

Council honours local volunteers

By Sophie Massis

Glen Eira City Council recognised 187 people for their work as volunteers in the local community at a special ceremony last month.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Bob Bury presented the volunteers with their awards at its annual Glen Eira Volunteer Recognition Awards ceremony held during National Volunteers Week.

Approximately 360 volunteers and their guests gathered in the Auditorium at the Glen Eira Town Hall to celebrate the work of local volunteers and their commitment to others. Each award recipient received a certificate signed by the Mayor and a specially inscribed badge.

Cr Bury said Council was delighted to publicly recognise the contribution of those people who freely gave their time to help others in the community.

"These volunteers enrich the lives of the people right across the Glen Eira community and their enthusiasm and commitment are the lifeblood of our community," Cr Bury said.

"Volunteers make a valuable contribution to the community assisting the elderly, working with our youth; in every part of community life there is a volunteer unselfishly giving of their time and energy."

Volunteers received awards in four categories — for 500 hours of service, 1,000 hours of service, 2,000 hours of service and for a special contribution award for achieving 10 or more continuous years of voluntary service for an organisation.

A total of 61 people contributed 500 hours of service, 35 people contributed 1,000 hours of service, 34 people contributed 2,000 hours of service and 57 achieved 10 or more continuous years of service.

Some of the 40 different organisations who



Council Volunteer Recognition Award recipient Doug Cox with some of the Under 15 youngsters he helps coach as part of his voluntary service with the Caulfield Football Club — from left Scott Bugden, Hugh Nicholson, Mitch Saunders, Sam Stait and Tom Stait.
Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

nominated their volunteers included Guide and Scout groups, youth groups, senior citizens clubs, churches and synagogues, health service providers, sporting clubs, cultural groups and those providing community services such as delivered meals and Neighbourhood Watch.

Caulfield Football Club volunteer Phil Cox, who received a special award for almost three decades of

service with the club, said he was honoured to receive the Volunteer Recognition Award.

"You don't volunteer to get awards," Mr Cox said. "I was honoured and humbled to know that people respect the service you've given. It's also a reflection on the club to a large degree because it means they've appreciated what you do."

Cr Bury said this year's volunteers had contributed more than 133,500 hours of voluntary service to local organisations — a figure which did not include the hours worked by people who received the special contribution award.

"This is equal to 73 people working full-time for a year or a saving of \$2.93 million annually. This is an outstanding achievement," he said.

"Australia has one of the highest rates of volunteering in the world with more than 4.4 million people participating in their local community through volunteering."

"In Victoria, about 20 per cent of the State's population volunteers — that's more than 700,000 adults. The Australian Bureau of Statistics values this at \$340 million per annum."

Council has held the volunteer recognition ceremony during National Volunteers Week every year for the past 14 years to support, promote and acknowledge the contribution of volunteers in the local community.

Non-profit, community-based organisations are invited to nominate volunteers for each of the four categories. Nominated volunteers must provide a service within Glen Eira for the benefit of local residents.

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Mayor's column



Each of us contributes to the community in our own way — be it through shopping locally, supporting the local footy team or providing feedback at community meetings.

I recently attended a ceremony held by Council in recognition of the wonderful work that volunteers do in our community and was, as

always, duly impressed by the skill and time the volunteers devoted to their work. Their enthusiasm, energy and commitment are the lifeblood of our community, and we cannot thank them enough for their valuable contribution to the City and the people of Glen Eira.

Volunteering time to a community organisation is an admirable thing, but working for the community can be done in a myriad of ways by everyone. Simple things such as using alternatives to plastic bags when shopping, picking up after our pets when we take them for a walk in the park, and recycling wherever possible, all contribute to the amenity and future of our great City by looking after the environment.

Council also plays a part in improving the environment by providing regular street sweeping and collections of recyclable and green waste for residents, and through its campaigns to reduce litter in our community. Council's *Butt it then bin it* campaign has already shown a significant decrease in the amount of cigarette butt litter in local shopping areas, thanks to the efforts of Council officers, shopkeepers and, of course, residents. Local schools such as Carnegie Primary School, to which I recently presented a *Becoming a Waste Wise School* sign, are also getting in on the act and looking at new ways to reduce waste and litter.

Keeping the streets clean is doubly important this month as we welcome the 2004 Olympic Games torch relay to Glen Eira. As one of only six Melbourne municipalities chosen to be a part of the torch's route to Athens, it is a great honour for the City and an opportunity for residents to throw their support behind the relay and turn out to cheer on the torchbearers.

I am always proud of the support community members give each other at special events such as the torch relay and was particularly pleased to see a good crowd of families, friends and well-wishers gather at the Glen Eira Town Hall last month to welcome a further 107 new Australian citizens to the City.

Citizenship is a big step, and we are all the richer for the commitment of our new Australians to this great City, and great country, of ours.

— Cr Bob Bury
Mayor

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Councillors of tomorrow

"What does Council do?" That was the first of many questions asked by a group of 70 Grade 3 students from Gardenvale Primary School who visited the Glen Eira Town Hall recently.

The visit was part of a work unit where the students study the services that Council offers, the structure of Council and the roles of Councillors and Council officers.

As part of the visit, the students were treated to a tour of the Council chambers where they were met by Glen Eira Mayor Cr Bob Bury.

Cr Bury told the students about the variety of services and programs that Council offers to the community.

"Council builds and maintains parks and gardens, collects rubbish and other waste, provides care for the elderly and looks after roads and infrastructure among other services," Cr Bury said.

Cr Bury wore the Mayoral robe and the Mayoral chain for the students and explained the significance of each link in the Mayoral chain. He said that each link had the names of each of Glen Eira's past Mayors on it and was made of gold.

"The robe is at least 25 years old and in previous times was worn by the Mayor at all Council meetings but is now only worn at formal occasions such as Anzac services and citizenship ceremonies," he said.

The students had an opportunity to be part of a mock debate where they had to pretend to be councillors and try to convince the Mayor to pass a motion for an ice cream truck to be placed outside the school.

After some very convincing arguments from the pretend councillors, the motion was passed by the Mayor.

The students continued their tour of the town hall with a talk about Council's parks and gardens, a visit to Council's art gallery and Caulfield library.



Glen Eira Mayor Cr Bob Bury gives Gardenvale Primary School student Daniella Kotzen a taste of what it feels like to be Mayor.
Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

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Tennis leases benefit community

Council has entered into long-term lease agreements with three local tennis clubs in order to guarantee public access to the Council-controlled land.

Lauriston Lawn Tennis Club in Carnegie, Glen Eira Tennis Club in Caulfield South and Coatesville Tennis Club in Bentleigh East have each signed nine-year lease agreements with Council. A further four clubs are close to signing agreements. The land on which they operate is Council owned or controlled.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Bob Bury said the nine-year leases provided security of tenure to the clubs and allowed them to plan for the future.

"These leases ensure that land which belongs to the community is being properly managed, administered and maintained," Cr Bury said. "They also ensure that public access issues remain at the top of the agenda."

"These leases are being made available to community-based organisations which are open to the whole community. They are not for private clubs."

"Council is committed to ensuring that public land is available for public use and not restricted to private use by private clubs."

Cr Bury said Council had leased land to local tennis club for decades, however most of these leases had now expired, were outdated or non-existent.

"Many clubs are operating on month-to-month basis on obsolete agreements which do not meet current legislative requirements and leave Council, and ultimately the entire Glen Eira community, exposed to an unacceptable level of risk," he said.

"Having clubs on proper long-term leases defines each party's rights and responsibilities and clarifies who bears what risk."

"The tennis clubs have been, and under these leases continue to be, responsible for improvements on that land, such as courts, fencing and clubhouses."



Lauriston Lawn Tennis Club is one of three local clubs which has signed a long-term lease with Council.
Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

The new leases are for nine years and provide subsidised rental rates. Under the agreements clubs are responsible for maintenance, improvements, public liability and building insurances and must retain a viable membership level. They also must report to Council annually on specific requirements.

Council has agreed that after five years of each lease agreement has passed, it will investigate the clubs' capacity to fund further capital improvements.

Ten clubs have been offered the new lease agreements.

Council recovers unpaid rates

Council's attempts to recover unpaid rates by moving to sell properties have resulted in more than \$20,000 being recouped.

Under Section 181 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, Council has the power to sell a property to recover rates and charges which remain unpaid for a period of three or more years.

In the current financial year, Council has commenced the sale process of five properties to recover outstanding rates and charges totalling more than \$47,000.

To date, two of these owners have paid in full, one has made an acceptable arrangement to pay the debt and one is negotiating an arrangement. Only one ratepayer has not responded and Council has begun the process to sell this property.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Bob Bury said before Council took this course of action, the ratepayers concerned had ignored all attempts by Council to recover the debt, which included numerous notices, attempted personal contact and legal action through the Melbourne Magistrates' Court.

He said however Council's strong stand had resulted in \$21,363 being recovered to date.

"Council only exercises its power to sell properties to recover unpaid rates and charges as a last resort," Cr Bury said.

"Council's services and facilities depend on everyone paying their fair share. It is important Council does not let some people get away with doing the wrong thing, while most people do the right thing. It's all about ensuring equity for all ratepayers."

"The message is clear — if you do not pay your rates you will be pursued."

At its Ordinary Meeting on 24 May, Council resolved to start the process of selling a sixth property to recover all outstanding rates and charges against it. The property has an outstanding debt of \$6,914.

Cr Bury encouraged any residents who were experiencing difficulties paying their rates to contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 and discuss making a payment arrangement.

Police safety message for kids

The importance of wearing seatbelts, safe cycling and not talking to strangers were the key messages from a Victoria Police visit to Council's Caulfield Children's Centre last month.

Sergeant Paul Cook of Brighton Police visited the centre at the request of parents, who felt that a talk by police would reinforce their own safety messages to their children.

Sergeant Cook explained to attentive group of 15 or so children, aged two to four years, why they needed to wear their seatbelts at all times when travelling in the car.

