

## Council and police lead safety blitz

**G**len Eira City Council and Victoria Police are joining forces this month to crack down on pedestrian safety in Glen Eira.

As part of Community Safety Month in October, pedestrians who fail to take simple safety precautions when crossing busy roads will be targeted by police who will highlight their wrongdoing, offer safety tips and, in some cases, issue on-the-spot fines.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Bob Bury said too many pedestrians were putting themselves and others at risk when crossing roads, by not using designated cross points, disobeying road rules, or simply failing to be aware of vehicles and motorists.

"Both Council and the police have been receiving complaints from motorists about pedestrians breaking the law and putting their lives at risk," Cr Bury said.

"We have received reports about pedestrians stepping out in front of cars in busy shopping strips, not looking to see if vehicles are coming before crossing roads, ignoring rail crossing warnings when trains are approaching and disregarding stop signals at pedestrian lights.

"Our school crossing supervisors have even seen parents run across roads or dart in between moving cars when taking their children to school, rather than using the school crossings."

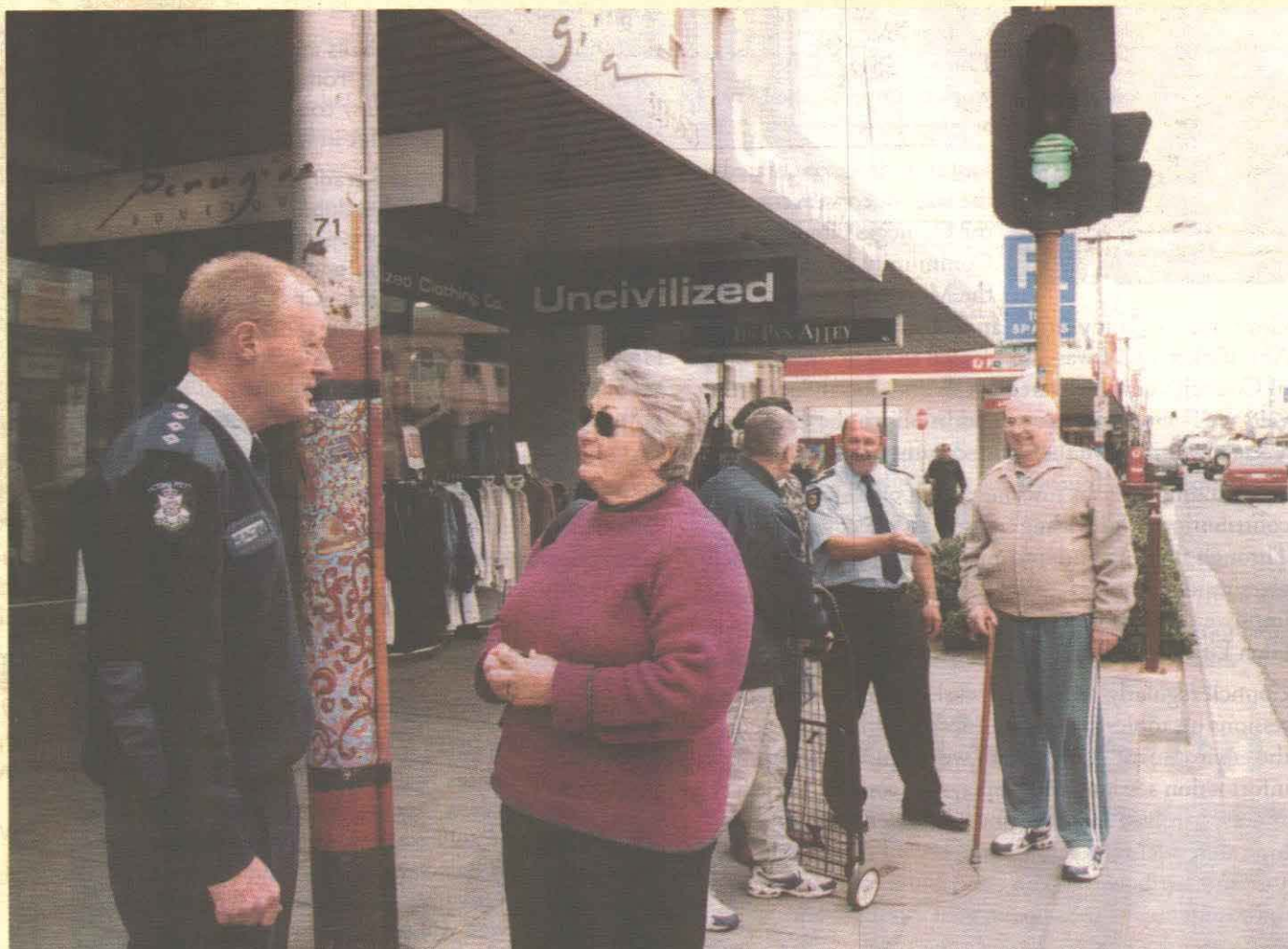
Pedestrians are among the most vulnerable road users, making up about 15 per cent of deaths and 11 per cent of serious injuries on Victorian roads each year.

Statistics show that from 1999 to 2003, eight pedestrians died on Glen Eira's roads and a further 134 were taken to hospital with injuries. The highest number of pedestrian fatalities and injuries involved residents aged over 60 years.

Cr Bury said the statistics were alarming and indicated that pedestrians needed to be more accountable and responsible when out on roads.

"Council is committed to ensuring Glen Eira is a safe place to live, but we cannot do it alone. We need residents and visitors to work with us to achieve this objective," he said.

"Council spends thousands of dollars each year on pedestrian safety works such as pedestrian refuges, school crossings, painted pedestrian crossings, traffic



Victoria Police Inspector Greg Parr discussed the importance of pedestrian safety with Shirley while Council's Prosecutions and School Crossings Co-ordinator Alan Katz gives tips to John Dawes and Horace Hasler.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

signals and safety fencing to help make roads safer for pedestrians. We need people to use them and not take silly risks."

Improving pedestrian safety and accessibility and encouraging residents to walk rather than drive is one of the key themes contained in Council's Glen Eira Road Safety Strategic Plan. Apart from pedestrian safety works, Council has also participated in programs such as *Walksafe*, *Safe Routes to Schools* and *Safe Routes to Shops*.

Victoria Police Inspector Greg Parr said that as part of the pedestrian safety blitz police would be out in force on Glen Eira's streets to ensure that pedestrians are obeying road rules.

"Pedestrian safety is a significant problem that we need to resolve in Glen Eira," Inspector Parr said.

"We have had a major impact in reducing collisions where motorists or passengers have been injured but we don't seem to be having an effect on decreasing the number of pedestrians being injured in Glen Eira."

"Over the past few weeks we have been concentrating on school crossings and we want to dedicate the same amount of effort towards educating older members of the Glen Eira community who make up a large proportion of injured or, regrettably, killed pedestrians."

**For more news on Community Safety Month activities turn to pages 10 and 11.**

### Safety tips for pedestrians

Before crossing the road always remember to:

- Stop and look around.
- Listen for approaching traffic.
- Look out for sudden traffic changes.
- Try to make eye contact with approaching drivers.
- Only cross at safe places — if there is no crossing or signals, only cross when approaching traffic is in view.

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# Mayor's column



Council's main aim is to serve its community, and that can be done in many ways. From repairing roads and public assets to providing immunisation sessions and playgroups, Council endeavours to work to improve the City at every level.

Last month we celebrated the start of construction at the Carnegie Library and Community Centre with the Minister for Local

Government Candy Broad and Member for Oakleigh Ann Barker, and I was also pleased to be at the opening of Council's new Delivered Meals and Social Support Centre. These are important additions to the City's assets that will serve the entire community.

But building assets is just one aspect of Council's contribution to providing services to the community. Through funding and information workshops, Council gives residents and ratepayers the ability to help improve the City themselves, and together we make Glen Eira the City it is.

Council regularly provides workshops and information sessions on topics such as business, health, safety and the environment. This month we're holding several information sessions and displays on community safety and are involved in a workshop on green gardening. I urge all residents to get along to one of these sessions and find out how they can contribute, in their own way, to the amenity of the City and their homes, and safety.

We like to think that as a Council we can provide all the services the community demands, but it just isn't true. We rely heavily on community groups to offer a wide range of activities and support services to cater for every taste and need — from all-abilities access groups to just getting together to enjoy a game of bowls. Last month Council announced the community grants given for the year, and we know that it will be money well spent. Community groups require our support, just as they have our thanks.

Just as community groups celebrate the diverse needs of our growing City, so too does Council — and this year in particular gives us reason to celebrate. This year is the City's 10th birthday, and we're calling on all Glen Eira residents, students and workers to get out their cameras and show us what the City means to them.

The *My Eira photo competition* will showcase photos in three categories and there are great prizes to be won as well as the chance to be included in an exhibition at Council's gallery — all for just getting out your camera and taking a photo of your Glen Eira.

The City means many things to many people. What does it mean to you?

— Cr Bob Bury  
Mayor

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## Mayor goes through the hoops

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Bob Bury enjoyed a spot of croquet with members of the Elsternwick Croquet Club, when he officially opened the club's new season last month.

Cr Bury and his wife Marney were invited to run the first hoop, formally beginning the club's 2004 season. But there was no sign of Alice in Wonderland's Cheshire Cat or the White Rabbit, no hedgehogs pretending to be croquet balls and, fortunately, no interference from the Queen of Hearts, as Cr Bury took to the field with croquet mallet in hand.

After a quick lesson in the traditional rules from members of the club, which were somewhat more orderly than Lewis Carroll's version, and with the help of a healthy handicap, Cr Bury showed instant prowess at the sport. He was rewarded for his efforts with a resounding cheer from the onlookers.

In declaring the season open, Cr Bury said it was pleasing to see members of Glen Eira's older demographic playing sport and enjoying each others' company on a social level.

"Sports clubs which are active and serve the community will always have the full support of Council," he said.



Elsternwick Croquet Club President Vin Thomas watches as Glen Eira Mayor Cr Bob Bury successfully sends a croquet ball through the hoop to officially open the club's croquet season.  
Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Founded in 1911, the Elsternwick Croquet club is one of the oldest in Glen Eira and has 25 members whose ages range from 50 years to 90 years. The croquet season usually runs from August to the following June.

Guests are welcome at the club on Tuesday mornings and for an introduction to the game, contact the club's secretary on 9578 4774.

### Remembrance Day service

Council invites residents to attend a Remembrance Day memorial service at the Cenotaph in Caulfield Park, near the corner of Hawthorn and Balaclava Roads, Caulfield, on Thursday 11 November at 10.58am. Please note, the service will proceed in the park regardless of the weather. Light refreshments will be served after the service.

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## Better facilities — better service

Council took the opportunity last month to celebrate National Meals on Wheels Day with the official opening of its new Delivered Meals and Social Support Centre in Carnegie.

The opening was attended by more than 130 people including Councillors, volunteers and residents who use Council's delivered meals and adult day activity services.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Bob Bury said the former Glen Eira Bowls Club building in Leila Road had been totally refurbished to accommodate Council's new centralised delivered meals service and the adult day activity program — services which were instrumental in allowing older residents to remain in their own home.



Member for Oakleigh Ann Barker, Cr Veronika Martens, Glen Eira Mayor Cr Bob Bury and Cr Margaret Esakoff unveil the plaque to mark the opening of the new Delivered Meals and Social Support Centre.

"The new centre will distribute meals seven days a week, every day of the year, representing almost 120,000 meals," Cr Bury said.

"Social support will be provided five days a week to frail older people and people with disabilities, including exercise classes, discussion groups, cooking, art and craft and health promotion activities, and 5,000 volunteer hours will be given to deliver meals, monitor clients' health and wellbeing, drive the bus, and assist with programs.

"The adult day activity program, which previously operated from two centres, has come together at the new facility to allow even more innovative activities to be provided."

The building has undergone an internal fit-out to provide individual activity rooms for recreational activities. It also features a commercial packing, sorting and distribution kitchen which includes a cool room.

The centre also has shower and toilet facilities, a laundry, television room, offices, a woodwork shed and internal and external disabled access and parking.

Delivered meals volunteer Marlene Holden said the new centre would help to provide a more streamlined service to clients.



Glen Eira Mayor Cr Bob Bury receives a tour of the new Delivered Meals and Social Support Centre from Council's Manager Community Care Services Michelle Marr.

Photos: Bernie Bickerton

"The facilities are so much better than what we had. I believe that a better facility makes a better service," Ms Holden said.

Murrumbeena resident and user of Council's Adult Day Activity Social Support Service Anne Dover said the bigger rooms in the new centre would allow Council to have more flexibility in the programs it runs.

"I think it is great how Council can now provide separate rooms for all the different activities as there are now a lot of people who participate in the program who have different needs and interests," Ms Dover said.

## Minister praises Council's vision

Minister for Planning Mary Delahunty commended Council for its foresight in leading the way for better planning, at the launch of Council's Phoenix Precinct Policy last month.

The policy, also known as Amendment C14 to the Glen Eira Planning Scheme, received the Minister's approval in May this year but was officially launched at the Melbourne Racing Club in September.

Ms Delahunty congratulated Council and the community for coming together in developing Amendment C14 and for planning ahead to protect what they love about Glen Eira.

"Glen Eira City Council has been very thorough in its approach to planning for the Phoenix Precinct and has community support for its vision," Ms Delahunty said.

"The amendment aims to create a high quality, vibrant urban environment with a strong sense of place and community.

"It will have high standards of architecture and urban design, with a strong focus on pedestrian needs and



Minister for Planning Mary Delahunty and Glen Eira Mayor Cr Bob Bury look out on to Caulfield Racecourse at the launch of Council's Phoenix Precinct Policy. Photo: Bernie Bickerton

public transport and I commend Council for this."

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

The development of the policy involved extensive public consultation at each stage of the process including the establishment of consultative committees, public meetings, notification of affected residents, Council meetings and panel hearings.

Ms Delahunty said Council and the community are to be congratulated on devising a plan that includes innovative projects without compromising the existing character of the area.

"They have set out their vision for a dynamic place in which to live, work and play. This planning will undoubtedly help to ensure that Glen Eira continues to be a great place to live," she said.

## Dog sitter fined for dog attack

An Ormond resident who was minding a Malamute dog that viciously attacked a much smaller dog has been convicted and fined in Melbourne Magistrates' Court.

The man was ordered to pay a \$300 fine and \$4,421 in costs after pleading guilty to owning a dog that attacked, failing to register a dog, and allowing a dog to be at large.

Council's prosecutor Alan Katz told the court that the attack occurred in April this year, when the owner of a Miniature Schnauzer was walking her dog on a leash in Collins Street, Ormond.

Without provocation, her dog was attacked and bitten by the Malamute, suffering serious injuries which required extensive veterinary treatment and hospitalisation.

Prior to the court hearing, the owner of the Malamute was interviewed and cautioned by Council officers. He told the officers he was looking after the dog on behalf of its actual owner, who was overseas at the time.

Manager Civic Compliance John Bordignon said residents needed to ensure they adhered to the law and properly restrained their dogs to prevent injury to the public or other animals.

"Under the provisions of the Domestic (Feral and Nuisance) Act 1994 the person responsible for looking after a dog is liable for any actions of the dog," Mr Bordignon said.

