

A great celebration in a great park

Thousands of Glen Eirans took advantage of the warm March weather to join in the fun at Council's *Party in the Park* at Allnut Park.

The free community celebration gave residents of all ages an opportunity to join in some fun activities, set up a picnic and enjoy the entertainment in Bentleigh's beautiful Allnut Park.

The jumping castle was filled with bouncing children all day, while many interesting creations sprang from the craft-making activities including puppet-making, origami and mosaic workshops.

Many local community groups took the opportunity to have information stands and displays including Bentleigh Life Activities Club, Eastleigh Youth Group, the Carnegie Rudolf Steiner School and Neighbourhood Watch.

Council's information stand was at times four rows

deep with people making enquiries about Council services and activities or interested in the information and giveaways on offer, which included booklets, balloons and Council showbags.

Council's park services officers were also on hand to give residents advice about mulching, composting and recycling garden waste, while a local indigenous plant nursery gave handy tips about planting native and drought-tolerant plants.

And if all that activity wasn't enough there was a diverse live entertainment program which kept the crowds amused throughout the afternoon.

A performance by the Afro-Brazil Capoeira School proved popular with audiences as the performers combined dance, martial art and acrobatics all to the beat of African drums.

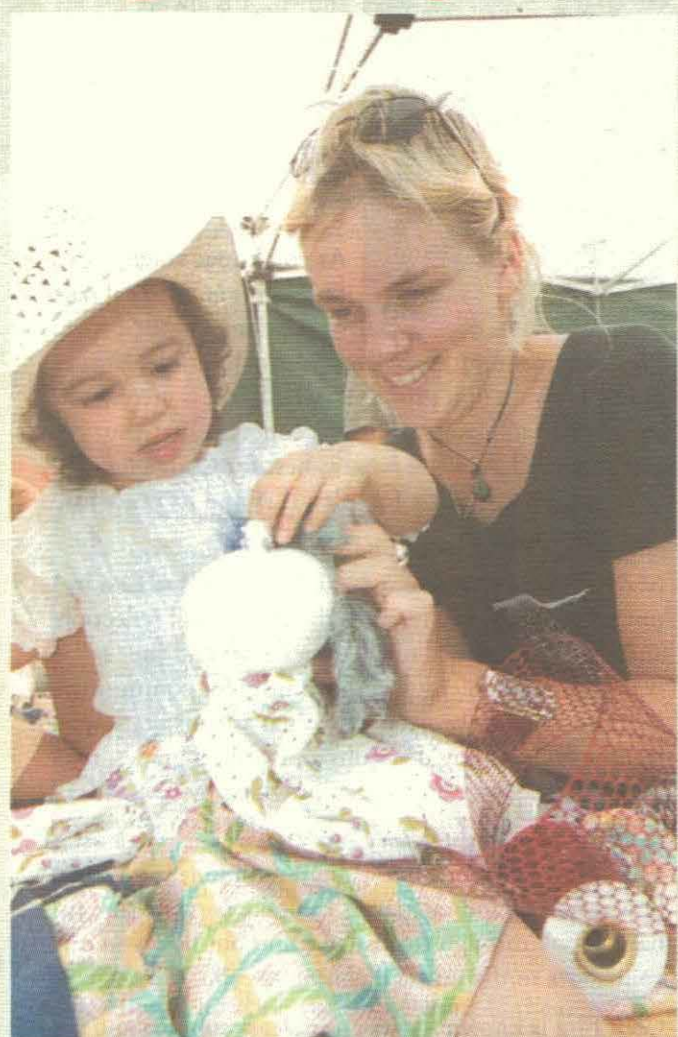
Internationally renowned singer and songwriter Stephen Cummings belted out some pop tunes to the delight of the crowd.

The dazzling duo dolls Hoopsa Daisy performed their unique hula hoop show and demonstration. Balloonologist and juggler extraordinaire TimTim was host for the day and constantly surrounded by children anxiously waiting for his next trick.

Local resident Jackie Buchanan said the *Party in the Park* event was a great idea and a wonderful opportunity for the community to get together.



Balloonologist TimTim turns a balloon into a dog for 4½ year-old Eleanor and Chris Mulcahy.
Photos: Les O'Rourke.



Two-year-old Faith Harper gets some help from Polygot Puppets Ania to make her puppet.

"The activities that are put on for children are fantastic and my children and I have enjoyed spending the day in this great park," Jackie said.

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Deadline nears for pet registration

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

Council's Manager Civic Compliance John Bordignon said registration was the best form of identification for pets and acted as a safeguard for pet owners against losing their animals.

"Registration fees collected by Council help provide important pet-related services such as animal control and community education about responsible pet ownership. They also contribute to the lost dog and cat register on Council's website, which owners of lost animals can check to see if their pet has been picked up," Mr Bordignon said.

He said Council offered discounted registration fees to owners whose pets had been desexed.

"Council acknowledges some vets do not advocate desexing immature animals, so some pet owners may opt not to desex their pet until it is over three months

of age. But pet owners who desex their registered pet within the first year of registration will be able to apply for a partial refund of their yearly registration fee, and still receive the discounted fee. This only applies if the pet has been registered with Council at three months of age."

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

Council officers will doorknock homes in May and June to check residents' cats and dogs are properly registered. Failure to register dogs or cats can result in a \$205 fine per animal. Registered dogs and cats must also wear their registration tags whenever they are outside their owner's property.

For a pet registration application form for new animals, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333. Copies of Council's *Responsible Pet Ownership in Glen Eira: Dogs and cats* booklet are also available from the Service Centre.

Mayor's column



There is much to celebrate in Glen Eira, as the Party in the Park free community events have shown. It is always a pleasure to have the opportunity of meeting local residents while enjoying the peace and tranquillity of the beautiful parks this City has to offer.

As you know, voicing an opinion is an integral part of the democratic process.

We welcome input from the wider community during public consultation processes, whether it is merely to signal your approval, or outline concerns that you might have. To achieve what is best for Council and, most importantly, best for Glen Eira and its residents, your input is vital.

Making decisions about what is best for Glen Eira is not an easy task and requires the thoughtful reflection and input of Councillors, Council staff and the community. Numerous opportunities for community input to Council projects exist such as consultation and forums on planning decisions and park upgrades, to Best Value surveys on services provided by Council.

In every issue of the *Glen Eira News* we include a list of upcoming community consultation opportunities and how residents and ratepayers can take part. Be sure to have a look through the list and find out how you can contribute to the future planning for your City.

Glen Eira is known for its green, leafy suburbs and we have a program of continuous improvement in place to keep our trees and open spaces healthy so we can all enjoy the City's greenery. Your recent feedback on proposed works at Princes Park in Caulfield South will ensure another beautiful and functional space is created for all to enjoy — Council continues to work hard to improve and upgrade our open spaces and recreation facilities, and our parks and sportsgrounds are becoming an even greater asset to the community.

Residents can also help keep their own open spaces in the best of health by using mulch in their gardens. Free mulch, generated through Council's bundled branch collections, is always available from behind the Caulfield Bowling Club in Caulfield Park, but on Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 April, residents can bring along their bags, bins or car boots and Council staff will help load as much mulch as they can carry.

If we all pitch in, the community benefits on many levels. From using Council mulch to reduce water use in your garden to discussing Council issues or taking part in community activities — your participation is welcome, and is what makes this City great.

— Cr Margaret Esakoff
Mayor

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Bench marks 100 years of Rotary

The Rotary Club of Caulfield celebrated Rotary International's centenary year by installing a commemorative bench in Caulfield Park recently.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Margaret Esakoff, with former Mayor Cr Bob Bury, presented the club with a plaque for the bench honouring its relationship with Council.

"It is an honour to accept this commemorative bench on behalf of Council and the Glen Eira community. I am sure it will offer great pleasure and assistance to the users of this great park," Cr Esakoff said.

As part of Rotary International's 100 year celebrations, all clubs were invited to mark the occasion with special projects and events.

Rotary Club of Caulfield president Sima Kesselschmidt said the commemorative bench meant the club could give something back to Council and the community.

