

New Mayor: teamwork and co-operation

Cr David Feldman was elected as the tenth Mayor of Glen Eira for 2005–06 at a Special Council Meeting in December last year.

Witnessed by residents and family members, Cr Feldman was elected through a nomination process involving all Glen Eira Councillors.

At the meeting, Cr Feldman said being Mayor was a symbol and the role was only as effective as the Council of which he or she was part.

“I believe that together with goodwill, teamwork and communication, we can give Glen Eira a fresh start. I am committed to building a spirit of co-operation over this coming year to ensure Council is a cohesive team providing cohesive leadership,” Cr Feldman said.

“As a Council, we face many challenges in the years ahead. We need to ensure all areas of the City receive a fair share of attention and resources.”

One of Cr Feldman’s first actions as Mayor was to hand back the keys to his Mayoral vehicle with a request that any cost savings be returned to ratepayers.

Cr Feldman was elected to represent the Tucker Ward in the November

Council elections. As the new Mayor of Glen Eira, Cr Feldman performs an important role as a community leader and is the main Council spokesperson.

Mayoral facts

- The Mayor plays an important civic leadership role at Council and community events, opening facilities, speaking at functions, and supporting local community groups.
- The Mayor performs an important role as community leader and is the main Council spokesperson.
- The first Mayor for the City of Caulfield was Edward Charles Murphy, elected in 1913. The first Mayor for the City of Moorabbin was Leslie Allan Sheppard, elected in 1934. Glen Eira’s first Mayoral election was held in 1997.
- In previous times, the Mayoral robe, which is at least 25 years old, was worn at all Council meetings, but is now only worn at formal occasions, such as Anzac Day services.
- The Mayoral chain is made of gold and has 59 gold links, each representing a past Mayor and engraved with the name and date of their term.



Glen Eira’s Mayor for 2005–06, Cr David Feldman.

Photo: Les O’Rourke.

Cultural and sporting bonanza

Come celebrate the Commonwealth Games with a day of free music, dance, sports and activities at Packer Park in Carnegie, presented by Council and sponsored by the Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games.

Discover the cultural diversity of the countries of the Commonwealth, in particular, Council’s adopted country for the Games, the Bahamas.

Enjoy a rich cultural program which includes:

- Didgeridoo performers *Western Creations*.
- Dancing, singing and drumming from *Jamaica Irie* and *Sounds of Polynesia*.
- Pirate orchestra *Sforzando* will blend punk music with European folk and sea shanty songs.

- A host of roving entertainers will include the local and talented *Suitcase Royale*, roller-blading synchronised swimming trio *Tutti Frutti* and unicyclists and jugglers *Anti Gravity* and *Red the Clown*.

- MC and presenter Andy Zap will take you on a journey through dance and comedy.

Free activities will engage all ages: children can make a giant Bahamian fish, a puppet with *Polyglot Puppet Theatre* or enjoy the old favourite jumping castle.

Find out about the history and culture of the 51 countries of the Commonwealth at a special display in the *Commonwealth Pavilion*.

And for the young at heart, the Bungy Trampoline will get the adrenaline pumping by enabling participants to jump up to seven metres into the air

— looking down on the crowd from two storeys high.

Interested in a new sport? Come ‘n’ try with interactive demonstrations from local sporting clubs, including Maccabi and Princess table tennis clubs, Caulfield and District Netball Association, Bentleigh–McKinnon Gymnastics and Caulfield Little Athletics Club.

For more information on this special fun-filled day, turn to the back page of this edition of the *Glen Eira News* or contact Council’s Service Centre on 9524 3333.

Commonwealth Games Celebration Day
Sunday 19 February
12pm to 5pm
Packer Park, Leila Road, Carnegie
Melway reference: Map 68 J8

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MAYOR'S COLUMN



As the Mayor of the City of Glen Eira I welcome you all to the first edition of *Glen Eira News* for 2006. I hope you had an enjoyable holiday season and are ready to embark on the new year with renewed energy and vigour.

The coming months will bring many challenges and many rewards to us all, and as Mayor I look forward to working with the Council to give Glen Eira a fresh start.

My attention will be focused on the issues I believe are central to the values and needs of our community — a diverse, evolving community.

I am committed to protecting and enhancing our infrastructure, our landmark parks and gardens and promoting the quality services provided by Council to the people of Glen Eira.

The City of Glen Eira is home to a strong business community, with a network of thriving shopping hubs. Unlike the increasingly common and mammoth shopping malls, our shopping strips promote community life and small business enterprise.

There are truly many wonderful elements to Glen Eira.

Working with my fellow Councillors, we will be part of a Council which is responsible and accountable to the community. A Council which continues to provide efficient and effective services to residents at the lowest possible level of rate costs.

Through co-operation and hard work we will ensure the community thrives in 2006. This will be a year of coming together as Council and community, working in a spirit of co-operation and teamwork.

Speaking of teamwork, with the Commonwealth Games in March, we also have an opportunity to take part in a number of free and fun community activities in the lead up. Our City will be hosting a Commonwealth Games Celebration Day on February 19. I encourage you all to join the celebrations, and look forward to meeting you at Packer Park.

**Cr David Feldman
Mayor**

Wetting the Australia Day appetite

By Lidija Ivanovski

Council celebrated Australia Day with a breakfast that highlighted the importance of sustainability.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr David Feldman welcomed guests, including fellow Councillors, local Members of Parliament, and former Mayors.

“Each year Council holds this breakfast on the Friday before Australia Day to celebrate our national day and to reflect on issues of importance to our development as a nation and for us as a local community,” Cr Feldman said.

Cr Feldman highlighted the efforts of Australian aid workers, armed service personal and peace keepers stationed across the globe.

“We are Australian, but we are part of a wider world and many of our people are working hard to make life better for our neighbours.”

He also spoke about the issues being faced by Australia, a nation girt by sea but facing critical water challenges.

“As individuals we have experienced drought and water restrictions. As the local government we have the added challenge of maintaining dozens of playing fields and sporting facilities for our clubs and community while reducing water consumption.”

