

## New Mayor elected for Glen Eira

**C**r Margaret Esakoff was elected as the ninth Mayor of Glen Eira for 2004–05 at a Special Council Meeting on Monday 20 December.

Witnessed by Council officers and a small crowd of local residents and family members, Cr Esakoff was elected through a nomination process involving all Glen Eira Councillors.

Cr Esakoff told the meeting she was honoured to have been elected to represent Council in this role.

“As Mayor, I look forward to the challenges of the year ahead. Council is currently undertaking many exciting improvements to our community facilities such as parks and shopping centres while others will commence in the near future,” Cr Esakoff said.

“Our municipality is in an exceptionally strong position due to the excellent work of Councillors and Council officers, headed by our Chief Executive Officer. I am confident that, working together as a team, we will be able to meet the challenges ahead and achieve outcomes for residents and ratepayers of which we can all be proud.

“I shall be doing my very best for this City and for our community.”

Cr Esakoff said Glen Eira was lucky enough to have a diverse mix of Councillors, each offering a valuable yet different perspective.

“Each Councillor has talents they use diligently for the benefit of the municipality,” she said.

Elected to represent Jasper Ward in 2003, Cr Esakoff is the third woman in the past six years to be elected Mayor of Glen Eira.

Cr Esakoff is a long-term Glen Eira resident, having lived in the City for more than 40 years, and resides in Jasper Ward with her family. She runs a small business with her husband and has vast experience in business administration.



Mayor of Glen Eira for 2005 Cr Margaret Esakoff.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Cr Esakoff said her initial decision to run in the 2003 Council election came from her involvement in local issues which, over time, broadened and developed into a serious desire to see local residents represented fairly, openly and with great care and diligence.

“I have enjoyed so many aspects of being a Councillor. It is both satisfying and rewarding to be able to help residents achieve a good outcome,” she said.

“It is always humbling to meet the people who put staggering amounts of time and effort into community work, often without recognition.

“I feel proud and extremely honoured that my colleagues have the faith in me to now carry out the duties and responsibilities that, as Mayor, I will face.

“We can achieve many things during my term as Mayor by continuing to work together as a team in the most efficient way possible. My goal is to ensure that Council representatives and the wider community are able to evolve projects and strategies that will have positive effects on the community in both the long and short term.”

Cr Esakoff takes over as Mayor of Glen Eira from 2004 Mayor Cr Bob Bury. Under changes to the *Local Government Act*, the current Mayoral term lasts until the next general Council elections in November 2005.

### Mayoral facts

- The Mayor performs an important role as community leader and is the main Council spokesperson.
- The Mayor chairs Council meetings and encourages all Councillors to participate.
- The Mayoral chain is made of gold and has 58 gold links each representing the past Mayors of the City of Caulfield, Moorabbin and Glen Eira. Each link has the name of past Mayors and the dates of their term engraved on it.
- The Mayor plays an important social and ceremonial role at Council and community events, opening facilities, speaking at functions, and supporting local community groups.
- In previous times, the Mayoral robe, which is at least 25 years old, was worn at all Council meetings, but is now only worn on formal occasions such as Anzac Day services.
- The first Mayor for the City of Caulfield was Edward Charles Murphy, elected in 1913.

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# Mayor's column



2005 is a year of opportunity and great promise, despite recent tragic events. While the Boxing Day tsunamis have had a devastating impact on our Asian neighbours, the outpouring of support from our nation has been tremendous and makes me very proud to be Australian and to be a citizen of Glen Eira. Many organisations within the

City have already rallied to their aid, and I thank them for their efforts.

Council has also responded as quickly as possible to aid the tsunami victims, intending to donate \$12,000 to the relief efforts and providing opportunities for further fundraising. Our help is much needed, and I urge you all to support the victims of the tragedy through whatever means you can — they will need our assistance for the long-term if they are to rebuild, and we must do what we can.

It is in times of crisis that we show our true colours, and Council and the Glen Eira community have shown that we are resourceful, compassionate and able to work together to get the job done. As a new Mayor, it has impressed me just how willing our citizens and Councillors are to roll up their sleeves and pitch in, and I hope we can continue this focus and passion in our work as we tackle the year's challenges head on.

Much has been said about the disagreements between Councillors in the past, but I've seen the other side at work too and hope to foster this aspect of our professional lives. Glen Eira is in a strong position due to the excellent work of Councillors and Council officers, and I know that, working together as a team, we can meet the challenges ahead and achieve the best possible outcomes for residents and ratepayers.

I am honoured to be Mayor of this great City and take my responsibilities very seriously. Thank you to all who have supported me as a Councillor and I look forward to meeting many more Glen Eira citizens in my role as Mayor as the year progresses.

I congratulate Cr Bob Bury for his Mayoral year just completed, and would like to take this opportunity to thank my family, Council's executive team and my fellow Councillors for their support both now and in the future.

This is a year of opportunity, and we shall use it to its full potential.

— Cr Margaret Esakoff  
Mayor

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## A toast to Glen Eira

Although there were no actual candles to blow out, there were plenty of raised glasses and congratulations at the recent celebration of Glen Eira's 10th birthday.

More than 200 people, including current and past Councillors, former commissioners, local club and organisational representatives, and various key Glen Eira committee members enjoyed a cocktail party at the Glen Eira Town Hall to mark the 10th anniversary of the amalgamation of the former cities of Caulfield and Moorabbin in December 1994.

Former Glen Eira Mayor Cr Bob Bury, who hosted the event, said Glen Eira had come a long way from its creation 10 years ago.

"The creation of a new City offers great challenges, but also great rewards. While we inherited a City full of heritage character, we also inherited a City with an ageing population and infrastructure and a diverse community of changing needs," Cr Bury said.

"To ensure we meet these needs Council has had to make some tough decisions but we now have a City that is debt-free, where parks are rejuvenated to provide open space for all, our neighbourhood character is protected by appropriate planning standards, and we continue to work towards providing the best facilities to cater for our diverse community."

Cr Bury said Glen Eira had always looked towards



Former Glen Eira Mayor Cr Bob Bury welcomes guests to help celebrate the City's 10th birthday.

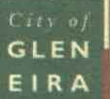
Photo: Bernie Bickerton

the future and Council had been successful in its forward planning for the City.

"To point out a few key accomplishments in the past 10 years, an independent survey concluded we had the best parks of 21 councils in Melbourne and we won the Australian Customer Service Award for our Customer Service Centre," he said.

"Council takes its community responsibilities seriously, working always at continuing to meet the community's expectations."

### Citizen and Young Citizen of the Year nominations



Council is seeking nominations for the Glen Eira Citizen and Young Citizen of the Year. Organisations and individuals are invited to nominate citizens who they believe have made an outstanding contribution to the community. Nominees must be Glen Eira citizens and unless there are exceptional circumstances, must be residents of Australia. To be eligible, the nominees for Young Citizen of the Year must be under 27 years of age on 26 January 2005. The nomination period has been extended with nominations closing on Monday 4 April. Nomination forms are available from Council's Service Centre.

#### Deadlines

The deadline for the next issue of the *Glen Eira News* is:  
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# Pet registration *minimum age reduced*

**P**et owners in Glen Eira are now required to register their pets at the age of three months.

The minimum age for registering pets has been reduced from six months to three months due to recent changes to the *Domestic (Feral and Nuisance) Animals Act 1994* introduced by the State Government.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Margaret Esakoff said registering pets was a legal requirement.

"But registering a pet with Council is also the best form of identification for pets and acts as safeguard for pet owners if their animal is lost," Cr Esakoff said.

Most puppies and kittens are obtained between the age of eight and twelve weeks. Registering pets at a younger age ensures more lost puppies and kittens could be returned to their owners.

Lowering the pet registration age may also encourage early age desexing of dogs and cats. This may then prevent the breeding of unwanted dogs and cats — many of which are unfortunately euthanased each year across Victoria.

Cr Esakoff said Council offered discounted registration fees to pet owners who have had their pets desexed.

"We do acknowledge, however, that some vets do not advocate desexing immature animals and some pet owners may opt not to desex their pet until it is over three months of age," she said.

"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 so they still receive the discounted fee. But this only applies to a pet first registered with Council when it is three months old."

Registration fees collected by Council help provide important pet-related services such as animal control and community education about responsible pet ownership. Once a pet is registered, owners receive a new registration tag for their pet that must be worn whenever it is outside its owner's property. Existing registrations must be renewed by 10 April each year. Failure to register dogs or cats can result in a fine of \$205 per animal.

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



Council's Animal Management Officer Kate Bell checks the registration tag of a local dog. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.



## *Free pneumococcal vaccine now available*

**A**lmost 3,000 Glen Eira children will be protected against the deadly pneumococcal disease now that the vaccine is available for free at Council's immunisations sessions.

Due to Federal Government funding changes, effective from 1 January, the vaccine is now available free for all children up to two years of age.

Council's Manager Public Health Mark Saunders said the vaccine was previously only provided free of charge to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children aged up to two years, and to children with certain medical conditions aged up to five years.

"The funding changes allow children born after 1 January 2003 to receive the pneumococcal vaccine free of charge, but children born before 1 January 2003 will still need to pay," Mr Saunders said.

"In December, Council sent letters to parents whose children were aged under two years to let them know they are eligible to receive the free vaccine, and parents have also been notified through maternal and child health centres, Council's website and the local papers."

