

## Rising from the ashes

### Council to rebuild Mackie pavilion

Council is expected to start rebuilding Mackie Road Reserve pavilion in Bentleigh East within weeks, little more than a month after it was extensively damaged by fire.

The pavilion, which is home to four local sporting clubs, suffered about \$200,000 damage in the blaze which started about 4.30am on Wednesday 7 January.

The fire is believed to have started in the scoreboard box located above the pavilion roof, then spread down through the roof space into the kitchen below, continuing about halfway along the main social room. Caulfield CIU is investigating the fire and is treating it as suspicious.

The fire damaged more than 70 per cent of the clubrooms including the roof and supports, kitchen, scoreboard, white goods, equipment and internal fabric damage such as burnt carpets, melted fittings, broken windows and smoke and water damage.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Dorothy Marwick said Council expected to receive the go-ahead from its insurers to start work to rebuild the facility this month.

She said while the scope of work was still to be determined, it would involve partial demolition and removal of damaged sections of the building, a new roof, cleaning of all smoke-affected brickwork and steel work and many new internal fittings.

"Council has already taken immediate action to ensure the site is safe for park users," Cr Marwick said. "Loose roof sheeting, debris and broken glass has been removed, temporary fencing erected and pavilion entry points closed."

"If all goes, well we hope to have the pavilion rebuilt and operational within a couple of months."

Mackie Cricket Club President Tony Evans said that the club had lost almost half a century of memories in the blaze including equipment, trophies, premierships pennants, memorabilia and irreplaceable photos. The club is due to celebrate its 50th anniversary in October this year.

"The biggest loss was the club's honour boards which date back to the clubs inception," Mr Evans said. "We also lost a special cabinet which had memorabilia such as



Mackie Cricket Club President Tony Evans surveys the damage inside the Mackie Road Reserve pavilion destroyed by fire last month. The club lost equipment and memorabilia.

Photos: Maureen Bathgate.

cricket bats and balls and photos from our premierships win in 1988-89.

"We managed to recover some equipment and honour boards that were in a storeroom not affected by the fire. We also have most of our records stored on computer from previous seasons."

The cricket club is planning to hold some fundraisers over the next few months to replace equipment and honour boards.

The Glen Eira Junior Soccer Club, which is about to start its second season, is also based at the pavilion and lost soccer goal posts which melted in the heat. Fellow tenants St Paul's senior and junior football clubs escaped damage.

Until the pavilion is rebuilt, Council has provided some temporary portable change rooms at the ground.

**The Mackie pavilion redevelopment is one of many works projects Council is undertaking throughout the City over the next six months. For more details on some of the other improvements planned, turn to the Improving our City feature on pages 8 and 9.**



The pavilion suffered extensive structural damage in the blaze.

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# Mayor's column



**A** new year is symbolic of new beginnings and opportunities. For the City of Glen Eira, 2004 has already presented several opportunities for celebrating the diversity and contribution of our community members.

As part of Council's Australia Day festivities I was delighted to announce

our citizens of the year at a special breakfast.

Congratulations again to Glen Eira Citizen of the Year Sol Spitalnic and Glen Eira Young Citizen of the Year Sarah Thompson who both represent true Australian spirit. Thanks also to Professor Richard Larkins AO, Vice Chancellor of Monash University for his Australia Day address which is available on Council's website.

It was also with great pleasure that I attended the 100th birthday celebration of Caulfield resident Horace Finney. Council loves to recognise this milestone achievement in residents' lives — it is an occasion of great note and we like to recognise it with you.

The City itself will be achieving a number of capital works milestones this year.

In the next six months alone there will be a veritable capital works boom with landscaping underway at Princes Park, building soon to start at the Curraweena independent living units in Caulfield South and a complete overhaul scheduled for the netball courts and athletic track at the Duncan Mackinnon Reserve in Murrumbena.

In the aftermath of the Mackie Road Reserve fire the Mackie pavilion will be rebuilt and several parks have been earmarked for upgrades. We are also funding a considerable amount of road reconstruction throughout the City, and look forward to the start of work at the Carnegie library later in the year.

But building projects are not the only events to look forward to in the coming months. The upcoming seniors festival will bring residents together in celebration of a more mature, but nonetheless vibrant, sector of our community. March will also see the *Party in the Park* series of community festivals back in our beautiful parks, so start planning those picnics.

While there is much to celebrate in our City, there are also many challenges ahead. It was very disappointing to hear of the State Government's decision to knock back funding for the St Agnes Kindergarten in Glen Huntly and funding may also become an issue for our future road reconstruction projects. Residential development and planning within the City will also feature strongly over the coming year and Council will tackle these issues head on with the interests of the community at heart.

As a Councillor, I look forward to these challenges and know that they also represent opportunities for the growth and development of Glen Eira — as a City and as a community.

— Cr Dorothy Marwick  
Mayor

## A century worth celebrating

**B**ackyard cricketers don't usually receive a standing ovation for achieving a century, but it was hard to keep back the cheers when Horace Finney made his 100.

The Caulfield House resident was celebrating his 100th birthday surrounded by family and friends, and was obviously pleased to have achieved his milestone.

"I'm proud to make it to 100 — it takes some doing," Mr Finney said.

"I never really thought I'd make it because so much can happen to you in a lifetime but I've made it and I'm here with my family and friends. I'm very lucky."

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Dorothy Marwick presented Horrie with flowers and a commemorative gift on behalf of the City.

Horrie, as he is known to friends, has always been a popular and active member of the community. From his days as a Sunday school teacher and his involvement in football and church clubs to his working life in the insurance industry and his service in the RAAF, Horrie embraced responsibility and took on new tasks wherever he could.

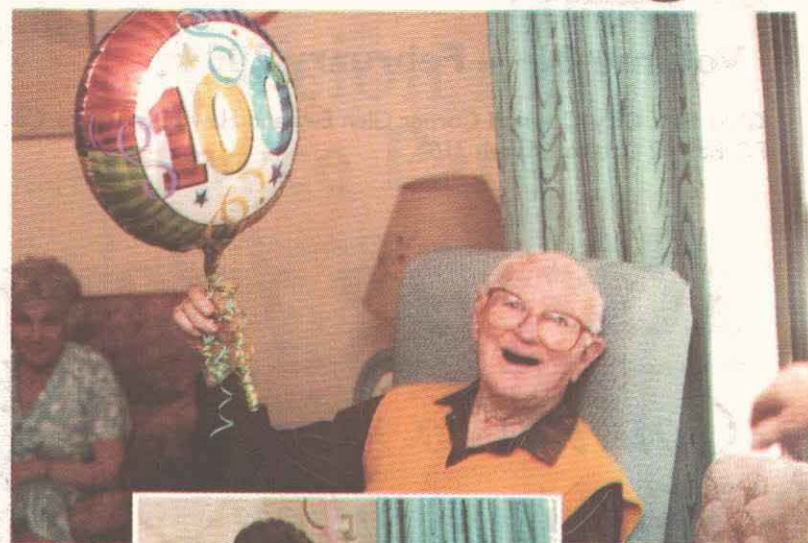
Together with wife Lorna, who passed away in 1992, and sons Alan and Neville, Horrie travelled much of the country and made a network of friends. His extended family now includes four grandchildren.

"In my life I've really learnt the value of friends. It gives you a warm feeling. I'm very proud of my sons and my grandchildren and family — they're all friends of mine. I hope to be around a few more years to enjoy them.

"I don't really feel 100. More like 40 — maybe 50!"

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Horrie Finney proudly shows off his century milestone.



Glen Eira Mayor Cr Dorothy Marwick presents Horrie with a certificate commemorating his 100th birthday.

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# Council says "no" to parking

Council has warned purchasers of new apartments and townhouses in Glen Eira to thoroughly check that their new property has enough on-site parking to meet their needs.

Several new property owners have been caught out by Council's new policy which excludes specific developments from parking in the street using Council's residential parking permit scheme. Council introduced the policy in May last year to reduce the pressure on the availability of on-street parking in high demand areas.

Council's Chief Executive Officer Andrew Newton said property buyers could not merely rely on planning permit checks to see if the property they plan to buy is excluded from the scheme.

"Traffic engineers use criteria to assess all new multi-unit developments at planning permit stage to determine whether they can access the parking system. If the property is to be excluded from the scheme a note is incorporated on the planning permit to alert future residents," Mr Newton said.

"A problem arises if the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal, rather than Council, issues the planning permit. Usually there is no note on the permit and Council has to send out a separate letter to the owner or developer. In this case it is harder for potential buyers to find out if an exclusion exists.

"Council's advice is for any buyers of new apartments and townhouses to contact Council direct to check if the property is affected by the policy."

Mr Newton said Council's policy was about making developers meet residents' parking needs on-site, rather than relying on an overflow of cars onto surrounding streets.

"The decision not to supply a new development with on-street parking permits for its occupants will ensure that the parking demand generated by these developments is met on-site rather than utilising public car spaces that are already in high demand," he said.

"There would be nothing worse for a new property owner than moving into their home, only to discover there is not enough parking on-site and Council will not permit them to park on the streets.

"We are simply trying to balance supply and demand on-site rather than increasing parking on our streets."

Since introducing the policy, Council has excluded 17 developments from accessing its residential parking system. These include residential developments, student housing and mixed use developments and are at varying stages from concept, to completed and occupied.



The Hub mixed commercial-residential development in Elsternwick is one of 17 developments which has been excluded from Council's on-street parking system. Photo: Ron Torres.

Developments excluded from the scheme include a four-storey, 49 dwelling development in Carnegie, a three-storey mixed use development for two shops and 13 dwellings in Caulfield North and a five-storey, 48 dwelling residential development in Elsternwick. All have been denied access to residential parking permits due to the existing high demand for on-street parking in these areas.

## New speed zones for schools

Council, together with VicRoads will start to implement 40km/h speed limit zones around schools in Glen Eira this month.

The new zones will be located outside all student access points to schools in order to improve safety for students entering and leaving the school grounds. The new 40km/h speed limits will apply from 8am to 9.30am and 2.30pm to 4pm on school days.

Council's Director City Development Jeff Akehurst said that if the street where the school is located currently had a speed limit of 50km/h and a low traffic volume, the speed limit would permanently change to 40km/h.

"All affected streets will be appropriately signed and subject to police enforcement," Mr Akehurst said.

"VicRoads is progressively implementing signage of the new restrictions municipality by municipality to ensure it is consistent within communities and clear to motorists."

"Since safety is the key objective, schools in the more densely populated suburbs with the busiest roads will be signed first."

The implementation of 40km/h speed zones is part of the State Government's, *Arrive Alive* program and is being managed by VicRoads in consultation with Council and Glen Eira schools.

Glen Eira is located in VicRoads' Metropolitan South East region which has 16 municipalities, 826 schools and 2,500 road frontages which need to be signed.

"It is not possible to implement the new restrictions at every school simultaneously," Mr Akehurst said.

"The speed restrictions are scheduled to start in February and changes to signs are expected to be completed by late March.

"Council is committed to improving safety on our roads but community responsibility is also an essential part of a safe traffic environment."

## Down it comes...

The old made way for the new at the site of Council's Curraweena independent living units in Caulfield South recently.

In a haze of dust and rubble, 24 old and out-dated units and a meeting room were demolished in the first stage of a major redevelopment project to build 30 new purpose-built units on the site.