Over the past two years Council has reduced its water consumption by 76 million mega litres per year — the equivalent of 70 Olympic swimming pools.

These vital savings were praised by the morning’s guest speaker, Professor John Langford AM, a Professorial Fellow at the University of Melbourne and the Director of the Melbourne Water Research Centre.

He said Australia’s challenge would be facing the uncertainty of the environment.

“We have just had the hottest year on record, with Melbourne recording the ninth driest year in a row. The climate is changing and we are unable to forecast future conditions.”

Professor Langford said diversity was the key to tackling water shortages successfully.

“Councils such as Glen Eira are making good in-roads with water savings, we need to continue this and look further at how technology can help.”

He said improved irrigation technology should not be limited to parks and ovals, encouraging residents to look at using equipment such as sprinkler timers to cut water wastage.



Water consumption was the hot topic at this year’s Australia Day breakfast. Pictured: from left, guest speaker, Professor John Langford AM with Glen Eira Mayor Cr David Feldman.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

“Choosing plants that require less water and speaking to nurseries to find out exactly how much water is needed — these are all steps people can take to ensure water is not wasted.”

Celebrations ended with a heartfelt rendition of *I am Australian* by Scott Sparrow and pianist Blanka West. ■

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Family day care — the flexible child care alternative

By Sophie Massis

Like more and more parents these days, Fiona Hartney is a working mum.

About three years ago her second son Oscar was born and, with her first son Harry (at 15 months) in child care, Fiona found herself in an uneasy situation when she began thinking about returning to work.

Because of the age difference in her sons, Fiona and her husband were faced with the likelihood of their children not being in the same room in a child care centre. Fiona began to investigate other options to keep her sons together during care.

“I wanted the kids to be together in a child care setting, I didn’t want them to be split up and miss out on spending time with each other,” Fiona said.

“Some friends had suggested I get in contact with my council and take part in the family day care program.”

Fiona did just that, and Council matched her children with family day care careprovider Maria, who has since been the main careprovider for Harry and Oscar.

Family day care is a Council-sponsored child care program providing long day care for small groups of children in a home-based setting. Care is available in homes in most parts of the City for groups of up to four children. Hours are flexible and can include before and after school care, evening, weekend and holiday care for pre-school and school-aged children. Council provides equipment and toys plus a number of playgroups for careproviders and children.

Fiona says she was originally concerned that her children would not have the opportunity to mix with other children, being in the care of one careprovider instead of in a child care centre.

“Maria soon eased my concerns. Through the family day care program,



Fiona and her sons Harry (left) and Oscar (right) have enjoyed being part of Council's family day care program. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Maria was made aware of all the free events that Council holds, such as library activities and the family day care playgroups, and would take my sons along to interact with the other children,” she said.

“Maria would also hold a number of activities with Harry and Oscar including cooking, craft activities, going to the park and dancing. She formed a close bond with my sons and has been an integral part of their development.”

Fiona’s children have now outgrown the family day care program and will move

on to kindergarten, but she has nothing but praise for Maria and the program.

“It is difficult leaving your children when returning to the workforce. Maria and her family have made this transition easier.”

“I guess it is like leaving your children with friends. I knew Maria and her family well so I felt comfortable. Maria was an exceptional carer.”

For information about family day care as a child care option or about becoming a careprovider, contact Council’s Service Centre on 9524 3333. ■

In brief

Award for food safety training

Council’s training program, which encourages non-English speaking proprietors and food handlers to improve their skills in and knowledge of safe food practices, was recently recognised with an award from Adult Multicultural Education Services (AMES).

Carnegie Children’s Centre re-opens

Council’s Carnegie Children’s Centre re-opened last month after a temporary closure last year when soil in the playground was found to be contaminated. As part of a remediation plan, Council relocated children to its three other long day care centres and, in consultation with EPA Victoria, the Department of Human Services and an independent environmental auditor, undertook soil remediation works and playground landscaping. Staff and children have returned to the centre.

Pet owners playing it safe

Dogs must be restrained by a chain, cord or leash, whenever in public places — this includes roads, streets, footpaths, car parks and parks or reserves. The only exception is designated off-leash areas.

Dogs must not be off-leash within 50 metres of playgrounds, barbecue areas, or organised sporting activities. Owners who fail to comply face fines and possible court action.

Pet owners are also reminded to pick up after their dog. Dog bag dispensers can be found in most parks but it is advisable to also have a plastic bag handy.

Help crackdown on illegal rubbish dumpers

Dumping rubbish is illegal and can incur on-the-spot fines of up to \$250 or a maximum fine of up to \$1,000.

Council has been inundated with recent requests to collect rubbish and tree branches dumped in dead-end streets and laneways.

Dumped rubbish and tree branches block roadways and inconvenience residents trying to access their properties.

Residents can help by reporting the details and registration number of offending vehicles to Council’s Service Centre so the matter can be investigated.

New laws get tough on smoking

New tobacco laws, aimed at preventing youth smoking and reducing the harm caused by passive smoking, will come into effect on 1 March 2006.

The new laws, introduced by the State Government, will:

- ban smoking in covered areas of train station platforms, tram stops and bus stops;
- ban smoking in most enclosed workplaces;
- ban smoking, the promotion of

tobacco products and the sale of tobacco products at underage music and dance events;

- strengthen laws to enforce the ban on cigarette sales to young people; and
- ban smoking in enclosed premises that serve alcohol (pubs and bars) from 1 July 2007.

Council’s role in enforcing the new tobacco laws is to respond to complaints regarding smoking in workplaces, sales of cigarettes to minors and smoking at underage music and dance events.

Council will also undertake education visits to all vending machine operators, tobacco retailers and workplaces.

Anyone found guilty of an offence under the provisions of the amended *Tobacco Act 1987* will face on-the-spot fines of \$100. Organisations and retailers face fines of up to \$6,000.

