services for the children of Glen Eira. From health and physical development to recreation and learning — Glen Eira's almost 11,000 children are an important focus for Council.

## Parental support from maternal service

by Vida Mierendorff

Why is my three-month-old not sleeping through the night? When should little Susie start to eat broccoli? What's the best way to stop my son being scared of the potty?

These questions may not be quiz show material, but for many first-time parents they are very important issues and exactly the kind of questions maternal and child health nurses are trained to answer.

Council's Maternal and Child Health Service has seven centres and several outposts from which to offer free family-centred assistance to parents and carers with children aged 0–6 years. And with more than 1500 births in the City of Glen Eira in the last year, and more than 740 to first-time mothers alone, it's a service that's much in demand.

Maternal and Child Health Service Co-ordinator Jean Simpson said the service provided information for parents and, more importantly, support.

"In more families, both parents work. Often there's no extended family or the family networks are smaller. Parents, particularly new parents, can feel isolated and have no-one to turn to for advice on infant care and behaviour. Maternal and child health nurses help fill that void," she said.

The service offers support and guidance to parents through home visits, new parent groups, support visits to first-time parents and those with particular needs, and by providing times for "drop in" sessions at the centres.

"A good maternal and child health nurse understands the challenges of modern day parenting and has the ability to listen, as well as provide paediatric assessment," Jean said.



New mum Karen Hastings and baby Emily weigh in for their three month checkup with Carmel Edward of Moorleigh Maternal and Child Health. Photo: Les O'Rourke.

Council's maternal and child health nurses are well equipped and well qualified to deal with any queries and concerns. Having completed their general nurse training, many nurses often have post-graduate diplomas in midwifery and child and family health. Several Council nurses also have qualifications as lactation consultants, immunisation providers and infant mental health.

But while the health of the child is of paramount importance, the relationships developed between parents and staff are also very rewarding.

"We offer scheduled visits at the centres for the first three years for parents, so we get to know them and their children. We watch them grow and it's a joy to see a three and a half year old go off confidently to kindergarten," said Jean.

"The most rewarding part of our job is when we hear from a parent who has found the early months difficult, say how much she now enjoys being a parent."



A fancy dress day at Carnegie Child Care Centre gives everyone the chance to play as their favourite character. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

## Real live authors — Book Week in Glen Eira

Glen Eira primary and secondary school students recently had an opportunity to meet well-known and prized Australian authors when Council's libraries held a series of talks as part of National Children's Book Week.

The students had a chance to talk to three Australian children's authors about the joys and challenges of writing — James Moloney, Kim Dale and Lorette Broekstra.

During the week, the library's popular free storytime sessions focused on books nominated for Picture Book of the Year and Book of the Year: Early Childhood. Copies of all the nominated books are available at the libraries.

Sophie Aristodemou attended some of the sessions with the enthusiastic audiences.

### Native animals come to Glen Eira

Do you know what a Spotted Cuscus, Kowari, Eastern Quoll or a Numbat is? Writer and illustrator Kim Dale does, and she made sure students from Sholem Aleichem College also know when she spoke to them as part of Council's Book Week events.

Kim Dale wrote and illustrated two picture information books on Australian nocturnal animals and one of her books, *Eyes in the Dark*, was shortlisted at the Children's Book Week Awards.

Kim's two-year-old pet duck Max came along for the ride and sat beside her as she addressed the students. This duck is "famous" as the offspring of Superduck Max Snr — a duck who could sit on a surfboard and ride on the back of bicycles. Kim also told the students of the menagerie of horses,

Max the duck enjoys an audience with his owner writer and illustrator Kim Dale. Photo: Bernie Bickerton

maggies, ducks, dogs and possums she has at home. One student's response: "Gee, your house must be a zoo."

Kim gave the students an insight into how she begun illustrating native animals after some bad luck in her life. She said she never imagined she could paint or write but found that she was quite talented once she put her mind to it. Her message to the students was clear — if you work hard and believe in yourself you can do anything.

"When self doubt stops, magic happens," Kim said.

### Swashbuckler Jim visits students

Highly awarded children's author James Moloney "came aboard" Glen Eira Town Hall to speak to Caulfield Junior College and Sheldford Anglican Girls School students as part of Book Week.

Jim, as he likes to be called, is a Brisbane-based author who has been shortlisted numerous times at the Book Council Awards for his novels *Gracey*, *Dougy* and *Crossfire*. He was awarded with the Australian Children's book of the year in 1986 for his book *Swashbuckler*.

Jim told the students about what inspires him when writing. He said he writes in many different genres from adventure to horror, but he always writes about people and their experiences.

Jim writes for children and teenagers but when asked about which audience he likes to write for most, he said enthusiastically: "I enjoy writing for everyone, but I have more fun writing stories for primary school students."



Children's author James Moloney spoke to children as part of National Children's Book Week.