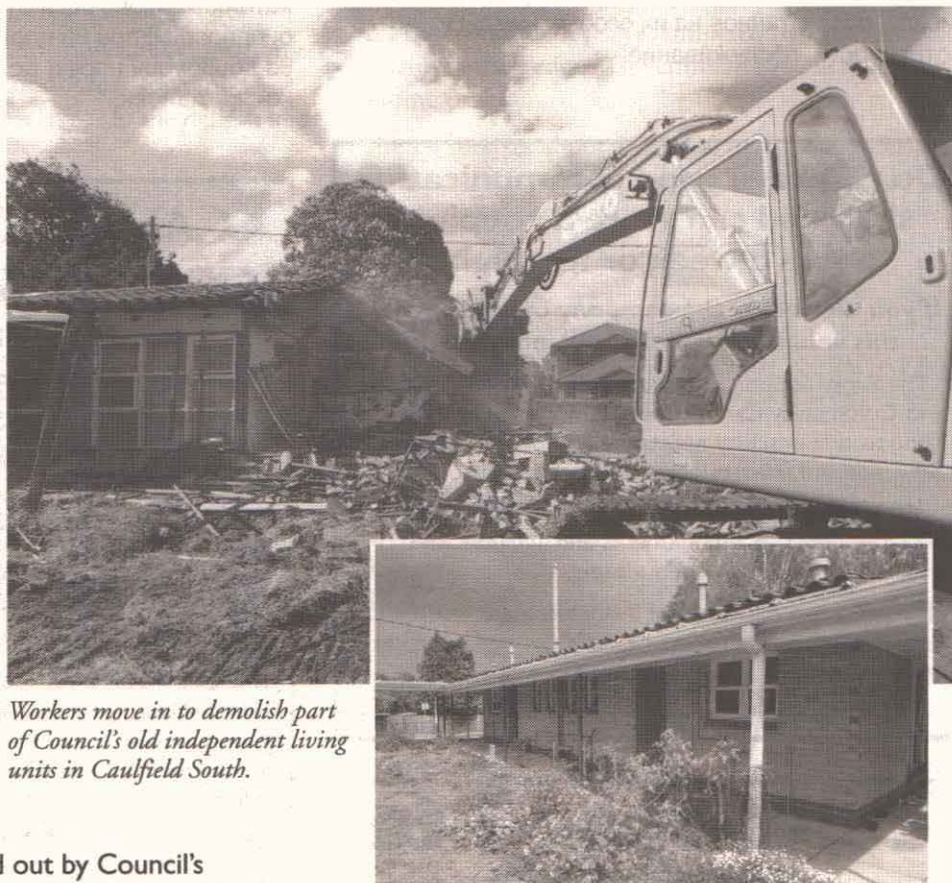
Council has contributed land valued at \$2.27 million to the project, with the State Government providing \$4.1 million in funding under the *Social Housing Innovations Program* for design and construction.

Demolishing of the existing buildings was carried out by Council's building contractors SJ Higgins over three weeks. Other works completed include diversion of stormwater and sewage drainage and releveling of the site so that the new units are easily accessible from the street.

Site excavation and footing work is now underway, with the entire project expected to be completed by January next year.

Council's Manager Corporate Assets Tim Frederico said the old units, built in the 1960s, were ageing, in poor condition and did not meet modern standards.

"Sixteen of the old units were bedsitters and all 24 did not comply with disability standards," he said.



Workers move in to demolish part of Council's old independent living units in Caulfield South.

Part of the Curraweena site before demolition. Photos: Bernie Bickerton.

"The new one-bedroom units will each have a private courtyard and provide low-cost rental accommodation with more living space for occupants."

Council provides independent living units at four sites for financially disadvantaged residents aged 60 years and over who live in Glen Eira and meet eligibility requirements.

For information about other improvement projects Council is undertaking throughout the City, turn to the Improving our City feature on pages 8 and 9.

## Migliore accesso ai servizi di supporto

I residenti di origine non anglofona potranno accedere più facilmente ai servizi di assistenza comunali grazie ad un finanziamento da parte del governo statale pari a \$190.500.

Sotto l'iniziativa Culturally Equitable Gateways Strategy, il Comune riceverà \$190.500 nei prossimi tre anni per incrementare i servizi di valutazione e gestione dell'assistenza a favore dei residenti di origine non anglofona.

Il Comune si servirà dei fondi per aumentare l'uso, la risposta e la qualità dei servizi assistenziali (chiamati servizi HACC in inglese) a favore dei residenti non anglofoni di 65 anni di età o più.

Nel servizio assistenziale HACC sono compresi l'assistenza a domicilio, la consegna dei pasti, l'assistenza personale, la sostituzione temporanea, le riparazioni alla casa e l'assistenza diurna per adulti.

Secondo il Direttore comunale dei servizi assistenziali, Peter Jones, il Comune di Glen Eira ha una popolazione grande che sta invecchiando velocemente, e conta più di 105 gruppi etnici diversi.

"Il Comune è impegnato ad agevolare l'accesso a servizi assistenziali che rispondano alle esigenze dei residenti di origine non anglofona. L'accesso a questi servizi verrà migliorato potenziando i rapporti tra il comune ed enti chiave," ha detto il sig. Jones.

"Il Comune potrà effettuare delle valutazioni più accurate tenendo conto del sottofondo culturale degli assistiti affinché il servizio offerto ai residenti sia sensibile alle differenze e preferenze culturali."

## 支持服務將更容易獲得

州政府的 \$190,500 撥款將使本地區非英語背景的居民更易獲得市政府的家庭和社區照料服務。

根據《文化公平途徑策略》(Culturally Equitable Gateways Strategy), 市政府將在今後三年內得到 \$190,500 的撥款, 用於增加不同文化背景的居民の評価和管理服務。

市政府將把這筆資金用於專為不同文化和語言的 65 歲以上居民所提供的家庭和社區照料服務, 以提高這些服務的使用量、回應程度和質量。

市政府的家庭和社區照料服務包括家庭照料、送飯上門、個人照料、緩解照料、房屋維修和成人日間照料。

市政府社區服務部主任 Peter Jones 說, Glen Eira 市政區中人口眾多, 老年化速度快, 而且擁有 105 個以上的少數民族。

Jones 先生說, "市政府致力於創建一條獲得家庭和社區照料服務的途徑, 以便迅速解決不同文化和語言的居民的需求。市政府將與主要服務機構加強合作, 這樣居民獲得此服務的狀況就將大為改善。"

"市政府將能更多地開展順應居民文化背景の評価, 以使這項向居民提供的服務迎合他們的不同文化和偏愛。"

## Улучшение доступа к программам помощи и поддержки

У неанглоязычных жителей нашего муниципалитета появятся новые возможности воспользоваться разнообразными программами услуг и помощи на дому благодаря субсидии в размере \$190 500 от правительства штата.

В течение следующих трех лет в рамках программы Culturally Equitable Gateways Strategy, муниципалитет получит \$190 500 на развитие этих услуг.

Муниципалитет планирует направить эти средства на повышение эффективности, гибкости и качества обслуживания неанглоязычных жителей муниципалитета старше 65 лет.

Программа муниципальных услуг и помощи на дому (HACC) включает в себя доставку еды на дом, помощь на дому, личный уход, уход за жильем и специальные центры по уходу за больными и пожилыми людьми в дневное время.

Начальник муниципального отдела по организации этих услуг г-н Peter Jones отметил, что средний возраст населения муниципалитета Glen Eira быстро увеличивается. В муниципалитете проживают представители 105 различных этнических групп.

"Муниципалитет стремится организовать программу HACC в соответствии с разнообразными потребностями населения. Мы будем развивать сотрудничество с нашими партнерами для улучшения доступа к услугам программы HACC", сказал г-н Jones.

"Жители муниципалитета различного этнического и культурного происхождения смогут получить более гибкое, рассчитанное на их особые нужды и потребности, обслуживание."

## Καλύτερη πρόσβαση σε υπηρεσίες υποστήριξης

Ντόπιοι κάτοικοι μη αγγλόφωνης καταγωγής θα έχουν καλύτερη πρόσβαση στις υπηρεσίες οικιακής και κοινοτικής φροντίδας χάρις σ' ένα κονδύλι της Πολιτειακής Κυβέρνησης αξίας 190.500 δολαρίων.

Σύμφωνα με την Πολιτισμικά Ισότιμη Στρατηγική Πρόσβασης, η Δημαρχία θα λάβει 190.500 δολάρια για τα επόμενα τρία χρόνια για να αυξήσει τις υπηρεσίες αξιολόγησης και διαχείρισης φροντίδας για δημότες μεταναστευτικής καταγωγής.

Η Δημαρχία θα χρησιμοποιήσει τα χρήματα για να αυξήσει την χρήση, ανταπόκριση και ποιότητα των υπηρεσιών οικιακής και κοινοτικής φροντίδας (HACC) που παρέχει σε δημότες μεταναστευτικής καταγωγής ηλικίας 65 ετών και άνω.

Στις υπηρεσίες οικιακής και κοινοτικής φροντίδας της Δημαρχίας περιλαμβάνονται οικιακή φροντίδα, διανομή γευμάτων, προσωπική φροντίδα, φροντίδα ανάπαυλας, συντήρηση ακινήτου και ημερήσια προγράμματα φροντίδας ενηλίκων.

Ο Διευθυντής των Κοινοτικών Υπηρεσιών της Δημαρχίας Peter Jones είπε ότι ο Δήμος Glen Eira έχει μια μεγάλη μερίδα ραγδαία γηράσκοντος πληθυσμού με πάνω από 105 διαφορετικές εθνικές ομάδες.

"Η Δημαρχία έχει δεσμευθεί στη δημιουργία μιας γέφυρας πρόσβασης σε υπηρεσίες HACC που ανταποκρίνονται στις ανάγκες ατόμων μεταναστευτικής καταγωγής. Η πρόσβαση στις υπηρεσίες αυτές θα βελτιωθεί ανοικοδομώντας συνεργασίες μεταξύ της Δημαρχίας και υπηρεσιών που διαδραματίζουν πρωτεύοντα ρόλο," είπε ο κ. Jones.

"Η Δημαρχία θα είναι σε θέση να διεξάγει πολιτισμικά καταλληλότερες αξιολογήσεις των αναγκών ώστε οι υπηρεσίες που θα παρέχονται στους δημότες θα λαμβάνουν υπόψη τις πολιτισμικές διαφορές και προτιμήσεις."

**Do you have good communication skills and can spare a couple of hours a week or fortnight?**

**If you also enjoy the company of older people this volunteering work will interest you.**

The Social Support and Monitoring Service (a Home and Community Care project) seeks volunteers to give one to one practical assistance to elderly or disabled clients living in Glen Eira.

Volunteer tasks include assistance with shopping, transport to appointments and activities and friendly visiting.

If you have a car and are available for a couple of hours a week, a fortnight, or even occasionally please contact the co-ordinator **Susan Rutherford on 9524 3314.**

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## Volunteers needed

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Council is looking for people to join a supportive group of volunteers to help provide its delivered meals service.

The program requires both drivers and jockeys, seven days per week. Time commitment is whatever volunteers can spare — two hours per week, fortnight or month. Volunteers receive training and reimbursement of petrol.

For further information call 9563 6611.

# Lighting up the lives of residents

Every Wednesday afternoon, volunteers Alexander Kerr and Los Mason put smiles on the faces of residents at Council's Warrawee aged care facility in Benteleigh East.

For the past 9½ years, the duo has entertained residents with singing, music, stories, jokes and even the odd dance move — all out of a love for music and a close affinity with Warrawee and its residents.

The men are a modern day Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis with Los playing the funny guy to Alex's straight man. While Alex leads most of the singing, Los interjects with one-liners and a score out of 10. They are joined by two friends, Elaine Leech, who helps the residents with communal singing, and Richard Lacey who co-ordinates the singing sessions, plays keyboards and provides the occasional animal noise when needed.

The community singing sessions provide residents and their families with a modern trip down memory lane, with tunes from the 1930s through to the 1960s including such favourites as *Danny Boy*, *Catch a Falling Star*, *By the Light of the Silvery Moon* and *California Here I Come*.

