

## Ogaki Mayor visits Glen Eira

Ties between Glen Eira and its Japanese sister city Ogaki were strengthened during a two-day visit by Ogaki Mayor Mr Bin Ogawa last month.

Mr Ogawa led a delegation of four from Ogaki including Vice Chairman of Ogaki City Assembly Mr Masoto Ishikawa, Managing Director of Ogaki International Exchange Association Mr Hiroshi Okuda and Secretary of Ogaki City Mr Shigeki Nakashima.

The Friendly Cities relationship between Glen Eira and Ogaki began in January 1990 to give Glen Eira residents the opportunity to learn about Japan, its people and culture.

Last month's visit was Mr Ogawa's first to Glen Eira and had been organised to consolidate the two cities' close relationship and offer new goals and objectives to enhance the Friendly Cities program.

A highlight of the visit was the unveiling of a marble monument given to Glen Eira by the City of Ogaki to commemorate the relationship. The monument stands in Council's Japanese Garden at the Glen Eira Town Hall.

Cr Marwick welcomed the delegation to Glen Eira before taking them on a tour of the town hall, including the auditorium, Service Centre, art gallery and art collection. Later, they were invited to participate in a Council meeting in the Council Chamber.

The group also met with Glen Eira Councillors and Executive in Council's Ogaki Room, a meeting room dedicated to the Friendly Cities relationship containing Japanese prints and memorabilia. The meeting discussed future plans for the Ogaki-Glen Eira Friendly Cities program.

Cr Marwick said Glen Eira and Ogaki had enjoyed a close relationship for many years.

"We are honoured that you (the Mayor of Ogaki) have been able to visit us and your personal involvement makes our relationship even stronger," Cr Marwick said.

"Glen Eira is a multi-cultural community and while we cannot have sister city relationships with all of the many parts of the world that are part of our story, our relationship with Ogaki demonstrates that we recognise we are part of a bigger context."

Chairperson of Council's Glen Eira-Ogaki Friendly Cities Committee Cr Alan Grossbard spoke of a five-



Ogaki Mayor Mr Bin Ogawa and Glen Eira Mayor Cr Dorothy Marwick unveil a marble monument to commemorate the bond of friendship between their two cities.  
Photo: Bernie Bickerton

year plan the committee hoped to develop with the support of the Ogaki Mayor.

"We are very excited about the prospects of the plan," Cr Grossbard said. "It means the Friendly Cities committee and Council can have a vision that we can look forward to with events that can benefit both cities."

Mr Ogawa took the opportunity to suggest future programs and initiatives to further enhance the relationship.

"We have been actively involved in the exchange program between our two cities since its initiation and would like to present further goals and objectives to further develop and strengthen our ties," Mr Ogawa said.

"We have had discussions to promote and further

develop the program and the future looks promising."

The group's Glen Eira visit included tours of Caulfield Racecourse and historic Rippon Lea Estate, as well as lunch at Bentleigh East's renowned Yarra Yarra Golf Club.

The Japanese delegation also visited Shelford Girls' Grammar School in Caulfield where they witnessed a live internet exchange between the school and Nakagawa Primary School in Ogaki, using visual and audio technology.

Caulfield Primary School in Caulfield South also hosted a visit from the delegation, holding a special school assembly in its honour. The assembly included a rendition of the school song in Japanese.

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# Butt out cigarette litter



Council has launched a campaign to raise awareness and reduce the incidence of cigarette butt littering in Glen Eira streets and shopping centres.

Council has visited food businesses in the City's major dining precincts to distribute 200 cigarette butt bins and educate business operators about the Council's *Butt it then bin it* program.

The stainless steel butt bins have been placed at cafés and restaurants throughout the city in an effort to reduce the amount of litter created by diners who drop

their cigarette butts on the footpath when they go outside to smoke.

Council's Manager Public Health Mark Saunders said cigarette butts were one of the most significant contributors to litter in Glen Eira.

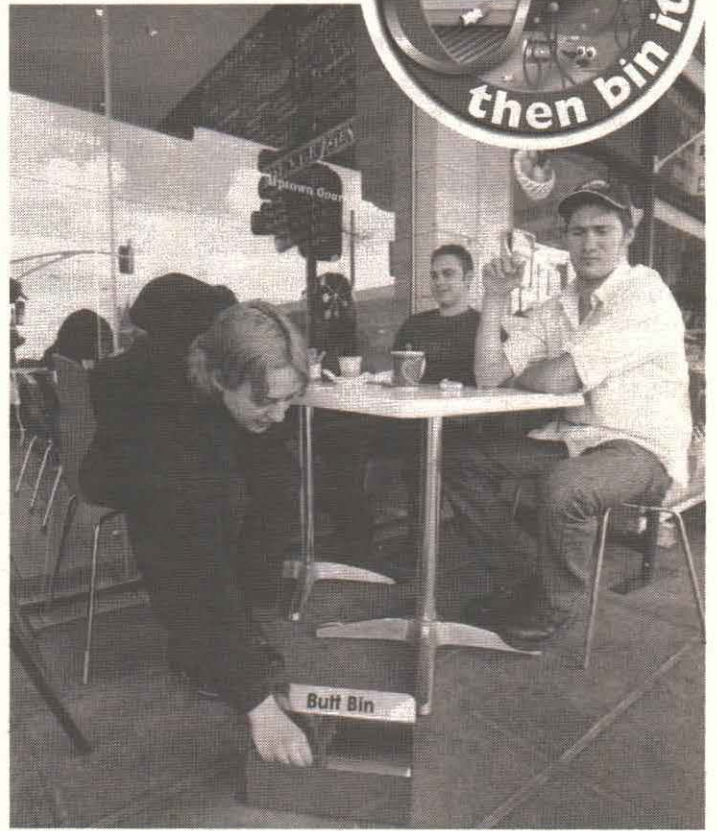
"There has been a significant increase in the number of cigarette butts dropped in Glen Eira streets due to smoking bans in food businesses and shopping centres, and the popularity of on-street dining," Mr Saunders said.

"The cigarette butts are consequently washed through our drainage system into rivers and beaches affecting the environment and wildlife."

Mr Saunders said that it was everyone's responsibility to prevent littering and the detrimental effect it has on waterways and marine life.

"Cigarette butt littering is also an offence under Council's Local Law and on-the-spot fines of up to \$200 can be issued by Council's Local Law and environmental health officers," he said.

As part of Council's education campaign, *Butt it then bin it* posters and pamphlets have been distributed to food and tobacco retailers to increase public knowledge of cigarette butt littering and the responsibility of smokers. Contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 for a copy.



Council has distributed 200 cigarette butt bins to food businesses in Glen Eira. Photos: Bernie Bickerton



Council's Manager Public Health Mark Saunders and Waste Management Officer Ray Christy advise Elsternwick's Uptown Gourmet owner Helen Psilos about Council's *Butt it then bin it* campaign.

## Glen Eira's Olympic excitement reignites

The 2004 Olympic Games torch relay will travel through Glen Eira on Saturday 5 June as part of a global journey to *pass the flame and unite the world*.

Glen Eira is one of only six Melbourne Municipalities chosen to be a part of the torch's route to Athens where the Olympic Games will be staged in August this year. The exact route the relay will take through the City is yet to be finalised.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Dorothy Marwick said it was a great honour for Glen Eira to be chosen as one of the few areas the torch will pass through in Melbourne.

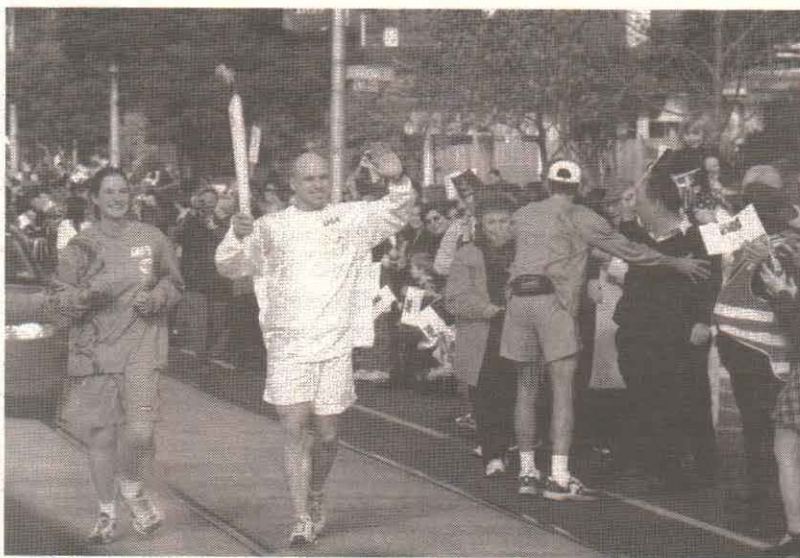
"This is the second time the torch relay will have passed through Glen Eira, the first being for the 2000 Olympics," Cr Marwick said.

"This is an opportunity for residents of Glen Eira to be part of this special international event as either torchbearers or spectators."

There will be 120 torchbearers selected in Melbourne including Olympians, Melbourne identities and members of the general public, nominated by the community. Glen Eira residents can nominate someone in their community to be a torchbearer.

"This is truly a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for Glen Eira residents as this is the first time in Olympic history that the flame will visit all previous host cities of a summer Olympics," Cr Marwick said.

"It is also a special occasion for Glen Eira, given our large Greek population."



Local residents can relive the excitement of the Sydney 2000 Olympics when the Athens Olympic torch relay passes through Glen Eira in June.

Australia is the first international port of call for the torch which will visit Sydney on Friday 4 June before heading to Melbourne the next day.

The torch relay will then visit Tokyo and continue its 34-city global journey back to Athens for the opening ceremony on 13 August.

The Olympic torch is designed to resemble an olive leaf and is made of both metal and olive wood. The design was selected to enhance the flame and to ensure its durability during the six-continent journey.

For further information about the event or to nominate someone as a torchbearer visit the Australian Olympic Committee website on [www.olympics.com.au/torchrelay](http://www.olympics.com.au/torchrelay)

## Child care services get the nod

The services Council provides at its four children's centre have received accreditation from the National Childcare Accreditation Council (NCAC) for the next two and a half years.

The NCAC is an independent body that runs checks on the quality of services provided by child care centres and is funded and supported by the Federal Government.

It examines such areas as relationships with children, respect for children, partnerships with families, staff interactions, planning and evaluation, learning and development, protective care, health, safety and managing to support quality.

Council's Director Community Services Peter Jones said all centres were accredited for their child care services late last year after an extensive process involving self assessment and validation.

He said each of the services received a near perfect accreditation score.

"The children's centres were required to undertake a 10-point service check under the NCAC quality improvement and accreditation system," Mr Jones said.

As part of the accreditation, the centres underwent a self-study of the services provided to children and their families and were required to prepare an action plan for areas of improvement which was shown to parents and the community for feedback.

