

Council invests in community

Continuing to renew ageing community facilities and assets and safeguarding the provision of essential services are the focus of Council's 2004-05 budget adopted last month.

Council has earmarked \$25.7 million for capital works this year, with a view to developing Glen Eira's social, economic and service infrastructure to meet current and future community needs.

The funds will be spent providing better recreation and leisure facilities, improving drainage infrastructure, footpaths and roads, reinvigorating shopping areas, constructing new public facilities and increasing the safety and effectiveness of current community amenities.

Council will undertake its largest and most complex capital project to date when it starts construction of the new \$10.4 million Carnegie Library and Community Centre. In 2004-05 Council will spend \$7 million on construction of the one-stop-shop facility which will include a new library, playgroup building, playground, extended carparking and a community centre.

Work will also begin on a major redevelopment of Bentleigh Shopping Centre. Council is currently finalising a detailed concept design for the project which will reinvigorate the area and secure its long-term future. Stage one of redevelopment, which includes new footpaths and street furniture, will start in 2004-05 at a cost of \$1.77 million.

Council will spend \$40,000 on a feasibility study which will look into providing a modern indoor recreation facility in Glen Eira, including facilities for young people, to replace the outdated Caulfield Recreation Centre in Caulfield South.

As well, \$100,000 has been earmarked for an upgrade of the Caulfield Park conservatory, depending on the results of a feasibility study and public consultation on converting the building into a café or restaurant — as proposed in the Caulfield Park master plan.

Improved recreation and leisure facilities are a focus of this year's works program. The master plan redevelopment at Princes Park in Caulfield South will continue, with \$750,000 allotted to finish the stage



Children like John and Michael Barnes will have four new playgrounds to play on in 2004-05.
Photo: Les O'Rourke.

one landscaping works and a further \$800,000 to begin stage two pavilion works, which will take place following community consultation.

Across the City, more than 23 kilometres of footpath will be replaced at a cost of \$1.2 million, \$1 million will be spent on upgrading the capacity of the existing drainage network, while \$3.84 million will go towards road improvement projects.

The 2004-05 budget provides for an average rate increase of 4 per cent, part of which stems from increased insurance and Metropolitan Fire Brigade costs. This increase is the second lowest of Glen Eira's neighbouring municipalities, while Glen Eira's average

rates remain 13 per cent below the average.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Bob Bury said the budget reflected Council's commitment to upgrading Glen Eira's ageing facilities and infrastructure with the future needs and development of the City and community in mind.

"Our research shows the community values the existing quality of life in Glen Eira and the facilities and services which are provided through Council. We need to ensure they can be provided on a sustainable basis," Cr Bury said.

"In the past Council has under-spent on community assets. Our focus in this budget, as it has been for the past two budgets, is to generate enough funds to fix up the City's ageing assets and community facilities and extend their life.

"We cannot afford to let community facilities and assets become rundown. In the long term this will only place a much higher financial burden on ratepayers — especially if the bulk of assets need to be completely replaced all at once, rather than simply upgraded or repaired progressively over time."

Cr Bury said Council the budget also reinforced Council's responsibility to ensure that essential services are efficient, easy to access, provide value for money, are continuously improved and maintained at current or increased levels.

"While investing in capital works is important, so is investing in our people. Our budget strategy is to maintain core services at not less than present levels, review every Council service with a view to

continuous improvement and keep day-to-day costs and rates well below our peers.

"Reduced or inadequate Government funding in some service areas and external and unavoidable cost pressures, has resulted in the need for some members of the community to contribute more toward some of the Council services they use.

"In most of these cases, there has also been a comparable, if not higher, increase in Council's subsidy to ensure that service levels are maintained."

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Mayor's column



Like many Glen Eira residents I took a punt on the clouds earlier last month and made my way to Caulfield to catch a glimpse of the Olympic torch as it made its way to Athens. It was great to be among the many who were out to witness this historic event and to cheer on some of the torchbearers taking part.

I was very proud to share this occasion as the torch passed through our City — the Olympics are a time for elite athletes to present their abilities to the world and it's exciting to be a part of that celebration.

Celebrating great achievement in sport was just one of the areas recently acknowledged by Council through its Foundation for Youth Excellence awards. More than 50 young people were recognised for their achievements in the fields of performing arts, education, leadership or sport.

These young people are the future of Glen Eira and Council awarded grants to each of the 51 achievers nominated with the aim to encourage them to further success. I believe this support very important — I know just how much the clubs, families and schools already get behind these young people, and it's wonderful to think that we can pitch in too and see just how far they can go.

It's programs such as the Foundation for Youth Excellence that we must keep in mind when Council sets its budget each year, to ensure that the little things don't get lost among the larger, more costly and much-needed improvements to our City.

This year's budget will ensure Glen Eira continues to be debt-free and continues to set rates lower than those of our neighbouring councils. Glen Eira's cost of day-to-day services is still 25 per cent lower than those of other councils — no mean feat considering the increased costs imposed upon Council and that we're about to take on some of the largest projects in the City's history including the construction of the Carnegie Library and Community Centre.

Setting the budget is always a difficult task for Council and is sure to incite debate. While Council does its best to cater for all needs, the needs of the community as a whole must first be considered — and that means ensuring our City is financially and physically capable of sustaining and developing long-term population and economic growth.

We have set the 2004–05 budget with this goal in mind, and are sure the outcome will be one which serves the community best overall.

— **Cr Bob Bury**
Mayor

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The key to long life

By Sophie Massis

Rachael Arons is a 100-year-old poet, singer, craftsperson and ten-pin bowler, but most importantly a mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

But ask the Glen Eira resident what the key to long life is and she'll give one definite answer — a good family and friends.

Mrs Arons celebrated the milestone birthday last month with a party surrounded by her close-knit family — sons Lionel and Joe, daughter Julia, 10 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Also there was Glen Eira Mayor Cr Bob Bury who presented flowers and a commemorative certificate to Mrs Arons, on behalf of Council and the people of Glen Eira.

Mrs Arons said life was enjoyable as long as you had a good family and good people around and you tried to be a good person.

"I'm still here enjoying the people around me who are supportive and very kind to me," she said.

Mrs Arons is known to her family and friends as a creative, active and entertaining person. This is evident through the self-made brightly coloured jewellery boxes and photo frames that fill her room.

She also plays ten-pin bowling and is known to beat most of the residents at the aged care facility she now lives in. Her biggest talent is singing and she would gladly sing a few lines from her favourite songs to anyone who will listen.

Although Mrs Arons now lives in an aged care facility, she spent most of her life living in Glen Eira. "Most of my family still live in Glen Eira. We have always enjoyed living there," she said.



Glen Eira Mayor Cr Bob Bury presents Glen Eira resident Rachael Arons with flowers to celebrate her 100th birthday.
Photo: Jim Hooper.

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Council fights for more care funds

Glen Eira City Council will pressure the State and Federal Governments to increase home and community care funding to enable more older residents to live independently in their homes.

Council will send the State and Federal Aged Care Ministers more than 1,000 postcards which have been signed by local home and community care clients

supporting home and community care as the preferred aged care choice and urging its protection.

Home and community care is a joint Federal and State Governments program which, in Victoria, is delivered mostly by councils. More than 4,000 Glen Eira residents currently access Council's home and community care services, which include home care, personal care, respite care, delivered meals, home maintenance, social support and recreation.

Council's Chief Executive Officer Andrew Newton said the original funding formula for the program was based on a ratio of 80 per cent Government funding and 20 per cent Council contribution.

However, he said, in 2003-04 the Governments' contribution was 50 per cent, while Council now supplied more than 30 per cent. The remainder comes from fees.

"It is unrealistic for the Governments to expect Council to sustain this level of contribution in the long term," Mr Newton said. "It is a program which should be funded by taxes, not rates."

"The irony of the situation is that the cost per day to governments of premature hospitalisation and residential care is much higher than community care."

"While Council did receive an extra \$176,000 from the State Government for the home and community care program this year, more is needed to meet the growing need for the service."

Glen Eira has one of the State's highest number of residents in the 70-plus age group. 2001 Census figures show that 12.9 per cent of the City's population is aged



Council's home and community care services such as those provided by home carer Bill Elsum have helped Phyllis remain in her home of more than 60 years. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

70 years or more, compared to the Melbourne average of 8.7 per cent. These figures are expected to accelerate over the next decade as the City's population ages, placing even more pressure on home care services.

Mr Newton said government cost-shifting in the area of home and community care was seriously impacting on Council's service delivery.

"In Glen Eira there are currently more than 130 elderly or disabled people who meet the Government's eligibility requirements for home and community care services, but are not receiving any services and instead are on a waiting list," he said.

"If these residents don't receive support, they may be more likely to need more expensive residential care, and be removed from their homes and support networks."

"Home and community care is not only sound economic policy, it's also good social policy."

Council care keeps home sweet home

By Vida Ivan

Family photos line the window-sill and nearby table, and a small heater warms the room where 91-year-old Phyllis sits reading in her easy chair.

The house has been Phyllis' home since she first moved into it with her late husband Geoffrey, soon after their marriage in 1938. She raised her son Graham there. It was to this house that she returned each day after working as a sales assistant in Coles' confectionery department in Bentleigh.

And it's in this house that Phyllis is determined to stay, despite her ailing health and decreasing mobility and, with the support of Council services such as personal care, home care and delivered meals, she can.

"I'm very lucky to stay here and not have to go into a home," Phyllis said.

"With help from carers and meals on wheels I've been able to live here on my own in the nearly six years since my husband died. I would never manage without their help."

Phyllis' family doesn't live close enough to provide regular assistance, so to help Phyllis maintain her health and the general cleanliness of her home, Council's personal carers are on hand for daily dressing and care, home carers arrive regularly for general housekeeping, and meals are delivered by Council volunteers every day.

Staff such as Council home carer Bill Elsum have become regular fixtures in Phyllis' life. While Phyllis reads or relaxes, Bill's vacuum can be heard in the hall — and his rubber-gloved hands are always at the ready to tackle bigger cleaning jobs.

Cleaning houses was not Bill's first choice for a profession, but after three years in the job he has found satisfaction in the relationships he develops and the outcomes he can achieve for his clients.

"With most people, they've been living in that house for a long time and they like to keep it the same standard as they did when they were younger," he said.

"They appreciate the care and attention we give to the cleaning and depend on us to come once a fortnight. It's psychological — a clean house is a symbol of not letting yourself go. And most places are immaculate already when I get there."

"I average 18-20 clients per week. I like to help people as much as I can and they appreciate what we can do. They show it in their generosity of spirit, and it makes the job more enjoyable."

While the company is good for the soul, most importantly for Phyllis is that the regular help has meant that she can stay in the house she's called home for more than 60 years.

"I couldn't possibly live here without them — they're very good," she said.

Tribal rhythms at Elsternwick

By Anne Stafford

Children at Council's Elsternwick Children's Centre gained an insight into American Indian culture through a performance of music, song, stories and dance last month.



