

Concert creates harmony

The beautiful surrounds of Caulfield Park provided the perfect backdrop for Council's inaugural *Sounds of Harmony* concert last month.

The park was filled with music and dance from all corners of the world, as performers from diverse cultural backgrounds celebrated the human voice — gypsy melodies and tango rhythms from the Mzuri Dance Network and an Aboriginal dance ceremony and stories by Birri-on Lakidjeka accompanied by Eva Jo Edwards.

Mayor Cr David Feldman said the concert provided the Glen Eira community with a relaxing and enjoyable evening.

"It was a wonderful evening — performers from all over the world managed to warm the audience's hearts despite the cooler weather. We enjoyed traditional African, Bangladeshi, Bengal, Russian, Italian and Latin music.

Cr Feldman said highlights of the evening included performances by the Australian-based Italian and Greek music trio Kavisha Mazzella, Indonesian vocals from Ria Soemardjo and three-part harmonies from the Stiletto Sisters.

"This really was a world music event



and particularly special because it included both professional and local performers — we were privileged to see performances by a number of local community groups.

"I'd like to personally thank all the performers for making our first *Sounds of Harmony* concert such a success and celebrating the rich cultural diversity of Glen Eira," Cr Feldman said.

Members of the Bengali Association dance group, from Bengal, entertain guests at the *Sounds of Harmony* festival in Caulfield Park.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Community Grants

Each year, Glen Eira City Council awards more than \$200,000 to local community groups through its Community Grants scheme.

The scheme helps not-for-profit community-based groups meet identified community priorities, encourages community initiatives that promote self-sufficiency and innovation, and helps strengthen local participation in planning and implementing services and programs.

Grants are available to not-for-profit organisations that provide community services, recreation or arts and culture services within Glen Eira. These include scouts, senior citizens' centres, multicultural groups, adult learning centres, musical groups, sporting clubs, support groups, preschools, playgroups and community agencies.

Groups applying for grants should have open membership, encourage community ownership and be self-sufficient.

During the funding year 2005–06

Council approved more than \$195,000, representing 147 grants to 141 community organisations.

The 2006–07 community grants applications are now being accepted and close on 31 May 2006. Applications are available by calling Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333, or downloading one from www.gleneira.vic.gov.au. Applications can be handed to the Service Centre, at Glen Eira Town Hall, on the corner of Glen Eira and Hawthorn roads; or sent to: Community Grants Application, PO Box 42 Caulfield South 3162.

Murrumbeena Relay For Life

The Murrumbeena Relay For Life — part funded through Community Grants — is a 24-hour relay style, walk or run around the Duncan Mackinnon Reserve, and raises funds for cancer research, education and patient support programs.

The first Relay For Life was held in Murrumbeena in 1999 and has raised more than \$602,000 to date.

Nationally the Relay For Life has raised more than \$11 million for cancer research, and is the largest fundraising event for cancer worldwide.

Relay For Life symbolises hope for everyone touched by cancer in some way. It is a celebration of cancer survival and the on-going achievements in the fight against cancer.

The 2005 Murrumbeena Relay For Life was a great success, with more than 700 participants raising a staggering \$71,000. The volunteer organising committee would like to thank everyone who helped or participated in the event. The Committee would also like to thank Glen Eira City Council Community Grants Scheme for funds which covered the cost of hiring the Duncan Mackinnon Reserve and the stage.

People of all ages and levels of fitness are welcome to participate. The event is also ideal for individuals or small groups that would like to participate but don't have their own team and can join with another team. Children are welcome but must have adult supervision.

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MAYOR'S COLUMN



May is Small Business Month in Glen Eira, and Council has organised a comprehensive calendar of events, seminars and workshops for the community. Council takes very seriously the health and diversity of our business community and the contribution it can make to the community at large. I believe this is reflected in the range of events planned for Small Business Month and I encourage people to take advantage of this excellent service.