Parents were also asked to fill out a survey on the services provided in accordance with the 10 principles and comment on the centre's service provision. The NCAC validator then spent two days in each of the centres checking services against the 10 principles.

"This was an interactive self assessment which allowed Council, children's centre staff and parents to be involved with the improvement of the service," Mr Jones said.

"We are delighted with the result as the services at Council's children's centres are now accredited."



# Mayor's column



As my Mayoral term nears the end I have taken some time to reflect on the past 12 months.

As an incoming Mayor, I talked about the Nolan Principles which are used as a guide for public office in the United Kingdom.

These principles demand selflessness, integrity, objectivity, accountability,

openness, honesty and leadership. I believe these days, more than ever, it is essential to publicise the requirements of public office. In recognition of this concept, the State Government has recently updated the *Local Government Act* to include a requirement that each council adopt a code of conduct. The code must include processes for the purpose of resolving internal disputes between councillors and that lay down standards of behaviour for councillors. I would like to see Glen Eira City Council's code include the Nolan Principles, and anticipate community input to the development of this code.

Community input has been an important feature of the past year. Residents' comments and feedback were sought for Council's community plan, changes to the Bentleigh streetscape, Council's annual budget, Ormond Shopping Centre upgrade, park redevelopments and many other projects which will shape our City in the future.

Council has continued to work hard to improve Glen Eira's amenity through an extensive capital works program and the further development of facilities and services. Providing for the community is Council's first priority and we have met the challenge head on — from upgrading ageing facilities to advocating on behalf of the community.

But it hasn't all been hard work. There have been many opportunities to celebrate our rich cultural heritage through community events such as *Party in the park*, *Carols by Candlelight* and street festivals and to recognise the commitment and endeavours of our residents through the Glen Eira Citizen of the Year awards, Volunteer Recognition Scheme and even 100th birthdays. In my role as Mayor I celebrated many of these occasions with you, and presented our wonderful City to visiting dignitaries such as delegations from Ogaki, our sister city in Japan, and the Governor of Victoria John Landy.

In closing, I would like to thank my eight Councillor colleagues for their contributions, my family for their support, and the many Council officers and community members with whom I have worked and come into contact with during my Mayoral year. Being the Mayor of Glen Eira is, and was, an honour and a privilege and I am both proud and grateful to have had this opportunity to serve and work with the community of Glen Eira.

— Cr Dorothy Marwick  
Mayor

# A music box of memories

By Sophie Massis

After 60 years of marriage and visits to 45 countries, Carnegie couple Richard and Hazel Campbell are still as much in love as they day they met.

The couple celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary this month with a special visit from Glen Eira Mayor Cr Dorothy Marwick.

Cr Marwick presented them with a certificate and flowers at the afternoon celebration.

The couple have enjoyed visits to many destinations around the world including India, China, Spain, Mexico, Borneo, Nepal, Vietnam and New Zealand.

"We have been to many weird and wonderful places around the world," Hazel said. "We have been overseas 16 times and been on 161 flights — travelling is what we like to do."

The couple have lived in the same house in Carnegie since they were married. The house was originally bought in 1917 by Hazel's family and she has lived there since she was born.

"Richard and I took over the house when we were married," Hazel said. "It was the natural thing to do as I wanted to look after my father and allow him to stay in his home," she said.

The couple met at a football club social during World War 2 when Hazel was just 17 years old and Richard was 21. Not even Richard's 84-hour working weeks making bullets in an ammunitions factory could stand in the way of this enamoured couple.

They married in 1944 and honeymooned in Sorrento where Richard bought a music box for his new bride.



Richard and Hazel Campbell show Glen Eira Mayor Cr Dorothy Marwick the music box bought on their honeymoon 60 years ago.  
Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

"Hazel still has the music box from Sorrento. It holds so many memories as it was the first trip we took together as husband and wife," Richard said.

"In our travels since then, we have climbed the Himalayas, visited ancient villages in Indonesia and stayed with former cannibals in Borneo," he said. "We have done all this together."

The two now spend their time closer to home and their only daughter Margaret.

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## Φεστιβάλ Ηλικιωμένων Glen Eira

Οι ηλικιωμένοι δημότες του Glen Eira θα έχουν την ευκαιρία να χαρούν δύο εβδομάδες με εκδηλώσεις και δραστηριότητες που αποτελούν μέρος του Φεστιβάλ Ηλικιωμένων Βικτώριας 2004 στην Glen Eira που διοργανώνει η Δημαρχία και θα γίνουν από την Παρασκευή 12 Μαρτίου μέχρι την Κυριακή 28 Μαρτίου.

Το κεντρικό θέμα του φετινού φεστιβάλ είναι: η χρυσή ηλικία - ελάτε και χαρείτε μαζί μας, με πολλές προγραμματισμένες εκδηλώσεις μουσικής, περιπάτους, γεύματα, συναυλίες, σεμινάρια υγείας, ομιλίες και αθλητικές δραστηριότητες.

Το φεστιβάλ θα ξεκινήσει με μια δωρεάν συναυλία την Παρασκευή 12 Μαρτίου στην Αίθουσα Μουσικής του Δημαρχείου Glen Eira, στο Caulfield, όπου θα παιχτεί μουσική από την εποχή των μεγάλων συγκροτημάτων και θα σερβιριστεί απογευματινό τσάι.

Η Δημαρχία θα φιλοξενήσει επίσης ένα σεμινάριο υγιεινής διαβίωσης μαζί με το Ίδρυμα Αλζάιμερ Αυστραλίας, την Πέμπτη 18 Μαρτίου στη θεατρική αίθουσα του Δημαρχείου Glen Eira. Πού στο καλό έβαλα τα γυαλιά μου; στο σεμινάριο αυτό οι δημότες θα έχουν την ευκαιρία να λύσουν τις απορίες τους για την απώλεια του μνημονικού και να πάρουν πληροφορίες για τις διαθέσιμες υπηρεσίες.

Μεταξύ των άλλων εκδηλώσεων της Δημαρχίας, περιλαμβάνονται πρωινό περίπατο, ιστιοπλοία στη λίμνη Albert Park Lake, εκδηλώσεις στη βιβλιοθήκη. Μπορείτε επίσης να πάτε και να δοκιμάσετε το πρόγραμμα γυμναστικής και παιχνίδια πινγκ - πονγκ.

Η Δημαρχία υποστηρίζει επίσης εκδηλώσεις των τοπικών συλλόγων ηλικιωμένων όπως μπάρμπεκιου, συναυλίες, ημέρες για το κοινό, ημερήσιες εκδρομές, εισαγωγικά μαθήματα κροκέ και χορού.

Ο Διευθυντής Κοινοτικών Υπηρεσιών της Δημαρχίας Peter Jones είπε ότι οι εκδηλώσεις είναι μια μεγάλη ευκαιρία για τους κατοίκους να μάθουν για τους διάφορους συλλόγους στην Glen Eira και για τις δραστηριότητές τους.

"Στόχος της Δημαρχίας είναι να προσελκύσει ηλικιωμένα άτομα να βγαίνουν έξω και ελπίζουμε ότι το φεστιβάλ να γίνει η αφορμή για τους δημότες να συμμετέχουν σε δραστηριότητες και εκδηλώσεις ολόκληρο το χρόνο," ανέφερε ο κ. Jones.

**Λεπτομέρειες όλων των εκδηλώσεων περιλαμβάνονται στο φυλλάδιο 2004 Victorian Seniors Festival in Glen Eira που διατίθεται τηλεφωνώντας στο Δημοτικό Κέντρο Εξυπηρέτησης στον αριθμό 9524 3333.**

## Take home a memory

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## Фестиваль жителей старшего возраста муниципалитета Glen Eira

В течение двух недель, с 12 по 28 марта, в муниципалитете Glen Eira будут проходить различные мероприятия в рамках фестиваля для жителей старшего возраста штата Виктория 2004г.

Тема фестиваля в этом году - Самый лучший возраст - присоединяйтесь! Запланированы различные музыкальные и спортивные мероприятия, прогулки, концерты, лекции и семинары на темы здоровья.

Фестиваль открывается в пятницу, 12 марта, бесплатным концертом в помещении Auditorium, Glen Eira Town Hall, в районе Caulfield, где будет исполняться музыка в стиле big band, а также будут предложены чай, кофе, закуски.

В четверг, 18 марта, совместно с организацией Alzheimer's Australia, муниципалитет проводит семинар на темы здоровья в помещении Theatre, Glen Eira Town Hall. Семинар носит название Куда подевались эти очки? и предлагает участникам возможность задать вопросы по проблемам потери памяти и получить информацию о существующих в этой области службах помощи.

## Festival degli anziani nel Comune di Glen Eira

Per gli anziani residenti nel Comune di Glen Eira si sono organizzate due settimane di manifestazioni e attività come parte del 2004 Victorian Seniors Festival del Comune di Glen Eira. Il festival si terrà da venerdì 12 a domenica 28 marzo.

Il filo conduttore della festa questa volta è the age to be — join in the action, (cioè, la ricchezza della vita sta nella partecipazione a qualsiasi età). Si terranno moltissime manifestazioni quali spettacoli musicali, passeggiate, pranzi, seminari sulla salute, conferenze e attività sportive.

Il festival avrà inizio con un concerto, dall'entrata gratuita, che si terrà venerdì 12 marzo nell'Auditorium del Glen Eira Town Hall, a Caulfield, con la musica dell'era delle grandi orchestre "big band". Verrà servito un rinfresco.

Giovedì 18 marzo nella Theatre nel Glen Eira Town Hall, il Comune terrà un seminario sulla salute, con la partecipazione della Alzheimer's Australia. Sul tema Where on earth are those glasses? (Dove sono spariti quegli occhiali?) l'incontro offre al pubblico la possibilità di sentire delle risposte alle domande sulla perdita della memoria e ricevere informazioni sugli eventuali interventi assistenziali.

Tra le altre attività predisposte dal comune vi sono una serie di passeggiate mattutine, sport della vela su Albert Park Lake, attività presso le biblioteche nonché lezioni di ginnastica e di tennis da tavolo.

Il comune offre il suo supporto anche alle manifestazioni organizzate dai gruppi per anziani, tra cui pranzi al barbecue, concerti, balli, giornate aperte, gite, e introduzione allo sport del croquet.

Il Direttore dei Servizi comunitari, Peter Jones, ha detto che con queste manifestazioni i cittadini possono imparare a conoscere meglio i diversi gruppi presenti nel territorio comunale e le loro attività.

"Il comune vuole che gli anziani partecipino in pieno alla vita della collettività e ci auguriamo che questo non sia che il primo passo che porterà i cittadini a partecipare alle manifestazioni e le attività per tutto l'anno," ha detto il Direttore.