"A dog attack is a very serious issue, one that Council does not take lightly, as it imposes upon the rights and safety of the community.

"Residents need to ensure that they act according to the law — that means registering pets and ensuring their pets are within the boundaries of the law, even if they are caring for a pet on behalf of its owner."

**Delivered meals volunteers needed**

Council is urgently seeking volunteer drivers and jockeys for its delivered meals program. The volunteers deliver meals to frail older people and people with a disability which enables them to remain living independently in their own homes.

Volunteers are required seven days a week with a flexible choice of days and hours available. Petrol reimbursement, training, social contact and support are provided. For further information contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333



# A snap-happy celebration for 10th birthday

The City of Glen Eira turns 10 years old in December and to celebrate Council is calling all budding photographers to get out their cameras and take a picture of what the City means to them.

The *My Glen Eira photo competition* asks residents, students and people working in the City to submit a photo and a brief description of why that photo was chosen. There are three entry categories — junior (under 12 years), youth (13–18 years) and open — and great prizes to be won, as well as the opportunity to have photographs showcased in the *My Glen Eira* exhibition at Council's gallery.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Bob Bury said the competition aimed to show the many sides of the City.

"So much has happened in the 10 years since the City of Glen Eira was established," Cr Bury said.

"Not only has the urban landscape changed through the upgrading of parks, playgrounds and other facilities, but the makeup of our community has changed as it has grown.

"The City and its community are diverse and this competition gives the community a chance to show us what the City means to them — to photograph their view of Glen Eira and put it on display for the whole community to share and enjoy."

The City of Glen Eira was created in 1994 when the former City of Caulfield and the northern part of the City of Moorabbin were amalgamated.

Glen Eira has more than 80 MCGs of parklands, enough footpaths to reach Sydney, an annual average of one million library loans, 43 school crossings, 35,000 street trees, recycles 11,000 tonnes of waste each year, cares for 1,600 babies and 4,200 elderly people and immunises more than 6,200 people each year.

Entries for the *My Glen Eira photo competition* close on Tuesday 30 November at 5pm. Winners will be announced at the opening of the *My Glen Eira* exhibition on Thursday 16 December.

A panel of four judges will decide the best entries (winners and highly commended) in each category. The judges have been found from the local community and include professional and artistic photographers, a



Residents are being invited to capture Glen Eira on film to celebrate the City's 10th birthday. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

lecturer in digital art and a representative from Council with a photography background.

Council will also stage a complementary photography exhibition titled *The Interior World* which will feature the work of nationally-acclaimed photographers from Council's art collection.

Entry forms for the *My Glen Eira photo competition* can be obtained from Council's Service Centre, at Council's libraries or online at [www.gleneira.vic.gov.au](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au).

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## Residents bowled over by recreation

Residents from two of Council's aged care facilities battled it out for indoor bowling honours in a spirited challenge match last month.

Before the game, residents from Rosstown in Murrumbidgee hatched game plans and devised secret strategies in preparation for the arrival of the



Warrawee resident Lola Garratt sends down a bowl before a crowd of onlookers. Photos: Bernie Bickerton.

opposition — residents from Warrawee in Bentleigh East.

The game, the second for the year, was part of the social and recreational program for residents of Council's aged residential facilities.

Rosstown won the toss and started the first of three matches. Players took some time to get accustomed to the indoor playing surface, but after ironing out a few bumps (literally) the game really started to flow. Star player Jean Hotchin won the first game for Rosstown with a perfect final bowl.

The competition proved fierce, with bowls being knocked off the green left, right and centre, much to the delight of the cheer squad on the sidelines. Warrawee was not to be outdone, however, and came back to win the next two games, giving them the overall match honours on the day.

Council's Manager Aged Residential Care and Social Support Monica Elston said recreational activities such as indoor bowls offered a range of benefits to residents, for both those actually participating in the sport and those watching from the sidelines.

"These events are good for residents in so many ways. Apart from the physical benefits, they provide opportunities for fun and social exchange with members of the other facilities," Ms Elston said.

No doubt all players are now reviewing their strategies for the next match, rumoured to be held at Warrawee very soon.

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# Minister celebrates start of library works

Minister for Local Government Candy Broad visited the site of Council's new Carnegie Library and Community Centre recently to celebrate the start of construction works.

The Minister, accompanied by Glen Eira Mayor Cr Bob Bury and Member for Oakleigh Ann Barker, was shown around the worksite by JA Dodd Project Manager Richard Harris.

The group viewed plans of the proposed new building and was shown where various facilities such as the library, community centre, playgroup building, multipurpose area, landscaping, car parks and playground would be located.

They then proceeded to the existing Carnegie Library, a small shop-front in Koornang Road, to see just how much the new facility would improve library services for the community.

Cr Bury said the new \$10.4 million centre was the biggest project of any kind Council had yet undertaken.

"A year from now, the site will be a one-stop shop where local residents can park once, then do their shopping, go to the new library, visit Council services,

and take part in a playgroup, a senior citizen club or one of the many new community groups that will now have a home," Cr Bury said.

"This project is about community strengthening — Carnegie shopping strip will be stronger for the extra visitors and the extra parking, community groups will be stronger for having first-class facilities, and Council services will be stronger for operating in the heart of a local community."

Minister Broad Council's said the new centre was about building the community.

"I want to congratulate Council for its vision and commitment to carrying the project through — this is a significant redevelopment," Ms Broad said.

"I am proud the State Government was able to contribute \$500,000 to the project through the Community Support Fund."



JA Dodd Carnegie Library and Community Centre Project Manager Richard Harris (right) takes Member for Oakleigh Ann Barker, Minister for Local Government Candy Broad and Glen Eira Mayor Cr Bob Bury on a tour of the worksite.

Photo: Peter Bury.

## Mayor launches relay for life

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Bob Bury put the spotlight on cancer research recently when he helped launch the 2004 Murrumbeena Relay for Life at Monash University in Caulfield.

At the launch, Cr Bury said Council was proud that this event, which raises money for cancer research, would be held in Glen Eira, at Duncan Mackinnon Reserve.

"As a community leader, Council provides opportunities for people to improve their lifestyle by

offering a range of community activities such as sports, arts, education and cultural pursuits that reflect the diversity of our community," Cr Bury said.

"It is in this role that Council is pleased to be able to host the Murrumbeena Relay for Life and contribute towards promotion costs and facility hire, through our community grants program."

Relay for Life is a team event for people of all ages and all levels of sporting ability. The teams collect sponsorship and donations for walking or running around the athletics track, and keeping the baton moving, for 24 hours. All money raised goes to research, education, and patient and family support programs for people whose lives are affected by cancer.

Over the past five years the Murrumbeena Relay for Life has attracted nearly 300 teams who have raised more than \$500,000 for the Cancer Council of Victoria. This year's event will take place at the Duncan Mackinnon Reserve athletics track on 23 and 24 October.

Anyone interested in participating or sponsoring a team in the event can contact 1300 65 65 85 or visit [www.cancervic.org.au/relay](http://www.cancervic.org.au/relay)



Glen Eira Mayor Cr Bob Bury holds the baton to start the Murrumbeena Relay for Life campaign with Collingwood footballer Josh Fraser and the Monyx bunnies relay team.

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## More students — better planned housing

The anticipated influx of hundreds of additional overseas students to Glen Eira over the next three years has prompted Council to develop a proposed Student Housing Policy.

The policy, also known as Amendment C42 to the Glen Eira Planning Scheme, will assist Council in making decisions on planning applications for student housing.

Council's Director City Development Jeff Akehurst said the policy would address issues of location and parking and minimise the impact of student housing on the surrounding community.

"Monash University is in the process of significantly expanding its Caulfield Campus and with that comes an expected increase in the number of overseas students attending the university," Mr Akehurst said.

"Naturally these students will be looking for housing close to the university and that will mean likely new student housing developments.

"What we aim to do with this policy is steer these developments into the right locations by providing direction for Council, the community and the development industry."

Mr Akehurst said the university expected to have 587 more overseas students in 2006 than currently.

"About 35 per cent of the 9,400 students at Monash University live in Glen Eira, most within a 2km radius of the university," he said.

"Student housing needs are different to conventional housing needs in many ways, particularly in relation to the number of car parking spaces and amount of yard space required.

"This amendment will enable Council to tackle the provision of onsite parking and internal and off-site amenity impacts for purpose-built student housing to ensure neighbourhood amenity is protected."

The amendment will be available for inspection from Thursday 7 October until Monday 8 November at Council's Service Centre or at the Department of Sustainability and Environment, Planning Information Centre, Upper Plaza, Nauru House, 80 Collins Street, Melbourne. It can also be viewed on Council's website at [www.gleneira.vic.gov.au](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au)

Written submissions on the amendment must reach Council by Monday 8 November.



## Blitz della Sicurezza Pedonale

Il Comune collaborerà con la polizia del Victoria per un blitz della sicurezza pedonale nel territorio comunale di Glen Eira durante il mese della sicurezza comunitaria (Community Safety Month) nel mese di ottobre.

Si incoraggiano i pedoni ad aderire al codice stradale e ad usare i passaggi pedonali e gli incroci con semafori.

Il sindaco Cr Bob Bury ha detto che il Comune e la polizia locale hanno ricevuto denunce dagli automobilisti del posto a riguardo di pedoni che non osservano le leggi.

"Il comune, assieme alla polizia del Victoria attuerà un blitz della sicurezza pedonale durante il mese di ottobre per garantire l'osservanza del codice stradale e la prudenza sulle strade," ha detto il Sindaco.

Dalle statistiche risulta che dal 1999 al 2003 sulle strade di Glen Eira sono morti 8 pedoni mentre altri 134 sono stati ricoverati in ospedale per le lesioni subite.

Il Sindaco Bury ha detto che queste statistiche sono allarmanti e che i pedoni devono rispondere del loro comportamento sulle strade.

"Purtroppo dalle statistiche risulta che il numero più alto di morti e infortunati si verifica nella popolazione sopra i 60 anni," ha detto.

"È evidente che i cittadini non aderiscono al codice stradale - non usano i passaggi pedonali, la segnaletica o le isole pedonali e rischiano la vita."

## 行人安全行動

市政府正與維州警方聯手在 10 月份社區安全月期間改進 Glen Eira 市政區的行人安全問題。

我們敦促 Glen Eira 市政區的行人遵守道路規則，為了自己的安全在過馬路時使用行人橫道線和行人通行燈。

Glen Eira 市長 Bob Bury 說駕車者向市政府和當地警方投訴行人違反法律。

Bury 市長說道：“市政府與維州警方一起將在 10 月份採取行人安全行動，以確保人們遵守交通規則，在道路上安全行走。”

統計數據顯示，1999 年至 2003 年共有八人死於 Glen Eira 市政區的道路上，另有 134 人受傷被送往醫院。

Bury 市長說，這些統計數據給我們敲響了警鐘，行人須承擔責任，在道路上行走時要有責任心。

他說道：“不幸的是，這些統計數據顯示出 Glen Eira 的行人傷亡事故中 60 歲以上的居民人數最多。”

“行人沒有遵守交通規則 - 他們在過馬路時不使用向他們提供的橫道線、行人通行燈或安全設施，使自己處於生命危險。”

## Αιφνιδιαστικός έλεγχος για την ασφάλεια των πεζών

Το Δημαρχείο και η Αστυνομία της Βικτώριας ενώνουν τις δυνάμεις τους με στόχο την ασφάλεια των πεζών στο Δήμο Glen Eira κατά τη διάρκεια του Μήνα Κοινοτικής Ασφάλειας τον Οκτώβριο.

Οι πεζοί του Δήμου Glen Eira παρακαλούνται να συμμορφώνονται με τους οδικούς κανονισμούς και να χρησιμοποιούν τις διαβάσεις πεζών και τα φώτα για την ασφάλειά τους.

Ο Δήμαρχος της Glen Eira κ. Bob Bury δήλωσε ότι το Δημαρχείο και η τοπική αστυνομία έχουν λάβει παράπονα από οδηγούς οχημάτων για παραβάσεις των νόμων από πεζούς.

“Το Δημαρχείο, σε συνεργασία με την Αστυνομία της Βικτώριας, θα διεξάγει τον αιφνιδιαστικό έλεγχο για την ασφάλεια των πεζών κατά τη διάρκεια του Οκτωβρίου για να εξασφαλιστεί ότι οι πεζοί συμμορφώνονται με τους κανονισμούς και συμπεριφέρονται σωστά στους δρόμους”, δήλωσε ο κ. Bury.

Οι στατιστικές δείχνουν ότι από το 1999 μέχρι το 2003, οκτώ πεζοί σκοτώθηκαν στους δρόμους του δήμου Glen Eira και άλλα 134 άτομα νοσηλεύτηκαν στο νοσοκομείο με τραύματα.

Ο κ. Bury ανέφερε ότι οι στατιστικές είναι ανησυχητικές και ότι οι πεζοί πρέπει να είναι υπόλογοι και να δείχνουν υπευθυνότητα όταν κυκλοφορούν στους δρόμους.

“Δυστυχώς οι στατιστικές αυτές δείχνουν ότι ο μεγαλύτερος αριθμός θανατηφόρων ατυχημάτων και τραυματισμών αφορά τους κατοίκους του δήμου Glen Eira ηλικίας άνω των 60 ετών”, ανέφερε στη δήλωσή του.

“Οι δημότες απλά δεν συμπεριφέρονται σωστά — δεν χρησιμοποιούν τις διαβάσεις των πεζών, τα φώτα για τους πεζούς ή τα υπόστεγα που διατίθενται γι' αυτούς και θέτουν τη ζωή τους σε κίνδυνο.”

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## Кампания, нацеленная на безопасность пешеходов

Муниципалитет, объединенными усилиями с полицией штата Виктория, проводит кампанию, направленную на повышение безопасности пешеходов в районе Глен Эйра, во время проведения Месяца безопасности населения в октябре.

Пешеходам района Глен Эйра рекомендуется соблюдать правила дорожного движения и пользоваться пешеходными переходами и сигналами светофора для собственной безопасности.

Боб Бури, мэр района Глен Эйра, заявил, что в муниципалитет поступили жалобы от водителей на пешеходов, нарушающих правила движения.

“На протяжении октября муниципалитет, совместно с полицией штата Виктория, будет проводить кампанию, нацеленную на безопасность пешеходов, для обеспечения соблюдения правил дорожного движения и правильного поведения на дорогах”, - сказал г-н Бури.

Согласно статистике с 1999 по 2003 год на дорогах района Глен Эйра восемь человек погибли и 134 поступили в больницы с травмами.

Г-н Бури заявил, что это статистика вызывает обеспокоенность и что пешеходы должны нести ответственность за свое поведение на дорогах.

“К сожалению эта статистика демонстрирует высокую степень летального исхода и травм среди жителей района Глен Эйра старше 60 лет”, - отметил он.

“Пешеходы просто не соблюдают правила - они не пользуются пешеходными переходами, пешеходными светофорами или островками безопасности, и тем самым подвергают риску свои жизни.”

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# Students put creek *under the microscope*



**A**quatic bugs, litter, oxygen levels and pollution are part of daily life for Grade 3 and 4 students at Bentleigh West Primary School at the moment.

