

Historical Mayoral election

Councillor Bob Bury created history last month when he became the first councillor in Glen Eira's nine-year history to win the City's Mayoral election in a contested public ballot.

It was the first time in the municipality's history that more than one Councillor was nominated to become Mayor at the public Special Council Meeting held annually to elect the civic leader. Cr Bury received five votes to fellow first-term Councillor Jamie Hyams' four votes.

About 60 people gathered in the Council Chamber to see Cr Bury sworn-in as the eighth Mayor of Glen Eira. He takes over from 2003-04 Mayor Cr Dorothy Marwick to whom he paid tribute. Under changes to the *Local Government Act*, the current Mayoral term lasts until December 2004.

Cr Alan Grossbard said a longstanding tradition had been broken by the contested election, which paved the way for other changes in the future.

"Maybe this is a lead to a very new type of Council with traditions of the past being broken and new ventures in the future being able to be expounded and developed so that this community and this Council can grow," Cr Grossbard said.

Cr Veronika Martens said she hoped the forthcoming year with Cr Bury at the helm would be a fruitful one. "I know that you will be acting in the interests of our municipality and the municipality will benefit from your Mayoralty," Cr Martens said.

In his first Mayoral address Cr Bury said being elected Mayor of Glen Eira was an honour and the fulfilment of a dream.

He said he hoped the Councillors could leave some of their infighting of the past 12 months behind them and work co-operatively together for the good "our great City of Glen Eira".

"I will endeavour to heal those wounds. I know this will not be an easy task, but if we are to move forward, we cannot be taking a backward step all the time," Cr Bury said.

"We must improve the principles of good governance. Good governance is all about meeting the highest

standards of public accountability, using our resources effectively, being accountable, transparent, responsible and law abiding.



Glen Eira's new Mayor is surrounded by his family (clockwise from bottom left) grandson Nicholas, daughter-in-law Christine, son Michael, son-in-law Phil, daughter Caroline, grandson Sam, wife Marney, son Peter and granddaughter Jacinta.



Mayor of Glen Eira for 2004 Cr Bob Bury.

Photos: Les O'Rourke.

"If we remember some or all of these elements, our Council meetings will hopefully be of a high standard."

Cr Bury said public consultation, communication and keeping all Glen Eira stakeholders fully informed would be high priorities during his term as Mayor.

"I will continue to encourage our debt-free situation, keep rate rises to a minimum, continue with our capital improvement program, those being the Carnegie Library, Bentleigh Shopping Centre upgrade, Princes Park Master Plan, Bentleigh-Hodgson Reserve Master Plan and hopefully working on upgrading the Glen Huntly Shopping Centre," he said.

Cr Bury was elected to represent Jasper Ward on Council in March last year. He has lived in Jasper Ward for more than 36 years and currently resides in

McKinnon with his wife Marney. They have three children and four grandchildren.

Cr Bury has a background in banking and recently retired as Chief Executive Officer of Marriott Support Services. He has been involved with many community organisations and service clubs including Scouts, local schools, Rotary, Freemasons, Wattle Tennis Club and Yarra Yarra Golf Club. He currently serves on Council's Audit Committee, Environment Committee and is Chairman of the Community Grants Committee.

— Maureen Bathgate

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Mayor's column



It was only 12 months ago that I was elected as a first-time Councillor for the City of Glen Eira, so it is indeed with great pleasure and honour that I now also take on the position of Mayor. It has been a dream come true for me and I am looking forward to the challenges and opportunities of the months ahead.

Setting and achieving dreams or goals is one of the many functions of Council — whether it is through preparing community plans or driving Council projects. One of my personal goals for Council is that we as Councillors can work together in a co-operative manner to continue to develop the resources, facilities and services provided by Council for our community.

Working together is the key to success, and the residents of Glen Eira have a large part to play in the development of the City. Public consultation and communication is a high priority, and as Mayor I will ensure that the stakeholders of this City of ours will be kept well informed of the changes, challenges and opportunities that will affect them.

Through community consultation, we are aiming for greater transparency in our decision-making processes. Public accountability and using our resources effectively are integral to the principles of good governance, and this is an area in which we shall continue to strive for improvement.

There is so much to be proud of in our great City, and as Mayor I will continue to expound our successes and promote our accomplishments to the wider community. I will also continue to support our capital improvement program through developments such as the Carnegie Library and upgrading of the Bentleigh Shopping Centre and encourage our debt-free situation and minimal rate rises.

Glen Eira is a great place to live, work or study and I intend for it to remain so.

I congratulate Cr Dorothy Marwick for her Mayoral year just completed. It was not an easy one, but I'm gathering that Mayoral years are always full of challenges and surprises. I look forward to meeting them head on and know that this will be a rewarding year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my family, Council's executive team and fellow Councillors for their support so far and in the future. Councillors do not always see eye to eye, but I know that I can count on their advice and considered opinion as we work together to make the City of Glen Eira all it can be.

— Cr Bob Bury
Mayor

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Rainbow Eagle enchants children

Children at Council's Caulfield Children's Centre were given an important message recently — to look after the land.

Indigenous performer Shannon, otherwise known as Rainbow Eagle, paid a special visit to the centre to teach the children about the sacred earth, the animals which inhabit it and how littering can harm the land.

The children were enchanted by the performance, joining him in singing a song about Mother Earth and each having the chance to play the drums.

Rainbow Eagle then played the didgeridoo for the children, using it to make animal sounds such as those made by frogs, crows, kangaroos, snakes and kookaburras.

As Rainbow Eagle dressed up in a kangaroo suit, the children donned pretend kangaroo tails and hopped around like kangaroos, slithered around like snakes and jumped around like frogs.

The show was part of a series of educational events which Council stages at its children's centres to add to the children's experiences and learning while in child care.



Isabella Bracka, Eliza Frick and Olivia Williams join Rainbow Eagle in a song at Caulfield Children's Centre.
Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

About 20 children attended the performance, ranging in ages from six months to four years.

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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.

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Sushi Plus is tops in food safety

Bentleigh East Japanese takeaway restaurant Sushi Plus has been named Glen Eira's Shop of the Year for 2004.

The business, which was set up by husband and wife team Tadashi and Paula Nakase four years ago, won the title at Council's annual food business awards ceremony last month.

Former Glen Eira Mayor Cr Dorothy Marwick announced another Bentleigh East business, Bakers Delight, as this year's Shop of the Year runner-up.

Companions count at Glen Eira

Local residents with disabilities who require a companion to attend Council events will benefit from Council's decision to join the State Government's Companion Card program.

Council has become an affiliate member of the scheme and will accept Companion Cards when they are presented at Council programs and events that charge an admission fee.

Companion cards are available for people with a permanent disability who need a companion to enable them to access venues and participate in community activities. The card enables companions to be admitted at no charge.

Council's Director Community Services Peter Jones said that Council already largely provides free access to companions when accessing venues and services.

"The Companion Card will allow Council to formalise this procedure and further recognise the right to fair ticketing of people who require a companion," Mr Jones said.

"The Companion Card program will enhance access for people with a disability to Council services and activities."

The companion card is a wallet-sized photo identification card that can be presented to organisations when purchasing tickets as proof that a companion is required to access a particular venue or activity.

For further details on how to apply for a companion card, contact Council's Service Centre or visit www.companioncard.org.au.



Council Customer Service Consultant Andrew Graham assists Fiona Johnstone and her companion Val with their ticket purchase using the Companion Card.