Alex and Los began the community singing sessions when their wives were residents at Warrawee. After their wives' passing, they continued volunteering their services, much to the delight of residents and staff.

"The sessions are a highlight of the week for our high care residents, particularly as they are less mobile than other residents and so cannot go out on outings," Warrawee Manager Patrice Dolan said.

"They also provide a unique and enjoyable opportunity for residents, family and the community to come together — it is something special to see the delight and joy these sessions bring to these people."

Her admiration is shared by the residents. One resident, Mary Hale, is a keen participant in the singing sessions. "It is the highlight of my week. I enjoy singing and laughing with Alex and Los. I particularly like the Irish songs," she said.

The warmth of the singing sessions extends beyond the joyous songs and jokes that Alex and Los perform, to the special camaraderie and playful banter they share.

When Alex finishes his solo of *Down by the old mill stream*, Los gives him a score of eight out of 10. When asked why not 10 out of 10, he replies with: "Well you've been singing it since you were 12 and you still can't get it right."

Since retiring from their respective careers in the trucking industry and engineering, Alex and Los have put all their efforts towards helping the residents at Warrawee. Their work has extended beyond the weekly singing sessions, to fundraising, being a part of the Friends of Warrawee group, where they met Elaine and Richard, and helping form the Warrawee choir.



Alex Kerr and Los Mason lead Warrawee residents and family members in a rendition of *By the Light of the Silvery Moon*  
Photos: Bernie Bickerton.

The men are very humble and won't accept accolades and praise. Said Alex: "Warrawee has given so much to us, we just want to give something back."

## Road improvements under threat

Council fears road improvement projects across Glen Eira could be severely hampered by imminent changes to the Federal Government's *Roads to Recovery* funding program.

Council receives about \$480,000 each year under the program which provides support funding to local government for road infrastructure upgrades. Council uses the funds to rebuild, redevelop and rejuvenate the City's ageing road infrastructure.

Since the program's inception four years ago, Council has used its *Roads to Recovery* funds to reconstruct four roads, resurface a further nine roads and construct several bicycle paths.

*Roads to Recovery* was initially due to expire next year, but following intensive lobbying from local government, the Federal Government announced late last month that the program would be extended, but with a different distribution of funds.

Council's Chief Executive Officer Andrew Newton said Council had concerns that Glen Eira could lose out in the new funding distribution formula.

"Details have not yet been released about the amount of funding that may be allocated to Glen Eira. There are signs that money will be shifted from places like Glen Eira to regional and outer-metropolitan areas," Mr Newton said.

"Over the past four years, Glen Eira's local roads grants have been cut by 60 per cent from about \$640,000 to \$280,000 a year. The *Roads to Recovery* program has offset this cut by adding back \$480,000 a year. If our share of funds drops, our local roads will be affected."

Mr Newton said maintaining roads was one of Council's key responsibilities and one of its top priorities in its infrastructure renewal program.

"If the City's roads were laid in a straight line they would reach from here to South Australia — and several of our roads need major reconstruction," he said.

"All road surfaces must be maintained to ensure water does not get in and affect the base. Effective road maintenance avoids costly works in the future. And all road works improve road safety in the community. This is not a project that can be taken lightly — this is about the long-term viability of our road network."

Mr Newton said that while Council had consistently increased its own funding for works in the City and was repairing more roadway than ever before, the government had not kept pace with demand for road improvement — forcing Council to meet the shortfall.

"Glen Eira residents and businesses pay more than \$50 million each year in Federal Government taxes on petrol alone," he said.

"The first 46 cents paid for each litre is tax, but we're not seeing the equivalent support from these taxes for our roads. At the moment we are getting just one per cent of our petrol taxes back in local road funding."

"Let's hope that when the full details of the road funding distribution are released that we get a fair share of the petrol taxes coming back into the roads we use."

## Ogaki Mayor to visit Glen Eira

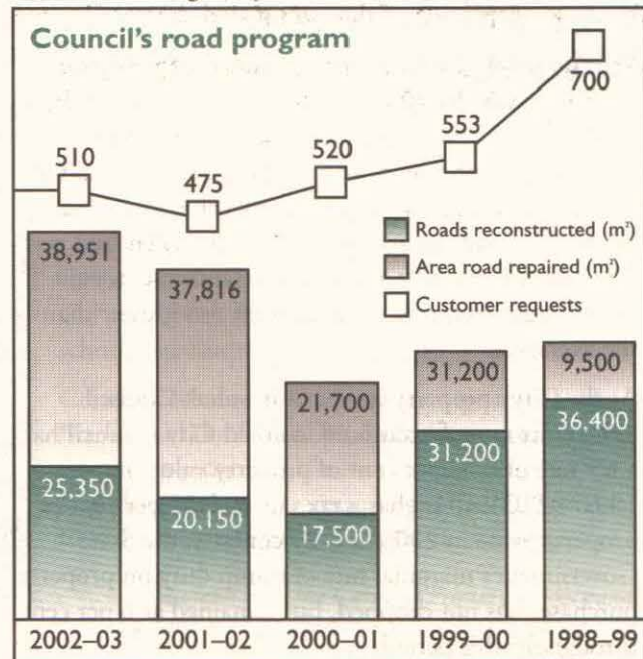
Mayor of the Japanese city of Ogaki, Mr Bin Ogawa will visit Glen Eira this month. Mr Ogawa is leading a delegation from Glen Eira's sister city of Ogaki.

During its four-day visit the group will meet with Council and tour key Council facilities including Caulfield Park, Warrawee aged care facility and Glen Eira Town Hall, as well as visiting other local sites including Rippon Lea Estate, Yarra Yarra Golf Club, Shelford Anglican Girls School and Caulfield Primary School.

The delegation will meet with Councillors, Council executive and members of the Glen Eira-Ogaki Friendly Cities Committee and take part in an official ceremony to celebrate the Friendly Cities relationship in the Japanese Garden at the town hall.

The previous Mayor of Ogaki Mr Mitsuru Ogura visited Glen Eira in March 1999.

There will be detailed coverage of the visit in the March edition of the *Glen Eira News*.



# Sport and charity *win* top honours

By Sophie Massis

A sports administrator and a world vision fundraiser have been selected as this year's Glen Eira Citizen and Young Citizen of the year.

Caulfield South resident Sol Spitalnic was named Glen Eira Citizen of the Year for his contribution to sports and in particular, amateur boxing. Sarah Thompson of Murrumbena was awarded Glen Eira Young Citizen of the Year for her work in her school community and helping people in developing countries

The winners were announced at Council's Australia Day breakfast last month where more than 160 local residents gathered at the Glen Eira Town Hall to celebrate Australia Day.



Glen Eira Mayor Cr Dorothy Marwick announces Glen Eira's top citizens for 2004 to a packed auditorium.

Council's auditorium was filled with native wattle plants and draped in the Australian flag which set the mood for a morning to reflect on the past year and think about what it means to be Australian.

Vice Chancellor and President of Monash University Professor Richard Larkins AO was the guest speaker at the breakfast and reflected on issues of the world and how they impact on education in Australia.

## Bi-annual property valuation underway

Council is currently completing valuations of all properties in Glen Eira as part of a regular bi-annual property valuation. State Government legislation requires all Councils in Victoria to conduct property valuations every two years.

The new valuations will be used by Councils to levy rates in 2004-05 and 2005-06 by the State Government to levy Land Tax.

The valuations are being done by specialists under contract to Council and in line with the requirements of the Victorian Valuer-General. All valuations will be as at 1 January 2004 and are based on data collated from the thousands of property transactions which occur across Glen Eira each year.

Council's Rate and Valuations Co-ordinator Wilbur Scully said regular revaluations ensure equity among ratepayers is maintained.

"Most ratepayers would be aware from the level of sales activity in their immediate area and from the newspapers, that property values within all areas of Glen Eira have experienced substantial increases since the last revaluation in 2002," Mr Scully said.

"With every revaluation there are substantial shifts in property values throughout the City — sometimes affecting individual types of properties, and sometimes affecting whole suburbs."

Guests at the breakfast included Melbourne Racing Club Chairman John Dillon, Maccabi Victoria President Philip Sheesel, State Minister for Finance John Lenders and local Members of Parliament.

Singer Danielle Matthews and pianist Blanka West entertained the audience with stirring renditions of Australia's national anthem *Advance Australia Fair* and the unofficial anthem *I am Australian*.

Before announcing the Glen Eira Citizen and Young Citizen of the Year for 2004, Glen Eira Mayor Cr Dorothy Marwick said Australia was a successful multi-cultural nation and led the way in showing the world how to live in peace and harmony.

"We have a very important role in showing the rest of the world how to work together — in equity, in fairness and successfully," Cr Marwick said.

Citizen of the Year Sol Spitalnic has devoted his life to sport at a local, state and national level. His close ties with amateur boxing began with the local Ajax youth club in Caulfield when he was just a boy.

Over the years he has served on Australian Olympic and Commonwealth Games teams in a managerial capacity and is currently Victorian Commonwealth Games Association President, Melbourne 2006 Sports and Technical Committee representative, Vice President of the International Amateur Boxing Association and President of Boxing Australia.

Sol said he was delighted and surprised to receive the award and thanked his wife, family, Ajax and the people of Glen Eira.

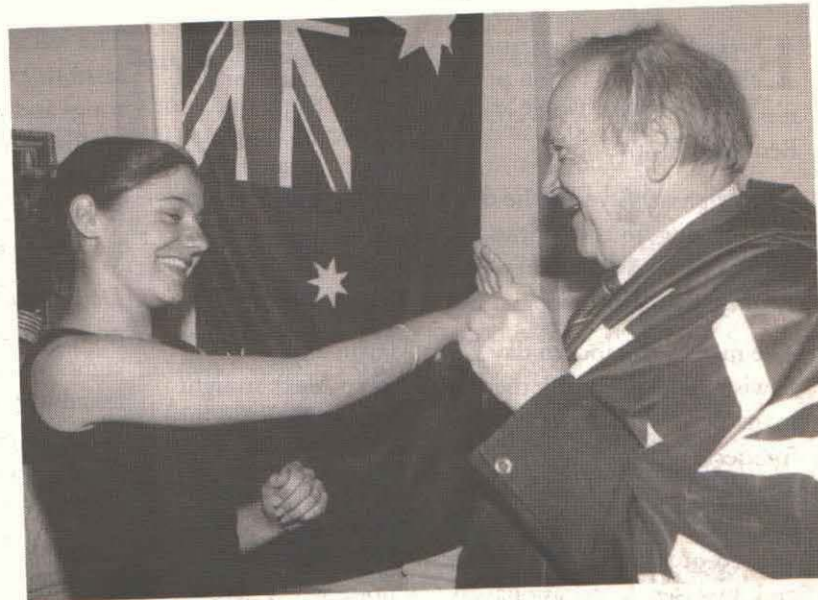
"I have been around the world and seen a lot of places, but you just can't beat Glen Eira. Our people live side-by-side in harmony — it is just wonderful," Sol said.

Mr Scully said there was a common misconception that increased property values automatically led to increased rate revenue for Council.

"The revaluations establish a new base", he said. "If the total value of an individual's property has increased above the City's average change in valuation, then that ratepayer's proportion of the rates will increase. But if the change in valuation has been below the average, then the proportion of the rates may decrease.

"For example, if your property value in the last two years increased by 20 per cent and the average increase for Glen Eira was 30 per cent, you may experience a decrease in your rates as your increase was less than the average. However, if your property value increased by 30 per cent and the average increase for Glen Eira was 20 per cent, you may experience an increase in your rates as your property value increase was greater than the average."