Cameron Quitt and Mitchell Jarrett test out Little Fox's djembe drum. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Performer Little Fox visited the centre as part of its ongoing cultural program which gives the children an insight into different cultures.

Little Fox showed the children a talking stick made from driftwood, feathers, beads and a whale's tooth. He explained that in American Indian society

whoever holds the talking stick is allowed to speak and everyone else gives that person their attention and listens respectfully.

The children were given the opportunity to hold the stick and say the name of their favourite animal, while everyone else sat quietly. They were also able to handle the fur of a red fox and the feathers of an owl's wing.

Little Fox explained how Indian elders would wear owl feathers in their hair rather than eagle feathers, because they made no sound in the wind. They believed this made them travel swiftly and more silently, like the owl.

Then came music and song. The children stomped their feet and clapped as Little Fox played his medicine drum and sang *The Canoe Song*, *The Mother Earth Song* and *Way Ana* which means "need a friend".

A highlight of the event was when Little Fox thumped out some African rhythms on his djembe drum. He called out the name of an animal and the children made its noise. They roared like a tiger, barked like a dog, and trumpeted like an elephant — the louder the better.

Little Fox closed the show with the *Goodbye Song* and an environmental message reminding the children to take care of the animals and the earth.

Language line

市政區基本工程增加

市政府 2004-05 預算已被採納，其中市政區基本工程額增加 \$25.7 百萬。

資金注入將直接投向重大基本工程項目，這些項目將在今後 12 個月中施工並佔了市政府明年預算的大部分。

市政府盡力為 Glen Eira 目前的和未來的居民改進設施，包括社區設施、公園、購物中心、高齡人士照料設施、運動場地、道路、排水道及人行道。

Glen Eira 的市政地方稅在 2004-05 年度平均增加 4%。市政府本身的開支佔用了其中的 3%，另外的 1% 用於加給 Glen Eira 市政府的費用。

垃圾和回收費用將增加，每個 240 立升的大桶增至 \$125.50，每個 120 立升的小桶則增至 \$115.50。

2004-05 年度的平均市政地方稅加上垃圾和回收費將為 \$887。這等於每週 \$17。每所住宅的實際市政地方稅視其價值而定。

與鄰近市政府相比，Glen Eira 市政府的平均市政地方稅低於平均水平 13%；Glen Eira 市政區的日常服務費用低於平均水平 25%；Glen Eira 市政府不欠任何債務，而其他市政府平均債務為 \$14 百萬。

Incremento ai lavori pubblici nel Comune

Con l'approvazione del budget comunale per il 2004-2005 il comune stanzierà più di \$25.7 milioni al settore dei lavori pubblici.

Questa iniezione di denaro verrà indirizzata ad importanti lavori pubblici da avviare nei prossimi 12 mesi e rappresenta la maggior parte della spesa comunale per l'anno in questione.

A beneficiare di questa iniziativa, destinata al miglioramento dell'ambiente costruito a favore dei residenti, attuali e futuri, saranno le varie strutture comunali come locali, parchi, centri commerciali, centri per anziani, campi sportivi, strade, fogne e marciapiedi.

Nel 2004-05 le tasse comunali aumenteranno, in media, del 4% - il 3% da destinare alle spese del comune e l'1% alle spese imposte al comune dall'esterno.

Aumenterà la tassa per lo smaltimento e il riciclaggio dei rifiuti - sarà di \$125.50 per il bidone da 240 litri e di \$115.50 per il bidone da 120 litri.

La tassa comunale media per il 2004-2005 (compreso lo smaltimento e il riciclaggio dei rifiuti) sarà di \$887, pari ad una spesa settimanale di \$17. La tassa viene formulata in base al valore del singolo immobile.

Rispetto ai comuni confinanti la tipica tassa comunale in Glen Eira è del 13% inferiore alla media, mentre il costo dei servizi d'ogni giorno è inferiore del 25%. Inoltre, il comune di Glen Eira è senza debiti, rispetto al debito medio di \$14 milioni degli altri comuni.

Ενίσχυση του Δήμου με δημόσια έργα

Ψηφίστηκε ο προϋπολογισμός της Δημαρχίας για το 2004-05, φέρνοντας μαζί του μια ενίσχυση για δημόσια έργα αξίας άνω των 25,7 εκ δολαρίων για το Δήμο.

Η χρηματική ενίσχυση θα διατεθεί για μεγάλα δημόσια έργα που θα εκτελεστούν στους επόμενους 12 μήνες και θα αποτελέσουν το μεγαλύτερο τμήμα των δαπανών του προϋπολογισμού της Δημαρχίας για το επόμενο οικονομικό έτος.

Κοινοτικές εγκαταστάσεις, πάρκα, εμπορικά κέντρα, εγκαταστάσεις φροντίδας ηλικιωμένων, αθλητικά γήπεδα, δρόμοι, αποστράγγιση και πεζοδρόμια όλα θα ωφεληθούν από την ώθηση της Δημαρχίας για βελτίωση των κοινωφελών εγκαταστάσεων για τους τωρινούς και μελλοντικούς κατοίκους του Glen Eira.

Τα δημοτικά τέλη θα αυξηθούν κατά μέσο 4 τοις εκατό για το 2004-05. Αυτή η αύξηση αποτελείται από 3 τοις εκατό για δαπάνες της ίδιας της Δημαρχίας και 1 τοις εκατό για δαπάνες που έχουν επιβληθεί στη Δημαρχία.

Οι χρεώσεις σκουπιδιών και ανακύκλωσης θα αυξηθούν στα 125,50 δολ. για δοχείο 240 λίτρων και 115,50 δολ. για δοχείο 120 λίτρων.

Ο μέσος όρος των δημοτικών τελών, μαζί με τη χρέωση σκουπιδιών και ανακύκλωσης, το 2004-05 θα είναι 887 δολ. Αυτό ισοδυναμεί με 17 δολ. την εβδομάδα. Το πραγματικό κόστος των δημοτικών τελών για ένα ακίνητο εξαρτάται από την αξία εκείνου του ακινήτου.

Σε σύγκριση με τους γειτονικούς δήμους ο μέσος όρος των δημοτικών τελών του Glen Eira είναι 13 τοις εκατό κάτω απ' το μέσο όρο' το κόστος των καθημερινών υπηρεσιών είναι 25 τοις εκατό χαμηλότερο και ο Δήμος Glen Eira δεν έχει καθόλου χρέος σε σύγκριση με το μέσο όρο χρέους που είναι 14 εκ δολάρια.

Ассигнования на капитальные работы в муниципалитете

Муниципалитет принял бюджет на 2004-05 финансовый год, выделив более \$25.7 миллионов на капитальные работы.

В течение следующих 12 месяцев эти средства, составляющие большую часть бюджета на этот год, будут использованы для осуществления основных капитальных проектов.

В программе благоустройства муниципалитета Glen Eira - различные общественные сооружения, парки, торговые центры, спортивные площадки, дороги, канализация, пешеходные дорожки и учреждения по уходу за пожилыми людьми.

Ставки налога на недвижимую собственность в муниципалитете Glen Eira возрастают в 2004-05 финансовом году в среднем на 4 процента, из которых 3% - это рост собственных расходов муниципалитета, и 1% - это дополнительные расходы, навязанные муниципалитету.

Плата за баки для мусора возрастает до \$125.50 за бак объемом 240 литров, и \$115.50 - за бак объемом 120 литров.

В среднем, налог на недвижимую собственность плюс плата за бак для мусора в 2004-05 финансовом году составит \$887 на одно жилье. Это примерно \$17 в неделю. Ставки налога на конкретные дома/квартиры определяются в индивидуальном порядке.

По сравнению с соседними муниципалитетами, ставки налога на недвижимую собственность в Glen Eira на 13% ниже, стоимость услуг - на 25% ниже. Муниципалитет Glen Eira также не имеет долгов, в то время как другие муниципалитеты имеют долги в среднем в размере \$14 миллионов.

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Council funds playgroup connections

Council has granted \$46,784 to child, youth and family support service Connections to develop a playgroup network in Glen Eira.

The funds, awarded as part of Council's annual community grants program, will go towards developing the City's current playgroup network, implementing a resources directory and improving the training, services and support available to playgroup co-ordinators to ensure the best possible ongoing services are provided for residents and their families.

Currently 32 playgroups operate within Glen Eira, meeting in private homes or community facilities. Initially co-ordinated by maternal and child health nurses, the groups offer much-needed support and information and act as a social avenue for new mothers, and families often continue to attend the volunteer-run groups until children are of kindergarten age.

Connections Early Childhood Services Program Manager Heather Lyon said that the project, due to start in July, would involve consultation and the development of appropriate programs to link existing groups and assist new playgroups to start up, become well-established and be well-resourced.

"Playgroups are the basis for families making links with their community," Ms Lyon said.

"Parents meet, share information and resources, talk about problems, take part in neighbourhood celebrations and developments — developing

community capacity and reducing social isolation.

"They're often run by parent volunteers who put in heaps of unpaid time — another great community resource. We want to resource people and link these groups together and develop programs to help playgroups run in the future."

The project would also encourage participation for families from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds whose additional needs were often overlooked in the standard playgroup system.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Bob Bury said playgroups were an integral source of support for new mothers.

"Playgroups provide an important network of support and social options and assist in preventing social isolation for new mothers and their children," Cr Bury said.

"The groups are most often run by dedicated volunteers who require extra assistance to ensure they have the information and physical resources to meet the needs of parents and families who use and rely on their services.

"Council hopes this project will ensure greater



Glen Eira Mayor Cr Bob Bury and Heather Lyon from Connections celebrate the grant announcement with children from Carnegie Playgroup. Photo: Jim Hooper.

communication between Council, playgroups, parents and the community and increase the capabilities of the City's playgroups."

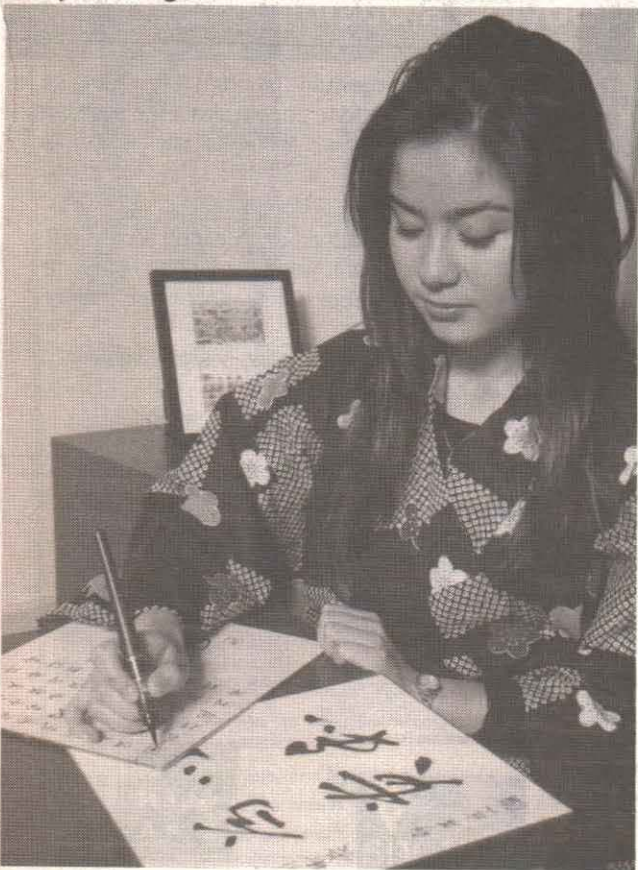
Japanese exchange a winner

By Sophie Massis

Yuki Ito of McKinnon would tell anyone interested in being part of Council's annual Glen Eira-Ogaki Friendly Cities exchange program to "go for it".