"This project is a dream come true. I used to jog past and imagine how beautiful it would be seeing elderly people sitting on our bench enjoying the community's parks and gardens," Sima said.

Sima thanked Cr Esakoff, Cr Bury and Council staff for their assistance with getting the project



Rotary Club of Caulfield President Sima Kesselschmidt, Glen Eira Mayor Cr Margaret Esakoff and Cr Bob Bury showcase the new bench and plaque in Caulfield Park. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

finished and acknowledged the tireless work of Caulfield's volunteers.

"The support of our volunteers is overwhelming, not only with this project, but with all the work they do for the community and its residents," she said.

The Rotary Club of Caulfield is one of four Rotary clubs in Glen Eira. Rotary assists the community with activities and events throughout the year including meals on wheels, fundraising and caring for the environment and residents.

Deadlines

The deadline for the May issue of *Glen Eira News* is **Wednesday 13 April** for delivery 6–8 May.

Coming deadlines:

June issue, Wednesday 11 May for delivery 3–5 June
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Anzac Day service

Glen Eira City Council invites residents to attend an Anzac Day service at the Cenotaph (north-west side) in Caulfield Park, corner Hawthorn and Balaclava Roads, Caulfield on Sunday 24 April at 2.30pm.

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

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

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Bigger and better facilities

— Carnegie Library and Community Centre update

Works on Council's Carnegie Library and Community Centre have progressed significantly and the size and scale of the centre is now clear for all to see.

The \$10.4 million centre will include a library, community meeting and function rooms, a playgroup and multipurpose building, and an open space area that will link to the vibrant Koornang Road shopping strip by a landscaped pedestrian walk.

Council's Manager Properties and Buildings Bruce Rendall said Council was pleased with the overall progress of the works now that the external structure of the building was nearing completion.

"The internal walls to the lower level are almost complete and framing work on the upper level has

started. Work on the pedestrian walk has also begun," Mr Rendall said.

Council's Director Community Services Peter Jones said the purchase of new books to stock the library is also well under way.

"The purchase of 25,000 new items will expand the collection to double its current size," Mr Jones said.

Besides the library, a major part of the development is the community centre itself. Flexibility of use has been a priority in its design, ensuring that the facilities will meet the needs of community groups and private functions as well.

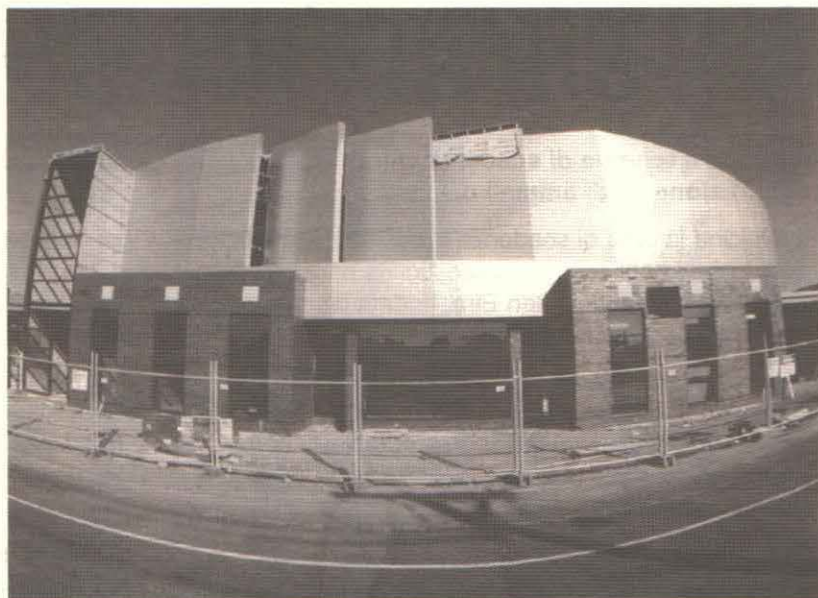
Mr Jones said Council was proud to offer a centre of such quality to the wider community — from playgroups for toddlers and their parents through to senior citizens' activities.

"The Carnegie Library and Community Centre will become a focal point for local people, providing the stimulus for a greater degree of enjoyment and participation in community life," he said.

Council has received support for the Carnegie Library and Community Centre through the State Government's *Living Libraries Infrastructure* program (\$500,000) and *Pride of Place* program (\$30,000).



An inside view of the library children's area.



Internal and external structural works at Council's Carnegie Library and Community Centre are well underway.

Photos: Bernie Bickerton.

A concert full of memories

Songs from musical classics such as *Cats*, *South Pacific* and *Anything goes* brought back a flurry of old-time memories for Glen Eira's senior residents at a concert held last month.

The free *Memories — celebrating the wonderful world of musicals* concert kicked off Council's 2005 Victorian Seniors Festival in Glen Eira.

More than 270 residents packed the Auditorium at Glen Eira Town Hall for an afternoon of cabaret-style entertainment from some of Melbourne's most talented performers.

The charismatic David Gould sang hits from memorable musicals such as *South Pacific* and *Oklahoma* with the highlight, a rendition of *Old Man River* from *Showboat*. The concert also featured two of Melbourne's premier pianists in Adam Przewlocki and Mark Jones who presented magical songs from *Fiddler on the Roof* and *Bring Him Home* from

Les Miserables. Singers Jennifer Lee and Susan Correll belted out popular tunes from *Cats* and all performers presented a finale with seniors clapping along to *Dancing Queen* from *Mamma Mia*.

The festival was officially opened by Glen Eira Mayor Cr Margaret Esakoff who said it offered many ways for senior residents to become more active and explore what's on in the community, with its mix of free and good-value events.

"This festival is one of many ways in which Council supports our senior residents. I am pleased to say that 2005 has seen a record number of senior citizens groups taking part by organising their own events including luncheons, barbecues, outings, concerts dinner dances, open days and much more," Cr Esakoff said.

"It is an opportunity for Council and local senior citizen groups to pool their resources and to run a festival that not only senior citizens can enjoy but that residents of all ages can contribute to."

Caulfield resident Ida Hicks said she enjoyed last year's *In the Mood* concert so much that she decided she had to come and see this year's concert.

"I've come to the concert with a group of bowling friends. We get to enjoy the show and catch up," Ida said.

The opening concert was followed by a range of festival events including walks, fitness classes, table tennis, information sessions, barbecue luncheons, concerts and day trips.



Resident Ida Hicks receives a rose from performer David Gould.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Traffic safety under control

The installation of a new traffic signal control box will mean safer and more reliable operation of traffic signals at a Caulfield North intersection.

Council is working with VicRoads to install the new control box at the intersection of Orrong and Inkerman Roads to ensure the traffic signals operate without interruption, reducing the risk of incidents at the intersection.

Council's Manager Traffic and Parking Carl Russo said when the current old-technology controllers malfunction, the signals display permanent red on one road and green on the other.

"The old controller was replaced as it was proven to be unreliable. However, in the event of the new traffic signal control box, all signals will flash amber which is preferable from a safety perspective.

"Particular concern has been expressed in relation to periodic faults in the old controller at this intersection, and Council has acted to ensure the safety of motorists and pedestrians using the intersection."

Mr Russo said the Orrong and Inkerman Road intersection is one of 20 sets of traffic signals that Council maintains throughout the City

"Council will endeavour to update traffic signals wherever possible to improve community safety," he said.

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Language line

Si profila il termine di scadenza per la registrazione degli animali da compagnia

Si avvicina la data di scadenza per il rinnovo delle registrazioni degli animali domestici da parte dei proprietari residenti a Glen Eira, la data ultima per il rinnovo è infatti domenica 10 aprile.

A Glen Eira l'età minima per la registrazione degli animali da compagnia è stata ridotta da sei mesi a tre mesi a seguito dei recenti cambiamenti operati dal governo statale alle disposizioni di legge relative agli animali domestici *Domestic (Feral and Nuisance) Animals Act (1994)*.