The students are participating in a 20-week Melbourne Waterwatch activity, as part of the education component of the Elster Creek Catchment Education and Awareness Project, being co-ordinated by Glen Eira, Bayside and Port Phillip City Councils.

The project, which is being funded jointly by the three Councils and an Environment Protection Authority grant, is designed to reduce stormwater and bay pollution within the Elster Creek Catchment.

One school in each municipality has been chosen to participate in the program — Bentleigh West Primary School in Glen Eira, Elsternwick Primary School in Bayside and Elwood Primary School in Port Phillip.

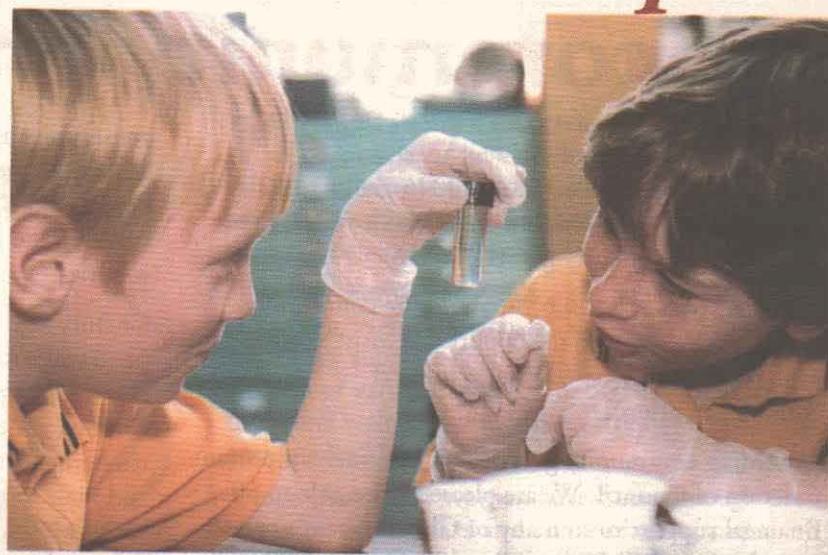
So far the students have carried out a litter survey to see Elster Creek and its pollutants first-hand, explored the plants and animals that live along the creek, mapped the creek and its contaminants, conducted tests for chemical pollution to uncover the creek's non-visible

pollutants and studied the aquatic macro-invertebrates that live in creeks and waterways. Macro-invertebrates are creatures without backbones which are small, but big enough to see with the naked eye.

As part of their water quality experiments, the students have learned how to carry out tests for turbidity, phosphorus and nitrates. Turbidity is the clarity or muddiness of the water, while phosphorus and nitrates are nutrients which can cause algal blooms in waterways that reduce oxygen levels and can lead to the death of fish and other water creatures.

Melbourne Waterwatch Co-ordinator Amy Paraman said that one of the students' first exercises was a role-play which introduced the different types of pollution and the concept of stormwater drains carrying litter and other pollutants to the creek.

Each student, playing a particular character, was required to empty a container filled with pollutants into a fishbowl filled with clean water. One-by-one, as the students upended the litter, soil and chemicals into the bowl, the water became dirtied and heavily polluted. They then discussed what their character should have



Bentleigh West Primary School students Ryan Wickunden and Lachlan Sutherland test a water sample for dissolved oxygen.  
Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

done differently to prevent the pollution.

"The biggest benefit from this type of program is the change in attitude the students have towards the creek and the opportunity to learn how to improve water quality problems," Ms Paraman said.

"From this they appreciate that the creek is worth working on and looking after."

Next up for the students is drain stencilling, habitat assessment and more chemical testing.

## Clean up the creek day

**G**et on some gloves and get outside — it's time to clean up the Elster Creek Catchment.

As part of the Elster Creek Catchment Education and Awareness Project, Council is calling on all residents to get down to one of two designated areas on Sunday 31 October and help clean up some of the most-littered areas in Glen Eira.

A joint initiative of Glen Eira, Bayside and Port Phillip city councils, the project aims to reduce litter and sediment solutions which are polluting Elster Creek and, ultimately, Port Phillip Bay.

Clean-up participants will receive giveaways including posters, tote bags and badges as well as the knowledge that they are helping to keep some of City's key waterways clean. Participants must wear closed shoes, gloves and suitable clothing for the weather conditions and are recommended to bring water bottles.

The two clean-up areas chosen in Glen Eira both have extensive litter problems. The litter dropped in these areas is washed into the City's stormwater drainage system which empty into Elster Creek and end up in Port Phillip Bay — endangering marine animals and plants.

### Clean Up Elster Creek Catchment Day Sunday 31 October 10.30am–12.30pm.

**Area 1** — meet at Carnegie Primary School in Truganini Road, Carnegie (Melway reference 68 H5). Clean-up site is bounded by Koornang Road, Rosstown Road, Toolambool Road and Truganini Road, Carnegie

**Area 2** — meet at Caulfield Plaza Shopping Centre car park, corner Derby Road and Sir John Monash Drive, Caulfield East (Melway reference 68 F1). Clean-up site is the areas surrounding Monash University, Caulfield Racecourse and Caulfield Railway Station.

Interested participants can register for the day by contacting Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 or visiting [www.gleneira.vic.gov.au](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au)

## A mountain of mulch for free



Council's Plant Operator Darren Rekdale ensures there is plenty of mulch available for Glen Eira residents at the free mulch weekend.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton

**G**len Eira residents will be able to give their gardens a welcome boost by taking advantage of Council's free mulch weekend later this month.

Council's Manager Park Services Laurie Unwin said the mulch had been created from garden materials retrieved by Council's bundled branch collection.

"There's a mountain of mulch at Caulfield Park which Glen Eira residents can come and take away free of charge on Saturday 16 and Sunday 17 October," Mr Unwin said.

"All they need to do is bring garbage bags, bins, large containers, a trailer, or even their car boot and Council staff will be on hand to help them load up."

Mr Unwin said taking advantage of Council's free mulch gave residents an opportunity to do something good for their gardens.

"Mulch is a great way of recycling — returning nutrients to the earth, minimising waste and reducing water use," he said.

"When mulch is applied to garden beds as insulation, it can reduce water loss from the soil, conserving as much as 70 per cent, while still allowing rain water to penetrate."

Free mulch is regularly available from Council's mulch site at the rear of the Caulfield Bowling Club in Caulfield Park. Mulch can be picked up at any time and there are no quantity limits.

Council's bundled branch collection operates on a four-week cycle, providing residents with the option to have garden prunings regularly removed. The service also provides free mulch to those residents who book a collection. Residents wanting mulch should advise Council when they book for the service. Mulch will then be left on their naturestrip or in a container supplied by the resident.

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

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Council will host a free GreenGardeners evening in the Theatrette, Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield, on Wednesday 6 October from 7pm to 9pm to encourage local residents to adopt more environmentally-friendly gardening practices. The evening will provide information on how to reduce the amount of chemicals used in the garden, how to naturally improve soil, how to choose non-invasive plants that will benefit the natural environment and how to prevent runoff that can harm waterways.

Information will also be provided on Council's green waste collection, bundled branch collection and free mulch program. Places are limited. To register contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 or visit Council's website at [www.gleneira.vic.gov.au](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au)



# \$183,000 Council windfall for community groups

By Sophie Massis

Council had awarded \$183,000 in grants to 121 local organisations and clubs in Glen Eira, as part of its 2004 community grants program.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Bob Bury said the community grants program aimed to support and assist not-for-profit community-based groups to meet community priorities.

"Awarding community grants is an extremely important function of Council. We are pleased to be able to offer financial support to so many of Glen Eira's groups and organisations," Cr Bury said.

"The demand on the private sector to provide extra finance to non-profit groups is so great, but the dollars are just not available. Council is happy to provide finance for these services — it's our duty to assist.

"I'm sure our ratepayers don't mind Council using funds in this way, especially when they go to such worthy programs."

The community grants program is open to organisations that provide community services, recreation, or arts and culture services within Glen Eira, have open membership and encourage community ownership and self-sufficiency.

A wide range of community organisations apply for the grants each year, including multicultural groups, community houses, playgroups, sporting clubs, senior citizens groups, adult learning centres, musical groups,

community agencies, schools, churches, service organisations, support agencies and historical societies.

Cr Bury said that through programs such as community grants, Council aimed to strengthen the community and make it more accessible and inclusive.

"Community groups are a practical means of generating social and community networks and benefitting the local Glen Eira community," he said.

"Without additional funding, many of these groups would find it difficult to continue to provide the valuable services they offer the community.

"This is one way that Council can assist not-for-profit groups which mostly use volunteers to deliver their services."

Council's community grants are available to not-for-profit community-based groups that provide services to residents in Glen Eira. Applications for community grants open each year in early May and close at the end of June.



Glen Eira Mayor Cr Bob Bury lends a hand to Riding for the Disabled coach Andy Rouget and rider Cassice Watson.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

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## Electoral Representation Review of the City of Glen Eira

New legislation requires all Councils to have an independent electoral representation review every eight years. The Minister for Local Government has given notice of the first representation review for the City of Glen Eira. The Council has appointed the Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) to conduct the review.

### What will the review recommend?

The VEC will make a recommendation to the Minister as to:

- the appropriate number of councillors;
- the electoral structure of the City (whether it should be unsubdivided or divided into wards, how many wards there should be, and the number of councillors per ward); and
- the boundaries of the wards (if the City is to be divided into wards).

### What will the VEC consider?

The VEC will consider such factors as the number of councillors and the electoral structure of comparable municipalities, communities of interest, demographics and growth potential. The VEC will consider a range of information including arguments and information in public submissions.

### Current electoral structure

The City of Glen Eira currently has nine councillors, elected from three three-councillor wards. Orrong Ward contains 31,176 voters (deviation -2.34%), Mackie Ward contains 32,623 voters (deviation +2.19%) and Jasper Ward contains 31,974 voters (deviation +0.16%).

### How to make a submission

Get the Guide for Submissions by telephoning the VEC on 13 18 32 or by visiting [www.vec.vic.gov.au](http://www.vec.vic.gov.au)

Send your submissions to the VEC in one of the following ways:

- post to Level 8, 505 Little Collins Street, Melbourne, Vic. 3000;
- email to [gleneira.review@vec.vic.gov.au](mailto:gleneira.review@vec.vic.gov.au); or
- fax to (03) 9629 9330.

### Key steps in the review

#### Step 1: Information Session

Thursday, 4 November 2004 – 7.30 pm

Glen Eira Town Hall – Theatre, Corner Hawthorn & Glen Eira Roads, Caulfield

Anyone interested in making a submission should attend.

#### Step 2: Preliminary Submissions

Deadline: Monday, 15 November 2004 – 5.00 pm

Any person or group may make a submission. The VEC suggests consulting its Guide for Submissions.

#### Step 3: Preliminary Report

Monday, 6 December 2004

The VEC will release a Preliminary Report containing its preferred option(s).

#### Step 4: Response Submissions

Deadline: Monday, 24 January 2005 – 5.00 pm

Any person or group may make a submission to the VEC about its Preliminary Report.

#### Step 5: Public Hearing

Wednesday, 9 February 2005 – 6.30 pm

Glen Eira Town Hall – Theatre, Corner Hawthorn & Glen Eira Roads, Caulfield

People may speak in support of their response submissions. They must request to do so in their response submissions.

#### Step 6: Final Report

Monday, 28 February 2005

The VEC will lodge its Final Report with the Minister for Local Government. The Report will be publicly available.

Conducted by the Victorian Electoral Commission **VEC**



# Community grants means better services

From the hiring of facilities or purchase of equipment to ongoing service management costs or improving resources, community groups use Council's community grants for a wide variety of purposes, with one common goal — to improve their ability to serve the community. Council assisted 121 organisations with community grants this year. Here, three of them share their stories with **Vida Ivan**.

## Horseplay has group riding high

From humble beginnings two years ago, the Caulfield branch of the Riding for the Disabled Association of Victoria (RDA Victoria) has gone from strength to strength — and has helped many riders do the same along the way.

Far from just providing a nice trot around the park on horseback, RDA Victoria offers people with disabilities the chance to participate in horse-riding and related activities that have many therapeutic, development and social benefits.

Caulfield riding coach Andy Rouget says the group teaches more than riding skills, it teaches communication and co-ordination.

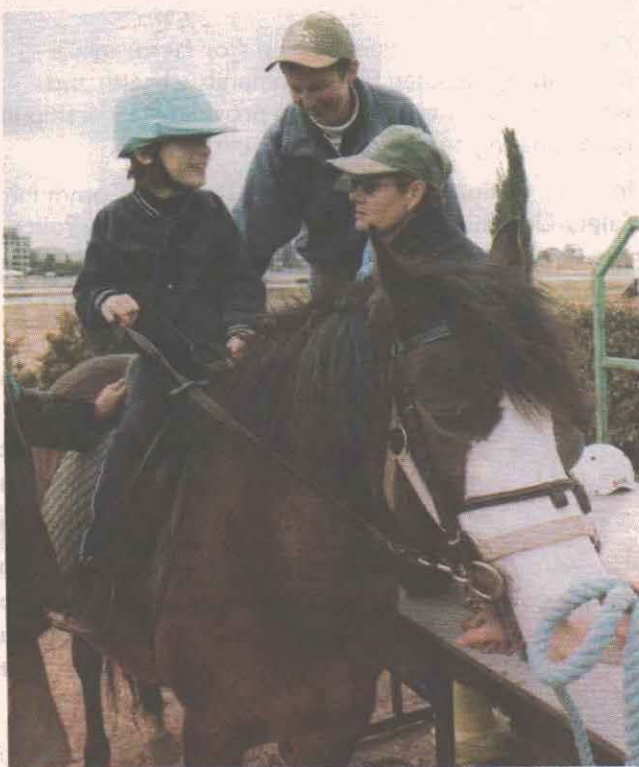
"We work with ambulatory people of all ages and aim to get their skills up to taking a trail ride, but the riders get so much more from their weekly workout," Ms Rouget said.

"Their muscles get stronger and their co-ordination gets better. It improves their sense of balance and requires good language and communications skills. Riding works on so many different levels."

RDA Victoria is a voluntary, non-profit organisation and runs more than 40 horse riding centres throughout the state. The Caulfield branch operates one day a week from Caulfield Racecourse, with four horses working hard for their riders every Monday come hail or shine.

For Caulfield treasurer and secretary Marion Gason, the difficulty has never been finding enough riders but finding enough volunteers and funds to keep the program going.

"It costs us \$200 per day to hire the mobile unit and we have 12 riders per day at \$15 per ride — leaving a shortfall of \$20 as well as other ongoing costs," Ms Gason said.



Young rider Sophie is keen to begin her afternoon trot with Caulfield Riding for the Disabled. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

"The community grant from Council will help with payment for the mobile unit, equipment and shoeing of horses as well as their maintenance and feed.

"We've been running since February 2002 and the program has really picked up in Caulfield. We still have problems getting volunteers over winter, but the riders are here no matter what the weather!"

Anyone interested in volunteering with the Caulfield RDA unit should contact Marion on 9752 9044 or 0412 129 166.