Cr Marwick said that as part of Council's Safe Food program Council's environmental health officers conducted safety assessments of food businesses each year against the strict hygiene standards developed by Food Standards Australia.

"These two businesses have not only had a five-star food rating but have also achieved the highest and second highest food safety ratings during 2003 out of the 750 registered food businesses within the City," Cr Marwick said.

"Council is unique in that it works in partnership with local food businesses to achieve better food safety outcomes for people eating within the city."

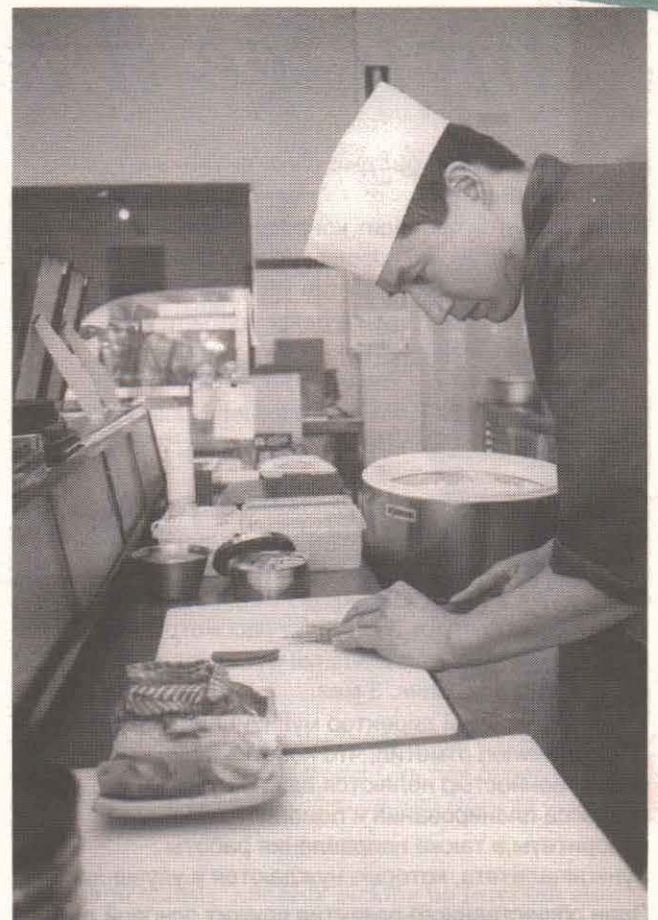
Council's Manager Public Health Mark Saunders said Sushi Plus won the Shop of the Year award because it demonstrated the best performance in food safety over the past 12 months.

"Sushi Plus has achieved a five-star food rating every year since it began operation and has also participated in Council's *Taste 4 Health* program every year," Mr Saunders said.

At the awards ceremony Cr Marwick launched Council's *Safe Food Guide* which lists food businesses within the municipality that received a five-star food safety rating during 2003.

Cr Marwick said with today's busy lifestyle, more and more families relied on meals prepared outside the home.

"This guide is a great tool to assist local residents and visitors to Glen Eira in deciding where to purchase food within the municipality," Cr Marwick said.



Tadashi Nakase prepares sushi at Sushi Plus, winner of Council's 2004 Shop of the Year award. Customers can eat-in, takeaway or even buy the ingredients to make the sushi themselves.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Eighteen local food businesses received with *Taste 4 Health* awards at the ceremony. Council's *Taste 4 Health* nutrition program recognises local food businesses that offer customers healthy meal choices. Businesses are encouraged to highlight menu items that have been assessed by a dietician as being healthy.

Council consults on draft community plan

Council is seeking community input into its draft six-year community plan *Glen Eira 2010*.

Council will hold a public meeting at Glen Huntly Pavilion, in Glen Huntly Park, Glen Huntly on Tuesday 27 April at 7.30 pm to discuss the draft community plan for 2004-2010 and is also inviting written submissions. All submissions will be considered at Council's ordinary meeting on Monday 3 May.

About 1,000 people have already participated in the early developmental phases of the plan which has included four community forums, a series of focus groups and a telephone survey of more than 600 residents — the largest survey of its kind ever undertaken in Glen Eira.

The community plan provides Council with a framework that guides its budgetary, planning and policy decisions and shapes Council's works program. It will set Council's priorities for the next six years, during which Council will spend more than \$400 million.

The draft plan analyses Glen Eira's current situation, future trends, community views and Council's goals and responsibilities. It includes specific strategies and objectives for 2010 and indicators to measure progress towards them.

Council's Chief Executive Officer Mr Andrew Newton said consultation was an important part of corporate planning as it helped to identify community priorities and areas for improvement.

He said consultation had focussed on Glen Eira as a place to live, not merely the activities of Council.

"Council needs to plan for the long-term. We provide essential municipal services which the community depends on all their lives. We own assets with very long lifecycles and we make decisions which affect the environment," Mr Newton said.

"At the same time, we need to respond to a dynamic community — Government programs change, our legal obligations can be remade abruptly by courts or parliaments, the community's needs and priorities evolve."

The telephone surveys found most residents are positive about living in Glen Eira, with 90 per cent rating quality of life as excellent or good, 72 feeling secure, 72 per cent ranking the City's appearance as excellent or good and 67 per cent rating recreation and leisure opportunities highly.

Issues which emerged include concerns about railway stations, traffic and parking, facilities for teenagers, new residential development, the environment, and opportunities to contribute to future planning.

All residents and community members are invited to attend the public meeting or make submissions. Written submissions on the draft plan must reach Council by Tuesday 20 April and should be addressed to: Chief Executive Officer, Glen Eira City Council, PO Box 42 Caulfield South 3162.

Copies of the draft plan are available from Council's Service Centre, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield, all Council library branches or by calling Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333. The draft plan can also be downloaded from Council's website at www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

Муниципалитет проводит консультации с общественностью

Муниципалитет проводит консультации с общественностью по поводу проекта шестилетнего плана общественного развития Glen Eira 2010.

Мы приглашаем жителей муниципалитета и представителей общественности на открытое обсуждение проекта плана на 2004 - 2010гг., которое состоится в помещении Glen Huntly Pavilion, Glen Huntly Park, Glen Huntly, во вторник, 27 апреля, в 19.30.

Письменные отзывы и предложения должны быть направлены в муниципалитет ко вторнику, 20 апреля, по адресу: Chief Executive Officer, Glen Eira City Council, PO Box 42 Caulfield South 3162. Все письменные предложения будут рассмотрены в рабочем порядке на заседании муниципального совета в понедельник, 3 мая.

Исполнительный директор муниципалитета г-н Andrew Newton отметил, что консультации с общественностью являются важной частью процесса планирования и помогают определить приоритеты, а также направления работы муниципалитета, которые нуждаются в улучшении.

План общественного развития служит основой для принятия бюджетных и плановых решений и определяет программу работ муниципалитета. В плане установлены приоритеты на следующие 6 лет, в течение которых муниципалитет потратит более \$400 миллионов. В плане указаны конкретные стратегические инициативы и задачи на период до 2010г., и механизмы оценки и контроля их выполнения.

Экземпляр проекта плана можно получить в здании муниципалитета на углу Glen Eira и Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield, во всех отделениях муниципальной библиотеки, заказать по тел. 9524 3333, или распечатать с вебсайта муниципалитета: www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

Η Δημαρχία διαβουλεύεται για το κοινοτικό σχέδιο

Η Δημαρχία ζητά τις απόψεις και γνώμες των δημοτών για το εξαιρετικό κοινοτικό πρόγραμμα της με τίτλο Glen Eira 2010.