For further information contact the tobacco information line on 1300 136 775 or visit www.health.vic.gov.au/tobaccoreforms ■

CEO'S COLUMN



Bentleigh is the focus of our biggest project at present: the major upgrade of the Bentleigh-Hodgson Reserve.

The \$3 million facelift will include the planting of 476 new trees and shrubs, new pedestrian and bicycle paths, significant landscaping, upgraded playgrounds, picnic and barbecue facilities, better sporting facilities, a new car park and an upgrade to the war memorial.

Bentleigh-Hodgson Reserve will have something for people of all ages to enjoy, with redevelopment works expected to be completed by mid-2006.

This project follows on from the creation of a major playground at the eastern end of Caulfield Park. The playground has been extremely well used over the school holidays bringing enjoyment to hundreds of children, friends, parents and grandparents.

For residents who enjoy their outdoor activity at a more leisurely pace, Council has published information on nine self-guided walks. They incorporate some of our most popular parks, reserves and heritage sites.

We have a very close working relationship with the Victoria Police. One of the police officers injured in the bus accident in Egypt is an officer of the Glen Eira Police District. I would like to take this opportunity to wish her well for her continued recovery and to extend our sympathy to members of Victoria Police in the loss of their colleagues.

Andrew Newton
Chief Executive Officer

Safety first on roads: zero tolerance



Glen Eira motorists are urged to obey road rules and take note of parking restrictions in a bid to reduce the number of incidents related to unsafe driving around Glen Eira's schools.

As the new school year begins, Council will join forces with Victoria Police to crack down on unsafe motoring in and around school areas in Glen Eira.

Traffic and Parking Manager Carl Russo said Council will monitor all local school crossings to ensure motorists comply with speed limits, school crossing laws and parking regulations around schools. Motorists who do not comply risked being fined.

"Motorists need to be careful when traveling near schools. Council traffic safety officers will not issue warnings — offending motorists will be fined and issued with an infringement notice," Mr Russo said.

"Some 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, and parking in time-limited bays for longer than the set period.

With the new school year starting, Council will join forces with Victoria Police to crack down on unsafe motoring in and around school areas in Glen Eira. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

"Laws are in place to ensure the safety of children travelling to and from school. There will be no tolerance for motorists who put the community's safety at risk."

Motorists are also reminded that 40km/h speed limit zones will again come into effect this school year. The zones are located outside all student access points to schools to improve safety for students entering and leaving the school grounds. The 40km/h speed limits apply from 8am to 9.30am and 2.30pm to 4pm on school days.

Mr Russo said Council officers and local police will continue to team up to ensure motorists obey road rules and uphold road safety in and around schools.

"Council is committed to improving safety on our roads but community responsibility is also an essential part of a safe traffic environment," he said.

School crossing supervisors stand out



Glen Eira's school crossing supervisors will stand out this year with the introduction of fluorescent safety vests. The new vests are more visible to motorists than the previous uniform. Photo: Anna McGibbon.

Lollipop lady spreads the Christmas spirit

By Anna McGibbon

Roza Shonthall went above and beyond her duties in her role as a lollipop lady last Christmas — as well as seeing the children safely across the road, just as she does every day, she celebrated the special time of year with a small, symbolic token for each of them.

On Wednesday 16 December, the 62-year-old school crossing supervisor spread the Christmas spirit by handing out cards and, of course, lollipops to each of the hundreds of students she helped across the road at Coatesville Primary School in Bentleigh East.

Mrs Shonthall, who has supervised the crossing at Coatesville Primary School

for six years, puts aside enough money from her wages as one of Council's 52 school crossing supervisors and her pension, to ensure she has enough cards and lollipops for everyone.

"I see the children every morning and afternoon and I guess I know most of their names now," Mrs Shonthall said.

"I enjoy giving the cards to the children. Seeing their faces light up is what Christmas is all about to me."

Mrs Shonthall plans to continue providing the special treat to the students — adding a new dimension to her position as lollipop lady, by handing out lollipops and cards each Christmas.



Coatesville Primary student Jacob happily accepts a Christmas card from lollipop lady Roza Shonthall. Photo: Anna McGibbon.

2006 VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION SCHEME

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 17 March 2006 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



GLENEIRA CITY COUNCIL

Glen Eira adopts the Bahamas

In preparation for the Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games, all Victorian councils have adopted a Commonwealth nation. Glen Eira's adopted country is the Bahamas.

The adopt-a-team program encourages local communities to learn more about other Commonwealth nations and how the Commonwealth works. Make sure you get behind Glen Eira's adopted country, the Bahamas, during the Games!

Some facts about the Bahamas:

- Population: 297,478 (2003 estimate).
- Area: 13,940 square kilometres.
- Climate: 15–27 degrees Celsius, balmy.
- Natural attractions: Sunny weather, pink sandy beaches, turquoise waters.
- Languages: English, Creole (among Haitian immigrants).

The Bahamas, located in the Caribbean, comprise 700 islands, only 30 of which are regularly inhabited. The population is concentrated on 10 major islands, including New Providence, Grand Bahama, Andros, Cat Island and Long Island.

Since the 1954 British Empire and Commonwealth Games, the Bahamas have received 23 medals — eight gold, seven silver and eight bronze.

Enjoying the outdoors this summer

Stay cool at the pool

With temperatures rising across the city, there's no time like the present to enjoy Council's Caulfield and Bentleigh East Swim Centres.

Both swim centres feature heated 50 metre Olympic swimming pools and learners and toddlers pools.

Swim centre hours:

- Monday to Friday 6am–6pm
- Saturday, Sunday and public holidays 8am–6pm

If the forecast temperature is a minimum of 30 degrees Celsius, pool hours will be extended to 8pm. Both pools will remain open every day until 31 March.

For further information contact Caulfield Swim Centre on 9571 8143 or Bentleigh East Swim Centre 9570 7394 or visit www.gleneira.vic.gov.au for further information.