Il direttore comunale per l'ordine civico, John Bordignon, ha asserito che il Comune ha stabilito una riduzione della tassa di registrazione per i proprietari di animali sterilizzati. Ha anche affermato che il Comune è consapevole dell'opposizione di alcuni veterinari alla sterilizzazione di animali sotto età, sicché alcuni proprietari di animali domestici potrebbero decidere di non sterilizzare i loro cuccioli prima dei tre mesi di età.

"I proprietari di animali domestici che sterilizzano il proprio animale entro il primo anno dalla data di registrazione potranno fare richiesta di rimborso parziale della tassa annuale di registrazione senza tuttavia perdere il diritto allo sconto sull'importo della tassa stessa, purché il cucciolo sia stato registrato presso il Comune all'età tre mesi."

I funzionari comunali incaricati visiteranno le abitazioni nei mesi di maggio e giugno per verificare che i residenti abbiano effettuato il rinnovo delle registrazioni di gatti e cani. La mancata registrazione di gatti e cani può avere come conseguenza l'elevazione di una multa di \$205. Per ottenere il modulo di registrazione rivolgersi al centro servizi del comune, Council's Service Centre, telefonando al numero 9524 3333.

寵物註冊限期將至

Glen Eira 市政區的寵物主人須在 4 月 10 日星期日之前為自己所養的狗和貓重新註冊。

在 Glen Eira 市政區，寵物最低註冊年齡從六個月降到了三個月，這是因為州政府最近修改了《1994 年家養（恢復野生習性的和令人討厭的）動物法令》（*Domestic (Feral and Nuisance) Animals Act 1994*）。

市政府市民遵法經理 John Bordignon 說，市政府向那些給寵物作閹割手術的主人提供註冊費優惠。他說市政府知道有些獸醫不主張閹割未成年的動物，因此有些寵物主人可能選擇在寵物長到三個月以上時才為寵物閹割。

他說道：“寵物主人如在註冊第一年内給寵物做閹割，就可以申請退還部分年度註冊費，這樣他們仍然享受到註冊費優惠。但這僅適用於那些向市政府註冊時年齡為三個月大的寵物。”

市政府官員將在五月和六月期間上門檢查居民的狗和貓是否已重新註冊。沒有給狗或貓註冊的寵物主人可被罰款 \$205。如要索取寵物註冊申請表，請與市政府服務中心聯絡，電話 9524 3333。

Πλησιάζει απειλητικά η προθεσμία για τη δήλωση κατοικίδιου ζώου.

Τελειώνει ο χρόνος για τους ιδιοκτήτες κατοικίδιων ζώων του Glen Eira για να ανανεώσουν την εγγραφή για τα σκυλιά και τις γάτες τους επειδή η προθεσμία λήγει την Κυριακή 10 Απριλίου.

Το κατώτατο όριο ηλικίας για δήλωση κατοικίδιου ζώου στο Glen Eira έχει μειωθεί από έξι στους τρεις μήνες λόγω των πρόσφατων αλλαγών που έκανε η Πολιτειακή Κυβέρνηση στον Νόμο Κατοικίδιων Ζώων (*Αγρία Ζώα και Ενόχληση*) 1994.

Ο Διευθυντής της υπηρεσίας Συμμόρφωσης με τους Δημοτικούς Νόμους John Bordignon είπε ότι η Δημαρχία προσέφερε μειωμένες χρεώσεις δήλωσης κατοικίδιων ζώων σε ιδιοκτήτες ζώων που έχουν υποβληθεί σε άμβλωση. Αnéφερε ότι η Δημαρχία αναγνωρίζει ότι μερικοί κτηνίατροι δεν υποστηρίζουν την άμβλωση μικρών ζώων, οπότε μερικοί ιδιοκτήτες κατοικίδιων ζώων μπορεί να επιλέξουν να μην κάνουν άμβλωση στο ζώο τους μέχρι να γίνει πάνω από τρεις μήνες.

“Ιδιοκτήτες κατοικίδιων ζώων που έχουν κάνει άμβλωση στο δηλωμένο ζώο τους στον πρώτο χρόνο της δήλωσης θα μπορούν να ζητήσουν μια μερική επιστροφή χρημάτων από την ετήσια χρέωση εγγραφής έτσι ώστε πάλι θα λάβουν την μειωμένη χρέωση. Αυτό όμως ισχύει μόνο αν το ζώο έχει δηλωθεί στη Δημαρχία όταν είναι τριών μηνών”.

Δημοτικοί υπάλληλοι θα επισκέπτονται σπίτια κατά τον Μάιο και Ιούνιο για να ελέγξουν αν οι γάτες και οι σκύλοι των κατοίκων έχουν ανανεωμένη την εγγραφή τους. Για μη δήλωση σκύλου ή γάτας μπορεί να επιβληθεί πρόστιμο 205 δολαρίων. Επικοινωνήστε με το Κέντρο Εξυπηρέτησης Πελατών της Δημαρχίας στο 9524 3333 για να πάρετε έντυπο δήλωσης κατοικίδιου ζώου.

Four-year-old kindergarten

Enrolments for four-year-old kindergarten in 2007 will be taken from May. Children whose birth dates fall between 1 May 2002 and 30 April 2003 are eligible to enrol.

Applications are still being accepted and processed for children who will be attending four-year-old kindergarten in 2006.

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

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

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Окончание срока регистрации домашних животных

10 апреля истекает срок регистрации домашних животных в муниципалитете Glen Eira.

В соответствии с изменениями в законе, регулирующем содержание домашних животных в штате Виктория - *Domestic (Feral and Nuisance) Animals Act (1994)* - минимальный возраст домашних животных, подлежащих регистрации в муниципалитете, был снижен с шести месяцев до трех месяцев.

Начальник муниципального отдела регистраций г-н John Bordignon напомнил, что муниципалитет предлагает скидки на регистрацию домашних животных, которые были кастрированы. Муниципалитет признает, что некоторые ветеринары не рекомендуют кастрировать животных в раннем возрасте, поэтому владельцы домашних животных могут отложить эту процедуру на более поздний срок, когда их животные будут старше 3 месяцев.

“Если животное будет кастрировано в течение первого года регистрации, его владелец сможет получить скидку задним числом - т.е. получить возврат части стоимости регистрации. Однако это правило относится только к тем домашним животным, которые были зарегистрированы в муниципалитете в возрасте 3 месяцев”.

В мае и июне наши работники будут обходить дома жителей муниципалитета и проверять наличие регистраций у владельцев домашних животных. За отсутствие регистрации может быть наложен штраф \$205. Анкету для регистрации домашних животных можно запросить в муниципалитете по тел. 9524 3333.

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BEGINNERS TO BLACK BELT – From 4 years old

Insect-a-mania comes to child care centre

What has its bones on its outside shell and pop up eyes? Don't know? The children at Council's Carnegie Children's Centre could tell you — it's a crab.

The children were treated to a visit from some mini beasts last month as part of an educational program at the centre.

Amelia from the *Insect-a-mania* show gave children an interactive look into insect and sea life in a rock pool and an opportunity to investigate some strange looking creatures. The children had the chance to interact with live lizards, sea stars, crabs, beetles, stick insects and an octopus.

Children were invited to feel the spikes of sea urchins, touch the shell of a Rhinoceros beetle and feel the slimy skin of a lizard. Cries of "look at that, it looks like a crocodile" and "it stuck its tongue out" could be heard from the young children as they cautiously felt the skin of *Sammy* the lizard.

The children were told about how sea stars have bones on their exterior to protect themselves and how sea

urchins are covered in spikes or prickles to stop fish from eating them.

They learnt that octopuses change colour as their mood alters and there was some excitement as the children saw *Occy* the octopus turn blue as he was awakened — this meant he was not happy.

The show was part of a series of events held at the Carnegie Children's Centre including dress up days, a chicken hatching program and a dinosaurs drama workshop.



Charlie Ahern gets a closer look at a Spiny leafstick insect.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Milestone for milkman

Horace Kerr reached a milestone recently and has clearly enjoyed every minute of his 100-year long life.