## Libraries — a great place for kids

A massive 46,000 items, including books, magazines, CDs, videos and CD-ROMs and specialised junior reference material, is

available to meet the educational and recreational needs of preschool children through to young adults in Glen Eira's libraries.

Along with these collections, Council's library service also offers a number of events developed specially for children. The most popular are the weekly storytime sessions, designed for preschool children, which provide parents with a wonderful opportunity to introduce young children to the joys of reading and selecting books.

School holidays are another fun time at the libraries — each branch offers shows or events suitable for primary school children which are interactive to ensure maximum audience participation. *Project Internet* sessions, aimed at building online research skills in primary school age children, have also formed a popular component of the school holiday program.

During the summer holidays, Council's libraries run the reading program *Eira's Escapade* which attracts more than 1000 participants each year. Children join Eira on a reading adventure, collecting rewards and having the opportunity to win prizes along the way. Eira, the "bookworm with attitude", in puppet form, regularly appears at storytime sessions.

The Library and Information Service also works closely with schools, preschools and child care centres offering special membership benefits, library visits by class groups, assistance with project work, and displaying class work.

## Immunisation saves lives

Each year, an estimated three million lives throughout the world are saved through immunisation — one of the most effective medical interventions to prevent disease.

Council plays its part by vaccinating about 6000 people each year, 70 per cent of these are children under five years.

Council's Public Health Manager Mark Saunders said nine diseases could now be prevented by routine childhood immunisation — diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough), polio, measles, mumps, rubella, hepatitis B and haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib).

"Council makes all vaccines which are recommended on the Australian Standard Immunisation Schedule available free of charge to parents. Other vaccines such as Chicken Pox and Hepatitis A and B, can be purchased on request."

"The immunisation sessions provide an opportunity for parents to discuss immunisation, childhood development and other relevant issues. Toys are available for the children and a range of public health material is available for parents," he said.

He said the scheduled immunisation visits were at two, four, six, 12 and 18 months and at four years of

age, and children would need to have received these immunisations and a certificate of vaccination before gaining entry into primary school.

The unit conducts seven community immunisation sessions each month, at a number of venues, on various days and times, including two evening and one Saturday morning session. Other services provided include a school immunisation program for Year 7 (Hepatitis B) and Year 10 (Adult Diphtheria and Tetanus), the issuing of school entry immunisation certificates, a kindergarten program for four-year-olds and free information and advice.



Cruel to be kind — Council's immunisation nurse Sally Hopwood vaccinates one of more than 4000 babies and children immunised by Council each year.



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Sat/Sun/public holidays 1pm-5pm

## Exhibitions

# 2002 Silk Cut Award for printmakers

19 September-6 October

Australia's only award for linocut printmaking will again be a feast for the senses in Glen Eira.

The Silk Cut Award gets its name from the silk cut tile, a natural product of smooth quality that reflects its effortless handling. Small curls of lino peel smoothly off the tile with a cutting tool, leaving contours behind. The final images are created after the paper is pulled back from the inked tile.

The 2002 Silk Cut Award proves that it takes more than know-how with lino to be a silk cut artist — it takes a great deal of facility, wit and talent. An outstanding feature of the finalists' exhibition is the standard, quality and subtlety of the prints included — from small, precisely worked images to large multi-panelled works, collage and innovative artists' books.



Heather Shimmen's silk lino cut *Delayed Birdsong*.

Co-ordinator Dianne Waite said since its inception in 1995, the response and quality of entries from young students and established artists had flourished. "The Silk Cut Award is unique, providing young students with a platform to express and develop their ideas and the opportunity to be judged in a highly professional context."

Past winners of the open section include recognised Australian artists such as Heather Shimmen, Deborah Klein, Jennifer Marshall, and Kaye Green.

This year's judges are printer and artist Rosalind Atkins, artist Bruno Leti, and Council's Visual Arts Co-ordinator David O'Halloran. Winners of the open and student section will be announced on opening night. The award is sponsored by Australian linoleum company Duraloid.

# Twenty Melbourne painters

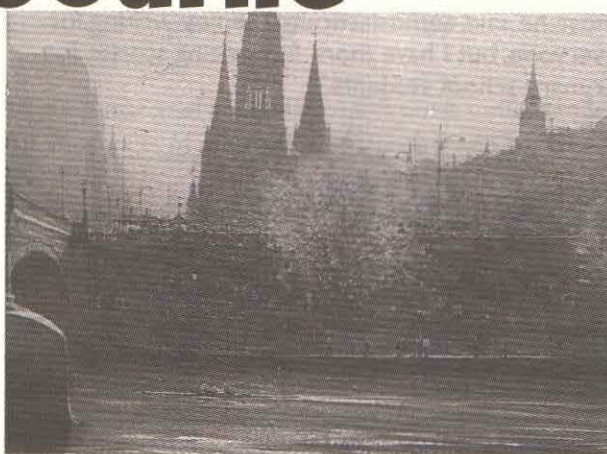
84th annual exhibition

4-15 September

*Twenty Melbourne Painters*, an exhibition of portraiture and landscape paintings, is a testament to the fine skills and dedication of this small group of artists.