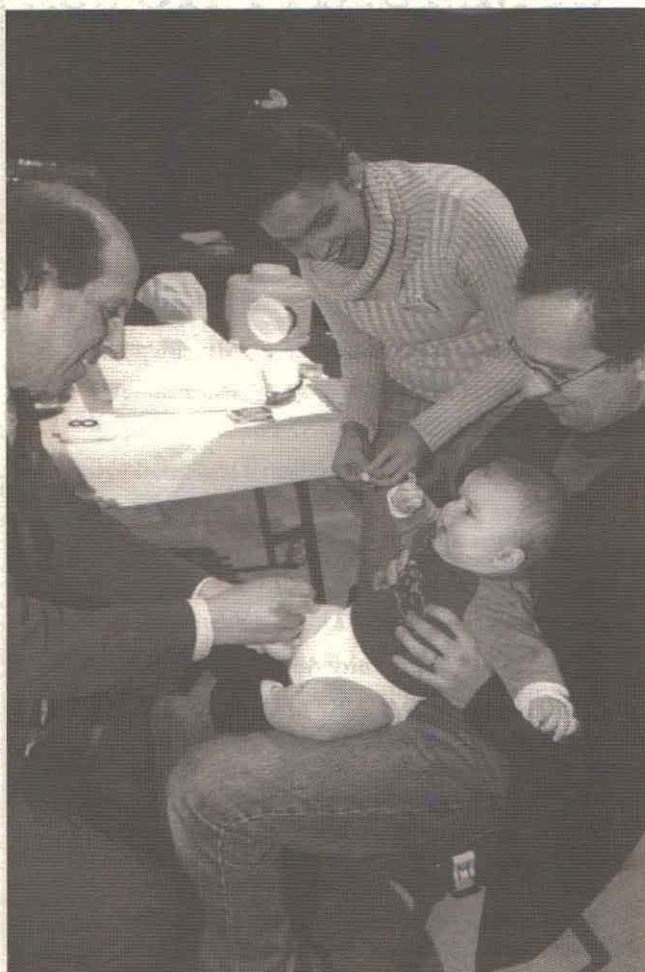
Pneumococcal disease is a leading cause of serious illness and death among Australian children under five years of age. Children under one year of age have the highest rate of pneumococcal infection.

Mr Saunders said the National Health and Medical Research Council recommended all children aged less than five years be vaccinated against pneumococcal disease.

"However, federal funding arrangements do not cover the 4,800 Glen Eira children aged between two and five years to be vaccinated against pneumococcal disease," he said.

"The vaccine is available at Council immunisation sessions for \$113.50 per dose for the children not covered. So far, this fee is still the lowest being charged by all neighbouring councils," he said.

Bookings to have the pneumococcal vaccine must be made prior to attending an immunisation session. For session details and bookings, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.



A child is immunised with the pneumococcal vaccine at one of Council's immunisation sessions. Photo: Les O'Rourke

## Dog attack — owner fined

**A** Bentleigh East dog owner, whose two American pit bull terriers attacked and seriously injured a neighbour's dog, has been convicted and fined in the Melbourne Magistrates' Court for failing to comply with tough restricted breed dog laws.

The dog owner was fined \$2,000 and ordered to pay more than \$3,000 in costs after pleading guilty to 10 charges, including having dogs at large, failing to keep his restricted breed dogs in a prescribed enclosure and owning dogs that attacked another animal.

Council's prosecutor Alan Katz told the court Council had received a complaint from the neighbour regarding the dog attack.

The neighbour said the two American pit bull terriers, which she saw in her backyard, bit her Labrador causing it serious injury. Efforts made to separate the dogs resulted in the two American pit bull terriers dragging the Labrador through an open gate into the backyard of their owner's property where the attack continued.

The offending dogs' owner removed the Labrador from his dogs' jaws with the assistance of another person, ending the attack. As a result of the attack, the Labrador received extensive veterinary treatment and hospitalisation.

The *Domestic (Feral and Nuisance) Animals Act 1994* and Council's Local Law require restricted breed dogs to be kept in enclosures built to specific requirements and from which they cannot escape.

Council's Manager Civic Compliance John Bordignon said the legislation that governs restricted breed dogs is aimed to protect the community from known dangerous breeds of dogs.

"Council sees dog attacks as a serious issue and will prosecute any dog owners who fail in their responsibilities. We are committed to protecting our community," Mr Bordignon said.



## Αλλαγή στο κατώτατο όριο ηλικίας για δήλωση κατοικίδιου ζώου

Απαιτείται τώρα από ιδιοκτήτες κατοικίδιων ζώων στην Glen Eira να δηλώνουν τα κατοικίδια ζώα τους σε ηλικία τριών μηνών.

Το κατώτατο όριο ηλικίας για δήλωση κατοικίδιου ζώου στην Glen Eira μειώθηκε στους τρεις μήνες λόγω των πρόσφατων αλλαγών στον Νόμο Κατοικίδιων Ζώων (Άγρια Ζώα και Ενόχληση) 1994 που ψήφισε η Πολιτειακή Κυβέρνηση.

Η Δήμαρχος Eira Mayor Cr Margaret Esakoff είπε ότι η δήλωση κατοικίδιων ζώων αποτελεί νομική υποχρέωση.

“Ζητείται απ’ τους καινούριους ιδιοκτήτες κατοικίδιων ζώων να παίρνουν προστατευτικά μέτρα για να μην χάνουν τα ζώα τους και να διασφαλίζουν ότι είναι δηλωμένα στη Δημαρχία.”

Η Cr Esakoff είπε ότι η Δημαρχία προσφέρει μειωμένα τέλη δήλωσης σε ιδιοκτήτες κατοικίδιων ζώων που έχουν κάνει άμβλωση στα ζώα τους.

“Αναγνωρίζουμε, όμως, ότι μερικοί κτηνίατροι δεν υποστηρίζουν την άμβλωση μικρών ζώων. Ιδιοκτήτες κατοικίδιων ζώων που έχουν κάνει άμβλωση στα δηλωμένα ζώα 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” ανέφερε η κ Δήμαρχος.

“Αυτό ισχύει μόνο για ένα ζώο που δηλώνεται για πρώτη φορά στη Δημαρχία όταν είναι τριών μηνών”.

Για περισσότερες πληροφορίες μπορείτε να επικοινωνείτε με το Κέντρο Εξυπηρέτησης Πελατών στο 9524 3333.

## Cambiamento dell'età minima per la registrazione degli animali compagni

Chi ha un animale compagno d'ora in poi dovrà provvedere alla sua registrazione quando l'animale ha tre mesi d'età.

L'età minima per la registrazione è scesa da sei mesi a tre in seguito a recenti cambiamenti alla legge Domestic (Feral and Nuisance) Animals Act 1994 introdotta dal governo statale.

Il sindaco di Glen Eira, Margaret Esakoff, ha ricordato che per legge la registrazione è d'obbligo.

“Chi acquista un nuovo animale compagno deve registrarlo presso il comune, anche per evitare inconvenienti in caso di smarrimento.”

La signora Esakoff ha detto che il comune offre uno sconto sulla registrazione per i cittadini che provvedono a sterilizzare il loro animale.

“Riconosciamo comunque che alcuni veterinari non consigliamo la sterilizzazione degli animali immaturi. Chi provvede alla sterilizzazione del proprio animale compagno entro un anno dalla registrazione potrà chiedere il parziale rimborso della relativa tassa,” ha detto.

“Il rimborso però viene concesso soltanto se l'animale è stato registrato presso il comune per la prima volta all'età di tre mesi.”

Per ulteriori informazioni contattare il centro assistenza alla clientela telefonando al 9524 3333.

## Изменение минимального возраста регистрации домашних животных

Владельцы домашних животных в муниципалитете Glen Eira обязаны теперь регистрировать животных при достижении возраста трех месяцев.

Минимальный возраст регистрации домашних животных в муниципалитете был понижен с шести до трех месяцев в связи с недавними изменениями, внесенными правительством штата в закон, регулирующий содержание домашних животных - Domestic (Feral and Nuisance) Animals Act 1994.

Мэр муниципалитета Glen Eira г-жа Margaret Esakoff напомнила, что регистрация домашних животных - это требование закона.

“Жители муниципалитета, которые заводят домашних животных, обязаны зарегистрировать их во избежание потери.”

Г-жа Esakoff сказала, что муниципалитет предлагает скидку при регистрации владельцам тех домашних животных, которые были кастрированы.

“Мы знаем однако, что некоторые ветеринары не советуют кастрировать животных в раннем возрасте. Поэтому если домашнее животное было кастрировано в течение года после первой регистрации, его владелец сможет задним числом получить скидку в виде возврата части суммы ежегодной регистрации,” отметила г-жа Esakoff.

“Это правило относится только к домашним животным, которые были зарегистрированы в муниципалитете при достижении возраста трех месяцев.”

Дополнительную информацию можно получить в муниципалитете по тел. 9524 3333.

## Volunteer recognition scheme

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Organisations in the City of Glen Eira are invited to nominate volunteers to receive awards under Council's Glen Eira Volunteer Recognition Scheme. The program honours the contribution volunteers make to community life in Glen Eira. This year the Glen Eira Volunteer Recognition Ceremony will be held during National Volunteers Week in May.

Nominations close on Friday 18 March 2005 at 5pm and no late nominations can be accepted. Information and nomination forms are available from Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 or from Council's website on [www.gleneira.vic.gov.au](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au)

## 寵物註冊的最低年齡有所變動

現在，Glen Eira 市中的寵物擁有人須在寵物三個月大時為寵物註冊。

Glen Eira 市政府把寵物註冊的最低年齡從六個月減到三個月，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)。

Glen Eira 市長 Margaret Esakoff 指出，寵物註冊是一項法定要求。

“我們敦促新的寵物擁有人為防止寵物丟失，一定要向市政府註冊寵物。”

Esakoff 市長說，市政府向寵物得到閹割的擁有人提供註冊費優惠。

市長補充道：“然而，我們確實了解到有些獸醫不主張閹割未成年的動物。寵物擁有人如在註冊第一年内給寵物做閹割，就可以申請部分退還年度註冊費，這樣他們仍可享受到註冊費的優惠。”

“這僅適用於在寵物三個月大時首次向市政府註冊的情況。”欲知詳情，請聯絡市政府服務中心，電話 9524 3333。

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# Council assists tsunami victims

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Margaret Esakoff recently announced Council's intentions to dig deep and provide a \$12,000 contribution for Asian tsunami disaster relief efforts.