The Glen Eira resident, known to his family and friends as Horie, celebrated his 100th birthday with a party in his backyard surrounded by loved ones.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Margaret Esakoff presented a commemorative certificate and flowers to Horie on behalf of Council and the people of Glen Eira.



Glen Eira Mayor Cr Margaret Esakoff presents a framed certificate to Horie Kerr, pictured with daughter Margaret. Photo: Sophie Massis.

He has lived in the City since 1939, first renting, then buying the house he has called home for many years. Being close to Caulfield Racecourse enticed the avid horse-lover to buy in the area.

"My father was a jockey at one time and loved horses. We would spend a lot of time watching the races together. It only cost a shilling to go to the races back then," Horie said.

Horie's passion for horse racing is equalled by his love of football and his favourite team, the St Kilda Football Club.

"I love watching the footy and watching my team St Kilda play. I got to see them play in their only premierships win in 1966 — it's a memory I cherish."

Horie says there is no secret to staying healthy, but that good clean living and doing the right thing by people has worked for him. Horie would know about keeping fit, considering that as a young man he worked as a milkman back when milk was delivered by horse and cart.

A true family man, Horie said the highlights of his life have been his 67-year marriage to his wife Doris, who passed away in 2001, and his daughter Margaret.

"I couldn't do without my daughter Margaret, she really takes care of me," he said.

No lift approach to aged care

To ensure the safety, health and wellbeing of both residents and staff, Council will undertake a month-long intensive staff training program and safety review at its residential aged care facilities.

During April, Council will run workplace training programs for aged care staff and conduct a review of equipment relating to the manual handling of elderly and frail residents. As part of the program, all tasks associated with resident care that involve manual efforts such as lifting, pulling or support, will be identified and assessed.

Council's Manager Aged Residential Services Monica Elston said consultation with staff and industry forums had identified the need to address key issues associated with manual handling of people in residential care facilities.

"The No Lift program aims to reduce the impact of high demand physical movement activity within a health care environment," Ms Elston said.

"Both staff and residents will benefit from the program, because reducing manual handling lessens the physical drain on staff and makes the movements of residents safer for both residents and staff.

"The program assesses the hazard factors and environmental and mechanical issues associated with the safe transfer of a resident. It also commits Council to using alternative systems for transferring residents where possible."

Ms Elston said Council would initially implement the No Lift program in residential care areas but would conduct safety audits and reviews of the whole workplace, encompassing all areas in which direct care is provided to residents.

"Council will conduct the audit with a view to replacing or upgrading existing equipment or purchasing appropriate mechanical devices," she said.

Parent information sessions

Council will hold 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. For further information contact 9524 3403.

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Glen Huntly Friendship Group

99 Grange Road, Glen Huntly
Activities for May

Enquiries and bookings Margaret 9596 6124

Wednesday 4 May and Thursday 6 May

Bus trip. A round trip of beautiful Gippsland visiting places of interest. Each has its own special attraction. Following the Princes Highway as far as Traralgon, then south through Yarram and to Gelliondale, home of Val and Graham James. We can admire the antique furniture and stroll through the garden before our evening meal.

Overnight stay at Foster Motel. Breakfast at motel then on to view some of the beautiful coastal scenery around Waratah Bay and Inverloch. Return via the South Gippsland Highway, a relaxing and interesting two days.

Cost: \$130 twin share, \$165 single

Depart 8.45am from 99 Grange Road, Glen Huntly and 9am from 185 Poath Road, Hughesdale.



Not so fast in Glen Eira

Speeding motorists have no excuse but to slow down in Glen Eira thanks to an education program implemented by Council, Neighbourhood Watch, Victoria Police and VicRoads.

Council has successfully raised awareness of excessive speed in local streets with the aid of the program and the use of its speed trailer.

Glen Eira Community Safety Committee Secretary Mark Saunders said the speed trailer is used in streets and areas where residents have raised concerns about excessive vehicle speeds and accidents.

"The trailer measures and displays the actual speed of approaching vehicles using a radar and a screen mounted to the top of the trailer. A sign that publicises the relevant speed limit for that road sits below the approaching vehicles' detected speed," Mr Saunders said.

"The speed trailer provides advice to motorists on their travel speeds and publicises the 50 kilometre speed limit in residential areas and the 40 kilometre school zones.

"It is not an enforcement device, but is provided by Council as a community safety initiative to prompt drivers to reduce speeds. This is a proactive initiative to educate residents about speed limits where speeding cars pose a problem."

The system also records data including the number of cars approaching and their speeds. Statistical



From left: Council's Prosecutions and Traffic Co-ordinator Alan Katz, Glen Eira Community Safety Committee Chairperson Cr Veronika Martens and committee secretary Mark Saunders check the speed of traffic using Council's speed trailer. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

information taken from the trailer's recording device is then passed on to Victoria Police for action.

The speed trailer was purchased in 2003 as part of *Not so fast* driver education program and Council's *Road Safety Strategy*.

Mr Saunders said the speed trailer is another example of Council's commitment to improve the current level of

community safety within Glen Eira.

"By working in partnership with key enforcement agencies, Council can tackle issues and develop solutions that are of particular relevance to the community."

The location of the trailer is based on concerns raised by residential complaints and road accident statistics provided by VicRoads.

Unsafe motoring — not near Glen Eira schools

Council has joined forces with Victoria Police to crack down on unsafe motoring in and around school areas in Glen Eira.

Glen Eira motorists are being urged to obey road rules and take note of parking restrictions or risk being fined.

Council's Manager Traffic and Parking Carl Russo said Council traffic officers and Victoria Police will monitor all local school crossings to ensure motorists are complying with speed limits, school crossing laws and parking regulations around schools.

"These laws are in place to ensure the safety of all school children traveling to and from school," Mr Russo said.

"Some Glen Eira motorists have fallen into bad habits such as stopping too close to or on school crossings to drop off their children, ignoring school crossing supervisors and driving through crossings, or parking in time-limited bays for longer than the set period.

"Council won't tolerate motorists who put community safety at risk. Traffic officers will not issue warnings — offending motorists will be fined and issued with an infringement notice," he said.

Motorists are also reminded that 40 kilometre per hour speed limit zones are applicable and the zones are located outside all student access points to schools to

Clear numbering saves lives

Council urges residential and business property owners to ensure their property number is clearly visible from the street.

Council's Manager Civic Compliance John Bordignon said unclear, non-visible or missing property numbers could affect the response times of police, fire brigade, ambulance or State Emergency Services.

"Council's local law requires residents to maintain and display the number of their property so it can be seen from the road or footpath," Mr Bordignon said.

"This was included in the local law to help people, especially emergency service officers, identify properties particularly at night.

"Large numbers of properties inadequately numbered is of great concern to Council. Clear and effective property numbering is both a legal and safety requirement and can save lives."

Council's Works Manager Roger Dunn said having property numbers prominently displayed also helps Council to identify properties which required footpath or concrete works.

"Clearly visible property numbers help Council to see exactly which residential or commercial properties need to be scheduled for works. Council officers have been called to do a footpath or concrete inspection at a commercial property, only to find five or six shops in a row without visible numbering," Mr Dunn said.

Property owners whose numbers are not prominently displayed risk receiving a \$50 fine.



Property numbers that are clearly visible from the road can save lives. Photo: Anna McGibbon.

Safer Glen Eira

Glen Eira has one of the lowest rates of crime per 100,000 of the population.

According to recent Victoria Police statistics, crimes against the person and other crimes such as harassment have significantly decreased in the past year, although the statistics also show that crimes against property have increased over the same period.

In the last year, less than 6,500 criminal offences were recorded per 100,000 of the Glen Eira population.

Despite increases in some crimes, the total offences recorded in Glen Eira remains well below the Victorian figure of 7,979 per 100,000 of the population.

Victoria Police Inspector Greg Parr said crime generally in Glen Eira is down by 30 per cent for the same period last year.

"As far as the residents of Glen Eira are concerned, overall crime has generally diminished in the municipality — with extra efforts made to reduce the number of household burglaries," Inspector Parr said.