## Sharing home gives house new life

Melanie Weisler has lived in St Kilda East for nearly 40 years, and has plans to continue living there for as long as she can — thanks to the support of a young homesharer Lesley Chen, organised through Wesley Homeshare.



"My son and daughter-in-law were worried about me living on my own but I wanted to stay in my own home," Mrs Weisler said.

"Lesley is like a daughter, a granddaughter really. It's wonderful to have her here."

Wesley Homeshare is a pilot program run by Wesley Mission which matches up older householders with younger people who can provide the help, companionship and practical support they need to keep living in their own homes. Glen Eira is one of only two areas in which the program operates. Support through a Council community grant will go towards further promotion and development in the City, which has already seen a large take-up of the program.

Program co-ordinator Beris Campbell says the program works extremely well but would never survive as a fee-based service without extra funding.

"There are some amazing older people in our community who are very determined to stay at home. Some of them are quite dependent on other services and home care during the day, but the thing that's missing in the package is someone to be around at night. Homeshare fills that gap," Ms Campbell said.

Sharing activities such as reading the paper and watching television are simple joys for householder Melanie Weisler (left) and homesharer Lesley Chen. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

## Art speaks out

Moongala Women's Community House co-ordinator Julie Walker understands the value of a little support. It's what the community house in Bentleigh East has been providing local women for almost 25 years.

"We have computer groups, arts and crafts, some child care, friendship groups, skill-based activities and other support groups all put together for women of various ages and backgrounds to help them feel welcome and less isolated in the community," Ms Walker said.

"More than 1,000 women have been through the house over the years and some of our groups, such as speakOutfriends, have been running for quite some time."

SpeakOutfriends began in 1998 initially as a group for wheelchair users who met to share friendship and learn new skills. Now open to women of mixed abilities, the group has received a Council grant to continue working on art projects including photography, scrapbooking, sewing, weaving and excursions to art galleries.

As part of its recent activities, speakOutfriends exhibited artwork at Moongala and has plans to do so again. While the group members' mobility and ability are of varied levels, their resolve to work together and explore their artistic talents runs at an all-time high.

"The group provides an opportunity for women with various levels of mobility and ability to be involved in the house, learning new skills and developing friendships," Ms Walker said.

"We've been meeting for almost six years and for the seven group members and four volunteers in speakOutfriends it's like a party every week at morning tea."

"Our motto is caring through sharing, and it's by sharing support and friendship that speakOutfriends has become such a popular and important group."



Proud artists and friends from Moongala Women's Community House. Photo: Les O'Rourke

"Homesharers are not there to be servants or carers. They provide companionship, and are often students or younger people who are much happier to be able to stay in a home rather than in student digs."

Homesharer Lesley Chen has lived with Mrs Weisler for nearly a year, starting their relationship when she was nearing the end of her studies at Monash University in Caulfield. Now working for Hutchison Telecom, Ms Chen continues to live with Mrs Weisler because of the support and friendship they have for each other.

"I like to have company and it makes me feel like family," Ms Chen said. "It's a good feeling to have someone care for me as I care for them. Without Wesley Homeshare we wouldn't even know each other."



## No stopping means **no** stopping

Glen Eira motorists are being urged to obey road signs and take better note of parking restrictions, not just to avoid being fined, but to help increase road safety.

Council's Manager Traffic and Parking Carl Russo said failure to comply with signed parking restrictions was not only a non-compliance issue, but potentially increased the risk of injury to passengers and pedestrians.

He said Council had received complaints about motorists failing to obey parking signs — in particular, *no stopping* signs, which marked areas where motorists were not allowed to stop the car under any circumstances.

"These *no stopping* signs are different to the old *no standing* signs. *No stopping* means no stopping at all, not even to drop off or pick up passengers," Mr Russo said.

"Even if motorists are only stopping to let someone out of the car, regardless of whether they leave the engine running or stay in the car, they are breaking the law."

"Contrary to popular belief, the old *no standing* signs don't exist anymore and haven't for five years. The red signs on streets that have black 'S' with a red slash through it are *no stopping* signs and must be obeyed at all times."

He said *no stopping* areas were different from *no parking* areas, where motorists were allowed to stop the car, but only if dropping off or picking up passengers or goods.

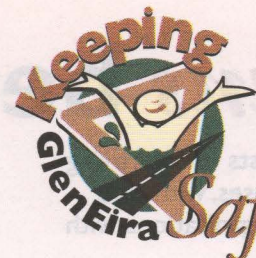
In *no parking* areas, drivers may not leave the vehicle unattended, but must remain within three metres and take no longer than two minutes (or the time indicated on the sign) to complete the drop-off.

Mr Russo said traffic officers would issue penalty infringement notices either on-the-spot or via mail to drivers who did not obey parking signs.

"Drivers need to understand that the laws are there for a reason and Council takes road and parking safety seriously," he said.



No stopping signs mean motorists are not allowed to stop the car for any reason. Photo: Anne Stafford.



# Council and community — safe working together to keep Glen Eira safe



October is Community Safety Month in Victoria and Council, in partnership with local community organisations, will take the opportunity to highlight safety in Glen Eira.

Council recognises safety as a major factor in maintaining the Glen Eira community's health and wellbeing and is committed to providing leadership in co-ordinating community safety initiatives.

In 2000, Council established the Glen Eira Community Safety Committee in partnership with Victoria Police,

VicRoads, the Metropolitan Fire Brigade, and the state departments of Education and Training, Human Services and Infrastructure.

This committee has proved to be an effective way of co-ordinating initiatives that improve road safety, safety in public spaces, public safety awareness, crime prevention and public health safety.

Here, **Sophie Massis** covers some of the safety issues Council is highlighting as part of Community Safety Month.

## Home safety for elderly residents

Elderly Glen Eira residents will be better informed about safety in their homes, thanks to a safety information kit being distributed by Council.

During Community Safety Month Council will distribute the kits, containing information about crime prevention and protecting homes from intruders, to all its home care clients as part of their regular home care visits.

Council's Director Community Services Peter Jones said although elderly residents were far less likely to be victims of crime, many feared home attacks and this apprehension often impacted greatly on their quality of life and their participation in the community.

Council home carer Bill Elsum discusses the contents of the safety information kit with Phyllis, one of Council's many home care recipients. Photo: Les O'Rourke.



"We are hoping that the information kits will offer local elderly residents some ideas and improvements that they can make to their homes to help them feel, and actually be, safer," Mr Jones said.

"The information is designed to enhance the safety of elderly residents in a number of different areas of their lives including banking, home security and guardianship. It includes information such as checklists of things to look out for to make the home safer, both from intruders and from the risk of fire.

"The information pack provides steps that everyone, regardless of their age, can take in their home, in financial dealings, in public, and for personal safety."

The packs are produced by the Federal Government's National Crime Prevention program.

## Heights training helps save lives

Height safety training sessions have given Council staff new confidence in working at heights — raising their awareness of the hazards and enabling them to better deal with the associated safety issues.

Council's Manager Human Resources Betsie Young said the training sessions, involving the safe use of elevated work platforms, scaffolding, ladders, fastening systems, legislation and legal responsibilities, were held to teach staff about precautions they could take to ensure incidents do not occur in the workplace.

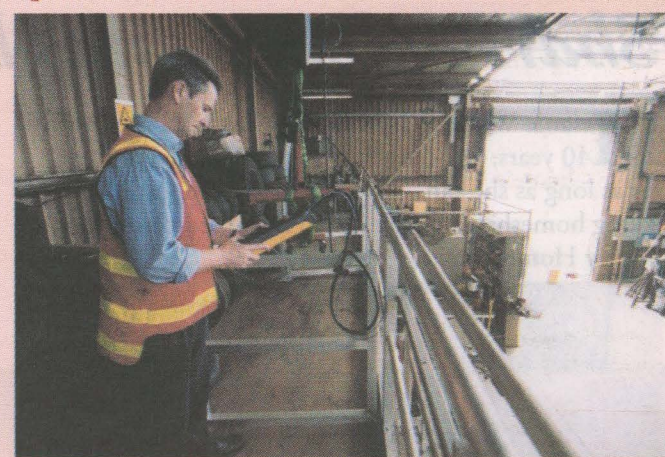
"The training was specifically targeted at staff who work in an environment that is above two metres from the ground. It gave staff methods and procedures they can use to prevent and reduce injuries resulting from falls," Ms Young said.

The training sessions were held as part the new *Occupational Health and Safety (Prevention of Falls) Regulations 2003* which require all relevant employees to receive training in the hazards associated with working at heights.

The regulations aim to stop incidents in workplaces involving falls of more than two metres and, if such a fall should occur, to prevent or reduce injuries.

In line with these new regulations, Council has also recently purchased a trailer to transport bobcats to and from worksites.

Ms Young said the new trailer provided a safer alternative for staff operating the bobcat, as it had a specific ramp



Council Works Supervisor Bill McGivern puts his prevention of falls safety training to the test when using a safety gate and crane to lift equipment to the second level of Council's depot workshop. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

that allowed safe access to the machine.

"Council's bobcat was previously transported to worksites on the back of a large nine tonne tipper truck and staff had to drive it down a set of ramps," Ms Young said.

"Staff accessing the bobcat on the truck had to walk around the edge of the truck's railing, more than two metres off the ground, and in doing so were exposed to unnecessary risks.

"The new trailer is a much safer option, as it has a built-in ramp and is at a safe height which allows staff to access the bobcat safely."

## Community Safety Month calendar

### Crime Prevention Week — Sunday 3 to Saturday 9 October Safety awareness

Council will display information regarding crime prevention, emergency services, injury prevention and work safety in Council's Service Centre.

To raise home safety awareness among older residents, information packs on crime prevention and home protection for seniors will be distributed to residents who receive Council's home and community care, social support and monitoring services.

### Emergency services week — Sunday 10 to Saturday 16 October Steps for Life

Council, in partnership with Ambulance Victoria, will run a free program to build awareness and confidence to perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation in a life-threatening emergency.

The program is specifically aimed at local recreation, social and service organisations catering for 50 to 70 year olds. It will be launched at the Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield, on Monday 11 October from 10.30am to 11.30am. All community groups catering for this specific age group are invited to send a representative. Bookings required.

### Injury Prevention Week — Sunday 17 to Saturday 23 October Starting out safely

Storytime sessions at Caulfield Library will take on a community safety theme during October with *Starting out safely* — a program about road and pedestrian safety. Preschool-aged children, parents and carers can take part in the stories, road safety songs and pedestrian, passenger and safe play activities. Road safety mascot Thingle Toodle will visit during one of the sessions.

Session One: Tuesday 12 October at 11am, repeated on Friday 15 October at 2pm.

Session Two: Tuesday 19 October at 11am, repeated on Friday 22 October at 2pm.



Glen Eira Community Safety Committee Chair Cr Veronika Martens get the lowdown on the 4 Steps for Life program from Ambulance Victoria Officer Ben Piper and Ambulance Victoria CPR Promotions Officer Lorraine Kamp. Photo: Les O'Rourke.

Session Three: Tuesday 26 October at 11am, repeated on Friday 29 October at 2pm.

### Business security and loss prevention

Council, in partnership with Victoria Police and National Training Systems, will host a workshop for business owners on loss prevention, crime prevention, business and personal protection, and security issues in the workplace.

The workshop will be held in the Theatre, Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield on Wednesday 20 October from 6pm to 8.30pm. Bookings essential by Monday 18 October. For more information on this seminar turn to page 15.

### Work Safe Week — Sunday 24 to Saturday 30 October. Workplace safety training

During Work Safe Week, Council will provide occupational health and safety training and information for all Council employees.

For more information or to register for events, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

## Council offers pneumococcal vaccine

The pneumococcal vaccine is now available for local residents at all Council immunisation sessions.

Council's Director Community Services Peter Jones said that from January 2005 the pneumococcal vaccine would be provided free to children born after 1 January 2003.

Parents wishing to have their children immunised before January 2005, or those whose children are not covered by Federal Government funding arrangements, can receive the vaccine for a fee.

"Currently the pneumococcal vaccine is only provided free of charge to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children aged up to two years and to children with certain medical conditions," Mr Jones said.

"Changes to Federal Government funding due to start next year will see that children born after 1 January 2003 receive the pneumococcal vaccine free of charge but children born before this date will need to pay for it."

Pneumococcal disease is the leading cause of serious illness and death among Australian children aged under five years. It causes a range of illnesses from infections such as middle ear infection and pneumonia, and is also a life-threatening disease that causes infection of the bloodstream and central nervous system.

Mr Jones said that during 2003 there were 468 reported cases of pneumococcal disease in Victoria with the highest rate occurring in children under two years of age.

"The National Health and Medical Research Council recommends that all children under the age of five years be vaccinated against childhood pneumococcal disease," he said.

The vaccine costs \$113.50 per dose and must be booked prior to attending a Council immunisation session. Contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 to book the vaccine or for additional immunisation information.

Pneumococcal vaccine is now available at Council's community immunisation sessions. Photo: Les O'Rourke.

## Be savvy about safety

Council, in partnership with Victoria Police, is urging Glen Eira residents to be savvy about safety around their homes.

Although Glen Eira is one of metropolitan Melbourne's safest communities, local residents are still being advised to take measures to protect both themselves and their homes from burglaries.

Glen Eira Mayor Councillor Bob Bury said household burglary was Victoria's second most prevalent crime and Council was working with Victoria Police to promote the *SAVY* program, providing information to residents to help keep burglars out.

"Council takes community safety seriously and the *SAVY* program is about informing residents of preventative measures they can take to reduce the risk of burglary in their homes," Cr Bury said.

"One of the simplest things residents can do is trim back bushes and trees around their house and in their front garden. Overgrown bushes provide a handy opportunity for potential intruders to avoid being spotted by neighbours or passers by."

Cr Bury said home-owners could help reduce the risk of burglary, by taking a few simple precautions, such as not leaving doors or windows open when they leave the house, not leaving side gates unlocked and not hiding keys outside.

The *SAVY* program highlights the following components to ensure homes are better protected:

**Security** — using adequate security features and marking valuable property.

**Access** — securing the perimeter of the property and repairing fences.

**Visibility** — removing overgrown bushes that block the view to and from homes.

**You** — the most important element, the resident, in implementing these steps and making the home more secure.

Residents are encouraged to take advantage of Council's free bundled branch collection as part of their safety maintenance. The collection can be booked through Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.





# No stopping for kid's safety

By Vida Ivan

*"I've worked with kids all my life through school and athletics. I've seen kids grow up, finish school and then come back with their own kids. I enjoy it — I'd have to since I've been here so long!" Sylvia Cook*

November this year will mark 22 years as a school crossing supervisor for Sylvia Cook. Rain, hail or shine, Sylvia makes her way from Edithvale to take up her stop sign out the front of St Peter's Catholic Primary School in Bentleigh East.

From her position on Bignell Road, Sylvia has watched the children of St Peter's grow up and move on — and she's enjoyed every minute of it.

"I took this job after I had my third daughter. She was just three months old and I'd bring her to work with me in a pram. The kids would walk her around and play with her — everyone knew her before she'd even started school!" Sylvia said.

"I've been here eight years, and before that I worked in South Oakleigh on a school crossing for 13 years. I think I retired for 11 months at one time, but that was enough for me!