"Councillors have expressed a heartfelt interest and desire to assist with the tsunami appeal and are rallying to help those affected by the Asian tsunamis," Cr Esakoff said.

"Our intention is to provide an urgent donation of \$12,000 as well as provide opportunities at upcoming Council events for the general public to donate additional funds.

"We also intend to offer Council facilities free of charge

to any individuals or groups wanting to hold fundraising activities for the tsunami appeal."

Council's proposed aid package includes:

- an immediate allocation of \$12,000;
- co-ordinating gold coin donation opportunities at upcoming free Council events such as *Party in the Parks*;
- providing donation opportunities at the recent Australia Day breakfast held on 21 January; and
- offer, free of charge, Council facilities to individuals or groups using them for tsunami appeal fundraising activities.

It is intended that all funds raised by Council will be provided to CARE Australia.

Cr Esakoff expressed gratitude to members of the Glen Eira community and Council staff who have already come together to find ways to raise badly needed funds and urged all citizens to continue to support the aid and fundraising efforts.

"The magnitude of this disaster is far beyond our comprehension, but no sum donated is insignificant," Cr Esakoff said.

"Every contribution made by Council and the citizens of Glen Eira will be welcomed and appreciated by victims of the tsunami."

Council's swim centre managers, the YMCA, also donated all gate takings collected at the Bentleigh East and Caulfield swim centres on Australia's national day



Glen Eira resident Felicite Campbell with Mayor Cr Margaret Esakoff makes a donation for tsunami victims.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

of mourning for the tsunami victims held on Sunday 16 January to the tsunami appeal. More than \$1,100 was raised and will go to the YMCA's Sri Lanka fund for long-term reconstruction.

## Award for innovative program

Council recently received the Urban Planning Achievement Award for its innovative pre-lodgement certification program for planning applications in Glen Eira.

Council was recognised by the Planning Institute of Australia for excellence in town planning practice and for its program which provides planning applicants with an incentive to get professional help, involve their neighbours, and talk to Council before lodging a planning application.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Margaret Esakoff said Council was honoured to receive the award for its innovative program.

"We recognised the need for a better planning process premised on gaining quality applications. We remain committed to a process of continual improvement of statutory planning services to our community," Cr Esakoff said.

"Glen Eira was the leader in piloting the pre-lodgement certification program concept more than two years ago with funding from the Municipal Association of Victoria and Department of Infrastructure through the Continuous Improvement Program."

The program rewards planning applicants who engage a planning consultant to prepare their application, with significantly quicker application decision times and greater consultation including a meeting on-site with the applicant to identify any issues.

Cr Esakoff said the program is similar to engaging an accountant to prepare a tax return.

"Any problems are ironed out before the application is even lodged, which leads to a faster, first-class process, including greater community involvement," she said.

"Scarce Council resources are better used to assess an application and to engage the community rather than, under the old system, chasing an applicant for information and dealing with substandard applications."

The program offers time savings for applicants and Council and provides additional opportunities for neighbours to comment early in the process. It also enables Council to retain the ultimate decision-making role on planning applications, increasing the likelihood that local planning guidelines are being met.

## Signs improve pedestrian safety on Bentleigh roads



Council has upgraded pedestrian safety in Bentleigh with the recent installation of four new high profile pedestrian warning signs around the intersection of Patterson and Tucker Roads.

The signs were installed to warn motorists they are approaching a shopping strip and area of high pedestrian activity.

Council's Director City Development Jeff Akehurst said Council installed the signs even though investigations established that, unfortunately, the

shopping centre area did not meet VicRoads criteria for provision and funding of traffic lights.

"While the area did not satisfy VicRoads funding for traffic lights, the new high profile warning signs will improve safety for people using this area," Mr Akehurst said.

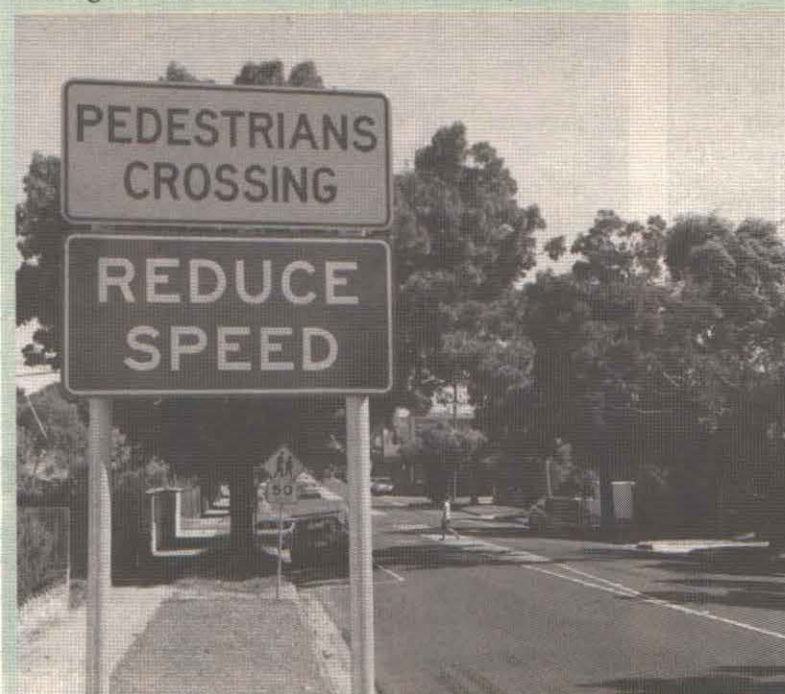
"Concern had been raised in relation to the safety of pedestrians crossing the Patterson and Tucker Roads intersection in the shopping centre area.

"The new signs will complement already existing pedestrian warning signs and 50 kilometre advisory signs in Tucker Road, as well as the pedestrian refuge. They are located on the north and south approach to the shopping centre area."

Mr Akehurst said it was hoped the signs would further raise driver awareness of pedestrian activity across the intersection.

"The installation of the signs is another step in Council's commitment to providing an environment that is safe and practical for both pedestrians and motorists," he said.

The project is part of Council's *Glen Eira Road Safety Strategic Plan* which is based on six key themes — co-ordination and leadership; school road safety; traffic management and safer drivers; young children and pedestrian safety; and bicycle safety.



New high profile signs warn motorists of pedestrian activity near the intersection of Patterson and Tucker Roads, Bentleigh. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.



# More space for child care centres

Works have already begun to improve two of Glen Eira's children centres as part of Council's commitment to upgrading the City's child care facilities.

The size of the outdoor play area at Carnegie Children's Centre has already been increased and the playground will soon be sporting brand new play equipment, while works to increase the size of the three to five-year-old room at Caulfield Children's Centre have been approved and will allow the centre to cater for more children.

Council's Director Community Services Peter Jones said the modifications would mean Council could offer better facilities at both child care centres and continue to meet the State Government's children's services regulations.

"The modifications are part of Council's commitment to ensuring the quality of its child care facilities and

services are upheld," Mr Jones said.

Council created an extra 137 square metres of useable playground space for the Carnegie Children's Centre following the relocation of its delivered meals service, which operated next door to the centre.

Mr Jones said the playground area was now significantly larger than was generally required as part of children's services regulations.

"The increased area creates an exciting opportunity for the future development of the centre and its play areas," Mr Jones said.

"To assist Council develop ideas and direction for the playground, discussions were held with an early childhood playground design specialist, Council staff, and the State Government's Department of Human Services.

"We are also in the process of working on a landscape design for the area and hope to have it completed later this year," he said.

The three to five-year-old room in the Caulfield Children's Centre will increase in size from 38.5 square metres to 49.7 square metres by incorporating the adjacent corridor. Works will involve removing a wall, placing structural support beams in the roof, and relocating sinks and storage cabinets, and a heating unit.



Children and staff at Council's Carnegie Children's Centre will benefit from the playground modifications. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

The resulting room will then cater for 15 children, instead of the current 11 children, as approved under the State Government's children services regulations.

Works at both centres are expected to be completed by mid-year.

## Residents asked to help leafy neighbours

Council recently planted more than 1,000 trees around the streets of Glen Eira and is asking residents to help the trees get a healthy start over the summer season.

Council's Manager Park Services Laurie Unwin said residents who have newly-planted trees on the naturestrip outside their properties can help ensure the trees get well established by helping Council with watering.

"Council conducts routine watering of new trees during summer, but we're asking residents to help provide additional watering during these warmer months," Mr Unwin said.

"It takes at least 12 months for a tree to establish in its new location and once established, the tree's root system will have regenerated enough to keep it alive without the need for additional watering.

"But to make sure of that healthy start, the new street tree requires regular watering during its first year. Residents can help by providing between five and 10 litres of water, two or three times a week during dry or warm periods."

Mr Unwin said watering into the black pipe at the side of the tree ensured water reached the entire root system, but water should also be poured directly onto the mulch at the root of the tree.

"It is also important not to over-water the new tree. Residents can check whether it requires extra water, by feeling the soil layer immediately below the mulch. If the soil is dry, more water is needed," he said.

A good time to water plants is early morning or evening — water applied during the heat of the day is mostly wasted through evaporation.

Residents can also use excess shower water, collected in a bucket while they shower, as a source of water for the new naturestrip tree, and as a great water-saving practice.

Level two water restrictions are currently in force in Melbourne. Residents can contact South East Water on 131 867 for more water-saving tips.

## Young water monitors keep creek healthy

More than 170 students from three local primary schools gathered at Elster Creek recently to mark the end of the Elster Creek Catchment Education and Awareness Program.

Students who completed the 20-week program were awarded with participation certificates and their own water testing kits to continue monitoring the health of the creek.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Margaret Esakoff said the program was aimed at teaching primary school students about water quality and catchment issues

and provided important data about the state of the Elster Creek environment.

"The program has encouraged students to become community advocates for good environmental behaviour, particularly relating to the protection of stormwater systems."

The program, held jointly by Glen Eira, Port Phillip and Bayside City councils with an Environment Protection Authority grant, targeted primary school students, community members, construction site workers and local traders.