"Since these figures were released, Caulfield Police has conducted intensive investigations targeting household burglary and, since July last year, household burglary has decreased in Glen Eira by 30 per cent compared to the previous year."

These figures show the success of local initiatives, such as the Glen Eira Community Safety Committee, established in 2000, to address community safety concerns as a partnership between Council, Victoria Police, VicRoads, Metropolitan Fire Brigade and other key agencies.

Bread handouts cause health concerns

Kind-hearted Glen Eira residents are unwittingly creating a public health hazard by leaving large quantities of bread around as bird food.

The profusion of bread and other foodstuffs left in the outdoors has given Council little choice but to ask all residents to please stop.

Council's Manager Public Health Mark Saunders said the sentiment was commendable but deliberate feeding could mean that pigeons, sparrows and seagulls become a pest.

"Birds settle in large numbers close to areas where regular feeding occurs and, once settled, are extremely difficult to relocate," Mr Saunders said.

"Large numbers of pigeons and other birds may become a health risk and public nuisance. Pigeons are known to carry disease, birds cause damage to property, buildings, vehicles and public places, noise and odour issues are associated with large numbers of roosting birds, and buildings and footpaths become unsightly due to excess droppings."

Bread or food left out also encourages vermin that enjoy a free feed — causing problems when these disease-carrying creatures seek warm, dry places to live, usually nearby houses, gardens and sheds.

Mr Saunders said if health and amenity was not enough to discourage well-meaning residents, leaving large quantities of food on the ground constituted littering and was an offence under the *Environment Protection Act*.

Council local laws officers can issue littering fines of up to \$100 to anyone caught littering.

"Residents are asked to keep all this in mind, so that everyone can enjoy the outdoors. Please leave the birds to live their own way — naturally," Mr Saunders said.

Health concerns

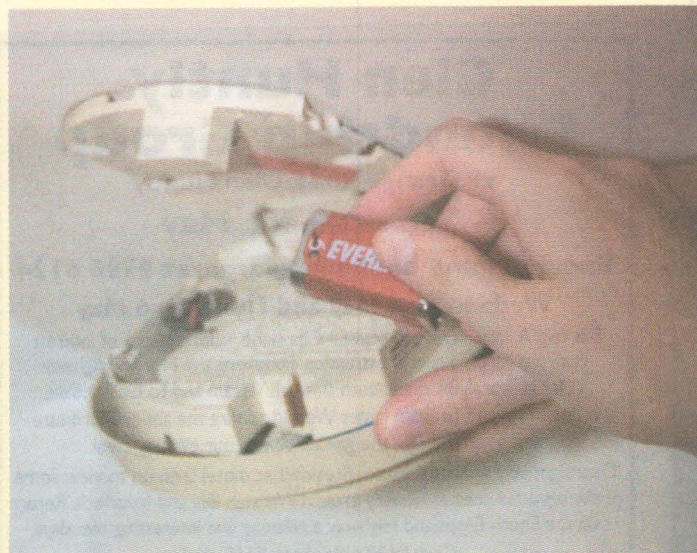
- Large numbers of birds can pose a risk to public health, causing unsanitary conditions and carrying a range of diseases.
- More than 60 transmissible diseases, some of which are fatal, are associated with pigeons, starlings and sparrows.
- The corrosive effect of defecation from large numbers of birds on rooftops, floors, walls, vehicles and equipment causes irreversible damage.
- Birds droppings are also unsightly and render floor surfaces slippery and dangerous. Removal of droppings, feathers and waste created by large numbers of pigeons and other birds can be expensive.
- Pigeons can also damage and even tear out insulation in residential buildings.

Time to change smoke alarm batteries

Glen Eira residents are strongly urged to check, and if need be, change their smoke alarm batteries.

Council, in partnership with the Metropolitan Fire Brigade (MFB) is supporting the simple message for residents to check their smoke alarm batteries.

The recent end of daylight saving in March marks the start of the winter months, traditionally a high-risk time for household fires.



Time out to change batteries in a smoke alarm could save a life. Photo: Anna McGibbon.

Each year, the MFB responds to up to 1,000 calls for assistance in Glen Eira and about 30 per cent of these calls are fire-related.

While it is now law that every household must have a smoke alarm installed, many may not be in working order due to batteries being removed or flat.

Council's Glen Eira Community Safety Committee Secretary Mark Saunders said Council and the MFB are also providing a free service to Council's Home and Community Care (HACC) clients to change smoke detector batteries and ensure the units are in working order.

"With 4,000 residents in Glen Eira aged over 75 years currently living alone, this is a valuable community service that may lead to lives being saved," Mr Saunders said.

"We are currently distributing letters to all HACC clients who are unable to change the batteries themselves and cannot afford the cost of new batteries. Once HACC clients needing assistance have been identified, the MFB will change the batteries for them.

"All residents are urged to ensure they check the batteries in their smoke alarm and safeguard themselves from fire."

Urban planning a passion for Kerri

By Sophie Massis

"For some residents who come to Council with a plan, this is their home and life long dream, their dream home. Being able to help them achieve that gives me a lot of satisfaction" — Kerri Young.

Kerri Young always had an interest in architecture and design and, as a member of Council's statutory town planning team, gets to combine her passion with her work.

Students give lessons in sports and music

A presentation on karate and a few verses of *Waltzing Matilda* were the order of the day for a group of residents and young primary school students who came together for an afternoon of interactive entertainment last month.

Glen Eira residents who participate in Council's social support program were treated to a visit from grade three and four students from Carnegie Primary School who told the residents about their interests and hobbies.

The afternoon started with the students giving informative mini-presentations on karate, basketball and go-karting to the crowd of 20 residents.

Then it was time for song with the multi-talented students playing *Waltzing Matilda* on guitar and violin, enticing the residents to join in with some singing.

After a final sing-a-long to *If you're happy and you know it clap your hands* and *Twinkle Twinkle little star* the students enjoyed a chat with the residents and some afternoon treats as well as a chocolate Easter egg to take home with them.

Carnegie Primary School teacher Sue Bassett said the visit was part of the school's *You can do it* program, aimed at teaching confidence, persistence and organisational skills to the students.

"The program helps to teach children greater skills and provides experiences outside the classroom environment," Ms Bassett said.

"We arranged this visit as it is a great way to extend the program and link the students with the community.

"The students had a chance to interact and mingle with the residents and make presentations to an audience outside the school."



From left: Curtis plays some tunes for residents Anne Huggins, Anne Dover and Dorothy Martin with Hasrat on violin.
Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

As a senior town planner, Kerri's role is not just to follow planning regulations and guidelines. Her job requires a great deal of tact and diplomacy as she mediates between the community and the developers who submit planning applications to Council.

"I see my role as trying to uphold the needs of the community. As a town planner, I have to be an advocate for both the community and for the developers while still maintaining the best interest of the community.

"My job is to ensure the community's amenity and needs are met first and foremost and to make sure that applications follow guidelines and regulations."

Kerri says she loves her job because it is so varied. Even though she deals with the same guidelines and regulations every day, each application is different and has its own character and site constraints.

"It's great to be part of the creative process — seeing something grow from an idea to its constructed form gives you a sense of achievement," Kerri said.

As part of her duties, Kerri is responsible for assessing town planning applications including plans for residential and commercial properties; offering telephone and over-the-counter advice to applicants on plans; holding pre-application meetings; checking sites for compliance of State Government and Council guidelines; and representing Council at Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal hearings and mediations.

But Kerri says the most satisfying aspect of her work is dealing with people — architects, developers and other



Council's Senior Town Planner Kerri Young explains the planning guidelines to a local resident.

Photos: Bernie Bickerton

professionals, but especially residents whose plans often represent lifelong hopes and dreams.

"Being able to help them realise their dreams gives me a lot of satisfaction. But I also enjoy dealing with people objecting to applications. They give us a real sense of what the community wants. For example, getting a number of objections regarding a development allows us to gauge whether the development is something that the community really wants. The feedback really helps us keep our policies relevant and appropriate," Kerri said.

