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Retired school teacher turns “lollypop” man

Children and their safety are important to Brian Bratby. After 28 years as a secondary school teacher, Brian has traded his duster and chalk for a lollypop uniform.

Since retiring from teaching in October last year, Brian has missed the interaction he had with children. Deciding to take up a position as a school crossing supervisor with Council was an obvious solution.

Along with 49 other school crossing supervisors in Glen Eira, Brian's new job is to make sure children safely cross the road as they travel to and from school.

School crossing supervisors receive on-the-job training at one of the 42 crossings in Glen Eira. They are trained to supervise all those who use the crossing — making sure they cross safely and cause minimal disruption to traffic.

They are also trained to make direct eye contact with drivers so they can recognise whether approaching cars are going to stop and know it is safe to walk onto the crossing.

Brian was initially offered a posting at a crossing about

500 metres from the nearest school. But he declined the offer as he said there would be little interaction with the children and he would be too far from all the “action”.

“I wanted to be able to talk to the kids when they came off the bus after a sports day and ask them how they enjoyed their day,” Brian said.

Brian taught at Brighton Technical and South Oakleigh Secondary School. He said he loved teaching and enjoyed being around the kids, but after 28 years it was time for him to try something different.



Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

“I always knew that I would end up as a lollypop man,” Brian said.

— Sophie Aristodemou

Caring for Glen Eira's environment

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Peter Goudge and Federal Minister for Environment The Hon. Dr David Kemp visited Allnut Park recently to launch Council's *Caring for our environment* booklet.

The booklet highlights the many activities Council undertakes to look after the City's environment and maintain it as a clean and healthy place to live. Conserving energy, recycling and promoting healthy living, are some of the topics covered in the booklet.

Cr Goudge said Council conducts many activities to help maintain the City's amenity and environment. He said the activities range from effective waste collection and recycling, through to energy conservation and developing and managing public spaces.

“It was truly revealing to discover just how much Council contributes to protecting, improving and



Dr David Kemp and Cr Peter Goudge plant a blackwood to celebrate Council's commitment to environmental sustainability.
Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

nurturing the neighbourhood environment in which we all live, work and play,” he said.

Dr Kemp said the booklet was a remarkable display of what is being done in Glen Eira to contribute to a better environment and maintain a more liveable city for all its residents.

“I congratulate the Council for its long commitment to environmental sustainability. Sustainability is essential for the health of our cities, our industries, individual people and families.”

The Mayor and Dr Kemp planted an acacia melanoxylon, commonly known as a Blackwood, to commemorate the occasion.

Copies of *Caring for our environment* are available from Council's Service

Centre, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield or by phoning 9524 3333.

— Sophie Aristodemou

For more stories on Council's role in keeping the community safe — see pages 5, 6 and 7.

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MAYOR'S column



Already shops throughout the City are filling with decorations for the Christmas festive season — a sure sign that 2002 is drawing to a close. Yet, even though the calendar year is nearing its end, your Council's capital works program is moving up a gear with the

\$649,000 small playground acceleration program about to take off.

Regular readers of *Glen Eira News* will recall the August edition front page headline "Yay! More new playgrounds to come!" I can assure you, they are well and truly on the way — upgrades will be happening at Colin Street Reserve, Wingate/Brady Road Reserve, Pell Street Reserve, Gardenvale Park, Marlborough Street Reserve, Rosanna Street Reserve, Elsternwick Plaza, EE Gunn Reserve and Mackie Road Reserve.

During the last month the high level of activity around the City has continued. It was my very great pleasure to host the Federal Minister for the Environment, and local Goldstein MP, The Hon. Dr David Kemp. Minister Kemp very graciously gave of his valuable time to launch a Council booklet entitled *Caring for our environment*. The booklet is designed to give residents and non-residents alike a clear picture of the range and extent of environmental initiatives in which Council is involved — and the list is quite revealing. It captures just how much Council contributes to protecting, improving and nurturing the neighbourhood environment in which we all live, work and play.

The initiatives range from implementing Local Law, protecting our amenity through enforcing planning laws, ensuring energy efficient designs for multi-dwellings, regularly collecting garbage and recycling, to planting more than 1,300 trees each year.

In addition, a comprehensive bicycle strategy is being introduced to promote this healthy and clean form of transport, food venues are inspected to ensure they are safe places for us to buy and consume food and, most recently, Council has become responsible for ensuring eating places provide a smoke-free environment when we are out to dinner with family and friends. If any member of the community would like to receive a copy of the booklet I would encourage you to contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

Glen Eira was also the location chosen by the Premier and Cabinet for the latest in a series of Community Cabinets being held around the state. During the visit, your Council had the opportunity to brief Premier Steve Bracks on matters of concern to our City. The State Shadow Cabinet is also scheduled to visit Glen Eira in the very near future and your Council will be drawing their attention to the important issues as well.

— Cr Peter Goudge
Mayor

Love makes beautiful music

Residents at Warrawee aged care facility were given an opportunity to make beautiful music when harpist Catherine Love visited recently.

Ms Love attended the facility as part of a diversional therapy session and, as well as playing music for the 29 residents, gave each of them an opportunity to try their hand at harp playing.

Diversional therapist Jacky Crowder said the sessions were held once each month to bring entertainers in to the facility and provide variety and interest for the residents. She said sessions ranged from poetry reading to movie discussions, but said music was a particular favourite of the residents.

"Catherine's specialty is Celtic music — it was wonderful. She gave us a brief history of the harp



New resident Coral Butcher (centre) gives harp playing a try with harpist Catherine Love (left) and Diversional Therapist Jacky Crowder.

and then played a range of music, beautiful lilting ballads and some contemporary tunes as well. The residents got a real buzz out of being able to have a go themselves," she said.

Remembrance Day

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Glen Eira residents are invited to attend a Remembrance Day memorial service at the Cenotaph in Caulfield Park, near the corner of Hawthorn and Balaclava Roads, Caulfield on Monday 11 November, beginning at 10.58am. Please note, the service will proceed in the park regardless of the weather. Light refreshments will be served after the service.

Enquiries: 9524 3225.

Deadlines for Glen Eira News

Deadline for the next issue of Glen Eira News will be **Monday 14 October**. Delivery: 8–10 November.

Final deadline for 2002:

Monday 11 November. Delivery: 6–8 December.

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Better housing for elderly

by Maureen Bathgate

Older people living in Glen Eira will have access to better and more affordable housing, following the recent launch of a multi-million dollar housing project for the City's elderly residents.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Peter Goudge was joined by the Premier of Victoria Steve Bracks and Minister for Housing Bronwyn Pike to announce the construction of 30 new independent living units to replace existing units in Curraweena Road, Caulfield South.

The joint venture will see the Government contribute \$3.13 million



Curraweena residents Betty and George Briggs enjoy an opportunity to chat with Victorian Premier Steve Bracks. Photos: Bernie Bickerton.