The group was established in 1910 by prominent artist Alice Bale, whose legacy supports the continuation of realist portraiture through the biennial Alice Bale Art Award held at Glen Eira City Council Gallery.

This prestigious award is judged by members of the Twenty Melbourne Painters.



*Across the Yarra* by Joseph Zbukvic.

Members join the group by invitation on the basis of their skill and dedication to painting. Once accepted, they are members for life, and as the name suggests, the group never exceeds 20.

## Film giveaway

Glen Eira City Council, in conjunction with Polyphony Entertainment, is offering 50 readers a chance to win a "buy one, get one free" ticket to the new movie *Greenfinger* (rated M) — a heart warming British comedy.

Based on a true story, and in the same vein as *Billy Elliot* and *Waking Ned Devine*, *Greenfingers* is a tale of hope and redemption starring award-winning actress Helen Mirren, the up-and-coming Clive Owen (*Croupier* and *Gosford Park*) and *Waking Ned Devine*'s David Kelly. When inmates nearing probation at Britain's minimum security prison in Edgefield begin to cultivate the prison's first garden, their botanical and floral flair attracts the attention

of a flamboyant gardening expert who is so taken by the men's unconventional gardening style that she sponsors them at England's gardening elite Hampton Court Palace Flower Show.

The movie opens at Cinema Europa Southland and Camberwell's Rivoli Cinemas on September 12. For your chance to win send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to:

Glen Eira City Council  
Arts Unit  
PO BOX 42  
Caulfield 3162

By no later  
than Friday  
13 September.



# Visiting Leila

An exhibition of photographs  
by Konrad Winkler

18 September-6 October

This exhibition by local photographer Konrad Winkler celebrates the unusual life of 79-year-old Leila Guymer.

Superficially, Leila seems like anyone else living in a large country town, having helped her husband with his physiotherapy practice and now looking after him in his old age. But there is something different about Leila — something about the way her energy and curiosity has moulded the way she sees the world and the eccentric way she interacts with people around her — which sets her aside.

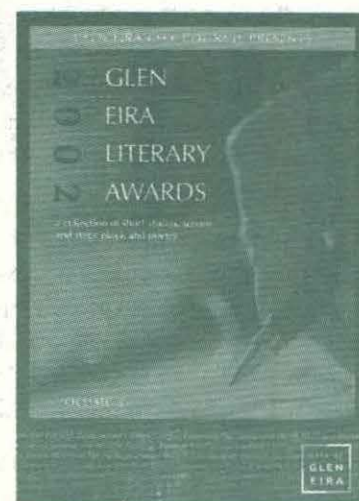
Winkler is interested in people's interior lives, and in capturing these rare moments on film. His mysterious out-of-focus colour portraits of Leila Guymer, complement detailed black and white perspectives of her in her surroundings. Winkler captures the essence of Leila's stories, and reveals glimpses of her personality through the objects in the photographs, and through the technique of formal composition.



Winkler has exhibited widely in Victoria, and participated in a successful exhibition at the Glen Eira City Council Gallery in 2001 with collaborator Julie Goodwin. The current exhibition, *Visiting Leila*, is an insightful and thought provoking look at the way society sees the older generation, and people in general.

# 2002 Glen Eira Literary Awards book

The 2002 Glen Eira Literary Awards book, a collection of short stories, plays and poetry from the award winners, is now available.  
Cost: \$15 (incl. GST).  
Contact:  
Council's Service Centre on  
9524 3333.







# Doing Business



## Lights, camera, action

Local fans of the new ABC television drama *MDA* may recognise something familiar about the Supreme Court used in the show — it's none other than the Glen Eira Town Hall in Caulfield.

Co-produced by ABC TV and Screentime, the medico-legal drama is set around a fictitious medical defence and indemnity organisation which advises and represents doctors facing potential legal action.

So far the show's crew has spent eight days doing location shooting in and around the Town Hall. The Council Chamber doubles as a Supreme Courtroom, while the main portico and clocktower entrances on Glen Eira Road are used for external court scenes.

The series, which stars Kerry Armstrong, Shane Bourne, Jason Donovan and Aaron Pedersen screens on Tuesday nights at 9.30pm.



## Celebrating food, wine and working together

The *Elsternwick Food and Wine Guide*, recently launched by Elsternwick Mainstreet, represents a great example of how business and education can work hand in hand to produce a positive outcome for both business and students.

The project, an initiative of Council's *BusEd* program, involved Melbourne School of Art photography students with Elsternwick MainStreet Committee to produce a publication which promotes the large choice of food and restaurant outlets in the street.