Council's Waste Management Officer Ray Christy shows students from Bentleigh West Primary School how to use their water testing kit under the watchful eye of program mascot Cloudia Raindrop. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

It aimed to reduce stormwater and bay pollution within the Elster Creek Catchment, increase understanding of how ecosystems like the catchment area work, and highlight the importance of a multi-organisational approach to catchment management.

Elsternwick and Elwood primary schools were involved, and 46 students from Bentleigh West Primary School completed the program, participating in five activities: sampling small bugs that live in the creek; water quality testing; stencilling drain lids with positive environmental messages; conducting litter surveys; and conducting habitat assessments.

Students from Bentleigh West Primary School will now have the opportunity to continue monitoring the health of Elster Creek with the use of their water testing kits.



# More than child's play

On the job with a  
**Family day care  
fieldworker**

*"It's wonderful to be welcomed into careproviders' homes and see the amazing experiences they offer children. My job is to support careproviders and help them develop new skills, which in turn lead to learning and development opportunities for the children — and there's nothing more rewarding than seeing happy children."* Margaret Smith

By Vida Ivan

Margaret Smith started out in family day care more than 20 years ago, first as a careprovider and now, after completing a Diploma of Community Services (Children's Services) as one of three fieldworkers for Council's family day care program.

Council's family day care program has certainly evolved and changed over that period. What was once considered glorified babysitting has now become a professional alternative to a formal child care setting. The program cares for children in individual careproviders' homes — and the combination of small group environment and personalised care sees children flourish.

"Family day care is a quality child care option," Margaret said.

"Some families still don't recognise the numerous benefits of family day care — the opportunities for development, interaction and socialising that are offered by this option, which also provides a less expensive and more flexible child care alternative to that which long day care settings can provide.

"Working one-on-one and in small groups, careproviders are able to do fantastic things for younger children, providing experiences for children in a child-centered environment away from parents but with a tailored approach for each child."

Council's program uses the skills and homes of residents to provide a professional, alternative care environment



Careprovider Sarah Christou encourages (from left) Neena, Isabella and Amelia to develop their reading skills in a fun environment. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

for children. Prospective careproviders are initially interviewed and selected by Council but then operate as separate businesses with Council support. Then comes the tricky business of matching careproviders with the needs of parents and children.

"The relationship between parents and careproviders is central to what we do," Margaret said.

"Parents are choosing a person rather than a place at a child care centre and they need to feel that they can connect with the careprovider. However, it's equally important that Council provides the right support and training for careproviders so they can continue to offer children the best opportunities for learning and development."

Margaret, as part of her role, co-ordinates regular training sessions to enhance and develop careproviders' skills. She also plans and conducts weekly playgroups where careproviders and children can meet and play together, and visits careproviders' homes to ensure the careproviders, and their premises, meet Council's standards.

"Being a careprovider is a serious business," Margaret said.

"Family day care is an accredited program and strict standards are set. Good careproviders not only meet these but are patient, enjoy life and working with children and, most importantly, feel they can support children to develop and achieve.

"Careproviders offer a unique, tailored environment for the children in their care but they also have the security



Council Family Day Care fieldworker Margaret Smith takes a hands on approach to her fieldwork, painting with Nathan at playgroup. Photo: Les O'Rourke.

of Council support and the knowledge that Council values this service that we provide to children and families.

"Family day care is a career choice, not just child's play."



From left: Michael, Benjamin and Isabella share a game with careprovider Bronny Lubomirska. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

## Bronny Lubomirska — acceptance and contribution

Bronny's contribution to family day care has been more than 10 years working as a careprovider — although it wasn't quite her first career choice.

"When I migrated from Ukraine to Australia 12 years ago I really wanted to continue my career in food science. I studied English as a second language and applied to a number of companies but they didn't have a place for me.

"A friend advised me to try other fields and I ended up applying for family day care. I thought it would take a while to go through the interview process with Council and if I were successful I would still have time to study. I was wrong! When I started I didn't have any time at all. It's fantastic but it's also a full-time job.

"Many of the children I care for are from Russian families, so I speak with them in Russian and we read books and sing in both languages.

"The best thing is how the parents and children accept you, and that we all work together to make the children happy."

## Sarah Christou — family and career, and all from home

At only 24 years of age, Sarah has already worked more than seven years in the child care industry but thinks this latest career move to family day care has been the best decision yet.

"I always worked in childcare, but when I had my daughter Neena I wanted to be with her instead. As I careprovider I can do both, and Neena also has friends to play with.

"The best thing is watching the children grow and seeing how they change every week. Toddlers change so quickly — it's very exciting.

"It's sometimes a challenge to help parents be open to this type of care. It's a smaller environment but the children really thrive, and once parents see that they're very happy."

**To find out more about Council's family day care program or becoming a careprovider, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.**

## 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.

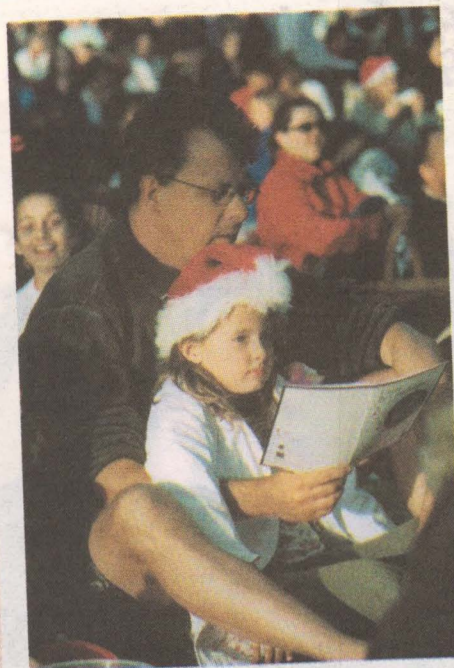
### Surviving and enjoying the first months with a new baby

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.



# Glen Eira celebrates



## Carols by Candlelight

### Community celebrates with singing and music

A crowd of more than 4,500 celebrated the festive season at Council's two *Carols by Candlelight* events.

Residents of all ages enjoyed the fun-filled programs held at Caulfield Park, Caulfield and Packer Park, Carnegie in December.

Performances by some of Glen Eira's brightest talents, the brilliant vocals of the Young Voices of Melbourne and crowd-favourite sister duo Vika and Linda brought families, residents and revellers out in droves — picnics and candles in hand.

The Packer Park event was hosted by Frankie J Holden who, using his own special brand of humour, gathered audience members up to the stage as back-up singers, as he performed Christmas classics such as *Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer*.

The event also featured pre-carols entertainment by Glen Eira's own band and choir, the St Anthony's Primary School Choir, and the Young Voices of Melbourne who displayed their incredible vocal ranges. Vika and Linda ended the evening with carols and gospels sung in their unique style and trademark harmonies.

Singer and actress Alyce Platt hosted *Carols by Candlelight* at Caulfield Park on a blustery, cool night that didn't dampen the spirits of those attending the traditional event. The Murrumbena Baptist Church band and choir provided high quality pre-carols entertainment, and students from Glen Huntly Primary School, Coatesville Primary School and the McKinnon Senior Secondary College Senior Singers sang festive classics such as *The first noel*, and *Deck the Halls*.

Council's Manager Arts and Culture David O'Halloran said *Carols by Candlelight* holds a special place in residents' hearts and provides an opportunity for families and friends to join in the spirit of the holiday period.

"The events are truly a celebration of the diversity and community spirit of Glen Eira," Mr O'Halloran said.



Photos: Bernie Bickerton



## Community festivals

### Weather no deterrent for festival-goers

Bentleigh and Carnegie festivals faced both ends of the weather scale — dark skies and stormy rain clouds for one, and soaring heat for the other.

Despite the extreme weather, neither festival was lacking in attendance, as thousands of residents took advantage of the rides and entertainment provided for their enjoyment.

Through sporadic showers and threatening dark clouds, record crowds gathered to enjoy the marching bands, rides and games at the Bentleigh festival held late last year. Fencing and sumo wrestling displays were a hit with young people, while the mini craft market and roving entertainers provided fun for the whole family.

In contrast, Carnegie Festival was held in soaring heat. The large crowd enjoyed an array of activities in Carnegie Shopping Centre, including entertainment from schools and amateur groups.

Council offered young people the opportunity to tap into their musical and sporting talents with African drumming and basketball workshops. Rides, games, and stalls were all popular attractions and a visit from Santa on his sleigh was the highlight for children.

Council's Manager Business Development Lynda Bredin said Bentleigh and Carnegie traders invested significant time and effort into bringing their community festivals to life.

"These festivals provide an opportunity for a cross-section of the local community, including traders, community groups and schools, to come together and showcase their talents," Ms Bredin said.

Photos: Peter Bury



## Chanukah in the park

### Festival of lights

A spectacular display of fireworks marked the annual Chabad House of Caulfield's *Chanukah in the Park* in Caulfield Park in December.

The event, which drew thousands of people, included rides, a jumping castle and animal farm, Kosher food stalls and the traditional lighting of a giant menorah.

The Hebrew word *Chanukah* means dedication and refers to the story of the revolt of the Jewish people against being assimilated into Greek culture in the second century BC.

According to the traditional story the Jewish fighters, who successfully defended their people against Greek rule, returned to Jerusalem in December to find the holy temple desecrated. On lighting the menorah, they found only one small jar of oil bearing the pure seal of the high priest. The story describes the miracle which this tiny jar endured to burn for eight days until more oil could be brought. Hence the eight day celebration observed by Jewish people — Chanukah, the festival of lights.



Photos: Peter Bury





# Nation celebrates *Australia Day*

Health Services Commissioner Beth Wilson proved to be an informative and entertaining speaker at Council's Australia Day breakfast held last month.

The more than 150 breakfast attendees laughed as Ms Wilson told anecdotes and stories of her extensive experience in the health services industry. Despite the jokes, her message was clear, communication is important.