Council's Caulfield and Bentleigh Swim Centres offer fun in the outdoors for residents of all ages. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

The Queen's Baton relay is coming to town

The Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games Queen's Baton Relay is the world's longest relay. The baton will travel more than 180,000 kilometres around the world, visiting all 71 Commonwealth countries and travelling through Glen Eira on Monday 13 March — just two days before the opening ceremony. The baton

will travel for approximately six kilometres through the streets of Glen Eira.

Some facts about the baton:

- Seventy-one lights on the baton, representing the Commonwealth nations, will progressively light up as the baton arrives in each Commonwealth destination.

- The materials used to manufacture the baton include gold and magnesium.
- Two tiny cameras and two microphones are housed inside the baton to transmit images to the games website.

For more information about the Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games Queen's Baton Relay, visit www.melbourne2006.com.au

Year of the Allsorts!

Young women interested in making new friends and keeping fit are invited to join Council's Allsorts netball team. The team, launched last year, is looking forward to competing again in 2006, increasing its teamwork skills, making new friendships, and winning a few games.

This will be the year of the Allsorts! If you are aged 14 to 25 years and would like to be a part of the forthcoming summer season of netball, we would like to hear from you.

Council's youth workers coach the team which will play competition netball at Oakleigh Recreation Centre on Thursday nights.

No previous experience necessary. Transport can be arranged. The summer netball season will consist of 20 games and finals.

To join the Allsorts contact the Why? Stop Youth Information Centre on 9572 5389.

Express yourself

The new year has well and truly begun and everyone is back at school, but the fun continues in 2006 for the young women involved in the *Express Yourself* program.

Express Yourself, a young women's group, has proven a huge success in the City, allowing participants to learn a range of new and exciting skills that enhance their lives. The group is looking forward to being involved in social events, physical fitness, group discussions and presentations to local community organisations on issues relevant to young women.

The program provides young women with a safe environment to make friends and build self-esteem.

All women aged between 14 and 25 are welcome. The group meets at the Why? Stop Youth Information centre in Carnegie every Tuesday from 3.30pm to 5.30pm. For more information contact the Why? Stop Youth Information Centre or visit Council's website at www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

YOUTH NEWS

Foundation for Youth Excellence

Young people in Glen Eira are invited to apply to Council's Foundation for Youth Excellence program.

Entries are open to people aged 10 to 25 years who have achieved excellence in academia, creative and performing arts, education, leadership or sport and who have been selected to be part of a major event or sporting championship.

The program encourages the achievements of young people in the community on a state, national and international level by providing grants to help them achieve further success in their field. Closing dates for applications are fast approaching. For more information or an application form, contact the Why? Stop Youth Information Centre on 9572 5389.

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Bentleigh-Hodgson Reserve redevelopment

The Bentleigh War Memorial has been restored as part of extensive redevelopment planned for Bentleigh-Hodgson Reserve.

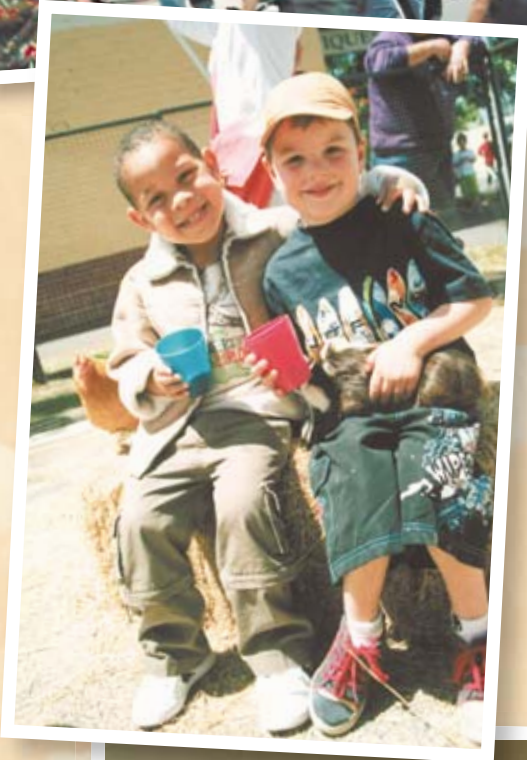
An update of the works will be published in *Glen Eira News* in March. For further information, visit Council's website at www.gleneira.vic.gov.au



Glen Eira — City of celebration



Crowds flock to enjoy a sunny day out at the McKinnon street festival.
Photo: Peter Bury.



Seyram (left) and Nathaniel feed the animals at the animal farm.
Photo: Peter Bury.



Host Frankie J Holden gets some help belting out the Christmas classics.
Photo: Bernie Bickerton.



Eleven-year-old Tamara helps her sister, 14-month-old Sofia, get into the spirit of *Carols by Candlelight*.
Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Glen Eira welcomed the new year with a summer holiday season of celebration as residents from all backgrounds and ages indulged in community programs and events.

Street festivals bring a sense of community

Local communities took advantage of the 2005 festival season in November, flocking to the McKinnon, Bentleigh and Carnegie festivals.

Rides, games, entertainment, displays, stalls and a variety of activities from local schools and organisations, provided a common theme alongside each festival's signature events.

Council's youth services staged a variety of activities from African drumming exhibitions to circus skills workshops, attracting large numbers of curious audience members.

Business Development Manager Lynda Bredin said the festivals provided an opportunity for a broad cross-section of the community to come together to showcase their skills, talents and specialities.

"Local trader organising committees invest significant time and effort in bringing the festivals to their communities," Ms Bredin said.

"The festivals, in turn, give the traders the opportunity to raise community awareness of their local centres and to promote special offers on the day."

Program celebrates 10 years of service

In the lead up to Christmas, Council celebrated the tenth birthday of its *Older Adults Recreation* program by treating 150 older residents to a special festive luncheon.

Participants enjoyed a traditional three-course Christmas lunch and a fabulous

musical performance by talented local group *High Society*, in the Glen Eira Town Hall Auditorium.