He also told children they should always wear a helmet when riding their bikes and should never ride on the road by themselves.

Also reinforcing the stranger danger message, Sergeant Cook advised children they should never talk to strangers or accept gifts from them. Most of the children were already well versed on stranger danger and could provide answers when asked.

After the talk, the children were given a road safety sticker each and then it was outside to the police car,



Sergeant Paul Cook helps Pippy Lowenstein tries a police vest on for size.



Sergeant Paul Cook shows Michael Scharf how to use the police radio following a safety talk at Caulfield Children's Centre.
Photos: Bernie Bickerton.

where they were allowed to sit behind the wheel, speak on the police radio and of course test the siren. Several lucky children even tried on a police vest on for size.

Μunicipaliteit naagraadert lokale vrijwilligers

In het afgelopen maand is er een ceremonie geweest om 187 lokale vrijwilligers van de Municipaliteit van Glen Eira te naagraaden.

De voorzitter van de Municipaliteit, lid van de gemeenteraad, Bob Bury, heeft de vrijwilligers van de speciale ceremonie, die in het kader van de gemeentelijke week van de vrijwilligers.

Bob Bury heeft opgemerkt, dat voor de Municipaliteit het was een mogelijkheid om te naagraaden de dankbaarheid van de mensen, die niet klagen over hun tijd, om te helpen anderen.

"De vrijwilligers naagraaden een onbetaalbare bijdrage aan ons leven, door te helpen de ouderen, door te werken met de jeugd. In alle gebieden van het gemeentelijke leven werken de vrijwilligers, die niet klagen over hun tijd en hun krachten."

De naagraaden zijn gegeven in 4 categorieën: 61 personen voor 500 uren van vrijwilligerswerk, 35 personen voor 1000 uren, 34 personen voor 2000 uren, en 57 personen voor naagraaden in de speciale categorie voor 10 of meer jaren van onafgebroken vrijwilligerswerk in één organisatie.

40 verschillende organisaties hebben hun eigen vrijwilligers voor de naagraaden, in het naagraaden de scouts, de jeugdgroepen, de clubs voor de ouderen, de kerken en synagogen, de medische instellingen, de sportclubs, de culturele organisaties en de verschillende diensten van hulp, zoals de levering van eten naar huis en de lokale groepen van wederzijdse hulp.

市政府表彰本地義務工作者

Glen Eira 市政府上個月在一個特別的儀式上表彰了本地社區中 187 位義務工作者。

在全國義工周期間舉行的 Glen Eira 年度義工表彰頒獎儀式上，Glen Eira 市長鮑博·貝雷市議員向義工們頒發了獎狀。

鮑博·貝雷市議員說，市政府非常高興能公開表彰這些義工所作的貢獻，他們為幫助社區中的其他成員無償地獻出自己的時間。

"義工們協助高齡人士，與我們的年輕人一起工作，為社區做出了重要的貢獻。在社區生活的每一個方面都有義工無私地為之獻出自己的時間和精力，"貝雷市議員說道。

義工表彰分四個類別 - 義務服務 500 小時的有 61 人，義務服務 1000 小時的有 35 人，義務服務 2000 小時的有 34 人，另有 57 人因連續為某個機構服務 10 年以上而受到特殊類別的表彰。

40 家為其義工提名獲獎的機構包括女童子軍和童子軍、青年團體、高齡公民俱樂部、教會和猶太會堂、保健服務機構、體育俱樂部、文化團體及諸如送飯上門和街坊聯防等社區服務機構。

Η Δημαρχία τιμά ντόπιους εθελοντές

Η Δημαρχία Δήμου Glen Eira τίμησε 187 άτομα για την προσφορά τους ως εθελοντές στην τοπική κοινότητα σε μια ειδική τελετή που έγινε τον περασμένο μήνα.

Ο Δήμαρχος Glen Eira Cr Bob Bury απένειμε στους εθελοντές τα βραβεία τους κατά την ετήσια γιορτή Απονομής Βραβείων Εθελοντισμού Glen Eira που έγινε κατά τη διάρκεια της Εθνικής Εβδομάδας Εθελοντισμού.

Ο κ. Bury είπε ότι η Δημαρχία ήταν κατενθουσιασμένη για τη δημόσια αναγνώριση της προσφοράς αυτών των ατόμων που αφιερώνουν το χρόνο τους δωρεάν για να βοηθήσουν τους συνανθρώπους τους.

"Οι εθελοντές προσφέρουν μια πολύτιμη βοήθεια στην κοινότητα βοηθώντας ηλικιωμένους, εργάζονται με τους νέους μας, σε κάθε τομέα της κοινοτικής μας ζωής υπάρχει κι ένας εθελοντής που προσφέρει ανιδιοτελώς το χρόνο και την εργασία του," ανέφερε ο κ. Bury.

Οι εθελοντές έλαβαν βραβεία σε τέσσερις κατηγορίες - 61 άτομα πρόσφεραν 500 ώρες εθελοντικής εργασίας, 35 άτομα πρόσφεραν 1000 ώρες εθελοντικής εργασίας, 34 άτομα πρόσφεραν 2000 ώρες εθελοντικής εργασίας και 57 άτομα προτάθηκαν για μια ειδική κατηγορία εθελοντών που έχουν προσφέρει 10 ή περισσότερα συνεχή χρόνια εθελοντικής εργασίας σε έναν οργανισμό.

Μερικοί απ' τους 40 διαφορετικούς οργανισμούς που πρότειναν τους εθελοντές τους είναι ομάδες Προσκόπων, ομάδες νέων, σύλλογοι ηλικιωμένων, εκκλησίες και συναγωγές, οργανισμοί παροχής υπηρεσιών υγείας, αθλητικοί σύλλογοι, πολιτισμικοί σύλλογοι και οργανισμοί που παρέχουν κοινοτικές υπηρεσίες όπως διανομή γευμάτων και Επαγρύπνηση Γειτονιάς.

Il Comune riconosce i propri volontari

Il mese scorso, durante un'apposita cerimonia, il Comune di Glen Eira ha riconosciuto 187 suoi cittadini per il lavoro di volontariato prestato alla comunità.

I premi sono stati presentati ai volontari dal sindaco Bob Bury durante la cerimonia annuale di riconoscimento (Glen Eira Volunteer Recognition Awards) tenutasi durante la settimana nazionale del volontariato (National Volunteer Week).

Il sindaco, a nome del Comune, si è dichiarato felicissimo di poter riconoscere il contributo di coloro che danno liberamente il proprio tempo per aiutare i concittadini.

"L'apporto dei volontari alla comunità è importantissimo - dall'aiuto agli anziani all'assistenza ai giovani, in ogni settore della comunità c'è un volontario che dà il suo tempo e la sua energia con grande spirito di generosità," ha detto il consigliere Bury.

I premi per i volontari rientrano in quattro categorie - 61 persone hanno fatto volontariato per 500 ore, 35 per 1000 ore e 34 per 2000 ore, mentre 57 rientravano in una categoria speciale per avere raggiunto i 10 anni di servizio continuo presso un'unica organizzazione.

Tra le 40 organizzazioni che hanno presentato le nomine dei propri volontari si contano i gruppi Guide e Scout, gruppi giovanili, circoli per gli anziani, chiese e sinagoghe, enti sanitari, club sportivi, associazioni culturali, e fornitori di assistenza comunitaria, tra cui quelli interessati alla consegna dei pasti a domicilio, e infine Neighbourhood Watch.

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Japanese exchange opportunity

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Students

The Glen Eira-Ogaki Friendly Cities Advisory Committee invites Years 9 to 11 students whose parents are ratepayers or residents of Glen Eira to participate in a student exchange to Council's sister city Ogaki in Japan during September.

Adults

The committee also invites adults who are a resident, ratepayer or teacher in Glen Eira to lead the student delegation to Ogaki. Applicants must be aged 18 years or over, preferably speak fluent Japanese or have contributed in some way to the Friendly Cities relationship or to the City of Glen Eira.

The visit will take place from 19 September to 29 September 2004 and will be partially funded by a Council grant. Applications close at 5pm on Friday 23 July 2004.

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

Farmyard friends *pay a visit*

By Anne Stafford

Children at Council's Elsternwick Children's Centre had some unusual visitors last month — chickens, ducks, piglets, sheep, goats, a calf and guinea pigs.

The animals were part of a travelling farm which visited the centre as part of its animal awareness program. The program runs throughout the year and gives children a deeper understanding of a wide range of animals.

The children watched excitedly with noses pressed against the window, as farmer Leigh unloaded his animals into the playground. Squeals of delight were heard as the chickens and ducks waddled into the pen, quickly followed by two piglets, some sheep, goats and a calf.

"Many children have never seen chickens or sheep before so this is a unique opportunity for them to experience these animals first hand," Centre Co-ordinator Geraldine McCarthy said.

"To learn that eggs come from a soft feathered hen, not an egg carton and that milk comes from a cow not the supermarket fridge can be a real eye-opener for the children."

Some children jumped at the chance to interact with the animals while others preferred to watch from a distance. They learned what the animals ate and were shown how to hold them.

Hungry sheep and goats jostled to be fed by willing hands that held cups of dried grass. The calf was particularly insistent, not wanting to miss out. But farmer Leigh had made sure there was plenty for all.



Jacob Vivianti and Louise O'Grady compare guinea pigs.



Joshua Ballyntyne feeds a sheep at Elsternwick Children's Centre. Photos: Bernie Bickerton.

The smaller guinea pigs were a great hit, as they could be nursed on a warm lap and easily cuddled.

Pet registration checks

Glen Eira pet owners who have failed to renew their pet registrations will receive a visit from Council officers this month urging them to pay up or face a fine.

Council will conduct its annual pet registration doorknock over the next few weeks to follow up on the 14 per cent of dog and cat registrations which have still not been paid.