"The Health Services Commission resolves issues and complaints that arise in the health industry. We provide free, confidential, conciliatory services to advise and support the community," Ms Wilson said.

"It is important to listen to feedback and put a human face on bureaucracy. We find that almost 100 per cent

of complaints are due in some way to failure of communication.

"Most people who make a complaint to the commission are not after vengeance or money, they just want to know why it happened and how it has been resolved so that it doesn't happen to somebody else."

Ms Wilson also spoke about how Australia has dealt with the Tsunami disaster.

"My way of coping is to look at a situation at the micro level — it isn't so big that there's nowhere to start. What Australians are doing is inspirational," she said.

In her address, Glen Eira Mayor Cr Margaret Esakoff also spoke of the recent disaster.

"Although we are fortunate today to be celebrating the lead up to our National Day, Australia forms part of a larger region. Many of our neighbours were afflicted by the devastating tsunami 26 days ago," Cr Esakoff said.

"On behalf of the Glen Eira community, Council intends to make a donation of \$12,000 to CARE Australia.



(Left to right) Former Mayor of Caulfield Geoffrey Patience, Jean Patience and Evan Stafford enjoy Council's Australia Day breakfast.  
Photos: Bernie Bickerton.



Glen Eira Mayor Cr Margaret Esakoff with Health Services Commissioner Beth Wilson.

"We should be proud that Australia and Australians are in the forefront of the relief effort that is underway now and which must continue for many months and years to come. Australia is full of people from all parts of the world and we are setting an example to people around the world about how to live together and help our neighbours."

The breakfast was also an opportunity for attendees to mark the beginning of Council's coin donation collection for the tsunami disaster relief. Coin donation tins have also been placed at Council's Service Centre, Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield for those who wish to make a donation. All proceeds will be donated to CARE Australia.

## Local residents party at new look Princes Park

More than 1,000 people enjoyed a day out in the sunshine recently to celebrate the opening of the redeveloped Princes Park in Caulfield South.

There was never a dull moment at the Picnic at Princes — a new way to play celebration, held to mark the new look of the park, with entertainment from some of Melbourne's best performers and artists.

Former Glen Eira Mayor Cr Bob Bury and Councillors Veronika Martens, Dorothy Marwick, Noel Erlich, Rachele Sapir, Jamie Hyams,

Alan Grossbard and current Mayor Cr Margaret Esakoff took the opportunity to unveil a commemorative plaque, marking the opening of one of the park's main features — a scented garden.

Cr Bury said Princes Park had been transformed from an area full of barriers, with high fences around most of the ovals, a basic playground, and under-utilised areas into a hive of activity, with residents already using the new-look park to exercise and socialise.

"Princes Park has gone from being just a set of sports grounds to a real community park," Cr Bury said.

"In this park we now have a playground for children of all abilities and paths which are accessible to all. We also have a garden full of beautiful scented flowers and plants which all people can access and enjoy.

"Council is doing all it can to make the areas which are shared by the community as good as they can be."

Well-known performers Strange Fruit had audiences stretching their necks to see the aerial acrobatics of the group's *Three Belles*, as they spun and twirled in their large hooped skirts atop four-metre high flexible poles.

Mike Jackson, MC for the day, entertained children and adults alike with his assortment of interesting and unusual instruments, fascinating the crowd as he blew a tune on a tiny ocarina.

The most popular performer of the day proved to be the Dilapidated Diva who won over the audience with her colourful and wacky antics, her paper tricks and opera singing.

Children also let their creative sides go wild and made their own puppets to take home as part of Polyglot's puppet-making workshops.



Strange Fruit's Three Belles entertain the crowd at Picnic at Princes

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

**City of GLEN EIRA**

**2005 Victorian Seniors Festival in Glen Eira — go for your life**

Council will hold a series of events and activities from Friday 11 March to Sunday 27 March across Glen Eira as part of the Victorian Seniors Festival.

Residents will enjoy a range of events including concerts, dinners, open days, seminars and many more activities. Bookings are required for most activities, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 for further information.



# City top shots *acknowledged*

The smiling faces of budding photographers and their proud parents lit up Council's gallery at the recent opening of the *My Glen Eira* photo exhibition.

Former Glen Eira Mayor Cr Bob Bury announced the competition winners from junior, youth and open categories and gave an encouragement award as he launched the exhibition.

"The competition asked Glen Eirans to enter a photo of what the City meant to them. More than 100 entries were received for the three categories, and our judges

were kept busy deciding the top entries and winners in each category," Cr Bury said.

"From picturesque parks to the people you meet in shops, and images of our City streetscapes, our residents and students of all ages have shown us the many sides of Glen Eira.

"We have been extremely impressed with the quality of entries and the spirit with which this competition has been received by the community."

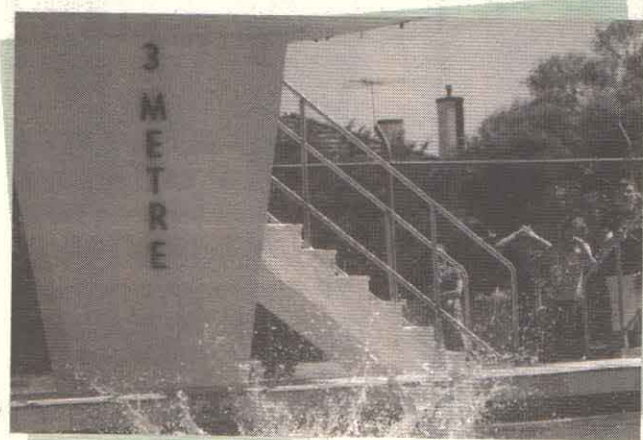
Hugo de Jong of Elsternwick won the junior category for his photo *Our vibrant heritage*, taken of Glen Eira landmark the Classic Cinema. Thomas Parsons won the youth category for his photo *Splash*, taken at a Glen Eira pool. Rebecca Szwarcbard won the open category for her photo of a bird in flight *Soaring creations*.

The encouragement award, for the entrant whose photography showed the most promise, was given to Margaret Edwards for her photo *Autumn at Joyce Park*.

Youth category winner, 13-year-old Thomas Parsons' heart was racing when his photo was announced as the winning entry.

"I was very happy and proud to win, but I didn't expect it," Thomas said.

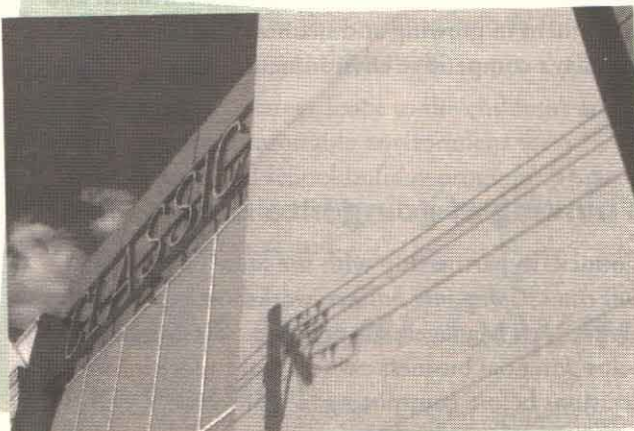
Thomas' inspiration for his winning entry came from a fun day out at a Glen Eira pool with his family.



*Splash* by Thomas Parsons of Glen Huntly, winner of the youth category for his photo taken at a Glen Eira pool.



*Autumn at Joyce Park* by Margaret Edwards, winner of the encouragement award for her photo taken in the Bentleigh park.



*Our vibrant heritage* by Hugo De Jong of Elsternwick, winner of the junior category for his photo taken of Glen Eira landmark the Classic Cinema.



*Soaring creations* by Rebecca Szwarcbard, winner of the open category for her photo taken of a bird in flight.

"I chose to take this photo because I think Glen Eira is a fun place," he said.

Thomas has enjoyed taking pictures since he was seven years old.

"My mum gave me her old camera when I was younger and I have been taking photos on family holidays. I like taking more artistic, creative photographs than photos of people."

The *My Glen Eira* exhibition displayed 24 works from the finalists of the competition during December and January.

## Council has road safety covered

More than 52,000 square metres of Glen Eira's roads have been given a new lease of life as part of Council's road surface sealing program which increases surface quality and makes roads significantly safer for motorists.

The annual program, which enables all the City's roads to be covered in any seven year period, has covered 28 streets in Glen Eira as part of the recently completed cycle.

Council's Works Manager Roger Dunn said the program ensured Glen Eira's roads were well-maintained and contributed to improved road safety.

"Without maintenance, old untreated road surfaces which have not been maintained can become shiny and slippery in the wet. Road surface sealing greatly improves skid resistance on roads, which also improves vehicle road-handling and braking," Mr Dunn said.

"Roads needing maintenance are usually recommended by Council's engineers and a list is compiled for spraying each year."

The program involves specially-designed trucks that spray hot, liquid bitumen over the existing road surface. The road surface is then covered with pre-coated stone to provide a new hard-wearing surface.

Over a period of days, as the bitumen cools and hardens, the stone is rolled into the bitumen and set in place. Excess stone is then removed by a suction road sweeper.

Mr Dunn said the surface sealing process was also used to prevent potholes from occurring on road surfaces.

"Road spraying provides a waterproof seal and also fills any small cracks — preventing pot holes forming. This is one of the most cost-effective treatments available for prolonging the life of roads," he said.