Council's Manager Business Development Lynda Bredin said: "The students received real-life experience dealing with a range of business people in the centre — facing the natural challenges that come with dealing with the commercial sector. The quality of their work reflects the quality and breadth of food outlets in the centre."

She said Glen Eira *BusEd* encourages local businesses and education communities to work together on



*Elsternwick MainStreet Committee launches its Food and Wine Guide as a joint BusEd project with the Melbourne School of Art photography students. Photo: Bernie Bickerton*

projects which are mutually beneficial to students and business operators.

"Through the program, Council fosters the building, and cross-linking of business relationships within the community. *BusEd* is about the community working together supporting each other in its endeavours," Ms Bredin said.

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## Laughter — essential to good business

Knowledge, drive, and strength are important to a healthy career but a strong sense of humour is essential for women who balance that career with family life.

This was the message from Leader Newspapers General Manager Sylvia Bradshaw when she addressed the Glen Eira Women's Business Network meeting last month.

Sylvia captivated the group of about 25 women, with stories of her life, business and family. She emphasised the need for a balance between the long hours and daily pressures of work and business with the simple pleasures in life — cotton sheets, pizza, good books, time with friends, the laughter and love of children.

Her strategy for keeping this balance — alongside her sense of humour — was to ensure that no matter what her busy day threw at her, when she arrived home to her family she switched off her day and focussed on the people close to her heart.

The network is an educational outlet for women in business, which meets on the third Thursday of each month to gain and share business knowledge. The evenings are designed to be open and supportive, and a guest speaker attends each meeting to cover all aspects of business — finance, marketing,



*Leader Newspapers General Manager Sylvia Bradshaw shares her wisdom, worldly knowledge and embracing sense of humour with the Glen Eira Women's Business Network. Photo: Bernie Bickerton*

management, human resource issues, and the more personal aspects of being in business.

The next meeting will be held in the Caulfield Cup Room, Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield on Thursday 19 September at 7pm. Contact Glen Eira Business Development Unit on 9524 3421.



# COMMUNITY *Diary*

## Meetings and clubs

**Probus Club of Caulfield** meets at St John's Church Hall, corner Glen Huntly Road and Foster Street, Elsternwick on the first Tuesday of each month. Visitors welcome. Contact: Lou 9523 6210.

**Social Network for Single Parent Families** offers weekend outings, family camps and weekend getaways, home share service, quarterly newsletter, babysitting network and more. Contact: Maxine 9480 1177.

**4th Caulfield Clubs and Scouts** meets weekly in Birch Street, Caulfield South. Activities and weekend camps for girls and boys. Cubs: aged 7½ to 10. Scouts: aged 11 to 14. Contact: Jo or Steve 9505 6995.

**Over 40s Club** dance — all ages — old time; modern; new vogue at Ormond Uniting Church, corner North and Booran Roads, Ormond on second and fourth Saturdays of each month at 7.45pm. Supper and live music. Cost: \$7. Contact: 9570 4564.

**Caulfield Life Activities Club** will meet at Gladys Machin Hall, Cedar Street, Caulfield on Wednesday 18 September at 7.30pm. Guest speaker. Supper served. New members welcome. Contact: 9569 5249.

**Royal Children's Hospital Auxiliaries (Caulfield Branch)** meets at the Alma Club, 1 Wilks Street, Caulfield North on Wednesday 18 September at 1.30pm. Guest speaker Ann Oldridge. New members welcome. Contact: Olive 9578 2395 or Patricia 9571 2666.

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

**Ormond Community Church of Christ Drop-In Centre** provides opportunity for lonely people to meet new friends and enjoy fellowship, corner North Road and Arnott Street on second Thursday of each month. Next meeting: Thursday 12 September at 11.45am. Cost: \$5. Contact: Jean 9569 4384 or Joan 9578 1187.

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**Wednesday 23 October, 9am-5pm (approx.) HEALESVILLE SANCTUARY**  
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**Wednesday 27 November, 7.30am-5pm (approx.)** Early start necessary to catch the FERRY. SORRENTO-QUEENSCLIFF-POINT LONSDALE  
This is our LAST TRIP FOR 2002 and should be the most enjoyable. We travel to SORRENTO, board the ferry over to QUEENSCLIFF. Spot the wild dolphins in the bay. Bring your own lunch or buy in QUEENSCLIFF — maybe try some of their fish and chips! Time to stroll around the shops and galleries before we travel on to the lighthouse and beach at POINT LONSDALE. Cost: \$30 incl. bus and ferry

Bus trips depart from Glen Eira Town Hall and 10 minutes later from Glen Huntly Station (Tram Stop 60).

**BOOKINGS: BY PHONE ONLY**  
Fridays 9am-2pm on 9523 7862.

**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.

**Russian Women's Club** will begin in September and welcomes women of all ages. Volunteers invited to reveal their talents and offer ideas. Contact: Rita 9885 3322 or 0416 251 317.