The first phase of the pools consultation strategy on the future of the Koornang Road and East Boundary Road public swimming centres closed last month. I visited the two sites and met with residents during the consultation process, which drew out community views, needs and priorities for these facilities. Council is very gratified by the public response received and will be ably guided by this in its deliberations.

We will now short-list options for these facilities, developing the details and having the options independently costed. The next phase will be to invite the community to consider those options, providing feedback to Council. Subject to the time needed to cost the options, Council aims to launch phase two of the consultation process in June.

The consultation process for the Bentleigh and McKinnon Maternal and Child Health services has also closed. Council and staff can be justly proud of the service provided to residents, reinforced by the depth of feeling on the issue throughout this consultation process. The questionnaire, written submissions and response to the April community forum all provide Council with invaluable material on which to base its decision.

I also joined the community in commemorating ANZAC day last month. I had the privilege of addressing a crowd which included returned soldiers, members from both the Caulfield St Kilda Legacy Widows Club and Bentleigh War Widows, school students, Scouts and Guides.

It was tremendous to see young people paying their respects. Lest we forget the bravery of so many who lost their lives fighting for our great country.

**Cr David Feldman
Mayor**

ANZAC service honours fallen heroes

By Anna McGibbon

More than 200 people honoured Australia's service men and women at Caulfield Park last month at Council's annual ANZAC Memorial Civic Service, in honour of ANZAC Day.

The service began with the City of Glen Eira Band, and Glen Eira Mayor Cr David Feldman and ex-service men and women or their descendants marching through the park to the Cenotaph.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr David Feldman addressed the crowd which included returned soldiers, members from both the Caulfield St Kilda Legacy Widows Club and Bentleigh War Widows, school students, scouts and guides.

"Today we remember the first ANZAC Day 91 years ago and the service of all members of our armed forces since then," Cr Feldman said.

"It is very pleasing to see such a large number of our young people taking their time to pay their respects to those who lost their lives fighting for their country.

"Many of those who went to wars were only a few years older than many of the young people here today.

"As we move through our service, let us remember that our men and women are serving their country, as we speak, on active service in disaster relief and in peace keeping missions around the world."



Mayor Cr David Feldman with Sergeant John Decker who delivered the ANZAC address. Photo: Les O'Rourke.

Past President of the Caulfield RSL Sub-branch Sergeant John Decker delivered the ANZAC address and Michael Fidler, past President of the Caulfield RSL Sub-branch read the ANZAC Requiem.

In the crowd, ex-servicemen and women, local members of parliament and students from Glen Eira schools joined members

of the Caulfield and Oakleigh-Carnegie RSL clubs and local scouts and guides.

Dignitaries including Cr Feldman and Council's Chief Executive Officer Andrew Newton, local parliamentarians and representatives from local schools, service organisations and scouts laid wreaths of remembrance. ■

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Coming deadline:

The deadline for the July edition of *Glen Eira News* is Wednesday 7 June for delivery 30 June-2 July.

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Basketball ring safety

Glen Eira City Council is raising awareness of the need to ensure basketball rings are safely and properly installed and regularly inspected.

Council's Manager of Civic Compliance John Bordignon said badly installed basketball rings were an accident waiting to happen and risk injury or even death.

"One of the biggest safety issues is basketball rings that have been attached to a single-skin brick wall — these walls are just not strong enough to resist the impact forces associated with long-term use.

"Council is advising people to dismantle rings and backboards that are currently fixed to a single-skin wall, such as the brickwork above a garage door. We are also suggesting residents do not allow anyone to use rings and backboards on any brickwork until they've been checked for safety," Mr Bordignon said.

"Basketball rings and backboards should not, under any circumstances, be fixed to a single-skin brick wall. People are strongly advised to have the wall checked by a structural engineer to ensure the wall and the proposed fittings are adequate and safe for the purpose," he said.

Mr Bordignon said people should always follow the manufacturer's instructions and, once installed, the fittings, wall and post should be checked on a regular basis for stability, deterioration or movement.