Reminder notices were sent in May to those pet owners who failed to renew their registrations by the 10 April deadline. A total of 2,476 out of 17,690 dog and cat registrations remain unpaid.

Council's Manager Civic Amenity Carl Russo said that failure to pay pet registrations following a home visit from Council officers would result in a \$200 on-the-spot fine.

"Similarly, a penalty notice will be sent to residents who are not home when Council officers visit, but have their unregistered pets on the property," Mr Russo said.

Under the provisions of the *Domestic (Feral and Nuisance) Act 1994* all dogs or cats more than six months old must be registered with Council and registrations must be renewed annually by 10 April.

Mr Russo said once registered, owners receive a new registration tag for their pet that must be worn whenever it is outside the owner's property.

"Owners can incur a \$50 fine if their pets are not wearing their registration tags," he said.

Dogs at large or not securely confined to owner's premises during daytime can incur at \$150 fine and having a dog at large or not securely confined to the owner's premises during night-time can incur a \$200 fine.



Pam Wells of Bentleigh has already paid the registration on her dog Brenna. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Council wins *national reporting award*

Glen Eira City Council was honoured with a Silver Award for its 2002-03 Annual Report at the 2004 Australasian Reporting Awards (ARA) presented in Sydney last month.

The awards promote excellence in reporting and are open to all corporations, public sector bodies, charitable and community organisations in Australia and New Zealand. The overall winner was Boral Pty Ltd.

To achieve a Silver Award, Council's report was found to provide quality coverage of most of the ARA's demanding criteria and outstanding disclosure in at least one major area.

Glen Eira was also one of the four finalists from around Australasia in the Best First Time Entry Award.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Bob Bury said Council had consistently strived to improve its annual report as part of its commitment to open, honest and transparent reporting to the Glen Eira community.

"This is an outstanding result for Glen Eira and is recognition of the effort Council has made to make its annual report a better communication tool," Cr Bury said.

"I particularly congratulate all the Council officers who have contributed to the production of the annual report and their commitment to its continuous improvement."

Cr Bury said the annual report was one of Council's key means of communication with the community, providing comprehensive information about Council's activities, challenges, performance, priorities and financial position for the financial year.

"Over the past few years we have set out to substantially improve our annual report, so that it contains a much more detailed examination of all aspects of Council's services," he said.

"Annual reports traditionally have the reputation of being dull documents; however Council has set out to make our report much more reader friendly so that the whole community can gain something from it.

"I am delighted that these efforts have been acknowledged with this award."

Council's report also received four awards at the recent Institute of Chartered Accountants/

Municipal Association of Victoria Local Government Annual Report Awards. Council won Best Report on Best Value and Best Report on Corporate Governance and received honourable mentions in Best Report on Performance and Best Overall Report.

Copies of Council's 2002-03 Annual Report are available from Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333. The report can also be downloaded from Council's website at www.gleneira.vic.gov.au



Australasian Reporting Awards Chairman John Horder presents Council's Manager Public Relations and Marketing Maureen Bathgate with two national awards for Council's 2002-03 Annual Report. Photo: Corporate Event Imaging.

Up they go — new units take shape

Council's new Curraweena independent living units in Caulfield South are beginning to take shape.

Building work has is well underway on the 30 new purpose-built units which will provide residents with better and more modern accommodation.

Council demolished the outdated 24 bedsitter-type units and meeting room, which used to exist on the site, in November last year as part of the first stage of works to make way for new and improved facilities.



The architects' impression of how the units will look once finished. Design: Baxter and De Jong.

Council's Manager Corporate Assets Tim Frederico said the site is now divided into five modules and a garden area.

"Each module will consist of six purpose-built houses with updated facilities," Mr Frederico said.

"Council's contractor SJ Higgins and Co is currently at the stage of working on module one with a wall frame, brick work and a roof tiles all in place."

Contractors will progressively work on the modules until all five are completed. Landscaping work will then start on the garden areas.

Each new unit will consist of one bedroom with a separate living space, kitchen and bathroom that provide access for all abilities. Each unit will also have a small courtyard and access to off-street parking.

Mr Frederico said the new units will provide updated facilities with more living space for residents.

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

"This project has allowed Council to replace ageing facilities with purpose designed facilities for residents."

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

The project is expected to be completed in early 2005.



Building work is underway on Council's new Curraweena independent living units. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Council secures road repairs

Council's many years of lobbying the State Government to fix a potentially dangerous road in Caulfield North have finally proven successful.

Council's Director Infrastructure Kerry Martin said the section of Balaclava Road had been in extremely poor condition for many years, but had been continually overlooked for repairs by the State Government.

He said the road pavement which met the tram tracks was very corrugated and rough, creating an uncomfortable ride surface and being a potential traffic hazard.

"As Balaclava Road is an arterial road with tram tracks, maintenance of the road pavement between the outer edges of the tracks is the responsibility of the relevant tram authority," Mr Martin said.

"Over the years Council has made countless representations to the State Government, VicRoads and Yarra Trams urging them to carry out urgent maintenance to improve the road surface.

"Yarra Trams finally approved the works and recently replaced the tracks and associated pavement between Holland Grove and Normanby Road. These works will ensure the safety and comfort of Glen Eira motorists for many years to come."

Council conducts road condition assessments every three years as part of its asset management program. The assessments are used as part of the process of developing capital works and maintenance programs.

"Council is committed to ensuring that community assets are renewed, developed, maintained and managed in environmentally sustainable ways," Mr Martin said.

"We will continue to lobby all levels of Government and fight on behalf of our community to ensure that our roads are safe for all motorists and pedestrians who use them."

Bookings *a must* for hard rubbish

Local residents are being urged to make sure they book for Council's hard rubbish collection before leaving items out on the nature strip to be picked up.

Council's Waste Management Engineer Doug Griffiths said many residents were placing their hard rubbish on the nature strip before making a booking and in some cases not even making a booking.

"Unfortunately there is no Council hard rubbish fairy that intuitively knows when hard rubbish needs to be collected," Mr Griffiths said.

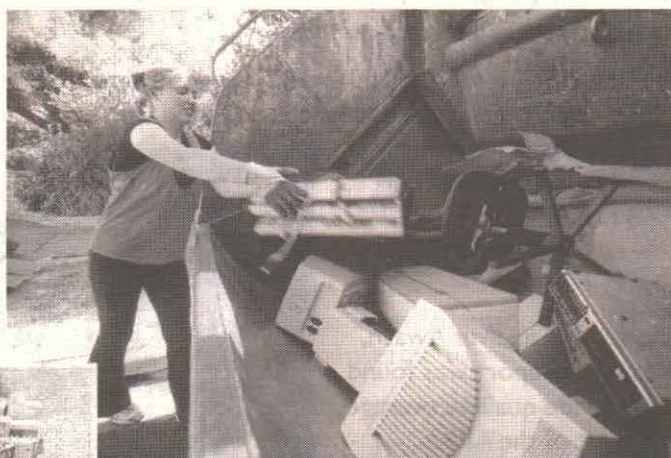
"If residents do not make a booking or they place material out too early, unsightly rubbish can remain on the nature strip for weeks.

"Residents who wish Council to collect hard rubbish must ring Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 to make a booking. Once the booking is made, residents will know when to place the material out and Council will be aware of the location."

Mr Griffiths said residents who had hard rubbish needed to first contact Council's Service Centre. Customer service consultants will then advise them of the next collection date in their area and the date they need to place the rubbish on the nature strip. By following this process rubbish need not be on the nature strip for any longer than 48 hours.

"Council's hard rubbish service is for residential properties that have rubbish which cannot fit into household garbage bins such as furniture and household appliances," he said.

"This service is provided to Glen Eira residents on a four-week cycle — the municipality is broken up into



Bookings must be made for Council's hard rubbish collection, so that Council knows where and when items need to be collected.



Residents are placing hard rubbish on the nature strip without making a booking for the collection.

Photos: Bernie Bickerton.

four areas and there is a collection made in each area every week on a pre-booked basis."

"This makes Glen Eira's hard rubbish collection one of the most frequent of any municipality in Melbourne."

Mr Griffiths said any hard rubbish left out for collection needed to comply with set guidelines. Any items not meeting the guidelines would not be collected.

The guidelines can be downloaded from Council's website www.gleneira.vic.gov.au or can be found in Council's waste services information guide. The 2004-05 guide will be distributed to all households later this month.

For more information about Council's hard rubbish collection or to make a booking contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

New citizens make the pledge

The words to the song *I am Australian* became a reality for 107 Glen Eira residents at a citizenship ceremony Council held at the Glen Eira Town Hall recently.

Family and friends gathered in the Auditorium to witness men, women and children from around the world including India, France, South Africa and Germany making their Australian citizenship pledge.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Bob Bury led the migrants through two pledges before presenting them with their citizenship certificates, the final step to becoming an Australian citizen.

Cr Bury welcomed the new citizens to Glen Eira and congratulated them on their decision to become citizens of Australia.

"For you, this is the final step on the road to fully embrace the country in which you now live," Cr Bury said.

"Maybe it was not an easy decision to give up your previous nationality; it is a very big step, however and in time you will be rewarded many times over.



Nathalie and Sylvie Belle-Larant receive a lesson in wearing an Akubra hat from Glen Eira Mayor Cr Bob Bury.

"You now become one of approximately 45,000 residents of our great City who were born overseas, this is a very large percentage of our 120,000 residents."

Glen Eira is home to many nationalities with the top three being from the United Kingdom, Greece and Poland.

Council gave each new citizen an Australian native plant including Silver Wattles and Copper Glows to plant in their gardens to remind them of when their new life as an Australian citizen began. They also received a small Australian flag and two Australian badges.

The ceremony came to a close with a performance by pianist Blanka West and singer Danielle Matthews of the national anthem *Advance Australia Fair*.

Council conducts citizenship ceremonies under the authority of the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs and is prescribed by the *Australian Citizenship Act 1948*.

Stories by Sophie Massis.
Photos by Bernie Bickerton.