As the City's property increases in value, Council reduces its rate of taxation. Caulfield City Council had a tax rate of 0.36 per cent of property value in 1991-92. Glen Eira has a tax rate of 0.21 per cent of property value in 2003-04. By contrast, the State Government's marginal rate of stamp duty on property purchases has not dropped, but remained at 6 per cent throughout this period.



Glen Eira Young Citizen of the Year Sarah Thompson tries out her boxing technique on Glen Eira Citizen of the Year Sol Spitalnic. Photos: Bernie Bickerton.

Sarah Thompson was awarded Glen Eira's Young Citizen of the Year for her tireless efforts in helping her school community at Shelford Girls' Grammar in Caulfield and helping to improve the living conditions of people in developing countries through her involvement with World Vision.

On receiving her award Sarah said that she was grateful for the opportunities that she had been given.

"I have lived in Glen Eira since I was very young and have travelled around the world and realise this is the place where I see my future," Sarah said.

"I have tried my hardest to make a difference in this world, so thank you for the recognition you've given me."



## Invitation to a Seminar on Tax Effective Investing

Learn how business owners and investors can protect their personal investments and save tax using trusts and superannuation.

In this seminar we shall:

- Provide case studies unlocking the prudent use of income splitting, trusts, companies, superannuation funds and pension streams.

Dates in 2004 12 February, 24 March, 29 April

Times: 5:30pm-7:30pm

Venue: Glen Eira City Council  
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# City celebrates *with Carols*

The recent festive season got off to a joyful start as residents and community members came together for Council's two *Carols by Candlelight* events.

Held in two of Glen Eira's most popular parks, Caulfield Park in Caulfield and Packer Park in Carnegie, Council organised the 2003 *Carols by Candlelight* as two separate events to make celebrations more accessible to residents.



A great way to spend a balmy summer evening — singing along at *Carols by Candlelight* in Packer Park.



Coatesville Primary School Choir were one of the many community groups that performed at *Carols by Candlelight*.

The warm weather brought families, residents and revellers out in droves with picnics and candles in hand.

The Caulfield Park event was hosted by Jo Bailey and featured performances by community groups such as the Glen Eira City Band and Choir and the Coatesville Primary School Choir. Filling the park with their traditional carol singing were the Young Voices of Melbourne followed by celebrated singing trio the Three Chinese Tenors, whose acrobatic and comedic skills were a real crowd-pleaser.

Nicky Buckley hosted the Packer Park event where the musical talents of the McKinnon Secondary College Big Band came to the fore with a jazz and swing selection. The McKinnon Secondary College Senior Singers and Young Voices of Melbourne



What's shining brighter — the candles or the smiles of delight on the faces of these two youngsters at Caulfield Park.



Candles flicker across Packer Park as residents join in the community carol singing.

performed more traditional carols, and proud parents watched on as the Glen Huntly Primary School Choir took to the stage. Sisters Vika and Linda Bull provided an event highlight with their gospel-inspired repertoire and groovy versions of old carols favourites.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Dorothy Marwick said *Carols by Candlelight* held a special place in Council's annual events calendar.

"It is a celebration of diversity and community spirit and brings us together to enjoy the festive season," Cr Marwick said.

"Glen Eira is a City of diverse cultural and religious backgrounds, and the festive season means so many things to so many people. We hope that these celebrations provide an opportunity for people of all backgrounds to come together with family and loved ones, giving and sharing in the spirit of goodwill for all, and providing a sense of community belonging."

Photos: Les O'Rourke and Bernie Bickerton.

# Festival fun in scorching sun

A scorching 35-degree day didn't stop thousands of local residents from joining the fun at the Carnegie Festival recently.

The festival, held in the Carnegie Shopping Centre in Koornang Road featured entertainment, amusements and activities for people of all ages.

Council held an information stand where staff assisted residents with general queries and supplied information about Council services, facilities and activities.

Council youth workers also staged a variety of activities including African drumming exhibitions, circus skills demonstrations and a basketball throw.



Scout Eloise Porter helps thirsty patrons beat the heat with some freshly-squeezed orange juice.

Local community groups and service clubs held fundraising stalls and traders enticed shoppers with bargains.

Carnegie's own version of Elvis Presley and Neil Diamond sang to some favourite tunes while Austin Powers and Issy Dye entertained audiences.

Santa Claus arrived in style drawn by a Samoyed dog team. A police motor cyclist led a parade including Glen Eira Mayor Cr Dorothy Marwick, Carnegie Traders Association representatives and the Vintage Car Club of Victoria.

Onlookers danced along to the country tunes of the very popular Parkdale Line Dancers and the Glen Eira College dance group and band. The Carnegie Primary School guitar group all-stars and school band performed alongside other school and community groups.

Council's Manager Business Development Lynda Bredin said the festival provided an opportunity for a cross-section of the local community, including traders, community groups and schools, to show their talents and display their wares.

Students from the Carnegie Primary School band performed for the thousands of local residents who attended the Carnegie Festival.



Council youth worker Stuart O'Brien is joined by Simon George and Andrew George in an African drumming demonstration at the Carnegie Festival.

Photos: Bernie Bickerton.



# Roads, parks, facilities

## Scoring goals in recreation

Council is continually striving to improve the range and standard of recreation and leisure opportunities available to Glen Eira residents and visitors.

As part of its ongoing infrastructure renewal program, Council is carrying out a range of works in and around the City's parks and residential facilities, from large park redevelopments to improved sports facilities.

The projects are all designed to improve the services, facilities and opportunities available to the community and ensure the parks and facilities continue to meet users' needs well into the future.

Council asks residents to be patient while the works are being undertaken.

### Parks

- Work has begun on stage one of the Princes Park redevelopment in Caulfield South including new pathways, public toilets, landscaping and playground redevelopment (for further details see story on page 16).
- Master plan implementation for Bentleigh-Hodgson Reserve in Bentleigh will also begin shortly. This redevelopment includes pathways, landscaping, new play areas and a new public toilet.



The new synthetic surface gets sprayed onto the athletics track at Duncan Mackinnon Reserve. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

### Sports facilities

- Duncan Mackinnon Reserve athletics track and netball courts in Murrumbeena are being resurfaced, with new synthetic surfaces.
- Sportsground lighting will be installed at Bailey Reserve and King George Reserve in Bentleigh East and Victory Park in Bentleigh. New training lights have also been installed at Bentleigh-Hodgson Reserve. This new lighting will help clubs to have safer playing surfaces.
- New cricket wickets have been installed at Lord Reserve in Carnegie and East Caulfield Reserve, Caulfield East. The wickets were moved to ensure that a safe playing field was developed. Old wickets were replaced with new wickets at Packer Park, Carnegie and King George Reserve.
- New cricket practice nets have been installed at Centenary Park, Bentleigh East and Mackie Road Reserve, Bentleigh East, with new nets to be installed at Koornang Reserve, Carnegie in April.
- A new fence will be installed at the Centenary Park main oval to replace the old existing fence.
- Four new golf practice facilities have been installed across Glen Eira at Caulfield Park, Caulfield, EE Gunn Reserve, Ormond, McKinnon Park, McKinnon and Centenary Park. Council developed these innovative cages to ensure that golfers can practise golf safely in parks.

### Amenities

- New automated public toilets are to be installed at Centenary Park, Halley Park in Bentleigh and Greenmeadows Gardens in St Kilda East and an additional toilet at Allnutt Park, in Bentleigh.
- New park shelters will be built at Victory Park, Bentleigh and Centenary Park.
- Both the Mackie Road Reserve and McKinnon Park car parks will be sealed to improve the access and aesthetics of these parks.



A couple of youngsters from Bentleigh United Cricket Club try out Council's new cricket practice nets at Centenary Park. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

- A new pathway and seating has been installed at Victory Park with the barbecue soon to be renovated. New seating has also been installed at Mackie and Bailey Reserves as part of Council's ongoing park furniture improvement program.

### Playgrounds

- A new playground will be built in Koornang Park in Carnegie.
- New playgrounds have been installed at Glen Huntly Park in Glen Huntly and Bailey Reserve and new play equipment and associated softfall surfaces at Halley Park and Victory Park.



Workers prepare to install new drainage in Malane Street, Ormond. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

## Heritage street reconstructed

Council is currently reconstructing a heritage residential street in Ormond to make it safer for local residents.

The final stage of works in Malane Street is part of Council's ongoing road reconstruction program. The works are being carried out with funding from the Federal Government's Roads to Recovery program.

The project involves installation of new drainage and kerb and channel and laying new asphalt in a section of the street between Beatty Crescent and Foch Street.

The works are expected to be completed by April this year and cost about \$120,000.

Council's Director Infrastructure Kerry Martin said the latest improvements to Malane Street followed on from previous works from North Road to

Foch Street which Council completed in September 2001.

"Every three years Council conducts a full inspection of all Glen Eira's roads to identify roads that need upgrading. Renewals and works are then carried out on a priority basis," Mr Martin said.

"Council was required to obtain a planning permit for the reconstruction of Malane Street because it is part of a heritage area."

"Fixing up the City's infrastructure is one of Council's highest priorities. We are pleased to have been able to reconstruct this road while upholding its heritage nature."

# building a better Glen Eira

## Improved facilities on the way

Major building and construction works will soon be seen throughout the City as part of Council's upgrade and renewal of ageing facilities in 2004.

The improvements and new developments will take many sizes and shapes, from the upgrading of the main kitchen in the East Caulfield Reserve pavilion in Caulfield East to the first construction phase of the Carnegie Library and Community Centre in Carnegie, but all are designed to improve the civic amenity of the City.

- \$410,000 improvements and upgrades for Council's three aged residential care facilities including — new handrails and upgraded of lighting and kitchen at Rosstown in Murrumbeena; installation of automatic entrance doors and upgrading of house kitchens at Spurway in Murrumbeena; and new paving and carpet at Warrabee in Bentleigh East.

*Status:* Some of these projects are already complete, with others in design and scheduled for completion in the next six months.

- \$250,000 kitchen refurbishment including new main kitchens at Bentleigh and Bentleigh East senior citizens' centres and a new kitchen and kiosk at the East Caulfield Reserve pavilion in Caulfield East.

*Status:* Designs have been completed. Tenders for construction works will be requested shortly.

- relocation of Council's Adult Day Activity Support Service and the delivered meals service to Carnegie. The relocation will provide more appropriate accommodation for both services and construction works will include a new commercial kitchen, toilet facilities, multi-purpose spaces and a domestic-style kitchen for day use.

*Status:* Designs for these projects are complete and tenders for construction works requested.



A new lift at EE Gunn Reserve pavilion will provide first-floor access to people with disabilities. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

- construction of the Carnegie Library and Community Centre in Carnegie — the largest public and community facility Council has ever built.

*Status:* Council has acquired the last property required for this project and some demolition has begun. Construction tenders have gone out and construction is scheduled to start mid-year.

- \$210,000 installation of a lift and wheelchair access to toilet facilities in the 70-year-old sporting pavilion at EE Gunn Reserve in Ormond, as part of Council's disabled access remediation program.

*Status:* Tenders have gone out and works should start in March.

## Road and drainage upgrade boom

Council is scheduled to carry out more than \$5.1 million worth of road and drainage works during 2003-04. The table below details the works which have been completed, are underway or are planned for sections of the roads listed.