**Godfrey Street Community House** will hold classes on "health, finance and wisdom" (fortnightly on Tuesdays from 6pm to 8pm) and "healthy cooking classes for ESL interest group" (fortnightly on Fridays from 1pm to 3.30pm) at 9 Godfrey Street, Bentleigh. Cost: \$2. For details of courses contact: Rita 9557 9037.

## Events

**Melbourne Meccano Club** will hold its Annual Meccano Exhibition at Brighton Philatelic Society Hall, corner Gardenvale and Magnolia Roads, Gardenvale on Saturday 12 October and Sunday 13 October. Contact: Graham 9578 6850.

**Hughesdale Art Group** will hold an illustrated talk on artist and author Dacre Smyth on Wednesday 11 September and a short film demonstration on paper products on Wednesday 25 September at Hughesdale Community Centre, corner Poath and Kangaroo Roads, Hughesdale at 7.30pm. Visitors welcome. Contact: Pat 9885 6407.

**The National Trust Mansion Labassa** will hold an open day at 2 Manor Grove, Caulfield North on Sunday 29 September. Guided tours at no extra cost, light lunch and afternoon tea served in old servant quarters. Entry: \$7.70/\$5.50/\$19.80. Contact: 9527 6295.

**St Giles Uniting Church** will hold *An Afternoon with Gilbert and Sullivan* at St Giles' Uniting Church Hall, 117 Murrumbeena Road, Murrumbeena on Sunday 27 October at 2pm. Off street parking available. Cost: \$10, \$5 (10-17 year olds) and under 10s free. Contact: 9563 4069 or 9569 6927.

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## Glen Huntly Friendship Group

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Activities for September

**Enquiries and bookings**  
Margaret 9596 6124

**Thursday 12 September**

Spring in Kyneton — means a week-long daffodil and arts festival with its "Mile of Daffodils". The local artists produce fine bone china and ceramics. Take lunch or buy for a picnic in Botanical Gardens. Cost: \$28.

**Depart from 185 Poath Road Hughesdale at 9.15am and from 99 Grange Road 9.30am.**

**Thursday 26 September**

Hearing care consultant Kevin Peavey will open the mysteries of protecting our precious hearing. Excellent opportunity to come, learn and ask questions — bring others who will benefit. Cost: \$2.50 includes morning tea. 10am at 99 Grange Road.

**Bentleigh Art Exhibition** (including handcrafts) will hold its annual exhibition at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart College, corner Jasper and Patterson Roads, Bentleigh on Saturday 12 October 10am to 9pm and Sunday 13 October 10am to 5pm. Devonshire tea available. Entry: \$4. Exhibition will be opened by Mayor Cr Peter Goudge on Friday 11 October from 7.30pm to 11pm. Refreshments and swing band. Entry: \$15. Contact: 9563 9522.

## Immunisation dates for September

**Murrumbeena Baptist Church**  
44 Murrumbeena Road, Murrumbeena  
Monday 9 September 10am-11am

**Glen Eira Town Hall**  
(entry via Glen Eira Road)

Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield  
Tuesday 10 September 9.30am-10.30am  
Tuesday 1 October 6pm-7.30pm

**Bentleigh-Bayside Community Health Service**

Gardeners Road, Bentleigh East  
Wednesday 18 September 6pm-7pm  
Saturday 28 September 9.30am-10.30am

**Glen Huntly Maternal and Child Health Centre**

Corner Royal and Rosedale Avenues, Glen Huntly  
Wednesday 25 September 9.30-11am

**Bentleigh Baptist Church**

10 Vickery Street, Bentleigh  
Monday 7 October 1.30-2.30pm

## New low cost classes at Godfrey Street Community House

**Internet banking**

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Wed 23 Oct-13 Nov

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Mon 18 Nov-9 Dec

file making

Wed 20 Nov-11 Dec

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Bentleigh Bowling Club will be holding "learn to bowl" classes for men, ladies, boys and girls.

All classes are **FREE**. Bowls will be supplied. We will show you the basics of lawn bowling.

Classes will be 4 x 1 hour lessons at the club at 1 Higgins Road Bentleigh.