Glen Eira's newest Australian citizens get together with their Australian flags for a show of national pride.



The new Australian citizens patriotically sing along to I am Australian.

In search of a safer life

Doron and Yehon Geer of Caulfield South proudly stood up in *Show and tell* at school recently and told their classmates that they are now Australian citizens.

Doron aged 10 years, Yehon 7 years and their parents Alana and Marc Geer became Australian citizens at a recent citizenship ceremony Council held at the Glen Eira Town Hall.

Marc Geer, an engineer, and his wife Alana decided to move their family from Johannesburg in South Africa to Australia 5½ years ago in the hope of a better life and a safer place to raise their children.

Mrs Geer said she liked the fact that in Australia children can play outside, go to the park or out at night and feel safe.

"There is more freedom in Australia. In South Africa my family and I spent most of our time indoors because of safety and the weather," she said.

The Geers came to Australia on a business visa which meant they could not apply for Australian citizenship straight away.

"We needed to wait for a certain period before transferring to permanent residency, but the decision to become Australian citizens happened almost straight away," Mrs Geer said.

"We enjoy living in Australia and in Glen Eira as our children play in the parks and use the library services provided by the Council."

Mrs Geer said that most of their family, including siblings and parents, are still living in South Africa.

"The hardest part of immigration is the separation from family and friends," she said.

"Marc has been back to South Africa but we hope to go back as a family in the near future."

Mrs Geer said that the family thoroughly enjoyed the citizenship ceremony and her favourite part was seeing the Mayor present her children with their citizenship certificates.

"Both Doron and Yehon were very proud to become Australian citizens. They wore their badges to school the very next day."



Glen Eira Mayor Cr Bob Bury congratulates Alana, Yehon, Doron and Marc Geer from South Africa on becoming Australian citizens.

From India to Glen Eira

Australia's perception as a land of opportunity and excitement brought Errol Bourrilhon and his family to Australia from their homeland India just over two years ago.

Errol, his wife Anita and their daughter Vanessa made the decision to migrate as they believed Australia offered them better job opportunities and was seen in India as being an exciting and vibrant place to live.

The Murrumbeena family made their citizenship pledge at Council's recent citizenship ceremony. In doing so they have become Australian citizens just like their eight-month-old daughter and sister Natasha, who was born here in Australia.



Errol and Anita Bourrilhon stand proud as new Australian citizens with their daughters Vanessa aged six years and eight-month old-Natasha.

Mr Bourrilhon said that after having lived in Australia and Glen Eira for 2½ years, his family decided that Australia was going to permanently be their home and so they decided to become Australian citizens.

"There are great opportunities for my family in Australia and I wanted my children to grow up in a more westernised environment," he said.

"My daughter enjoys playing in local Glen Eira parks such as Packer Park and Murrumbeena Park. We have family in Melbourne and have made many friends and look forward to a new life in Australia."

Making a difference — Glen Eira volunteers pitch in

Volunteers enrich the community

From administration and archiving to tidying gardens, teaching arts and crafts and lending a hand with the shopping, Glen Eira residents provide volunteer services in their hundreds for organisations, clubs and associations across the City. A recent Council volunteer recognition ceremony honoured 187 volunteers in recognition of the time

and skill they give to the people of Glen Eira.

Volunteering is a growing passion among Australians, with more than 4.4 million people supporting their local community by donating their time each year. For many Glen Eira organisations, this donated time allows them to provide services and activities that would otherwise be prohibitively expensive to run.

Even Council relies on volunteers to help provide essential services such as delivered meals and aged care.

Volunteers come from all walks of life for all sorts of reasons — and the community of Glen Eira is grateful for their contribution in whatever form it takes. Here are some of their stories.

A passion for the past

By Vida Ivan

It was the staircase that did it for Friends of Labassa president Bronwyn Worrall.

"From the first time I came here I was captivated by the place. The staircase was covered in scaffolding while conservationists worked on the trompe l'oeil ceiling and I was just captivated," Bronwyn said.

"This place just gets under your skin and you can't walk away from it."

From its rich, heavy gilt wallpapers and grand sitting, dining and music rooms to the imposing staircase complete with stained glass window and rare trompe l'oeil ceiling, the National Trust historic home Labassa is an impressive sight in spite of its great need for repair.

As president of volunteer organisation Friends of Labassa, Bronwyn co-ordinates the fundraising activities, ongoing conservation work and property management of the building along with a team of 18 dedicated volunteers.

The French Renaissance-style mansion in Caulfield North started life as an eight-room house in 1863. Three wealthy owners later and it became a 35-room mansion finished in the grandest style of the era. But that was in 1893 and Labassa has seen some hard times since then.

The mansion was converted into apartments in the 1920s but was never extensively renovated and, after years of tenants and trauma, lapsed into disrepair. When it came up for public auction in 1980 the National Trust bought it and the building was handed over to the organisation established to manage it, Friends of Labassa.

Ongoing conservation work is the priority for Labassa, which Bronwyn hopes will one day see it restored to its former shining glory.

"Repairs to the roof were most important when we first took the building over almost 15 years ago, but it needs to be done again," Bronwyn said.

"We suffered very badly in those freak storms earlier this year with water coming right through the two floors. It's strange to think of such a solid old building being really quite fragile."

"It's quite different to other places run by the National Trust. All of us feel we're making a real difference and we're all passionate about the place."

For Bronwyn, passion is an essential ingredient of volunteering.

"Old buildings are an important part of our cultural history. We understand more about where we're at today when we look at what came before. Labassa must remain so that we can understand more about ourselves and how we lived during those prosperous days when Labassa was at its peak."

"I'm very proud of the volunteers and the work we do for Labassa."



Bronwyn Worrall's passion for Labassa is the driving force behind her volunteer work at the historic house. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

"While the ongoing conservation work is done in spurts, the volunteer team works incredibly hard all year 'round. We have volunteers who work as guides, archivists, researchers and administrators and those who organise the fundraising concerts and open day teas in the servants' quarters. We could really use some gardeners though!"

A Glen Eira City Council volunteer recognition award (special contribution) was presented to Bronwyn Worrall.

More than a team player

By Vida Ivan

For Phil Cox, footy is more than a game, it's a way of life — so much so that he's devoted more hours than he would like to count over 30 years to his local club, the Caulfield Football Club.

The club's name may have changed over the years but Phil's commitment has been unwavering, serving on committees as secretary and president and pitching in with coaching, fundraising and general club duties.

"I played footy for a decade in the '70s with the same club, and while I gave away the game years ago I still enjoy being involved. I wouldn't volunteer if I didn't," Phil said.



Phil Cox (left) has volunteered with the Caulfield Football Club for almost 30 years. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

The language of learning

By Vida Ivan

Adult literacy, English as a second language, back to work skills and computing are the mainstay of the Glen Eira Adult Learning Centre in Ormond but without the support of its volunteers, the centre's 300 part-time students wouldn't be able to hit the books.

The community centre, which has been running since the late 1980s, relies heavily on the support of volunteers to meet the needs of its students, many of whom attend classes to improve their literacy and English skills. The committee of management consists entirely of volunteers and, while some tutors are paid staff members, it is the large volunteer base that enables the centre to meet demands for outreach classes and one-on-one tutoring.

"We have 20 volunteer tutors, six volunteer committee members and 10 volunteers taking on maintenance, library and administration roles," said Ann Maddern, the Centre's volunteer secretary for the committee of management.

Ann has worked at the centre for four years as a tutor and then as committee secretary. Her husband Ken also pitches in when he can as a maintenance person.

"I've had a good education myself but have seen a lot of people struggling to go about things such as reading bus timetables or understanding money. It's an area I thought I could help with," Ann said.

"It's hard to get volunteers for committees, but my feeling is that if you belong to an organisation and you do a little bit, then it makes it easier for everyone."

"When you volunteer you gain a lot — it's not just what you give. It's very rewarding to see students' confidence and self-esteem be raised."

The difference that can be made to students' lives by improving their literacy and English skills was the drawcard for many of the centre's helpers. Volunteer



Ann Maddern, Ken Maddern and Eileen Gillies find volunteering at the Glen Eira Adult Learning Centre enormously rewarding. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

librarian Eileen Gillies has worked for the centre since its inception, starting as a tutor and then putting her interest in books to good use for the students.

"I read an ad in the paper for tutors so I called up. I tutored a Chinese student and a Greek lady amongst others and then started helping in the library," Eileen said.

"The contact with the tutors, students and other volunteers is very rewarding — they're all interested in language and I love books and language."

"The centre gives people confidence in a non-threatening environment. The classes are small but they meet special needs and give slightly disadvantaged people a bit more confidence and skill."

"I'm now 77 so you have to restrict yourself a bit in what you do, but after retirement you really miss the contact with people. Volunteering gives you that opportunity to have that contact and use your skills — and everybody gains."

Glen Eira City Council volunteer recognition awards were presented to Ann Maddern (2,000 hours), Eileen Gillies (special contribution) and Ken Maddern (500 hours).

A resident's best friend

By Sophie Massis

Doug Greenaway has many faces as a volunteer at Council's Warrawee aged care facility in Bentleigh East. He lends an ear to the residents, helps them with their meals, takes them for walks, but most of all offers them a smile and companionship.

Doug, a World War II veteran, widower and father is a tireless and dedicated volunteer who currently assists 20 to 30 Warrawee residents and spends up to 16 hours per week at the aged care facility. Not bad for an 83-year-old.

In recognition of his contribution and commitment, Doug was recently presented with the Victorian Premier's certificate of recognition and appreciation.

Doug was nominated for Victorian Senior of the Year by Warrawee staff. Although he did not receive the award, he thoroughly deserved it in the eyes of the residents he has helped for the past 10 years.

Council's Director Community Services Peter Jones said Warrawee was fortunate enough to have a number of volunteers who dedicated their time to make the lives of the residents more complete.