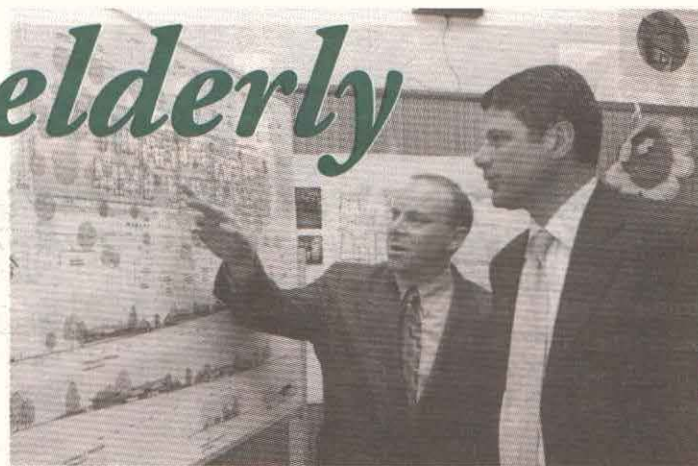
under the Social Housing Innovations Program toward the total project cost, with Council contributing land to the value of \$2.27 million.

The project will involve the demolition of the existing 24 units — which consist mostly of bedsitters, are not disability compliant and, being built in the 1960s, are aging — and the construction of 30 new purpose-built units, each with its own courtyard, substantially more space and disability compliance. During construction, existing residents will be relocated to other Council properties or alternative private rental accommodation. The project is expected to be completed by December 2003.

Cr Goudge said Glen Eira was one of very few councils in Victoria still providing independent living unit accommodation for elderly residents. Council operates 81 independent living units throughout the City to provide low-cost rental accommodation for financially disadvantaged older people living in Glen Eira.

"The Curraweena units have served our community well. However, they are now more than 40 years old and it is time for them to be brought up to more modern standards. Council looks forward to working with the Government on this project, on behalf of the residents of our City," Cr Goudge said.

Mr Bracks said Government and Council needed to work together to provide secure, comfortable and affordable housing for Glen Eira's aging population.



Mayor Cr Peter Goudge shows Premier Steve Bracks over the plans for a \$5.4 million redevelopment at Curraweena Independent Living Units.

He said one of the best aspects of the Curraweena development was that existing residents would enjoy a vastly improved quality of life without having to change address.

"This is a fantastic site and a fantastic location, but it's time has come. In its place will be a new complex, with a new design and new facilities," Mr Bracks said.

"This project is a great example of what can be done when different levels of Government work together to build something for the community. Housing programs like these make a real difference to the community and I thank the City of Glen Eira for its partnership."

Council recently held a consultation session with neighbouring residents to brief them on the proposed development. The project architect presented plans for the units and Council's planning consultant explained the planning process. The plans were well-received by everyone at the meeting. Council has also held two successful meetings with existing Curraweena residents.

State funding for aged housing

Plea for funding for community services

The newly refurbished pavilion at Packer Park made the ideal venue for Council representatives to demonstrate Council's facilities improvement programs when they met with Victorian Premier Steve Bracks recently.

The Premier was joined by Minister for Housing Bronwyn Pike, Minister for Employment, Gaming, and Tourism John Pandazopoulos, Minister for Police and Emergency Services and Corrections Andre Haermeyer, and Minister for Education and Training Lynne Koske, who visited Glen Eira for consultations with various community groups.

The meeting gave Mayor Cr Peter Goudge, Councillors and senior Council staff the opportunity to advocate for funding for Home and Community Care (HACC) and major community facilities such as the proposed Carnegie Library and Community Centre.

Cr Noel Erlich, Cr Alan Grossbard, Cr Veronika Martens, Cr Dorothy Marwick, Cr Norman Kennedy and Cr Rachelle Sapir also attended the presentation.

In welcoming the ministers to Glen Eira, Cr Goudge said: "All of us here are elected to serve the interests of our communities. It is good to have opportunities such as this, to work together for the benefit of the people of Glen Eira."

He said Glen Eira City Council and the State Government had provided mutual support in a



Two levels of government working together — Victorian Premier Steve Bracks discusses funding issues with Glen Eira Mayor Cr Peter Goudge.

number of ways. State Government initiatives such as Black Spot funding for traffic improvements, the redevelopment of Council's independent living units at Curraweena, and the Caulfield Police Station (opened earlier this year) had already provided benefits to the people of Glen Eira. Likewise, Council's leadership in areas such as town planning, food safety and financial management had provided useful models for the State Government.

Council's Chief Executive Officer Andrew Newton highlighted a number of issues to the Premier — the need for repair of the City's ageing infrastructure and community facilities; the need to "do the right thing" by its ageing population, especially in Home and Community Care; and the challenge of being a local government with growth expenditures but no growth incomes.

Council elections are coming up

Want to be a Councillor?

An information session for potential candidates at Glen Eira's next general local Council election (to be held in March 2003) will be run by the Municipal Association of Victoria and will provide valuable details to help potential candidates decide whether to pursue candidature for local government.

Topics to be discussed will include an introduction to local government, what is expected of a Councillor, how to nominate as a candidate, the election process and campaigning, as well as insights from a Councillor of another municipality.

Attendance is open to anyone considering nominating at the next Council elections. The sessions will be held in the Caulfield Cup Room, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield on **21 November at 7pm**. Bookings are not necessary.

Enrolling to vote

Not just people who vote in Federal and State elections can vote at Council elections. For example, if you are a non-Australian citizen and own or occupy a property in Glen Eira, you may be eligible to vote.

To find out if you are eligible or need to fill out an application form, call 9524 3202.



Language Line



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Want to stop traffic?

Become a school crossing supervisor

Glen Eira City Council operates 43 school crossings throughout the City and needs more people to staff permanent crossings or work as casual relief staff.

These are paid positions starting from \$13 per hour. Most Council crossings are staffed from 8.15am to 9am and 3.15pm to 4pm Monday-Friday.

Permanent school crossing supervisors need to:

- be available from 8.15am to 9am and from 3.15pm to 4pm on weekdays; and
- pass a basic medical examination and police check.

If you would like to join our team and can meet these requirements, please contact Human Resources on 9524 3451.

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Elezioni Comunali 2003

Le prossime elezioni comunali per il Comune di Glen Eira avranno luogo in Marzo 2003 e saranno condotte per mezzo di un voto postale

Chi può votare?

Tutti coloro che sono iscritti per votare nelle elezioni Statali e Federali (principalmente persone dai 18 anni in poi che hanno la cittadinanza Australiana) sono automaticamente iscritti per votare nelle elezioni Comunali. Per aggiornare la vostra iscrizione, ritirate un modulo di iscrizione da qualsiasi ufficio postale, telefonate alla commissione elettorale australiana, cioè l'Australian Electoral Commission, al 13 23 26, oppure scaricate un modulo dal sito web della AEC al: www.aec.gov.au

Inoltre, anche le seguenti persone avranno il diritto di votare nelle elezioni Comunali:

- le prime due persone i cui nomi appaiono nei registri delle imposte del Comune, che sono proprietari o che occupano una proprietà, ma che non abitano in quella circoscrizione, saranno automaticamente incluse nella lista degli elettori;
- un'impresa commerciale che è proprietaria o che occupa una proprietà potrà nominare qualcuno che agisca come suo rappresentante sulla lista degli elettori; o
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2003 年市政府選舉

Glen Eira 下一屆市政府選舉將於 2003 年 3 月舉行，這次選舉將通過郵寄選票進行。

誰可以投票?

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下列人士也有資格在市政府選舉中投票：

- 擁有物業但不在選區內居住的市政稅記錄上前兩個人將自動包括在選名冊上；
- 擁有或佔用物業的公司可以指定代表在選民冊上註冊登記；或者
- 不屬於上述類別但擁有或佔用物業並已滿 18 歲的任何人 (例如非澳大利亞公民) 都可以申請註冊。

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Public health unit focuses on safety

Eat with confidence in Glen Eira

Safe and healthy food is important to Council, and residents being confident to eat at any of the more than 720 food premises in Glen Eira is top priority for Council's environmental health officers.