**Informazioni dettagliate su tutti le manifestazioni sono comprese nell'opuscolo 2004 Victorian Seniors Festival in Glen Eira ottenibile chiamando il Service Centre comunale al 9524 3333.**

Муниципалитет также организует утренние прогулки, катание по озеру Albert Park, различные мероприятия в библиотеках, и занятия физкультурой и настольным теннисом для всех желающих.

Кроме того, муниципалитет помогает местным группам, объединяющим людей старшего возраста, проводить их собственные мероприятия, такие как барбекю, концерты, дни открытых дверей, экскурсии, танцы и обучение желающих игре в крокет.

Начальник муниципального отдела услуг населению г-н Peter Jones отметил, что фестиваль предоставит всем жителям муниципалитета Glen Eira возможность лучше узнать о существующих у нас группах по интересам и их мероприятиях.

"Муниципалитет надеется, что фестиваль будет способствовать более активному образу жизни для жителей старшего возраста не только на это время, но и в течение всего года" сказал г-н Jones.

**Программа фестиваля напечатана в буклете 2004 Victorian Seniors Festival in Glen Eira, который можно заказать в муниципалитете по тел. 9524 3333.**

## Glen Eira 高齡公民節

Glen Eira 市政府將於 3 月 12 日星期五至 3 月 28 日星期日舉辦 2004 年 Glen Eira 維州高齡公民節，Glen Eira 的高齡公民將可在這兩個星期中參加各種慶祝活動。

今年高齡公民節的主題是《美好的年齡 - 參與行動》，慶祝活動多種多樣，其中包括音樂、漫步、午餐會、音樂會、保健講座、演講及體育活動。

3 月 12 日星期五在 Caulfield 市政廳舉辦的免費音樂會將拉開高齡公民節的序幕，音樂會上將由大型樂隊演奏音樂並供應下午茶。

市政府還將於 3 月 18 日星期四在 Glen Eira 市政廳小劇場與澳洲早老性癡呆病協會聯合舉辦題為《我的眼鏡究竟在哪裡？》的健康生活講座。講座將解答居民們有關失去記憶方面的問題，並提供怎樣獲得有關服務的資訊。

市政府舉辦的其他活動包括早晨漫步系列、Albert 公園湖帆船、圖書館活動、健身嘗試課程和乒乓球。

市政府還支持當地高齡公民的團體活動，可包括燒烤午餐會、音樂會、開放日、一日遊、槌球入門和跳舞。

市政府社區服務主任 Peter Jones 先生說，這些活動為居民們提供了一個了解 Glen Eira 市政區中各團體及其活動的好機會。

Jones 先生說："市政府的目的是讓高齡公民走出家門參與社區活動。我們希望這是居民們參加全年各種各樣活動和大事項的跳板。"

**小冊子《2004 年 Glen Eira 維州高齡公民節》刊載了所有活動的詳情。小冊子可向市政府服務中心索取，電話 9524 3333。**

## Anzac Day service

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Glen Eira City Council invites residents to attend an Anzac Day Service at the Cenotaph (north-west side) in Caulfield Park, near the corner of Hawthorn and Balaclava Roads, Caulfield on Sunday 18 April at 2.30pm.

Light refreshments will be served after the service in the marquee located in Caulfield Park.

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



# School gets wise on waste



Bentleigh West Primary School students Jordan Davies, Douglas McDowell and Nina Salvatore feed the chickens and geese kept at the school  
Photos: Bernie Bickerton.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Dorothy Marwick has presented Bentleigh West Primary School with a sign acknowledging its commitment to become an accredited *Waste Wise* school.

In a school assembly last month Cr Marwick congratulated students and staff on their efforts to reduce waste and litter at the school and their commitment to meet the statewide criteria for excellence.

"I know the school has already taken steps to recycle and reduce waste and litter and teachers at the school

have attended a *Waste Wise* workshop session," Cr Marwick said.

"This sign shows the community that the school is educating for waste and litter reduction and of course, the school is saving money and conserving resources in the process."

The students currently recycle paper and cardboard, cans, cartridges, corks and plastic. Each classroom has a bin for food waste, which is either placed into compost bins in the gardens or given to chickens and geese kept in an enclosure at the school. The school has also installed rainwater tanks to help conserve water.

The school has a deciduous garden, cottage garden, an indigenous garden as well as a vegetable garden where students grow their own tomatoes, pumpkins and other produce.

Cr Marwick said the school now had about a year to achieve the statewide standards, under the *Waste Wise* program.

"We look forward to perhaps later this year presenting the school with a sign stating Bentleigh West Primary School is a fully accredited *Waste Wise* school," she said.

The *Waste Wise* program will enable the school to continue to achieve a whole-school approach to its waste and litter education and make a commitment to become waste conscious and conserve resources, reducing environmental impact and cost savings to the school.

The *Waste Wise* program was developed by EcoRecycle Victoria and is supported by Glen Eira City Council through its *Waste Wise* Education Strategy, as well as the Gould League and the South Eastern Region Waste Management Group.

## Read the signs for safety's sake

Council is urging Glen Eira motorists to obey road rules and parking restriction signs when driving on roads.

Glen Eira motorists are reminded to take note of parking restriction signs, in particular red signs, which restrict parking for safety reasons.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Dorothy Marwick said parking restriction signs were located around the municipality to ensure safe traffic flow.

"The red *no stopping* signs have been placed at locations such as intersections and near pedestrian lights," Cr Marwick said.

"These locations are particularly dangerous because the view of drivers can be obstructed by parked cars."

Cr Marwick said it is the responsibility of all motorists to ensure that their vehicle is legally parked at all times.

"Failure to do so can result in an infringement notice being issued," she said. "It is not acceptable for motorists to claim they simply didn't see the sign."

The fine for parking in a *no stopping* zone is \$100, an amount that is set by the State Government under the provisions of the *Road Safety Act 1986*.

Cr Marwick said that Council treats road safety issues very seriously and as a result parking signs are constantly being changed to improve traffic flow and safety in Glen Eira.

## Learning about the seasons

About 40 children from Council's Murrumbeena Children's Centre learnt all about the seasons during an interactive puppet show last month.

Children aged from six months to five years old enjoyed *Let's go 'round the seasons*, an hour-long show of singing, dancing and puppetry performed by Jack and Molly.

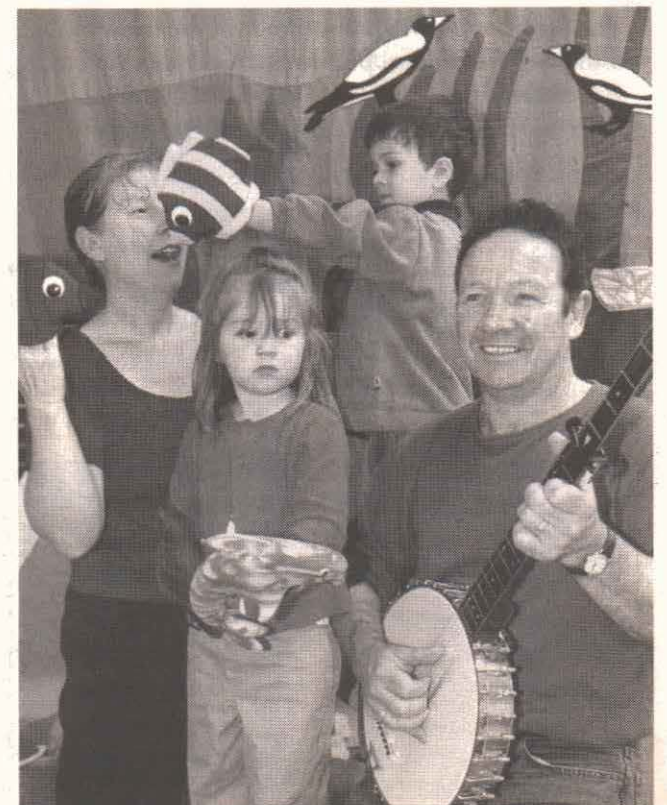
The show taught the children about the weather and what happens to plants and animals during the seasons.

The children learnt about fruit such as apples and oranges and where they come from. They also had a chance to crack open a pretend egg, see what was inside and learn which animals come from eggs.

Jack and Molly then taught the children sign language actions to use during a sing-along to the *Mother Duck* song.

To finish off the show, the children were taught about sea life. Each child was given a fish, turtle, dolphin or jellyfish puppet to wear and performed the samba to a song about living under the sea.

The show was the first in a series of educational events that Council will hold at the centre throughout the year.



Jack and Molly teach Annabella Codd and Terry Kasimis about the creatures which live under the sea. Photo: Bernie Bickerton



# Time to register pets

Council is calling on local pet owners to remember to renew their animal registration when renewal notices are sent out this month.

Under the *Domestic (Feral and Nuisance) Animals Act 1996*, all dogs and cats over six months of age are required to be registered with Council. Last year more than 17,700 dogs and cats were registered in Glen Eira, a figure which is expected to increase this year.

Council's Manager Civic Amenity Carl Russo said not only was registering dogs and cats a legal requirement, it was also a safeguard for pet owners if they lose their animal.

"Ensuring pets are registered and that they always wear their registration tags makes identification much easier

if Council's animal management officers find the animal wandering," Mr Russo said.

"Last year Council was able to reunite more than 150 wandering dogs and cats with their owners simply because they were registered with Council and wearing their tags.

"Registration is such a simple act which can save pet owners a lot of heartache. It is also one of the most important things a responsible pet owner can do for their pet."

Glen Eira pet owners should expect to receive Council's 2004-05 dog and cat registration renewal notices within the next two weeks. The notices must be paid before Saturday 10 April.

Once registered, owners will receive a new registration tag which their pet must wear whenever it is outside the owner's property.

Mr Russo said new pet owners or owners who have yet to register their pets should contact Council's Service Centre for a new pet registration application form so they can register their pets.



Council's animal management officer Kate Bell returns Lily to her grateful owner Susan Bouchier of Caulfield North, thanks to Lily's registration tag. Photo: Maureen Bathgate.

Reduced fees apply for pets who fall into a range of categories including those which are desexed, microchipped or more than 10 years old.

"Failure to register dogs or cats can result in a \$200 fine per animal," Mr Russo said.

"Registration fees help Council to provide important pet-related services in Glen Eira such as animal control, pet identification and community education about responsible pet ownership."

Owners who have lost a pet can check the new lost dogs and cats register on Council's website at [www.gleneira.vic.gov.au](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au) to see if it has been picked up by Council's animal management officers.

## Two problems, one solution

Innovative thinking on the part of Council's parks services staff recently saw two water-related problems resolve each other.

The main oval at Caulfield Park suffered extensive flooding during heavy rainstorms in late January, while nearby Caulfield Park Lake was in danger of drying out due to extended drought conditions and current water restrictions.

Council staff made good use of the two situations by pumping the excess water off the oval and into the lake, thereby solving both problems at once.

Council's Director Infrastructure Kerry Martin said that a drain running through the park had caused water to overflow onto a gravel path in the park next to the main oval.