"Unfortunately some residents have little or no family or friends and it is volunteers like Doug who offer them the friendship and companionship they need," Mr Jones said.

Doug provides one-to-one personal time to residents and takes residents who are confined to wheelchairs for walks. He provides a pick-up service for relatives of the residents who do not drive and also helps residents to and from social events and outings.

Doug said he enjoys reading newspapers to the residents in the high care section of Warrawee who cannot read on their own.

"I read newspapers to the residents and we sometimes focus on the travel sections — we have virtually been around the world," Doug said.

"I just try and have a conversation with them and try my best to keep their spirits up."

Doug started volunteering when his wife passed away and he was unsure what to do with his life.

"I asked my local priest about what to do with my life and he told me to join St Vincent de Paul, a charity organisation. Someone there had a connection with Warrawee and suggested I volunteer," he said.

"My aim is to help people less fortunate than me and to see the appreciation and delight on their faces is what pleases me."



Doug Greenaway provides friendship and companionship in his role as a volunteer at Council's Warrawee aged care facility. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Save the oceans — *don't litter!*



Imagine a world without fish; a world without clean, clear oceans; a world without colourful corals; a world without marine mammals and birds. "Impossible" some may scoff. But sadly this is not the case.

Each year plastic waste alone kills up to one million sea birds, 100,000 marine sea mammals and countless fish — plastic waste which comes from humans. This plastic waste does not decompose. The creatures it kills do. The plastic remains in the ecosystem to kill over and over again.

The plight of the world's oceans is under the spotlight this month for World Environment Day. This day is held on 5 June each year to focus the world's attention on a major environmental challenge. This year's theme is *Wanted! Seas and Oceans — Dead or Alive?*

Glen Eira residents may ask, "So, how does this concern me". While it is true that Glen Eira isn't a seaside suburb, it is not just coastal dwellers who pollute the ocean. Anyone who drops a cigarette butt in the street, throws litter out the car window, fails to clean up after

their dog or pours chemicals or paint down the drain is causing untold damage to the marine environment. These materials invariably end up in rivers and waterways, where they are carried into the ocean, destroying marine life and the environment.

Eighty per cent of all pollution in seas and oceans comes from land-based activities. Glen Eira residents have a choice — whether to take action and keep seas and oceans healthy or do nothing and watch as ocean life irreparably declines.

Keep waterways clean

Glen Eira's stormwater drains run into Elster Creek, Elwood Canal and ultimately Port Phillip Bay.

Any litter which washes into the City's stormwater system, eventually ends up as pollution in the bay. That's why it is vital that residents do the responsible thing and dispose of litter and waste properly.

Glen Eira is involved with Port Phillip and Bayside councils in a study of the Elster Creek-Elwood Canal drainage catchment area. The study will identify the major pollutant sources and develop various treatment options to reduce the impact on Port Phillip Bay.

Council has many programs that are committed to reducing litter entering stormwater drains and preventing the pollution of waterways.

Everyone can do their bit

World Environment Day is not just reading about how others have made a commitment to save the oceans. It's about every single resident finding out what they can do to keep the seas litter free.

Council encourages all residents to do their bit to help save the marine environment. All it involves is residents making some small changes to their daily lives as these handy tips show:

- Reduce the use of plastic bags when shopping. Take alternatives such as calico bags, string bags, baskets or boxes. These can be kept in the car so they are handy.
- Help reduce litter by using a street litter bin or take rubbish home if you can't find one. Smokers can buy a personal ashtray that can be easily carried around.
- When at a sporting event use recycling bins to dispose of plastic, cardboard and aluminium cans.
- Report litter bugs to the Environment Protection Authority's litter line on 1800 352 555.
- Ensure that rubbish is tied down securely on trailers when visiting the tip.
- Don't pour unwanted chemicals or paint down the drain. Use one of EcoRecycle Victoria's household

chemical collection days. Phone EcoRecycle Victoria on 1800 353 233 for collection dates.

- When taking dogs for a walk always take a plastic bag and be sure to clean up after them.
- Opt for no receipt from an automatic teller machine.
- Ask your lawn mowing contractor not to sweep cut grass onto the road. Grass cuttings are also considered to be litter and pollute the bay.



Butt out cigarette litter



Council has launched a *Butt it then bin it* program to raise awareness and reduce the incidence of cigarette butt littering in Glen Eira streets and shopping centres.

Council has distributed 200 cigarette butt bins, anti-litter posters and education leaflets to food businesses in Glen Eira 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 identified that the introduction of the State Government's new tobacco laws and the banning of smoking in food businesses would increase the incidence of cigarette butt litter.

Council is now looking at expanding this popular anti-litter campaign by targeting specific litter hot spots throughout the municipality. *Don't Waste Carnegie* will be Council's next litter prevention campaign.

Trapping litter from the drains

A new litter trap Council installed in Bentleigh last year is proving successful in helping to keep local waterways free from rubbish.

The gross pollutant trap captures any litter that washes into stormwater drains which service a one-kilometre length of nearby Bentleigh Shopping Centre. It was designed by Swinburne University and



has been jointly funded by Council and the South Eastern Regional Waste Management Group.

This trap will work in tandem with an existing unit in nearby Bendigo Street, Bentleigh. Together the two units are expected to remove the majority of the litter generated from the Bentleigh Shopping Centre and significantly reduce the environmental impact on Elster Creek and Elwood Canal.

As the two units cover similar catchment areas and shopping demographics, they will form the basis of a comparative investigation on litter entrapment. This study will enhance the information already being gathered for the future stages of Council's Stormwater Management Plan.

Cleaning up shopping strips

Council's street sweeping program helps to reduce the amount of litter being washed down the drains.

During the night, Council's contractor Spotless Services sends an entourage of street sweeping machines, pressure washing units and workers with vacuum pack blowers to clean the roads, footpaths and gutters of all the shopping centre strips throughout the municipality.

This process ensures that all litter which has been dropped on the ground is effectively removed and disposed. About 700 tonnes of litter is removed from Glen Eira shopping centres each year.

Carnegie gets wise about waste

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Bob Bury presented Carnegie Primary School with a *Waste Wise* accreditation sign at a school assembly last month.

Carnegie is the fourth school in Glen Eira to join the *Becoming a Waste Wise School* accreditation program which encourages schools to become more waste conscious, conserve resources and achieve a whole-of-school approach to waste and litter education.

Developed by EcoRecycle Victoria and supported by Council through its *Waste Wise Education Strategy*, the program asks each school to follow eight steps to becoming a fully accredited waste wise school.

The school will be working with the Gould League of Victoria and the South Eastern Waste Management Group on ways to incorporate waste reduction into the school's operations and students' curriculum.

Council has arranged mobile recycling bins for paper, plastic, glass and aluminium for the school.

At the presentation, Cr Bury congratulated the school for its commitment to achieving the State-wide standards for excellence in reducing waste.

"You now have a year to achieve the eight standards and become a fully accredited *Waste Wise* school," Cr Bury said.

"Council has an extensive recycling program that collects bottles, cans, many kinds of plastics, paper, cardboard and garden waste and is pleased to assist Carnegie Primary School in the collection of these wastes."

The school has a main focus on reducing paper waste and has implemented a re-use paper in-tray in each classroom where the students recycle and reuse scrap paper and cardboard.

The school plans to grow a vegetable garden and start a composting program in the near future. It will also conduct an audit of the general garbage, paper, cans and bottles it currently uses on a weekly basis with an aim to reduce the amount of waste accumulated.



Glen Eira Mayor Cr Bob Bury learns all about Carnegie Primary School's recycling program from school captains (from left) Hannah Keary, Oliver Bannister, Brooke Starling and Niki Porebski. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Council committed to school safety

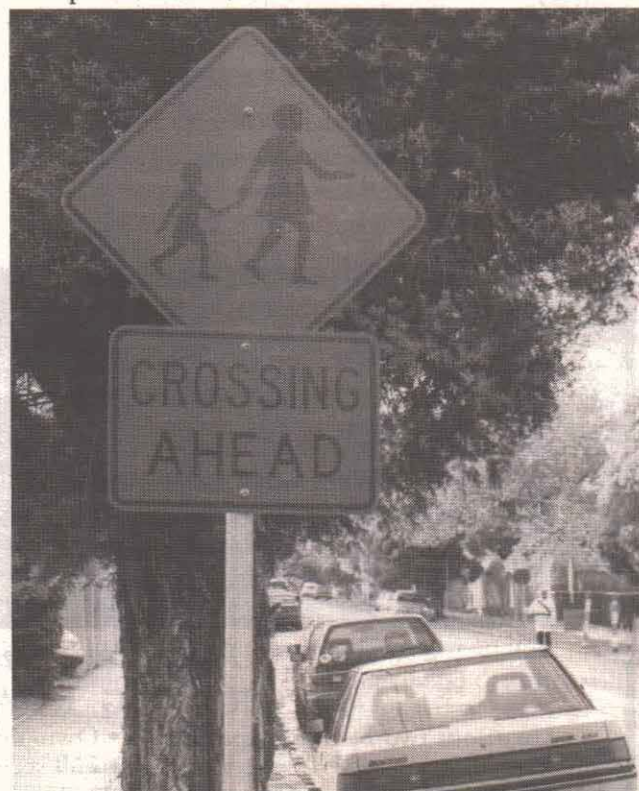
Council has recently reaffirmed its commitment to school road safety by agreeing to install safety signs and speed cushions at a St Kilda East school.

The works are part of the State government's *Safe Routes to Schools* program which is implemented by the combined efforts of Council and VicRoads.

As part of the program, Council surveyed three schools in Glen Eira's Caulfield North-St Kilda East area. This area was chosen as statistics show it has a high pedestrian casualty rate.

Parents of the students at the schools were asked to complete the survey and highlight what they thought were potential pedestrian trouble spots. The locations were then investigated and assessed by Council's traffic management engineers.