Officers inspect all Glen Eira food businesses on a regular basis, to ensure food is handled and prepared safely. They also investigate all food-related customer complaints and regularly obtain and test food samples to ensure food is safe to consume.

Manager Public Health Mark Saunders said each of the City's food outlets were visited on average three times per year and up to 400 random samples were tested. Food samples were sent to a laboratory and tested for the presence of dangerous microbes, physical contaminants, or chemical residues, to ensure food safety standards had been met.

"It's not just a matter of making sure food is healthy and nutritious. Council has a huge responsibility to ensure food is safe to eat as well. This means food storage, food handling and food preparation must be completed under strict guidelines, and anyone who deals with food needs to be educated in health and hygiene standards," Mr Saunders said.

He said statistics showed that each year Australians have a one in five chance of suffering food poisoning — costing about \$2.6 billion per year.

"The incidence of food poisoning is an ongoing concern to Council, and to food business owners in Glen Eira. Council has a number of programs in place which support food premises in achieving health standards — for example the 5 Star Safe Food and Taste 4 Health programs," Mr Saunders said.

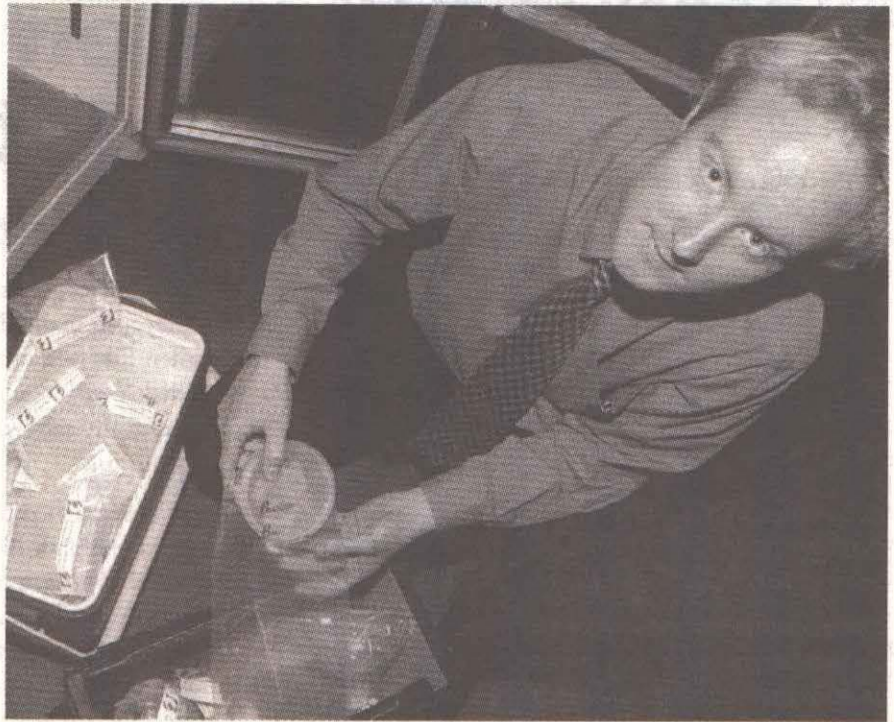
New smoking laws introduced

Council will receive almost \$8,800 to fund education and enforcement activities in relation to the new and existing smoke-free requirements under the Victorian Tobacco Act.

Just over a year since smoke-free dining and smoke-free shopping centres were introduced, the next stage of the State Government's tobacco reforms have come into effect. The amendments place additional restrictions on smoking in all Victorian licensed premises, bingo and gaming venues.

Properties with more than one enclosed space are now required to provide a smoke-free room and gaming and bingo areas within premises are now smoke-free.

Council's environmental health officers will conduct visits throughout the City to provide education and reinforce compliance to both the recent amendments, and the overall changes to the Act. Visits will be made to 13 gaming facilities and 54 licensed premises to introduce the amendments and officers will conduct follow-up visits regarding smoke-free dining and tobacco signage.



Environmental health officer Michael Dyt prepares food samples for laboratory analysis.

Testing the waters — pool and spa safety

Council's environmental health officers regularly conduct water tests at all public swimming and spa venues in the City. Council officers visit 15 public swimming and spa pools, two of which are Council-owned.

The tests are undertaken at each venue four times per year to ensure water is safe for swimming. Checks include chlorine, alkalinity, pH and bacterial levels — all levels must comply with the Infectious Disease Regulations 2001.

Manager Public Health Mark Saunders said pools which did not comply were required to close until water purification had been undertaken and the appropriate levels were restored. But he said generally Glen Eira pool owners were conscious of the requirements and pools and spas were generally given a clean bill of health.

— Stories and photos by Myrine Hawkworth

Warning: impersonation of Council officers

Residents are warned that cases have been reported of people posing as Council officers and attending elderly people's residences requesting cash payments for various services.

In one case, an elderly person handed over \$200 to someone claiming they were from Glen Eira City Council and demanding payment of a "bond" before the resident could receive home care.

In two further cases, phone calls were received from people advising they were conducting a phone survey on behalf of Council regarding aged care services and requesting personal information including whether the resident lived on their own.

Residents should be aware that Council officers who visit homes must wear identification. Residents should ask to sight this identification before giving any information or inviting anyone into their homes.

Council advises it is also unusual for officers to visit unannounced. In most cases, a prior appointment would have been made by phone. Council officers never request money be paid on the spot — Council sends invoices for payment of all services.

Council does conduct telephone surveys from time to time which are carried out by a registered survey company using trained operators who identify themselves and establish their bona fides.

Residents who have any concerns about the authenticity of any phone call or visitor claiming to be from Glen Eira City Council should check with the Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 and contact the police if necessary.



Environmental health officer Katrina Velgush — testing the water for a healthy pool.

Computer access and help for older persons.

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Access at other times by arrangement.
Enrol anytime.

Venue available for group bookings.
Volunteers needed to help older persons gain confidence in the use of computers.

Phone: 9570 2437, 9563 8800

Fax: 9579 0445

Email: newlands@vicnet.net.au

Joyce Park Master Plan — have your say

A community workshop will be held to discuss opportunities for improving Joyce Park's amenities and presentation and for maximising the use of open space.

Chris Dance Land Design, appointed by Council, has undertaken a preliminary analysis of the park and its landscape — including identifying a number of issues and opportunities affecting the park.

Council officers and the consultant landscape architects will attend a workshop to be held at:

Packer Pavilion
Leila Road, Carnegie
on Thursday 17 October at 7.30pm

This is an important community workshop and will have a direct impact on the development of your local park.

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



COMMUNITY SAFETY MONTH

October 2002

October is Community Safety Month in Victoria. Extended from one week, the month will focus on increasing awareness and strategies around four key safety themes — Crime Prevention Week, Emergency Services Week, Injury Prevention Week and Business and Community Safety Week.

Community Safety Month empowers local communities to feel confident about their safety by undertaking activities during the month that highlight a safety issue and demonstrate preventative strategies to avoid future injury or harm.

The month offers an opportunity for community groups to strengthen or consolidate partnerships and to develop new networks and share resources.