"Council has been innovative in creating its award winning pre-lodgement certification program which provides planning applicants with an incentive to get professional help, involve their neighbours, and talk to Council before lodging a planning application.

"I would encourage people thinking of lodging an application to make use of the pre-lodgement certification program."

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 and current consultation opportunities

Subject	Type	Date	Where
Princes Park redevelopment — pavilions	Consultation via invitation to submit written comment. Public exhibitions	Monday 7 March until Friday 15 April	Glen Eira City Council PO BOX 42, Caulfield South 3162
Review of Council's Disability Action Plan	Community consultation forums	Wednesday 13 April from 3pm to 5pm and from 7pm to 9pm	Packer Park pavilion Leila Road, Carnegie

Recent consultation opportunities

Meeting	Type	Date
Elsternwick East proposed parking changes (Orrong, Kooyong and Glen Huntly Roads)	Questionnaire	Closed Monday 28 February
Community Care Services staff evaluation (internal)	Survey	Closed Tuesday 31 March
Community Care Services service provider evaluation	Survey	Closed Tuesday 31 March

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

Recreation and youth

Young and living in Glen Eira? *Splash out!*

National Youth Week is just around the corner and Council is preparing to celebrate with the *Big Splash Out* youth music festival.

Council's Manager Recreation and Youth Services Linda Smith said the *Big Splash Out* was an opportunity for local people between the ages of 12 and 18 years to participate in a day bursting with music, bands, youth support information stalls, performances and other great activities.

"Most of the bands performing on the day will be made up by young people who are either studying, working or living in the City, so we hope young people from all over the City will come along, join in the festivities and support their talented friends," Ms Smith said.

The Caulfield Swim Centre will remain open to the public during the music festival and standard entry fees to the pool will apply. For further information, contact the Why? Stop Youth Information Centre.

Big Splash Out
Caulfield Swim Centre
Moirs Avenue, Carnegie
Sunday 10 April from 11am to 4pm

BMX clinic at Bailey Reserve

Glen Eira young people looking for something to do during the April school holidays need look no further — they can go on the rampage at Bailey Reserve Skate Park.

Council will hold a BMX Rampage clinic for young people between the ages of 10 and 18 on Friday 15 April at the skate park in Bentleigh East.

Rampage is a new program developed by BMX specialists *Freestyle BMX*, which provides all participants with a BMX zone membership, trick tips, a backpack and other great freebies. Pro-riders will also demonstrate riding skills and accredited coaches will be on hand for advice.

Participants are required to bring their own BMX bike, helmet, safety equipment such as knee pads and shoes, and a water bottle.

The clinic will run for one hour and additional clinics may be available to participants at a cost of \$5 per rider — depending on numbers on the day.

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

BMX Rampage clinic
Bailey Reserve Skate Park, East Boundary Road
Bentleigh East (Melway ref: 68 K12)
Friday 15 April from 9am to 4pm
Cost: \$10 per participant for the first clinic and \$5 per participant for each additional clinic (maximum of three clinics).



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@glencira.vic.gov.au

Give gardens a boost with free mulch

Glen Eira residents can get a welcome boost for their gardens by taking advantage of Council's next free mulch weekend.

The mulch, created from garden materials retrieved by Council's bundled branch collection service, will be available at Caulfield Park for Glen Eira residents to take away free of charge on Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 April from 9am to 2pm.

Council's Manager Park Services Laurie Unwin said Council's free mulch program gave residents an opportunity to do something good for their gardens after the effects of the summer season.

"All residents need to do is bring garbage bags, bins

or large containers, a trailer, or even their car boot. Council staff will help load the mulch into trailers," Mr Unwin 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 (access via driveway on Balaclava Road). Mulch can be picked up at any time and there are no quantity restrictions.

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



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

What's new in recreation

American sporting professionals visit City

Glen Eira recently played host to four recreation professionals from the New England region of America.

The group of four, who work in recreation in local government, visited Glen Eira as part of a three-week tour of Victorian council and community recreational facilities.

The tour included a visit to Caulfield Racecourse, Moorleigh Community Village, a local football club, Mallanbool and Duncan Mackinnon reserves, and Packer and Princes parks, including the new playground and sensory garden at Princes Park.

The group was welcomed to the City by Council's Chief Executive Officer Andrew Newton who answered questions about Glen Eira.

The group was impressed by Council's commitment to upgrading its parks and facilities and team leader Maggie Leugers said it was great to see Glen Eira's innovative resources first hand. She said the group hoped to take the concept of Council's innovative birdie cage golf practice facility back to America.

The tour was part of an international exchange

program between Parks and Leisure Australia and the American National Parks and Recreation Association.

Safer sportsgrounds at Murrumbeena Park

Sportsgrounds in Murrumbeena Park, Murrumbeena are having a major safety upgrade as part of Council's capital works improvement program.

A new spoon drain is being fitted around the perimeter of the main sportsground, replacing the old bluestone drain.

Council's Manager Recreation and Youth Services Linda Smith said the old bluestone drain posed as a safety hazard to sports players using the ground.

"The new spoon drain and fence, installed on the main sports ground, is made of concrete and has a smoother surface compared to the rigid bluestone surface," Ms Smith said.

"The spoon drain is recessed into the ground so that it doesn't pose as a trip hazard for sports players."

As part of the works, a new irrigation system was installed on the outer oval to assist with a smoother and safer playing surface.

Community diary

Meetings and clubs

4th Caulfield Cubs and Scouts for girls and boys meet in Birch Street, Caulfield South every week. Cubs: 7½ to 10 years. Scouts: 11 to 14 years.
Contact: Jo or Steve 9505 6995.

Bayside Young Active Minds Support Group for families with gifted and talented children, meets on Mondays from 10am to 12pm.
Contact: Libby 9592 4515.

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

Bentleigh Senior Citizens Club meets at the Bentleigh Senior Citizens Hall, 2 Arthur Street Bentleigh for bingo every Saturday at 1.30pm and square dancing on Monday and Tuesday nights from 7.30pm.

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

Caulfield Park Croquet Club seeks new members for croquet. All ages welcome at the club, Caulfield Park, Balacava Road, Caulfield. Contact: 9596 3845.

Caulfield Probus Club of Caulfield (Men's) meets at St John Church Hall, Foster Street, Elsternwick on the first Tuesday of each month from 10am to 12pm.
Contact: Bill 9571 7723.

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

Lupus-Sjogrens Support Group will meet in the Caulfield area on Sunday 17 April. For location details contact: 9509 2735.

Murrumbeena Bowls Club seeks players for its social winter program held at 10 Blackwood Street, Carnegie. New bowlers encouraged. Contact: 9568 5144.

Ogonyok Multicultural Association of Russian Women holds computer classes for Russian-speaking adults with qualified bilingual teacher. Enrolment by Friday 22 April. Contact: 0416 251 317 (between 9am and 9pm).

Ormond Seniors Club meets at 2 Newham Grove, Ormond. New members welcome for cards, indoor bowls and pool. Film day held every month.
Contact: 9578 7653.

St Catharine's Anglican Church from 17 April new service times will run — traditional Anglican Eucharist at 9.30am and family service at 11am. Combined morning tea at 10.30am. Contact: Stephen on 0412 267 437 or 9523 8963.

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

Events

Arthritis Victoria will hold a series of events during April such as information nights, tai chi classes and luncheons. For details contact: 8531 8000.

Australian Playing Card Collectors Society will hold 'a trip down memory lane' 25-year celebration at St Mary's Church Hall, corner Hood Crescent and Glen Eira Road, Caulfield on Saturday 16 April from 11am to 5pm.
Cost: \$3. Contact: 9555 5608.

Bentleigh Senior Citizens Club will hold a supper dance with Bill Kerr at the Bentleigh Senior Citizens Hall, 2 Arthur Street Bentleigh on Saturday 16 April at 7.30pm. Cost: \$5 plus plate.

Caulfield Community Health Service will present an information session on language development at Glen Huntly Maternal and Child Health Centre, corner Royal and Rosedale Avenues, Glen Huntly on Wednesday 13 April from 2pm to 3pm. Contact: 9524 3403.