"The kids call me Cookie or Sylvia and they know me well. They know all three of us supervisors well because we're here every day — and have been for most of the kids' entire schooling."



*Sylvia has seen hundreds of children grow from playful preps to eager Grade 6 children in her 22 years as a school crossing supervisor.* Photos: Bernie Bickerton.

For Sylvia, it's the people contact that really makes the job worthwhile. Over the years she's seen families come and go and children grow up from playful kindergarten kids and preps in new uniforms to become boisterous Grade 6 children who can't wait to get to high school.

"I speak with the parents all the time too. I know their histories and what's going on with them. I talk sport with the dads and swap stories with the mums. One mum has a 10-month-old just like one of my grandchildren and we compare progress," she said.



"I like to be friendly with everyone but also I'm here to do a job and I take it seriously. Big kids and small kids, they're all the same and they need me to watch out for them.

"Being a school crossing supervisor is definitely very important. Without us here there'd be a lot of kids run over. Some of the kids just aren't mature enough to be watchful — they're too busy talking with their friends and don't pay attention to the road. But the preschoolers know to stop at the white line on the footpath."

Council's Manager Traffic and Parking Carl Russo said school crossing supervisors are an important part of the community, with more than 15,000 children using school crossings in Glen Eira each day.

"The supervisors receive on-the-job training at every one of the City's 44 school crossings and are dedicated to helping children travel to and from school safely while minimising interruption to traffic," Mr Russo said.

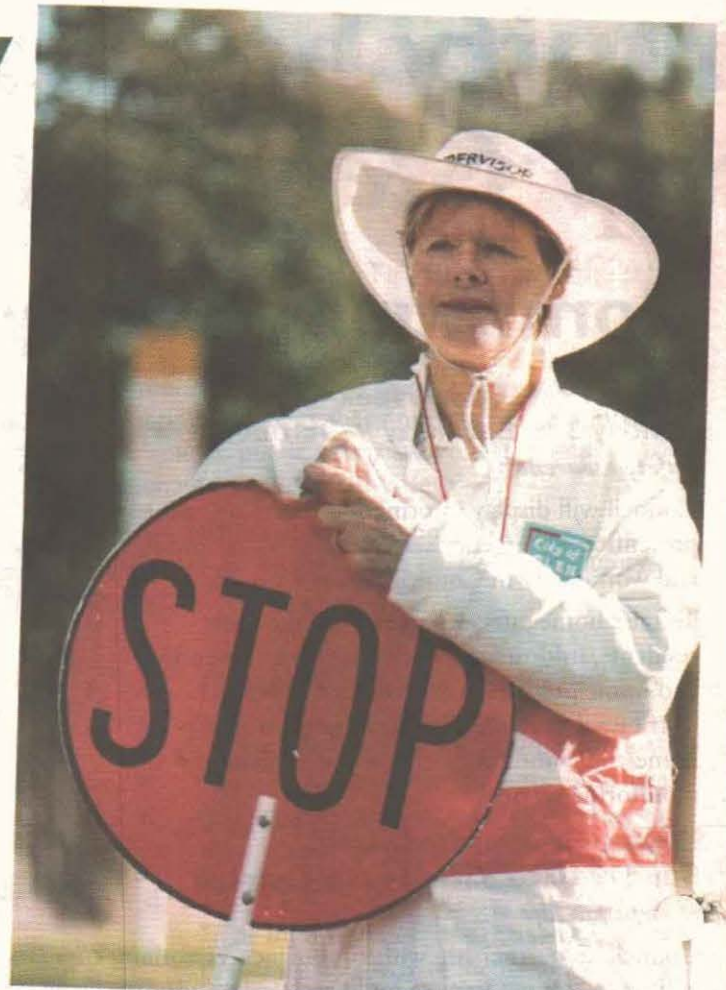
"They work together with the school and local traffic enforcement officers to maintain a safe environment for the children.

"Council is always in need of more supervisors. When we're short, Council traffic safety officers have to fill the vacancies, which means they're not able to police parking problems at school crossings — and that makes it more dangerous for children travelling to school."

Sylvia never underestimates the value of her job, enjoying both the interaction with children and parents and the knowledge that she's contributing to the safety of the community.

"The kids sometimes don't pay attention and just run across the road. They hear about it from me if they try that! I do lecture them to be careful and think about what they're doing," Sylvia said.

"Safety is part of the school curriculum. Sometimes we're asked to come in and give a safety talk and we contribute with safety tips to the school newsletter.



*Council school crossing supervisor Sylvia Cook travels from Edithvale to Bentleigh East every day to help local children travel safely to school.*

"Council's traffic safety officers ensure that parents are parked legally and the police routinely monitor speeding vehicles in the area. The parents are unhappy if they get fined, but they'd be even more unhappy if a child was run over.

"We're all working together to keep the community safe. It's a pity more people don't get into this kind of work."

**The Rotary Club of Caulfield**  
Presents  
**The 7th Magical Afternoon of Magnificent Music Making to Remember**  
Sunday 7th November 2004  
at 2:30pm  
City of Glen Eira Auditorium  
Corner Hawthorn & Glen Eira Roads, Caulfield  
Featuring the entertaining & charismatic  
**Roger Lemke**  
Baritone extraordinaire  
**David Ashton-Smith**  
Composer and the  
**Ashton-Smith Singers**  
The wonderful talent of  
**Winston Morrison**  
Pianist / Tap dancer  
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One of Australia's leading Youth Choirs  
**Musical Director Mark O'Leary OAM**  
The versatile  
**Young Musicians of Excellence**  
Outstanding young performers  
Directed by  
**Nehama Patkin OAM**  
Proceeds to ROMAC & The Malcolm Sargent Cancer Fund for Children  
Tickets: \$30.00  
Concession & Students: \$20.00  
Family Tickets: \$70.00  
Students under 12: \$15.00  
Children under 5 free  
Enquires: 9573 1902

**Become a school crossing supervisor**  
City of GLEN EIRA  
Council needs more people to supervise school crossings throughout the city. Permanent casual relief staff are required between the hours of 8.15am-9am and 3.15pm-4pm Monday to Friday. School crossing supervisors need to pass a basic medical examination and police check. Contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 for further information.

**Bentleigh Traders Association Halloween**  
Halloween comes to Centre Road, Bentleigh on Saturday 30 October from 11am. Kids to dress up, prizes, entertainment, trick or treating. Judging at Rotunda from 1.15pm.  
Meet at USA Foods from 10.30am.  
Sponsored by Bentleigh Traders Association and USA Foods.



# Council cracks down on footpath permits

Council is urging local businesses operators to ensure they have valid footpath permits, after figures revealed that renewals are down 30 per cent this year.

Council's Manager Civic Compliance John Bordignon said Council would increase inspections to check whether businesses have current permits and if items on footpaths comply with the guidelines.

"Under the provisions of Council's *Local Law 2000*, a permit is required to place any advertising signs, goods, tables with chairs, or street furniture on footpaths. Footpath permits have guidelines that relate to where these items can be placed," Mr Bordignon said.

"The main issue, from Council's point of view, is safety. Footpaths are primarily for pedestrians, so their access and safety must remain our highest consideration.

"Issuing a permit, under specific guidelines, assures Council that business owners are not allowing their footpath items to risks pedestrians' access or safety."

Mr Bordignon said Council officers regularly patrolled shopping precincts for inappropriate placement of furniture and displays and to check whether permits were current.

"Council often receives complaints from pedestrians, parents with prams and disability action groups concerned about particular businesses whose signs or tables block the footpath," he said.

"These concerns are investigated as soon as possible but we are asking business owners to ensure they are doing the right thing, before a complaint is made."

Mr Bordignon said reminder notices were sent in February this year to all businesses previously holding footpath permits, to ensure permits were renewed. Some businesses returned incomplete applications, but some had simply not responded.

"Council will target the businesses that have not renewed their permits and are not complying with the law by continuing to display goods and signs without a permit," he said.

"Some business owners may have decided to remove items from the footpath because of increased public liability insurance requirements, and have not sent in renewals — but we need to make sure. Unfortunately some people wait for Council to give a warning before they take action."

2005 footpath permit renewals will be sent in November and must be paid by the due date. Placing goods, signs and furniture on footpaths without a permit can incur fines of up to \$1,000, including on-the-spot fines of \$250.

Contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 for a permit application form or further information.



Council is conducting a City-wide footpath permit blitz to make sure footpaths are safe and accessible for pedestrians.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

## Shopping strip strategy available

Council is calling for public comment on its draft Glen Eira Activity Centre Strategy, which identifies future roles and functions for Glen Eira's 53 strip shopping and commercial centres.

The draft strategy was developed after community workshops and extensive research, which identified key community concerns as the need for a new network of activity centres, clearer identification of individual centres, and working with adjoining municipalities.

Council's Director City Development Jeff Akehurst said the draft strategy recognised only a small number of activity centres as having a valid local convenience retailing role. The remainder performed predominantly non-convenience retailing functions, such as specialist office and business roles.

"The strategy also recognises that many of our larger activity centres are becoming multi-purpose destinations which perform a variety of roles.

Residential development such as shop-top housing and apartments are now becoming a significant part of our activity centres," Mr Akehurst said.

"Council will conduct further community consultation to analyse these findings. Copies of the draft strategy will also be sent to local traders' groups, key stakeholders and community workshop attendees."

The draft strategy will be available for public comment from Monday 15 November until Wednesday 15 December. Copies will be available from Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333, Council's four libraries or its website at [www.gleneira.vic.gov.au](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au)

Written submissions must be received by 5pm on Wednesday 15 December and should be sent to: Glen Eira Activity Centre Strategy  
Glen Eira City Council  
PO Box 42 Caulfield South 3162  
or via email to [mail@gleneira.vic.gov.au](mailto:mail@gleneira.vic.gov.au)

### Low cost short courses & activities at GODFREY STREET COMMUNITY HOUSE

6 Oct	Craft Support Day — 3 x 2hrs	
	Expert advice on any type of craft	\$8
6 Oct	Gentle Yoga — 11 x 1½hrs	\$110
6 Oct	Playtime for Toddlers	\$10
8 Oct	Art Class 5 x 2hrs	Materials + \$55
12 Oct	Leadership Training 8 x 3hrs	\$40
15 Oct	Exploring your Intuitive Self 4 x 1½hrs	\$36
18 Oct	Volunteer Orien/Train 4wk x 2hrs	FREE
18 Oct	Walking group — weekly	\$2
20 Oct*	Computer for Older People 8 x 2hrs	*\$62/\$35 conc
21 Oct	Hand Puppets — crocheted	\$10
25 Oct	Computer Beginners 1 & 2, 4 x 2hrs	\$62
30 Oct	Beginners Numerology 2 x 4hrs	\$42
3 Nov	Computer Excel 4 x 2hrs	\$62
9 Nov	Ribbon Embroid 4 x 2hrs	Materials + \$40
22 Nov*	Email Internet — older people 4 x 2hrs	*\$62/\$18 conc
27 Nov	Beginners Astrology 2 x 4hrs	\$42
By Appt	Astrology/numerology Readings	\$25 p/h

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**ENROLMENT DAY MONDAY 11 OCTOBER**  
**AT 9 GODFREY STREET BENTLEIGH**  
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Tel: 9557 9037 FAX: 9557 1734

### 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
Student Housing Policy — Amendment C42	Public exhibition	Thursday 7 October to Monday 8 November	Glen Eira City Council Service Centre, Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield
Road management plan	Written submissions	Until Thursday 28 October	Glen Eira Road Management Plan Glen Eira City Council, PO Box 42 Caulfield South 3162
Glen Eira Activity Centre draft strategy	Written submissions	Monday 15 November to Wednesday 15 December	Glen Eira Activity Centre Strategy Glen Eira City Council, PO Box 42 Caulfield South 3162

#### Recent consultation opportunities

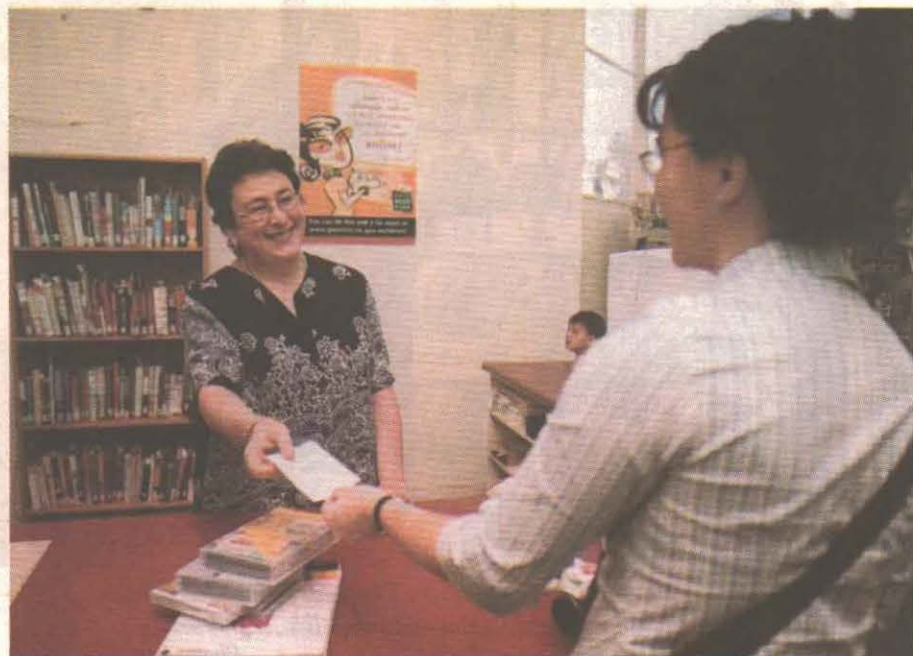
Meeting	Type	Date
Ross Street discontinuance and sale of road	Written submissions	Monday 9 August to Monday 23 August
Urban village design framework	Public exhibition	Monday 2 August to Friday 20 August

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](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au)



# Library

## Top marks for Glen Eira libraries



Council Library Officer Vicky Portnova helps a member with her loan request at Bentleigh Library. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Glen Eira's libraries have been given a big thumbs-up by the local community, scoring a 91 per cent approval rating in a recent survey of members.

The annual survey shows community satisfaction with Council's libraries has remained constant over the past six years.

Council's Manager Library and Information Services Sue Webster said it was pleasing the libraries had continued to rate so well with library members.

"This survey is an indication to the wider community and Council that the libraries are meeting the needs and expectations of the community," Ms Webster said.

"The survey shows the libraries' strongest points are the size and range of collections, staff assistance with

queries, staff courtesy and attention, and access to computers and the Internet.

"More than nine in 10 members are happy with the service provided by qualified information staff, with satisfaction at 96 per cent."

Ms Webster said the survey showed the libraries' key attractions to be the availability of library materials, the overall service libraries provide, the reference and information service, and that the service is free.

"Altogether 95 per cent of those surveyed said they come to the library to borrow from the collections," she said.

"The survey also indicated that one in four respondents could not nominate any areas of dissatisfaction with the libraries.

"I encourage residents who are not library members to join and take advantage of the excellent range of materials and services."