A range of activities will be co-ordinated by Crime Prevention Victoria with funding from the Department of Justice. For details of events and activities during the month, contact Information Victoria on 1300 366 356 or visit the website at www.communitysafetymonth.com

Think SAFE - Act SAFE - Feel SAFE - Be SAFE

Glen Eira Community Safety Committee

— a co-operative approach to community safety in Glen Eira

Council recognises community safety is a major player in maintaining the health and wellbeing of the Glen Eira community, and has undertaken to provide leadership and facilitate overall co-ordination of community safety initiatives as part of its civic leadership role.

Council established the Glen Eira Community Safety Committee in late 2000. The committee reflects an integrated approach to community safety and crime prevention in Glen Eira — comprising representatives from Council, Victoria Police, Department of Infrastructure, VicRoads, Department of Human Services, Department of Education and the Metropolitan Fire Brigade.

Committee convener Cr Veronika Martens said implementation of community safety initiatives was accepted as a joint responsibility of a local coalition of key stakeholders. "This is a partnership arrangement, and Council acts to broker the partnerships, co-ordinate the efforts and drive the whole process."

"For Council, the safety and wellbeing of all who live and work in our City, and even those who visit and play, is paramount. The committee is currently overseeing an annual program of initiatives aimed at improving road safety, improving safety in public places, improving public safety awareness, crime prevention, public health safety and municipal emergency management," Cr Martens said.



Key members of the Glen Eira Community Safety Committee (from left) Council's Manager Statutory Services Duncan Turner, Committee convener Cr Veronika Martens, Victoria Police Inspector Greg Parr, and VicRoads Road Safety Co-ordinator Pierre Castelino at the recently painted pedestrian crossing in North Road Ormond.

Safety initiatives — roads, rail, parks, and people



Photo of kids and parents at the pedestrian lights/ or cars with people crossing. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

In April 2001, Council adopted the *Glen Eira Road Safety Strategic Plan* — a plan which helps Council co-ordinate more closely with the Victoria Police, VicRoads, schools and community groups in its efforts to make the City's roads safer and to encourage people to use roads more safely.

The plan highlighted a number of key road safety issues in Glen Eira — the high numbers of pedestrian crashes in strip shopping centres and arterial roads; the provision of safe access to schools, kindergartens, shops and other community facilities (especially for pedestrians and cyclists); and the high number of bicycle accidents.

The statewide program, which was prepared by Council as part of the SafeRoads initiative, was developed by VicRoads in conjunction with key industry groups. The planning process involved the following:

- a detailed analysis of reported crashes over a five-year period to identify causes of crashes, dominant crash locations and road user characteristics;
- an assessment of dominant crash location sites;
- meetings with the steering committee and consultations with representatives from Council, Victoria Police, VicRoads, RoadSafe Inner South East and bus operators; and
- the development of an integrated package of action plans including both physical counter-measures and behavioural programs. A key stakeholder forum was conducted to discuss the draft action plans.

Strategy plan for pedestrian safety

In reference to pedestrian safety, the *Glen Eira Road Safety Strategic Plan* highlighted the following alarming statistics.

- Glen Eira is ranked tenth highest of all metropolitan municipalities in relation to pedestrian casualties per 100,000 population.

- On average, someone dies every 10 weeks from a road crash in Glen Eira.
- Pedestrians are an alarming 52 per cent of those killed (well above the state average of 20 per cent).
- About 46 per cent of all pedestrian fatalities in Glen Eira involved people over 75 years of age.

In response to these road safety issues, action plans were developed around six key themes — co-ordination and leadership, school road safety, traffic management and safer drivers, young children, pedestrian, and bicycle safety.

Three joint initiatives with Council, VicRoads, Victoria Police and the community, in separate parts of the City focus specifically on pedestrian safety.

- North Road Ormond Shopping Centre — *Safe Routes to Shops Pilot Project* is now being implemented and has successfully turned plans into action.
- North Caulfield — *Safe Routes to Schools Program* is progressing in consultation with school communities.
- Centre Road Bentleigh and East Bentleigh — *WalkSafe* project will commence in consultation with trader associations and local communities.

Educating road users

Changing road user behaviour is a critical aspect of reducing the incidence of road trauma on our roads. The Glen Eira Safety Committee is promoting a number of education-based programs to improve road use behaviour, including:

- *Designated Driver/Party Safe* program (aimed at reducing the incident of drink driving in the City);
- *Keys Please* program (to improve the capacity of younger drivers);
- a *Wiser Driver* course (to improve the skills of older drivers); and
- the *Starting Out Safely* resource and *Early Childhood Package* (road safety awareness for children and parents).

Over the last year, the Community Safety Committee has overseen the following community safety initiatives in Glen Eira:

- *Glen Eira Road Safety Strategic Plan* (April 2001);
- *Glen Eira Safety in Public Places Strategic Plan* (May 2001);
- *Community Safety Week in Glen Eira* (September 2001);
- *Safer Routes to Shops Pilot Project* — North Road, Ormond;
- Road safety initiatives including the VicRoads *Keys Please* program, the *Wiser Driver* program, *Getting it Right* child restraint campaign and *PartySafe Across Victoria* drink driving program; and
- *Keeping Glen Eira Safe* booklet.

Safety around railway stations

The Glen Eira Community Safety Committee is also working with local railway operators to improve the appearance of and safety around railway stations in Glen Eira.

Victoria Police has undertaken security inspections and prepared reports on all key railway stations. These audits, prepared by a Victoria Police Crime Prevention Officer, highlight a range of matters requiring attention including lighting, graffiti, and general maintenance.

These audits have been forwarded to the Department of Infrastructure and Railway operators for action.

— Duncan Turner

Safety at railway stations — a safety committee initiative. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.



Planning for a safe summer

Council's Building Services Unit has compiled a list of some of the common safety checks associated with the spring and summer months.

Smoke alarms

Smoke alarm batteries should be checked and the unit should be vacuumed to remove dust particles. Full details on correct cleaning will be in the manufacturer's operation details.

Swimming pool and spa safety barriers

To ensure a safety barrier remains effective, gates, fences, or alternative barriers should be maintained regularly. It is advisable to check both sides of any fences and gates for any potential hazards or climbable objects.

Check safety measures fitted to gates, doors, and windows are still operating or fitted correctly. Check for tree branches, and pot plants within 1.2 metres of the safety barrier, and remove them — these can be used to climb the barrier to access the pool or spa. Check for any chairs, boxes, or even the pool pump that could be used to gain access.

Play equipment

On outdoor play equipment and cubby houses, it is a good idea to check connections for fatigue, rot and corrosion and repair or replace to ensure safe play. Check ladders accessing play equipment and handrails that act as barriers for stability and splintering.

Check basketball rings, including fixings and connections, and attachments to brick parapet walls. Don't forget to check for insects and spiders under play equipment and inside cubby houses.

Household equipment

Check of all electrical leads and power tools, particularly for external use, shouldn't just be made at the onset of spring. All garden and household tools and machinery need to be checked regularly to ensure safe usage.

Simple checks can be carried by the property owner however, electrical and specialised testing of equipment should be carried out by building professionals.

Make sure your pool or spa is safe

New regulations for swimming pools and spas

The compulsory installation of self-closing devices on all swimming pool and spa safety barrier access points came into effect on 1 July this year.

The requirement came as a further amendment to regulations introduced in 1994 which required all swimming pools and spas, installed before April 1991, be provided with suitable barriers to prevent unsupervised small children entering the pool area.