Προσκαλούνται δημότες και κάτοικοι της περιοχής να παρευρεθούν σε μια δημόσια συνάντηση στο Glen Huntly Pavilion, στο Glen Huntly Park, Glen Huntly την Τρίτη 27 Απριλίου στις 7.30 μμ όπου θα συζητηθεί το προκαταρκτικό σχέδιο για το 2004-2010.

Γραπτές εισηγήσεις για τα προκαταρκτικά σχέδια πρέπει φτάσουν στη Δημαρχία μέχρι την Τρίτη 20 Απριλίου και θα πρέπει να απευθύνονται στον: Chief Executive Officer, Glen Eira City Council, PO Box 42 Caulfield South 3162. Όλες οι εισηγήσεις θα μελετηθούν κατά την τακτική συνεδρίαση του Δημοτικού Συμβουλίου τη Δευτέρα 3 Μαΐου.

Ο Γενικός Διευθυντής της Δημαρχίας κ. Άντριου Νιούτον είπε ότι οι διαβουλεύσεις αποτελούν ένα σημαντικό μέρος του επιχειρησιακού σχεδίου επειδή βοηθούν να εντοπιστούν οι κοινοτικές προτεραιότητες και τομείς που χρειάζονται βελτίωση.

Το κοινοτικό σχέδιο παρέχει στη Δημαρχία το πλαίσιο που θα καθοδηγεί τον προϋπολογισμό της, τις πολεοδομικές και καταστατικές αποφάσεις και μορφές του προγράμματος έργων της Δημαρχίας. Θα οριστούν οι προτεραιότητες για το διάστημα των επόμενων έξι χρόνων, κατά το οποίο η Δημαρχία θα δαπανήσει πάνω από 400 εκ. δολάρια. Περιλαμβάνει συγκεκριμένες στρατηγικές και αντικειμενικούς στόχους για το 2010 και δείκτες υπολογισμού της πρόόδου επίτευξης αυτών.

Αντίγραφο του προκαταρκτικού σχεδίου διατίθενται στο Κέντρο Εξυπηρέτησης Δημοτών της Δημαρχίας, γωνία Glen Eira και Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield, σ' όλες τις δημοτικές βιβλιοθήκες ή τηλεφωνώντας στο Κέντρο Εξυπηρέτησης Δημοτών στον αριθμό 9524 3333. Το προκαταρκτικό σχέδιο μπορείτε επίσης να το κατεβάσετε από την ιστοσελίδα της Δημαρχίας στο www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

Consultazione della comunità sul Piano comunale

Il comune invita la comunità ad intervenire sul proposto piano seennale Glen Eira 2010.

Residenti e altri membri della collettività sono invitati ad intervenire ad una riunione aperta al pubblico che si terrà nella Glen Huntly Pavilion, in Glen Huntly Park, Glen Huntly, martedì 27 aprile alle 7.30 pm, per discutere il proposto Piano comunitario per il periodo 2004-2010.

Gli interventi scritti dovranno pervenire al comune entro martedì 20 aprile, e vanno indirizzati al Chief Executive Officer, Glen Eira City Council, PO Box 42 Caulfield South 3162. Gli interventi verranno presi in considerazione alla regolare riunione del consiglio comunale del 3 maggio.

Il Direttore dell'Amministrazione Comunale, Andrew Newton, ha detto che la consultazione è indispensabile alla pianificazione comunale poiché permette di individuare le priorità dei cittadini, nonché di stabilire in quali settori sono necessari dei miglioramenti.

Il Piano comunitario è un documento-guida per le decisioni politiche, finanziarie e di pianificazione urbana, e su esso viene basato il programma dei lavori pubblici. In base al Piano verranno definite le priorità per i prossimi sei anni, periodo in cui il comune spenderà più di \$400 milioni. Nel piano sono comprese strategie ed obiettivi ben precisi per il 2010 e degli indicatori che misurino il progresso.

Il testo del Piano proposto è ottenibile rivolgendosi al Service Centre del comune, angolo di Glen Eira e Hawthorn Road, Caulfield, le biblioteche comunali e telefonando al Service Centre, 9524 3333. Il testo è anche scaricabile dal sito internet comunale, www.gleneira.vic.gov.au.

市政府就社區計劃聽取意見

市政府正在徵求社區對 2010 Glen Eira 市政府六年社區規劃草案的意見和建議。

我們邀請居民和社區成員參加公眾大會，討論 2004-2010 年社區規劃草案。會議地點在位於 Glen Huntly 區的 Glen Huntly 公園中的 Glen Huntly Pavilion；時間是 4 月 27 日星期二晚上 7 時 30 分。

有關草案規劃的書面意見必須在 4 月 20 日星期二之前呈交到市政府，郵寄地址如下：Chief Executive Officer, Glen Eira City Council, PO Box 42 Caulfield South 3162。5 月 3 日星期一的市政府常規會議將對呈交上來的所有意見進行考慮。

市政府首席行政官 Andrew Newton 先生指出，徵求意見是市政當局規劃的重要一部分，因為這有助於確認社區優先事項和有待改進的方面。

社區規劃向市政府提供工作構架，指導市政府的預算、規劃和政策等決策，並制訂市政府的工程計劃。它將確定市政府今後六年的優先工作事項，市政府將在這六年中花費 4 億多澳元。它包括 2010 年的特別策略和目標以及衡量達到這些策略和目標的指標。

市政府規劃草案可向位於 Caulfield 區 Glen Eira Road 和 Hawthorn Road 街角的市政府服務中心索取，也可向所有圖書館或致電市政府服務中心 (9524 3333) 索取。規劃草案還可從市政府網站 www.gleneira.vic.gov.au 下載。





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Four-year-old kindergarten



Enrolments for four-year-old kindergarten in the year of 2006 will be taken from May. Children whose birth dates fall between 1 May 2001 and 30 April 2002 are eligible to enrol.

Applications are still being accepted and processed for children who will be attending four-year-old kindergarten in 2005.

Council operates a central enrolment system for the Glen Eira community-based kindergartens. Enrolment forms are available from community-based kindergartens and Council's Service Centre. An application fee of \$10 applies.

Applications for three-year-old kindergarten can be made directly to the kindergarten.

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Venue: St Agnes Church, 116 Booran Road, Glen Huntly

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Program

- Stewart McDiarmid, President GHGP
- Jeremy Hearn, Architect and Urban Designer
- Cr Jamie Hyams, Glen Eira City Council (a Council officer will be present to answer technical queries)
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Pitching in to clean up Glen Eira

Former Glen Eira Mayor Cr Dorothy Marwick joined students at Bentleigh West Primary School in Bentleigh last month to help clean up the school grounds and neighbouring streets as part of *Clean Up Australia* day.

Along on the day to give a helping hand were Federal Minister for the Environment and Heritage Dr David Kemp and *Clean Up Australia* Chairman and Founder Ian Kiernan.

The group donned gloves and armed themselves with rubbish bags to collect rubbish and separate it into

recycle bins — some for plastics and others for cardboard and cans.

In addressing the students, Cr Marwick said *Clean Up Australia* day was an important day on the environmental calendar when the whole community could come together, clean up the environment and show how much they cared about the earth.