As a result of the survey, Council and VicRoads have been working with Ripponlea Primary School in St Kilda East to improve school road safety through a combination of engineering treatments such as signs and speed cushions, education and enforcement.



Council has installed new signage at the Ripponlea Primary School crossing to improve safety. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Council has improved safety around the school crossing by placing advanced crossing warning signs and implementing better parking restrictions. *No stopping* signs have been placed near the crossing to improve motorists' view of children waiting to cross the road and be picked up.

Council also plans to erect *recommended crossing point* signs outside the school on Carrington Grove and Orrong Road and hopes to install three speed cushions in Carrington Grove by the end of June.

The speed cushions aim to slow motorists down before they get near the school and again before they enter and exit the crossing.

Victoria Police has also been working with Council on improving pedestrian safety around schools and shopping centres. A speed blitz conducted in Glen Eira in late March resulted in 380 motorists receiving penalties for speeding.

These efforts are in line with Council's *Glen Eira Road Safety Strategy* which aims to improve awareness about pedestrian safety, potential hazards in Glen Eira and safer pedestrian behaviour.



Fine for illegal demolition

An Oakleigh South man who partially demolished a residential property without the proper Council building permit has been convicted and fined in the Melbourne Magistrates' Court.

Murray Abbot, a carpenter acting on behalf of the owner of the residential property, was fined \$1,000 and ordered to pay \$1,547.40 costs after pleading guilty to carrying out building work without a permit in Cambridge Street, Bentleigh East early last year.

Council's prosecutor Alan Katz told the court that Abbott contacted Council regarding a permit and was advised that as he was not a registered demolisher and could not be issued the appropriate building permit.

A follow-up inspection found that the property had been partially demolished without a permit. Council officers issued a notice and order to the property owner to comply with building regulations.

Mr Katz also told the court that a building order was then issued to the property owner to secure the site and to obtain a building permit to complete the demolition. A registered demolisher was subsequently engaged by the owner and the building was fully demolished in accordance with the relevant permit.

Council's Manager Building Services John Bordignon said Council would only grant demolition permits to practitioners who were registered with the Building Commission.

"It is crucial that practitioners follow these regulations so that building sites are maintained in a manner that is safe for the builders and the public," Mr Bordignon said.

"If residents are unsure about the regulations, they should contact Council for clarification."

Women's Business Network

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Three ways to successful communication in business

Council, in conjunction with professional speaker and presenter Ricky Nowak, will present three keys to successful business and organisational communication at the next *Glen Eira Women's Business Network* meeting.

The information session will address how business leaders and their teams relate, interact and support each other as individuals and as a cohesive unit within their workplace.

When: Thursday 17 June at 7pm

Where: Merrimu Function Centre
1300 Dandenong Road, Murrumbeena

Cost: \$10

RSVP: Monday 14 June 2004

Bookings are essential.

For more information or to make a booking contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

Library

Storytime session a real party

Glen Eira children had even more reason to attend *Storytime* sessions at Council's four libraries last month as there was a birthday to celebrate.

At Bentleigh Library, more than 70 children, parents and grandparents celebrated the fourth birthday of Council's library mascot, Eira the bookworm.

The afternoon session saw children present Eira with gifts of books with birthday themes, which storyteller Marcia Baillie then read for everyone to enjoy.

The children enthusiastically listened to birthday stories such as *Platypus and the birthday party*, *Max's birthday* and *The secret birthday message*.

After a few verses of the *Hokey Pokey* it was time to sing *Happy Birthday* to Eira. The children then used their artistic talents to make Eira party hats coloured with crayons and glitter.

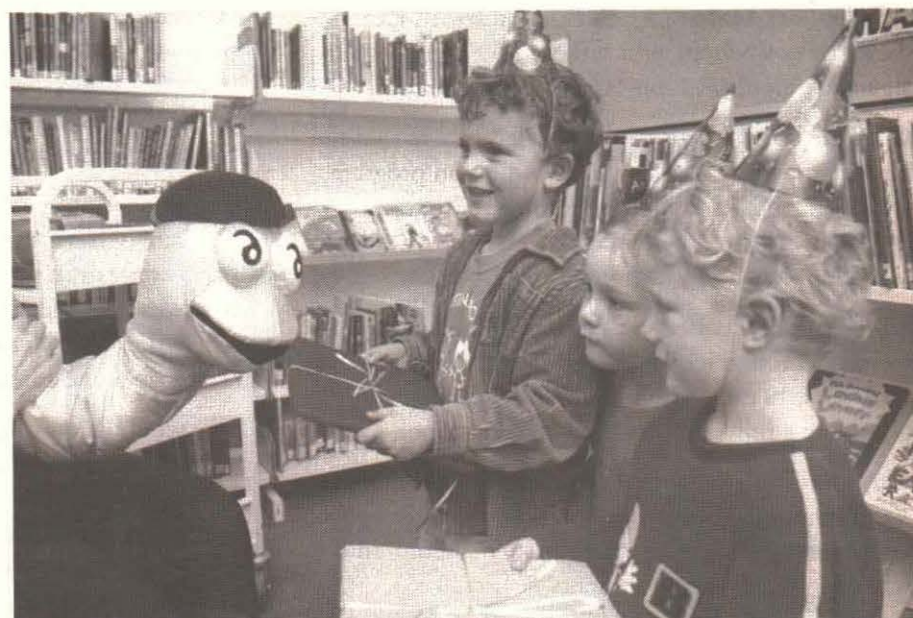
But the children did not just leave after a song, dance and story, birthday party tradition was followed and each child was treated to a bag of lollies.

Council's Manger Library and Information Services Sue Webster said *Storytime* provided parents with an opportunity to introduce young children to reading and book selection.

"Eira is the mascot for *Storytime* and represents something fun for the children that they can also relate to," Ms Webster said.

Eira's birthday celebration at the *Storytime* session was part of National Library and Information Week that was celebrated at Council's four libraries during the last week of May.

Altogether, more than 400 children and parents attended the birthday celebrations at the four libraries.



Angus McQuie, Abby Jones and Jack Richardson present Eira with some gifts for his birthday. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Smart studying

Council will host a comprehensive information session for senior students later this month on how to manage the final years of school.

The SMARTS session, part of Council's library events program, will introduce practical strategies and techniques to help students cope with the tough final school years and has been designed particularly for Year 10 students.

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

The session will provide information for students on how to face personal and academic challenges and address concerns about the future and the best career options.

There will be two presenters — psychologist, SMARTS program creator and experienced university counsellor Rochelle Umansky and psychologist and career counselling consultant Tina Margaritis.

The presenters will discuss how to:

- identify study habits that work;
- keep motivated;
- think positively and realistically;
- use time effectively;
- control stress;
- select subjects that will give career options; and
- find a future career direction.

SMARTS will be held on Wednesday 30 June in the Theatre, Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield from 9.30am to 1pm. Cost: \$20. Bookings are essential. For more information contact 9524 3623.

What's on at Council's libraries?

Libraries closed for recarpeting

Council's Bentleigh and Elsternwick libraries will close briefly during June to enable new carpet to be laid in public areas.

Elsternwick Library will be closed from Tuesday 15 June and reopen on Tuesday 22 June. Bentleigh Library will be closed from Monday 21 June and reopen on Friday 25 June. The after hours return chutes will remain open during this period.

June Holiday Mania

Holiday Mania is back at Council's libraries during the June school holiday break. The program has something to suit all interests and is designed for primary school children. Tickets will be available from all four library branches from Tuesday 15 June. Contact 9524 3623.

More wild action

Tuesday 6 July 1pm, Bentleigh Library

A fun and educational show with live animals, and children can see a crocodile, talk to a turtle, kiss a frog and meet some furry Australian animals

Cost: \$5

Mosaic placemat

Monday 5 July 10.30am–12pm, Carnegie Library

Young designers can make a placemat with coloured tiles and a great choice of shapes on which to create an individual design.

Cost: \$5

Project Internet

Friday 2 July 10.30am, Caulfield Library

A specially developed class that teaches Internet skills for school projects and homework.

Ages: 9 to 12 years. Cost: \$16.50

Be a detective

Tuesday 29 June 11am, Elsternwick Library

The world's most famous detective and fictional character Sherlock Holmes turned 150 this year — a great chance to learn his detective secrets and about Nicholas Twit, the schoolboy version of Sherlock Holmes from the popular *Nicholas Twit* series of books.

Ages: 8 years and over. Cost: \$5

Snakes alive

Monday 28 June 11am, Caulfield Library

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Cost: \$5

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Business

Walk on history in Elsternwick

Glen Eira residents will be walking on local history after a recent installation of seven mosaic tile panels in the footpath at Elsternwick Shopping Centre.

This Elsternwick mosaic project was the final stage of Council's upgrade to the Elsternwick streetscape. The footpath works were undertaken in 2001 and provision was left in the pavement for the mosaic panels.

Council's Manager Business Development Lynda

Bredin said Council worked together with the Elsternwick MainStreet Committee and local artist Cath Brown to develop and install the mosaics which highlight prominent local historical features and places of interest.

"The committee chose a historical theme because of the area's great cultural and historical significance," Ms Bredin said.

Various landmarks around Elsternwick were chosen to be featured in the mosaics. Represented are Rippon Lea Estate, a tram, the Elsternwick Hotel, a typical heritage shop front, the old heritage Elsternwick Post Office building, the Elsternwick Club and the local RSL.

Ms Bredin said the mosaics would not only provide colour and decoration in the shopping centre, but also add another element of value to the street.

"The mosaics help to give the shopping centre character and an element of identity," Ms Bredin said.

Artist Cath Brown completed the mosaics which were installed at various points around the shopping centre



Elsternwick MainStreet Committee President Gary Eaton, mosaic artist Cath Brown and Council's Manager Business Development Lynda Bredin with one of the mosaic tiles which have been installed in the Elsternwick Shopping Centre. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

with the assistance of Council's works management officers. Non-slip tiles were used to create the mosaics.