"This gravel section is adjacent to the main oval and extensive flooding occurred to the oval because of a low spot in one section," Mr Martin said.

"Because the oval is used by many local residents and sporting clubs, Council needed to take quick and immediate action to fix the situation."

Mr Martin said Council staff had come up with the idea to pump the water off the oval and into nearby Caulfield Park Lake to replenish its low water levels.

The excess water was pumped out of the main oval using two mechanical pumps that were attached to 200 metre hoses.

"If the lake had dried out it would have caused serious damage to the clay liner at the bottom of the lake," Mr Martin said.

"Council found itself in a situation where it was faced with two urgent problems and one solution that could solve both problems with one action.

"This solution was the most beneficial and the most efficient way to restore the park's facilities to their full potential."



Extensive flooding at Caulfield Park main oval helped solve the problem of low water levels at Caulfield Park Lake.

## Discounted microchipping available

Glen Eira pet owners will have an opportunity to get their pets microchipped at a reduced fee at Council's upcoming *Party in the Park* celebrations.

Council is offering microchipping for cats and dogs at a reduced rate of \$20 each, offering a substantial savings to pet owners.

Council's Manager Civic Amenity Carl Russo said that both Local Law officers and animal management officers would be available at the parties to answer residents' queries about general amenity and pet ownership issues.

"The officers will be accepting payments for pet registration at each of the parties so pet owners can have their pets microchipped and registered at the same time," Mr Russo said.

"Council will also be giving away spot prizes to responsible pet owners which include pooch

pouches, kitten show bags, cat litter and discount pet food vouchers."

Mr Russo said microchipping permanently identified pets which enabled them to be quickly returned to the owners should pets stray.

"However, owners must be reminded that microchipping is not an alternative to registration — microchipped pets must also be registered with Council," he said.

"One bonus is that pet owners are entitled to discounted registration if their pet has been microchipped."

The *Party in the Park* celebrations will be at Packer Park, Carnegie on Sunday 14 March and Allnutt Park, Bentleigh on Sunday 28 March. Each event runs from 12pm to 4pm. For more information on *Party in the Park* turn to page 16.

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# Seniors celebrate the *age to be active*

Senior residents in Glen Eira will be treated to two weeks of events and activities as part of Council's 2004 Victorian Seniors Festival in Glen Eira to run between Friday 12 March and Sunday 28 March.

The theme of this year's festival is *the age to be — join in the action*, with plenty of Council and community events scheduled including music, walks, luncheons, concerts, health seminars, talks and sporting activities.

The festival will kick off with a free concert *In the mood for swing* on Friday 12 March in the Auditorium at the Glen Eira Town Hall, Caulfield, featuring the music of the big band era and afternoon tea.



Council will also host a healthy living seminar, in conjunction with Alzheimer's Australia, on Thursday 18 March in the Theatre, Glen Eira Town Hall. *Where on earth are those glasses?* offers residents the opportunity to have questions answered about memory loss and provide information on accessing available services.

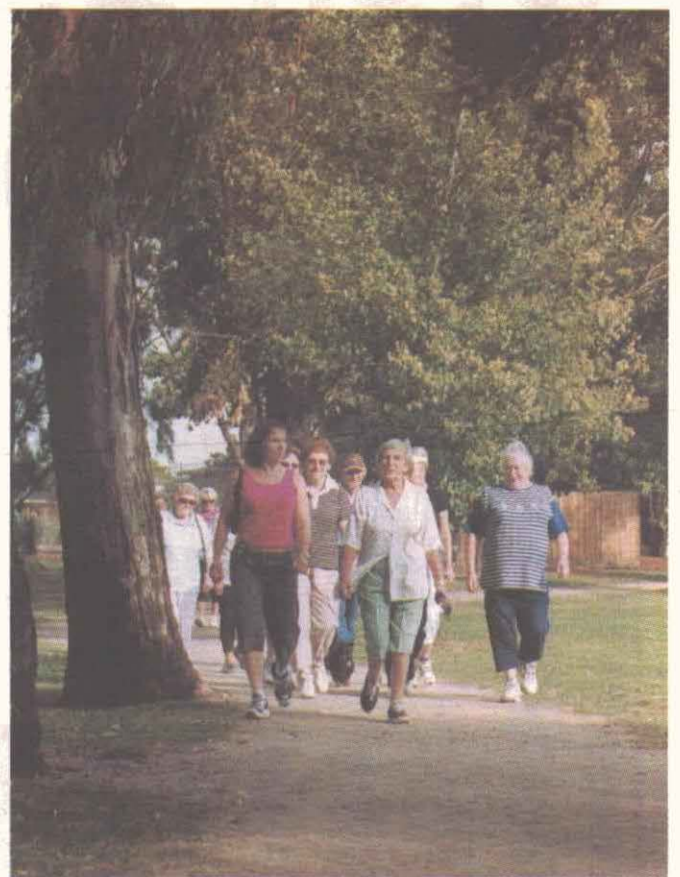
Council's Director Community Services Peter Jones said Council hoped the seminar

would educate senior residents on the causes of changes in memory.

"These changes can be a result of many things including stress, depression, pain, medication and sometimes early dementia," Mr Jones said.

"We hope that the seminar will assist residents in adopting strategies, seeking help and accessing support and information about memory changes."

Other Council events include a morning walk series, sailing at Albert Park Lake, library activities and come and try fitness classes and table tennis sessions. As an added bonus Council's libraries are offering free reservations of library materials to all Seniors' Card holders during the festival.



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

For more information or a copy of the festival program contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.



## In the mood

Cabaret style entertainment featuring music from the big band era of Glen Miller, Tommy Dorsey and Nat King Cole through to the 1950s and 1960s music of Elvis and Connie Francis. Afternoon tea is included.

Friday 12 March 1.30pm–3.45pm (doors open 12.45pm)  
Auditorium, Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield  
Cost: free

Phone: 9524 3228 (bookings essential)

## Where on earth are those glasses?

Council in association with Alzheimer's Australia, presents a healthy living seminar for senior residents who are concerned about changes to their memory or the memory of someone close to them. This seminar offers an opportunity to have questions answered and provides information on how to access the services available to the community. Light refreshments will be served at the end of the seminar.

Thursday 18 March 2pm–3.30pm  
Theatre, Glen Eira Town Hall  
Cost: free

Phone: 9524 3228 (bookings essential)

## Walk and sail at Albert Park Lake



Starting with a walk around Albert Park Lake this event includes sailing around the lake with the team from *Jolly Roger School of Sailing*.

Refreshments and a barbecue lunch will be served after the activities. Bus pick-up points along the route will be provided for those not wishing to do the entire walk.

Reasonable walking ability is recommended for this activity.

Friday 26 March  
Bus departs 9am from Hodgsons Reserve, Higgins Road, Bentleigh (meet at the Bentleigh–McKinnon Youth Centre) and 9.30am from Caulfield Park, Balaclava Road, Caulfield (meet at the car park adjacent to bowls club).  
Cost: free

Phone: 9524 3228 (bookings essential).

## Tunes and Tea

Enjoy an hour of musical melodies followed by a delicious morning tea.

Tuesday 16 March 11am  
Bentleigh Library, 161 Jasper Road, Bentleigh  
Cost: free

Phone: Bentleigh Library on 9557 8278 (bookings essential)

## Morning walk series

Caulfield Park with the Caulfield Walkers

Monday 22 March 9.30am  
Caulfield Park, Balaclava Road, Caulfield (meet at car park adjacent to bowls club)  
Cost: free

Bookings not required.

Centenary Park with the East Bentleigh Walkers

Tuesday 23 March 9am  
Centenary Park, Bentleigh East (Brady Road entrance)  
Cost: free

Bookings not required

Hodgsons Reserve with the Bentleigh Walkers

Wednesday 24 March 9am  
Hodgsons Reserve, Higgins Road, Bentleigh (meet at youth centre)  
Cost: free

Bookings not required

## Wands and Wishes

A show for the whole family featuring songs, stories and magic. The perfect event for grandparents, parents and young children to enjoy together.

Wednesday 17 March 11am  
Elsternwick Library, 4 Staniland Grove Elsternwick  
Cost: free

Phone: Elsternwick Library on 9532 9321 (bookings not required).

## Discover the Internet

Learn how to use the Internet during the Festival. Council's libraries offer all seniors the opportunity to book one-on-



one Internet training for \$22, half the normal price. No computer experience is needed, participants can learn with an instructor at their own pace.

Bookings need to be made at any branch during the seniors festival Sunday 13 March to Sunday 28 March and classes can be taken at a later time.  
Cost: \$22

Bookings essential



# Glen Eira—Ogaki — forging the bonds of friendship

## Cities enhance relationship

Last month's visit to Glen Eira by the Mayor of Ogaki Mr Bin Ogawa provided an opportunity for representatives from the two cities to further strengthen their already close ties.

Following an official welcome by Glen Eira Mayor Cr Dorothy Marwick, Mr Ogawa and his three colleagues met with Council and Council Executives to discuss the future of the Friendly Cities relationship and ways to further enhance it, including ongoing exchange

visits and trading of information and ideas.

Mr Ogaki unveiled a marble monument in Council's Japanese Garden commemorating the cities' friendship. The Japanese visitors were also treated to a tour of the City and later were given the opportunity to participate in a public Council meeting in the Council Chamber.

Mr Ogawa addressed the meeting and presented a certificate to former Friendly Cities Advisory Committee Chairperson Cr Veronika Martens for her efforts in developing and promoting the program.

The visit concluded with a dinner hosted by Cr Marwick and attended by Councillors and Friendly Cities Advisory Committee members.

Cr Marwick thanked the Ogaki Mayor for his commitment to the Friendly Cities relationship.



Glen Eira Mayor Cr Dorothy Marwick welcomes Ogaki Mayor Mr Bin Ogawa to Glen Eira.

"We hope that you will take back to Ogaki City a vivid picture of Glen Eira as your friendly city," Cr Marwick said.

"We look forward to a long and healthy partnership between Ogaki and Glen Eira."

Mr Ogawa thanked Council for its ongoing dedication and understanding in the pursuit of the cities' mutual goal of friendship.

"It is my earnest hope that we continue to treasure our strong ties of friendship underpinned by mutual understanding," he said.



Cr Marwick shows Mr Ogawa a painting by Australian artist Charles Blackman which is part of Council's art collection.

## Friendship set in stone

Ogaki Mayor Mr Bin Ogawa presented Council with a marble monument to commemorate the Glen Eira-Ogaki friendship.

Mayor Ogawa unveiled the monument at an evening ceremony held in the Japanese Garden at the Glen Eira Town Hall.

The monument, a symbol of the Friendly Cities relationship, is engraved with the words "the bond of friendship" in both English and Japanese.

Mr Ogawa said the Japanese garden was a symbol of the relationship between Glen Eira and Ogaki and he was deeply moved to see the stone lantern, a gift of the former Mayor of Ogaki, Mr Mitsuru Ogura in the garden.