She said Council had arranged a special collection of rubbish that the school collected and was proud to help the students in their efforts to keep the environment clean.

"Waste and litter are two issues that all of us need to deal with in a sensible manner," Cr Marwick said.

"Council has an extensive recycling program that collects bottles, cans, many kinds of plastics, paper, cardboard and garden waste and, as you students already know, recycling helps look after our environment.

"I know your school has already taken many steps to recycle and reduce waste and litter at the school, and that teachers have attended several *Waste Wise* workshop sessions."

Dr Kemp also congratulated the students on their commitment to the environment.

"I'm delighted to see so many keen young



Federal Minister for the Environment and Heritage Dr David Kemp, *Clean Up Australia* Chairman and Founder Ian Kiernan and former Glen Eira Mayor Cr Dorothy Marwick help Bentleigh West Primary School captains Jonathon Belotti and Jane McMahon clean up the school grounds.

environmentalists, not only picking up litter but also sorting the recyclable items," Dr Kemp said.

"This school is an example to us all of how to put environmental sustainability at the centre of everyday life."

In February, Cr Marwick presented Bentleigh West Primary School with a sign recognising its commitment to becoming a *Waste Wise* school.

The school has many programs and initiatives as part of its pledge to care for the environment. Students recycle food scraps and general waste, have vegetable and cottage gardens, an enclosure to keep chickens and geese and a rainwater tank to help conserve water.

Safety boost around busy hotel



Council has instigated a range of traffic management and road safety initiatives at a busy Bentleigh hotel complex to help ensure the safety of neighbouring residents, motorists and patrons.

Since November last year, Council has been liaising with management of the Nepean Hotel on South Road, Bentleigh and local police to introduce a range of measures designed to help residents of the area, patrons of the hotel and passing motorists move in, out and around the complex safely.

Council's Director City Development Jeff Akehurst said Council has implemented a strategy where neighbouring streets of the hotel, such as Corbie, Barry and Plym Streets, are temporarily closed during the hotel's busiest hours.

"These small streets provide entry and exit ways for patrons of the hotel but are also residential streets," Mr Akehurst said.

"Water barriers are used to temporarily close the streets to hotel patrons from 8pm to 3am on Friday and Saturday evenings so that residents of these streets are not inconvenienced by increased traffic flow and noise.

"The aim of the street closures is to ensure patrons of the hotel are using the main entry and exit points of the hotel located in South Road, Nepean Highway and South Avenue."

Mr Akehurst said Council had implemented this strategy on a six-month trial basis to assess the benefits to residents and patrons of the hotel.

"We are confident that this process has been positive for the residents of the neighbouring streets and Council has already received thank-you letters from residents."

Parking restrictions already apply in the neighbouring streets and Council has zoned the area as residential.

Council is also proposing to install a permanent safety fence in front of the hotel along the north side of South Road, between Nepean Highway and the main entrance to the hotel.

The safety fence is a steel tubular structure that acts as a barrier between the pedestrians and traffic.

Mr Akehurst said Council and the hotel would share the cost of the fence.

"The proposed fence will be erected to protect the amenity of the area," he said. "It is a very busy intersection and Council hopes the safety fence will improve the safety of not only hotel patrons but also pedestrians using the intersection."

Drains, rains and autumn leaves

Autumn has arrived and with it comes fallen leaves, possible rain and potential drainage problems.

With this in mind, Council is issuing residents with a call to action — to help ensure the City's vast drainage system remains free of blockages in the lead-up to winter.

Council's Director Infrastructure Kerry Martin said Glen Eira had a good drainage system, comprised of underground pipes and inlet pits, that is maintained regularly and is being constantly improved and extended.

"Council sweeps Glen Eira streets on a monthly cycle and undertakes additional sweeping in areas of heavy leaf fall during autumn. This helps to prevent leaves and other debris getting into the drains and causing blockages," Mr Martin said.

"Cleaning of drains and pits is also done partly on a regular cycle in known problem areas and partly in response to specific requests from residents."

Mr Martin said that while Council had a major role to play in keeping the City's drains clean, residents

could also play their part by regularly checking and cleaning their roof gutters, down pipes and drains.



Murrumbidgee resident Jason Close cleans out the roof gutters on his home to ensure fallen leaves don't block the City's drainage system. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

He said stormwater drainage pipes on the property are the resident's responsibility, including the section from the property boundary to where the drain connects to Council's drain or the street kerbline.

Other tips which can residents can use to keep drains clean include:

- dragging the leaves off blocked pit grates with a rake;
- installing a rain water tank to reduce the run-off into the drainage system in winter and provide a source of water for the garden in summer;
- always placing litter in a bin;
- using leaves and lawn clippings as compost and mulch on the garden, not sweeping them into drainage pits;
- keeping lids of Council drainage pits clear of obstructions; and
- checking with nurseries before planting any trees or shrubs to ensure they don't have intrusive root systems that will get into drains and cause blockages;

Any flooding or damaged pits should be reported to Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

Three beautiful parks. *Three great celebrations*

Residents party in City's parks

Thousands of Glen Eira residents took advantage of the City's pleasant autumn weather to join in the fun of Council's three *Party in the Park* celebrations last month.

The free celebrations, held over three Sundays in March, gave residents of all ages the chance to set up a picnic, join in some fun activities and kick back and enjoy the broad range of entertainment on offer.

There were magic tricks, ribbon dancing, dog obedience demonstrations, roving musicians, dancing, baby animals, craft-making activities and much more, all set against a backdrop of three of Glen Eira's most beautiful parks — Caulfield Park in Caulfield, Packer Park in Carnegie and Allnutt Park in Bentleigh.

There was something for everyone to enjoy at the parties and many families opted to pack a picnic, take to time to sit back and enjoy a fun afternoon in their local park.

The baby animal farm was a huge hit with littlies — with baby bunnies, goats, chickens and sheep among the many creatures kids could pet, hold and cuddle. Face painting was also popular, with children being transformed into a range of characters including clowns, Spiderman, cats, butterflies, Dracula and fairies.

The jumping castle was filled with bouncing children all day, while many colourful and sparkly creations sprang from the craft-making activities, including some bright and glittering masks and some weird and wonderful animal hats.

Pet lovers were also well looked after. The Bayside Companion Dog Training School gave a demonstration of dog obedience skills, with pooches of all shapes, sizes and colours delighting the crowd with their agility, speed and precision.

Council's animal management and Local Law officers were on hand to answer pet ownership and general amenity queries and give away pooch pouches, kitten show bags, cat litter and discounted pet food vouchers to responsible pet owners. Vets from the RSPCA provided a pet microchipping service at reduced rates.

Many local community groups took the opportunity to have information stands and displays including Neighbourhood Watch, Anglicare, Carnegie Rudolf Steiner School, Eastleigh Youth Group, Glen Eira Chess Club and the Jewish Family Community Centre.

Council's information stand was at times four rows deep with people making enquiries about Council services and activities or interested in the information and giveaways on offer, which included booklets, balloons and Council showbags.

Council's Park Services officers were available to give residents advice about mulching, composting and recycling garden waste, while a local indigenous plant

Party in the park

nursery gave handy tips about planting native and drought tolerant plants.

And if all that activity wasn't enough, there was a diverse live entertainment program over the series of three parties which keep the crowds amused throughout the afternoon.