*All you have to bring are flat shoes.*

**Booking essential.**

**Contact: Gary McNeill 9557 5863 (AH)**



Glen Eira

# Youth News



The *Why? Stop* Youth Information Centre provides free, friendly and confidential support to young people. Find out more about what Council's youth centre has to offer — drop in and meet the youth workers at 54 Rosstown Road, Carnegie (near Carnegie train station).  
Phone: 9572 5389  
email: [ystop@gleneira.vic.gov.au](mailto:ystop@gleneira.vic.gov.au)

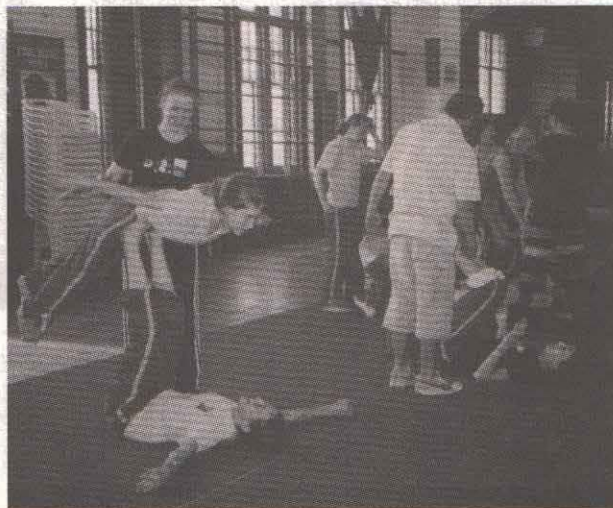
## Circus bug hits local schools

*There is an infectious bug doing the rounds in the City of Glen Eira — those infected report fits of giggling, feeling like a clown, distortions of height making them feel very tall and optimistic. Other symptoms include having lots of fun and feeling energetic for the rest of the day.*

*This year, five local schools have reported students experiencing these symptoms and all reports suggest this "excitement" occurs as a result of involvement with Council's Flying High Circus program. The following accounts of the impact of the "circus bug" were submitted by Liebler Yavneh College students.*

Yavneh College Year 9 and 10 girls joined the Flying High Circus trainers for a six-week circus skills course. The program gave us an opportunity to learn a variety of innovative and invigorating skills and tricks and to try mastering them. We were involved in every aspect of the program and were eager to learn harder tricks that took more concentration. Everyone was happy to give new tricks a go. Some skills came immediately to some but no so easily to others. In the end, it didn't matter because we all had fun and it was a great experience. We learnt we can achieve anything we want to — all it takes is a little concentration and a positive attitude. — **Natalie Schnider**

During the past six weeks of circus my peers and I learned many new skills, the most important skill we learned was the skill of attempting new and different things with a smile and optimism. — **Arielle**



Students from Liebler Yavneh College get first hand experience at circus skills with the Flying High team.

You don't have to be good at gym — the program caters for all sorts of people with a range of activities. — **Rebecca**

In the beginning, I don't think any of us were too sure about the program and weren't confident we could master any skills. But we soon proved ourselves wrong — we became more flexible and were comfortable with the challenges. Thanks to this program, people were able to confidently walk on stilts and do hula-hoop tricks and I was lucky enough to learn how to juggle — something I never thought I would be able to do. — **Anna Fink**

## School Holidays — looking for something to do?

**T**ired of sitting home bored on the school holidays? Why not check out the Community Strengthening Initiative's September school holiday activity *Lets Go Camping* — a three day camp at Gum Creek campsite in Flowerdale for young people aged 14–18.

Campers will be given an outdoor recreation adventure as well as activities for personal development and life skills. The camp opens the

way for further support with accessing recreation, arts and cultural activities in the local community.

To find out if you or someone you know are eligible for this opportunity, contact the *Why? Stop* Youth Information Centre on 9572 5389.

## Mental Health Week 2002

**M**ental Health Week (6–12 October) aims to raise awareness of mental health issues, and support people affected by these issues. The message for this year is "social and emotional wellbeing: what do you know?" Contact your local school, community agency or youth centre for information and to get involved in mental health week activities.

As part of the week Glen Eira, Port Phillip and Stonnington Councils' School Focused Youth Service (SFYS) will host a forum for teachers and workers, featuring guest speakers and highlighting programs and resources available for use in schools and community organisations.

The forum aims to support schools to further educate students about risk factors which affect mental health and wellbeing and to provide information and practical strategies to teachers to assist young people and their families.

For further information contact SFYS Co-ordinator Karla Fitzpatrick on 9524 3392.

## LIBRARY News

### New look catalogue

Take a look at the libraries' new catalogue — redesigned to simplify checking item availability. Now, library users can check the details of an item on one screen — whether it is available and at which branch, or when it is due to be returned. Previously, all these details required several pages of searching, but the new one-page system is more convenient, clearer and easier to read. The catalogue can also be accessed via the Internet at [www.gleneira.vic.gov.au](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au)

### September holiday mania

Once again, Glen Eira libraries will be hosting school holiday activities at all branches during the September term break. The July program booked out in three days, so book early! Tickets for shows are \$4.40 per child, *Project Internet* tickets are \$16.50 per child. Show tickets are available from all branches from 9 September.