Yuki was one of eight local students and two leaders selected to visit Glen Eira's sister city, Ogaki in Japan in September last year via the exchange program.

Yuki said the 10-day visit to Japan was an invaluable experience which helped her to understand her family's heritage.



Yuki Ito of McKinnon participated in Council's exchange program to Japan last year. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

"My father is of Japanese descent and my mother is a Japanese language teacher," Yuki said.

"I really got to know more about Japanese culture from the visit and it was a real help to me as I am also studying the Japanese language.

"The visit gave me a real boost to learn Japanese again and it is now one of my favourite subjects."

As part of the visit, the students spent six days with a host family. Yuki said she enjoyed her stay with her host family who took her sightseeing and shopping.

"I still keep in contact with my host family over email and hope to visit them again someday," she said.

As part of the visit, Yuki and the other students also visited three Ogaki schools and learnt to make sushi, Japanese dolls and the Japanese martial art of Kendo.

But Yuki said that the exchange students were not the only ones learning — they gave a lesson to the Japanese students about a much-loved Australian sport, footy.

"We took a football with us to Japan and showed the Japanese students how to play Aussie rules," Yuki said.

"They had a bit of trouble kicking the ball because of its shape but we let them keep it so they could practise."

Now in Year 10, Yuki keeps in contact with the other students from the exchange program and hopes to study interior design and Japanese at University.

Council's Glen Eira-Ogaki Friendly Cities Advisory Committee is currently calling for applications from students in Years 9 to 11 to participate in this year's exchange to Ogaki. The visit will take place from 19 September to 29 September and will be partially funded by a Council grant. Applications close at 5pm on Friday 23 July 2004.

Applications are also being sought for a resident, ratepayer or teacher in Glen Eira to lead the student delegation to Ogaki. For further information contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

Owner fined for dog attack

A former Bentleigh East dog owner whose dogs attacked and killed a cat has been convicted and fined in Melbourne Magistrates' court.



Angela Morris was convicted and fined \$850 and ordered to pay \$56 in costs after pleading guilty to 13 charges relating to pet ownership offences.

The charges include two counts of allowing her two dogs to attack another animal resulting in the death of a cat, four counts of not having her dogs securely confined on her premises during the daytime, two counts of failing to register the dogs and one count of not complying with the dangerous dog declarations.

Council's prosecutor Alan Katz told the court that the attack occurred in June 2003 and was observed by the cat owner and her two children aged two and four. When Council officers attended the scene, the dogs involved — a Samoyed cross Rottweiler and a Kelpie — were unable to be located.

The owner of the deceased cat then alerted officers to the same dogs wandering at large in October 2003. The dogs were subsequently impounded by Council officers and the dogs' owner interviewed and charged.

The Domestic (Feral and Nuisance) Animals Act 1999, together with Glen Eira City Council Local Law 2000, requires dogs to be properly restrained when in public and adequately confined to their owner's property when at home.

Council's Manager Civic Amenity Carl Russo said pet owners needed to be responsible in the care and management of their pets and ensure their pets were not causing concern or harm to the community.

"Council sees dog attacks as a serious issue and will prosecute any dog owners who fail in their responsibilities," Mr Russo said.

"The courts are clearly prepared to back up Council's position which is a good thing for the community."

A new home for older adults' services

Council's older adults' social support program and delivered meals service will soon have a new purpose-built home.

The final stage of works to the former Glen Eira Bowls Club in Carnegie is underway and is scheduled to be completed by the end of July.

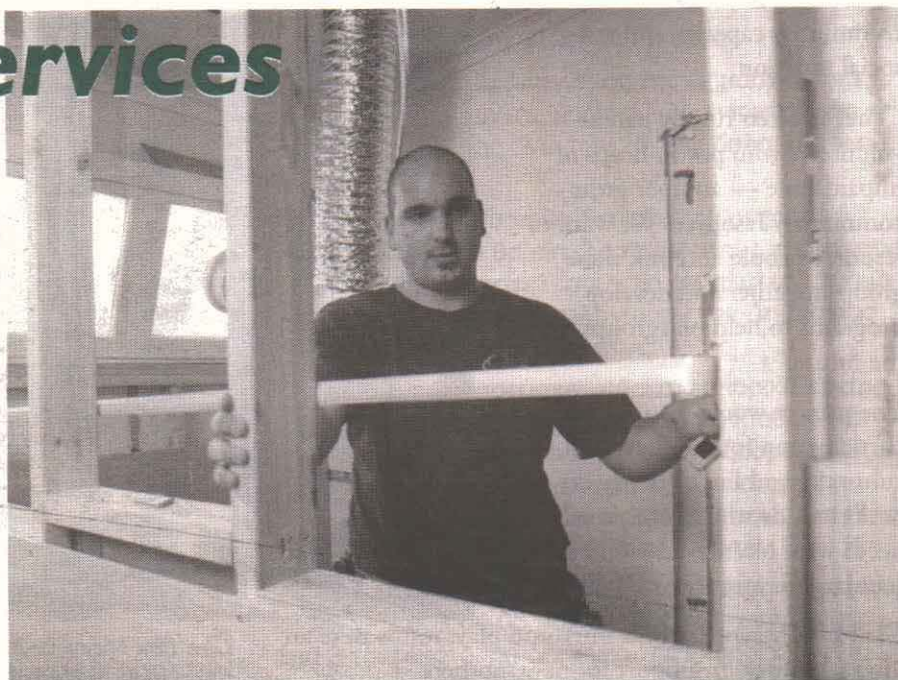
Council's Curraweena adult day activity program formerly based in Caulfield South, the Glen Huntly day activity program in Glen Huntly and the food services program based in Carnegie will be centralised at the new site.

Council's Manager Corporate Assets Tim Frederico said Council had been working on modifying the building since the Curraweena adult day activity program moved to the site in August 2003.

"The building has undergone an internal fit-out to provide individual activity rooms for recreational activities. A commercial packing, sorting and distribution kitchen which includes a cool room has also been installed," Mr Frederico said.

"There are also shower and toilet facilities, a laundry, television room, offices and a woodwork shed."

Both the internal works and the external landscaping works have been designed with access for all abilities.



The interior of the new home for Council's older adults' social support program and delivered meals service begins to take shape. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Council's Director Community Services Peter Jones said the co-location of the services would allow Council to better staff its older adults' social support programs, improve service provision and reduce operating costs.

"Council has noticed an increased demand for services in the Bentleigh East and Carnegie areas," Mr Jones said. "This has prompted Council to relocate the programs close to these areas to meet the increasing demands of the City's ageing population."

"Because of the improved facilities, Council can better meet the changing needs of elderly residents and provide a diverse range of recreational activities and programs such as strength training and tai chi."

Community consultation

Council sees community consultation as a vital part of its decision-making process. Consultation involves the community in Council's planning and activities and helps Council to understand the community's priorities and issues.

Upcoming consultation opportunities

Subject	Type	Date	Where
Glen Eira Activity Centre Strategy	Workshop	Wednesday 21 July 7pm-9pm	Caulfield Cup Room, Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield
Public questions at Council meetings	Submissions	Close Friday 30 July	Written comments should be sent to Chief Executive Officer, Glen Eira City Council, PO Box 42 Caulfield South 3162
Elsternwick Urban Village design vision	Workshop	Tuesday 3 August 6.30pm-8.30pm	Elsternwick Club, 19 Sandham Street, Elsternwick
Bentleigh Urban Village design vision	Workshop	Thursday 5 August 6.30pm-8.30pm	Sacred Heart College, 111 Jasper Road, Bentleigh
Carnegie Urban Village design vision	Workshop	Tuesday 10 August 6.30pm-8.30pm	Rosstown Hotel, Koornang Road, Carnegie

Recent consultation opportunities

Meeting	Type	Date
Glen Eira Activity Centre Strategy workshop	Workshop	Thursday 20 May
Draft 2004-05 budget	Submissions	Wednesday 5 May to Thursday 20 May
Elsternwick Urban Village design vision	Workshop	Tuesday 4 May
Bentleigh Urban Village design vision	Workshop	Thursday 29 April
Community plan 2004-10 public meeting	Public meeting	Tuesday 27 April
Carnegie Urban Village design vision	Workshop	Thursday 22 April
Municipal Strategic Statement review	Workshop	Tuesday 20 April

For further information about any of these consultation opportunities contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 or visit Council's website at www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

Vandalism plea to residents

Council is urging residents to be on the look out for vandals in Glen Eira who are causing thousands of dollars damage to community facilities.

Recent spates of vandalism have caused substantial damage at the Princes Park redevelopment in Caulfield South, to new bus shelters being installed across the city and to numerous community facilities and signage.

Princes Park has been the target of consistent vandalism attacks, with new concrete paths and contractor machinery being damaged and newly planted trees broken in half and ripped out of the ground.

Aluminium seats have been removed from several new bus shelters, and graffiti continues to be a problem with community facilities, signage and private property being defaced.

Council's Director Community Relations Paul Burke said not only was vandalism costly to repair, it was also unsightly and inconvenienced members of the community.

"Council spends \$150,000 a year removing or painting over graffiti on Council buildings," Mr Burke said. "This is money and resources that could be better spent on meeting other community needs."

Mr Burke said Council has been working with police and Council's security firm to reduce the amount of damage to the park by carrying out regular security patrols

"Council and police resources are limited and it is impractical to provide a permanent security presence everywhere," he said.

"Vandalism is not just a Council problem, it is a community problem and residents can assist by reporting any suspicious activity to the police or Council immediately.

"Vandalism is something that can be reduced, and in some cases stopped, when residents work with the authorities in reporting such activity."

Buying a business?

The **Under New Management** program is providing a series of workshops to inform people about the essentials of buying a small business, a franchise or signing a retail lease.

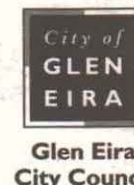
The workshop will include:

- three and a half hours with an experienced workshop leader who will guide participants through the content;
- a comprehensive workbook of information and referral contacts;
- a one-on-one business counselling session with an experienced counsellor; and
- access to online information and publications.