Leading the way were the Five Angry Men who were hard to miss in their huge blue bus, otherwise known as the Mobile Performing Institute. The group proved popular with party-goers, especially when lucky audience members were able to participate in the performance by playing brass instruments, metal wobble boards, drums, tapping sticks and even pans.

Mariachi performers Trio Amigos set the mood for a laid-back afternoon, strolling among the crowd in their ornate black and gold Mexican costumes strumming their guitars and singing folk tunes.

Chinese ribbon dancer and acrobat Lee Mohtaji wowed audiences with her agility and grace, making the diablo twirling, plate spinning and ribbon dancing seem effortless. Lucky youngsters were given the chance to try their hands at plate-spinning and ribbon dancing, though not quite enjoying the same level of success.

Continuing the multi-cultural flavour were three spectacular dance groups — Nikoda-Israeli Folk Dancing, Melbourne Scots Dancing Circle and Brazilian dance group the Fihlos Capoeira School which captivated onlookers with a dynamic blend

of dance, martial art, acrobatics and music.

Sergei Golovko amazed party-goers with his astounding technical agility on the xylophone, Pepia the Russian clown was a hit with young and old alike, while the beautiful voices of Ormond Primary School Choir floated throughout the park.

Andy Zap had the audience in stitches with his comedic antics, colourful purple jumpsuit and array of wigs, while Mike Jackson's performance of string and magic tricks and unusual folk instruments, such as accordion and ocarina, had the crowd on their feet.

Council's Director Community Services Peter Jones said the three parties were a celebration of Glen Eira's community and lifestyle.

"Party in the Park not only celebrates our unique Glen Eira community, but also the City's wonderful parks," Mr Jones said.

"The aim of the event is to bring the whole community together for an afternoon of fun and celebration and to enjoy the artistic talents, performances and services offered by local community groups.

"It is also an opportunity for the community to experience Council's art and culture program and learn more about the services and activities Council provides to the community."

Mr Jones said Council had received overwhelmingly positive feedback from residents about the *Party in the Park* series.

Photos: Bernie Bickerton.



Anneliese Croker and her mum Loretta make a colourful mask.



Face painting proved popular among children at Party in the Park. Oscar Wilson is transformed into Dracula while his sister Meaghan opts for a butterfly.



Georgina Brown and her mum enjoy the jumping castle.



Christina Sanchez and daughter Jasmin get up close and personal with a goat.



The Bayside Companion Dog Training School gave a demonstration of dog obedience skills.



Council's Customer Service Centre Manager Greg Goldenberg presents a balloon to a young resident.



Mike Jackson gets the crowd up on their feet dancing along to his accordion.

Many children in the crowd eagerly snapped up the opportunity to play along with the Five Angry Men.



With just a bit of face paint, Olivia Gregson is transformed into a pussy cat.



A highlight of Party in the Park were performances by the Melbourne Scots Dancing Circle.



Thousands of residents took advantage of the autumn sunshine to enjoy Party in the Park at Packer Park.



Acrobat and ribbon dancer Lee Mohtaji shows a youngster the art of plate spinning.



They really aren't as angry as they seem — one of the Five Angry Men mingles with the crowd.

Wands, wishes and wonderment

Council's Elsternwick Library was wall-to-wall with fairies' wings, magic wands and smiling faces last month when it played host to the *Wands and Wishes* show as part of the 2004 Victorian Seniors Festival in Glen Eira.

More than 120 children, parents and grandparents packed into the library to watch the duo Starfish perform a one-hour show of singing, dancing, magic and stories.

Children of all ages were enchanted by fairy Star and wizard Fish, who performed magic tricks, made bean vines appear out of thin air and told stories of fairies playing in forests.

The audience took part in a sing-along with Star while Fish played the keyboard and provided musical accompaniment and various animal sounds. There were

squeals of excitement and enthusiasm when Star performed a magic trick and turned a silk cloth into an array of coloured feathers.

Many children came along dressed as fairies and had a wonderful time dancing and making actions to the animal noises. Their parents and grandparents also shared in the fun, with a few groovy dance moves of their own.



Star the fairy leads the children in a special fairy dance at Elsternwick Library.



Mary Williams and Georgina listen intently to a story about fairies and forests at Council's Wands and Wishes show. Photos: Bernie Bickerton.

Council hosts young writers' contest

Council's libraries will be the regional host for Australia's largest creative writing competition for primary school students — NESTLÉ Write Around Australia.

Now in its 10th year, the competition attracts more than 36,000 entries from school children all over Australia. Glen Eira has been chosen as the inner-metropolitan region representatives, one of only seven regions throughout Victoria.

Students in Years 5 and 6 can enter by writing a 500 word story and submitting it by Friday 14 May 2004. Entry forms are available at all Council's libraries or students can obtain entry forms from their school or enter online at the competition website www.writearound.com.au

Prizes up for grabs include collections of Australian books, backpacks, laptop computers with software packages and even a trip to the national presentation in Sydney.

The website features winning stories from previous years and writing tips to help entrants make their story one of this year's winners. Teachers will also find useful information on the website including tips on incorporating the competition into a fun, creative writing lesson for their students that links to the curriculum.

Council's Director Community Services Peter Jones said Council was delighted to host the competition.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for the students of Glen Eira to further enhance their writing skills," Mr Jones said. "Council encourages all local students to put pen to paper and submit an entry."

The second part of the NESTLÉ Write Around Australia program will see Council hosting a series of creative writing workshops for local primary school students at Caulfield Library in July.

Children's author Paul Collins, writer of more than 60 books, will conduct the workshops, giving students advice and inspiration about creative writing. Teachers of Years 5 and 6 interested in bringing a class to one of the workshops should contact the Caulfield Library on 9524 3623.

What's on at Council's libraries?

Internet classes

Council's library and information service will be offering the following Internet classes in the multi-stationed computer training facility at Caulfield Library. Bookings can be made at any branch.

Computer basics

The ideal class for the absolute beginner.
Tuesday 20 April 2pm–4pm
Wednesday 12 May 10.30am–12.30pm
Monday 7 June 2pm–4pm
Cost: \$33

Introduction to the Internet

A beginner's course to browsing the Internet.
Tuesday 27 April 2pm–3.30pm
Wednesday 26 May 2pm–3.30pm
Thursday 24 June 10.30am–12pm
Cost: \$22

April Holiday Mania

Holiday Mania is back at Council's libraries for the April school holiday break. All school holiday program events are designed for children 5 to 12 years unless stipulated. All show tickets are \$5 and are available from all four Council library branches.

Project Internet

Wednesday 14 April 10.30am, Caulfield Library
Ages: 9 to 12 years
A specially developed class that teaches Internet skills for school projects and homework.
Cost: \$16.50

Australian outback show

Wednesday 14 April 11am, Caulfield Library
Travel to the outback and sing songs around the camp fire, become part of the performance and discover the characters and animals that live there through puppetry, drama and magic.

Circus around

Thursday 15 April 11 am, Elsternwick Library
A circus workshop with loads of fun. Make juggling balls and learn how to keep them in the air with all sorts of juggling skills — become a clown and learn the art of clowning.

Further steps on the Internet

This class builds on the information learnt in the introduction class and includes search engines, newsgroups, downloading and more facts about Internet Explorer.