"I now present you with a stone monument to commemorate our ongoing friendship," Mr Ogawa said.

"I trust that our relationship will grow closer, as this marble engraving symbolises."

Ogaki is traditionally known for the mining and processing of its marble and the monument was produced by a company in Ogaki.

Cr Marwick and Mr Ogawa unveil the stone monument, a gift to Glen Eira from Ogaki to commemorate the Friendly Cities relationship.



## Shelford Girls' Grammar School

The delegation was left in awe of the high tech experience they witnessed at the opening of the internet interschool exchange program at Shelford Girls' Grammar School in Caulfield.

The delegation had the opportunity to see and listen to a simultaneous classroom exchange between Shelford Girls' Grammar School and Nakagawa Primary School in Ogaki.

The exchange was done via a camera and speakers linked to the Internet and the visuals were projected onto a screen so that the Shelford students could see and hear the Nakagawa students and vice-versa.

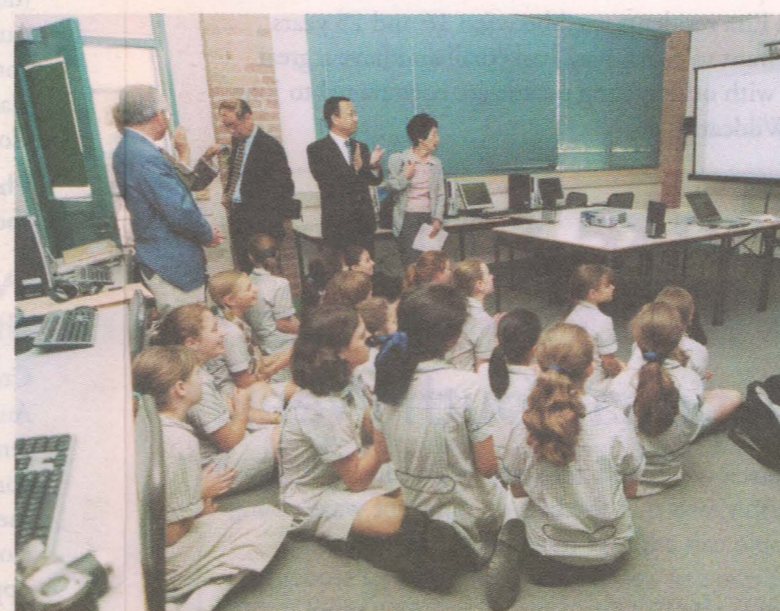
The Shelford students treated the Nakagawa students to greetings and songs in Japanese as did the Nakagawa students in English.

Mr Ogawa said he was impressed with and pleased to have witnessed the simultaneous classroom exchange.

"It is very exciting to be a part of this new era of teaching and I look forward to being a part of the development of this program."

The delegation was taken on a tour of the school and sat in on Japanese, science and religious study classes.

The Ogaki Mayor said that he was amazed to see such



Mr Ogawa applauds the amazing technology which allows Shelford Girls' Grammar School students to communicate via the Internet with students from Nakagawa Primary School in Ogaki, Japan.

small class sizes. "In Japan we have classes with as many as 40 students as it is not financially viable to have smaller classes," Mr Ogawa said.

Stories: Sophie Massis.  
Photos: Bernie Bickerton.

## Tale of two cities

Glen Eira's Friendly Cities relationship with the City of Ogaki began in 1990 with the former City of Caulfield. This relationship was reaffirmed with the City of Glen Eira in January 1998. It has been fostered with the mutual goals of strengthening international friendship, peace and understanding.

Ogaki is known as the City of Water. It is situated in the central part of Honshu, the largest of the four main islands of Japan, and is about 230 kilometres south-west of Tokyo. It is the second largest city in the Gifu Prefecture, with a population of about 153,965 residents.

## Caulfield Racecourse

The Caulfield Racecourse and its historic grandstands, gardens and grounds played host to a visit by the Ogaki delegation.

Melbourne Racing Club Deputy Chief Executive John Noy led the delegation on a tour of the racecourse, providing them with a detailed explanation of the course, track, stables and trainers' towers.

Having viewed the traditional grandstand built in the 1920s, the delegation was amazed at the new grandstand and weighing room beside the track.

Mr Ogawa had an opportunity to hold the prestigious Caulfield Cup, learn about the legendary race and follow in the footsteps of previous winners by walking along the track to the finishing post.

The Ogaki Mayor was intrigued to hear about the prominence of horse racing in Melbourne and especially Glen Eira.

"I have found the racecourse to be very clean and lovely. I was particularly impressed with the members' area as it is green and the flowers are so well maintained," Mr Ogawa said.

"Horse racing is an activity that can be enjoyed by many and it was good to see that the Caulfield Racecourse had such a tidy and happy atmosphere for people to enjoy."



Mr Ogawa and Melbourne Racing Club Deputy Chief Executive John Noy take a closer look at the Caulfield Racecourse finish line.

## Rippon Lea Estate



The Ogaki delegation, Cr Marwick and Cr Grossbard admire the gardens in the Rippon Lea Estate.

The Ogaki delegation took a nostalgic trip back in time to Victorian era Glen Eira with a visit to historic Rippon Lea Estate in Elsternwick.

After strolling through the estate's picturesque gardens, lake, waterfall, fernery and orchard, the group was taken on guided tour of the historic mansion.

Ogaki Mayor Mr Bin Ogawa said that it was wonderful to see such a large scale garden that was so green and lush.

"So much effort has been placed in the maintenance of this garden and the restoration of this mansion," he said.

"This says a lot about the commitment and dedication of the people of Glen Eira."

## Caulfield Primary School

A visit to Caulfield Primary School — a school older than Council itself — was an eye-opening experience for the Ogaki delegation.

Students from Prep to Grade Six are taught Japanese language at the school and are also involved in the Steiner program which teaches students about the environment and how their actions affect the environment.

Mr Ogawa said he was impressed that such a traditional-looking school had such innovative ideas and practices taught to its students.

"It is also apparent to me that this school puts a lot of effort into the Japanese language that is taught to its students," Mr Ogawa said. "They are well trained."

At a school assembly held for the delegation, the students sang their school song in Japanese and performed a number of presentations in Japanese including the Bye-bye song.

The delegation was then led through the school and had an opportunity to visit each classroom in action.

Mr Ogawa helps Caulfield Primary School students with their Japanese lessons.





# Youth

## Surf's up at Glen Eira

Think of Glen Eira and people might not automatically think of sailing, surfing and fishing, but that's just what local young people will have the opportunity to do in Council's new youth recreation programs.

During March and April, young people aged between 15 and 19 years who live, work or study in Glen Eira can learn how to surf, sail and fish.

The activities have been organised by Council's Why? Stop Youth Information Centre as a means of teach young people new skills and providing them with alternative recreation options.

The surfing program will take place at Phillip Island and the yachting at Sandringham beach. The activities will include initiative games such as teamwork skills and beach activities.

Council's Manager Recreation and Youth Services Linda Smith said the program aimed to promote a sense of teamwork, friendship and belonging among the young participants.

The programs are free and no previous skills or experience are necessary. All equipment, lunch and transport is provided.

Council will also hold a *Lets go fishing* trip where young people aged between 9 and 13 years can visit the Melbourne Aquarium and fish on the banks of the Yarra River.

For further details contact the Why? Stop Youth Information Centre.



Youth workers Katarina Filipi and Simon Kuut show Chris Brown and Matt Brown the finer points of surfing.  
Photo: Bernie Bickert

## Youth leadership and planning

Seven members of Council's *Just Youth* leadership and project group learnt about team-building, negotiation and leadership at a two-day planning and evaluation camp Council held at the Urban Camp in Royal Park recently.

The participants gained an insight into the qualities of a young leader through delivering and co-ordinating sessions, participating in team building activities and listening to speakers on job hunting and empowerment.

During the camp, participants went on a zoo scavenger hunt where they separated into groups and had various tasks to undertake. The tasks utilised team building, reasoning and negotiating skills, as in the end the participants had to discover a diplomatic way of finding a winning team among themselves.

The participants also focused on planning for the upcoming National Youth Week, which will be held at the end of March and early April. The participants evaluated the programs and events that they held as part of National Youth Week 2003 and discussed future events to be held as part of this year's week.

The *Just Youth* program aims to teach leadership and self-esteem skills to participants. Young people learn the practical skills of event management and what it means to take ownership of and responsibility for an event or program.

Youths aged between 14 to 16 years who study, live or work within Glen Eira are eligible to join the program.



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)

## Wildcats prepare for winter

Council's Wildcats basketball team is about to begin its winter season and is on the lookout for new players.

The Wildcats, who are coached by Council's youth workers, play in the D Grade competition on Monday evenings at the Oakleigh Recreation Centre.

The team has just finished playing the summer basketball season and enjoyed a 31-point victory in one of its recent games.

There are two basketball seasons played each year — a summer and winter season and each season consists of approximately 20 games and finals.



Council's Wildcats basketball team is about to start its winter competition.  
Photo: Jim Hooper.

Council's Manager Recreation and Youth Services Linda Smith said Council's youth workers have coached the Wildcats team for the past 18 months.

"The aim of the program is to engage young people and keep them involved in sports and recreation on a long-term basis," Ms Smith said.

"This is a great way for the young people of Glen Eira to participate in sport and learn skills such as teamwork and coaching while enjoying sport."

This year's winter basketball season starts on Monday 29 March and new members are welcome. No basketball skills are required as training is provided.

Glen Eira residents aged between 16 and 25 years who want to meet, play basketball and have a great time with other young people are encouraged to join the Wildcats.

## Make some waves — National Youth Week

Council will hold a two-day forum during National Youth Week that focuses on different ways young people can express themselves, be it through music, art or recreation. Year 9 and 10 students from local Glen Eira schools will be invited to attend.

The forum named *Make some waves* will be held on Wednesday 31 March and Thursday 1 April for students who want to learn new and exciting ways to express themselves, gain important leadership skills and participate in creative programs such as music, drama, sport and communication.

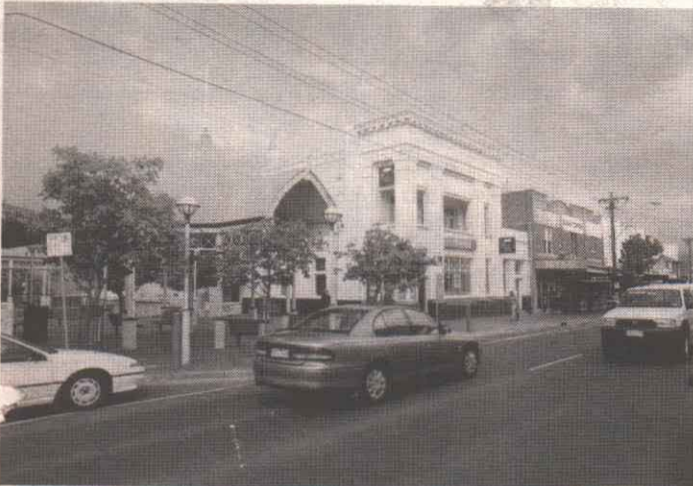


# Council plans for centres' future

Council has begun work on a major project to develop urban village design frameworks for Bentleigh, Carnegie and Elsternwick.