Buying a small business

Thursday 22 July 6pm to 9.30pm
Caulfield Cup Room
Glen Eira Town Hall
Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield
Bookings essential. Cost: \$30
RSVP: Monday 19 July
Contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333

The development of this program was funded by the Minister for Consumer Affairs from the Estate Agents Guarantee Fund.



Olympic torch *lights up* Glen Eira

Thousands of local residents lined the streets of Glen Eira last month to get a first-hand look at the 2004 Olympic flame as it passed through Melbourne.

Glen Eira was one of only six Melbourne municipalities chosen to be a part of the torch's route to Athens and local residents braved the cold weather to witness the historic event.



Young Australian of the Year Hugh Evans carries the flame along Balaclava Road.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Bob Bury and his wife Marney, Cr Jamie Hyams, Cr Margaret Esakoff, residents from Council's Spurway aged care facility, families, children and grandparents turned out to cheer on the torchbearers as they carried the flame through the City.

Cr Bury said he was excited about seeing the Olympic flame and the torchbearers.

"This is the first time I have had the chance to see the Olympic flame as I was not able to attend the 2000 torch relay," Cr Bury said. "This is almost a once in a lifetime opportunity and I am thrilled to be standing here as Mayor of Glen Eira."

Spurway resident Doris Whithall said watching the

torch relay reminded her of the 1956 Olympics that were held in Melbourne.

"I recall the excitement that the Olympics brought to Melbourne, and going to the sports arenas to watch the running, hockey and swimming events," Mrs Whithall said.

Spurway volunteer Joyce Horne was the assistant manager of Australia's swim team at the 1972 Olympic games in Munich and said she had come to get a close look at the Olympic flame.

"I was asked to be a torchbearer during the 2000 Olympics in Sydney and declined," she said. "I don't know why I said no to such an amazing opportunity and my grandchildren have not forgiven me for saying no."

World Transplant Games gold medallist Christine Griffiths carried the flame into Glen Eira along Balaclava Road in St Kilda East. The flame continued along Kooyong Road to Dandenong Road where it crossed into the City of Stonnington.

Other torchbearers in Glen Eira included veteran broadcaster Gary Fenton, corporate trainer Darryl Mossop, Young Australian of the Year Hugh Evans,



Television personality Bruce McAvaney gives a group of local children the chance to touch and hold the Olympic torch.

sports presenter and television personality Bruce McAvaney and fundraiser, public speaker and Bali Survivor Simon Quayle.

Elsewhere in Melbourne, the relay had special meaning for three Glen Eira residents who were selected as torchbearers — former Australian Olympic hockey goalkeeper Lachlan Dreher of Caulfield South, basketball and five-time Olympian Andrew Gaze of Elsternwick and his father, former Olympic basketball coach Lindsay Gaze of Caulfield North.

Andrew, who carried the Australian flag at the opening ceremony of the 2000 Sydney Olympics, added another special moment to his Olympic memories. Not only did he receive the flame from his father, but was also given the honour of lighting the cauldron at Federation Square, thereby bringing down the curtain on the Australian leg of the torch relay.



Residents and volunteers from Council's Spurway aged care facility were excited to see the Olympic flame pass through Glen Eira. Photos: Bernie Bickerton.

Local Olympian carries the flame

By Sophie Massis

Caulfield South resident and Olympian Lachlan Dreher carried the flame for Glen Eira when the 2004 Olympic torch relay passed through Melbourne on its way to Athens last month.

A veteran of three Olympic Games, the retired hockey goalkeeper says he was pleased to be part of the torch relay.

"It was a real pleasure for me to look over at the crowd on the sidelines of the relay and see the enjoyment and excitement that it brought to them," Lachlan said.

"The torch relay was an opportunity for the public to have a sense of involvement in the Olympic Games and there was a real buzz on the day.

"It was also very special for me to see my family and people who have supported me along the way, in the crowd cheering me on."

Lachlan is one of Australian hockey's longest serving players. He was with the Kookaburras team from 1989 until 2002 and played in 162 games.

His achievements include a silver medal from the 1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona and two bronze medals — one from the 1996 Atlanta Olympic

Games and one from the 2000 games in Sydney.

Lachlan said he decided to retire from the Kookaburras team because of increasing work commitments.

"It was becoming more difficult for me to find a balance between training for the team and my work commitments," he said.

"I had been part of the team for so long that I decided to retire and give more time to work and an understanding employer."

Lachlan said one of his fondest memories of his Olympics involvement was the opening ceremony of the 2000 games in Sydney.

"Although I had competed in previous Olympic Games in other countries, it is a totally different vibe and atmosphere when the games are held at home," he said.

"It is an amazing feeling to hear most of the people in the stadium cheering for the team. The atmosphere is very special."

Lachlan still keeps in contact with the Kookaburras team and has been a mentor to some of the players who are preparing for the Olympic Games in Athens next month.



Local resident and former Olympian Lachlan Dreher carried the flame for Glen Eira when the 2004 Olympic torch relay visited Melbourne last month. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Renew, *redevelop*, replace — investing in Glen Eira's future

Community projects bring City to life

Renewing the City's ageing infrastructure and improving assets to cater for the current and future community needs is a key priority in Council's 2004-05 budget.

Council has allocated \$25.7 million for capital works this financial year covering all aspects of community life — recreation and leisure, shopping centres, the care of children, youth and elderly people, community activity and roads, drains and footpaths.

Council's Chief Executive Officer Andrew Newton said all sectors of the community would benefit from Council's push towards improving facilities for current and future Glen Eira residents.

Playgrounds

- playground shade structures at Koornang Park in Carnegie and Inkerman Road playground in Caulfield Park, Caulfield — **\$60,000.**
- a play for all abilities playground in Halley Park, Bentleigh — **\$125,000.**
- playground equipment upgrades for North Avenue Park, Bentleigh (pathways fence), Duncan Mackinnon Reserve, Murrumbeena (new playground) and Boyd Park, Murrumbeena (new playground) — **\$100,000.**



- new playground at the Park Crescent end of Caulfield Park in Caulfield — **\$250,000.**
- new pathways at Halley Park, providing safe passage from the footpath to the new playground — **\$60,000.**



- upgrading pool heating by installing new boilers at the Bentleigh East Swim Centre in Bentleigh East and other maintenance works — **\$140,000.**
- maintenance works including repainting, repainting and regelling of the waterslide at the Caulfield Swim Centre in Carnegie — **\$170,000.**

Recreation and leisure

- completing the Caulfield-Frankston Rail Trail from Caulfield Station in Caulfield to South Road by installing an off-road bicycle and pedestrian path along Cadby Avenue, Ormond — **\$92,000.**
- starting construction of the Caulfield-Oakleigh off-road bicycle and pedestrian path — **\$58,000.**
- new concrete cricket wickets with synthetic overlay for Bailey Reserve in Bentleigh East, Victory Park in Bentleigh and Mackie Road Reserve in Bentleigh East — **\$30,000.**
- new public golf practice facilities for Bailey Reserve and King George VI Memorial Reserve in Bentleigh East, Victory Park in Bentleigh and Koornang Park in Carnegie — **\$50,000.**



Ratepayer dollars at work

Glen Eira rates will increase by an average of 4 per cent in 2004-05. The revenue raised from these rates will go towards providing vital services for residents and renewing assets for day-to-day living in the Glen Eira.

From every \$100 raised through rates, Council spends \$29.44 on capital works to renew and upgrade community facilities and assets. On top of this, \$9.16 goes towards funding the maintenance of community roads, drains, footpaths and buildings.

A further \$17.42 is spent on parks and recreation, \$7.53 on home care, delivered meals and other aged care programs, \$7.23 on family, children and maternal and child health services and \$6.07 on providing library and information services.

Funds also go towards immunisation, checking safety at swimming pools and the hygiene of food shops, operating school crossings, providing street lighting, managing aged care facilities and collecting rubbish, recycling materials and other waste.

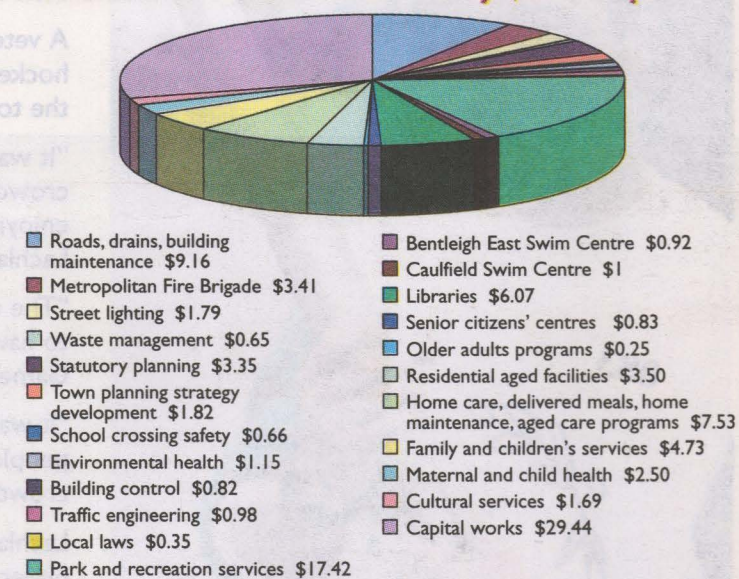
Council's Chief Executive Officer Andrew Newton said that on average, each Glen Eira household would pay \$887 in 2004-05 for rates and waste management services — the equivalent of just \$17 per week — in return for the multitude of services Council provides.

"That's about the same as the average home phone bill and the same as the average person pays in tax on their petrol each week," Mr Newton said.

"On average, residents are paying \$2 per week to have their garbage and recycling collected and \$7 for their roads, drains, footpaths and facilities to be maintained and upgraded."

"This leaves only \$8 per week for the provision of hundreds of services such as libraries, local laws and maternal and child health centres and to cover government charges."

What Council delivers for every \$100 it spends



In 2002-03 local government in Australia collected only three cents of every dollar raised through taxes — compared to the Federal Government's 69 cents and the State Government's 28 cents.