Thursday 1 April 2pm–4.30pm
Wednesday 19 May 10.30am–1pm
Cost: \$33

Introduction to genealogy on the Internet

A comprehensive look at Internet genealogy resources.
Tuesday 1 June 2pm–4pm
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 last one hour.
Cost: \$44

Enter the world of Viking Magic

Tuesday 6 April 11am, Bentleigh Library
Ages: 8 to 12 years

A morning of magic and fortune-telling with Anna Ciddor, author of *Runestone* and *Wolfspell* in the *Viking Magic* series. Celebrate the launch of the third and final *Viking Magic* book *Stormriders* and find out the secrets behind the making of the series. Learn about writing and illustration and dress up in costumes from the book covers, plus make fortune-telling runestones.

In brief

Glen Eira statistics

A detailed demographic profile of Glen Eira is now available on Council's website at www.gleneira.vic.gov.au. The information is set out in concise tables, charts and commentary and is presented for the City of Glen Eira as a whole, at suburb level or at ward level. The information could be of particular interest to students and small business people.

Public holidays

All library branches will be closed on Good Friday 9 April, Easter Sunday 11 April, Easter Monday 12 April and Anzac Day Sunday 25 April. Normal hours will apply on Easter Saturday.

Seniors get active across Glen Eira

Thousands of senior Glen Eira residents showed just how active they can be during Council's 2004 Victorian Seniors Festival in Glen Eira last month.

During the 16-day festival, they walked, exercised, sailed, danced, sang, played croquet and table tennis, attended seminars and talks, went on day trips and enjoyed numerous luncheons, dinners and barbecues.



Elvis impersonator Rick Charles entertains audiences at the In the mood concert with his rendition of the classic I can't help falling in love with you.

The festival was officially opened by Cr Dorothy Marwick, in her last official duty as Mayor of Glen Eira, at an afternoon concert held at the Glen Eira Town Hall.

A record crowd of 275 senior residents attended the *In the mood* concert, tapping their feet away to songs from the swing and rock and roll eras — everyone from Glenn Miller and Nat King Cole, through to Elvis Presley and Connie Francis.

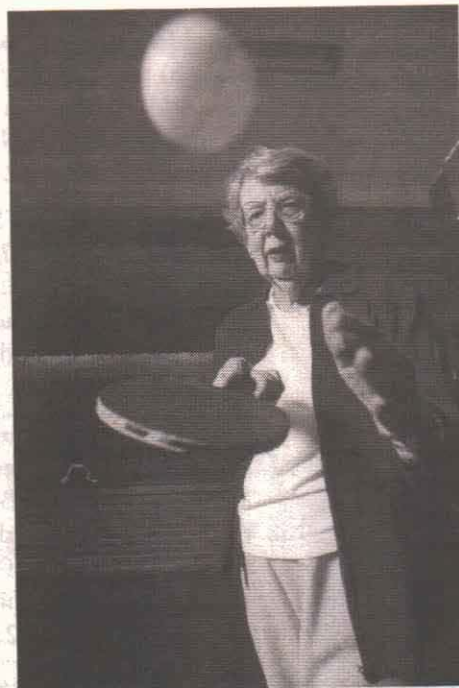
Cr Marwick said she was pleased to see so many senior citizens taking part in the festival.

"For 17 years, Council has been co-ordinating events for the seniors festival and we are pleased to say that during that time there has been a continued increase in the number of people taking part," Cr Marwick said.

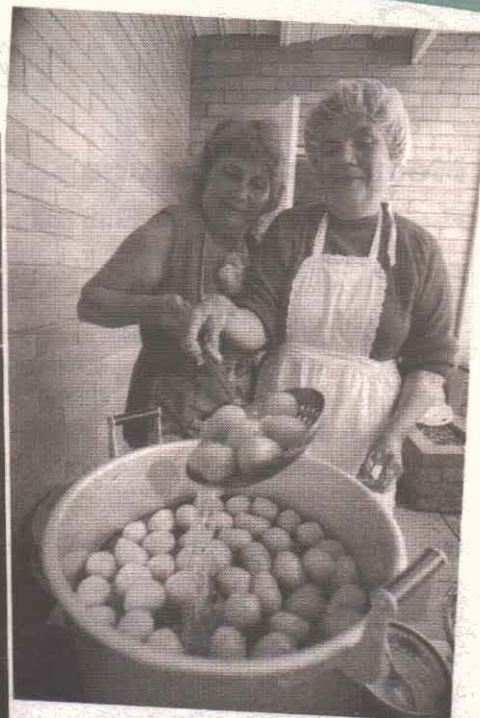
"The festival offers many ways for our senior residents to join in the action and explore what's on in our community, with its mix of free and good value events."

The *In the mood* concert proved to be a great way to launch the seniors festival. Singer Jennifer Lee and Craig Schneider and the *King of Swings* warmed up the audience before Elvis impersonator Rick Charles took the stage.

Rick had the audience swaying and clapping to such Elvis classics as *All shook up*, *I can't help falling in love with you* and *Love me tender*. He even tested the memories of the audience with some trivia about Elvis and the movies he made.



Marg McQuie tries her hand at table tennis at the seniors festival Come 'n' try sessions.



Delicious Greek sweets Loukmaades were on the menu at the Greek Cyprian Senior Citizens' Community of Glen Eira barbecue luncheon. Photos: Bernie Bickerton.

The theme of this year's festival was *the age to be — join in the action* and many senior residents had the opportunity to enjoy the various events staged by Council and community organisations throughout the festival.

Council, in conjunction with Alzheimer's Australia, conducted a healthy living seminar *Where on earth are those glasses?* which provided an insight into dementia and changes to memory.

Seminar presenter Paula Bain said changes to memory as people aged did not always mean dementia. She provided strategies on how to deal with memory changes and information on being diagnosed for dementia. About 80 people attended the seminar and most went home with loads of information and hope.

Other popular events during the festival included the *Come 'n' try* fitness classes and table tennis, a morning walk series, music shows and a morning tea at Council's libraries and barbecue luncheons held by local senior citizens' clubs.

Urban village design workshops

Council will hold a series of community workshops as part of 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 will hold two series of stakeholder workshops as part of the project's extensive community consultation.

The first round of workshops will be held during April and will discuss issues, opportunities, a vision and urban design options for each urban village. The second round of workshops will be held in July this year to discuss the draft urban design framework for each urban village.

Council encourages people who live, work or shop in any of the three urban villages, traders or anyone who has an interest in the future development of these centres to attend the workshops.

Carnegie Urban Village design vision
Thursday 22 April, 6.30pm-8pm
Rosstown Hotel (function room)
Koornang Road, Carnegie.

Elsternwick Urban Village design vision
Tuesday 27 April, 6.30pm-8pm
Elsternwick Club (in bistro)
19 Sandham Street, Elsternwick.

Bentleigh Urban Village design vision
Thursday 29 April, 6.30pm to 8pm
Sacred Heart College (lecture theatre, enter via carpark off Robert Street)
111 Jasper Road, Bentleigh.

For further information or to register interest contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

Pet registration due

Pet owners in Glen Eira are running out of time to renew their dog and cat registrations. Renewal notices were sent out in March and must be paid by 10 April.

Council's Manager Civic Amenity Carl Russo said registration was the best form of identification for pets and acted as safeguard for pet owners if they lost their animal.

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

"Pet owners who have not received a renewal notice should contact Council's Customer Service Centre on 9524 3333 as soon as possible," Mr Russo said.

Council officers will begin doorknocking homes in May and June to check residents' cats and dogs are properly registered. Failure to register dogs or cats can result in a \$200 fine per animal.