Manager Building Services John Bordignon said the regulations were amended in December last year to include the introduction of compulsory self-closers and to introduce mandatory maintenance responsibilities on the owners. He said the legislation was retrospective and as such represented more stringent controls which would be enforced by Council over the coming months.

"We are coming to the time of year where pool safety becomes an even bigger issue and we (Council) are concerned people may not have taken these new regulations on board."

"Because this legislation is retrospective, every time it changes it affects pool owners. We don't want people to become complacent and think that because their pools have already been inspected, they are okay. The new regulations apply regardless of the owner's level of compliance before the amendment — even where Council officers have already ascertained that barriers complied," he said.

The regulations state any door or gate opening to the pool or spa must be fitted with a self-closing device that is (a) located not less than 1.5 metres above the ground or internal floor level and that (b) returns the door or gate to its closed position from any position and from a stationary start from any position without the application of manual force. Maintenance requirements also mean that correct operation must be checked regularly.

Mr Bordignon said: "The State Government is very serious about stopping deaths in pools. We want residents to know that Council is serious about child safety around pools, too."

Residents wanting more information about pool regulations, can visit the Building Commission website (www.buildingcommission.com.au); the Victorian Municipal Building Surveyors Group website (www.vmsg.com.au); or contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

Story and photo — Myrine Hawksworth



Building inspector Mervyn Mumford checks the installation of a self-closing device on a pool gate in Caulfield.

Have your say on local safety issues

Glen Eira Community Safety Forum

The Glen Eira Community Safety Committee will convene a forum to provide an opportunity for the community to have its say on key safety issues and to help develop action plans in response.

Representatives from the Community Safety Committee, Glen Eira City Council, Victoria Police, VicRoads, Metropolitan Fire Brigade and other agencies will attend.

Topics will include: road safety, safety in public places, crime prevention and public health and safety. Please nominate your topic of interest when registering.

Two sessions will be held in the Auditorium, Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield on:

Thursday 24 October
Afternoon session: 2pm to 4pm
Evening session: 7pm to 9pm

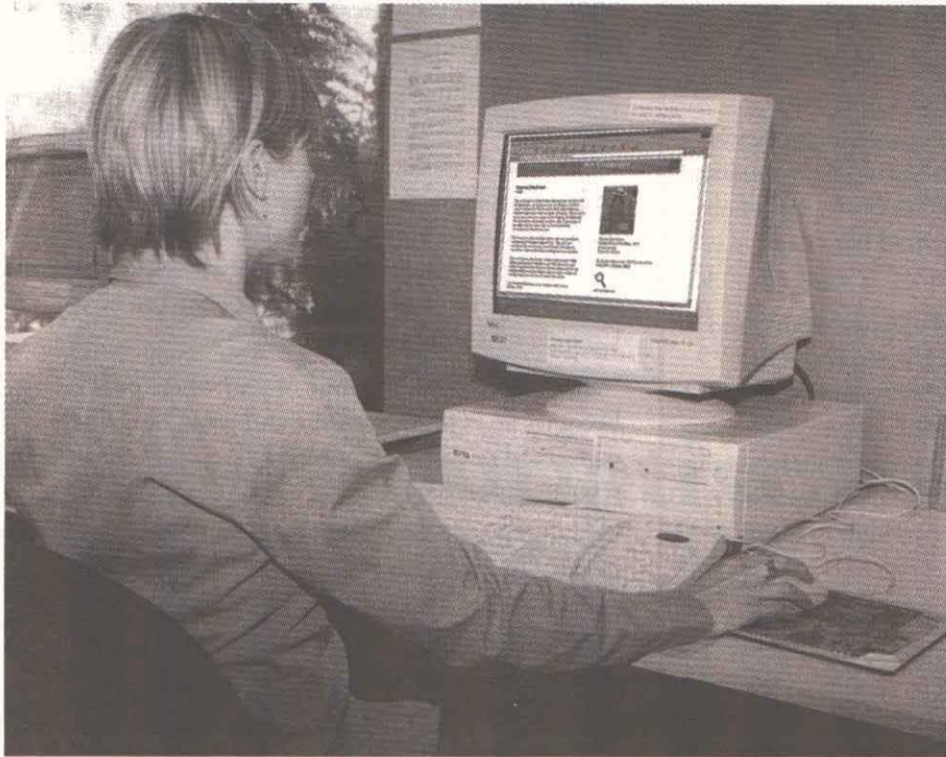
Please register to attend by 16 October by phone on 9524 3333; in writing to Community Safety Forum, Glen Eira City Council, PO Box 42, Caulfield South 3162; or by email to communitysafety@gleneira.vic.gov.au

ARTS *Arts*

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

Art collection goes *on line*

Glen Eira's Art Collection is now available for viewing on the Internet



a cross-section of the collection — showing a sample of artworks by well-known artists along with information about each work. Council plans to gradually increase the number of artworks on the website over time.

Mayor Cr Peter Goudge said: "We understand not everyone who is interested in the collection would have been able to make it into the gallery to see the exhibition — therefore we decided to put some of the more famous pieces on Council's website."

"This virtual display will give local residents a snapshot of how magnificent the collection really is. Council also gets lots of enquiries from local students about the collection who will now have easy access to the information.

"Our aim is to encourage more people to get involved in Council's Arts and Culture Program at a local level and make it much more accessible to the whole Glen Eira community," he said.

To view the collection, click on the "Glen Eira Art Collection" button at Council's website:
www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

Residents who missed out on seeing Council's recently held *Highlights of the Glen Eira City Council Art Collection* exhibition can visit the virtual display through Council's website.

The exhibition, which put more than 40 of the works on display, was held to make the collection more accessible to Glen Eira residents. It attracted a steady stream of visitors to the gallery and included artworks by renowned Australian artists Fred Williams, Arthur Boyd, Leonard French, Charles Blackman, Brett Whitely and Ivan Durrant.

The virtual exhibition, which coincided with the launch of the gallery exhibition, gives online access to

Festivals are coming!

The festival season is approaching and plans are underway in three of Glen Eira's major shopping centres as they gear up for the festivities in November.

Schools, community organisations, street stalls and entertainers, or any individuals who have something to offer in the community spirit of the day, are encouraged to make contact and become involved in these exciting community events.

McKinnon: Sunday 10 November.
Contact: Simon Matthews on 9578 9571.

Carnegie: Saturday 30 November.
Patti Perkins on 0407 095 856.

Bentleigh: Sunday 17 November.
Richard Atkinson on 0418 175 736
or 9557 9822.

Beautiful *bonsai*

12 and 13 October
Glen Eira City Council
Gallery

For one weekend only, Glen Eira City Council Gallery will be filled with more than just a splash of green. The gallery will host a massive display of ancient and fine specimens of the Japanese art of bonsai — both large and small.

All bonsai trees and plants will be for sale, as will all the necessary tools for cultivating these plants. Visitors to the exhibition can learn some handy tips from bonsai experts on any aspect of this art form.

Admission: \$5 (adults). Children free.