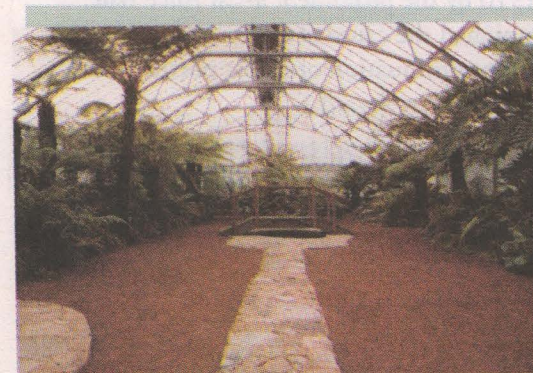
Community care



- lighting and disability access upgrade works at Rosstown aged care facility in Murrumbeena to meet disability and certification requirements — **\$185,000.**
- minor improvement works for Spurway aged care facility in Murrumbeena — **\$15,000.**
- upgrading the older section of the Warrabee aged care facility to match newer extension works — **\$65,000.**
- replacing the kitchen and kiosk at the East Caulfield Reserve pavilion in Caulfield East to meet current standards — **\$174,000.**
- upgrading the kitchenettes at Spurway to ensure food regulation compliance — **\$25,000.**
- replacing kitchens at Bentleigh and East Bentleigh Senior Citizens' Clubs to meet current health standards — **\$95,000.**
- disability access works across the City — **\$210,000.**
- upgrading child care centres to meeting building regulations — **\$91,000.**

Shopping centres

- replacing, repairing and installing public waste bins throughout the City — **\$30,000.**
- upgrading footpaths and street furniture as part of stage one of the Bentleigh Shopping Centre redevelopment in Centre Road, Bentleigh — **\$1.7 million.**
- completing footpath works and street furniture upgrade at Bentleigh East Shopping Centre — **\$150,000.**



- completing 30 purpose-built independent living units in Caulfield South to replace 24 outdated units (funded by State Government grant) — **\$1.8 million.**
- upgrading Caulfield Park conservatory in Caulfield, depending on the results of a feasibility study and community consultation into converting it into a café or restaurant — **\$100,000.**
- starting stage two pavilion works of the Princes Park master plan development in Caulfield South following community consultation — **\$800,000.**

Roads, drains and footpaths

- road improvement projects including replacing kerb and channel and asphalt overlays along sections of Orrong Road, Caulfield North, Curraweena Road, Caulfield South, Cross Street in Ormond, Poath Road, Murrumbeena and Rosanna Street, Carnegie — **\$3.8 million.**
- replacing more than 23 kilometres of footpaths across the City including parts of Carnegie, Ormond, Murrumbeena and Caulfield — **\$1.2 million.**

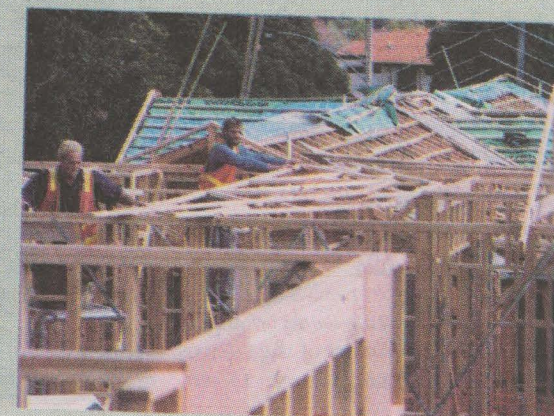


- upgrading the capacity of the City's existing drainage network with drainage improvement works along sections of Gough Street, Gardenvale, Royal Avenue, Glen Huntly, Kambrook Road, Caulfield, Ulupna Road, Carnegie and Omarra Road Murrumbeena — **\$1 million.**



Major facilities

- starting construction on the \$10.4 million Carnegie Library and Community Centre in Carnegie which will link community and Council services as part of an urban village development — **\$7 million for construction works in 2004-05.**
- undertaking a feasibility study to look at providing a modern indoor recreation centre with facilities for young people to replace the current outdated Caulfield Recreation Centre in Caulfield South — **\$40,000.**



Parks

- completing the stage one master plan redevelopment at Princes Park, Caulfield South, including landscaping, rotundas, park furniture, sportsground lighting, park lighting and installation of cricket nets — **\$750,000.**
- upgrading fencing and installing new seating at the velodrome and extending a fence around the Frog Hollow wetlands at Packer Park, Carnegie — **\$20,000.**



- sportsground drainage works for Koornang Park, Carnegie and Duncan Mackinnon Reserve, Murrumbeena — **\$200,000.**
- sportsground irrigation upgrade for Lord Reserve, Carnegie — **\$135,000.**
- sportsground lighting upgrades for Caulfield Park in Caulfield, Lord Reserve in Carnegie and EE Gunn Reserve in Ormond — **\$140,000.**
- replacing bluestone drains with spoon drains around sportsgrounds at Murrumbeena Park, Murrumbeena and Packer Park, Carnegie — **\$90,000.**
- new automated public toilets for East Caulfield Reserve, Caulfield East and Koornang Park, Carnegie — **\$180,000.**
- new park shelters in Harleston Park, Elsternwick — **\$50,000.**

2004-05 budget — at a glance

Rates

Rates in Glen Eira are increasing by an average of 4 per cent. This is made up of:

- 3 per cent for Council's own costs; and
- 1 per cent for costs which have been imposed on Council including:
 - \$217,000 increase in insurance costs; and
 - \$195,000 increase in the cost of funding the Metropolitan Fire Brigade.

Charges

The waste and recycling charges are increasing to

- 240 litre bin \$125.50 (\$119.50 in 2003-04); and
- 120 litre bin \$115.50 (\$109 in 2003-04).

How Glen Eira compares

In comparison to neighbouring municipalities:

- Glen Eira's average rates are 13 per cent below the average;
- Glen Eira's cost of day-to-day services is 25 per cent lower; and
- Glen Eira is debt-free compared with average debt of \$14 million.

Rebate

The Glen Eira pensioner rebate remains at \$110. This is in addition to the State Government pensioner rebate of \$160.

Vibrant music to warm up winter

Council's *Winter Music Series 2004* kicks off at the Glen Eira Town Hall this month with performances of vibrant Yiddish music and enchanting French musette.

Australia's leading klezmer band Klezmania will entertain concert-goers on Sunday 18 July with an afternoon of Yiddish music in the grand old tradition of Eastern European Jewish folksongs mixed with a dash of Australian spice.

The band will perform a range of songs, from wonderful lullabies to whirling dance tunes, from the old world of Romania, the Balkans, Turkey and

Ukraine as well as the United States and Australia.

Delightful Melbourne trio Belle Musette performs on Sunday 25 July, recreating the sounds of Parisian café scene and dance halls which flourished during the 1920s to 1940s.

Combining elements of swing jazz and gypsy, the band captures the spirit and colour of French musette and chanson with songs made famous by Edith Piaf, Charles Trenet and Serge Gainsbourg.

Council's Manager Arts and Culture David O'Halloran said Council's *Winter Music Series 2004* comprised five concerts featuring five different musical styles performed by leading Australian artists.

Other concerts during the series include Silo String Quartet on Sunday 8 August, JW Swing Orchestra on Sunday 22 August and Joe Camilleri's Bakelite Radio on Sunday 29 August.

"The series provides a great opportunity for residents to experience music and art from other cultures at low cost, in their own community," Mr O'Halloran said.

"Concert-goers can choose between afternoon performances in cabaret style seating in the Auditorium with a licensed bar, or the intimate environment of the Theatre offering complimentary coffee and tea, or simply enjoy both. It's a great way to spend a cold wintry Sunday afternoon."

The Klezmania concert will be held in the Auditorium,



Klezmania (right) and Belle Musette (above) open Council's Winter Music Series for 2004.



Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield on Sunday 18 July and costs \$20 for adults and \$15 concession.

Belle Musette will perform in the Theatre on Sunday 25 July, with tickets costing \$15 for adults and \$10 for concession. All performances start at 2.30pm and finish at 4.30pm. Doors open at 2pm.

To book tickets or obtain a copy of the *Winter Music Series 2004* brochure contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

Arts and Culture Advisory Committee

CITY OF GLEN EIRA

Council is seeking community representatives for its Arts and Culture Advisory Committee. The committee advises Council on achieving its goal to improve the quality of life of Glen Eira residents, workers and students through the provision of arts and culture programs.

Council invites Glen Eira residents with arts and culture experience to submit an application to become a member of the advisory committee. Applicants should outline their experience and reasons why they are interested in serving on the committee.

Applications close on Friday 16 July 2004 and should be sent to:

The Mayor's Secretary
Glen Eira City Council
PO Box 42
Caulfield South 3162

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

Exhibitions

23rd Annual RSPCA Art exhibition

Opens Thursday 1 July and continues until Sunday 11 July

The 23rd Annual RSPCA Art Exhibition is an exciting and colourful annual exhibition featuring local Australian artists who have been invited to exhibit their paintings, photographs, ceramics and sculptures. Proceeds from the sale of works at the exhibition will assist the RSPCA with the care of animals.

Selected works — Glen Eira City Council art collection

In the annexe gallery throughout July

This exhibition showcases a selection of artworks from Council's impressive permanent art collection.

The collection itself boasts fine examples of work in a range of media from some of Australia's best known artists including Arthur Boyd and Charles Blackman.

The collection also contains some equally impressive pieces by artists whose names may not be as well recognised.



Lounge Room, Glen Eira by Jane Burton.

Aboriginal Artists of the Central and Western Desert

Opens Wednesday 14 July and continues until Sunday 25 July

Outback Aboriginal Art brings a collection of some of the finest contemporary Aboriginal artwork to Council's gallery in a show that will challenge preconceptions of indigenous Australian art.

Outback Aboriginal Art was formed in 1992 with the aim of exhibiting and promoting the work of Australian Aboriginal artists. It supports indigenous people by providing an opportunity for these communities to help continue tribal traditions.

Works featured in the exhibition include those by both established and emerging artists such as Minnie Pwerle and her daughter Barbara Weir of the Utopia region, Central Desert artist Walala Tjapaltjarri, Elizabeth Marks Nakamara and Graham Tjupurulla.

One of the stunning works on display in Aboriginal Artists of the Central and Western Desert.



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

20 Melbourne Painters — annual exhibition

Opens Tuesday 27 July and continues until Sunday 8 August

The art group Twenty Melbourne Painters was established in 1910 by the prominent artist Alice Bale. Alice Bale championed the cause of artists and her legacy supports the continuation of realist portraiture through the Alice Bale Art Award.

The Twenty Melbourne Painters invite members on the basis of their skill and dedication to painting. Once accepted they are members for life and, as the name suggests, the group never exceeds 20.

This is a group of technically adept, traditional realist painters. This exhibition of portraiture and landscape paintings is a testament to their dedication to painting as a career and a display of their fine skills.



Summer Day, Sorrento (pastel) by Ross Paterson.

Down on the farm

Council's Warrawee aged care facility in Bentleigh East was transformed into a makeshift farm last month when some furry friends paid a visit.

The animal farm visit gave residents and their families a rare opportunity to feed, stroke and hold a range of farm animals including goats, chickens, rabbits, ducks, guinea pigs and even sheep.

Council's Residential Aged Care and Social Services Manager Monica Elston said the event was part of the diverse recreation program Council provided for its aged care residents — some involving outings and others held at the facilities.

"Some of our residents are physically not able to travel and others simply don't get the chance, so the farm visit was an opportunity for the animals to come to them," Ms Elston said.

"It was a successful afternoon. Residents were able to invite their families along and share the experience with their children, grandchildren and even their great-grandchildren.

Great-grandchildren to Warrawee resident Thelma Coad, Anna aged four and Laura aged two, jumped with excitement when they had a chance to sit on their great-grandmother's knee and hold a guinea pig. With the assistance of Harry the farm keeper, the children also had a close look at how a goat is fed.