Glover Street Preschool will hold an open day on Saturday 30 April at 11 Glover Street, Bentleigh East from 10am to 12pm. Contact: 9570 5200.

Hughesdale Art Group will host a talk by wildlife artist Janet Flinn at the Hughesdale Community Centre, corner Poath and Kangaroo Roads, Hughesdale on Wednesday 27 April at 7.45pm. Contact: 9885 6407

Moorabbin Historical Society opens Box Cottage in Joyce Park, Jasper Road, McKinnon on the last Sunday of every month, February to November, from 2pm to 4.30pm. Admission by donation. Contact: 9578 7060.

Music Lovers' Society will hold a classical concert at St Paul's Anglican Church, 530 Dandenong Road, Caulfield North on Saturday 16 April at 8pm.
Contact: 9822 7292 or 9571 0850.

Community

Brahma Kumaris Raja Yoga holds courses in meditation for beginners at 275 McKinnon Road, McKinnon on the first Tuesday of every month at 7.30pm. Voluntary contributions are appreciated. Bookings essential. Contact: 9578 9955.

Ogonyok Multicultural Association of Russian Women seeks volunteers to assist in administration, IT support, and driving. Contact: Rita 0416 251 317.

Glen Eira City Choir urgently seeks soprano, tenor and bass singers to assist in its forthcoming recital of *Elijah*. Contact: 9551 1818.

Expo 2005

Glen Eira children's services support program

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Council invites local children services providers to attend the Children's Services Support Program Expo 2005. A wide range of exhibitors will be represented.

Auditorium, Glen Eira Town Hall
Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield
Tuesday 19 April midday to 9pm and
Wednesday 20 April 8am to 8pm

Information and resources will be available for purchase. Local community services staff, early intervention program staff, Maternal and Child Health nurses will be also available.

The expo is a free event, for further information contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

St Patrick's Primary School will celebrate its 75th anniversary and invites all past students to contact the school and be involved in interviews and celebrations.
Contact: Tom 9569 7487.

Immunisation sessions April

Glen Eira Town Hall (entry via Glen Eira Road)
Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield
Tuesday 5 April 6pm-7pm
Tuesday 12 April 9.30am-10.15am

Murrumbeena Baptist Church
44 Murrumbeena Road, Murrumbeena
Monday 11 April 10am-11am

Bentleigh-Bayside Community Health Service
Gardeners Road, Bentleigh East
Saturday 16 April 9.30am-10.30am
Wednesday 20 April 6pm-7pm

Packer Park
Leila Road, Carnegie
Monday 18 April 10am-11am

Glen Huntly Maternal and Child Health Centre
Corner Royal and Rosedale Avenues, Glen Huntly
Wednesday 27 April 9.30am-11am

May

McKinnon Public Hall
118 McKinnon Road, McKinnon
Monday 2 May 10am-11am

Glen Eira Town Hall (entry via Glen Eira Road)
Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield
Tuesday 3 May 6pm-7pm

Low cost short courses & activities at GODFREY STREET COMMUNITY HOUSE

20 April	Gentle Yoga 6.30-8pm	\$100 per term
21 April	Sheila's singers, weekly, 10-12 noon. Learn songs from shows to entertain others	\$3
27 April	Computers-older people, Word/Internet, Word/File M/ment 8 sessions	\$124, \$51conc*
29 April	Childcare - 3yo pre-kinder. 9.30-12. Per term	\$96
2 May	7.30-9.30pm RIBBON EMBROIDERY. Mats +	\$44
3 May	7-9pm. Women's Group — a forum for discussing issues of interest. 3 sessions	\$20
5 May	THURSDAY GROUP SHARE SCRAPBOOKING SKILLS. 4 SESSIONS	\$25
4 May	CRAFT SUPPORT — expert advice on sewing embroidery and many other crafts. 1-3pm	\$10 a session
9 May	1-3pm. SEWING/MENDING — help get those craft items finished — includes knitting/crochet.	\$25
9 May	Volunteer Orientation 10-12 noon	FREE
11 May	Teddybear Dolls. 12.30-2.30 pm 3 sessions	\$33
25 May	MONEY MATTERS. Financial Course to help manage your money. 10-12 noon FUNDED BY GLEN EIRA.	
1 June	1pm-3pm PATCHWORK QUILTING Machine or Handsewn. 4 sessions	\$44

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COMPUTER CLASSES

Computers For Beginners — Starts 3 May	Cost: \$76
Software (Word, Excel or Publisher) Starts 1 June	Cost: \$109
Introduction to Internet & Email — Starts 5 May	Cost: \$79
Introduction to Quickbooks — Starts 20 April	Cost: \$134

EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING

Basic Bookkeeping — Starts 18 May	Cost: \$180
Planning for Employment & Training	
Full day workshop — 23 May	Cost: \$70

DOLLARS WITH SENSE — Learn to manage your finances
26 May to 23 June — NO CHARGE (Funded by Glen Eira City Council)

For more information and bookings phone: 9596 8643

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

Business news in brief

Women's Business Network

Ice to Eskimos — selling skills for entrepreneurs

Attracting sales is critical to the success of any business. Back by popular demand, presenter Sue Barrett from Barrett Consulting will reveal the secrets of selling ice to the Eskimos.

Sue will discuss overcoming fears about picking up the phone for sales calls, how to prospect for new customers and making the best initial impact.

This event will be held in the Caulfield Cup Room, Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield on Thursday 21 April from 7pm to 9.30pm. Cost: \$10 (light supper on arrival).

Glen Eira City Council and Monash University presents *Growing pains — resource planning to manage growth*

BusEd dinner seminar 2005

A seminar for any size business that is managing or planning growth. Managing business growth can make or break a business — knowing the pitfalls of growth, understanding the relationship between growth and resources and addressing potential problems with increasing staff can be critical factors.

Presented by Monash University Department of Management Dr Tim Haslett, the seminar will address the dynamics between business growth and the growth of internal resources.

The seminar will also feature a case study by Cablex Founder and Managing Director Michael Zimmer who built his home-based business into an international success.

The seminar will be held in the Auditorium, Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield on Thursday 28 April from 6pm to 9.30pm. Cost \$30 including a three-course dinner.

Upcoming events

Signing a retail lease — Tuesday 3 May

A workshop to help business make more informed decisions. 6pm to 9.30pm. Cost: \$30

Discover the secret of getting more sales — Thursday 5 May

Presented by Paul McCarthy
Improve sales results and turn every staff member into a super sales person. 6.30pm to 9.30pm. Cost: \$10

ATO Tax Basics Seminar and record keeping workshop — Monday 9 May

Basic overview of small business tax issues and obligations. 9am to 4pm. Cost: Free

Contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 to register. Bookings are essential.

Tunes, titles and tea for senior residents

By Anna McGibbon

The musical melodies of singer Matthew Davine had senior citizens tapping their feet at the *Tunes, Titles and Tea* program held at Bentleigh Library last month.

Matthew, a tenor singer, entertained the audience with songs from hit musicals *Phantom of the Opera*, *Chicago* and *Pirates of Penzance*.

Although minus his usual keyboard accompaniment, Matthew was ably assisted with back up vocals by the 30 strong audience.

Senior residents sang along to well-known songs and old time favourites such as *Danny Boy*, *Night and Day* and *Waltzing Matilda*.

Matthew had the audience dancing in their seats when he put on a flamboyant shirt and sang *When I go to Rio* by Peter Allen, followed by *I still call Australia home*.

Sisters Miriam Dixon and Thelma Holt returned to the *Tunes, Titles and Tea* program after thoroughly enjoying the program last year.

"We came last year and thought it was excellent. Matthew has sung beautifully today, the whole program was fantastic," Miriam said.

Both Miriam and Thelma happily sang along to the songs performed even suggesting a few of their own favourites.

"Matthew has a lovely voice. He deserves a medal for getting up there on his own and performing for all of us



From left: Sisters Miriam Dixon and Thelma Holt enjoy a tune with performer Matthew Davine. Photos: Bernie Bickerton.

here today. We hope the program is run again next year," Thelma said.