The project, based on Council's Urban Villages Policy, will look at issues relating to building design, traffic, car parking, public transport, the economic role of each village and cultural values.

Council has engaged consultants Planisphere and Associates to prepare urban design framework plans for the three activity centres. The project is due to be completed in June this year.



Bentleigh urban village

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

The purpose of the urban design framework project is to articulate an overall design vision for the villages and their relationship with surrounding neighbourhoods based on Council's Urban Villages Policy.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Dorothy Marwick said the design visions for the three urban villages are the final planning stage in what has been a major focus for Council over the last five years.

"The urban design frameworks strive to bring together the activities of living, working, entertaining and recreating all within an area well served by public transport and have this recognised in a set of urban design guidelines and action plans for each centre," Cr Marwick said.

"This is a very exciting opportunity to enhance the vitality and vibrancy of these three key activity centres."

Cr Marwick said the framework would produce tangible benefits for the three communities.

"It will identify themes to enhance the distinctiveness of each urban village and, where possible, to increase the viability of business and trading centres," she said.

"It can be used to identify how a business mix in a shopping centre can be improved, based on the needs of the community and supporting local business growth."

A public transport plan will be developed to identify improved use of public transport facilities and land and access connectivity. This will include a pedestrian, cycle, traffic and parking study and a strategic action plan.

The project will examine and document the cultural, social and material history of each urban village, and identify places that are special to the community.

"These urban design principles, objectives and guidelines will help enhance and develop Glen Eira land in a manner that contributes positively to the community," Cr Marwick said.

The project is jointly funded by Council and the Department of Sustainability and Environment under the *Pride of Place* program.

The project will involve extensive community consultation through a project reference group which includes community representatives from each urban village. A stakeholder workshop will be held in April to discuss issues, opportunities and design options and another in July to discuss the draft frameworks for each village. Contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 for more details.

Elsternwick urban village

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Carnegie urban village.



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## Community input vital for planning review

Council is seeking community feedback as part of a review of its *Municipal Strategic Statement* (MSS).

The MSS outlines the key land use, strategic planning and development objectives for Glen Eira, as well as policies and strategies for achieving these objectives. It also forms part of the Glen Eira Planning Scheme.

The MSS summarises significant planning directions for Glen Eira and provides the strategic basis for the application of the zones, overlays and particular provisions in the Glen Eira Planning Scheme.

Under the *Planning and Environment Act*, every Council is required to review its MSS once every three years.

Council's Director City Development Jeff Akehurst said the MSS provided an opportunity for an integrated approach to planning across all areas of Council.

He said the review was an audit of the MSS's performance and provided an opportunity for community involvement.

"The review looks at what Council has achieved over the past three years, particularly in terms of strategic projects," Mr Akehurst said.

"The aim of the review is to assess the performance of the objectives and strategies in the MSS and determine whether the implementation tools such as zones and overlays have been effective in achieving these objectives."

"It will also provide the opportunity to review the future vision for land use and development within Glen Eira and help identify any gaps where the MSS can be improved."

Council will hold a community workshop to gather information and feedback on the current performance of the MSS and seek suggestions for its improvement. The workshop will be on Tuesday 20 April at 7.30pm in the Caulfield Cup Room, Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield.

To find out more about the review or to register for the community workshop contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333. A brochure about the MSS review will be available from Council's Service Centre and library branches later this month.

Further information about the MSS and the review can also be found on Council's website at [www.gleneira.vic.gov.au](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au)



## Readers power through books



Two young Glen Eira readers powered their way through loads of books over summer to score the major prizes in Council's Power away with Eira summer reading competition.

Gaby Howard, 11 years, from Bentleigh won a mountain bike from Bikes Direct in the

section for school-aged children, while Fiona Polydoropoulos aged four, from Carnegie won a BMX bike in the preschool section.

Gaby said she was excited to find out she had won the major prize as she had been entering numerous competitions trying to win a bike.

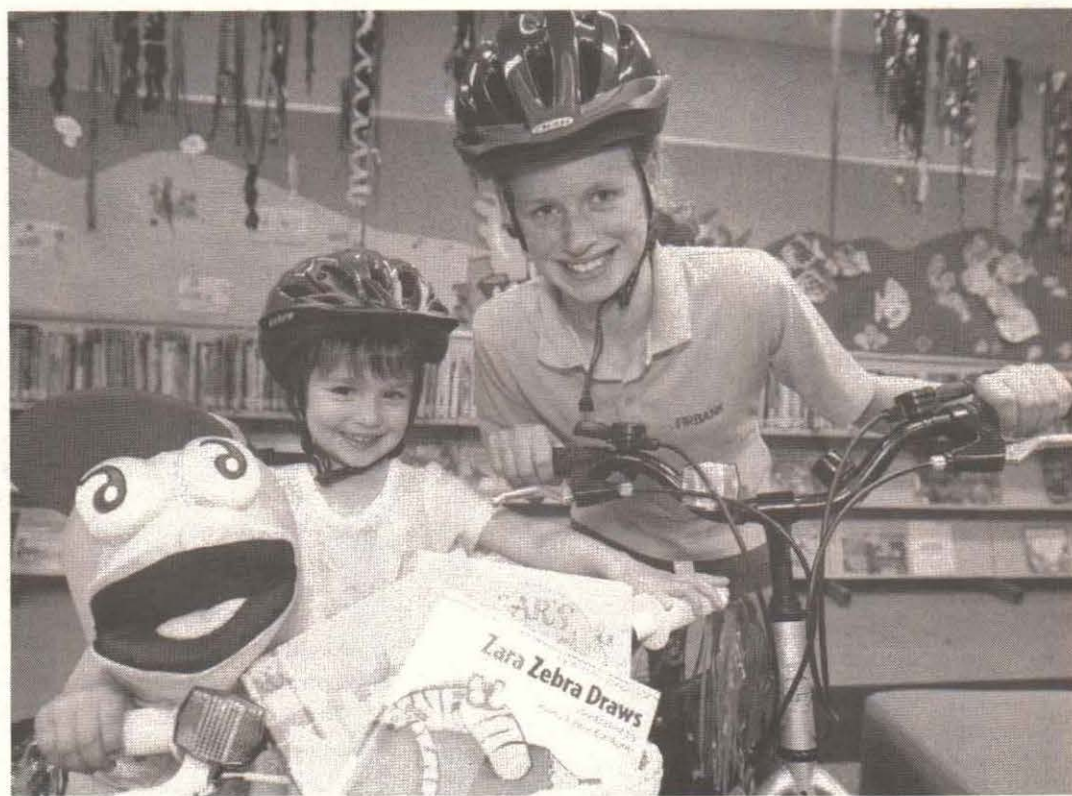
Power away with Eira was run through Council's four library branches over the summer school holidays. It is part of Council's annual Eira's Escapade program that has been running for the past four years.

The aim of Eira's Escapade is to encourage children to continue to use and develop the reading skills they have learnt during the school year while they are on their summer break.

More than 1,000 young readers entered the competition this year, in which school-aged children

Eira congratulates Fiona Polydoropoulos and Gaby Howard on winning the major bike prizes in Council's Power away with Eira summer reading competition.

Photo: Les O'Rourke.



were required to complete a reading record of 10 books and preschoolers 20 picture books.

Children could also test their reading knowledge by answering a series of questions on popular children's books using the library catalogue to find the right answers.

Hemant Ananta from Murrumbeena was the overall quiz winner and received a private movie party for 45 friends at Classic Cinema for his efforts.

Other prizes in the competition included chances to win Classic Cinema movie passes and passes to Lollipop's Playland & Café.

## Writers on the road to Glen Eira

Council's popular Meet the author library events continue next month with two award-winning Melbourne writers Sonya Hartnett and Eliot Perlman.

The two authors will talk about their works, as part of the State Library of Victoria's successful Writers on the Road program, at the Caulfield Cup Room, Glen Eira Town Hall, Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield on Thursday 1 April.

Sonya Hartnett published her first novel, *Trouble All The Way* when she was 15 years old. Her writing for young adults has won numerous prizes, including the CBC Book of the Year Award for Older Readers for the novel *Forest*, and the Victorian Premier's Literary Award Sheaffer Pen Prize for *Sleeping Dogs*.

She will talk about her second novel for adults, *Of A Boy*, winner of *The Age* Book of the Year Award and the Commonwealth Writers Prize in the South East Asia and South Pacific region in 2003.

Elliot Perlman, a Melbourne-based barrister, won *The Age* Short Story Competition in 1994 and has received numerous awards in Australia and internationally including *The Age* Book of the Year Award and the Betty Trask Award (UK) for his novel *Three Dollars*. His short story collection, *The reasons I won't be coming*, won the Steele Rudd Award in 1999.

He will speak about his recently released novel *Seven Types of Ambiguity*, which is a tale of middle-age angst and human interactions set in contemporary Melbourne.

This is a free event but bookings are essential and can be made at any library branch or by calling 9524 3623 or logging onto Council's website at [www.gleneira.vic.gov.au](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au).

Refreshments will be served from 7pm and the talk will run from 7.30pm to 9pm.

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

### 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.

SMARTS is an acronym for six essential self-management skills relating to academic achievement and personal and professional success — study habits, motivation, attitude, relaxation/recreation, time management, and stress management.

The course will be held 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 who are looking to change careers, return to the workforce or land their first job. A resume-writing workshop will be held on Thursday 11 March and an interview skills workshop on Wednesday 17 March. Both events will be held in the Caulfield Cup Room at the Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield. Bookings are essential and can be made at any library branch or by calling 9524 3623.

### Glen Eira seniors festival

Council's libraries will host a number of events this month to celebrate the 2004 Seniors Festival in Glen Eira. Council will hold a *Tunes and Tea* musical morning tea on Tuesday 16 March and a Wands and Wishes music and magic show on Wednesday 17 March for children, parents and grandparents to enjoy.

During the festival, senior residents can book to learn how to use the Internet at a discounted price and Seniors' card holders can reserve library materials free of charge from Sunday 13 March to Sunday 28 March.

For more information, turn to the seniors festival feature on page 7.

### 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 this month.

Authors Donna Lee Brian and Tess Brady who wrote *The Girl's Guide to Work & Life: how to create the life you want* and *The Girl's 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.

The event will be held in the Caulfield Cup room, Glen Eira Town Hall. Bookings are essential for this free event and can be made at any branch or by calling 9524 3623.



## New-look park takes shape

Princes Park in Caulfield South will become one of Glen Eira's signature parks once a major redevelopment project is completed, according to Council's Director Infrastructure Kerry Martin.