"Materials can deteriorate because of exposure to the weather and bolts and fittings can loosen over time from the constant banging of basketballs on the backboard and ring. Regular inspections could mean avoiding an injury," Mr Bordignon said.

"We have all heard of those awful incidents where a whole wall has come down while a young kid has been just shooting a few goals. With a bit of care and attention, we can make sure this never happens in Glen Eira," he said.

Guidelines for the installation, safe use and maintenance of basketball rings and backboards are available from the Building Commission's website at www.buildingcommission.com.au or by contacting Basketball Victoria on 9285 6400. ■

A lot less barking and no biting

By Jane Inglis

Last year Council's Compliance Unit investigated an average of five dog attacks per month.

A dog may be its owner's best friend, but you don't agree if you are being barked at or attacked.

Within the municipality of Glen Eira, dog owners have some basic responsibilities:

- keep the animal on a leash no longer than 1.5 metres;
- keep the animal on a leash within 50 metres of a barbecue or picnic area, children's playground, sporting event or organised public event; and,
- always keep the animal on a leash unless in an area designated as off-lead.

That's fairly logical and should keep everyone safe and happy. Council supports dog owners and wants to help them enjoy the amenities provided. To that end Council has produced freely available brochures on dog handling and ownership.

If you would like copies of these brochures or more information about Council's regulations regarding dogs in public spaces, please contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333. ■

Making sure your four-legged friend gets attention and plenty of exercise.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.



In brief

Free screening program

You've heard it before; but, really, you ought to do something about it.

Breast cancer can be a killer. All women, but particularly those over 50 (seven of ten breast cancers occur in this age group), should have a regular check up at least every two years. And 90 per cent of sufferers don't have a family history of the disease.

And, another thing:

- BreastScreen Victoria is part of a national **breast cancer screening program**, offering **women aged 50 and over** a free mammogram every two years.
- BreastScreen Victoria offers the **highest quality** breast cancer screening services.
- All BreastScreen services are **free**.
- No doctor's referral is required.

For women in the Glen Eira City Council municipality, BreastScreen Victoria offer local screening locations at East Bentleigh (Saturday morning appointments are available) and Elsternwick. It takes only 20 minutes of your time and is performed by a female radiographer. Women with disabilities

and those needing an interpreter are also catered for.

For more information or to make an appointment, call 13 20 50. Visit www.breastscreen.org.au and show your support.

Chemical collection — wrap up

Last month's *Detox your home* chemical collection day was a huge success with over a thousand residents clearing their homes of dangerous and unwanted chemicals.

Residents were encouraged to bring along their household and garage chemicals that were past their use by date or no longer required and safely dispose of them at the collection point.

Over 67,014 kg of chemicals were collected on the day, with paint being the most common chemical disposed of.

For details of *Detox your home* chemical collection days in other areas, please contact Sustainability Victoria.

School Crossing Supervisors (Part-time and casual)

If you would like to join our team

of School Crossing Supervisors we currently have some casual and permanent vacancies. Most school crossings operate between the hours of 8.15am and 9am mornings and between 3.15pm and 4pm in the afternoons, Monday to Friday, during school terms.

You will be responsible for ensuring the safety of children and other people using the crossing. These are paid positions and salary starts around \$15 per hour. You will enjoy approximately 10 weeks holiday each year.

If you are responsible, reliable and available during the school crossing hours then we would like to hear from you.

Visit www.gleneira.vic.gov.au for a position description. For further enquiries call 9524 3451. Applications are preferred online via the website and must quote the Ref. 06/998 in the covering letter. Alternatively, please mail to:

Human Resources
PO Box 42
Caulfield South 3162.

Prospective School Crossing Supervisors will need to pass a medical examination and undergo a police check.

CEO'S COLUMN



Wheelie bins for recycling waste are being delivered to all households from this month. The new fortnightly collection starts from 1 July. The new recycling service allows for an increase in the amount and type of materials that can be recycled, including a larger range of plastics, and is a good environmental choice for our City.