Warrawee resident Mary Hale said that she thought the animal farm visit was a wonderful idea.

"When I was young I lived in the country and the animals remind me of that time," Mrs Hale said.

"It's great to see so many different types of animals here



Warrawee resident Joan Whelan and great-grandson Cameron, aged 4½ years pat a baby lamb. Photo: Les O'Rourke.

and so many children here to enjoy them."

The afternoon was part of Warrawee's recreational program which includes carpet bowls, games, songs, trivia and a movie club.

Council tackles flat litter

Council has joined forces with the local real estate industry to try to reduce the amount of unwanted furniture and household items being dumped on nature strips by departing tenants of flats and units.

Council's Waste Management Engineer Doug Griffiths said many vacating tenants dumped their unwanted items on the nature strip outside their flat or unit, ignorant of the litter laws and Council's free hard rubbish collection.

"Council provides a free hard rubbish collection service to Glen Eira residents on the proviso that they call Council's Service Centre and make a booking for the service before they place their rubbish on the nature strip," Mr Griffiths said.

"It is the responsibility of owners and agents to ensure that rubbish is not left behind unless a collection has been booked and the tenants have placed the rubbish on the nature strip on the nominated date as advised by Council's customer service consultants."

Mr Griffiths said Glen Eira had a high transient population with approximately one quarter of all properties being occupied by tenants.

To help tackle the problem Council has launched *Without a Trace: Reducing Rubbish Dumping at Multi-Unit Dwellings*, a project which focuses on reducing dumped rubbish outside flats and units and improving communication between Council, the real estate industry and Glen Eira residents.

Mr Griffiths said the project relied heavily on co-operation from the real estate industry.

"We have emphasised that Council has a free hard rubbish collection service to the real estate agents and therefore there should be no excuse for their tenants to litter the nature strips in Glen Eira with their unwanted items," he said.

Council is currently working on the next step of the project which focuses on further consultation with the real estate industry, development of a tenant information leaflet in multiple languages and the use of litter abatement notices.

To help address the issue, Council has also established a community consultation working group which comprises of two council officers, three members of the real estate industry and a body corporate manager.

Flowers bloom in City's parks

Eleven parks in Glen Eira have recently received a spray of colour as part of Council's autumn-winter flower planting.

More than 35,000 seedlings, including a variety of flowers such as Pansy, Cineraria, Polyanthus and Primula have been planted.

Council's Manager Park Services Laurie Unwin said Council undertook the planting twice a year both in the autumn-winter season and again in the spring-summer season with more than 60,000 seedlings planted in Glen Eira parks each year.

"Flowering displays are not only appreciated by residents and park users, but also the thousands of commuters who travel through Glen Eira each day," Mr Unwin said.

"Many residents live in units or flats where they have little room for a garden of their own."



Council's landscape crew leader Norm Muscat plants flower seedlings at Greenmeadows Gardens in St Kilda East. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

"Glen Eira's parks and annual displays give them the opportunity to enjoy some colour and space and simply relax and wind down after a hard day or week."

Mr Unwin said planning and preparation for the planting began well before the first seedling was planted.

"Plants need to be estimated and ordered three months ahead to ensure Council receives the best price and that the large numbers required are available," he said.

The process of planting the seedlings involves weeding, spraying, adding compost and organic fertiliser.

Mr Unwin said the removal and spraying of weeds before planting enabled the seedlings to thrive and created a uniformed effect.

"Garden beds are inspected regularly and frequent repairs are required due to vandalism and theft of plants," he said.

Council has already started planning for the spring-summer display with planting scheduled to start in October.

Women's Business Network

Survival tactics for small business operators — how to move business from survival to profitability

Council will hold an information session about how to move business from survival to profitability at the next Glen Eira Women's Business Network meeting.

The information session, presented by Australian Institute of Management, will address why four out of five small businesses fail within five years of establishment, how to improve business using the introduction of measuring and monitoring, the importance strategic business plans, creating business wealth and effective ways of small business marketing and advertising.

When: Thursday 15 July 7pm-9pm

Where: Caulfield Cup Room, Glen Eira Town Hall corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads Caulfield

Cost: \$10

RSVP: Monday 12 July

Bookings are essential.

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

Planning protection for major centres

Four areas in Glen Eira experiencing a high demand for development now have increased planning protection following the State Government's approval of key amendments to the Glen Eira Planning Scheme.

Minister for Planning Mary Delahunty MLA recently gave the go ahead for Council's Urban Villages Policy (Amendment C11) and Phoenix Precinct Policy (Amendment C14). The amendments will enable future planning to proceed in a reasonable and controlled way.

The policies relate to areas in Glen Eira that have a high development demand such as the Phoenix Precinct in Caulfield East and Glen Eira's urban villages — the Bentleigh, Carnegie and Elsternwick shopping centres.

Council's Director City Development Jeff Akehurst said the approval of the policies meant Council could move forward in the future planning and development of Glen Eira's premier activity centres.

"The policies allow Council to identify common

principles in each area to achieve developmental outcomes," Mr Akehurst said.

Mr Akehurst said the Urban Villages Policy sets a planning framework for each of the centres that allows Council to work on future developmental outcomes that take commercial, residential and community aspects into consideration.

"The policy also sets controls for future use of the Bentleigh, Carnegie and Elsternwick urban villages," Mr Akehurst said.

Bentleigh, Carnegie and Elsternwick were identified as urban villages because of their well-developed public transport infrastructure, strong retail focus, and mix of commercial developments and community facilities.

The Phoenix Precinct is an area of Caulfield East which takes in the Derby Road shopping centre, Monash University, East Caulfield Reserve, Caulfield Railway Station, parts of the Caulfield Racecourse, carparks and other private properties.

The policy is based on the urban design framework for the precinct which provides guidelines for the future use and development of land in the area.



Monash University Caulfield Campus Director Professor Rob Willis and Council's Director City Development Jeff Akehurst inspect development works at the university, which is part of the Phoenix Precinct.
Photo: Bernie Bickerton

"This part of Glen Eira will see great change because of its location being next to public transport and amenities. We need to plan to manage change so future development can take place in a co-ordinated and planned way," Mr Akehurst said.

"Council has worked closely with the main stakeholders of the area, particularly Monash University and the Melbourne Racing Club, to develop the policy."

The development of both policies involved extensive public consultation at each stage of the process including the establishment of consultative committees, public meetings, notifying affected residents, Council meetings and panel hearings for each amendment.

Draft strategy set for release

Local residents and traders will have the opportunity to comment on a draft strategy which examines Glen Eira's strip shopping centres, at a community consultation workshop later this month.

Council's Director City Development Jeff Akehurst said the Glen Eira Activity Centre Strategy aims to determine the hierarchy of Glen Eira's 42 activity centres in accordance with the State Government's metropolitan planning strategy *Melbourne 2030*.

"An activity centre is where people shop, work, meet, relax and live. This strategy aims to identify where each centre is positioned, the relationship between the centres in the overall network and commercial opportunities and future directions for the centres," Mr Akehurst said.

The strategy will allow Council to identify each centre's strengths and weaknesses, threats and opportunities for the future and will give Council an outlook for retailing, commercial and residential activity.

To develop the draft strategy Council held a workshop in May which focused on issues and opportunities for each activity centre. The second workshop will discuss the strategy's preliminary findings.

The workshop will be held in the Caulfield Cup Room, Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield, on Wednesday 21 July from 7pm to 9pm. To register attendance contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

Village design visions unveiled

Council's draft design visions for the Bentleigh, Carnegie and Elsternwick urban villages will be unveiled at a series of workshops next month.

The workshops will launch a two-week public exhibition of the draft urban village design frameworks which will enable the community to make submissions on the plans. An initial round of workshops held in April this year addressed issues, opportunities, a vision and urban design options for each village.

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

The aim is to articulate an overall design vision for the villages and their relationship with surrounding neighbourhoods.

Elsternwick workshop

Tuesday 3 August 6.30pm-8pm
Elsternwick Club (in bistro)
19 Sandham Street, Elsternwick.

Carnegie workshop

Thursday 5 August 6.30pm-8pm
Rosstown Hotel (function room)
Koornang Road, Carnegie

Bentleigh workshop

Thursday 10 August 6.30pm-8pm
Sacred Heart College
(lecture theatre — enter via carpark off Robert Street)
111 Jasper Road, Bentleigh

For further information or to register attendance at any of the workshops contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

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Library library

Questions have librarians stumped

In 1941, which 10 countries in Africa had the most goats? What is the significance of elephants to Denmark? What is the link between *Gulliver's Travels* and South Australia? Who kicked the first goal in AFL history? What is the origin of the street name *Narrawong* in Caulfield South?

These were just some of the 20 questions which challenged and, in some cases, beat library staff in the *Can you stump the librarian?* competition, held across Council's libraries as part of National Library and Information Week in May.

The competition proved to be a hit with Glen Eira residents of all ages who relished the chance to baffle Council's librarians and test their knowledge and research skills.

Library customers simply had to think of a question, write it on a sheet and leave it at the library information desk. Librarians then had 24 hours to find the answer which was then displayed at the branch.

The variety of questions and the 24-hour deadline gave librarians extra opportunities to use the range of collections and databases available at Council's libraries

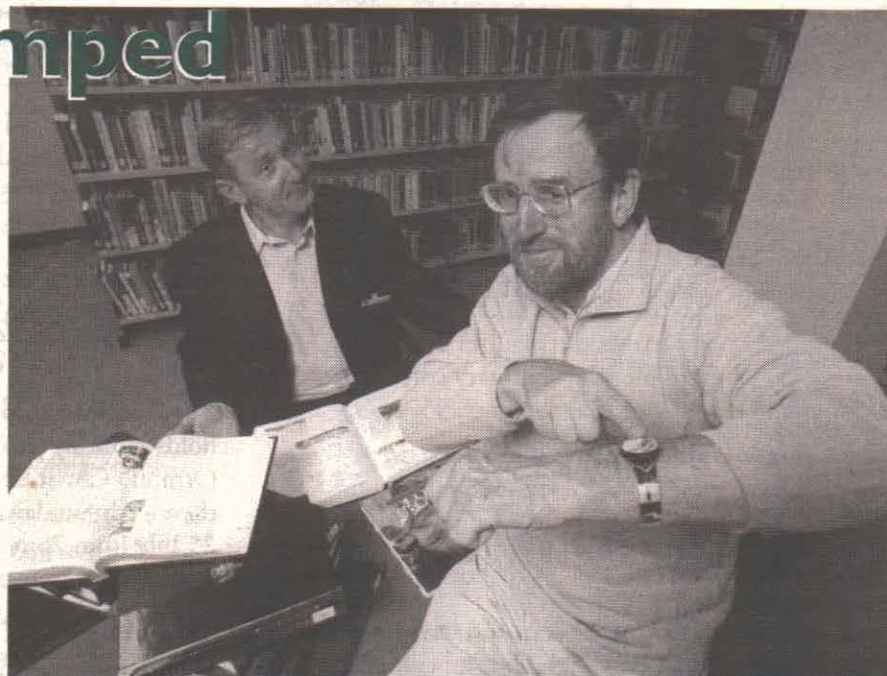
to avoid being stumped. There were only four questions which librarians failed to answer within the required 24 hours.