About 20,000 Glen Eira residents are aged 65 years, of whom about 30 per cent live alone. The *Older Adults Recreation* program, which includes a range of social and fitness programs, aims to decrease the risk of social isolation among older residents.

Carols by Candlelight

The strong winds that roared around Caulfield on the night of 18 December did not deter the 3,000-strong crowd from enjoying the return of Council's *Carols by Candlelight* to the Caulfield Racecourse.

Although conditions were trying, everyone enjoyed the performances — from the talented Carnegie Primary School String Ensemble to the young harmonies of St Anthony's Primary School and Wesley College Elsternwick choirs.

Host for the evening was the enigmatic Frankie J Holden who again proved to be a popular performer, singing favourites such as *Jingle Bells*, *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer* and *Santa Claus is coming to town*.

The 50-member strong Young Voices of Melbourne again showed its amazing vocal range, while the first-time performance of 10-piece a cappella group *Heart n Soul* delighted the audience with a mix of traditional carols and gospel tunes. Deborah Conway's unique renditions of *Amazing Grace*, *The First Noel* and *Have yourself a merry little Christmas* moved the crowd.



A visit from Santa delights the younger crowd members.
Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

celebrations

Chanukah lights up the sky

Also in December, the annual Chabad House of Caulfield's *Chanukah in the Park* was held in Caulfield Park.

The event, which drew thousands of people, included a spectacular fireworks display, 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 that 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.

Young people splash out

More than 1,000 young Glen Eirans took advantage of the warm weather but cool tunes of Council's annual *Big Splash Out* event at the Caulfield Swim Centre last month.

The music of the day included sounds from up-and-coming youth bands the *Matt Katsis Band* belting out pop rock, *The Gingers*, an all-female band punk rock band, *Yidcore* a Jewish punk band, *Stealing O'Neal* and local band *Peyote*.

Besides the music, young people enjoyed swimming activities, beach volleyball and information stalls from five local youth agencies JewishCare, Bentleigh-Bayside Community Health Service, Caulfield Police, Taskforce and Council.

Mad Hatter's take over Gardenvale Park

Despite the soaring January temperatures, Glen Eira families seemed content to settle happily in the shade provided by the expansive canopies of Gardenvale Park's trees, enjoying picnics and conversation.

Residents were entertained by multi-skilled balloonologist, juggler and bubble-ologist extraordinaire *Tim Tim* who appeared as the Mad Hatter — roving the park and entertaining everyone with much madcap silliness and hilarity.

Children made their very own Mad Hatter's hats from vibrantly coloured recycled materials — each hat delightfully decorated to suit its creator.

Alice and the White Rabbit proved popular with the children, taking part in interactive storytelling experiences that saw children sitting on imaginary mushrooms, wearing rabbit ears, joining Alice in her pursuit of the White Rabbit and following the White Rabbit and Alice down an imaginary rabbit hole.

"Lovely FREE entertainment, creative [activities] for the children."
ELEANOR WINGREEN, CARNEGIE

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Alice and the White Rabbit enchanted their young audience.
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Local band *Peyote* rocked into the afternoon.
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Members of Council's *Just Youth* team (in red) were on hand to ensure the *Big Splash Out* ran smoothly.
Photo: Bernie Bickerton.



The heat brought hundreds out to enjoy the great pool-side music of the *Big Splash Out*.
Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

MEETINGS AND CLUBS

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

Bentleigh Men's Probus Club meets at Bentleigh RSL, Centre Road, Bentleigh on the second Thursday each month 10.30am to 12.30pm. New members welcome. Contact: Jack 9557 7060.

Bentleigh Playgroup (Humpty Dumpty) holds playgroup sessions at Bentleigh Uniting Church Hall, Centre Road, Bentleigh on Mondays 9.30am to 11.30am. Contact: Cathy 9597 9816.

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

Glen Eira Junior Soccer Club will hold registration days at Mackie Reserve, Tudor Street, Bentleigh East on 12 and 26 February from 9am to 1pm. Contact: Mary 0418 316 492.

KG Putt Bentleigh Senior Citizens Group at 2 Arthur Street, Bentleigh holds bingo games on Monday nights at 7pm. Also, supper dances on the third Saturday of each month from 7.30pm until midnight (cost: \$5 with plate, \$7 without). All welcome. Contact: 9557 6010.

Little Steps Playgroup holds playgroup sessions at St Catharine's Anglican Church, corner Clarence Street and Kooyong Road, Caulfield South on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 9.30am to 11.30am. Contact: Gillian 0407 890 236.

McKinnon Playgroup holds playgroup sessions at Reformed Presbyterian Church, 261A McKinnon Road, McKinnon Thursdays 10am to 11.30am. Contact: Mary 9570 4079.

Melbourne Scots Dancing Circle holds country dancing classes at Ormond Uniting Church, corner North and Booran Roads, Ormond on Fridays (from 3 March). No partners required. Contact: Bev 9579 5532.

Murrumbeena Bowls Club begins summer bowls season at 10 Blackwood Street, Carnegie. New members welcome. Contact: 9568 5144.

Murrumbeena Playgroup holds playgroup sessions for preschool children at Community of Christ Church Hall, corner Poath and Dalny Roads, Murrumbeena, Monday to Friday. Contact: 0432 271 204.

Murrumbeena Tennis Club holds both social and competition tennis at Bute Street, Murrumbeena. New members welcome. Contact: Russell 9568 8817.

The Over 40s Club holds dances at Ormond Uniting Church, corner North and Booran Roads, Ormond on second and fourth Saturdays each month at 7.45pm. Cost: \$7 (includes supper). Contact: 9570 4564.

EVENTS

St Aloysius Primary School will hold a fete at Balaclava and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield North on Saturday 4 March. Contact: 9532 9416.