Mentors program a winner

Council is calling on small business operators and residents with business experience to join its *BusEd* Mentor Partners program.

The program matches current small businesses with experienced mentors who provide a sounding board for business ideas and strategies.

Council's Manager Business Development Lynda Bredin said the popular program has now been running for 12 months and 30 small business operators have used the mentoring service, with another 17 in the pipeline.

"Council encourages more businesses operators and residents with business experience to join the free program," Ms Bredin said.

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

Ms Bredin said 28 mentors with a wide variety of experience and skills have been recruited to assist small business operators.



Council's *BusEd* Mentor Partners program helped match Danube Travel owner Margaret Nagby with mentor Adrian Nelson. Photo: Les O'Rourke.

The types of businesses that have utilised the service represent a wide range of industry sectors from travel agencies and retail shops to education centres and manufacturers of door hardware and hospital equipment.

One of the features of the program is networking functions, which are organised periodically at the Glen Eira Town Hall. The luncheons include a presentation from a guest speaker on business-related issues and provide an opportunity for participating mentors and businesses to network and share experiences.

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

Boost business with *BusEd*

Local small business owners looking to get the edge on their competitors are being urged to take advantage of Council's *BusEd* program.

The program, which has been running for almost two years, aims to bring together local student resources and business owners' experience and knowledge on projects which have mutually beneficial outcomes.

To date many 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 students from local primary, secondary and tertiary educational institutions who have worked on projects including website design, complete information technology systems integration, photography, community arts projects, marketing surveys and design and production of promotional materials.

Council's Manager Business Development Lynda Bredin said business owners benefitted from access to updated information, resources and other business tools that the students have gained.

She said students gained from getting practical experience in a business environment, and access to the knowledge, mentoring and experience of local business owners.

"The program is free. The only cost to businesses is in time and commitment — businesses must be prepared to invest time into their joint projects to allow for the best possible outcome," Ms Bredin said.

"These projects are just like entering into a commercial project — effective communication reflects in the results. The more time businesses give to brief their consultants, the greater the likelihood that they will receive a rewarding result.

"Business owners need to have a clear understanding of what they want to achieve before embarking on any project, whether it be commercial or *BusEd*."

BusEd currently has students who can undertake projects in the following areas — website design, website database development, IT networking, market research and analysis, graphic communications and photography. Educational providers will select projects which best suit their curriculum.

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

Glen Eira City Council and Monash University present:

BusEd dinner seminar series 2004

Wednesday June 30 at 6pm

A new year's celebration — Revitalise and transform yourself, your life and your business success.

With a new financial year approaching, now is the ideal time to start developing goals and strategies and taking actions to achieve greater effectiveness and success in all aspects of business and life in the future.

The session will focus upon both personal and interpersonal effectiveness including their impacts upon overall happiness and the business bottom line.

Presented by Jeffrey J Mclean Director Commercial and Extension activities, Co-ordinator Management Honours, Co-Director Australian Consortium for Effective Organisations (ACEO), Department of Management, Monash University.

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

Cost: \$30

Bookings: Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

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

Community diary

Meetings and clubs

Caulfield Combined Probus Club for retired professionals meets in the Gladys Machin Senior Citizens' Centre, 8 Cedar Street, Caulfield South on the first Wednesday of each month at 10am. Contact: 9569 9170.

Ladies Probus Club of Caulfield for retired and semi-retired people meets in the Gladys Machin Senior Citizens' Centre, 8 Cedar Street, Caulfield South on the third Thursday of each month at 10am. New members welcome for friendship, outings and speakers. Contact: Nan 9596 7321.

Bentleigh 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.

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 and positive thinking courses on the first Wednesday. Voluntary contributions welcome. Bookings essential. Contact: 9578 9955.

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.

Young Mothers' Group meets at the Bentleigh Bayside Community Health Centre, Gardeners Road, Bentleigh East on Thursdays from 10am to 12pm. New members welcome and free childcare is available. Contact: Denise 9575 5349.

Caulfield Combined Probus Club meets at the Gladys Machin Senior Citizens' Centre, 8 Cedar Street, Caulfield South on the first Wednesday of every month at 10am. Contact 9569 9170.

The Moorabbin Historical Society opens Box Cottage in Joyce Park, Jasper Road, McKinnon on the last Sunday of each month (February to November) from 2pm to 4pm. 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 every month (February to November) at 1pm. New members welcome. Contact: Olive 9578 2395 or Pat 9571 2666.

Little Steps Playgroup meets in the lower hall at St Catharine's Anglican Church, corner Clarence Street and Kooyong Road, Caulfield South on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9.30am to 11.30am. Contact: Gillian 0414 568 272 or Stephen 0412 267 437.

Life Activities Club Caulfield will meet in the Gladys Machin Hall, Cedar Street, Caulfield South on Wednesday 16 June at 7.30pm. Guest speaker and supper served. New members welcome. Contact: 9568 5849 or 9523 9669.

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.

Murrumbeena Bowls Club invites interested players to join in winter bowls at 10 Blackwood Street, Carnegie. New bowlers welcome. Contact: 9568 5144.

Lauriston Lawn Tennis Club will hold public social tennis afternoons at the Lauriston Lawn Tennis Club, Rosanna Street, Carnegie on the first Sunday of each month, starting in June. Non-members welcome, \$5 visitors fee applies. Contact: 9578 2361.

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

Ogonyok Multicultural Association of Russian Women offers opportunities to meet new friends and enjoy social activities such as table tennis and cards every Thursday from 6pm to 8pm. Contact: 9555 9240 or 0416 251 317.

Community

Ogonyok Multicultural Association of Russian Women, a Russian social support/educational group, seeks volunteers to assist with administrative duties and driving. Russian and English speaking volunteers welcome. Contact: 9570 8480 or 0416 251 317.

St Catharine's Anglican Church is interested in hearing from anyone who would like to start a community carpet bowls club. Contact: Stephen 0412 267 437.

Parenting talk

Council invites local residents to attend an information session on foot care for children. Guest speaker will be podiatrist George Koutsoufotis.

Date: Tuesday 22 June
Time: 2pm to 3pm
Venue: Glen Huntly Maternal and Child Health Centre, corner Royal and Rosedale Avenues, Glen Huntly
Cost: \$3
Enquiries: 9524 3403

U3A Glen Eira seeks voluntary tutors to teach beginners German to retired senior citizens. Contact: 9572 0571 between 10am and 3pm, Monday to Friday.

Events

National Trust Mansion Labassa will hold *In the time of the bard* concert, a celebration of music, dance, costumes from Shakespeare's era, at 2 Manor Grove, Caulfield on Sunday 6 June at 2.15pm. The concert is part of the early music, dance and gesture series to raise funds for Labassa. Contact: 9509 6596 or 9699 8417.

Music Lovers' Society will hold a concert featuring baritone Derek Welton and saxophonist Jason Xanthoudakis at St Paul's Anglican Church, 530 Dandenong Road, Caulfield North on Saturday 19 June at 8pm. Cost: \$6-\$35. Members free. Contact: 9822 7292 or 9571 0850.

Glen Eira City Choir, conducted by Jane Elton Brown, and guest soloists will perform Mozart's *Requiem* and other works at the Uniting Church, Oxley Road, Hawthorn on Sunday 20 June at 2.30pm. Cost: \$25/ \$20/\$18. Contact: Jill 9502 7707.

St Catharine's Anglican Church will hold a mini fete and art show in the lower hall at St Catharine's Anglican Church corner Clarence Street and Kooyong Road, Caulfield South on Saturday 17 July from 9am to 2pm. Contact: Stephen 0412 267 437.

Immunisation dates

Bentleigh Baptist Church
10 Vickery Street, Bentleigh
Monday 7 June 1.30pm-2.30pm

Glen Eira Town Hall
(entry via Glen Eira Road)
Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield
Tuesday 8 June 9.30am-10.15am

Murrumbeena Baptist Church
44 Murrumbeena Road, Murrumbeena
Monday 21 June 10am-11am

Bentleigh-Bayside Community Health Service
Gardeners Road, Bentleigh East
Wednesday 23 June 6pm-7pm
Saturday 26 June 9.30am-10.30am

Glen Huntly Maternal and Child Health Centre
Corner Royal and Rosedale Avenues, Glen Huntly
Wednesday 30 June 9.30am-11am

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Activities for June

Enquiries and bookings

Margaret 9596 6124

Thursday 24 June

A trip to the Goulburn Valley/Murray Waters region of central Victoria. Morning tea at Whittlesea, then on to Kinglake. Tea and lunch at Alexandra before visiting Eildon Weir. Home via Maroondah Highway. Depart 9am from 99 Grange Road, Glen Huntly and 9.15am at 185 Poath Road, Hughesdale.

Cost: \$35.

Self defence program kicks off

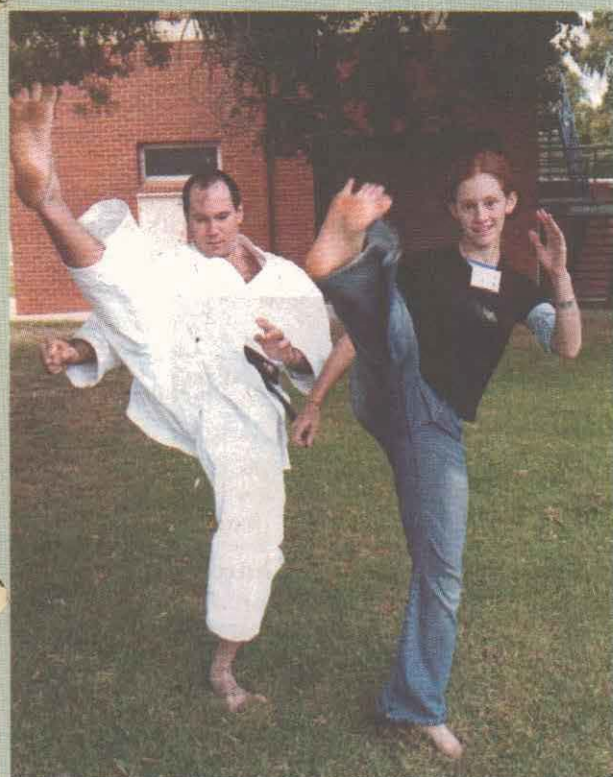
Local young people will have an opportunity to learn the basics of self defence, improve their fitness and gain greater self confidence as part of a new self defence program.