### Road reconstruction

| Project               | Suburb          | Value     | Status       |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------|--------------|
| Riddell Parade        | Elsternwick     | \$118,000 | Completed    |
| Ross Street           | Bentleigh       | \$193,100 | Completed    |
| Nangana Road          | Murrumbeena     | \$61,000  | Completed    |
| Gloucester Court      | Murrumbeena     | \$62,750  | Completed    |
| Dalny Road            | Murrumbeena     | \$301,000 | Contract let |
| Capital Avenue        | McKinnon        | \$250,000 | Design       |
| Beatty Crescent       | Ormond          | \$115,000 | Design       |
| Gilsland Road         | Murrumbeena     | \$250,000 | Design       |
| Riley Street          | Murrumbeena     | \$160,000 | Design       |
| Packer Street         | Murrumbeena     | \$175,000 | Design       |
| Kooyong Road          | Caulfield North | \$405,000 | In progress  |
| Right-of-way upgrades | Various         | \$100,000 | In progress  |
| Moir Avenue           | Carnegie        | \$258,000 | In progress  |
| Marara Road           | Caulfield South | \$276,000 | In progress  |
| Malane Street         | Ormond          | \$120,000 | In progress  |
| Morgan Street Stage 1 | Carnegie        | \$200,000 | Tender       |
| Centre Road           | Bentleigh East  | \$396,000 | Tender       |

### Road resurfacing

| Project              | Suburb          | Value     | Status    |
|----------------------|-----------------|-----------|-----------|
| Kooyong Road         | Caulfield North | \$62,000  | Completed |
| Kooyong Road         | Caulfield South | \$80,000  | Completed |
| Jasper Road          | Bentleigh       | \$70,000  | Jan-Feb   |
| Centre Road          | Bentleigh       | \$120,000 | Jan-Feb   |
| Bent Street car park | Bentleigh       | \$45,000  | Completed |

### Drainage works

| Project                    | Suburb          | Value     | Status            |
|----------------------------|-----------------|-----------|-------------------|
| Elizabeth Street           | Elsternwick     | \$50,000  | Completed         |
| Kean Street Stage 2        | Caulfield South | \$285,000 | Completed         |
| Bentleigh Reserve          | Bentleigh       | \$280,000 | Contract let      |
| Mackie Road Stages 1 and 2 | Bentleigh       | \$515,000 | Stage 1 completed |

### Bicycle paths

| Project          | Suburb   | Value     | Status    |
|------------------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| Nicholson Street | McKinnon | \$109,000 | Completed |

### Shopping centre upgrades

| Project             | Suburb | Value    | Status    |
|---------------------|--------|----------|-----------|
| Ormond — North Road | Ormond | \$50,000 | Completed |

## Historical street gets a facelift

A historical street in Carnegie will be returned to its original glory when the final stage of works is completed this year.

Moir Avenue is one of the City's few concrete pavement roads, originally built in 1930 over consolidated ashes and swampland.

It is the first of the city's concrete roads to be fully reconstructed, being replaced with new concrete to preserve its heritage quality.

The first stage of works between Neville and Miller Streets, was completed in June last year. The second and final stage, between Lyons and Miller Streets, is due to start this month.

Council's Director Infrastructure Kerry Martin said the road suffered major cracking and movement from the underlying clay sub-base and the effects of invasive naturestrip trees.

"Moir Avenue has held up well considering it was constructed on unstable swampland, which was drained during the 19th century to make way for farming land," Mr Martin said.

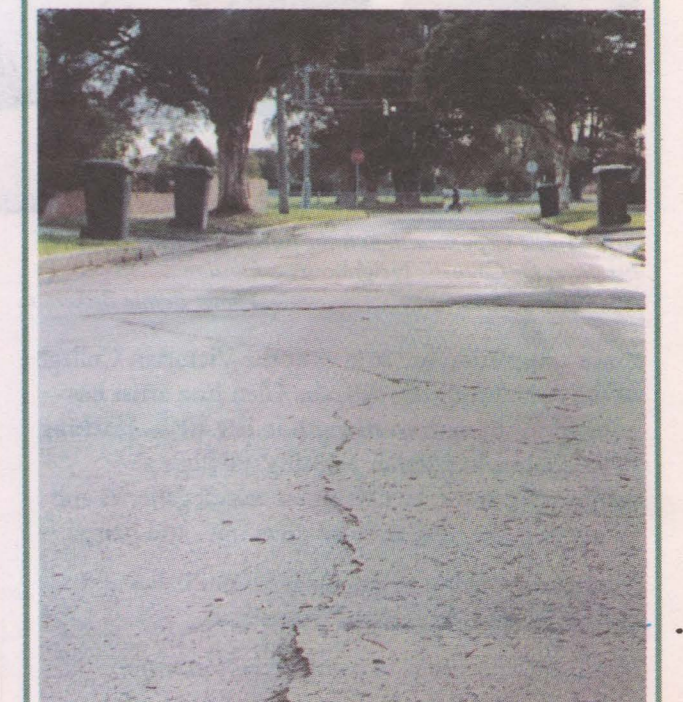
"In recent years, however, it's started to deteriorate much more quickly. There are visible signs of damage, including cracks in the pavement."

Mr Martin said reconstruction involved the complete removal of the existing 175mm thick roadway and replacement with new concrete to preserve its heritage qualities.

"We're replacing the concrete surface because concrete is best suited to the conditions and shifting of the soil base under this particular road," he said.

"Council has had to remove the entire roadway and reinforce soft underlying patches with crushed rock, to make the road's base more stable".

Stage two works are expected to cost about \$258,000.



Historical Moir Avenue in Carnegie is the first of Glen Eira's concrete roads to be fully reconstructed. Photo: Maureen Bathgate.



## Artists showcase City's talent

Council will hold an exhibition showcasing the work of eight local artists in the Glen Eira City Council Gallery in February.

The exhibition *Neighbours* will display more than 40 pieces of work from eight artists living or working in Glen Eira. Their mediums include painting, sculpture, photography, printmaking and jewellery-making.

The exhibition demonstrates the work of both emerging and established artists ranging from traditional work through to contemporary art.

The diverse array of art on display includes Filomena Coppola's large pastel drawings and MJ Ryan Bennett's jewellery. Other artists on display include painter Yvette Coppersmith, jewellery maker Mara Grimm, sculptor Loretta Quinn, painter Merryn Trevethan, photographer Kit Wise and painter Megan Walch.

Council's Director Community Services Peter Jones said Council was pleased to support the younger emerging artists as well as artists more established in their career.

"The Neighbours exhibition is our way of showing the work and talents of local Glen Eira artists to the wider community," Mr Jones said.

"The exhibition is a celebration of the quality and diversity of artists who live in our City."

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Dorothy Marwick will welcome patrons to the exhibition while nationally acclaimed and local artist Victor Majzner will open the exhibition on Wednesday 11 February 2004 at 6pm.

Glen Eira City Council presents *Neighbours* — eight artists living and working in the City of Glen Eira at Glen Eira City Council Gallery, Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield from Thursday 5 February to Sunday 14 March.

Gallery opening hours — Monday to Friday 10am to 5pm, Saturday, Sunday and public holidays 1pm to 5pm.

Contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 for further information.

## An artist's follies

By Vida Mierendorff

Juggling full-time study for a Masters in Fine Art at Monash University, teaching at RMIT, raising two children, feeding two dogs and still finding time to create meaningful, sculptural works may sound like folly to most, but to Caulfield artist Loretta Quinn it's a lifestyle.

"You just fit them all into your life, and art is a permanent part of my lifestyle," Loretta said.

Loretta's sculptures, some of which are featured in Council's *Neighbours* exhibition, are familiar to many although her name may not be. Her bronze piece, *Beyond the Ocean of Existence*, sits on the corner of Swanston and Flinders Streets in Melbourne while a memorial piece, *Within Three Worlds*, depicting three birds and a little girl is in Princes Park, Caulfield South.



Artist Loretta Quinn is dwarfed by her vibrant metallic blue sculptures. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

For Loretta, her work takes her on a personal journey and asks her to interpret and reinterpret her memories and relationship to objects and places, but work for public spaces opens up a whole new realm of meaning.

"Public work gives to the public, to anyone who can see it and have access to it. It doesn't isolate people from art — it gives them access on a daily basis.

"We're human and enjoy being surrounded by beauty. It's an important part of our makeup and the essence of what we're all about."

Helping to define what her own background is all about has been Loretta's latest quest. For her thesis she has been tracing her origins and revisiting the structures known as follies — the architecturally elaborate but often impractical buildings that appear in Victorian-era gardens.

"Follies were erected for no definite purpose, but they're more relevant to our lives now than when they were originally constructed," she said.

Her recent pieces are clearly based on the follies, and Loretta's relationship to them. Organic and often brightly painted for effect, the works are constructed in aluminium, one of her favourite mediums. The sculptures to be shown in *Neighbours* are also along this line — tall, metallic and vibrant blue.

"They're reminiscent of the trees that line war memorials. Each tree was commemorative — they're sentinels and obelisks in their own right," she said.

"I'm drawn to public monuments such as the Shrine of Remembrance, to the institute of remembrance and objects' ability to communicate this idea to people from all walks of life."

## Pleasing passions

By Vida Mierendorff

From costumes in kindergarten to painting in primary school, Yvette Coppersmith's artistic passions have consumed her all her life. At only 23 years of age, she may be the youngest artist featured in Council's *Neighbours* exhibition but she's certainly no new kid on the block.



Artist Yvette Coppersmith puts the finishing touches on one of her pieces for Council's *Neighbours* exhibition. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Since completing her studies at the Victorian College of the Arts three years ago, the Glen Eira artist has gone from strength to strength in her art — teaching short courses in portrait painting, taking on commission work, exhibiting in several galleries and trying to make time to "play dress-ups" and paint.

"I remember being so passionate about ballet and costumes in kindergarten," Yvette said.

"I still am, but now I'm being taken seriously!"

Yvette works in a style she considers almost photorealist — her work in oil on canvas resembles photography in its meticulous attention to detail. She

paints self portraits, using material, clothing, jewellery and other props she finds in her cupboards (and the cupboards of friends and family) to change her appearance and photographing herself in a myriad of poses and settings. From these photos she composes her work, taking her time to choose which shots she likes best and what creative impetus they provide.

"It's a really spontaneous, creative urge that drives me to just find things in the cupboard and dress up," she said.

"I take the photos myself with a timer and tripod and just see what comes out. It's the process of getting ready that is inspiring — that's where I discover things about my choices which are symbolic.

"When the photos come back I choose the ones which I'm excited about. Sometimes the photos sit around for months before I decide what I want to do with them or

what feels right. The painting process takes a long time so you want to be excited about what you're working on."

Always working with self portraits, Yvette is very clear about what the work means to her and why she chooses to do it but is hesitant to prescribe meanings to it for her audience.

"My intentions are there and the work speaks for itself, but they're never literal and there's never one definition for the work. I like how open-ended they are. I like people to get their own meaning from it.

"It's important for me right now to please myself and my passions and not get caught up creating things to please others. I'm going with the flow and can't tell what will happen next. It's an exciting time."

## Boyd art heads home

Two pieces of Glen Eira history came together last month when a selection of Boyd family art from Council's art collection was exhibited at historic Glenfern mansion in St Kilda East.

Altogether 24 works from Council's collection were on display including hand-decorated earthenware jugs and teapots by Merric Boyd, complete sets of signature



Historic Glenfern mansion in St Kilda East was home to the Boyd family for 15 years in the late 19th Century.

Martin Boyd ramekins and an unusual decorated bowl by David and Hermi Boyd. A highlight of the exhibition was a watercolour painting by Emma Minnie Boyd.