## 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.

### Current and upcoming consultation opportunities

Subject	Type	Date	Where
Carnegie shopping centre promotional special rate	Written submissions	Monday 17 January to Monday 14 February	Glen Eira City Council, PO Box 42 Caulfield South 3162
Future planning for recreation services in Glen Eira	Website survey	Wednesday 5 January to Monday 9 February	Glen Eira City Council, PO Box 42 Caulfield South 3162
Elsternwick East proposed parking changes (Orrong, Kooyong and Glen Huntly Roads)	Questionnaire	Tuesday 15 February to Monday 28 February	Glen Eira City Council, PO Box 42 Caulfield South 3162
Best value community care client satisfaction	Surveys	Distributed throughout January	Glen Eira City Council, PO Box 42 Caulfield South 3162

### Recent consultation opportunities

Meeting	Type	Date
Glen Eira Activity Centre draft strategy	Written submissions	Closed Wednesday 15 December 2004
Best Value Review for Child Care Centres	Community consultation	Closed Wednesday 10 November 2004
Best Value Review for Child Care Centres	Child care providers consultation	Closed Wednesday 10 November 2004

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)



# Business Business

## Media hints from an expert

More than 70 local business women recently had the opportunity to meet media presenter Jo Pearson and learn about developing their own media strategies.

The presentation, held as part of Council's Women's Business Network program, gave business women an insight into the importance of evaluating communication capabilities and presentation skills for their business.

Council's Manager Business Development Lynda Bredin said the event was thought-provoking. She said Ms Pearson explained the psychology of communication when considering community perceptions and attitudes.

"It gave a better understanding of how businesses can prepare themselves to face the media, how to promote their products and to strategically position themselves for future growth," Ms Bredin said.

Council's Women's Business Network has been operating since 2001 and was created from demand for a business forum specifically catering for the needs of women in business.

Ms Bredin said the network aimed to assist and support women in business with education, knowledge, networking, and friendship.

## What's on in business

### Women's Business Network

Find out the essentials for a successful business at the next Women's Business Network meeting.

Business trainer, consultant, mentor and teacher at Holmesglen TAFE business services Chessa Chwasta will speak about the elements and skills that are essential to the success of businesses and business operators, including:

- market research, knowing the market, how to base and establish research;
- marketing, developing a vision and evaluating strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats;
- internal and external communication; and
- stress and life balance, how to balance work and personal life without facing burnout.

The meeting will be held in the Caulfield Cup Room, Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield on Thursday 17 February from 7pm to 9.30pm. Cost: 10, light refreshments on arrival. Bookings essential by Tuesday 15 February.



Media presenter Jo Pearson shares the secrets of effective communication with Glen Eira's business women. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

"The network is an opportunity for Council to help enhance the skills of Glen Eira's business women and assist them in growing and maintaining their businesses in today's competitive environment," she said.

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

### Thinking of going into business?

Council, in partnership with the State Government, will run a *Going into business* workshop as part of the Under New Management program. The workshop helps potential business owners make more informed decisions before committing to a purchase.

The workshop will include:

- a three and a half hour workshop with an experienced business facilitator;
- a workbook containing information and useful contacts;
- a one-on-one business counselling session; and
- access to online information and publications.

The workshop will be held in the Caulfield Cup Room, Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield on Wednesday 2 March from 1.30pm to 5pm. Bookings essential by Friday 25 February. Cost: \$30, light refreshments provided.

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

## Tax basics seminar and record keeping workshop

Council, in partnership with the Australian Taxation Office, will hold a free tax basics seminar and record keeping workshop.

The seminar will include information on income tax and deductions, activity statements, GST, superannuation and pay as you go (PAYG) instalments and withholding.

The record keeping workshop will help local businesses understand:

- basic small business tax issues and obligations for start up business and existing business;

- income and sales records;
- expense or purchase records;
- payments to employees;
- activity statements; and
- income tax records.

The seminar and workshop will be held in the Caulfield Cup Room, Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield on Friday 11 March from 9am to 4pm. Bookings essential by Monday 7 March. Lunch will be provided.

## Help us help the children of the tsunami disaster

During February, **Ogonyok Russian Women's Group** will collect unwanted household items that are in reasonable condition for donation to the World Vision and UNICEF organisations.

Items will be collected at the Bentleigh Senior Citizens Centre, 2 Arthur Street, Bentleigh on Mondays from 7pm-8pm and Fridays from 1pm-3pm and at the Ormond Senior Citizens Centre, 2 Newham Grove, Ormond on Tuesdays from 10am-12pm

Special drop off locations for those in Carnegie and Caulfield area can be arranged by calling Rita on 0416 251 317.

Any items not suitable for donation will be sold at a garage sale in March and money collected will be donated to the charities.

People with craft skills who are willing to donate their time to run workshops and create items to be re-sold or sent directly to the affected areas in Asia are also encouraged to contact Rita on 0416 251 317.

## Meeting Room for hire

Council's Packer Park Pavilion has a unique meeting room with tea making facilities for small groups needing a meeting space. The carpeted meeting room seats twelve people and is heated.

For further information contact Council's Facilities Booking Officer on 9524 3333, email [recservices@gleneira.vic.gov.au](mailto:recservices@gleneira.vic.gov.au) or visit Council's website on [www.gleneira.vic.gov.au](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au)

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# Library library

## Festive songs and stories

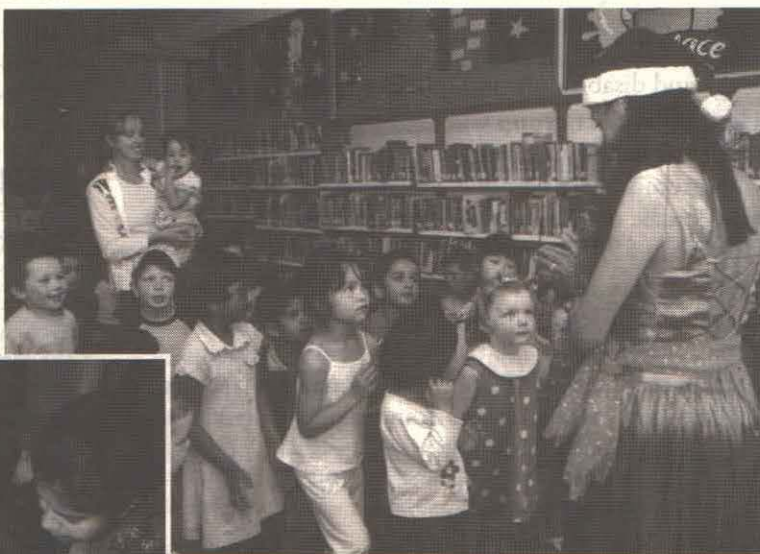
### for young readers

The festive season came early for more than 150 children and adults who attended special *Sing-a-long with Santa* concerts and *Festive storytimes* at Council's libraries during December.

Children and their families enjoyed singing a Christmas tune or two at special Christmas *Sing-a-long with Santa* concerts held at Council's Caulfield and Bentleigh library branches. The concerts proved to be a big hit with both the children and their parents, each concert filled with music and songs.

The *Festive storytime* sessions were just as popular with children participating in reading festive story books such as *Maisy's Christmas Eve* and *The night before Christmas*. Children also had a chance to put their vocal chords to the test with Christmas classics *Rudolph the Red Nose reindeer* and *Santa Claus is coming to town* and take part in a decoration activity, making their own decoration to take home.

Council's Manager Library and Information Services Sue Webster said the *Sing-a-long with Santa* concert at



Excited children gather around Carnegie Library Officer Mary Bellas, eager to listen to Christmas stories.



Left: With the help of Mum Arosha, Shenali makes a Christmas decoration to take home.

Photos: Bernie Bickerton.

Bentleigh library was the first event to be held in the expanded children's area at the library.

"We have allocated a larger space to the children's area to provide a more comfortable environment for *Storytime* sessions and school holiday programs while still allowing for a better display of the children's collection," Ms Webster said.

## What's on at Council's libraries

### Computer classes

The following classes will be held in the computer training facility at Caulfield Library. Bookings can be made at any branch or through the Caulfield Library on 9524 3623.



#### Discover the Internet

During the festival, senior residents can book one-on-one Internet training for \$22 (half the normal price). No computer experience is needed and participants will learn with their own instructor at their own pace. Places are limited for this special offer and subject to date and time availability.

#### Introduction to the Internet

Friday 11 March 10.30am to 12pm  
A beginner's course to browsing the Internet.  
Cost: \$22

#### Computer basics

Wednesday 16 February 10.30am to 12.30pm  
Tuesday 22 March 2.30pm to 4.30pm  
The ideal class for the absolute beginner.  
Cost: \$33

#### One-on-one Internet training

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

## In brief

### Get into reading at the library

March is *Read @ your Library* month in Victorian libraries and Council will hold events and activities to encourage borrowers of all ages to use the collection more extensively. All branches will have a range of lists on suggested books and a members' recommended reading display.

Local residents are invited to add the title of a book they have enjoyed with a short comment on why they recommend the book.

### Encouraging beginner readers

Council will hold a presentation for parents of young children about children starting to read. The event will be presented by children's author Melanie Guile.

Melanie will present strategies for encouraging children to love books and become lifelong successful readers. Melanie has produced three junior fiction novels plus many non-fiction titles.

This free presentation is designed for parents interested in building a solid foundation for their children's reading skills. The presentation, held as part of *Read @ your Library* month will be held at Bentleigh Library, Jasper Road, Bentleigh on Tuesday 1 March from 11am to 12pm. Activities will be provided for preschool children so parents are free to listen to the presentation.

Bookings are essential and can be made at any library branch. Numbers are limited and early bookings are advised.

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### Further steps on the Internet

Wednesday 2 March 10.30am to 1pm

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

Cost: \$33

### 2005 Victorian Seniors Festival at the libraries

Council invites Glen Eira senior residents to join in the following events to be held at Council's libraries as part of the 2005 Victorian Senior's Festival:

#### Tunes, titles and tea

Tuesday 15 March, 11am to 12pm  
Bentleigh Library

Enjoy a collection of old favourites and classic tunes with the talented Matthew Divine while snacking on a delicious morning tea of biscuits and scones.

#### Confident and positive living

Thursday 17 March, 11am to 12pm  
Caulfield Library

Judith Herreen, counsellor, life skills coach and personal development presenter, will talk about health from within and discuss how to stay positive and proactive and the importance of attitude in building health and confidence.

Both events are free, bookings are essential and can be made at any branch or on 9524 3623.