The program, run by Council in conjunction with Kimekai Karate, is aimed at young people between the ages of 15-24 years who are Glen Eira residents.

Council's Manager Recreation and Youth Services Linda Smith said the program aims to provide a positive recreational experience for young people who are or have disengaged from sports and recreation.

"This is a great opportunity for the youth of Glen Eira to be trained in self defence by a professional and experienced instructor," Ms Smith said.

"Young people will also be encouraged to consider alternative recreational opportunities and supports within the community."



Ed Bavelock from Kimekai Karate shows Dayla Metter how to execute a karate kick. Photo: Les O'Rourke

The program starts on Thursday 10 June from 6pm to 7pm and will run for eight weeks. Participants need to fill out a registration and indemnity form before the program begins.

For more information and to register, contact the Why? Stop Youth Information Centre on 9572 5389. Spaces are limited.

Council rewards youth excellence

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Bob Bury will present 51 local young people with Foundation for Youth Excellence Awards at a special ceremony later this month.

The Foundation for Youth Excellence is a Council program which recognises young people aged between 10 and 25 years who have achieved excellence in the fields of creative and performing arts, education, leadership or sport.

Each recipient receives a trophy, plus financial assistance to participate at State, national or international levels in their chosen field.

The foundation was established in 1993 as a means of promoting young people, encouraging their talents and helping them to achieve further success. Since the program was established, 183 grants have been awarded to young people.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Bob Bury said young people were the future of Glen Eira and Council was committed to encouraging and supporting them.

"Excelling at something doesn't just happen overnight. It requires hard work, dedication and support from all levels of the community," Cr Bury said.



Council's Foundation for Youth Excellence recognises the exceptional talents of local young people.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

"The commitment, energy and enthusiasm of these award recipients is highly commendable and truly highlights the degree of excellence that young people can achieve when given the opportunity."

The foundation committee assesses application four times a year — in January, April, July and October.

For application forms or further information contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 or email ffye@gleneira.vic.gov.au

Fishing fun returns by demand

Council's *Let's Go Fishing* program is back by popular demand. The program is available for young people aged between 9 and 14 years who either live or attend school in Glen Eira.

The day-long program will be held on Tuesday 29 June, during the school holidays. Young people will learn about fishing, how to rig up a rod, cast, catch fish and care for fishing equipment.

Council's Manager Recreation and Youth Services Linda Smith said the program is provided for young people who are not engaged in any current recreational program or lack community supports.

"Young people will experience fishing on the banks of the Yarra River with a professional instructor and then visit the Melbourne Aquarium," Ms Smith said.

"Through participation in the fishing day, young people will be encouraged to participate in recreation on a long-term basis and alternative programs and support will be available to them".

Participants will be required to register before the program and complete an indemnity form.

For further information and bookings, contact the Why? Stop Youth Information Centre.



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

Wildcats needed for new season

Council's Wildcats basketball team has started its winter season and is looking for players.

The Wildcats are coached by Council's youth workers and play in the D grade competition at Oakleigh Recreation Centre on Monday nights.

Council's Manager Recreation and Youth Services Linda Smith said the aim of the basketball program was to get young people interested in sports and recreation and keep them involved in the long-term.

"It's a great way for young people in Glen Eira to participate in sport and learn important skills such as teamwork and communication," she said.

Glen Eira residents aged between 16 and 25 years who want to meet other young people and play basketball are encouraged to join the Wildcats. No basketball skills are required as training is provided.

To join the Wildcats or for more information contact the Why? Stop Youth Information Centre.

Expo 2004

Children's services support program

Council invites local children services providers to attend the Children's services support program Expo 2004. A wide range of exhibitors will be represented.

Caulfield Cup Room, Glen Eira Town Hall
Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield
Thursday 17 June 8.30am-9pm and
Friday 18 June 8.30am-7pm

The following training sessions will be held as part of Expo 2004.

Communicating and partnering with parents
Thursday 17 June 9am-12.30pm

Best practice for Autism Spectrum Disorder
Thursday 17 June 1.30pm-4pm

Inclusive practices
Friday 18 June 9.30am-12pm

Communicating and partnering with parents
Friday 18 June 1pm-4.30pm

All training sessions will be held at the Glen Eira Town Hall. Expo 2004 is a free event, however bookings for training sessions are essential. To book or for further details contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

A Council perspective on art

Glen Eira residents will have the chance to see Council's extensive art collection in a new light, when the exhibition *Perspectives: our collection in context* opens at the Glen Eira City Council Gallery this month.

The exhibition features works from Council's art collection alongside other works by the same artists, which have been borrowed from other prominent Victorian collections.

Among the 45 works on show are pieces by acclaimed artists such as Howard Arkley, Syd Ball, Arthur Boyd, Charles Blackman, Noel Counihan, Leonard French, George Johnson, Roger Kemp and Fred Williams.

Council's Manager Arts and Culture and exhibition curator David O'Halloran said the aim of the exhibition was to place the works from Council's collection in context with a variety of other works from the artists' careers.

"This exhibition will give the community an opportunity to see where the work from Council's collection sits in context with work from the rest of the artist's career," Mr O'Halloran said.

"Some of the artworks in our collection are typical of the artist's work and some are not. This exhibition gives the community a chance to gain an understanding of what the artist did before or after the painting that Council has and the progression of his or her work."

Mr O'Halloran said the community would be able to



Council's Manager Arts and Culture David O'Halloran and Deakin University Museum of Art Manager Caroline Field prepare one of the works the museum is loaning Council for its *Perspectives* exhibition. Photo: Robert Churchus.

view one of Boyd's early landscape paintings from Council's collection, painted when he was just 15 years old, alongside a work from much later in his career.

"While Boyd produced landscape paintings very early and late in his career, it is not really landscape work that makes him an important artist. It is his work of tough grotesque figures in a battle of good and evil for which he is so highly regarded by the art community," he said.

"Council's Howard Arkley painting is a very academic picture and very mathematic in its logic. It precedes the work for which he became celebrated — paintings in day glo colours of the Australian suburbs. However, you can see in Council's picture how Arkley could later in his career paint a series of paintings based on fly wire screen doors."

For the exhibition Council has borrowed artworks from the City of Moreland, City of Greater Geelong, Rural City of Benalla, Deakin University, the Heide Museum of Modern Art and the Victorian Arts Centre.

***Perspectives: our collection in context* will be officially opened by Glen Eira Mayor Cr Bob Bury on Wednesday 16 June at 6pm. The exhibition then runs from Thursday 17 June until Sunday 27 June.**

Warm up in winter with music

Council's popular *Winter Music Series* returns next month with an exciting and diverse range of performers and musical styles to warm up those cold wintry Sunday afternoons.

This year's series has been extended from three concerts to five, after the popularity of the 2003 program.

One of Australia's most acclaimed singers and songwriters Joe Camilleri headlines the series with a not-to-be-missed performance on Sunday 29 August.

Other performers include Australia's leading Klezma band Klezmania on 18 July, the trio Belle Musette on 25 July, the amazing Silo String Quartet on 8 August and 19-piece big band JW Swing Orchestra on 22 August.

Three of the five concerts will be held in the Glen Eira Town Hall Auditorium with cabaret style seating and a licensed bar and the remaining two concerts will be held in the Theatrette with theatre seating and light refreshments supplied.

All Auditorium performances cost \$20 for adults and \$15 for concession holders and Theatrette performances cost \$15 for adults and \$10 for concession holders.

For booking information contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 or visit Council's website www.gleneira.vic.gov.au



Australia's leading Klezma band Klezmania kicks off Council's 2004 Winter Music Series.

Last call for writers

Local writers have less than three weeks to enter the 2004 Glen Eira City Council Literary Awards before entries close on Friday 25 June.

The competition offers three national awards open to all Australian residents, as well as five local categories restricted to residents, students or people who work in Glen Eira.

For further information and entry forms contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333, visit Council's website at www.gleneira.vic.gov.au or email arts@gleneira.vic.gov.au

Exhibitions



Timbuctoo to Tasmania

Timbuctoo to Tasmania

Continues until Sunday 13 June.

This is the eighth year Hobart's Sidewalk Gallery has brought its collections of African art, textiles and tribal jewellery to Glen Eira. The exhibition will feature work collected from more than 80 cultures in more than 25 countries across Africa.

With more than 70,000 years of art history and thousands of distinctive cultures, the African continent and its people provide a truly astounding and incredibly rich array of artistic practice. These talents are on display as part of this exhibition.



Fiona Reynold's *Outside in installation*.

Glen Eira City Council Gallery Glen Eira Town Hall, Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield

Opening Hours: Monday-Friday 10am-5pm Saturday, Sunday and public holidays 1pm-5pm

Out of the Square — 20 artists from the Briagalong Region

Opens Wednesday 16 June and continues until Sunday 27 June.

The exhibition name *Out of the Square* represents both art that has been created outside the city square or metropolitan hub and also proposes a new way of thinking about regional art and the artists that create it.

Many of the artists exhibiting in this exhibition travel more than 200 kilometres to attend the weekly classes with professional art teachers at the Briagalong School of Fine Arts in

Central Gippsland. About 40 people from the regional centre's population of 500 attend regular classes and exhibit their work locally.

In addition to studio time, the students at Briagalong also learn aspects of contemporary art practice through overseas visits to Italy and Spain, summer schools with Melbourne artists and painting trips to the Flinders Ranges.

This will be their fourth major exhibition.