Registered dogs and cats must wear their registration tags whenever they are outside their

owner's property. Owners can incur a \$50 fine if their pets are not wearing their registration tags.

For a pet registration application form or further information contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.



Travis Moseley of McKinnon has already paid his registration fees for his Cocker Spaniel Cassie. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Community diary

Meetings and clubs

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.

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.

Ormond Senior Citizens' Club (55 and over) meets at 2 Newham Grove, Ormond. New members welcome for bowls, cards, pool and table tennis. Contact: 9578 7653.

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.

Young Mothers' Group for mothers up to 25 years meets at the Benteleigh Bayside Community Health Service, Gardeners Road, Benteleigh East every Thursday from 10am to 12pm. Free child care available. Contact: Denise 9575 5349.

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.

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

Benteleigh Life Activities Club offers opportunities to meet new friends and enjoy social activities such as carpet bowls, table tennis and theatre outings. New members welcome. Contact: 9557 2562.

The Life Activities Club Caulfield will meet in the Gladys Machin Hall, Cedar Street, Caulfield on Wednesday 21 April at 7.30pm. New members welcome. Guest speaker. Contact: 9568 5849.

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

The Lupus/Sjogrens Support Group will hold a gala concert at the Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield on Sunday 25 April at 2.30pm. Guest soprano Elizabeth Connell, with Judith Firestone and Rhondda Hall. Cost: \$20/\$15. Contact: 9509 2735.

Little Steps Playgroup will meet in the lower hall, St Catharine's Anglican Church, corner Clarence Street and Kooyong Road, Benteleigh East in the first week of the Term Two holidays on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9.30am to 11.30am and Thursdays from 10am to 12. Contact: Stephen 0412 267 437 or Gillian 0414 568 272.

East Benteleigh Primary School will hold a community market at East Benteleigh Primary School, Bignell Road, Benteleigh East on the fourth Saturday of each month from 9am to 2pm. Next market on Sunday 24 April. Barbecue, devonshire tea, live entertainment, face painting, stalls available. Contact: Janet 9558 0793.

The Moorabbin Historical Society opens 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.

Events

The Gilbert and Sullivan Society will hold a concert of musical items from Gilbert and Sullivan operas at Coatesville Uniting Church Hall, corner Mackie and North Roads, Benteleigh East on Sunday 2 May at 2.30pm. Cost: \$12/\$10. Contact: 9570 7708.

St. Christopher's Anglican Church will hold a garage sale at 6 Mackie Road, Benteleigh East on Saturday 1 May from 9am to 1pm. Barbecue, books and plants for sale.

Community

Godfrey Street Community House offers occasional child care from Monday to Thursday 9.30am to 12.30pm. Weekly places available. Contact: 9557 9037.

Immunisation dates

April

Benteleigh Baptist Church
10 Vickery Street, Benteleigh
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
Tuesday 13 April 9.30am–10.15am

Murrumbeena Baptist Church
44 Murrumbeena Road, Murrumbeena
Monday 19 April 10am–11am

Benteleigh-Bayside Community Health Service
Gardeners Road, Benteleigh East
Wednesday 21 April 6pm–7pm

Glen Huntly Maternal and Child Health Centre
Corner Royal and Rosedale Avenues, Glen Huntly
Wednesday 28 April 9.30am–11am

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Council invites local residents to attend an information session on the development of swallowing and introduction of new textures for infants. Speech pathologist Jacqui Duker will be the guest speaker at the session.

Date: Thursday 8 April 2004

Time: 2pm to 3pm

Venue: Glen Huntly Maternal and Child Health Centre
corner Royal and Rosedale Avenues,
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Entries open *for literary awards*



Contemporary Australian writers are invited to enter a short story, script or play to the 2004 Glen Eira City Council Literary Awards.

The awards are separated into two sections, local and national, and are considered one of Australia's major literary events. Cash and prizes valued at more than \$8,000 will be awarded across three national and five local categories.

People living, working or attending school within Glen Eira are eligible to enter the local community section of the awards. This section includes the Sunflower Bookshop Local Short Story Award, Local Youth Short Story Award, Local Youth Poetry Award, Local Junior Short Story Award and the Local Junior Poetry Award.

The national section is open to all Australian residents and includes the *My Brother Jack* Short Story Award, the Classic Cinema Short Screenplay Award and the Short Stage Play Award.

This year's judge of the *My Brother Jack* Short Story Award is novelist, essayist, and short story writer Frank Moorhouse. His most recent work is the companion novels *Grand Days* and *Dark Palace* set at the League of Nations in Geneva. *Dark Palace* won the Miles Franklin Prize for Literature in 2002. He is also editor of the annual *Best Australian Short Stories*.

Council's literary awards allow for completely unrestricted subject matter, with writers in the past choosing a wide range of themes including family issues and conflict, political dilemmas, drug addiction and dependency and relationship breakdowns.

Further information and entry forms are available by contacting Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

Entry forms can also be downloaded from www.gleneira.vic.gov.au or email arts@gleneira.vic.gov.au.

Entries close on Friday 25 June 2004.

The 2004 Glen Eira City Council Literary Awards are sponsored by Classic Cinema, Sunflower Bookshop, Baha'i Community and Eastend Booksellers.

Exhibitions

Transience — Kaye Rintel

Opens Tuesday 13 April at 6pm and continues until Sunday 25 April.

Kaye Rintel's exhibition *Transience* has evolved from an accumulation of an array of photographs. The works are a combination of digital photographs of the Darwin landscape and discarded images collected during her travels. This amalgam is manipulated through computer imagery to make montages that are produced as works on paper and canvas.

Now living in Darwin, Kaye Rintel uses a combination of images from varying sources to create striking new landscapes inspired by her personal journeys.

In this current body of work the images are reminiscent of old film footage or faded photographs. The core focus for the artist is how a range of memories, both real and assimilated, are used to express a sense of



Dark Big Building, 2003, digital ink jet print.

history, knowledge and nostalgia.

Kaye Rintel holds a Masters of Fine Art from the Victorian College of the Arts and has exhibited locally and nationally for about 15 years. Kaye's work is represented in important collections around Australia.

Glen Eira City Council and Monash University present:

BusEd dinner seminar series 2004

Wednesday 12 May at 6pm

Gastronomic therapy
The implications of consumer eating habits on retailers and shopping precincts

The seminar will include topics such as:

- How food and eating habits affect how, why and where consumers shop.
- How the values consumers attribute to purchases affect what they buy.
- If eating out is the new retail therapy and what this mean for retailers and shopping precincts.

Presented by: Amanda Young, Executive Director of the Australian Centre for Retail Studies

Venue: Auditorium, Glen Eira Town Hall, corner of Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield (entry via Portico entrance).

Cost: \$30 (GST inclusive)
Includes three course dinner

Bookings and payment by Monday 3 May 2004

Please advise of special dietary requirements on registration. We regret no refunds will be available; however, substitute guests are welcome.

Contact: Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

BusEd is a Glen Eira City Council initiative, jointly funded by the StreetLife program, Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development. The seminar series is supported by Monash University and Leader Community Newspapers.

BusinessBusiness

Mentors network over lunch

More than 40 mentors and small business operators recently attended the second in a series of networking luncheons held as part of Council's *BusEd Mentor Partners* program.

The group was addressed by Chairman of the True Success Foundation and the Intangible Management Standards Institute Dr. Ken Stanfield who outlined his life laws in achieving success in life and business.