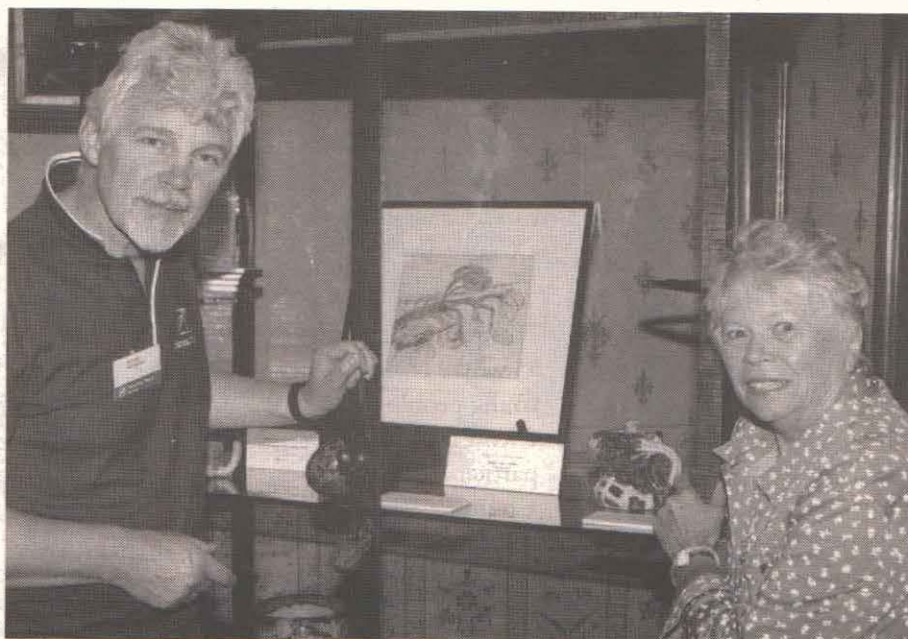
Glenfern, built in 1857, was the home of the Boyd family from 1876 to 1901. Painter Arthur Merric Boyd grew up there and his son, sculptor and potter Merric Boyd was born there in 1888.

Now a National Trust property, Glenfern acts as a centre for arts and culture and is to be the home for the Trust's artists-in-residence program. The building is currently undergoing major internal and external works.

Glen Eira Councillor Veronika Martens, who visited the exhibition, said Council had loaned the works to the National Trust, as a means of taking its art collection to the community.

"Council is committed to making its art collection more accessible to the community. We are doing that through regular exhibitions in Council's gallery and by making the collection available for exhibitions such as this one at Glenfern," Cr Martens said.

"The Boyd family left an art legacy in Glen Eira and it was great to see some artwork in a place that was home to the family."



Cr Veronika Martens and National Trust of Victoria Director of Membership and Development Richard Heathcote take a look at some of the Boyd family artworks from Council's art collection on display at Glenfern. Photos: Robert Churchus.

## Impressive year of art and design

Glen Eira City Council gallery played host to Holmesglen Institute of TAFE Art and Design department's graduate exhibition recently.

The exhibition featured the final year work from students completing their studies in the Diploma of Arts (Ceramics), Diploma of Arts (Visual Arts), Diploma of Arts (Graphic Art) and the Advanced Diploma of Arts (Graphic Design). Also on display was work from the students undertaking the Certificate IV in Electronic Publishing and the Diploma of Multimedia (Design).

Two opening nights were held for the exhibition — one for the visual arts and ceramics students and the other for students in graphic art and design — and both were well attended by family, friends and industry representatives.

The students' high standard of work impressed many industry representatives attending the exhibition, including retailers and gallery operators who approached several ceramics students about their work.

Three students, Jill Anderson, Irena Glac and Rosanna Caldwell, had their work selected for the annual *Fresh* awards, which were on display at the Craft Victoria Gallery in January.

The graphic art and design section of the exhibition featured posters, annual reports, brochures, pamphlets, illustrations, packaging, books and promotional displays. Students also produced business cards and other promotional material as a means of marketing themselves to industry.

Included in the exhibition was work produced by ceramics and visual arts students for a Murrumbeena Shopping Centre redevelopment project as part of Council's *BusEd* program.



Holmesglen Institute of TAFE ceramics student Lynette Rose, was the overall winner in a competition to design mosaic tiles for the Murrumbeena Shopping Centre.

The project involved students submitting designs for large mosaic tiles to be placed in the footpaths in the shopping centre. The designs for the tiles were based around the theme of the Boyd family and its history in the Murrumbeena area.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Dorothy Marwick presented prizes to the finalists of the design competition and to the overall winner Lynette Rose, a first-year ceramics student.

## Park parties are back

Council's popular *Party in the Park* celebrations are returning in March, promising loads of free fun and entertainment for the whole community.

Council introduced the three-event series last year as a means of building a sense of community and belonging at a local level. The success and popularity of the inaugural series has prompted Council to stage it again this year.

The three celebrations will be held over three weekends in March — Caulfield Park, Inkerman Road, Caulfield on Sunday 7 March; Packer Park, Leila Road, Carnegie on Sunday 14 March and Allnut Park, Wheatley Road, Bentleigh on Sunday 28 March.

The parties will feature performances by professional entertainers and community groups and include great activities and demonstrations such as jumping castles, face-painting and costume-making. There will also be displays and information stands by local schools, community groups and Council.

Council's Director Community Services Peter Jones said Council had received overwhelmingly positive feedback from all sections of the community about the *Party in the Park* celebrations.

"*Party in the Park* not only celebrates our unique Glen Eira community, but also the City's wonderful parks and the development of areas such as Packer Park," Mr Jones said.

"These celebrations also give Council a chance to make its arts and culture program more accessible to a broader section of the community.

"Council invites all residents, young and old, to bring a picnic and join in the fun of *Party in the Park* with their families, friends and neighbours."

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

## Young masters on show

Dragons, superheroes and teddy bears were the inspiration for many young budding artists whose work was on exhibition at Council's Caulfield Library recently.



Andrew Scott aged 11.

The exhibition featured 55 works created by young people from Glen Eira who had participated in Council's *Sketches* art program during 2003.



Isabel Northey aged 11.

The *Sketches* art program encourages young people aged between nine and 14 years to express their artistic skill and challenge their style of artistic expression at weekly art classes held at Council's Why? Stop Youth Information Centre in Carnegie.

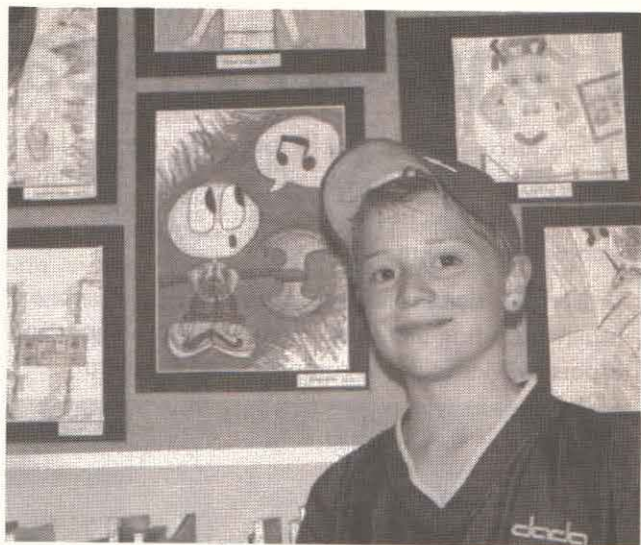
The works in the exhibition feature various subjects such as animals, caricatures, cartoons and scenery in a range of mediums including pencil, texta, pastels and paint.

Council's Manager Recreation and Youth Services Linda Smith said the students were proud to have their work on public display.

"The exhibition was a finalisation of their effort and hard work during the year," Ms Smith said. "The talent and potential displayed by these young artists was quite remarkable."

"The students really enjoy the classes and this is evident in the increasing sizes of the classes and the quality of work produced."

Anyone interested in participating in the *Sketches* program should contact the Why? Stop Youth Information Centre.



Budding artist James Kane, aged 11, with one of his drawings on display during the *Sketches* exhibition at Council's Caulfield Library.



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. Phone: 9572 5389 email: [ystop@gleneira.vic.gov.au](mailto:ystop@gleneira.vic.gov.au)

## Action aplenty for seniors

Getting active is the theme of Council's seniors festival to be held in March this year.

Council's 2004 Victorian Seniors Festival in Glen Eira will run between Friday 12 March and Sunday 28 March and includes numerous events and activities across the city.

All events tie in with the theme of this year's festival *the age to be — join in the action*, with everything from health seminars to walks and concerts.

The festival will kick off with a free concert *In the mood* featuring big band music. Senior residents will enjoy an afternoon of cabaret style entertainment and refreshments. The concert will be held on Friday 12 March at 1.30pm in the Auditorium, Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield. Bookings are essential and open on Monday 1 March.

Council, in conjunction with Alzheimer's Australia, will also run a seminar *Where are my glasses?* for senior residents who are concerned about memory changes. The seminar aims to assist in a positive approach to

these changes and will be held on Thursday 18 March at 2pm in the Theatre at the Glen Eira Town Hall. Bookings are essential.

Other Council events include a morning walk series, library activities and entertainment for residents in aged care facilities.

Council's Director Community Services Peter Jones said the events were a great opportunity for residents to find out more about the different groups in Glen Eira.

"Council's aim is to get senior residents out and about in the community and we are hoping this is a stepping stone for residents to participate in activities and events all year round," Mr Jones said.

"Council also supports local senior citizens' groups with their events which include luncheons, concerts, open days, introduction to croquet and dances."

Details of all events will be included in the 2004 Victorian Seniors Festival in Glen Eira booklet which will be available in late February. Contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 to receive a copy.

## Better access to support services

Local residents from non-English speaking backgrounds will have better access to Council's home and community care services (HACC) thanks to a State Government grant.

Under the *Culturally Equitable Gateways Strategy*, Council will receive \$190,500 over three years to increase assessment and care management services for residents from culturally diverse backgrounds.

Council will use the funds to increase the use, responsiveness and quality of its HACC services for culturally and linguistically diverse residents aged 65 years and over.

Council's HACC services include home care, delivered meals, personal care, respite care, property maintenance and adult day care.

Council's Director Community Services Peter Jones said Glen Eira had a large and rapidly ageing population with more than 105 ethnic groups.

"Council is committed to creating a gateway into HACC services that is responsive to the needs of culturally and linguistically diverse residents. Access to this service will be improved by building on partnerships between Council and key agencies," Mr Jones said.

"This initiative will help Council develop more culturally sensitive services to meet the needs of our older residents from non-English speaking backgrounds and increase the use of Council's HACC services.

"Council will be able to undertake more culturally appropriate assessments so that the service provided to the residents is sensitive to cultural differences and preferences."

Mr Jones said Council would appoint a cultural diversity project worker who would co-ordinate the service.

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# Library library

## Festive songs and stories for young readers

The festive season came early for more than 200 children and adults who attended special *Festive storytimes* at Council's libraries during December.

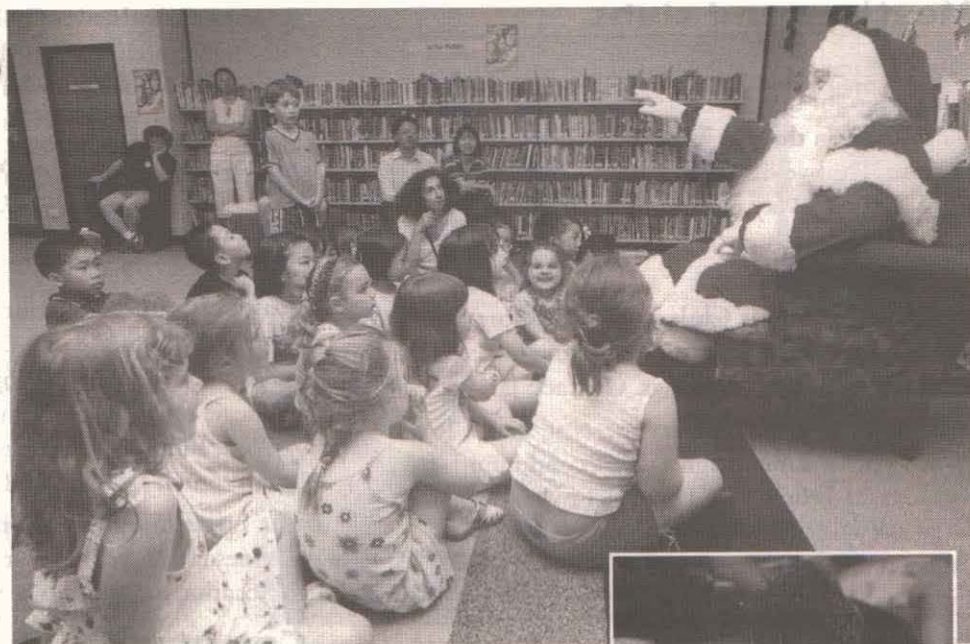
A special Christmas concert was held at the Bentleigh Library and two *Santa in Toyland* shows were presented at the Caulfield and Elsternwick libraries.