Council's Manager Library and Information Services Sue Webster said residents enjoyed coming up with tricky questions and praised the librarians who were able to answer them in such quick time.

"There was even some lively debate around some of the answers," she said.

The question which was judged the best for the week was thought up by Ormond resident Rodger Hoskin, who won a \$50 *Dymocks* voucher for a stumper about the difference between the terms cargo and shipment.

Winners of all National Library and Information Week competitions are on display at library branches. Rodger's question and the answer are listed at right.



Ormond resident Rodger Hoskin thinks he has got Caulfield Library branch leader Jack Drakopyl stumped with his question on shipments and cargoes. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Fresh floors for libraries

Council's Elsternwick and Bentleigh libraries have received a fresh layer of carpet as part of Council's ongoing maintenance and renewal program.



Library officers Linda Williams and Robyn Crennan inspect the new carpet during installation at Elsternwick Library. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

The public area and steps in the Elsternwick Library and two sections of the main area at the Bentleigh Library were recarpeted last month.

Council's Manager Library and Information Services Sue Webster said the maintenance was carried out to ensure the libraries are kept in a good condition and continue to be safe for library users.

"A great deal of planning had to be undertaken as shelves of books needed to be removed, then replaced," Ms Webster said.

"Because so many Glen Eira residents use the libraries regularly, it is important to not only maintain the libraries' amenity and presentation, but to also ensure that carpets are replaced before they become worn, to remove any potential safety risks."

Both libraries were each closed for about a week but are now back to operating usual hours.

What's on at Council's libraries?

Learn to use the Internet

Council is holding the following Internet classes in the multi-stationed computer training facility at Caulfield Library. Gift certificates are available for any of these classes and can be bought at any branch.

Computer basics

The ideal class for the absolute beginner.
Wednesday 21 July 10.30am-12.30pm
Tuesday 24 August 2.30pm-4.30pm
Cost: \$33

Introduction to the Internet

A beginner's course to browsing the Internet.
Monday 12 July 6.30pm-8pm
Tuesday 10 August 2pm-3.30pm
Cost: \$22

Further steps on the Internet

This class builds on the information learnt in the introduction class and includes search engines, newsgroups, downloading and more about *Internet Explorer*.
Tuesday 6 July 2pm-4.30pm
Cost: \$33

Introduction to genealogy on the Internet

A comprehensive look at Internet genealogy resources.
Tuesday 3 August 2.30pm-4.30pm
Cost: \$33

One-on-one Internet training

Personalised training tailored to individual needs and interests. Suitable for any level of experience, including beginners. Sessions last for one hour.
Cost: \$44

The big stumper!

Why is it that if goods are sent by ship it is called cargo but if the same goods are sent by car or truck it is called a shipment?

The term shipment refers to a separately identifiable collection of goods to be carried via one or more modes of transport and specified in one single transport document.

The term cargo refers to goods transported on a ship or aircraft which would include any goods, wares, merchandise, mail, spare parts, equipment, crew's and passenger's unaccompanied baggage.

The difference between cargo and shipment is not the mode of transport used but whether the goods are a specific and identifiable collection, rather than a more general description of goods. It appears that the terms are generally interchanged in speech today.

Doing business

July is *doing business @ your library* month and Council is using the State Library of Victoria promotion to increase awareness of the business information services provided by Council's libraries.

Council's Manager Library and Information Services Sue Webster said Council's libraries not only provided an extensive range of library materials and resources which businesses could access, but also offered a comprehensive information and research service for local business operators.

"Librarians are trained in searching specialist databases and the Internet, and can provide expertise in business and statistical information and efficient access to Australian and international resources," Ms Webster said.

Ms Webster said that as part of *doing business @ your library* month local businesses could collect or request a copy of a flyer of useful website addresses and a list of titles from the specialist collections to help with business information priorities.

The flyer lists government, legal information, support program and financial management websites which may assist people looking to start a business.

Local businesses can contact Council's Caulfield Library Business Information Centre by calling 9524 3624, emailing gebic@gleneira.vic.gov.au or visiting Council's website at www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

Community diary

Meetings and clubs

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.

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 of every month. Voluntary contributions welcome. Bookings essential. Contact: 9578 9955.

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.

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.

Life Activities Club Caulfield will meet in the Gladys Machin Hall, Cedar Street Caulfield South on Wednesday 21 July at 7.30pm. Guest speaker and supper served. New members welcome. Contact: 9568 5849 or 9523 9669.

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 4.30pm. Admission by donation. Contact: 9578 7060.

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.

CAULFIELD SOUTH COMMUNITY HOUSE

450 Kooyong Rd (Cnr Jupiter St), Caulfield South 3162

Low cost short courses in your local community

COMPUTER CLASSES

Computers For Beginners (4x2hr sessions)	Cost: \$70
Computers For Intermediates (4x2hr sessions)	Cost: \$70
Word 2000 (4x2hr sessions)	Cost: \$70
Introduction to Internet & Email (4x2hr sessions)	Cost: \$73
Introduction to Excel (4x3hr sessions)	Cost: \$95
Introduction to Publisher (4x3hr sessions)	Cost: \$95
Quicken Cash Books (6x2.5hr sessions)	Cost: \$134
Introduction to Access	(Ring for details)

ADULT EDUCATION

Literacy for Life (16 weeks)	Cost: \$16
Getting started in English (16 week course)	Cost: \$72.50
Basic Bookkeeping for Small Business (6 week course)	Cost: \$180
Planning for Employment and Training Full day workshop — 13 September	Cost: \$70

HEALTH & PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

Tai Chi (8x1hr sessions)	Cost: \$58
Relaxation/Meditation (8x1hr sessions)	Cost: \$45

GENERAL ACTIVITIES

Scrap-booking (4hr workshop)	Cost: \$50
Women's Network (meets Wednesdays once a term 11am)	
Knitting Circle (meets every second Thursday at 10.30am)	
Walking Group (meets Thursdays 9.45am)	

For more information and bookings
phone: 9596 8643

SEMESTER ONE: 13 July–14 December 2004

House open 10am–4pm Tues–Wed–Thur
During school terms

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

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.

Glen Eira Probus Club meets at the Bentleigh Club, Yawla Street, Bentleigh on the fourth Friday of every month at 9.30am. Contact: Geraldine 9528 3325.

The Anglican Parish of Ormond Christ Church holds monthly Sunday evening youth services at the Ormond Christ Church, 436 North Road, Ormond on the fourth Sunday of every month, starting Sunday 25 July from 7pm to 9pm. Music, worship, prayer and friendship. Contact: James 0413 587543.

Events

National Trust Mansion Labassa will hold *To melt the ear and charm the eye* concert, a celebration of poetry, music and dance, at 2 Manor Grove, Caulfield on Sunday 1 August at 2.15pm. The concert is part of the early music, dance and gesture series to raise funds for Labassa. Cost: \$22–\$25. Contact: 9509 6596 or 9699 8417.

Music Lovers' Society will hold a concert featuring tenor Boyd Owen and pianist Angela Dhar at St Paul's Anglican Church, 530 Dandenong Road, Caulfield North on Saturday 17 July at 8pm. Cost: \$6–\$35. Members free. Refreshments will be served. Contact: 9822 7292 or 9571 0850.

St John's Anglican Church will hold an old-time sing-along at St John's Anglican Church, corner Centre and Tucker Roads, Bentleigh East on Wednesday 14 July at 2pm. Cost: \$12 including afternoon tea. Contact: Yvonne 9557 2226.

The Cancer Council Victoria will hold the *Murrumbeena Relay for Life* at Duncan Mackinnon Reserve, Murrumbeena on 23 and 24 October. People of all ages and fitness levels are encouraged to take part. Put together a team from work, family or friends to raise money for cancer research. Contact: Lisa 0417 402 167 or 1300 656 585.

Feeling lonely?

We need players (aged 60 plus) to play:
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Ormond Senior Citizens' Club

2 Newham Grove, Ormond
Phone: 9578 7653

Glen Huntly Friendship Group

99 Grange Road, Glen Huntly

Activities for July

Wednesday 21 July

Christmas in July in the Dandenongs at Tatra Hut

A lovely bright break in the middle of winter. Enjoy a three-course Christmas meal of soup of the day, roast turkey with gravy and well cooked veggies. A traditional plum pudding with custard and cream. Vegetarians also catered for. Music coloured lights and the amazing Waltzing Waters to keep us entertained. Depart 9.30am from 185 Poath Road, Hughesdale and 9.45am from 99 Grange Road, Glen Huntly. Lunch from 11.30am to 2.30pm. Cost: \$50

Enquiries and bookings Margaret 9596 6124

Osteoporosis Victoria will hold an information session on prevention and management of osteoporosis at the Ashleigh Ricketson Centre, Elsternwick on Wednesday 4 August from 10.30am to 12.30pm. Cost \$8–\$10. For bookings contact: 8531 8022.

Community

Godfrey Street Community House will hold basic computer short courses for older people at Godfrey Street Community House, 9 Godfrey Street, Bentleigh. Courses funded by ACFE. Contact: 9557 9037.

Immunisation dates

July

Bentleigh Baptist Church

10 Vickery Street, Bentleigh
Monday 5 July 1.30pm–2.30pm
Monday 2 August 1.30pm–2.30pm

Glen Eira Town Hall

(entry via Glen Eira Road)
Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield
Tuesday 6 July 6pm–7pm
Tuesday 13 July 9.30am–10.15am
Tuesday 3 August 6pm–7pm

Murrumbeena Baptist Church

44 Murrumbeena Road, Murrumbeena
Monday 12 July 10am–11am

Bentleigh-Bayside Community Health Service

Gardeners Road, Bentleigh East
Wednesday 21 July 6pm–7pm
Saturday 24 July 9.30am–10.30am

Glen Huntly Maternal and Child Health Centre

Corner Royal and Rosedale Avenues, Glen Huntly
Wednesday 28 July 9.30am–11am

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Parent information sessions

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Council will hold two information sessions for new parents at the Glen Huntly Maternal and Child Health Centre, corner Royal and Rosedale Avenues, Glen Huntly.

Surviving and enjoying the first weeks with a new baby

The session will address the issues of understanding normal baby behaviour, reducing family stress and encouraging a settled baby. First and third Tuesday of each month from 1pm to 3pm. Cost: \$2.

Nutrition for babies

The session will address the issues of formula, breastfeeding and nutrition for new mothers, the introduction of solids, fluid intake and constipation for babies. Guest speaker will be community nutritionist Anthea Gregoriou.

Tuesday 13 July from 2pm to 3pm. Cost: \$3.

For further information
contact 9524 3403.