Beyond the *everyday*

— the art of Elizabeth Gower from
1975 to 2001

18 October to 10 November

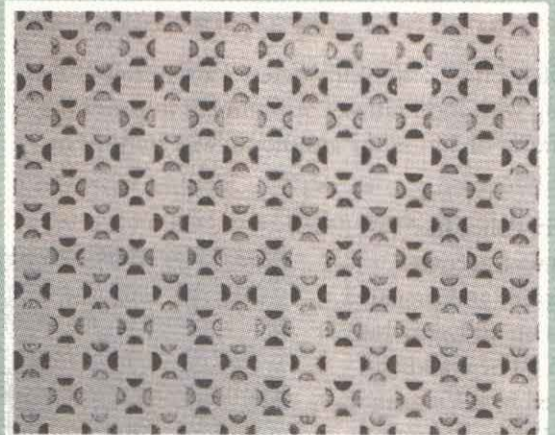
Exhibition opening: Thursday 17 October 2002 at 6pm

Glen Eira City Council proudly presents an exhibition that surveys the work of celebrated Melbourne-based artist Elizabeth Gower.

The "survey", or retrospective exhibition of living artists, was a rare event when Council first started this series in 1998 with the highly successful exhibition of photographer Ponch Hawkes. Since then, Council's vision has been endorsed by the Victorian art community and by Arts Victoria through generous financial assistance. The local community has also shown its support of these survey exhibitions by attending in large numbers.

Each year, Council surveys a mid-career Victorian artist, presenting local audiences with an in-depth understanding of an artist's themes and concerns. Elizabeth Gower, an artist of national importance, is highly regarded by curators, art writers, art historians and art museums around the country. Her art is represented in every Australian state gallery and in the collection of the National Gallery in Canberra.

Gower's early work (1974 to 1980) was both abstract in form and experimental in construction, many of the pieces in her first exhibition took the form of hangings made from leftover and recycled pieces of canvas. Her chosen materials were championed by feminists and the Women's Art Movement for their feminine qualities, and also to validate the traditionally under-valued crafts of sewing and weaving.



In recent works, images of gold chains and jewellery items cut from sales catalogues are pasted onto translucent drafting paper. Layers and veils are the key elements.

Elizabeth Gower responds to the urban environment and the ephemera of billboards, posters and junk mail — seeing beauty in such paraphernalia and remnants of our consumer culture.

A fully-illustrated catalogue, with essays by exhibition curator David O'Halloran, renowned art historian Janine Burke and academic Linda Williams, is available for purchase.

Entry to the exhibition is free.



Doing Business



Business plans: the key to success

Business planning was the key issue at a recent seminar held by Council in partnership with Monash University as part of the *BusEd* dinner seminar series.

Almost 120 local business owners packed the auditorium to hear a series of presentations from education and business leaders about the importance of business planning.

The dinner seminar series is a component of the Glen Eira *BusEd* program, a major business and education initiative which aims to encourage and promote partnerships between business, business groups, schools and students for the mutual benefit of students and local businesses.

Keynote speaker Monash University Department of Management Lecturer Max Coulthard highlighted the importance of developing a strong,

comprehensive and working business plan to enable a business to achieve success.

Other speakers included Roma Foods Founding Director Max Buontempo and Mt Eliza Secondary College Principal Andrew

Attendees complete a self-assessment on business planning.

Photos: Bernie Bickerton.



Keynote speaker Monash University Department of Management Lecturer Max Coulthard explores the benefits of planning for business growth and success.

Blaire who shared their personal experiences of and strategies for ensuring healthy business growth through planning.

Monash University Computer Science Faculty Lecturer Jason Cedia and Cottage Cakes proprietor Dorothy Fraser presented a case study of a successful student and business project, involving Monash University students helping Cottage Cakes to develop an online web page. The project helped business growth by making it easy to deal with distant prospective clients both internationally and locally.

BusEd program is run by Glen Eira City Council, jointly funded by the State Government *StreetLife* program, and supported by Monash University and the Leader Newspaper Group.

Glen Eira **BusEd**

— bringing business and education together



Glen Eira City Council and Monash University present: **Dinner Seminar Series 2002**

Leadership — think big about small business Thursday 31 October at 6pm

Executive Leadership — Phase 1 of a three-year study has been completed with the Australian Institute of Management. Find out what this means for you and your small business.

Presenters:

James C Sarros — Professor, Director of Leadership Research, Dept of Management, Monash University.

Dr Judy Gray — Snr Lecturer, Dept of Management, Monash University.

BusEd Business Project Case Study:

Kerrilee Ninnis — Director Melbourne School of Art

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

Cost: \$25 (incl. GST) Includes three course dinner.

Bookings and payment by 28 October.

Contact: Service Centre on 9524 3333.

Recycle — you sure CAN!

As part of its waste management program, Council collects steel cans for recycling and residents can help keep Glen Eira clean and save vital resources by taking part in the recycling program.

Steel is one of the world's most recycled products and is 100 per cent recyclable, which means its life cycle is potentially endless.

Despite steel scrap being an essential component in the production of new steel, consumers do not send back enough to be recycled.

Every year, each Australian generates on average about one tonne of rubbish. Steel cans account for about 2.5 per cent of the waste going into landfill and only biodegrade over time by rusting.

Not only does steel can recycling reduce the amount of solid waste going into landfill, recycling steel also saves energy and natural resources. Making steel from recycled cans uses 75 per cent less energy than producing steel from raw materials — saving 1131kg

of iron ore, 633kg of coal, and 54kg of limestone for every tonne of steel recycled.

Putting cans out for recycling is a great start, but recycling is also about closing the loop — choosing products and packaging that have been made from or packaged in recycled materials. Given that all new steel cans contain recycled steel, when consumers buy products packaged in steel cans they are helping to close the recycling loop.

Steel cans fit for recycling include:

- **food cans** — any cans made from steel tinplate containing food such as fruit, vegetables, meat, fish, beverages (coffee, chocolate milk drinks), pet food and 4 litre cooking oil cans; and

- **aerosol cans** — household aerosols such as cooking oil, air fresheners and fly spray.

These recycling tips have been provided courtesy of Cansmart Steel Can Recycling Campaign.

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- How to!!! 1pm–3pm \$2
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 - How to Crochet Mon Oct 21
 - Plant propagation Thurs Nov 14
 - Basic sketching/drawing Mon Dec 2
- Computers for beginners \$60
Mon and Wed 10am–12pm x 4 wks
Basic skills/Word processing Oct 21 and Oct 23
Computer management/file making Nov 18 and Nov 20
- Spreadsheets/Excel Fri 1pm–3pm x 4wks Oct 25 \$75
- Healthy, Wealthy and Wise in Russian \$2
Tues 8 Oct 7pm
- Volunteer Orientation/Training \$no charge
Mon Oct 21 x 3 weeks
- Book Club — CAE Third Monday of month \$per CAE
- Singing for Enjoyment Every Thursday \$3
- Social group activities for members-call for details
- One-to-one computers \$15
- Internet/email \$17 by appt

Annual membership \$5

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Email: gschouse@vicnet.net.au
www.gschouse@vicnet.net.au

Glen Huntly Friendship Group

99 Grange Road, Glen Huntly
Activities for October

Enquiries and bookings
Margaret 9596 6124

Thursday 10 October

A mystery bus trip! Come and enjoy the anticipation.
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Depart from 185 Poath Road, Hughesdale at 9.15am
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Thursday 24 October

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COMMUNITY *Diary*

Meetings and clubs

St Giles Uniting Church will hold an *Afternoon with Gilbert and Sullivan* at the 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). Under 10 year olds free. Contact: 9563 4069 or 9569 6927.

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.

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.

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

Caulfield Life Activities Club will meet at Gladys Machin Hall, Cedar Street, Caulfield on Wednesday 16 October at 7.30pm. Guest speaker. Supper served. New members welcome. Contact: 9568 5849.