Tunes, Titles and Tea was held as part of Council's 2005 Victorian Seniors Festival in Glen Eira.

What's new at Council's libraries

One-on-one Internet training

Council will hold one-on-one Internet training sessions that can be tailored to meet individual needs and interests. The one-hour sessions are suitable for any level of experience, including beginners, and are held in a separate training room at Bentleigh Library. Cost: \$44. Bookings are essential and can be made at any library branch.

Library operating hours

Anzac Day holiday Monday 25 April

All library branches will be closed on Anzac Day, Monday 25 April. Regular operating hours will resume on Tuesday 26 April.

Library catalogue gets a new look

A new-look catalogue introduced at Council's libraries provides additional features to help library users make their borrowing selections.

The catalogue displays an image of the book's cover, book reviews, a short summary or outline, any awards won, an extract, notes on the author and a table of contents.

Council's Director Community Services Peter Jones

said the new features made the catalogue more user-friendly and provided significantly more information about individual books.

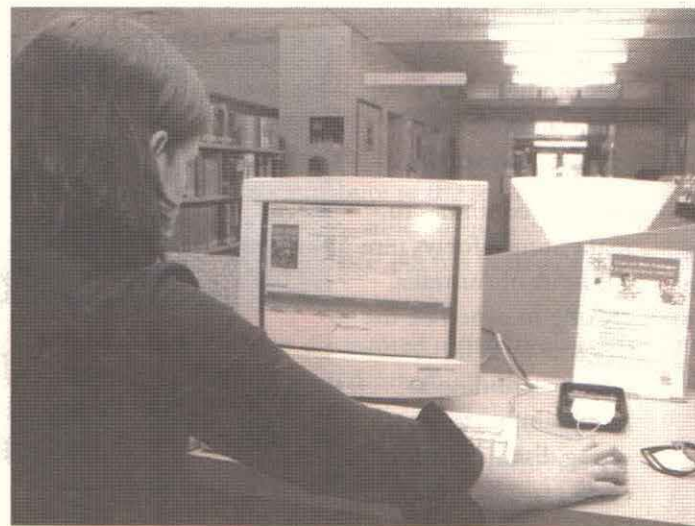
"This catalogue offers readers a lot more background on a book and will help them make informed decisions about what they would like to read," Mr Jones said.

"Library users can also log on to Council's website and search the catalogue online for a particular title before even visiting the library."

Although not all features appear for all titles in Council's collection, the array of titles linked to this service is continually growing.

Where available, users can click on the title of the book, then on the link for additional information for this title' under the screen image of the book cover to access a range of information selections.

The new catalogue service is available on the catalogues at all four library branches at Caulfield, Bentleigh, Elsternwick, Carnegie and via the Internet at www.gleneira.vic.gov.au



Council's new look library catalogue gives users fast information at their fingertips. Photo: Sophie Massis.

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Get into the groove *this winter*

Music enthusiasts will be excited about the return of Council's popular Winter Music Series, which this year includes many of Australia's favourite musical groups performing a diverse range of musical genres including jazz, swing, classical and contemporary Australian rock music.

The series will feature one of Australia's most acclaimed singers, Deborah Conway, along with popular jazz, classical, klezma and world music. Favourites Silo String Quartet, and the big band sound from 19-piece



Belle Musette brings the sounds of Paris to Glen Eira.

swing greats JW Swing Orchestra will entertain this year's crowd.

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| Sunday 19 June | <i>Belle Musette</i> — the sounds of 1920s Paris. |
| Sunday 3 July | <i>Cosmo Cosmolino</i> — classical, tango and Eastern European. |
| Sunday 17 July | <i>Deborah Conway and her band</i> — brilliant vocals of contemporary Australian rock. |
| Sunday 31 July | <i>Silo String Quartet</i> — classical string quartet. |
| Sunday 14 August | <i>Alison Wedding Quintet</i> — jazz favourites by Ella Fitzgerald and Sarah Vaughan. |
| Sunday 28 August | <i>JW Swing Orchestra</i> — the sounds of Benny Goodman, Glenn Miller and Duke Ellington. |

Further information, including ticketing details, will be available in the May and June editions of the *Glen Eira News*.

Call out for artwork pieces by the Boyd family

Council is seeking help from the Glen Eira community as it prepares for an important Boyd family exhibition in October this year.

The exhibition, titled *The Murrumbeena Boyds*, will celebrate the Boyd family's connection with Murrumbeena and the time they spent there between 1908 and 1964.

Council's Manager Arts and Culture David O'Halloran said the Boyds, who at that time were not yet as famous as they now are, were known more simply as a generous clan of local artists and potters.

"Many of the works that they produced at Murrumbeena were swapped or given away to people throughout the neighbourhood," Mr O'Halloran said.

"We are asking the community to contact Council if they have any ceramic pieces, drawings or paintings produced by the Boyds in Murrumbeena, that they would like to see included in the exhibition.

"These works are part of a fascinating story and some may be considered for inclusion in the exhibition."

Contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 for further information.

Arts news at a glance

Exhibitions

Patricia Moran: a Boutique collection

Ends Sunday 10 April
Traditional realist paintings.

Izi Marmur: A Mountain in my Hand

Ends 10 April
Works on paper, paintings and mixed media.

Colin Munro — A Life

13 April to 1 May
Paintings and works on paper by the late Melbourne artist and architect.
Glen Eira City Council Gallery
Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield
Gallery hours: Monday to Friday 10am to 5pm.
Saturday, Sunday and public holidays 1pm to 5pm.

Community celebrations

Party in the Park

3 April 12pm–4.30pm
Packer Park, Leila Road, Carnegie

Coming events

Warm winter music festival

Jazz, klezma, gypsy, classical, swing and rock all in a program of music starting in June. Concerts by Belle Musette, Cosmo Cosmolino, Deborah Conway and her band, Silo String Quartet, Alison Wedding Quintet and JW Swing Orchestra.

Read and write

An exciting literature program, including workshops, readings, and the Glen Eira literary awards.
Starts in June.

Exhibitions

Patricia Moran

Continues to Sunday 10 April

This exhibition, Moran's first solo exhibition in Australia in more than eight years, offers an opportunity to see works of rare stature — sumptuous visual feasts, rich in colour. Moran has been exhibiting in London where she is well known for creating large works of grand impact and beauty.

Returning to Melbourne, Moran's visual interests have led her through all the markets of the city searching for blue blooming plums and the particular pale custard of dusted peaches. The exhibition of traditional realist paintings is in many ways a product of this summer past with Tuscan colours and soft summer fruits, brilliant roses, the palest of pink lilies and wandering Shasta daisies.



Summer Tango, Oil on canvas by Patricia Moran.

Izi Marmur: A mountain in my hand

Continues to Sunday 10 April

Most works in Marmur's first solo exhibition are Australian landscapes, reflecting the geography of the mind and depicting the impressions, moods and feelings that have impacted on the Polish-born artist since he arrived in this country in 1962, aged 13.

The artworks chart the shifting emotions of Marmur's settlement in Australia, from the initial strangeness, walking under the brilliant bright summer light, to his continuing search to understand his new environment.

Marmur continues to make annual forays into the heart of Australia, seeking to penetrate the vastness of its far horizons, finding a mountain in every rock, seeing distant dunes in every grain of sand.



Where to now, Izi Marmur.

Colin Munro: Drawings and paintings

Opens 6pm on Wednesday 13 April and continues to Sunday 1 May

This exhibition is a tribute to the late Colin Munro (1932–2003), a popular lecturer at the University of Melbourne's School of Architecture. Munro's public persona as an architect was underpinned by his private passion for drawing and painting. In his youth, Munro developed a large body of two-dimensional work, deeply rooted in 20th century European modernism. His paintings respond to the work of masters such as Picasso, and his whole approach reflects the modernism.

Munro's life was rich and varied. As an architect, he was famous for his collaboration on the design of outstanding public galleries such as the McClelland Gallery at Langwarrin and the Benalla City Art Gallery.



Untitled, Colin Munro