Compared to the crates, the bins are safer containers for glass and other materials. They are also easier for householders to move and for the waste company to collect.

The safety and amenity of the City is always of high priority for Council.

Other current safety initiatives include:

- a *Keys Please* driver session for younger drivers and their parents will be held at Carnegie Library, in partnership with VicRoads, to encourage driver awareness;
- Joint Victoria Police and Council roadblocks in the City to check for compliance by vehicles and drivers
- encouraging responsible pet ownership; and,
- providing information regarding the safe use and installation of basketball rings.

Andrew Newton
Chief Executive Officer

Reduce road deaths — don't drink and drive

A roadside booze bus, which stopped drivers on the Nepean Highway recently as part of a 'blitz' on drink driving, has revealed a significant increase in the numbers of motorists driving under the influence of alcohol.

Victoria Police statistics show that alcohol is still a major factor in road deaths — around 23 per cent of drivers killed in road crashes have a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of .05 or higher.

Council's Manager of Public Health Mark Saunders said these statistics had worrying implications for the safety of the Glen Eira community.

"At a BAC of .05, the risk of being involved in a road crash is double the risk of drivers with no blood alcohol concentration," Mr Saunders said.

"This means that not only are the drivers at risk, but they are also risking the lives of their passengers and anyone else on the road when they drive."

Mr Saunders said the more you've been drinking, the longer it takes to reduce the level of alcohol in your blood. He also said that if you drink a lot one evening, you could still be over .05 the next morning. (Not to forget feeling 'under the weather'.)

"If you have been drinking, feeling sober is not a safe indicator of whether you are under .05. Cold showers, exercise,

black coffee, fresh air and vomiting do not help. It takes time for the alcohol concentration in your blood to decrease, so you need to wait before you drive.

"Of course, the obvious prevention is to not drink if you intend to drive. Planning ahead, having a designated driver who abstains entirely, hiring a taxi, using public transport, staying overnight or arranging someone to pick you up, are all easy ways to remove the risk entirely," Mr Saunders said.

He encouraged Glen Eira drivers to think about what they are risking if they drive under the influence of alcohol, and to take responsibility for themselves and other members of the community by ensuring they do not drive while drinking.

"Also, alcohol affects people differently. How quickly your body deals with the alcohol depends on a number of factors; smaller people will have a higher BAC, people with a lot of body fat can have a higher BAC, and a woman will almost certainly have a higher BAC than a man who drinks the same amount," he said.

Mr Saunders said drivers could take a number of precautions to avoid driving at higher than legal limits, including eating before and while drinking, keeping track of the number of standard drinks they are having, not mixing their drinks, and ensuring they have allowed enough time after drinking for their BAC to diminish.

SOME FACTS AND TIPS ABOUT ALCOHOL AND DRIVING:

- No set number of drinks will keep you under .05 BAC. In fact, one person drinking a set amount can register a different BAC on different occasions.
- To help avoid going over the limit try the following:
 - men can generally have two standard drinks in the first hour and one every hour after that; and
 - women can generally have one standard drink in the first hour and one every hour after that.
- Check the labels on bottles and cans for the number of standard drinks.
- Eat before and while you are drinking.
- Don't allow people to top up your glass — it's difficult to keep track of how much you're drinking.
- Get into the habit of drinking light or reduced alcohol drinks.
- Don't mix your drinks.
- Remember that some medications and drugs, when combined with alcohol, can greatly impair your driving skills.
- Try non-alcoholic drinks, like a mocktail — a blended fruit drink modelled on the cocktail.

Council announces phase two of pools consultation

The first phase of the pools consultation strategy is now complete.

During this phase, Council informed the Community of the condition of our two swim centres and held four public

forums around the City to discuss the future of Glen Eira's pools.

This process intended to draw out community views, needs and priorities on public swimming facilities. The date for public submissions closed last month.