COMMUNITY

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McKinnon Public Hall
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Monday 6 February 10am-11am

Glen Eira Town Hall (entry via Glen Eira Road)
Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield
Tuesday 7 February 6pm-7pm
Tuesday 14 February 9.30am-10.15am

Bentleigh-Bayside Community Health Service
Gardeners Road, Bentleigh East
Wednesday 15 February 6pm-7pm
Saturday 25 February 9.30am-10.30am

Packer Park
Leila Road, Carnegie
Monday 20 February 10am-11am

Glen Huntly Maternal and Child Health Centre
Corner Royal and Rosedale Avenues, Glen Huntly
Wednesday 22 February 9.30am-11am

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PARTY IN THE PARK

Party in the Park is back!

Residents are invited to celebrate Glen Eira's artistic vibrancy and cultural diversity through music, dance, performance and participation at Council's next free, all-ages event — *Party in the Park*.

This year's event will be held in the beautiful surrounds of Allnutt Park in Bentleigh on Sunday 5 March from 12pm to 4pm.

Balloonologist and juggler extraordinaire *Tim Tim* will host the event and entertain the crowds with his masterful juggling, balloon creations and cheeky fun.

A full day's program of music will include local and professional performers such as the ultra cool *Croque Monsieur*, a six-piece group that performs quirky takes on gypsy, klezmer, burlesque, swing and tango tunes.

Audience members will warm to the zany antics of roving band *Jugularity*, as well as *Phillipe de Accordionist*. Performances by the *Afro Brazil Capoeira School* will show the physical dynamics of Capoeira — a fusion of dance, martial art, acrobatics and music.

Children and adults alike will delight in the range of art and craft activities running throughout the day including *Polyglot* puppet-making,

mask-making, painting, mosaic and origami workshops. Other activities include juggling demonstrations and workshops and a jumping castle.

Although food will be available and on sale, residents are invited to get the family together, pack a picnic and make a day of it.

For more information on *Party in the Park* at Allnutt Park, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 or visit Council's website at www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

Puppet making was a hit at last year's *Party in the Park* at Allnutt Park.

Photo: Les O'Rourke.



Getting to know your art collection — pieces from Council's permanent art collection

Council's renowned art collection contains more than 270 artworks and has three main themes. The first theme is based on works by well-known artists such as Fred Williams, Arthur Boyd, Leonard French, Charles Blackman, Brett Whiteley and Ivan Durrant. The second is works by local artists including Julie Goodwin, Felix Tuszynski, Danuta Michalska and Erica McGilchrist. The third theme revolves around works which feature Glen Eira as the subject matter.

Council regularly conducts special exhibitions with works from its permanent collection and artworks

are regularly rotated for display in and around the Town Hall.

FRED WILLIAMS 1927–82

Lysterfield Landscape (1973)
Oil on canvas 92 x 107 cm

Towards the end of 1956, following his return to Melbourne after several years studying painting and etching in London, Fred Williams told his friend John Brack that he intended to paint the gum tree. Brack's response was: "You can't do that. Everybody's done that".

But Williams did paint gum trees and their environments, in a highly individual and consistent way.

He also attained a high degree of accomplishment in painting other subjects, including portraits, in both etching and drawing.

Williams painted two main series of Lysterfield landscapes, 1965–68 and 1970–72. Lysterfield, in the foothills of the Dandenongs, was a ten minute drive from Williams' Upwey home.

Although he painted on-site in a number of remote areas of Australia, including Cape York and Bass Strait, Williams preferred to stay close to his home and family, experiencing a sense of isolation when too far afield. Hence many of his landscapes were painted within Victoria.

Lysterfield Landscape is a trademark Williams in its combination of the vertical against the horizontal and its



Lysterfield Landscape (1973)
Oil on canvas 92 x 107 cm.

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

SUMMER LAND: AUSTRALIAN LANDSCAPES FROM THE GLEN EIRA CITY COUNCIL COLLECTION

Continues to Sunday 26 February

Summer Land, exhibiting artworks from Council's permanent collection and exploring the theme of the Australian landscape in summer, features some of Australia's most significant artists including Arthur Boyd, Emma Minnie Boyd, Tim

Storrier, Brett Whiteley and Fred Williams.

Arthur Boyd's oil painting, completed when he was just 15 years old, is a lush depiction of the farmlands of Murrumbidgee. Fred Williams presents a harsh and arid depiction of Lysterfield in the Dandenongs, while Whiteley's etching is pure Sydney. The many works in this show accumulate into a multi-faceted interpretation of summer in Australia.

BID FOR FREEDOM ART AUCTION

Sunday 5 March from 1pm
Viewing from 1 March to 4 March

The Bid for Freedom art auction raises money for the Brigidines' Asylum Seekers Project and enables a small group of nuns in Albert Park to provide material aid to people who seek refuge in Australia. Artists who have donated works in the past include Tim Bass, Jon Campbell, Mike Green, John Howley, David Larwill, Nicholas Nedelkopolous, Mike Nicholls, Mike Parr, Andrew Sibley and Wendy Stavrianos.



Erica McGilchrist *Composition II* (1963)
Oil on board, 77 x 97 cm.

gesturing, textured daubs of paint against a very flat background. The work follows the basic form of Williams' earlier landscapes with its tripartite division representing swamp, bushland and sky.

Lysterfield Landscape presents the essence of Williams' achievement in landscape painting — a vision of the Australian bush which is instantly recognisable and truly familiar yet artistically stylised and modern.

Новый мэр: коллективные усилия и сотрудничество

Член муниципального совета г-н David Feldman был избран десятым по счету мэром муниципалитета Glen Eira на 2005-06г. на специальном заседании муниципального совета в декабре прошлого года.

Г-н Feldman был избран по результатам выдвижения кандидатов и голосования, в котором принимали участие все члены муниципального совета Glen Eira. За этой процедурой наблюдали многие жители и работники муниципалитета, и члены их семей.

Г-н Feldman заявил на собрании, что пост мэра имеет символическое значение и будет эффективен в той степени, в какой эффективно работает весь муниципальный совет.

“Я верю, что при наличии доброй воли, коллективных усилий и эффективного

обмена информацией мы сможем дать нашей работе в муниципалитете Glen Eira новый заряд. Я хочу, чтобы в этом году мы работали в духе сотрудничества, как сплоченный коллектив, объединенный общим пониманием стоящих перед нами целей и задач,” сказал г-н Feldman.