Bentleigh Library continues to be Council's most popular branch — 43 per cent of those surveyed visit this branch most often. Caulfield Library is the second most popular followed by Carnegie and Elsternwick.

Membership with Council's libraries is free and residents can join at any branch or online at [www.gleneira.vic.gov.au](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au)

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

### Internet classes

Council will hold the following Internet classes in the computer training facility at Caulfield Library. Gift certificates are available for any of these classes and can be bought at any library branch. To book contact the Caulfield Library on 9524 3623.

**Living with generation why?**

**City of GLEN EIRA**

Council in partnership with School Focus Youth Service will hold a free information session about raising adolescents and young people in today's society.

Presenter Michael Grose will speak at the interactive session and explore:

- The new stages of adolescence;
- the five key principles that drive adolescents today;
- key strategies to assist parents in staying in the game with young people; and
- the changing role of young people in their families and the community.

The information session will be held on Tuesday 19 October in the Auditorium, Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield, between 7.30pm and 9.30pm.

Bookings essential. For further information contact Jan McCaffery on 8290 7029.

### Computer basics

The ideal class for the absolute beginner.  
Wednesday 13 October 2.30pm–4.30pm  
Wednesday 24 November 2.30pm–4.30pm  
Cost \$33.

### Introduction to the Internet

A beginners' course to browsing the Internet.  
Tuesday 26 October 2.30pm–4pm  
Friday 3 December 10.30am–12pm  
Cost: \$22.

### Introduction to genealogy on the Internet

A comprehensive look at Internet genealogy resources.  
Tuesday 19 October 2.30pm–4.30pm  
Tuesday 14 December 2.30pm–4pm  
Cost: \$33

### One-on-one Internet training

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

### Further steps on the Internet

This class builds on information learnt in the introduction class and includes search engines, newsgroups, downloading and facts about Internet Explorer.  
Wednesday 10 November 2pm–4.30pm  
Cost: \$33

## Beware of the evil eraser!

By Anne Stafford

"The rubber is an evil power that sucks up your drawings!"

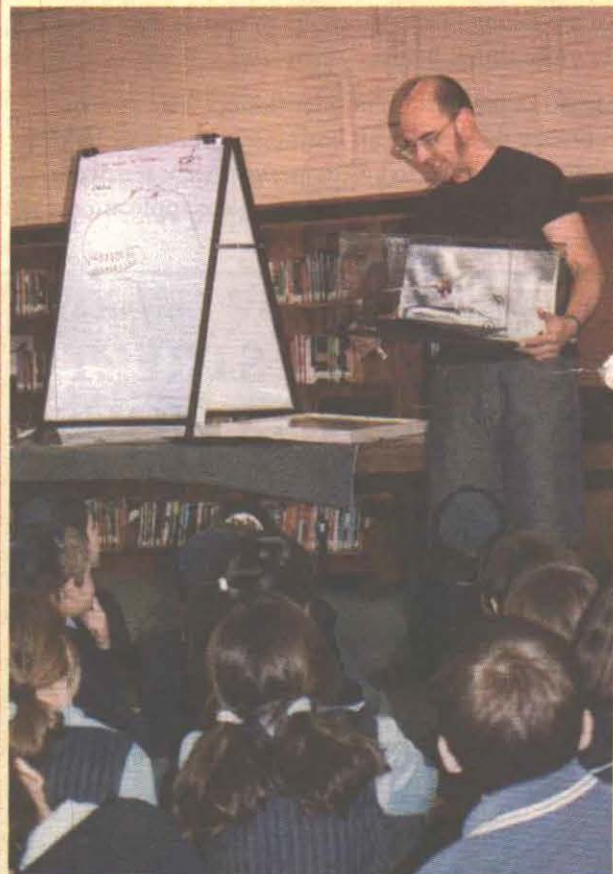
This was the warning to local Year 2 and 3 students from children's book illustrator Kevin Burgemeestre at Council's Elsternwick Library recently.

Taking part in Council's Children's Book Week program, Mr Burgemeestre declared the library a "rubber-free zone", explaining the danger of erasing valuable ideas.

"The best way to come up with ideas is not to rub out the mistakes, but to draw all the ideas in lots of quick sketches and then choose the best ideas that are important to illustrate the story," he said.

"Always choose the best out of your work and develop it from there."

Mr Burgemeestre demonstrated various technical aspects for adding movement to pictures, explained the importance of light and shade, and used sketches to show the many different ways to generate ideas and illustrations.



Illustrator Kevin Burgemeestre teaches local students about the ins and outs of book illustration. Photo: Anne Stafford.

He fascinated the children with models made from recycled objects, carved plastic and balsa wood, which he had painstakingly painted and then photographed for his book which explores 100 years of flying.

The talented illustrator likened his work to being a detective — devising ways of finding out exactly who the characters of each story are and what makes each of them so special, before developing an illustration.

At the end of the session, Mr Burgemeestre urged the children to go forth into the world and search out stories to explore their creativity. "You are only limited by your imaginations," he said.



## Businesses get *the right information*

**G**len Eira small business operators are now better informed about their rights and available resources following an informative meeting of Council's Women's Business Network.

Small Business Commissioner Mark Brennan and Australian Tax Office representative Neil Green spoke about how their organisations can help small businesses.

Council's Manager Business Development Lynda Bredin said the talk aimed to inform local small business operators on the new processes in place to assist them in running their businesses.

"The Office of the Small Business Commissioner is unique to Australia and was created in May last year by the State Government, to uphold and defend the rights of small business in Victoria. The small business commissioner's specific role is to reduce the burden of disputes on small business," Ms Bredin said.

"Mr Brennan explained how the commissioner's office helps small business with information and education, low-cost mediation and dispute resolution services, investigation of small business complaints and review of government practices.

"He gave some practical examples of how the mediators successfully negotiated resolutions, from a \$76 invoice to disputes worth \$650,000, freeing up small businesses' valuable cash flow, capital energy and time with a practical dispute resolution process."

Ms Bredin said the session provided local business people with information on how to safeguard their business when disputes occur.



Small Business Commissioner Mark Brennan informs local business people about procedures in place to protect small businesses. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

## What's happening in business this month?

### Women's Business Network

Professional speaker and corporate trainer Paddy Spruce will explore how business people can inspire themselves and others to create change, at Council's next Women's Business Network meeting.

Mr Spruce will look at how the ability to influence and inspire others is limited by behavioural skills. He will provide tools to improve behavioural and presentation skills and choices, which can be used to create organisational and individual change.

The meeting will be held in the Caulfield Cup Room, Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield on Thursday 21 October from 7pm to 9.30pm. Cost: \$10. Bookings essential by Monday 18 October.

### Loss prevention — business security and personal safety

As part of Community Safety Month, Council, in partnership with Victoria Police and National Training Systems (NTS), will host a workshop for business owners on loss prevention, crime prevention, business and personal protection, and dealing with security issues in the workplace.

Victoria Police Crime Prevention Officer Senior Constable Peter Stefaniw talk about general business security including cash handling, suspicious people and packages, and armed robbery. A member of the police's

Embona taskforce, the small business armed robbery special force will give an outline of its service.

NTS Director Tony Angus will discuss the roles of customer service protocols and store layout in a loss prevention plan, employee theft and managing critical incidents, conflict and aggressive behaviour.

The workshop will be held in the Theatre, Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield on Wednesday 20 October from 6pm to 8.30pm. A light supper will be provided on arrival. Bookings essential by Monday 18 October.

### Record-keeping workshop

Council, in partnership with the Australian Tax Office, will hold a free record-keeping workshop to inform local small business on:

- understanding businesses records;
- distinguishing between receipts and payments;
- transferring information from invoices to the cash book;
- determining necessary types of records;
- completing cash receipts and payments books;
- completing an activity statement;
- monitoring business cash flow; and
- completing end of financial year reports.

The workshop will be held in the Caulfield Cup Room, Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield on Monday 11 October from 1pm to 4pm. Bookings essential by Wednesday 6 October.

### BusEd dinner seminar series 2004

Council, in partnership with Monash University, will advise local business operators on the power of experience and how to increase brand power and customer base at the next *BusEd* dinner seminar.

The seminar, presented by Michael Morrison from Monash University Faculty of Business and Economics, will provide insights into cost effectively improving business performance and customer service, by providing:

- new insights into consumer behaviour; and
- using unique experiences through the five senses to increase the bottom line.

The seminar will be held in the Auditorium, Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield on Tuesday 26 October from 6pm. Cost: \$30 (includes three-course dinner and wine). Bookings essential by Thursday 21 October.

To register for any of these events contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 by the specified date.

### Under New Management programs

Council in partnership with the Victorian Government is working together to help people make more informed decisions, through the **Under New Management** Program.

#### Strategic business planning for the home base business sector

Plan to grow your business? This workshop will give attendees the tools to plan and grow their business' future.

The workshop will include:

- 16 hours of group work where the tools for strategic business planning will be taught; and
- five hours of individual work at participants workplaces to tailor the plan.

Friday 22 October from 9.30pm to 2.30pm, Saturday 23 October 9.30am to 4.30pm and Friday 29 October 9.30am to 1.30pm  
Caulfield Cup Room, Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield.

Cost \$200

RSVP: Monday 11 October

Limited numbers, bookings essential.

Contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.



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# Community diary

## Meetings and clubs

**Men's Probus Club of Caulfield** meets St John's Church Hall, corner Glen Huntly Road and Foster Street, Elsternwick, on the first Tuesday of each month at 10am. Contact: Bill 9571 7723.

**Ladies Probus Club Caulfield** meets at Gladys Machin Hall, Cedar Street, Caulfield South, the third Thursday of each month. Contact: Nan 9596 7321.

**4th Caulfield Cubs and Scouts** meet in Birch Street, Caulfield South, every week. For girls and boys. Contact: Jo or Steve 9505 6995.

**Ormond Tennis Club** holds night tennis at EE Gunn Reserve, corner Malane Street and Foch Street, Ormond. Contact: 9572 3507.

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

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

**Benteigh Life Activities Club** offers opportunities for the over 50s to meet new friends and enjoy a range of activities and outings. Contact: 9557 2562.

**KG Putt Senior Citizens Club** will hold a fortnightly crafts club at 2 Arthur Street, Benteigh, on Wednesday 13 and 27 October at 2.30pm. Contact: 9557 6010.

**Murumbeena Bowls Club** welcomes new players for the summer season at 10 Blackwood Street, Carnegie. Contact: 9568 5144.

**Glen Huntly Athletics Club** begins the summer track and field competition season at Duncan Mackinnon Reserve, corner North and Murumbeena Roads, Murumbeena, on Saturday 16 October. Contact: Trevor 9802 4690 or Maureen 9568 8639.

**Life Activities Club Caulfield** will meet in the Gladys Machin Hall, Cedar Street, Caulfield, on Wednesday 20 October at 7.30pm. Contact: 9568 5849 or 9523 9669.

**Katalyst** youth service is held at the Anglican Parish of Ormond, corner North and Wheatley Roads, Ormond, on the fourth Sunday of each month from 7pm to 9pm.

**Glen Eira Tennis Club** hosts social tennis for men and women aged 55 and over at Princes Park each Thursday from 9am to 1pm. Ladies group meets Tuesdays from 9.30am. Contact: Dominic 9523 6966.

## Events

**Carnegie Primary School** will hold a spring car boot sale at Truganini Road, Carnegie, on Saturday 9 October from 9am to 1pm. For site bookings contact Kath 9572 1403.

**Hughesdale Art Group** will hold its annual art exhibition and sale at the community centre, corner Poath and Kangaroo Roads, Benteigh East. Exhibition opens Saturday 2 November at 7.30pm and runs from 3-5 November 10am-9pm and Saturday 6 November 10am-3pm.

## GLEN EIRA U3A BUS TRIPS 2004

Take advantage of low budget bus trips organised by volunteers for you. Travel with an accredited bus company.

**Wednesday 20 October**

Round the Bay to Point Lonsdale then Queenscliff. Look around and visit shops. Buy lunch or bring your own. We return by bus via car ferry to Sorrento. Maybe spot the dolphins. A day to remember. Cost \$45 9am to 5pm

**Wednesday 17 November**

Hepburn Springs, Daylesford and Convent Gallery. It's Spring and Lilac time at Hepburn. You may never see it again as it is now because of plans to make it a resort in the near future. Plenty of eating places in Daylesford and Xmas presents at the Gallery. Cost: \$45. 9am to 5pm

Bookings: by phone U3A GlenEira office on 9572 0571 or at U3A Glen Eira office, Monday to Friday from 10am to 3pm at 1151 Glen Huntly Road, Glen Huntly.

**St Catherine's Church** will hold a mini fete at 406 Kooyong Road, Caulfield South, on 23 October from 9am to 2pm. To book a table contact Nicole 0413 138 724.

**Benteigh Organ Club** presents Leith Ewert at the East Benteigh Sporting and Recreation Club, 62 Mackie Road, Benteigh East, on Monday 4 October at 8pm. Cost: \$3-\$6. Contact: Jenny or Cliff 9528 2539.

**Music Lovers' Society** presents the TinAlley String Quarter at St Paul's Southern Cross Anglican Church, 530 Dandenong Road, Caulfield North. Cost: \$15-\$35 (members free). Contact: 9822 7292 or 9571 0850.

**Moorleigh U3A** will hold a free arts and crafts open day at 92 Bignell Road, Benteigh East, on Thursday 16 September from 10.30am to 3pm. Contact: 9570 0929 between 9.30am and 3pm Monday to Friday.

**Ormond Senior Citizen's Club** at 2 Newham Grove, Ormond, welcomes new members for table tennis, cards, indoor bowls and billiards. Contact: 9578 7653.

**Ogonyok Multicultural Association for Russian Women** will hold a healthy living seminar in Caulfield, on Thursday 7 October. Designed specifically for women and conducted in Russian. Contact: 9532 1431 weekdays.

**Coatesville Uniting Church** will hold its annual fete at Coatesville Uniting Church, corner North and Mackie Roads, Benteigh East, on Saturday 16 October from 9am to 2.30pm.

**East Benteigh Primary school** will hold its monthly community market in Bignell Road, Benteigh East, on Saturday 9 October from 8am to 4pm. Interested stall-holders contact: Janet 9558 0793 or 0418 500 679.

**Rotary Club of Caulfield** presents *The Da Vinci Code* — fact or fiction? Illustrated talks by Dr Chris Worth and Dr John Gregory, and trivia quiz will be held at Glen Eira College, corner Booran and Neerim Roads, Caulfield South, on Sunday 17 October at 2pm. Cost: \$1-\$15. Contact: 9568 7190.

**Caulfield Garden Club** presents its diamond jubilee spring flower show at the Elsternwick Uniting Church Hall, corner of Foster Street and Glen Huntly Road, Elsternwick, on Sunday 24 October at 2pm.

**Melbourne Meccano Club** will hold its ninth annual meccano exhibition at the Brighton Philatelic Society Hall, corner Gardenvale and Magnolia Roads, Gardenvale, on Saturday 9 October and Sunday 10 October. Contact: Graham 9578 6850.

**The Lupus Support Group** presents Sally Green and William Adami in concert at Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield, on Friday 15 October at 7.30pm. Includes pre-concert supper at 6.30pm. Bookings essential. Cost: \$35/\$20. Contact: 9509 2735.