### The Dragon who ate the Sun

Wednesday 25 September 11am–12pm  
Caulfield Library

Spend a day in Purpletown and meet some of the wonderful folk on Indigo Avenue. Lots of colourful puppets, happy songs, audience participation and great fun.  
Ages: 4–8



### Meet a mini beast

Wednesday 2 October 1pm–2pm  
Bentleigh Library

Get up close and learn about the world of insects. Talk to a rhino bug, scrutinise a scorpion and caress a crab.  
Ages: 3–8

### Pirate myths and mermaid tails

Thursday 3 October 2.30pm–3.30pm  
Elsternwick Library

A treasure chest of salty stories, games and secrets from the sea. An interactive show that is a rollicking good time for everyone!  
Ages: 4–8

### Project Internet

Tuesday 1 October 2pm–3pm  
Caulfield Library

A specially developed workshop teaching Internet skills for school projects and homework.  
Ages: 9–12

### Internet classes

The following classes will be held in September at Caulfield Library and have been developed to suit a range of interests and experience. Book at any branch or call 9532 9466 for details.

### Introduction to the Internet

Friday 13 September 10.30am–12pm  
Monday 23 September 2pm–3.30pm  
Cost: \$33

### Further steps on the Internet

Monday 9 September 6pm–8.30pm  
Monday 30 September 2pm–4.30pm  
Cost: \$55

### Web-based email

Thursday 19 September 2pm–3.30pm  
Cost: \$33

### Glen Eira Community Forum Hey guys!!

**What is there for youth?  
Rock up and mouth off!!**

No names  
Nothing formal  
Just air your gripes

We hope the panel will take up your ideas. Chaired by a senior Council officer, the panel consists of:

- a school principal;
- a senior police officer;
- a Council youth manager; and
- a sporting body representative

**Where:** Theatre, Glen Eira Town Hall

**When:** on Wednesday 18 September

**At:** 7.30pm

**Contact:** PO Box 188 Caulfield South 3162



# Recreation News

## Community joins Mayor in tree planting

Almost 100 local residents braved the winter weather with Glen Eira Mayor Cr Peter Goudge to take part in National Tree Planting Day on Sunday 28 July at Packer Park.

Throughout the day people of all ages joined the Mayor to plant trees and shrubs — from an 82-year-old Murrumbena resident to families with babies and toddlers.

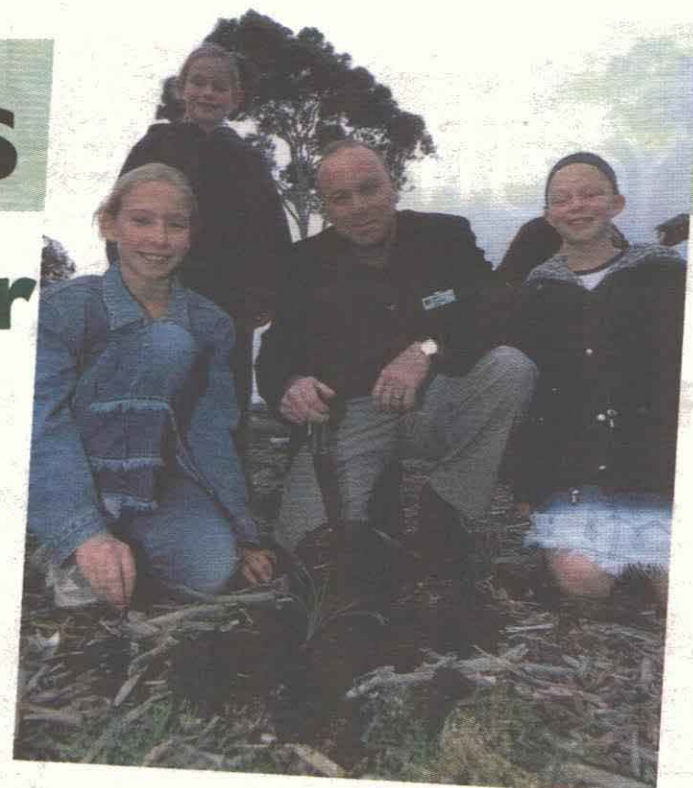
Cr Goudge, who was pleased with the turn out, said: "Planet Ark were hoping for two million trees to be planted, we certainly did our bit — more than 1200 plants went in at Packer Park."

"Council is serious about improving this City's parklands and open space for the benefit of the surrounding residents, and all the community, for many years to come. Investing in our parks in this

way, ensures a better future for our children and guarantees their ongoing access to beautiful parks and gardens," he said.

Others attending with the Mayor and Cr Veronika Martens were students from Shelford Anglican Girls' school, environmental students, members of the Glen Eira Environment Group and Council's Park Services staff — who all enjoyed a barbecue after the planting was complete.