“В ближайшие годы нам предстоит решить немало сложных проблем. Всем направлениям нашей работы должно быть оказано адекватное внимание и обеспечены необходимые ресурсы.”

Одним из первых шагов, которые г-н Feldman предпринял после вступления в должность мэра, было решение отказаться от специального служебного автомобиля и передать сэкономленные таким образом средства налогоплательщикам.

Г-н Feldman был избран в муниципальный совет в ноябре от избирательного округа Tucker.

Nuovo Sindaco: lavoro di gruppo e cooperazione

Lo scorso dicembre, durante una seduta speciale del Consiglio, il consigliere David Feldman è stato eletto decimo sindaco di Glen Eira per l'anno 2005-2006.

Alla presenza dei funzionari del Consiglio e di una folla di residenti e familiari, il consigliere Feldman è stato eletto con una procedura di nomina che ha coinvolto tutti i Consiglieri di Glen Eira

Alla seduta, il consigliere Feldman ha affermato che l'essere Sindaco è un ruolo simbolico che ha effetto soltanto in funzione del Consiglio di cui il Sindaco stesso fa parte.

“Ritengo che assieme, con buona volontà, lavoro di gruppo e cooperazione, saremo in grado di dare a Glen Eira un nuovo impulso. Mi impegno a dare vita ad un rinnovato spirito di cooperazione per questo nuovo anno per far sí che il Consiglio lavori con spirito coesivo per fornire una leadership altrettanto coesiva,” ha affermato Feldman.

“Il Consiglio dovrà affrontare non pochi problemi nel corso dell'anno a venire. Dobbiamo assicurarci che tutte le aree del nostro comune ricevano la giusta parte di attenzione e di risorse”.

Uno dei primi gesti del consigliere Feldman è stato quello di restituire le chiavi del veicolo municipale a lui

assegnato, facendo espressa richiesta affinché la cifra così risparmiata ritorni nelle casse dei contribuenti.

Il consigliere Feldman era stato eletto rappresentante del circondario di Tucker nelle elezioni comunali dello scorso novembre.

新市長：團隊精神與合作

David Feldman 市議員在去年 12 月的市政府特別會議上當選為 2005 - 06 年度 Glen Eira 市政府第十任市長。

經過 Glen Eira 全體市議員參與的提名過程，Feldman 市議員在市政官員和眾多市民及家庭成員親眼目睹下被選為市長。

Feldman 市議員在會議上說，市長是一個象徵，在其作為一分子的市政府有效發揮作用時，市長才能有效地發揮其職能。

Feldman 市議員說。“我相信通過良好的願望、團隊精神和交流溝通，我們能為 Glen Eira 市政區開創一個嶄新的起點。我將在來年致力營造一種合作精神，以確保市政府成為一個齊心協力的領導班子。”

“作為一個市政府，我們在未來幾年中面臨著許多挑戰。我們需要確保本市政區的各個方面都得到公平的關注和資源。”

作為市長，Feldman 市議員的第一個動作就是交出市長汽車的鑰匙，並要求把節省下來的資金用於市政稅納稅人。

Feldman 市議員是在 11 月市政府選舉中代表 Tucker 選區當選市議員的。

Νέος Δήμαρχος: ομαδική εργασία και συνεργασία

Ο Δημοτικός Σύμβουλος David Feldman εκλέχθηκε ως δέκατος Δήμαρχος Glen Eira για το 2005-06 σε μια Έκτακτη Συνεδρίαση του Δημοτικού Συμβουλίου τον Δεκέμβριο του περασμένου έτους.

Ενώπιον δημοτικών υπαλλήλων κι ένα πλήθος δημοτών και μελών οικογενειών, ο Cr Feldman εκλέχθηκε μέσω μιας διαδικασίας υποψηφιότητας στην οποία συμμετείχαν όλοι οι Δημοτικοί Σύμβουλοι Glen Eira.

Κατά τη συνεδρίαση, ο Cr Feldman είπε ότι το να είσαι Δήμαρχος ήταν συμβολικό και ο ρόλος του/της Δημάρχου θα είναι τόσο αποτελεσματικός όσο είναι και το Δημοτικό Συμβούλιο του οποίου αποτελεί μέρος.

“Πιστεύω ότι μαζί, με θέληση, ομαδική εργασία και επικοινωνία, μπορούμε να δώσουμε ένα καινούργιο ξεκίνημα στην Glen Eira. Έχω δεσμευθεί να ανοικοδομήσω ένα πνεύμα συνεργασίας μέσα στο επόμενο έτος για να διασφαλίσω ότι το Δημοτικό Συμβούλιο είναι μια συνεκτική ομάδα που παρέχει συνεκτική ηγεσία”, ανέφερε ο Cr Feldman.

“Ως Δημαρχία, αντιμετωπίζουμε πολλές προκλήσεις στα χρόνια που έρχονται. Πρέπει να διασφαλίσουμε ότι όλοι οι τομείς του Δήμου λαβαίνουν δίκαιη κατανομή της προσοχής και των πόρων μας”.

Μία απ' τις πρώτες ενέργειες του Cr Feldman ως Δήμαρχος ήταν να επιστρέψει τα κλειδιά του δημαρχιακού του οχήματος με αίτημα ότι κάθε εξοικονόμηση που θα γινόταν στις δαπάνες θα επέστρεφε στους φορολογούμενους.

Ο Cr Feldman είχε εκλεγεί να εκπροσωπήσει την Έδρα Tucker κατά τις Δημοτικές Εκλογές του Νοεμβρίου.

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PARENT EDUCATION FORUM

Council, in partnership with the City of Port Phillip, will hold an education forum in the Auditorium, Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield.

The forum will be held on Wednesday 22 February from 7.30pm to 9pm.