**Benteigh Recreation Tennis Club** will hold a "play tennis day" at the Benteigh Recreation Tennis Club, Arthur Street, Benteigh, on Sunday 17 October from 10am to 2pm. Contact: Sharon 9568 3841.

## Community

**Benteigh Traders Association** will hold the Benteigh Festival in Centre Road, Benteigh, on Sunday 14 November from 10am to 4pm. Contact: Richard Atkinson 9557 9822.

## Glen Huntly Friendship Group

99 Grange Road, Glen Huntly  
Activities for October

Enquiries and bookings  
Margaret 9596 6124

Thursday 28 October

Please note: Change of dates for October and November trips

A trip to the scenic heart of Gippsland — the Strezlecki Ranges. A delightful drive through Koonwarra and Leongatha to Mirboo North. There we will have a guided tour and an excellent two course lunch. Return via the Princess Highway with a stop at Yarragon with its strip of interesting shops. Depart 8.30 am from 99 Grange Road, Glen Huntly and 9am from 185 Poath Road, Hughesdale. Cost: \$35

**Social Support and Monitoring Service** at Community Information Glen Eira seeks volunteers to assist aged and disabled people with shopping, transport and friendly visits to isolated clients. Contact: Susan Rutherford 9524 3314.

**Ogonyok Multicultural Association for Russian Women** seeks volunteer drivers and office administrative assistants. Drivers will be required to drive small buses for trips. Both Russian and English speaking volunteers welcome. Contact: 9532 1431 weekdays.

**Carnegie Traders Association** will hold the Carnegie Festival in Koornang Road, Carnegie, on Saturday 27 November from 10.30am to 4.30pm. For stall-holder enquiries contact Patti Perkins 0407 095 856.

**Ormond-McKinnon Lions Club** will hold the McKinnon Village Fair in McKinnon Road, McKinnon, on Sunday 7 November from 10am to 3pm. For stall and event applications contact Simon Matthews 9578 9571 after 6pm.

**Ogonyok Multicultural Association for Russian Women** will hold computer classes designed for Russian-speaking adults. Enrolments close Sunday 10 October. Contact: 9532 1431 weekdays.

**Brahma Kamaris Raja Yoga**, 275 McKinnon Road, McKinnon, hold courses in meditation for beginners on the first Tuesday of every month at 7.30pm, and positive thinking courses on the first Wednesday. Bookings essential. Contact: 9578 9955.

## Immunisation sessions October–November

**Benteigh Baptist Church**

10 Vickery Street, Benteigh  
Monday 4 October 1.30pm–2.30pm

**Glen Eira Town Hall (entry via Glen Eira Road)**

Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield  
Tuesday 5 October 6pm–7pm  
Tuesday 12 October 9.30am–10.15am  
Tuesday 9 November 9.30am–10.15am

**Murumbeena Baptist Church**

44 Murumbeena Road, Murumbeena  
Monday 11 October 10am–11am  
Monday 8 November 10am–11am

**Benteigh-Bayside Community Health Service**

Gardeners Road, Benteigh East  
Wednesday 20 October 6pm–7pm  
Saturday 23 October 9.30am–10.30am

**Glen Huntly Maternal and Child Health Centre**

Corner Royal and Rosedale Avenues, Glen Huntly  
Wednesday 27 October 9.30am–11am

## 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 months with a new baby**

The session is designed for parents of babies aged 4-8 weeks old and will address the issues of understanding normal baby behaviour, reducing family stress and encouraging a settled baby. Partners and grandparents are welcome.

First and third Tuesday of each month from 1pm to 3pm. Cost: \$2.

**Your toddler and the new baby**

The session will look at sibling rivalry, why brothers and sisters fight and strategies to combat this. Guest speaker will be Caulfield Community Health Service Counsellor Susan Friedman.

Date: Wednesday 13 October 2004  
Time: 2pm to 3pm

For further information contact 9524 3403.



# Youth

## Way to go Wildcats!

Council's youth basketball team, the Why? Stop Wildcats, are riding high after triumphing in the Oakleigh Basketball Association men's D grade grand final last month.

The Wildcats outclassed their opposition, the No-hopers, leading all the way to win 61 points to 32 in a hotly-contested match at Oakleigh Recreation Centre.

The team is made up of disadvantaged young people in the Glen Eira community who have been identified by Council youth workers through relationships with schools and community agencies.

This season, 21 young men aged from 16 to 21 years played for Wildcats, with nine of them becoming team regulars. The team is coached by Council youth worker Simon Kuut, Taskforce Community Agency youth worker Marcus Reid and Caulfield Police Youth Liaison Officer Leading Senior Constable Jason Fox.

The grand final victory was the team's best result since being established in April 2002 as a joint exercise by Council and local police. Last season the Wildcats made the finals for the first time, going down in the first round. But their continued hard work paid off when they took out this season's title.

Wildcats member Christian Stang shot a game-high score of 31 points on the night and took home a trophy for his efforts.

Council's Manager Recreation and Youth Services Linda Smith said the Wildcats program offered disadvantaged young people in Glen Eira the chance to participate in sport and recreation and make a long-term commitment to a team. The program aims to connect young people with ongoing recreational opportunities and to strengthen their links with youth services and the community.



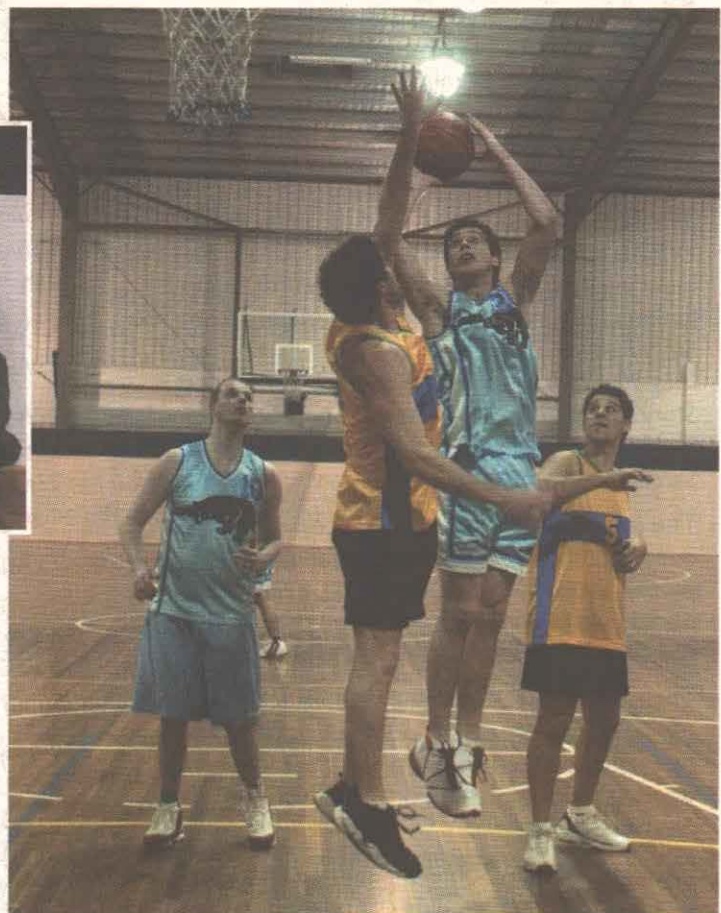
Council's Why? Stop Wildcats basketball team in action on their way to premiership victory (right) and celebrating the win with team coaches (above). Photos: Les O'Rourke.

"This season, 21 young people of varying skill levels have played in the team. Each comes from a very different background, but over the season they have become not only a competitive force, but also a team of friends," Ms Smith said.

"Playing in this competition builds bonds between the players and strong connections to the community. Winning is not everything — friendship, fun and teamwork are more important and the Wildcats have this in abundance.

"The other good thing about this program is that there is no obligation placed on them to turn up each Monday night for a game. But the surprising thing is that most do. It's ironic, by not forcing them to be committed to the team, they become committed."

The Wildcats are always eager to recruit new team members. No basketball skills are required as training is provided. Anyone wishing to help the team continue its winning streak next season should contact the Why? Stop Youth Information Centre.



## Focus on youth stress and depression

Local young people and families can learn about youth depression and stress management at two free information workshops Council is running as part of Mental Health Week this month.

Council will hold a *Banging it out* African drumming workshop in three Glen Eira schools during October and will also hold a Mental Health Week seminar titled *Shades of Blue*.

Council's Manager Recreation and Youth Services Linda Smith said the workshops aimed to promote positive wellbeing by teaching local young people about possible methods and resources available to help reduce stress and alleviate concerns in their daily lives.

"As the school year ends, many young people in the local community are preparing assignments and studying for exams. These workshops aim to show them what they can do to deal with the stress that may come with sitting exams and completing assignments," Ms Smith said.

"The interactive *Banging it out* African drumming sessions give local students a chance to come together, learn and celebrate life through music. The *Shades of Blue* seminar is open to parents and local young people to help them understand adolescent depression."

The *Shades of Blue* seminar will be held in the Theatre, Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield on Wednesday 13 October from 7.30pm to 9.30pm. Guest speakers will be Alfred Hospital psychiatrist Dr Ben Samuel and child and adolescent psychiatrist Dr Michelle Knuckey. A short drama relating to mental health will be performed by students from Glen Eira College.

For details on the *Banging it out* African drumming sessions, contact the Why? Stop Youth Information Centre. To register for the *Shades of Blue* seminar, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

## Catch some air at the skate jam



Local skaters will skate up a storm at the Benteigh East Skate Jam at Council's Bailey Reserve skate facility this month.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Local skateboarding stars will be dropping, flipping, grinding and sliding around Council's Bailey Reserve skate facility this month, to determine who are Glen Eira's kings of the air.

Council, in partnership with YMCA Skate Event Management, is staging its first skate competition for young people at the Benteigh East facility on Sunday 17 October, with top prizes on offer and demonstrations from some of Melbourne's best trick skaters.

Council's Manager Recreation and Youth Services Linda Smith said the *Benteigh East Skate Jam* would provide an opportunity for local young people to show off their skating talents, no matter what their skill level.

"This event is not only for skating enthusiasts — spectators will get to witness young skaters performing some amazing manoeuvres and have the chance to take home some great giveaways," Ms Smith said.

"The participants will have ample opportunity to take advantage of the facility's wide range of skating installations, including a concrete pad, ramps, quarter pipes, grind poles and a fun box."

The competition will include three age categories — 12 years and under, 15 years and under, and 18 years and under — as well as a best trick category. Registration begins at 11am, with the first age division competition starting at 11.30am. Participants must wear helmets, which can be provided if necessary.

All participants will need to complete an indemnity form prior to competing and participants aged under 16 years will also require signed parental permission.

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



The Why? Stop Youth Information Centre provides free, friendly and confidential support to young people. Find out more about what Council's youth centre has to offer — drop in and meet the youth workers at 54 Rosstown Road, Carnegie. Phone: 9572 5389 email: [ystop@gleneira.vic.gov.au](mailto:ystop@gleneira.vic.gov.au)



## Literary honours announced

Local writers were honoured at two presentation evenings held last month to announce the winners of the 2004 Glen Eira City Council Literary Awards.

The winner of the major award, the *My Brother Jack Short Story Award*, was Kathryn Lomer. Winners in the other categories were Eliza-Jane Henry-Jones (*Junior Short Story Award*), Lucy Jenkins (*Junior Poetry Award*), Jan Mihal (*Youth Short Story Award*), Sarah Ramler (*Youth Poetry Award*), Meg Mundell (*Sunflower Bookshop Local Short Story Award*), Kathryn Martin (*Short Stage Play Award*) and Michael Lucas (*Classic Cinema Short Screenplay Award*).

The judges said they were impressed with the overall quality and creativity of the prize-winning works. Youth awards judge Leonie Stevens declared the winning youth short story as among the best short stories she had ever read.

Themes of love, loss, family issues and conflict, personal dilemmas and oddities, developed through a collection of unique characterisations, were explored in the works of this year's literary award winners.

Glen Eira Mayor Bob Bury said interest in Council's literary awards continued to be impressive, with more 1,200 entries received this year across eight junior, youth and open categories.

"We are particularly pleased at the level of participation by the local Glen Eira community. We received more than 400 entries from local people," Cr Bury said.

Cr Bury said the junior awards were offered to encourage the many young people in Glen Eira who enjoyed writing, to continue the craft.

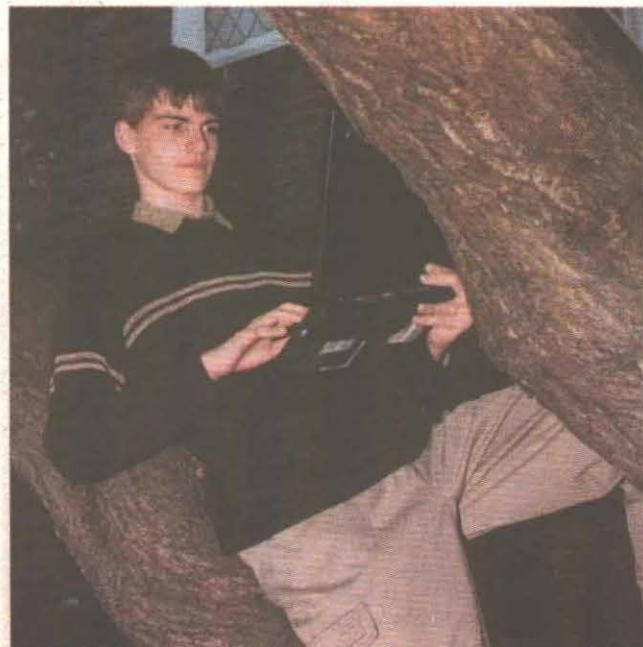
"Almost 300 entries were received for the junior awards, which is a wonderful result," he said. "It is an extraordinary achievement in itself to sit and create a story for others to read."

**Stories: Sophie Massis**  
**Photos: Bernie Bickerton**

## A winning assignment for local student

When 16-year-old Caulfield North student Jan Mihal wrote a school assignment on trees, little did he realise it would end up winning the *Local Youth Short Story* category in the 2004 Glen Eira City Council Literary Awards.

Jan (pronounced "Yan"), who is in Year 10 at



## Once a writer, always a writer

Meg Mundell has always had a passion for writing, even as a child.

The St Kilda East resident and recipient of this year's *Glen Eira Literary Awards Sunflower Bookshop Local Short Story Award*, said she has been writing ever since she can remember.

"Writing was a natural habit for me as a child, one which I have always enjoyed," Meg said.

"As a child I was always scribbling away at something in my room, and my sister and I would write scripts and interview each other, pretending we were journalists and making up stories."

Unlike most people, Meg has been able to make a career out of her childhood pastime. She has worked as a journalist, deputy editor for a magazine, travel writer, a freelance writer for *The Age* newspaper and is now employed as a policy analyst.

Meg said her current job did not leave much room for creative input, a situation which prompted her to put more energy into her own writing and work on her award-winning piece *Vermilion*, which came from her own experiences of apartment living.

"When you live in apartments you live in close proximity to complete strangers, I always find myself trying to piece together what they are like as a person. I am sometimes spot on, sometimes completely wrong, like the characters in the story," she said.