Works to transform the park are well underway and are on track for a June completion date.

So far the soccer ground has been relocated, a retaining wall constructed near the tennis courts, new concrete pathways, entrance ways and kerbing installed, old park furniture removed, subsoil prepared for landscaping and palm trees relocated to the rear of the bowls club. New fencing is being installed at the soccer ground.

As part of the landscaping works, 98 trees have been removed after being identified by professional landscape architects John Patrick and Associates as being diseased, obsolete or inappropriate species.

However, more than 15,500 new plants will be incorporated into the park environment, as well as 277 advanced trees of both exotic and native species.

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.

Mr Martin said that during the next month new irrigation would be installed at the soccer ground,

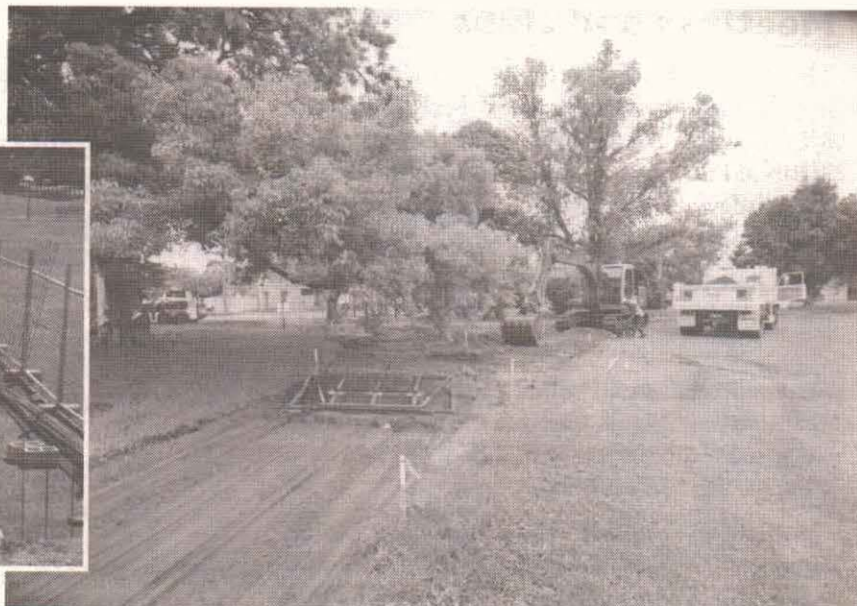


pathway and entrance way construction would be finalised, grass planting would start, subsoil drains and drainage pits would be built and new gardens beds would be installed and mulched at the southern and eastern ends of the park.

Construction work will also start on the park's 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.

Design and specification of the park's new playground has been advertised for tender, with a contractor expected to be appointed next month and installation work due to begin in April.

Mr Martin said the redevelopment of Princes Park was part of Council's ongoing commitment to upgrade the City's parks.



Excavation works are carried out at Princes Park in readiness for new concrete pathways (inset). Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

He said the project was the culmination of a lengthy master plan development process which involved extensive resident, park user, sporting club and community group consultation.

"Residents who would like to get an indication of what Princes Park will look like once the redevelopment is completed should take a look at Packer Park in Carnegie," Mr Martin said.

"Packer Park was uninteresting and under-utilised before the redevelopment. Now it is one of the most spectacular parks around and is filled with people and activities most days of the week.

"The current master plan redevelopment at Princes Park will make it an equivalent area to Packer Park — something which all residents can look forward to."

## AFL great to speak at sports seminar

Council will hold a free breakfast seminar on marketing, sponsorship and fundraising for Glen Eira sports clubs this month.

Former AFL coach and player Stan Alves and Victorian Institute of Sport Marketing Manager Lisa Hasker will be guest speakers at the breakfast.

Stan Alves is a former coach of the St Kilda Football club, a director of a successful financial planning company, motivator and communicator.

Lisa Hasker will provide attendees with tips and a number of marketing, sponsorship and fundraising options to explore.

The seminar will be held in the Caulfield Cup Room, Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield on Wednesday 31 March from 7am to 9am. Invitations will be sent to all club secretaries and bookings need to be made by Wednesday 24 March. For more information, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

## Pool season draws to close

Council's Caulfield and Bentleigh East swim centres are due to close for the summer season on Wednesday 31 March. It has been a great season for swimmers with higher than average attendance figures being recorded. There is still time to have a swim before the pools close for the season. The summer swimming season will begin again on 1 November this year.

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

For further information contact the Caulfield Swim Centre on 9571 8143 or the Bentleigh East Swim Centre on 9570 7394.



Local residents are encouraged to make the most of the warm weather at Council's two swim centres before the close of the summer pool season on 31 March. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

## Tennis fever hits Glen Eira

Glen Eira is in the grips of tennis fever with residents turning out at Council's public tennis facilities to show off their skills or have a casual hit.

The East Caulfield Reserve tennis courts in Caulfield East are proving popular, with four all-weather courts which can be lit for night playing.

The courts at Princes Park in Caulfield South and Koornang Park in Carnegie are also equipped with lights for night tennis.

Residents of all ages can have a hit at any of the facilities without needing to join a club. Tennis courts are available to the community for short-term hire and can be booked on an hourly basis.

**East Caulfield Reserve,**  
Sir Monash Drive, Caulfield East.  
(opposite Monash University)  
Melway reference: 68 G2  
Bookings: MONSU Fitness Centre on 9903 2358.

**Brooklyn Avenue Tennis Courts, Princes Park**  
Brooklyn Avenue, Caulfield South  
Melway reference: 68 A6  
Bookings: Caulfield Recreation Centre on 9532 4956.

**Moira Avenue Tennis Courts**  
Moira Avenue, Carnegie  
Melway reference: 68 H6  
(Adjacent to the Caulfield Swim Centre)  
Bookings: Caulfield Swim Centre on 9571 8143.



# 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. Voluntary contributions are welcome. Bookings essential. Contact: 9578 9955.

**The Glen Eira City Choir** holds weekly rehearsals on Mondays at 7.30pm. New members welcome. For further information contact: 9584 1139 or 9523 6523.

**Elsternwick Ladies Probus Club** holds meetings at the Gladys Machin Hall, Cedar Street, Caulfield South on the first Monday of every month at 9.45am. Contact: Madge 9509 5843.

**Caulfield Community Toy Library** at 2 Moira Avenue, Carnegie (blue door next to the Caulfield pool) is open on Wednesdays from 7.30pm to 8.30pm, Thursdays 9.30am to 11.30am and Saturday 9.30am to 12.30pm. New members welcome. Contact: Fiona 9572 5102.

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

**Arthritis East Bentleigh Support Group** meets at the Bentleigh-Bayside Community Health Service, Gardeners Road, Bentleigh East on the first Tuesday of each month from 10.15am to 12.15pm. Morning tea and guest speaker provided. Contact: 9557 4863.

**The Solo Card Club** welcomes new players. Games held at the Antonian Centre, Neerim Road, Carnegie on Fridays from 12pm to 4pm. Contact: Stella 9557 1478.

**Young Mothers' Group** meets at the Bentleigh-Bayside Community Health Service, Gardeners Road, Bentleigh East on Thursdays from 10am to 12pm. Contact: Denise 9575 5349.

**Caulfield View Club** holds regular monthly meetings at the RSL club, St Georges Road, Elsternwick. New members welcome. Contact: Shirley 9585 1186.

**Glen Eira Tennis Club** meets at Princes Park, Hawthorn Road, Caulfield South on Tuesdays from 9.30am to 12pm. Females over 55 years of age encouraged to join. Contact: Lorraine 9557 1710.

**4th Caulfield Cubs and Scouts** meet weekly in Birch Street, Caulfield South. Activities and weekend camps for girls and boys. Cubs: 7½ to 10 years. Scouts: 11 to 14 years. Contact: 9505 6995.

**The Life Activities Club Caulfield** will meet in the Gladys Machin Hall, Cedar Street, Caulfield on Wednesday 17 March at 7.30pm. New members welcome. Guest speaker. Contact: 9568 5849.

**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.

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

**Royal Children's Hospital Auxiliaries (Caulfield branch)** meets at the Alma Club, 1 Wilks Street, Caulfield North on the third Wednesday of each month at 1pm. Contact Olive 9578 2395 or Pat 9571 2666.

**Thompson Memorial Scottish Country Dance Group** will hold weekly classes in the Thompson Memorial Uniting Church, corner Booran and North Roads, Ormond commencing Tuesday 9 March at 1.30pm. Cost: \$3. Contact: 9578 9865.

**The Lupus/Sjogrens Support Group** will meet on Wednesday 24 March. Contact: 9509 2735 for location and assistance with transport.

**Caulfield Day View Club** welcomes new members to enjoy lunches, guest speakers and outings. Meetings held on the first and third Tuesday of the month. Contact: Val 9578 1302.

**Polish Senior Citizens' Club** meets at 2 Arthur Street, Bentleigh every Wednesday from 1pm to 4pm. Contact: 9578 6024.

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

**Ormond Senior Citizens' Club** holds card nights at 1 Newham Grove, Ormond every Saturday at 7.45pm. Lessons provided and some transport available. Contact: 9503 8906.

## Events

**Glen Huntly Friendship Group** will hold a bus trip to Warnambool on Wednesday 31 March and Thursday 1 April. Cost: \$125. Contact: Margaret 9596 6124.

**McKinnon Primary School** will hold a fair at 253 Tucker Road, Ormond on Saturday 20 March from 11am to 5pm. Humphrey B Bear, giant Titanic slide, Cha Cha thrill ride, jumping castles.

**St Joseph's Primary School** will hold a fair at 28 Sandham Street, Elsternwick on Saturday 13 March from 10am to 3pm. Rides, craft activities, International food court.

**Ripponlea Primary School** will hold a community fete at the school in Carrington Grove, St Kilda East on Sunday 21 March from 10am to 4pm. Rides, gourmet food and second-hand stalls. For more information look at [www.ripponleaps.vic.edu.au](http://www.ripponleaps.vic.edu.au).

**Hughesdale Art Group** will hold an acrylic under-painting, with oil over demonstration by artist Kevin Boucher at the community centre, corner Poath and Kangaroo Roads, Hughesdale on Wednesday 24 March at 7.30pm. Contact: Pat 9885 6407.

**Godfrey Street Community House** will hold an Easter market at the Godfrey Street Community House, 9 Godfrey Street, Bentleigh on Sunday 28 March from 9.30am to 2pm. Homemade goods and crafts available. Table hire \$10. Contact: 9557 9037.

**Adelphi Players Theatre Company** presents *Uncertain Joy* at Labassa, Manor Grove, Caulfield North on Friday 2 April at 8.15pm, Saturday 3 April at 2.15pm and 8.15pm and Sunday 4 April at 2.15pm. Cost: Adults \$12, concession \$10. Bookings essential. Contact: 9690 1593 or 9578 0952.