The forum will be presented by John McCartin, consultant to early childhood and teaching services. The session will provide information about choosing the best learning environment for children

For information and bookings, please contact Council's Maternal and Child Health Service on 9524 3403.

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COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

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Upcoming and current consultation opportunities

Subject	Type	Date	Where
Proposed new recycling bins	Letters written to residents of large blocks of units	Closes 20 February	Glen Eira City Council PO BOX 42, Caulfield South 3162
Renewal of leasing contracts	Meetings and letters written to clubs and organisations	Ongoing	Glen Eira City Council PO BOX 42, Caulfield South 3162

Recent consultation opportunities

Subject	Type	Date
Municipal Early Years Plan — survey	Telephone survey	Closed November

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.gleneira.vic.gov.au

Glen Eira libraries have it all

Council has four branch libraries conveniently located throughout the City offering an exciting range of library services including collections to suit all interests, on-line services and databases and programs to entertain and inform. To access library services, visit the nearest library branch or search online via Council's website at www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

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- monthly top 10 titles;
- newspapers and magazines;
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- videos, compact discs (CDs) and CD ROMs;
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- large print and talking books;
- Judaic collection;
- business information resources;
- genealogy resources; and
- books, magazines and newspapers in Greek and Russian and magazines and newspapers in other languages. ■



Council's libraries offer hours of information and entertainment for Glen Eira residents. Photo: Les O'Rourke.

Library hours 2006

	Bentleigh	Carnegie	Caulfield	Elsternwick
Monday	10am–9pm	10am–9pm	10am–6pm	Closed
Tuesday	10am–9pm	10am–9pm	10am–8pm	10am–6pm
Wednesday	10am–9pm	10am–9pm	10am–8pm	10am–6pm
Thursday	10am–9pm	10am–9pm	10am–8pm	2pm–6pm
Friday	10am–6pm	10am–6pm	10am–6pm	10am–6pm
Saturday	10am–4pm	10am–4pm	1pm–4pm	10am–1pm
Sunday	12pm–5pm	12pm–5pm	12pm–5pm	Closed

- Bentleigh Library** 161 Jasper Road, Bentleigh. Telephone: 9557 8278
Carnegie Library 7 Shepparson Avenue, Carnegie. Telephone: 9563 0971
Caulfield Library Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield. Telephone: 9524 3623
Elsternwick Library 4 Staniland Grove, Elsternwick. Telephone: 9532 9321

A positive start to reading

Carnegie Library, library events room

Tuesday 21 February 11am–12pm

Join children's author and lecturer Melanie Guile at a free, informal talk on introducing strategies for a positive start to your child's reading.

The talk will cover the following topics.

- How to foster a love of books and reading.
- The role of the home environment in reading.
- What parents can do to encourage their children to read.
- The place of poetry in the reading mix.
- The reading needs of preschool-aged children.
- Reading for the start of school.

The talk will be of particular interest to parents with children in preschool, Prep or Grade 1. Activities will be provided for preschool-aged children to allow parents to listen to the talk. Bookings are essential for this free event and can be made at any library branch.

Saturday shaker — circus skills

Carnegie Library and Community Centre, Boyd Room (upstairs)

Saturday 11 February 2pm–3pm

Have you always wanted to run away and join the circus? Get started by learning three key circus skills: juggling, plate spinning and diabolo (spinning tops).

Places are limited for this free event for children aged 8 to 12. Bookings are required and can be made at any library branch.

WHAT'S COMING UP IN BUSINESS

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:

- an evaluation of your skills;
- how to market your business
- how to finance your business
- how to plan for your future; and
- finding extra support services.

The workshop will be held in the Caulfield Cup Room, Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield on Monday 27 February from 9am (9.15am start) to 1pm.

Bookings essential by Thursday 23 February. Cost: \$30 (includes light refreshments).

To register, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 by the booking deadline.

Women's Business Network — providing business support

Glen Eira Women's Business Network, operating since 2001, was created from the demand for a business forum specifically catering for the needs of women in business.

Council's Business Development Manager Lynda Bredin said the network will continue to support women in business in 2006.

"The network provides assistance and support through education, knowledge and networking opportunities," Ms Bredin said.

"We aim to enhance women's business skills and help them grow and maintain their businesses in today's competitive environment.

"During 2005, the network explored a

number of key issues for local business women in the day-to-day running of their business, including marketing, demystifying the Internet, selling skills, work-life balance, public speaking and writing skills for business and the media."

The Glen Eira Women's Business Network held a mini expo at the end of last year, giving members an opportunity to showcase their goods and services, trial their method of marketing and display communication material.

The Women's Business Network meetings are held from February through to November on the third Thursday of each month in the Caulfield Cup Room at the Glen Eira Town Hall.

February Women's Business Network meeting

This year will get off to a flying start with Dr Bridie Callinane (Victorian Telstra Young Business Woman of the

Year 2005) presenting *Developing a mindset for success to achieve your 2006*.

Dr Callinane is the proprietor of Peak Potential Health and Wellness Centres, co-author of the international bestseller *The World's Best Kept Health Secret Revealed*, has worked in India teaching rehabilitation skills to children, and is a much sought after keynote speaker on preconception healthcare, chiropractic care during pregnancy and women's health.

Date: Thursday 16 February

Time: 7pm–9.30pm

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

Cost: \$10 per head

Light refreshments on arrival. Bookings essential by Monday 13 February.

To register, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 by the booking deadline. ■

Commonwealth Games Celebration Day

**Packer Park, Leila Road,
Carnegie
Sunday 19 February
12pm-5pm
Melway reference: 68 J8**

**Celebrate the countries of the
Commonwealth with a day of free
cultural and sporting activities hosted
by comedian Andy Zap.**

Featuring

- singing, dancing, storytelling and drumming
- folk melodies and classic sea shanties
- vibrant Cook Island dancing
- indigenous didgeridoo playing
- unicyclists, clowns, jugglers and other performers

Loads of free activities for all ages!

- jumping castle
- bungy trampoline
- puppet making
- demonstrations from local sporting clubs and more



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