"These characters, a blind man and a woman who is a painter, are strangers to each other even though they live next to each other. With this story, I wanted to show two characters — one whose whole world is about what he can't see and the other whose world is about what she can see."

Meg says she was "gob-smacked" when she won the award and really had no idea that she was going to win.

"Winning the award is very encouraging, as writing is a field where you don't really get a lot of feedback and reinforcement," she said.

St Michael's Grammar in St Kilda, said the story was originally written as an English assignment.

"My English teacher gave me a 100 per cent score for the assignment and after reading it, suggested I submit it in the literary awards," Jan said.

"I thought it would be a great idea, considering I had already written the story, but I never thought that I would win the award."

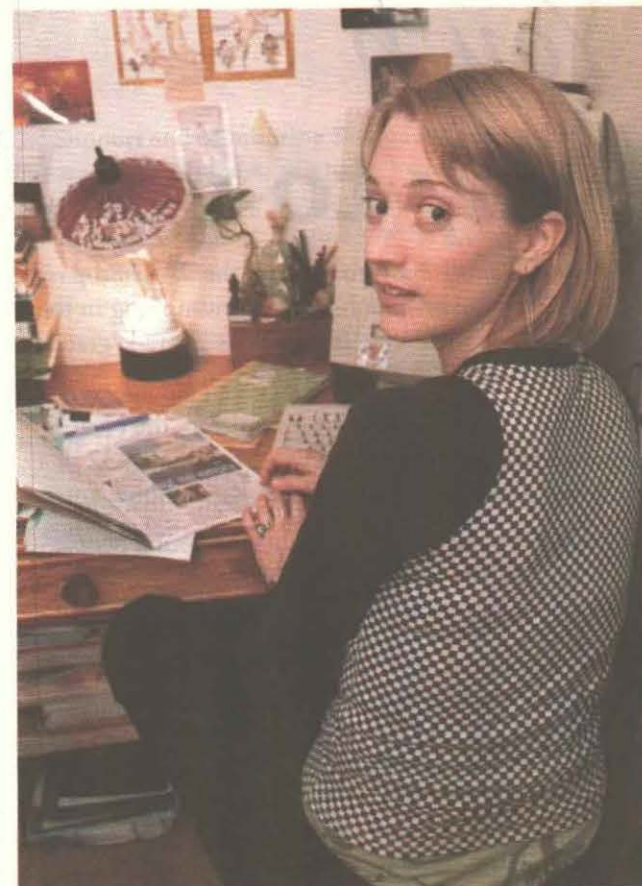
An avid student, Jan said both drama and English were his favourite subjects at school and, by writing plays, he was able to combine both his passions.

Jan said *Trees* was about the death of an old woman and hoped that he had written the story in a way that would enable people to draw their own meaning from it.

"The more symbolism I used in the story, the more it could be interpreted differently. To me, it is about always ending up where we started from, just like the trees in the story," he said.

"I was genuinely surprised when I won the award. It's definitely an inspiration for me to continue to write."

Winner of the Local Youth Short Story Award Jan Mihal writes his next creative masterpiece on his laptop among the inspiration for his winning piece *Trees*.



Literary Awards local short story winner Meg Mundell gained inspiration for her winning piece from her experiences of apartment living.

## The best of compliments

Ormond resident Eliza-Jane Henry-Jones was not only complimented by winning the *Junior Short Story Award* in the 2004 Glen Eira City Council Literary Awards, but received even higher praise from best-selling author and judge Andy Griffiths.

Mr Griffiths said Eliza-Jane's story *Flame* was a "well-focussed, imaginative and carefully sequenced story that produced a genuine chill".

In Eliza-Jane's own words, the story is about a young girl who has been through a fire but can't remember what happened or where her family is.

"The girl in the story has lost her way after being in this fire and in the end discovers that she has died and is a spirit," Eliza-Jane said.

The 14-year-old student said entering the competition and winning the award had been a great experience. She said she has always written stories and enjoyed the writing process.

"I would make up stories even before I could write. I started when I was three years old, when I would make up stories and my Mum would record them on a tape recorder," she said.

"I have entered the competition for the past two years and received a highly commended, so I am glad that I won the award this year."



Glen Eira Mayor Cr Bob Bury congratulates Junior Short Story Award winner Eliza-Jane Henry-Jones.



# Arts

## New addition to Council's Boyd collection

By Anne Stafford

Council has a new addition to its collection of Boyd ceramics, thanks to the generosity of Glen Eira resident Caterina Wozniak.

A resident of Glen Eira for more than 50 years, Mrs Wozniak donated a ceramic plate, produced by Murrumbeena's renowned Boyd family of artist, to Glen Eira Mayor Cr Bob Bury as a gift to the people of Glen Eira.

"I didn't want the plate to fall into private hands or to be sold around. It belongs to the country," Mrs Wozniak said.

Mrs Wozniak said she and her husband had purchased a number of ceramics with the intention of exporting them overseas, but had ended up giving most of them away to friends.

"We bought some Boyd ceramic plates, back in the early days when the company was still making ashtrays, to export them to Switzerland," she said.

"But we found the exchange rate was no good, so we had to abandon the idea and sent some of them overseas as gifts instead."

Over the years, Council has acquired a number of works by the Boyd family, many through donations from generous local art lovers. Council currently owns more than 20 of the family's ceramic pieces and works of art as part of its art collection.

Council's Manager Arts and Culture David O'Halloran said Mrs Wozniak's plate, made by the Boyd family's ceramics firm and painted by Angela Vasey, was a welcome addition to the collection.

"This plate is an important object for Council because it helps tell the story of Murrumbeena and the Boyd clan" he said.

He said Arthur Boyd was 24 years old when he established AM Boyd Pottery works, along with his



Glen Eira resident Caterina Wozniak presents Glen Eira Mayor Cr Bob Bury with a ceramic plate made by the Boyd family. Photo: Bernie Bickerton

brothers-in-law Hatton Beck and John Perceval, in Murrumbeena in 1944. His father, Merric Boyd, had been producing pottery at the family home *Open Country* in Murrumbeena since 1910.

"The three young men threw and fired the ceramics at Neerim Road, and then sent the pieces out to various artists to be decorated. The firm continued to produce ceramics until its closure in 1962. At the time this plate was produced, the Boyds were not very well known and were rather poor," he said.

"Many plates like this one were given away or sold at very low prices, especially to people whom the Boyds perceived to be more needy than themselves."

## Winter music a smash hit

Council's 2004 Winter Music Series has been a big hit among local residents, with almost all concerts being near sell-outs.

The series finished up at the end of August with a rocking performance by Australian music legend Joe Camilleri and his new band Bakelite Radio.

This year's series of five concerts, held in Council's Theatre and Auditorium at the Glen Eira Town Hall over July and August, presented a range of high calibre performances featuring diverse music styles.

Council's Manager Arts and Culture David O'Halloran said this year's series had been extremely well received with about 800 people turning out over the season.

This year's concerts showcased Klezmania, Belle Musette, Silo String Quartet, JW Swing Orchestra and Joe Camilleri's Bakelite Radio, featuring folk, classical, jazz and other contemporary styles.

"The great reception of this year's concerts bodes well for the future of arts and culture events in Glen Eira," Mr O'Halloran said.

"Our next major community events will be the Carols by Candlelight concerts in December."



Silo String Quartet was one of the five acts who performed in Council's 2004 Winter Music Series. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

## Exhibitions

### Bonsai Society of Victoria Annual Exhibition



A Bonsai tree.

Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 October. Special extended weekend gallery hours, from 9am to 5pm on Saturday and 10am to 5pm on Sunday.

The Bonsai Society of Victoria will hold its annual exhibition at the Glen Eira City Council Gallery.

Bonsai is an ancient tradition which requires a great deal of skill — watching the seasons to adjust feeding accordingly, and pruning branches to replicate elegant miniature gardens.

Previous exhibitions have displayed more than 100 trees — some of which have been trained for longer than 40 years. A variety of pots, books and nursery stock will be available to buy.

Admission is \$5 for adults. Children accompanied by an adult are admitted free.

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

### Wounded: Land, Memory and Destiny

Opens 6pm on Wednesday 13 October and continues until Sunday 7 November.

Glen Eira City Council presents a special survey exhibition project by McKinnon-based artist Victor Majzner. The exhibition explores a number of specific themes of strong personal significance to the artist — Jewish–Australian history and the passage of émigrés. The exhibition will be opened by Kim Akerman, a highly regarded anthropologist, curator and writer in this field.

Council's annual survey exhibitions enable the Glen Eira community to view high quality contemporary art in their own neighbourhood.

*Wounded: Land, Memory and Destiny* brings together two little-known moments in Australian history to deliver an argument on contemporary Australian society — the murder of Aboriginal people at Mistake Creek in the Kimberleys and the proposal for a Jewish settlement in the same area.

The artist also draws the historical aspects of the exhibition into the present with references to Sir William Deane's personal apology to the Kija people at Mistake Creek in 2001.



Scattered Apology 1998 by Victor Majzner.



# Recreation

## Joyce Park vision *unveiled*

**J**oyce Park in Ormond will cement its position as one of Glen Eira's most popular parks following Council's adoption of the park's master plan.

The decision to adopt the plan is the culmination of an extensive community consultation process which has involved community forums, discussion and submissions with residents, park users, sporting clubs and community groups.

Council's Manager Recreation and Youth Services Linda Smith said the Joyce Park master plan would provide park users with better access in and around the park, especially from neighbouring streets, more open space and improved amenities.

"Council realises that Joyce Park is one of the City's most popular and picturesque parks and is especially noted for its stunning floral garden bed displays, quaint old-world rotunda and the historical Box Cottage," Ms Smith said.

"This master plan assesses the existing condition and function of Joyce Park and provides key objectives for its future development. The master plan retains all the park's most loved features, but at the same time ensures that it better meets the needs of all park users and is retained for future generations."

Council is in the process of developing master plans for all its parks to provide direction and certainty for their future development and management. Master plans aim to help improve quality of life in Glen Eira and ensure that community assets are renewed, developed, maintained and managed in environmentally sustainable ways.

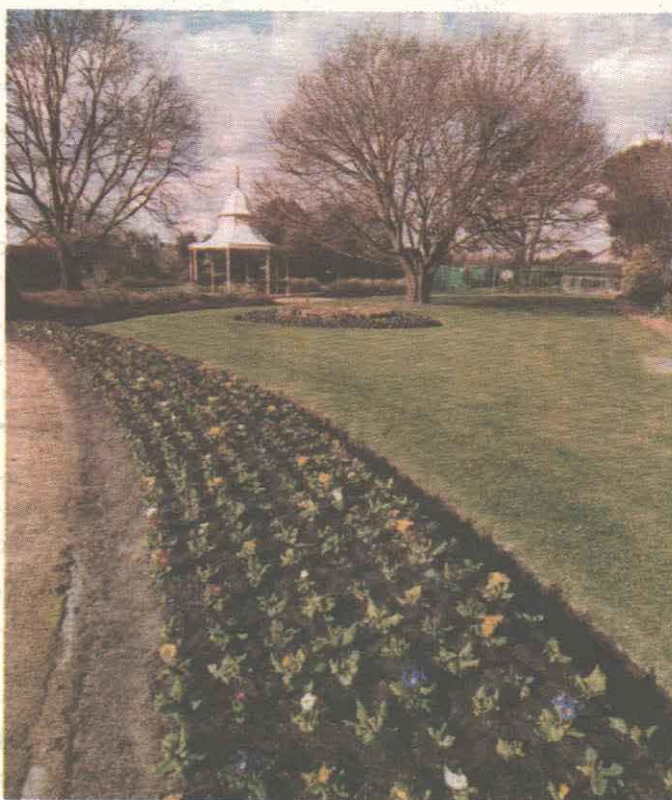
The Joyce Park master plan includes a number of key improvements such as increased pathways and entry points to improve access; the realignment of the McKinnon Bowls Club access road, located in the park, to ensure safer access; the relocation of a native garden bed to better define and highlight its significance; and a new playground.

## *Playground update* for better access

**C**ouncil's new access for all abilities playground in Koornang Park, Carnegie, will soon be available for Glen Eira children to enjoy.

The project will see the existing outdated playground replaced with state-of-the-art equipment which offers play experiences for children of all abilities.

The new playground will feature new pathways, upgraded play equipment, a barbecue, improved amenities and shade facilities.



*Council has adopted a master plan for Joyce Park, in Ormond, to provide direction for future development.*

*Photo: Bernie Bickerton.*

Ms Smith said the master plan would enable Joyce Park to be developed as a more valuable community asset that would continue to play a key role within the surrounding neighbourhood.

"As part of the master plan development process, Council held several consultation forums with user groups, stakeholders and the community for discussion and feedback. The information gained from these meetings was vital to developing this plan," she said.

"The forums were well attended and those who came provided important feedback on both the existing condition of the park and their expectations for any future development. This feedback has been considered in the development of this plan."

Council's Manager Recreation and Youth Services Linda Smith said the playground had been specifically designed to make it easier for people of all abilities to access.

"Children in wheelchairs will have access to the play equipment, while parents with prams, and grandparents who use walking frames will also be able to move around it more easily," Ms Smith said.

"Unlike the previous playground, which had mulch and tanbark at the base making access difficult, the new playground will have rubber-surfaced paths that lead through the park.

"Equipment in the playground such as ramps, swings that have lever arms to make them swing, and specifically-tailored seats, will also make it more accessible for children who use wheelchairs."

Ms Smith said the playground would have a section specifically tailored for toddlers and children aged 2 to 7 years, and a senior section for children aged 8 to 12 years.

*Out with the old and in with the new. The current outdated Koornang Park playground will soon be replaced with a modern access for all abilities playground.*

*Photo: Anne Stafford.*

## Students share love of athletics

**M**ore than 280 students from 12 special schools around Victoria braved the cold and threatening clouds to attend the Joint Councils Access for All Abilities (JCAAA) Track and Field Carnival, at Duncan Mackinnon Reserve in Murrumbidgee last month.

The carnival, which is held annually, involved several events including hurdles, sprints, relays, shot put, long jump and vortex events. The competitors were divided into under 14, under 16 and under 21 age groups.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Bob Bury was delighted to be a part of the carnival by presenting ribbons to winners, starting some of the running races and being given the honour of ringing the bell to signal the last lap of long-distance events.

The athletics carnival is co-ordinated by Glen huntly Athletics Club which sources many volunteers for assistance on the day and provides ribbons for the winning participants.

Trevor Vincent from the Glen huntly Athletics Club said athletics is a sport in which people of all ages and all abilities could participate.

"We get so much enjoyment watching these kids share in our love of athletics. Apart from participating at the carnival, we would also love to see as many of them as possible back at our club, taking up athletics on a regular basis," Mr Vincent said.



*Phan Lounh, aged 17, from Emerson College shows off her winning ribbons to Glen Eira Mayor Cr Bob Bury.*

*Photo: Bernie Bickerton.*

JCAAA is a joint service of Glen Eira, Bayside, Port Phillip and Stonnington city councils and works with a variety of local clubs, service providers and state sporting associations, to assist them in becoming more inclusive of, and accessible to, people with all abilities.