Bentleigh Organ Club meets at Coatesville Bowling Club, Mackie Road, Bentleigh East on Monday 7 October at 8pm. Guest artist. Contact: Jenny 9528 2539.

Events

Royal Children's Hospital Auxiliaries (Caulfield Branch) will hold a garden viewing at 136 Wheatley Road, Ormond on Saturday 12 October and Sunday 13 October from 10am to 4pm. Entry: \$4/\$3. Refreshments available.

The National Trust Mansion Labassa and the Australian Racing Museum will hold an exhibition of racing at the time of Federation and a display and sale of various irises and bulbs at 2 Manor Grove, Caulfield North on Sunday 27 October. 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.

Coatesville Uniting Church Ladies Support Group will hold a *Songs for Hope* musical presentation to raise funds for the Cancer Council of Victoria at Coatesville Uniting Church, corner Mackie and North Roads, Bentleigh East on Sunday 13 October at 2pm. Entry: \$15, \$12 concession includes afternoon tea. Contact: 9579 1669.

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- ◆ Tubular balances from \$55 per pair
- ◆ Pensioner discounts available

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**John Moline:
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Cut out this ad and keep for future reference

Hughesdale Art Group will hold its annual art exhibition at the Hughesdale Community Centre, corner Poath and Kangaroo Roads, Hughesdale on Tuesday 5 November. Also open Wednesday 6 to Friday 8 November from 10am to 9pm and Saturday 9 November from 10am to 4pm.

Caulfield General Medical Centre will hold a community open day at 260-294 Kooyong Road, Caulfield on Sunday 20 October from 10am to 3pm. Discover how your lifestyle can benefit from a variety of health services.

Glaucoma Australia will hold a public meeting on the effects of loss of sight due to glaucoma at the Caulfield Racecourse, Elms Function Room, Station St, Caulfield on Saturday 9 November from 2pm to 4pm. Entry: gold coin. Contact: 9404 2974.

Carnegie Primary School will hold a car boot sale at 51 Truganini Road, Carnegie on Saturday 9 November from 9am to 3pm. A variety of stalls and rides available. To book a site, contact: 9572 1403 or 9571 9131.

Murrumbeena Primary School will hold a fete at 20 Hobart Road, Murrumbeena on Sunday 17 November from 10am to 4pm. Rides, entertainment, raffles and items for sale. Contact: Dianne 9568 0599.

Immunisation dates for October–November

Murrumbeena Baptist Church
44 Murrumbeena Road, Murrumbeena
Monday 14 October 10am–11am
Monday 11 November 10am–11am

Bentleigh–Bayside Community Health Service
Gardeners Road, Bentleigh East
Wednesday 16 October 6pm–7pm
Saturday 26 October 9.30am–10.30am

Glen Huntly Maternal and Child Health Centre
Corner Royal and Rosedale Avenues, Glen Huntly
Wednesday 23 October 9.30–11am

Bentleigh Baptist Church
10 Vickery Street, Bentleigh
Monday 4 November 1.30–2.30pm

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

CAULFIELD SOUTH COMMUNITY HOUSE
450 Kooyong Rd (Cnr Jupiter St), Caulfield South 3162

Some vacancies exist in the following courses in Term 4.

Computers for Beginners.	Starts: 23 October and 20 November	Cost: \$60
Computers for Intermediates.	Starts: 20 November	Cost: \$60
Word 97 for Beginners.	Starts: 24 October	Cost: \$60
Word 97 for Intermediates.	Starts: 21 November	Cost: \$60
Introduction to Internet and Email.	Starts: 24 October and 21 November	Cost: \$62
Introduction to Excel.	Starts: 21 October	Cost: \$72
Tai Chi.	Starts: 22 October	Cost: \$48
Meditation and Spirituality.	Starts: 22 October	Cost: \$64
Women's Lunchtime Network (meets bi-monthly at 12:30pm)	Next meeting: 22 October	Cost: \$2 per session

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL — RING: 9596 8643
House open: 10am–4pm, Tues, Wed and Thur.
During school terms.

Sporting clubs

The Victorian Women's Cricket Association will introduce mid-week cricket competition for women and girls starting Wednesday 6 November. Female players of all age and ability can enter as a team, club, or school. Individuals also welcome to be placed in a team by the association. Contact: 9653 1181 or email vwca@viccricket.asn.au

Glen Huntly Athletics will hold a "come and try track and field" event at Duncan Mackinnon Reserve, North Road, Murrumbeena on Sunday 20 October 2pm–4pm. Running, long jump, discus and javelin, plus discus and shotput for athletes with a disability. Try a sport and enjoy the free barbecue. Contact: Trevor Vincent 9802 4690 or email: info@glenhuntly-athletics.com

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will hold an
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SUNDAY 27 OCTOBER
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Bentleigh Bowling Club
1 Higgins Road, Bentleigh

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

“Wildcat” Tyson keeps team on its toes

Twenty-one year old basketballer Tyson Lynch has been a key player in the development of the *Why? Stop* Wildcats youth basketball team which has been competing in the Oakleigh Basketball Association since April this year.

The team has enjoyed modest success with a core group of consistent participants and up to a dozen players at one time or another, and Tyson, who has been selected to play basketball for Australia numerous times, has been a key player and motivator for the team.

Tyson is “mad” about his basketball — he plays several times a week, as well as “pick-up” games at the local park. He’s not an imposing figure, not a seven-foot giant and not chiseled from granite. But do not be misled, he is a fierce competitor with a drive and love for his game.

Willingly offering his assistance to the *Why? Stop* team, he said: “It is a great opportunity for some of the ‘ballers’ at the local courts to get involved in ongoing games.”

Tyson has recently returned from Portugal where his team won bronze while representing Australia in the



“Wildcat” Tyson (right) works on the game plan for the coming week’s game with youth worker Stuart O’Brien.

INAS FID Basketball World Championships for the Intellectually Disabled with coach Peter Core. The championships consisted of five days of competition involving seven countries, including the eventual winners and runners up, Portugal and Poland.

Tyson has also represented Australia in Japan (in 2000) and on home soil at the Paralympics in Sydney 2000, where the team ultimately finished in fifth place.

Since being back home, Tyson has chosen the relative anonymity of playing with the *Why? Stop* Wildcats, but his leadership and strong commitment are rubbing off on the rest of the team. The Wildcats play on Monday nights and are always looking for players to join the team. Contact the *Why? Stop* for details.

— Stuart O’Brien

Get active Australia Day!

Council's Youth Services Flying High Circus team will be a part of this year's Active Australia Day celebrations by providing demonstrations and instructions of circus skills to willing participants.

Active Australia Day is a nationwide campaign aimed at increasing the level of participation in recreation in our community. Robert de Castella is national ambassador to the initiative organised by the Australian Sports Commission and Leisure Australia.

As well teaching circus skills, Youth Services and the Community Strengthening Initiative will have a stall and hand out show bags packed with flyers on recreation opportunities in the community as well as youth services brochures on a range of youth issues.

Active Australia Day (hosted by Bayside City Council) will be held in Elsternwick Park, corner Bent Street and New Street, Brighton, on Sunday, October 27 (Melway ref: 67 D4).

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

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

When: Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 October 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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LIBRARY News

Elsternwick Library joins nationwide storytime

Libraries across Australia were “invaded by chooks” last month as more than 250,000 children at 700 school and public libraries from Darwin to Hobart, enjoyed listening to Leone Peguero’s *Mrs Wilkinson’s Chooks* as part of a national simultaneous Storytime event.