#### Two free reservations of library materials

All seniors card holders can reserve two library items free of charge during the festival.



# Community diary

## Meetings and clubs

**4th Caulfield Cubs and Scouts** meet weekly in Birch Street, Caulfield South. For girls and boys. Cubs: 7½ to 10 years. Scouts: 11 to 14 years. New members welcome. Contact: Steven or Jo 9505 6995.

**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, and positive thinking courses on the first Wednesday. Voluntary contributions are appreciated. Bookings essential. Contact: 9578 9955.

**Caulfield Life Activities Club** meets in the Gladys Machin Hall, Cedar Street, Caulfield, on Wednesday 16 February at 7.30pm. Contact: 9568 5849 or 9523 9669.

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

**Little Steps Playgroup** recommences for 2005 in February in the lower hall of St Catharine's Church, 404 Kooyong Road, Caulfield South on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9.30am to 11.30am. Contact: Gillian 0407 890 236.

**Melbourne Begonia Society** meets at Tucker Road Primary School, 16 Tucker Road, Benteleigh for environmental and social activities, every second month from Saturday 21 February at 1.30pm. Contact: Tricia 9557 7756 or Lesley 9570 6822.

**Murrumbeena Bowls Club** seeks new members at Murrumbeena Bowls Club, 10 Blackwood Street, Carnegie. Contact: 9568 5144.

**Rowena Calisthenics College Inc.** meets in the Youth Hall Uniting Church, corner East Boundary and Abbin Avenue, Benteleigh East on Wednesdays at 4.15pm from Wednesday 2 February. Contact: 9570 4185.

**The Scottish country dancing group** resumes at the Thomas Memorial Uniting Church, corner North and Booran Roads, Glen Huntly on the first Friday in March at 8pm. Continues every Friday until end November. Beginners and past dancers welcome. Contact: Bev 9579 5532 or George 9808 6805.

## Events and activities

**Benteleigh-Bayside Community Health Service** will hold a four-week education program on living with diabetes at Benteleigh-Bayside Community Health Centre, Gardeners Road, Benteleigh East starting on Wednesday 9 February from 1pm to 4pm. Cost: \$5. Bookings: Malindi 9575 5333.

**Caulfield Community Health Service** will present *Your child's physical development* at Glen Huntly Maternal Child and Health Centre, corner Royal and Rosedale Avenues, Glen Huntly on Wednesday 9 February from 2pm to 3pm. Contact: 9524 3403.

**Glen Eira Junior Soccer Club** will hold registration days at Mackie Reserve, corner Mackie Road and Tudor Street, Benteleigh East on Sunday 13 February and Sunday 27 February from 9am to 1pm. Goal kick, under 7 to under 17 (boys and girls), plus women's, men's and disabled teams. Contact: Mary 0413 795 259.

**Hughesdale Art group** will hold a pastel demonstration by Regina Hona at the Hughesdale Community Hall, corner Poath and Kangaroo Roads, Hughesdale on Wednesday 9 February at 7.45pm. Donation: \$5. Contact: Pat 9885 6407.

**In One Voice** will hold a *Concert in the Park* — the celebration of Jewish life in Melbourne — in Caulfield Park, Caulfield (close to the corner of Balacava and Hawthorn Roads) on Sunday 20 March from 10am to 5.30pm. Free admission, rides and sporting activities.

**Lupus-Sjogrens Support Group** will meet in Caulfield on Sunday 20 February. For location details contact: 9509 2735.

**Melbourne Begonia Society** will hold its annual flower show at the senior citizens club, 964 Nepean Highway, Moorabbin, on Saturday 26 February and Sunday 27 February. Contact: Tricia 9557 7756 or Lesley 9570 6822.

**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.

**St Catharine's Anglican Church** will hold Pancake Tuesday at 406 Kooyong Road, Caulfield South on Tuesday 8 February from 6.30 to 8pm.

## Community

**Glen Eira Choir** seeks singers who can hold a note and love to sing a varied repertoire. Choir rehearsals held at the Caulfield Indonesian Uniting Church, 158 Balacava Road, Caulfield every Monday at 7.45pm. Contact: Julie 9584 1139

**Ogonyok Multicultural Association of Russian Women** seeks volunteers with administration knowledge to assist in office work. Drivers are also sought for trips organised by the group. Volunteers are also needed to teach and share any type of craft with a small group of people. Both Russian and English speaking volunteers are welcome. Contact: 0416 251 317 (from 9am to 9pm).

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**Riding for the Disabled** seeks volunteers of all ages to help with handling horses and assisting riders at the Caulfield Racecourse each Monday from 9.30am to 2.30pm. Contact: Marion 9752 9044 or 0412 129 166.

**St Catharine's Anglican Church** will hold Ash Wednesday services at 406 Kooyong Road, Caulfield South on Wednesday 9 February at 8am and 7.30pm.

## Immunisation sessions

- February**
- McKinnon Public Hall**  
118 McKinnon Road, McKinnon  
Monday 7 February 10am-11am
  - Glen Eira Town Hall (entry via Glen Eira Road)**  
Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield  
Tuesday 8 February 9.30am-10.15am
  - Murrumbeena Baptist Church**  
44 Murrumbeena Road, Murrumbeena  
Monday 14 February 10am-11am
  - Benteleigh-Bayside Community Health Service**  
Gardeners Road, Benteleigh East  
Wednesday 16 February 6pm-7pm  
Saturday 26 February 9.30-10.30am
  - Packer Park**  
Leila Road, Carnegie  
Monday 21 February 10am-11am
  - Glen Huntly Maternal and Child Health Centre**  
Corner Royal and Rosedale Avenues, Glen Huntly  
Wednesday 23 February 9.30am-11am

- March**
- Glen Eira Town Hall (entry via Glen Eira Road)**  
Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield  
Tuesday 1 March 6pm-7pm
  - McKinnon Public Hall**  
118 McKinnon Road, McKinnon  
Monday 7 March 10am-11am

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Tour includes coach, two course meal, entry and afternoon tea, see Kangaroos and Country Dahlia Farm. No variation of package deal is available.

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

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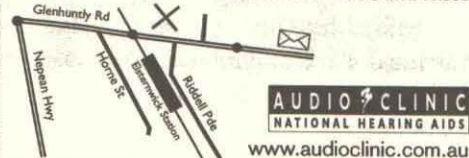
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# Arts

## Park parties are back

Council's popular *Party in the Park* celebrations return in March and April, promising loads of free entertainment for the whole community.

Fun and laughter for residents of all ages is guaranteed at the celebrations, and Council invites residents to pack a picnic and enjoy an afternoon of free music, entertainment and activities in the great outdoors in two of the City's most beautiful parks.

The celebrations will be held in Allnutt Park, Wheatley Road, Bentleigh on Sunday 20 March, and Packer Park, Leila Road, Carnegie on Sunday 3 April.

Council's Director Community Services Peter Jones said Council had received positive feedback from all sections of the community about previous celebrations.

"*Party in the Parks* not only celebrates our unique Glen Eira community, but also the City's wonderful parks and the development of areas such as Packer Park," Mr Jones said.

The parties will feature performances by professional entertainers and community groups and include great activities and demonstrations such as jumping castles, face-painting and costume-making. Local schools, community groups and Council will also hold displays and information stands.

Council's Service Centre staff will be available to answer queries and provide information on general Council services and issues, while Council's park services officers will provide residents with general information on composting and recycling garden waste.

Mr Jones said Council introduced the *Party in the Park* events two years ago as a means of building a sense of community and belonging at a local level.

"The success and popularity of the past two series prompted Council to continue with the events this year," Mr Jones said.

"Council invites all residents, young and old, to bring a picnic and join in the fun of *Party in the Park* with their families, friends and neighbours."

For more information, 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)



Crowds at last year's Party in the Park enjoy the entertainment on show. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

## Exhibitions

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

### Tribal and Traditional Textiles: Copeland collection

Opens 6pm on Wednesday 16 February and continues until Sunday 6 March.

The 2005 Melbourne exhibition of textile collectors Alexandra and Leigh Copeland will be on show at Council's gallery. The exhibition features textiles, quilts and embroideries from central Asia, Western India and the Indus Valley. The works promise to enliven the gallery with their vibrant and surprising colours. This is a rare, must-see exhibition.



Twentieth century kilim embroidery.

A public lecture by notable Asian art and textile scholar and Senior Curator of Asian Art at the National Gallery of Australia Robyn Maxwell will be held in conjunction with the exhibition. Admission is free. The lecture will be

held in the gallery on Saturday 19 February at 2pm. Refreshments will be provided.

# Youth

## Breakdancing fun

A group of young people spent their summer mixing it up, beatboxing and breakdancing through the holidays, by participating in a series of breakdancing sessions.

The sessions were part of a hip hop workshop, run over four weeks by Council, which included beatboxing and rapping sessions, and allowed young people to explore using music and dance to express themselves.

The group was taken through some practical exercises and techniques, starting with warm up exercises and covering basic footwork, hand spins and balance work.

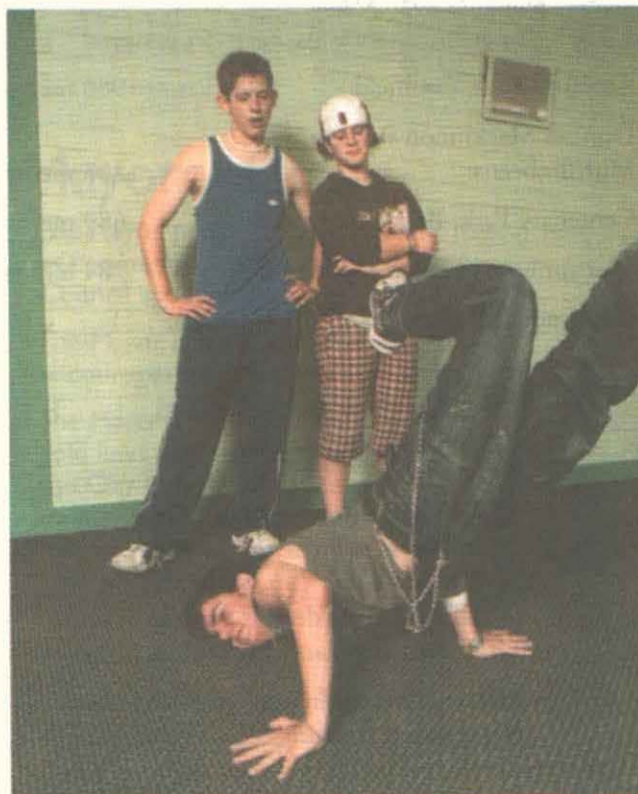
The sessions included information on the evolution of breakdancing and demonstrations of dance moves such as the windmill where the dancer spins from his upper back to his chest while twirling his legs around his body in a V-shape.