Youth excellence takes the spotlight

Council has honoured local young people for achieving excellence in their chosen field, at a Foundation for Youth Excellence (FFYE) ceremony held last month.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Bob Bury presented trophies to 51 youngsters who participated in state, national or international events between June 2002 and June 2004.



Foundation for Youth Excellence creative and performing arts award recipient Kymberlee Lane performs a callisthenics routine to the music of Sleeping Beauty.

Cr Bury said the Foundation for Youth Excellence was a Council program that recognised young people who had achieved excellence in the field of performing arts, education, leadership or sport.

"Council recognises this achievement by awarding grants to young people who aim to achieve further success in their chosen field," Cr Bury said.

"The program is about recognising the time and efforts of parents, teachers and clubs — more often than not the engine rooms behind successful young people.

"It is the hope of Council that the commitment and investment made in this type of initiative will bring rewards to not only the grant recipients but also to their family, their friends and the wider community."

The Foundation for Youth Excellence was established in 1993 by the former City of Caulfield to provide financial support to young people competing or participating in state, national or international events.

Foundation for Youth Excellence Committee Chairperson Cr Margaret Esakoff said the committee defines excellence as striving to reach the highest level in a chosen field or endeavour.

"Since the foundation was established in 1993, more than 183 grants have been provided to young people in



Foundation for Youth Excellence Committee Chairperson Cr Margaret Esakoff congratulates Matthew Warner on his award for his trampolining achievements. Photos: Bernie Bickerton.

the City of Glen Eira," Cr Esakoff said.

This year's recipients participated in events such as the Asian Medical Students Conference in Japan, the Commonwealth Games Fashion Gala in the United Kingdom, a World Vision Study Tour of Africa, World Youth Day Pilgrimage in Canada, World Women's Ice Hockey Team Championships in Italy and the Czech Republic, National Baseball Championships in Brisbane and the 10th IAAF World Junior Athletics Championships in Italy.

Two-time Foundation for Youth Excellence recipient Kate Robson was the master of ceremony for the awards evening.

Kate received her first award in 1996 when she was 12 years old which assisted her to go to the 1996 Winter Olympics in Japan to play the flute at the opening ceremony.

"With the assistance of the grant I was able to fulfill a dream of performing at the Olympics," Kate said.

"It was an amazing experience; I recall an electric atmosphere and people from all around the world gathered in the one place to see the Olympics."

Kate received her second award in 2001 for leadership. The grant enabled Kate to be an Australian representative at the 2001 Global Youth Leaders conference in Washington and New York.

"I am grateful for the recognition and encouragement given by Council for what young people are doing," she said.

"The Foundation for Youth Excellence program gives young people financial assistance to attend events that they may not have otherwise had the opportunity to attend."



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

A chance to win Olympic gold

Winning a Glen Eira City Council Foundation for Youth Excellence (FFYE) award has enabled tae kwon do champion Tina Morgan to fulfill a lifelong goal to compete for Olympic gold.

Tina, a FFYE award winner in the category of sport, will represent Australia in the women's tae kwon do heavyweight section in 2004 Olympic Games in Athens next month.

By receiving financial assistance through the FFYE program, Tina was able to compete in the 2002 Korean Tae Kwon Do Open where she won a gold medal. This enabled her to stay in Korea and attend a special training camp for three months.

"The grant I received from Council helped fund me through various different competitions," Tina said. "I am very grateful for the support."

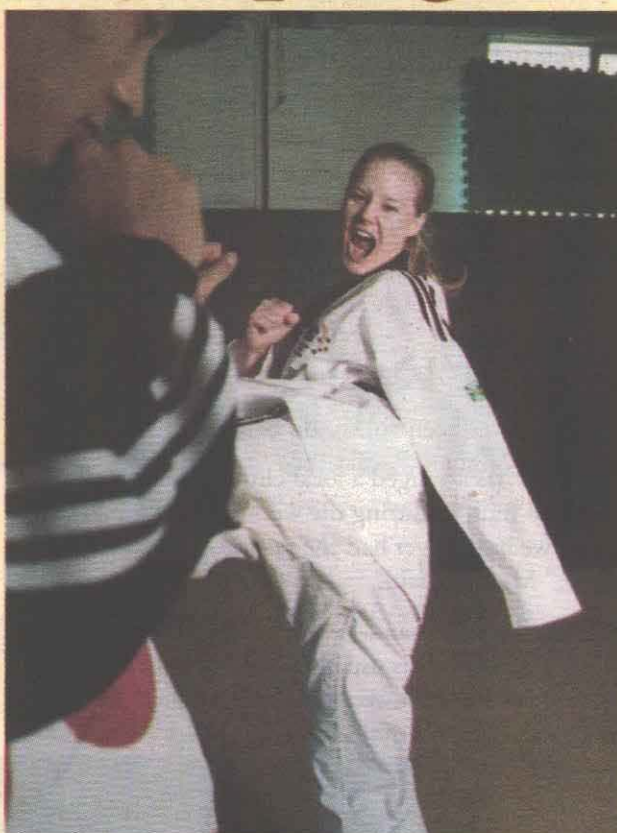
Tae kwon do is a hand and foot fighting martial art which involves kicking and punching techniques. Opponents are required to wear chest and head guards and the aim is to score points by kicking them in the chest and head area.

Tina began her tae kwon do career at the age of 11 when she went along to a class to support and watch her brother.

"The instructor would not start the class unless I took part in it," she said. "I actually found that I really enjoyed the sport and continued training and competing."

Tina went on to successfully compete at state and national levels winning numerous medals and awards. Now she is fulfilling her childhood dream to compete at the Olympics and strive for gold.

The 21-year-old said she had to wait five months after she qualified for the Olympics to find out whether she had been selected for the national team.



Foundation for Youth Excellence recipient Tina Morgan in training for the Athens Olympics.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

"It didn't feel like it was really happening at the time, it has only just started to sink in that I will be a part of the Olympic Games," she said.

"It was like a huge weight was lifted off my shoulders — that I could now concentrate on achieving the dream that I have had since I was a child, winning gold at the Olympics."

Tina plans to continue with tae kwon do after the Olympics and finish the physiology degree she is currently studying.

Recreation

Cross country for all abilities

Council's Duncan Mackinnon Reserve in Murrumbeena recently played host to some enthusiastic cross country action.

More than 170 young people with an intellectual disability from seven different specialist schools in the south eastern region participated in the annual event held by Joint Councils Access for All Abilities in partnership with the Glen Huntly Athletic Club.



More than 170 young people participated in the annual cross country run.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Bob Bury was on hand to present medals and ribbons to participants after the event.

Cr Bury said the carnival was a wonderful initiative that brought people together to help make the community a better place in which to live.

"Initiatives like this enrich the lives of all the people that the program touches," Cr Bury said.

The Joint Councils Access for All Abilities (JCAAA) program is a joint initiative between Glen Eira, Bayside, Port Phillip and Stonnington City Councils which aims to develop community-based support, recreation and arts opportunities for people of all abilities.

Cr Bury said Council was pleased to support the JCAAA program.

"This program enables events such as this carnival to be held so that people of all abilities have the chance to participate in athletics," he said.

The carnival was divided in three sections, one for each age group — under 14s and under 16s who competed in the 1.4 kilometre race and the open section in which entrants completed a 2.6 kilometre race.

Glen Huntly Athletic Club representative and carnival organiser Trevor Vincent said the club's volunteers received great satisfaction from watching the participants sharing in their love of athletics and enjoying their involvement in the day.

"Apart from participating in the carnival, we would love to see as many of them as possible back at our club, participating on a regular basis," Mr Vincent said.

"Athletics is a sport for everyone, for people of all ages, and all abilities."



Glen Eira Mayor Cr Bob Bury lines up with some youngsters at the start of the Joint Councils Access for All Abilities cross country run at Duncan Mackinnon Reserve. Photos: Bernie Bickerton.

Early bird gym

Council's Caulfield Recreation Centre in Caulfield South has recently begun a limited trial of early opening times to meet demand from local gym users.

The gym features cardio equipment, toning machines, free weights, a range of aerobics classes and even a trampoline room with three in-ground trampolines.

The centre has qualified gym instructors who can discuss members' needs and tailor individual fitness programs, plus a qualified nutritionist who can provide healthy eating information.

There is also a crèche on site which operates five mornings a week.

The Caulfield Recreation Centre is open Monday 7am–8pm, Tuesday 8.30am–9pm, Wednesday 7am–8pm, Thursday 8.30am–9pm, Friday 7am–6pm, Saturday 8.30am–2pm and Sunday 9am–1.30pm. Aerobics timetables are available by calling the centre on 9532 4956.

Soccer wheels into Glen Eira

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Bob Bury recently cheered on the new Glen Eira Junior Soccer Club wheelchair team in one of its first games as part of the club.

Glen Eira Junior Soccer Club recently extended its range of teams to include two wheelchair teams — a seniors' team and a reserves team.

Cr Bury said this is the first time wheelchair soccer has been part of the Glen Eira Junior Soccer Club and the team is enjoying its first season.

"I am pleased to see a local Glen Eira club offering the opportunity for people of all abilities to enjoy team sport," Cr Bury said.

"Recreation and team sport is an integral part of life and can improve overall quality of life."

The Glen Eira Junior Soccer Club wheelchair team consists of five players in the seniors' team and four players in the reserves with team members' ages ranging from 17 to 50 years. The team plays for the south eastern region which includes three other teams, Knox City, Nunawading and Oakleigh.

Team Manager Paula Dent said the association with the Glen Eira Soccer Junior Club meant the team could now train for the games, something

they had never been able to do before.

"The club has arranged a local church hall for the players to train in during the week. This is something new as we have never had the resources to do this before," Ms Dent said.

Both electric and manual wheelchairs are used for the indoor sport which is usually played on a basketball court. Players are allowed to use their hands, feet or the wheelchair to move the ball.



Members of the Glen Eira Junior Soccer Club show off their wheelchair soccer skills. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Sporting reserve applications

Summer season 2004–05

Applications are invited for the use of the following reserves for the 2004–05 summer sporting season:

Bailey Reserve	Bentleigh Reserve
Caulfield Park	Centenary Reserve
Duncan Mackinnon Reserve	East Caulfield Reserve
EE Gunn Reserve	Glen Huntly Reserve
Hodgson Reserve	King George VI Reserve
Koornang Park	Lord Reserve
Mackie Road Reserve	McKinnon Reserve
Marlborough Street Reserve	Moorleigh Community Village
Murrumbeena Park	Packer Park
Princes Park	Victory Park
Bentleigh Secondary College	Bentleigh West Primary
Coatesville Primary School	School (J)
Moorabbin Primary School	Valkstone Primary School (J)

(J) denotes junior allocation only

Applications must be lodged at Council's Service Centre by Friday 23 July 2004.

Application forms are available on Council's website www.gleneira.vic.gov.au or by contacting Council's recreation facilities co-ordinator on 9524 3333.