**Tennis Victoria** will run a seniors social tennis program at Kings Park Tennis Club, Bentleigh East during March. Residents over the age of 45 are invited to attend. Contact: Ann 9504 2896 or Fiona on 8420 8420.

## Immunisation dates March

**Murrumbeena Baptist Church**  
44 Murrumbeena Road, Murrumbeena  
Monday 15 March 10am-11am

**Bentleigh-Bayside Community Health Service**  
Gardeners Road, Bentleigh East  
Wednesday 17 March 6pm-7pm  
Saturday 27 March 9.30am-10.30am

**Glen Huntly Maternal and Child Health Centre**  
Corner Royal and Rosedale Avenues, Glen Huntly  
Wednesday 24 March 9.30am-11am

**Bentleigh Baptist Church**  
10 Vickery Street, Bentleigh  
Monday 5 April 1.30pm-2.30pm

**Glen Eira Town Hall** (entry via Glen Eira Road)  
Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield  
Tuesday 6 April 6pm-7pm

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## BusEd helps businesses grow

Council is calling on local business owners who have projects in mind to boost their business to become involved in Council's *BusEd* program.

*BusEd* links students looking to gain practical business experience with business owners who have ideas to grow their business but lack the specialist skills to bring them to fruition.

Since the program started in July 2002, more than 20 local businesses have benefitted from the program including hardware, catering, clothing and video retailers, a massage therapy business and multimedia and graphics organisations.

The projects have involved more than 100 students from eight primary, secondary and tertiary educational institutions who have worked on projects ranging from website design and complete information technology systems integration, to photography, community arts projects, market surveys and design and production of promotional materials.

Council's Manager Business Development Lynda Bredin said *BusEd* pulled together the resources of student teams from around Glen Eira, and the knowledge, mentoring and experience of local business owners, to achieve mutually positive outcomes.

"Business owners register their projects with Glen Eira *BusEd* and are matched with a team of students studying a relevant discipline," Ms Bredin said.

"Business owners get access to information, resources, skills, talents and knowledge to help get projects off the ground and increase their business, while students gain

real-life experience in a business environment and the opportunity to transfer their technical knowledge into practical experience."

Ariella, from costume design studio Ariella Pty Ltd in Caulfield, is one of the program's many success stories. A team of students from Monash University worked with Ariella to create a website for the business which included a database of costume samples, work history and an email facility.

Ariella said the website was aimed at increasing the profile of her business and ultimately sales, while also decreasing the amount of time she spends on the phone and away from her work.

"The students are no problem. They are organised and make everything easy to understand," Ariella said. "I didn't realise the amount of work involved in creating a website, but the students explain it in easy terms."

"*BusEd* has given me an opportunity I couldn't get elsewhere. It has enabled me to get fresh ideas and think more creatively."

To get involved, businesses provide details of their potential project to *BusEd* and prepare a brief for the student team. The students, with the support of their lecturers, work with the business for one term are assessed on the success of the project in meeting, and often exceeding, the business's expectations.

Ms Bredin said *BusEd* currently had students with skills



Local costume designer Ariella measures up her Monash University student team as they get to work on her website project through *BusEd*. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

in website development, IT systems analysis and networking, photography and graphic design available to work on projects

"But there is always room in the program for more types of projects — and more businesses wanting to access the tools that could take them to the next level of success," she said.

For more information about *BusEd* or to register a project, call Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

## Call for business mentors

Council is calling on small business operators and business mentors to be part of its innovative *BusEd Mentor Partners* program.

The program links small business operators with mentors who provide them with guidance and independent opinions.

The service is available to businesses which have been in operation for more than 12 months and are based in the cities of Glen Eira or Kingston.

Council's Manager Business Development Lynda Bredin said one of the most important problems facing small business operators is how to go about growing their business.

"Small business operators need to know which direction they should take with their business and what plans and actions they need to implement to achieve success in the future," Ms Bredin said.

"The *BusEd Mentor Partners* program is a free program that has been jointly introduced by Glen Eira and Kingston City Councils in order to help small business owners choose the right path."

Council hosted an inaugural luncheon at the Glen Eira Town Hall late last year as part of the program at which the first mentors and business partners were able to meet and network.

Ms Bredin said about 40 people attended the luncheon



Council's *BusEd Mentor Partners* Co-ordinator Ian Taylor with Danube Travel owner Margaret Nagy and her mentor Adrian Nelson. Photo: Les O'Rourke

and given its success as a networking event, Council is hoping to run the event every six weeks.

"The program is still in its infancy and is proving very popular with small business," she said.

"There are already some interesting cases where small business operators have turned their business around with the help of a mentor. This program can be truly beneficial for small business operators."

For more information about the *BusEd Mentor Partners* program contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

## Dressing for success in business

Glen Eira business women can learn about business dressing and presentation at Council's Women's Business Network meeting to be held on Thursday 18 March.

Stylist and wardrobe adviser Lyn Preston will speak about the importance of personal image in the corporate and business world, with demonstrations and lots of practical tips.

Council's Manager Business Development Lynda Bredin said in some cases, presentation can make all the difference between winning or losing a client or contract.

"Participants will learn about how developing or enhancing personal image can have a positive effect on how a person sees and presents themselves," Ms Bredin said.

"Lyn takes a uniquely personal approach to the development and presentation of style for individual and corporate clients.

"She has a wealth of experience and knowledge in fashion, accessorising, hair styling, make-up, colours and fabrics which is enhanced by her ability to dig beneath the surface and reveal the inner personalities of her clients."

National award-winning hairdresser Roland Semaarn will be the guest presenter at the meeting.

The meeting will be held in the Caulfield Cup Room, Glen Eira Town Hall, corner of Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield from 7pm to 9.30pm. Cost is \$10.

Bookings are essential and must be made by Monday 15 March. For more information or to book contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.



# Time to party in the parks



Portia Branton and her two daughters Claudia and Natalie gear up for Council's Party in the Park festivities which are on this month. Photo: Les O'Rourke

An afternoon of fun and laughter for residents of all ages is guaranteed at Council's three *Party in the Park* celebrations this month.

Council is inviting residents to pack a picnic and enjoy an afternoon of free music, entertainment and activities in the great outdoors in some of City's most beautiful parks.

The *Party in the Park* series began at Caulfield Park, Caulfield on Sunday 7 March. It continues at Packer

Park, Carnegie on Sunday 14 March, then Allnut Park, Bentleigh on Sunday 28 March. Each event runs from 12pm to 4pm.

The celebrations will feature performances from some of Melbourne's best musicians and artists, as well as local community groups.

There will also be a jumping castle, animal farm, face painting and hat-making.

The parties will include displays and information stands from Council and local community groups including Neighbourhood Watch, chess club, Eastleigh

Youth Group and Carnegie Rudolf Steiner School, and the Lions Club of Caulfield will be staging a sausage sizzle.

Council's Local Law and animal management officers will be on hand to answer pet ownership and general amenity queries. Pet owners can also register their pets and microchipping will be available at a discounted fee.

As well, Council's Service Centre will be available to answer queries and provide information on general Council services and issues, while Council's park services officers will provide residents with general information on composting and recycling garden waste.

Leading the live entertainment program is internationally renowned theatre company *Five Angry Men* with its unique combination of dance, acrobatics, circus and musical performances. The group offers the rare opportunity for a brave and lucky audience to interact with their performance *The Bus*.

Mariachi roving performers Trio Amigos will delight audiences with their distinctive sounds, while Sergei Golovko will amaze revellers with his technical agility of percussion and xylophone.

Fihlos Capoeira School will demonstrate the physical dynamics of Capoeira — a fusion of dance, martial art, acrobatics and music, invented by African slaves of Brazil. Chinese ribbon dancer and acrobat Lee Mohtaji will show off her skill and beauty, while community groups such as Melbourne Scots Dancing Circle, *Pepia* the Russian clown, Nikoda Israeli folk group and the Ormond Primary School choir will also entertain.

The entertainment program differs at each *Party in the Park* celebration.

## Party in the Park

**Sunday 14 March 12pm–4pm**  
Packer Park, Leila Road, Carnegie  
(Melway reference: 68 J8)

**Sunday 28 March 12pm–4pm**  
Allnut Park, Wheatley Road, Bentleigh  
(Melway reference: 68 B11)

For more information contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 or visit Council's website [www.glencira.vic.gov.au](http://www.glencira.vic.gov.au)

## Exhibitions

### Neighbours — eight artists living and working in the City of Glen Eira

Continues until 14 March

Council's *Neighbours* exhibition showcases the work of eight artists living or working in Glen Eira — both emerging and established artists.

The exhibition is a celebration of the quality and diversity of artists who live in Glen Eira. It features more than 40 works ranging from traditional work, through to more contemporary art including painting, sculpture, photography, printmaking and jewellery making.

The eight artists selected include three painters, a sculptor, a mixed media artist, a printmaker and two jewellers. Artists included are Yvette Coppersmith, Filomena Coppola, Mara Grimm, Loretta Quinn, MJ Ryan Bennett, Merryn Trevethan, Megan Walch and Kit Wise.



*Neighbourhood Watch* by Merryn Trevethan.

### Fantasy, Myth & Dream — Maureen Crawford

Continues until 14 March

*Fantasy, Myth & Dream* draws on the techniques of the surrealists who mixed the advances in automatic writing with the delvings into the unconscious mind.

Maureen Crawford's symbolic and abstract imagery finds its source in the mythical and bestial figures that lurk in the realms of her imagination. Sometimes stories she hears or poems she has written will be the starting point for a series of paintings.

Crawford describes her painting process as spiritual journeys which grow slowly over time. Her process is a meditative one through her ponderings on the nature of things, as much as it is spontaneous through her vivid and gestural mark-making. This is an insightful and fun exhibition.



*From the Ashes* by Maureen Crawford.

### Tahbilk Earth Water Seeds Trees Vines Wine — Rosa Purbrick

Opens 16 March at 6pm and continues until 4 April

There is a sensuality in Rosa Purbrick's painting, and this includes a passionate relationship with cultivation of fine wine.

Rosa Purbrick's residence and winery by the Goulburn River provides her with an endless source of inspiration and nourishment as an artist. The scenic banks of the river, the vineyards and the parched landscape continue to appear as partial views or details in her paintings and also through objects found in the landscape and some of Purbrick's more recent mixed media collages.

Given an intense look at the variety of spaces, colours and textures to be found in the Australian landscape, Purbrick sees a broad spectrum of perspectives. Her recent visit to the Northern Territory has brought new lighter hues to her paintings.

The beauty of Purbrick's painting is that she is able to capture a strong sense of place whether it be through realistic renditions of a local plant species or her more abstract paintings awash with colour.

Purbrick's paintings are subtle and perceptive, always aware of the passage of time and the predecessors of her environment.

*Ancient Gum Trees* by Rosa Purbrick.