Council's Director Community Services Paul Burke said the luncheon provided an excellent opportunity for business networking.

"The luncheon gave attendees the chance to network and listen to the real-life experiences of successful

business people in our community," Mr Burke said.

"Given the success of the mentor program in helping small business operators, Council hopes to hold the networking functions on regular basis with an event planned every six weeks."

The *BusEd Mentor Partners* program offers a free service to small businesses which have been in operation for more than 12 months and are based in the cities of Glen Eira or Kingston. The program links small business operators with mentors who act as a sounding board for business ideas and strategies.

For more information about the program please contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

Successful marketing strategies

Successful marketing strategies for business owners will be the theme of the Council's Glen Eira Women's Business Network April meeting.

Business Support Network founder Paul McCarthy will speak about marketing strategies for small business to increase profits, financial strategies for marketing, promotion, customer service and creating and maintaining customer loyalty.

The meeting will be held on Wednesday 21 April in the Caulfield Cup Room, Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield. Cost: \$10.

Bookings are essential and must be made by Friday 16 April.

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

Recreation

Frogs leap back to park



Paul Argent gets a closer look at the tadpoles in Frog Hollow at Packer Park, before returning them to the water. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Frog Hollow in Packer Park, Carnegie, has lived up to its name with sounds of croaking being heard emanating from the park's wetland area in recent weeks.

Frog Hollow was created as part of the redevelopment of Packer Park in response to community pleas to have the park resemble its original state.

The park's wetland area is based on evidence that a waterway used to flow through the park, with the area now known as Frog Hollow being used as a watering place for horses and as a place that children explored for tadpoles and frogs.

The park redevelopment was completed in March 2002 following an extensive community consultation process.

Council's Manager Recreation and Youth Services Linda Smith said the hollow was currently teeming with tadpoles, which was a good sign that there would soon be an abundance of frogs.

"Council hoped that by restoring the natural habitat, we would see several species of local frogs returning to live in Frog Hollow," Ms Smith said.

"We spent a lot of time, energy and effort making sure the area was in keeping with the original land forms and flora, so that it would be attractive to the local frog species, some of which are now endangered.

"Now that the plants are established enough to offer shelter and food sources, we are seeing the frogs return."

Ms Smith said while Council encouraged local residents to enjoy the park and its wildlife, it was important they respected the environment.

"We ask that people don't remove the tadpoles or the frogs or damage their habitat," she said. "Now that we finally have them back at Frog Hollow, we want them to stay."

Apart from Frog Hollow, there are many other aspects of Packer Park that residents can enjoy. It has more than two kilometres of all-weather pathways, an all-abilities playground and toilet facilities, picnic facilities, cricket practice nets, a velodrome, and a Birdie Cage golf practice facility.

Fishing and surfing

Local young people have the opportunity to learn how to fish or surf during two one-day recreational programs Council is holding this month.

Let's go fishing, to be held on Tuesday 6 April, includes fishing on the banks of the Yarra River and a trip to the Melbourne Aquarium.

The program is free to young people aged between 9 and 14 years who live or attend school in Glen Eira. Lunch, snacks and drinks are provided. All participants will be required to register before the program starts and will need to complete an indemnity form.

Council, in conjunction with Taskforce Community Agency, is running a surfing program on Tuesday 20 April at the Island Surf School on Phillip Island. The program is free and open to young people aged between 15 and 19 years who live or attend school in Glen Eira.

For further information or to register for either program contact the Why? Stop Youth Information Centre on 9572 5389.

Holiday respite fun

Local children and teenagers with a disability have the opportunity to participate in a range of school holiday programs during April thanks to an innovative project called *Enhancing Vacation Care*.

The project, developed and facilitated by Joint Councils Access for All Abilities (JCAAA), is open to all people with disabilities aged 5 to 18 years old, who live or go to school in the cities of Glen Eira, Bayside, Port Phillip and Stonnington.

It aims to get young people with mild to moderate disabilities into mainstream holiday programs, where they can take part in fun and safe activities. It also provides respite for their parents and carers.

Enhancing Vacation Care is funded by the Department of Human Services' *Great Break Initiative*. For further information or to register interest contact JCAAA Project Officer Mandy Ireland on 9209 6159.

Council opens new golf cages

Local golfers can now practise their golf much closer to home following Council's completion of four new Birdie Cage golf practice facilities in Glen Eira parks.

Council has installed the facilities in Centenary Park in Bentleigh East, EE Gunn Reserve in Ormond, McKinnon Reserve in McKinnon and Caulfield Park in Caulfield.

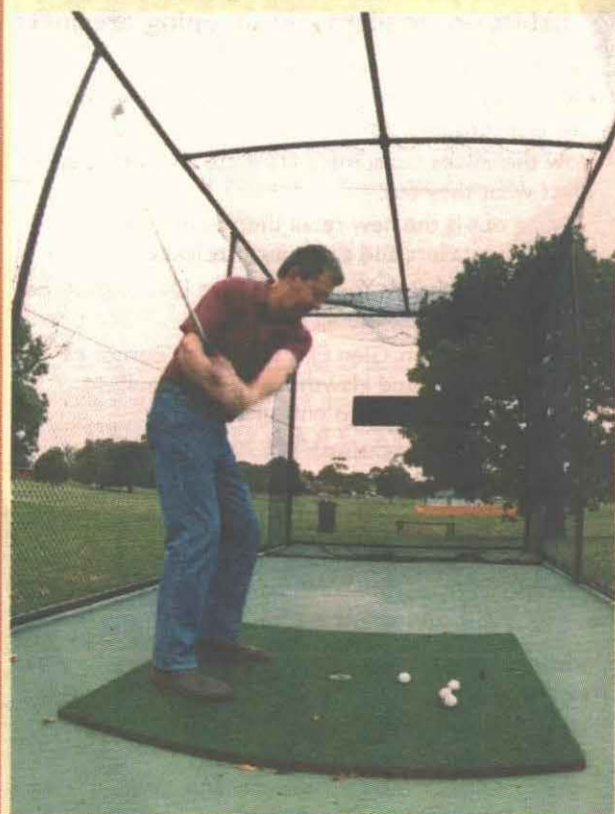
The four new facilities follow on from the success of the first Birdie Cage golf practice facility which opened at Packer Park, Carnegie in May 2002. The inaugural facility, believed to be the first of its kind in Australia, won the Civic Mutual Plus Award for Excellence in Risk Management and was also a finalist in the safety initiative category in the 2002 Sport and Recreation Industry Awards.

The Birdie Cage facility is similar to a cricket practice net, only totally enclosed. It has a pad to hit off from and a net to hit in to. The facility is available to all residents and is open during daylight hours each day. For safety reasons, only one person is allowed in the facility at any one time.

Council's Manager for Recreation and Youth Services Linda Smith said the new facilities meant that golfers could now practise their golf legally and safely at their local park.

"Golf is one of the most popular sports in Glen Eira, however it is not allowed in any of the City's parks due to the dangers it poses to other users. There is also a lack of public golf practice facilities close by," Ms Smith said.

"The aim of the Birdie Cage facility is to provide a safe alternative for people wishing to practise golf and a safe environment for people wishing to relax in the park. The facility also helps to reduce damage to park infrastructure."



Golf enthusiast Steve Fullerton practises his swing at the new Birdie Cage golf practice facility at Caulfield Park.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.