The events proved a hit with children and their parents, each 50-minute session filled with songs, music, play-acting and storytelling and a special visit from Santa Claus.

Audience participation was the order of the day with all children given a halo to wear, a character to perform in the festive stories and musical instruments such as bells, tambourines and maracas to play along to the music.

Festive songs such as *Away in a manger*, *Silent night* and *Jingle bells* were sung in full voice, with an especially loud *Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer* heralding Santa's arrival.

Naturally Santa proved a big hit with the children, especially when each excited youngster received a candy cane treat and got the chance to have a one-on-one chat with the jolly man in red.



Santa Claus has a captive audience at Santa in Toyland at Council's Caulfield Library.

Children at Council's Festive storytimes enjoyed participating in the songs and storytelling.



## What's on at Council's libraries?

### Meet the authors

Book lovers have the chance to gain some insight on work and life balance for women at a meet-the-author talk next month.

Authors Donna Lee Brian and Tess Brady who wrote *The Girls Guide to Work & Life: how to create the life you want* and *The girls guide to Real Estate: how to enjoy investing in property* will be guest speakers at the event which will be held on Tuesday 23 March at 7pm in the Caulfield Cup Room, Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield.

The presentation is aimed at women of all ages — those entering the workforce for the first time, those returning to work and those looking for a career direction.

Bookings are essential for this free event and can be made at any branch or by calling 9524 3623.

### Internet classes

Council is holding a series of personalised Internet training classes in its multi-stationed computer training facility at Caulfield Library, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield. Bookings can be made at any library branch or by calling 9524 3623.

#### Computer basics

An ideal class for the absolute beginner.  
Tuesday 17 February 2pm-4pm  
Friday 12 March 10.30am-12.30pm  
Cost: \$33

#### Introduction to the Internet

A beginner's course to browsing the Internet.  
Thursday 26 February 10.30am-12pm  
Wednesday 24 March 2pm-3.30pm  
Cost: \$22

#### Introduction to genealogy on the Internet

A comprehensive look at Internet genealogy resources.  
Wednesday 3 March 10.30am-12.30pm  
Cost: \$33

#### One-on-one Internet training

Personalised Internet training that can be tailored to individual needs and interests. Suitable for any level of experience, including beginners. Sessions run for one hour and cost \$44.

### Smart study techniques

Council, in conjunction with psychologist Rochelle Umansky, will run a two-day course on self-management techniques for students.

The SMARTS course helps VCE and tertiary students to develop self-regulation and know-how and increases the possibility of achieving academic success. The program is challenging, practical and interactive with an emphasis is on self-awareness, balance and doing what works.

SMARTS is an acronym for six essential self-management skills relating to academic achievement and personal and professional success:

- S — study habits;
- M — motivation;
- A — attitude;
- R — relaxation/recreation;
- T — time management; and
- S — stress management.

Each element is addressed in the program by Rochelle Umansky who specialises in working with young adults dealing with relationship, identity or transition issues. This program is designed for those students who are committed to achieving their academic potential.

The course to be held in the Caulfield Cup Room, Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield on Wednesday 14 April and Thursday 15 April from 9.30am to 12.30pm each day.

Cost: \$66. Bookings are essential.

For more information call 9524 3623 or book at any branch.

### Career direction workshops

Council is running free career guidance workshops to assist residents in the areas of career change, returning to the workforce and looking for work for the first time. The workshops are aimed at both teenagers and adults and will be presented by The Clarity Group to assist residents in finding career direction.

#### Career coaching and planning

Wednesday 3 March at 7pm

#### Resume writing

Thursday 11 March at 7pm

#### Interview skills

Wednesday 17 March at 7pm

Bookings are essential for these free events and can be made at any branch or by calling 9524 3623. The sessions last for one hour and will be held in the Caulfield Cup Room, Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield.

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# Community diary

## Meetings and clubs

**The Brahma Kumaris Raja Yoga** offers courses in meditation for beginners at 275 McKinnon Road, McKinnon on the first Tuesday of every month at 7.30pm. Positive thinking courses on the first Wednesday of every month. No charge, voluntary contributions are welcome. Bookings essential. Contact: 9578 9955.

**Glen Huntly Tennis Club** offers places for juniors to be added to competition teams starting in February on Saturday or Sunday mornings. Contact: Jan 9571 8531.

**Melbourne Begonia Society** meets at Tucker Road Primary School, Bentleigh every second month from Saturday 21 February at 1.30pm. Environmental and social activities. New members welcome. Contact: Tricia 9557 7756.

**Glen Eira Junior Soccer Club** will hold a registration day on Sunday 15 February from 9am to 12pm at Mackie Reserve, corner Mackie Road and Tudor Street, Bentleigh East. Sub-junior and junior teams for boys and girls. Contact: Mary 9569 0412 or 0413 795 259.

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

**St Catharine's Playgroup** is held in the lower hall of St Catharine's Anglican Church, 406 Kooyong Road, Caulfield South every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 9.30am-11.30am. Contact: Stephen 9523 8963 or 0412 267 437.

**Caulfield Life Activities Club** will meet at Gladys Machin Hall, Cedar Street, Caulfield, on Wednesday 18 February at 7.30pm. Guest speaker. Supper served. New members welcome. Contact: 9568 5849.

**Hughesdale Art Group** resumes at Hughesdale Community Centre, corner Poath and Kangaroo Roads, Hughesdale from Friday 13 February from 10am to 3pm. Contact: 9885 6407.

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

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**Rowena Calisthenics College Inc.** meets at the Uniting Church, corner Abbin Avenue and East Boundary Road, Bentleigh East on Wednesday afternoons at 4.15pm. Contact: Judy 9570 4185.

**The Scottish country dancing group** resumes first week of March. All ages, friendly atmosphere, no partners needed. Soft shoes are advisable. Contact: Bev 9579 5532.

**Multicultural Association of Russian Women, Ogonyok** will run dance classes for all ages and levels, ballroom, modern, new vogue, hip hop in Ormond and Carnegie on Tuesdays 7pm-9pm and Wednesdays 7-9pm. Enrolment essential. Contact 9570 8952 1pm-9pm or 0416 251 317 10am-9pm.


**The Lupus/Sjogrens Support Group** will meet on Wednesday 25 February at 2pm. Contact: 9509 2735 for location and assistance with transport.

## Community

**St Catharine's Anglican Church** and Clarence-Parkside Aged Hostel will hold a community fete in the church's lower hall at 406 Kooyong Road, Caulfield South on Saturday 13 March at 9am. Tables for hire. Contact: Stephen 9523 8963 or 0412 267 437.

**U3A Glen Eira Inc.** classes for 2004 begin on Monday 9 February. For class details send stamped, self addressed envelope to PO Box 286, Glen Huntly 3163. Contact: 9572 0571.

**Multicultural Association of Russian Women, Ogonyok** seeks volunteers to assist with office administration, clerical, driving and various tasks. Russian and English speaking volunteers welcome. Contact: 9570 8952 from 1pm to 9pm and 0416 251 317 from 10am to 9pm.



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## Events

**Hughesdale Art Group** will hold a watercolour demonstration by well known artist, Robert Wade at Hughesdale Community Centre, corner Poath and Kangaroo Roads, Hughesdale on Wednesday 11 February at 7.30pm. Contact: 9885 6407.

**Bentleigh Bayside Community Health Service** will hold a three-week *Food for life* educational program at Bentleigh Bayside Community Health Service, Gardeners Road, Bentleigh East on Thursday mornings, next session begins Thursday 4 March 10am-12pm. Cost: \$5. Bookings essential. Contact: 9575 5333.

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

**The National Trust Mansion Labassa** will hold *Leap into laces*, an exhibition of laces at 2 Manor Grove, Caulfield on Saturday 28 February and Sunday 29 February, from 10.30am until 4.30pm. The exhibition features 18th, 19th and 20th century lace-trimmed gowns from the National Trust costume collection. Cost: \$7.70 adults, \$5.50 children and concession, \$19.80 family. Contact: 9527 6295 or 9509 6596.

## Immunisation dates

### February

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

**Glen Eira Town Hall**  
(entry via Glen Eira Road)  
Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield  
Tuesday 10 February 9.30am-10.15am  
Tuesday 2 March 6pm-7pm

**Bentleigh-Bayside Community Health Service**  
Gardeners Road, Bentleigh East  
Wednesday 18 February 6pm-7pm  
Saturday 28 February 9.30am-10.30am

**Glen Huntly Maternal and Child Health Centre**  
Corner Royal and Rosedale Avenues, Glen Huntly  
Wednesday 25 February 9.30am-11.00am

**Bentleigh Baptist Church**  
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## Shops sparkle with student art

Businesses in the Caulfield South Shopping Centre were transformed into sidewalk galleries recently thanks to the artistic talents of local school children and Council's *BusEd* program.

Students from Caulfield South Primary School in Caulfield created more than 300 paintings which were made into more than 30 banners which decorated the front windows of shops along the busy strip shopping centre during the festive season.

The project was part of Council's *BusEd* program which brings the local business and education sectors together on mutually beneficial projects.

Council's Manager Business Development Lynda Bredin said it was the second consecutive year that Council, Caulfield South Primary School and the Caulfield Commerce Association had collaborated on the project.

She said all parties had received such positive feedback from customers and residents in 2003 that they decided to do it all again.

"This year we had even more businesses involved," Ms Bredin said. "The banners proved so popular that a request was put in for more. The students quickly responded by producing more paintings."

Caulfield South Primary School teacher Julie Hoffman said, "The children were very excited about having their work displayed and created some amazing art work depicting what the festive seasons means to them."

Students from Caulfield Primary School in Caulfield South also took part in the project this year, providing colourful drawings of Santa Claus and other festive scenes.



Caulfield Commerce Association Secretary Frank Penhalluriack helps Bosky Blooms florist Sally Waters install one of the bright and colourful banners made by students from Caulfield South Primary School.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

## Business network helps women achieve success

Council's Glen Eira Women's Business Network has more than doubled in size since being established just over two years ago.

Council set up the group to help local businesswomen achieve success by presenting free learning sessions which address some of the problems and challenges faced by women running small businesses.

Its success has been overwhelming, growing from just 25 participants per meeting when it started in June 2001, to an average of 60 members per session now.

Council's Manager Business Development Lynda Bredin said the network's success stemmed from the need in Glen Eira for formal training and support for women in business.

"Running your own business requires an understanding of such a wide range of areas, ranging from human resources and workplace safety, to advertising and marketing," Ms Bredin said.

"The women's business network sessions focus on issues relevant to the running of the business. Each session is self-contained, so participants can choose to come to the sessions which are most relevant to them."

Experienced industry speakers volunteer their time to present at the sessions, imparting information and advice, sharing stories, encouraging participants to communicate their experiences and helping to dispel fears about working within the business world.

Meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month and are designed to be applicable, practical and accessible, without requiring a huge time commitment.