With DJ Jay on board to provide music, and some careful instruction from Arch, the group then took to the floor and were soon twisting and spinning in true breakin' style.

Council's Manager Recreation and Youth Services Linda Smith said the hip hop workshop was a great success,

providing the participants with new skills in both music and dance, which they could take into their future and use as tools to positively express themselves.

For information on future hip hop workshops contact the Why? Stop Youth Information Centre on 9572 5389.



(Left to right) Jacob Wytbornik and Judith Perl watch Yaacov Travitz as he tried out his new windmill move at Council's hip hop workshop. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

## Youth news in brief

### Manga cartooning workshop

Council's six-week Manga cartooning program for local young people aged 12 to 18 years starts on Wednesday 9 February.

The Manga cartooning program will be facilitated by an artist from OzTAKU, Australia's biggest Manga comic and Council's youth workers.

The program will provide young people with an opportunity to have their artwork published in the upcoming edition of Council's Y-Files Youth Resource Directory, which lists useful information and services for young people.

The program is offered to young people who have an interest in cartooning, are isolated, disadvantaged and have significant links with Glen Eira.

### Seeking Just Youth

Looking for something exciting to get involved in? Council invites young people to join its youth leadership and project group, Just Youth, and get involved in developing a music festival for National Youth Week, to be held in April.

Just Youth will be responsible for working with Council to plan, develop and implement the festival for young people aged 10 to 25.

Just Youth is open to secondary school aged students who have significant ties to Glen Eira. The project will require a significant level of commitment from Just Youth members over a three-month period. A general meeting will be held during Term 1 for interested students, and weekly meetings will follow.

For more information on any of the above programs, or to register for future programs, contact the Why? Stop Youth Information Centre on 9572 5389.



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)



# Recreation

## Cricket legends inspire young hopefuls

Some expert advice on hitting a six from just one famous Australian cricketer would be enough to motivate anyone to have a go at cricket — but the students of St Aloysius Primary School had four famous cricketing sportsmen to inspire them.

The students had a rare opportunity to learn the ins and outs of cricket from Australian cricket's sporting greats, opening batsman Matthew Hayden, former Australian cricket captain Allan Border, Victorian cricket hero Dean Jones and Australian fielding coach Mike Young, when the four attended a cricket clinic in Caulfield Park recently.

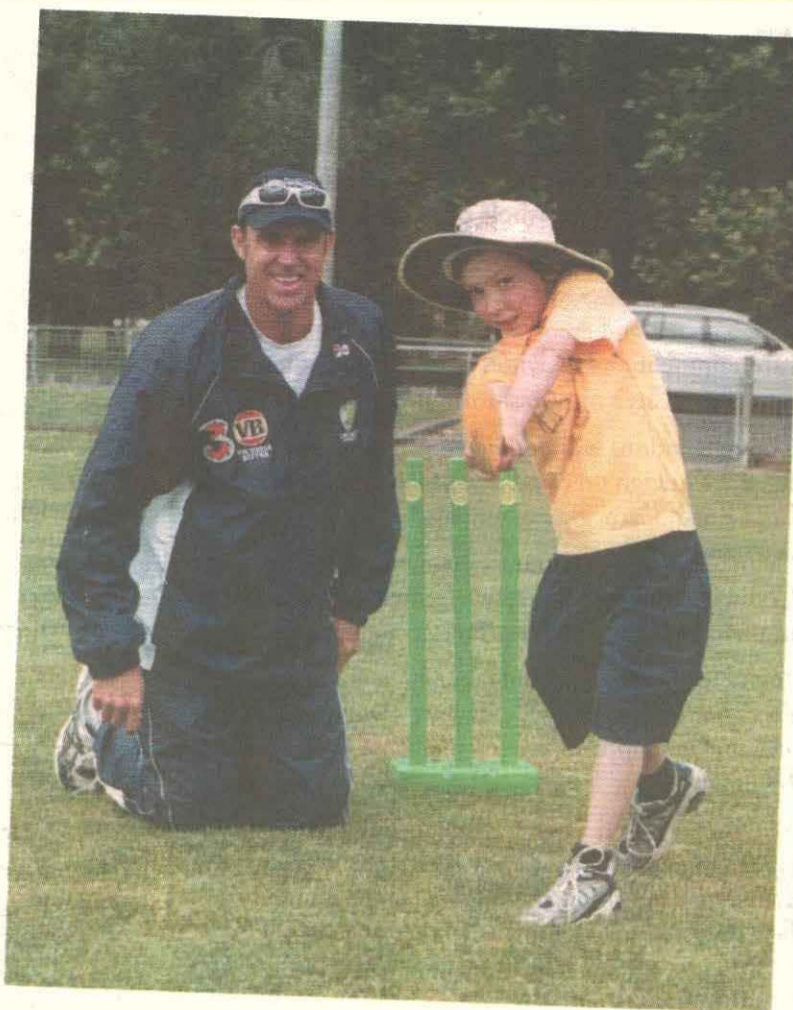
More than 60 students eagerly listened to instructions on various skills such as throwing, catching and batting from the cricket greats, then the boys and girls joined in fun activities to get in a bit of practice with the experts.

The final stage of the clinic gave the students an opportunity to ask questions of the cricket legends. Matthew Hayden showed the students some fresh stitches on his chin and explained the advantages of wearing a helmet.

Students were also given a hat and ball to have signed by their favourite cricketer providing them with a lasting memory of the day they met, and played cricket with, their sporting heroes.

*St Aloysius Primary School student Elliott Bradley is given a few handy tips from Australian opening batsman Matthew Hayden.*

*Photo: Bernie Bickerton.*



## Making the most of summer in Glen Eira

### Splashdown at Council's swim centres

Glen Eira residents can enjoy the warm weather by cooling off at one of Council's two swim centres this summer.

The Caulfield and Bentleigh East Swim Centres will be open every day for the remainder of the summer season and residents of all ages are invited to enjoy the facilities and programs provided.

Both swim centres will hold events including jet-ski demonstrations, games days and *Jazz by the pool* evenings. Regular activities and events, such as water fitness classes will also be held at both centres.

The Caulfield and Bentleigh East Swim Centres feature heated 50 metre swimming pools as well as learner and toddler pools.

The swim centres are open from:

- 6am to 7pm, Monday to Friday;
- 8am to 6pm, Saturdays and Sundays; and
- 8am to 6pm on public holidays.

If the forecast temperature is a minimum of 30 degrees Celsius, the pool hours will be extended to 8pm.

For further information, contact the Caulfield Swim Centre on 9571 8143 or the Bentleigh East Swim Centre on 9570 7394.

### Walking for life in Glen Eira

Walking is a great way for residents of all ages to unwind and relax while keeping fit and healthy. With its predominately flat terrain, Glen Eira is a perfect place to walk. A number of large parks cater for walking, and the City's streets are also popular for walking.

Residents are encouraged to take advantage of the thousands of metres of walking tracks located throughout Glen Eira's parks.

Warming up beforehand and cooling down afterwards are equally important when walking. Some simple stretches will help prevent injury during and after exercise.

#### Great Glen Eira park walks

##### Length of perimeter walking paths in metres:

Caulfield Park, Caulfield	1980 metres
Duncan Mackinnon Reserve, Murrumbeena	1208 metres
Centenary Park, Bentleigh East	689 metres
Murrumbeena Reserve, Murrumbeena	784 metres

Please note: all distances are approximate.

### Shade sails for safer play

Children enjoying time in their local playground will now be better protected from nature's elements, thanks to the installation of shade sails at some of Glen Eira's most popular playgrounds.

Council's Manager Recreation and Youth Services Linda Smith said Council recently installed shade sails at the Inkerman Road playground in Caulfield Park, and the playgrounds in both Glen Huntly Park, Glen Huntly and Bailey Reserve, Bentleigh East.

"These playgrounds now have colourful shade sails that will protect young people and families who visit them," Ms Smith said.

"The shade sails will be very useful in providing shade in the warmer months as well as protection from the weather in the colder months."

The installations are part of Council's ongoing commitment to improve Glen Eira's playground facilities.

### Residents ace Glen Eira's tennis courts

Glen Eira's tennis courts are proving popular with residents keen to have a casual hit. Glen Eira is fortunate to have public tennis courts at the East Caulfield Reserve, Koornang Reserve, Carnegie and Princes Park, Caulfield South.

Courts can be booked on an hourly basis and are equipped with lights for night tennis. Bookings are required and can be made on the numbers listed below:

#### Brooklyn Avenue Tennis Courts (in Princes Park)

Brooklyn Avenue, Caulfield South  
Melway reference: 68 A6

Two plexipave courts with lights

Bookings: Caulfield Recreation Centre 9532 4956.

#### Moira Avenue Tennis Courts (adjacent to the Caulfield Swim Centre)

Moira Avenue, Carnegie  
Melway reference: 68 H6

Two plexipave courts with lights

Bookings: Caulfield Swim Centre 9571 8143.

#### East Caulfield Reserve

Sir John Monash Drive, Caulfield East  
Melway reference: 68 F2

Four plexipave tennis courts with lights

Bookings: MONSU Fitness Centre 9903 2358.