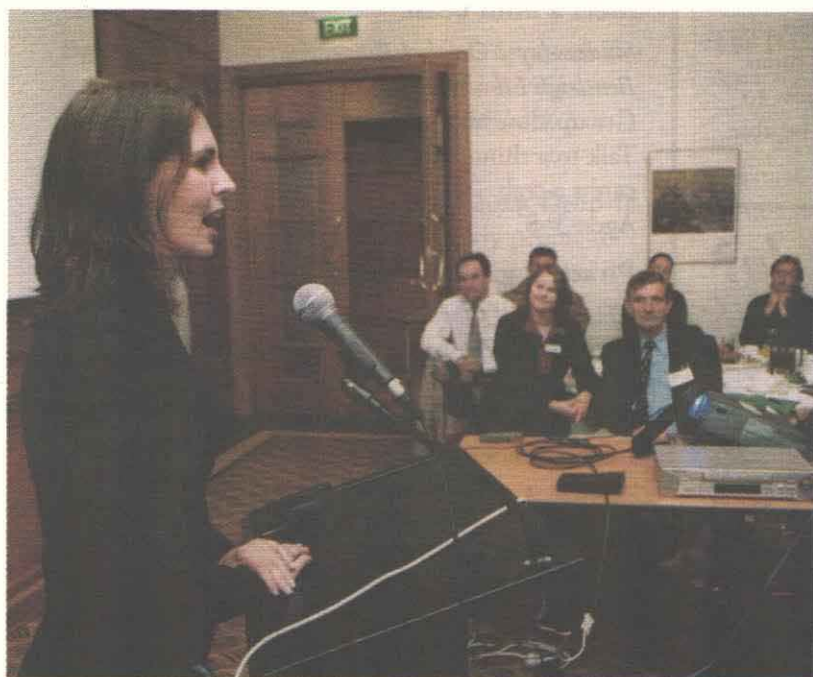
A range of Australian native trees and shrubs were planted including hakeas, eucalypts, banksias, poas, and lomandras all of which were indigenous to the area. Students from Coatesville Primary School began the event with advance plantings on Friday 26 July.



Mayor Cr Peter Goudge plants native grasses with (from left) Cassidy Trousdale, Hanna Schneider and Tailer Schneider at Packer Park for National Tree Planting Day. Photo: Les O'Rourke

## Breakfast seminar success

Public liability and risk management are almost daily news items and made a "hot topic" for Council's recently-held sports club breakfast seminar.



The seminar, free to local clubs, was attended by more than 60 people, representing sports clubs from all over the City. Speakers, Managing Director of Sports Cover Insurance Peter Nash and Council's Corporate Counsel Paul Hedger, gave the latest information on legal and insurance issues specific to sporting clubs.

The attendees were also treated to an inspiring talk by guest speaker Olympic gold medalist and taekwondo champion Lauren Burns. Lauren gave an account of her introduction to taekwondo at age 13 and her subsequent rise to Olympic gold medal winner.

The breakfast seminar raised clubs' awareness, encouraging them to be proactive in risk management, and was hailed as a great success with many clubs expressing an interest in further seminars.

Olympic gold medalist Lauren Burns speaks at Council's sports club breakfast seminar.

## Cycling club triumphs

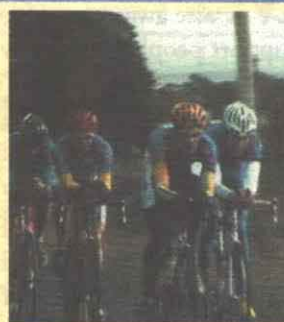
Carnegie-Caulfield Cycling Club teams recently won all four categories — men's, women's, junior and master's — in the Victorian Road Teams Championships.

The men's team recovered well from an early puncture to Luke Bell's tyre, and after a wheel change worthy of a Tour de France mechanic, the team accelerated to top speed to run out easy victors. The junior team claimed a narrow victory in the 30km under 17 race.

Despite losing one rider early on, the women's team won comfortably in a category in which the club has not had much success in the past. Even after losing contact on one of the many hills, Jenny Macpherson rode on alone and caught and passed the Blackburn and St Kilda teams.

The master's team avenged last year's loss to Footscray — spurred on by captain and former Sun Tour rider David Sturt, the team scorched through the race at almost 45km/h to take the win.

Carnegie-Caulfield Cycling Club Secretary Malcolm Sawford congratulated all the riders who participated and demonstrated the club's strength and depth.



Carnegie-Caulfield Cycling Club men's team rides home to sixth place.

## Croquet — a challenging game

Kerralie and Andrew Korbel (pictured below) enjoy croquet. The couple joined Caulfield Park Croquet Club and began playing only 18 months ago but they are already winners — Kerralie recently won the club's Anne Friedman Trophy while Andrew won the Nelson Medal and is Victorian Champion in the 17-21 Handicap range.

Andrew competed against winners from country and metropolitan regions and won all five matches in the two-day finals held at the Victorian Croquet headquarters in North Brighton. The couple hoped to inspire other young people to play this interesting and challenging sport. Contact the club on 9500 9775 or 9569 3845 after 6pm.



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