Ms Bredin said she had witnessed many women grow in confidence during the past two years, with some inspired to keep going, despite being at the point of wanting to give up.

"Another underlying benefit of the program is the opportunity for women, many of whom work from home, to network and make friends with other women," she said.

"One participant said that it was nice to be around so many positive and like-minded people. Another said that it helped her to set goals and visualise where she will be in a rather uncertain future."

The Glen Eira Women's Business Network will meet on the following dates in 2004 — 19 February, 18 March, 21 April, 20 May, 17 June, 15 July, 19 August, 16 September, 21 October and 18 November.

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

## Hats off to being too much

Hats of all different sizes, shapes and colours helped convey the theme of Council's latest Glen Eira Women's Business Network meeting — the fear of being too much.

The meeting focused on the theme of how to deal positively with the fear of being too much — too wild, too outrageous, too emotional or too needy.

Local businesswoman Sue Barrett, of Barrett Consulting Group chaired the event and was assisted by well-known milliner and textile artist Waltraud Reiner and Tracy Bygrave of Interweave Group in sharing their personal experiences and views on how to turn negatives into positives.

Ms Bygrave used her expertise in business planning and strategy to present members with creative ways of dealing with their fears.

Taught by the Queen's milliner, among others, Ms Reiner gave examples of how she faced adversity and negativity and used them as catalysts to help reach her current level of professional success.

Council's Manager Business Development Lynda Bredin said the evening's grand finale was the unveiling of an array of Ms Reiner's amazing creations which expressed her own sense of too-muchness.

"The main message for the evening was that people can turn negative criticism into a motivational force," she said. "What others perceive as a weakness can become a positive strength for women in business."

Council's first Glen Eira Women's Business Network meeting for 2004 will be held on Thursday 19 February in the Caulfield Cup Room, Glen Eira Town Hall. Bookings are essential and can be made by contacting Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

Guest speaker at the February meeting will be Sandi Givens, author and director of her own consulting business Knowledge-Able.

Ms Givens will present practical and specific strategies for increasing confidence and development of more effective self promotion.



Milliner Waltraud Reiner tries out one of her creations on local businesswomen Sue Barrett at Council's Women's Business Network meeting.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

### Volunteer recognition scheme

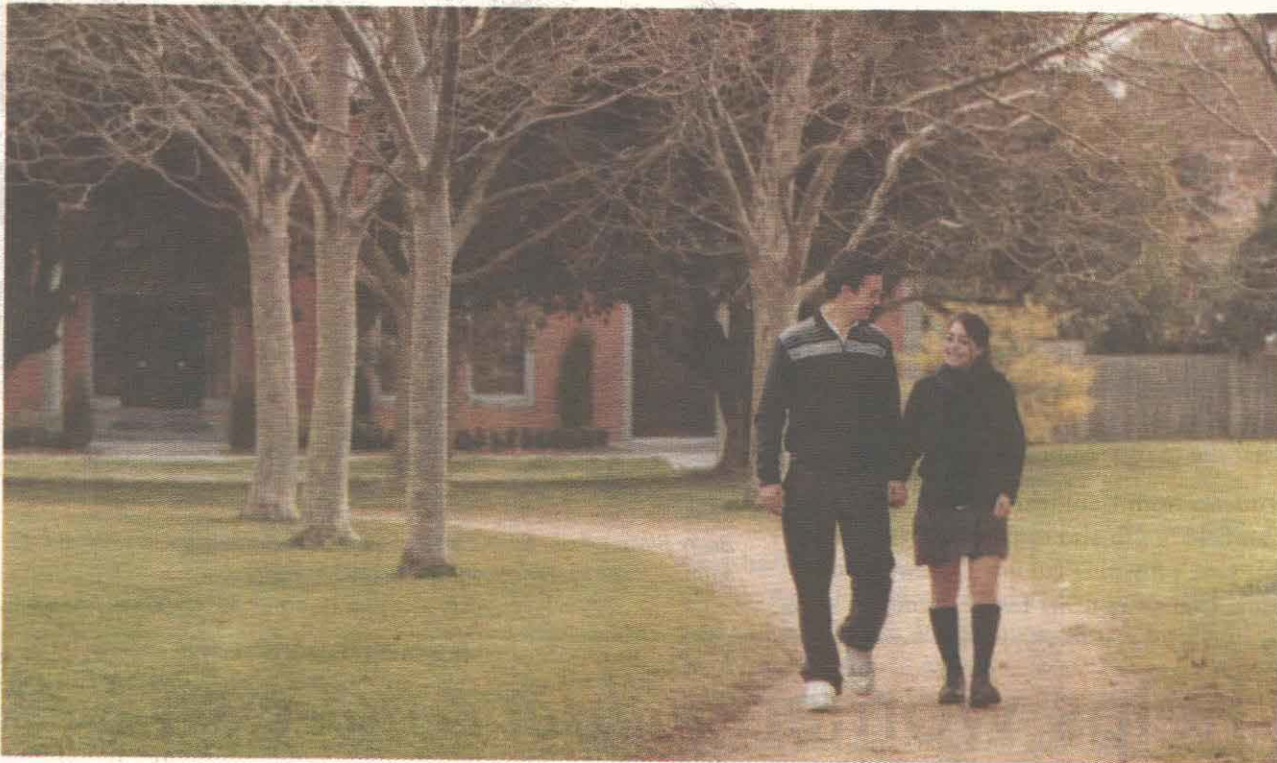


Council invites organisations to nominate volunteers to receive awards under Council's volunteer recognition scheme. The scheme honours the contribution volunteers make to community life in Glen Eira.

The awards will be presented at a ceremony to be held in May during National Volunteers Week.

Nominations close on Friday 19 March 2004 at 5pm and no late nominations can be accepted. Information and nomination forms are available from Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

## Princes Park works *begin*



Maya Dugan of Caulfield and Andrew Jewell of Glen Huntly stroll through Princes Park. Council's upgrade of the park will include extensive landscaping and new pathways. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

**C**ouncil has begun a major redevelopment of Princes Park in Caulfield South, with landscaping works getting underway late last month.

The works are the culmination of a lengthy master plan development process, which has involved extensive consultation with residents, park users, sporting clubs and community groups.

Redevelopment of the park has been split into two stages according to the type of work involved — landscaping works (stage 1) and building works (stage 2).

Current works involve only stage one of the project, with a final design yet to be developed for stage two.

The park, which runs between Hawthorn and Bambra Roads, hosts a range of sporting and leisure activities including cricket, football, lawn bowls, soccer, walking, basketball backboard, playground and barbecue and picnic areas.

The current works involve extensive landscaping of the park including new park furniture, pathways, widespread tree planting and renewal and a walking track that will eventually circumnavigate the park.

A feature of the park will be a new sensory garden — the first of its kind in Glen Eira. The garden will feature scented foliage, brightly-coloured flowers and textured plants to stimulate the senses. It will be set on different levels and have access for people with disabilities.

Council's Director Infrastructure Kerry Martin said more than 15,500 new plants would be placed in the park, including 277 mature trees of both exotic and native species.

He said the redevelopment was part of Council's ongoing commitment to upgrade the City's parks in line with its Open Space Strategy.

The works are expected to be completed by the end of June.

## A vision for Joyce Park

**A** new playground, better landscaping and improved amenities are part of Council's draft master plan for Joyce Park in Ormond.

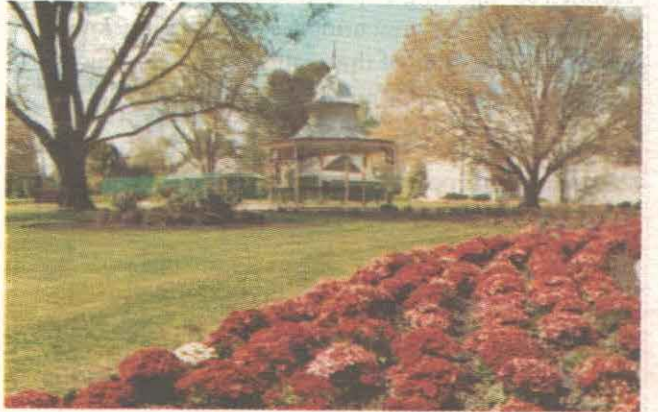
Council is seeking comment from residents on the draft master plan which will be on public display during February. The plan reflects consultation and input from the community and key stakeholders.

Features of the draft master plan include improved vehicle access, parking and pathways, landscaping, upgraded amenities and a new playground.

Under the draft master plan the existing toilet block will be replaced with a new automated toilet. New park furniture will be installed including seating, rubbish bins, drink fountains, lighting and extra signage.

Council's Manager Recreation and Youth Services Linda Smith said good planning of parks ensured they would be able to serve the changing needs of park users and provide a vision for how the parks could be developed.

"The master plan for Joyce Park will ensure that certain future park developments are in line with community requirements and that the park is preserved for generations to come," Ms Smith said.



Council is seeking community comment on plans to redevelop Joyce Park in Ormond.

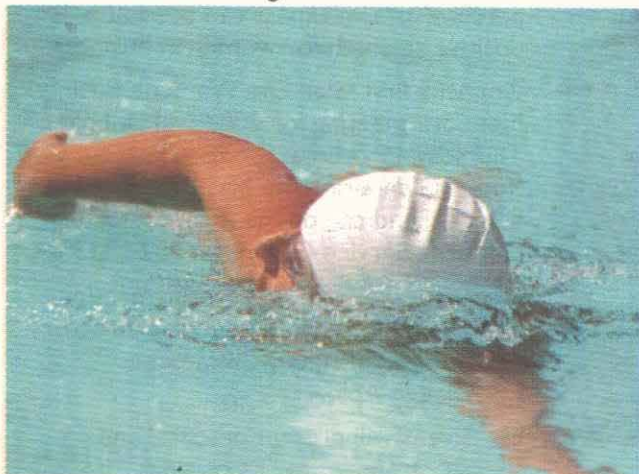
The Joyce Park draft master plan is on display at Council's Service Centre, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield and at the Bentleigh Library in Bentleigh. Copies are also available for viewing in Joyce Park, at all Council libraries and on Council's website at [www.gleneira.vic.gov.au](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au)

Council will receive written comment on the plan until the close of business on Friday 27 February 2004. Submissions can be mailed to Recreation Services, Glen Eira City Council, PO Box 42, Caulfield South 3162 or emailed to [recservices@gleneira.vic.gov.au](mailto:recservices@gleneira.vic.gov.au).

## Heat attracts *record swimmers*

**S**earing temperatures in December have led to record attendances at Council's two swim centres so far this summer.

Residents took advantage of Melbourne's record



Council's two swimming pools have proven a popular way to beat the summer heat. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

temperatures during December with attendances at both the Caulfield Swim Centre in Carnegie and the Bentleigh East Swim Centre in Bentleigh East the highest in five years.

During November and December 45,065 people visited the centres, about 5,000 more than for the same period last summer and 3,000 more than the previous high of 42,325 recorded in 2000-01.

The swim centres feature heated 50 metre Olympic swimming pools as well as learners' and toddlers' pools and water slides.

Council's Caulfield Swim Centre will host a *Family splash day* on Sunday 15 February from 11am to 4pm. Cost: \$5. Admission is free for children aged under four years.

The swim centres are open — Monday-Friday 6am-7pm and Saturday, Sunday and public holidays 8am-6pm. If the forecast temperature is 30 degrees or greater, the pool hours will be extended to 8pm.

### Venues for hire

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Council has a range of facilities located throughout Glen Eira available for family reunions, birthday parties, wedding, conference, exhibition, anniversary or special event. The facilities range in size and are clean and comfortable.

Council also has rotundas in parks available for hire for a wedding or special event. For more information contact Council's Service centre on 9524 3333 or visit Council's web site at [www.gleneira.vic.gov.au](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au)