An audience of more than 90 children and parents attended Elsternwick Library to listen to the tale and join in a craft activity promoting libraries, literacy, books and reading.

Internet classes for everyone

The following classes will be held in October at Caulfield Library. Classes 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 18 October 2pm–3.30pm
Friday 25 October 10.30am–12pm
Cost: \$33

Further steps on the Internet

Wednesday 23 October 10.30am–1pm
Cost: \$55

Web-based email

Tuesday 29 October 10.30am–12noon
Cost: \$33

Get the taste for recreation

Bored! Not sure what you want to do? Interested in recreation, sports or culture but don't know what's out there?

In the coming months, Council's Youth Services, as a part of the Community Strengthening Initiative, will be facilitating a *Taste of Recreation* program for young people aged 9–18.

Young people will be provided with the opportunity to “taste” various recreational activities offered by clubs in Glen Eira, including opportunities to continue involvement in activities that interest them.

Watch this space for dates and details or call the *Why? Stop* Youth Information Centre on 9572 5389 for further information.

Tired of your toddlers' fighting?

Come along to an informal talk on:

Your toddler and the new baby

Speaker: Caulfield Community Health Service Social Worker Susan Friedman

Venue: Murrumbeena Maternal and Child Health Centre, 107 Murrumbeena Road, Murrumbeena

When: Monday 21 October
1.30pm–3pm

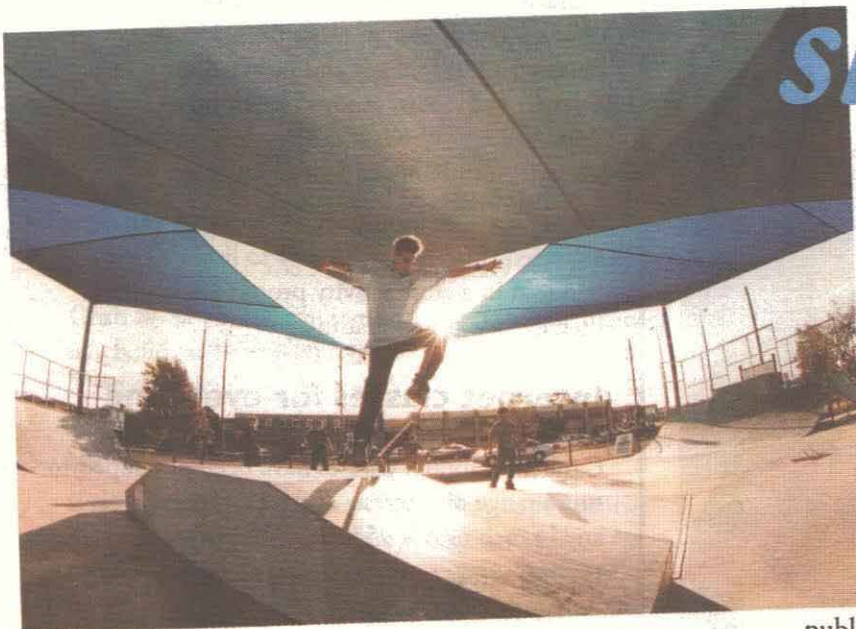
Cost: \$3 donation

Contact: 9524 3403

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Recreation News

Shade sails mean "COOL" skating



Skaters at Bailey Reserve enjoy the benefit of the new shade sails. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Young people using the skate facility at Bailey Reserve will now be able to stay cool despite the rigorous nature of the activity. Shade sails to cover the whole area have been installed to protect skaters from the summer sun.

The facility continues to be a very popular venue for young people of all ages and is possibly the first skate facility of its kind to be fully covered in shade — setting new standards in the protection of young people at public facilities. In the past, the steel skate blades would get very hot under the summer sun but this will no longer pose a problem for skaters.

Council is safety award finalist

Council was named a finalist among 141 nominations in the Safety Initiatives Award category in the Sport and Recreation 2002 Industry Awards for its "Birdie Cage" Golf Practice Facility, recently installed in Packer Park.

Cr Veronika Martens and Cr David Bloom attended the awards which recognise and showcase innovative and effective projects and set benchmarks which encourage organisations to improve their performance and service qualities.

The golf practice facility was developed to reduce the incidence of people practicing golf in parks — a potentially dangerous activity. Residents are now able to practice golf safely and for free.

Minister for Sport and Recreation Justin Madden congratulated Glen Eira City Council's Recreation Services Team on this achievement and on Council being an industry leader.



Cr David Bloom and Cr Veronika Martens proudly display Council's award for safety initiatives with the installation of the "Birdie Cage".

On your mark!



William Melican tries out a new racing wheelchair.

William Melican hopes to represent Victoria at next year's National Junior Disabled Games in Adelaide — and is set to get in some serious practice thanks to the *On your marks* program.

William was given a racing wheelchair to practice in at the recent launch of the program which is a joint initiative between Glenhuntly Athletics Club, Wheelchair Sports Victoria and Joint Councils Access for All Abilities.

Glenhuntly Athletics Club hosted an open day to mark the launch at Duncan Mackinnon athletics track and, under the guidance of Wheelchair Sports Victoria's coaches, 10 novice athletes took to the track. Paralympic 100-metre champion John Lindsay was also on hand to demonstrate the sport and provide inspiration to those new to the sport.

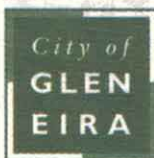
Athletes interested in the sport are now able to receive regular coaching at the athletics club which plans to include wheelchair races in its summer racing series. Interested participants can contact Robert Cotter at Wheelchair Sports Victoria on 9473 0133.

Venues for hire

Are you holding a family reunion, special birthday, wedding, conference, exhibition, anniversary or special event? Why not consider hiring one of Council's facilities as your next venue? They range in size, are located throughout the City and are clean and comfortable.

The rotundas in Glen Eira's parks are also available for hire for special events. For more information go to the facility hire page at Council's website at www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

For a free brochure or further information contact the facilities booking officer on 9524 3253 or email recservices@gleneira.vic.gov.au



State funds vacation support

Deputy Premier and Minister for Health the Hon. John Thwaites recently launched the Department of Human Services' *GreatBreak* initiative — a vacation care program for young people with disabilities.

The *GreatBreak* funding has meant the Joint Councils Access for All Abilities Service in the Cities of Glen Eira, Bayside, Stonnington and Port Phillip will now work with mainstream vacation care providers to include children and teenagers with disabilities in their holiday programs.


Vacation care providers can employ additional staff to ensure children with disabilities can be successfully integrated into their programs. JCAAA will offer ongoing information and advice.

Mr Thwaites said the *GreatBreak* had the potential to make a huge difference to the lives of local children and teenagers with disabilities — and their parents and carers.

JCAAA is funded through Sport and Recreation Victoria and managed by a committee of representatives from each of the four participating councils. For information regarding JCAAA or the enhancing vacation project, contact co-ordinator Laura Cattapan on 9209 6753 or project officer Fiona Allan on 9209 6159.



(From left) Cr Chris Gahan (Stonnington), Port Phillip Mayor Darren Ray, Cr Carolyn Hutchens (Port Phillip), Deputy Premier the Hon. John Thwaites, JCAAA project officer Fiona Allan, Bayside Mayor Cr Terry O'Brien and Cr Dorothy Marwick (Glen Eira) at the launch of GreatBreak.



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