Council is now working up more detailed information on options and the associated costs.

Council will then invite community feedback on the short-listed, detailed and costed options so that people have time to consider the details, benefits and costs.

The options will reflect the views expressed during phase one of the process. Subject to the time it will take to get the options independently costed, Council aims to launch this phase of consultation in June.

The consultation comes as a result of long standing issues relating to the condition of the City's two public swimming pools.

The two, 40-year-old heated, open-air pools are currently structurally, financially and environmentally unsustainable.

The water slides at both pools have been closed for some time, and the pools themselves have had to be closed on several occasions, including three times in the 2005–06 season, because of equipment breakdowns.

The lack of contemporary, year-round facilities and lower standard plant and facilities has resulted in relatively low attendances and an inability to meet the needs of some sectors of our community.

Funding through the State Government's Better Pool Program could be sought to assist in whatever option(s) may be implemented.

More information is available in the discussion papers, online at www.gleneira.vic.gov.au or from Council's Service Centre.



Recycling bin rollout starts

In May and June new recycling bins will be delivered to Glen Eira households.

The new green 240 litre wheelie bins with yellow lids will replace Council's existing crate-based recycling service. The new service will not start until after 1 July, so keep using your crates in the meantime.

The recycling bins are part of Council's new fortnightly recycling service. Regular waste will still be collected weekly. Green waste will still be collected fortnightly, on alternate weeks to the new recycling collection service.

It will be easier to recycle because all recyclable materials go in the one bin

Keeping those powerlines clear

About 1,500 street trees will be trimmed over the coming month to ensure tree branches aren't interfering with overhead powerlines.

Council's Manager of Park Services Laurie Unwin said that the annual powerline clearing program was essential before winter storms increased the risk of trees posing a problem for overhead power cables.

"Keeping branches clear of the overhead powerlines greatly minimises the risk of fire or power disruption to residential and commercial properties.

"Council's street trees are trimmed on a rotational basis. We conduct an audit during summer to identify trees that pose a potential problem and need to be pruned to avoid contact with overhead powerlines.

"Once the scope of the work is identified, Council engages qualified contractors to undertake the tree pruning. Using an audit and qualified contractors ensures the job is done safely, and without damaging street trees, at a competitive price," he said.

Laurie said Glen Eira residents could help to further reduce the risk of fires or power disruption by ensuring trees on their properties don't interfere with power cables.

"Council encourages residents to take appropriate action to prune branches away from overhead wires on their properties or to engage a professional to undertake the job."

The street tree pruning is due for completion by the end of May. The contractors will operate during business hours in specific streets throughout the City and Council does not expect any access disruption for residents.

— and the range of plastics able to be recycled has increased. There is no additional charge for this change to the recycling service.

Council's decision to change the way we collect materials for recycling was based on the results of an independent survey of residents in 2005, which showed majority support for the introduction of wheelie bins and a fortnightly collection service.

A 240 LITRE BIN INSTEAD OF TWO CRATES

The 240 litre bin holds a bit more over two weeks than the two crates did. Having a bin with a lid also means that there will be less paper litter blowing about the place, and much less risk of cuts from broken glass or sharp tin lids. The waste won't get wet if it rains and should keep vermin down if that has been a problem in the past.

WHAT HAPPENS TO THE CRATES?

You can keep the crates — they come in handy for all sorts of gardening and



household uses. If you want them taken away, just ring the Council's Service Centre in July to have them picked up. Do not put them in the recycling bin.

RECYCLING BINS AT FLATS

Flats currently have bins with red lids for recycling. These red lids will be changed

Your new recycling bin will soon be arriving, but don't start using the service until after 1 July 2006. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

to yellow lids as part of the recycling bin rollout. Blocks of flats will also receive extra bins to cope with fortnightly collection. The older bins with new yellow lids will be serviced weekly until 1 July. After 1 July it will be a fortnightly service.

What can and cannot be recycled

PAPER AND CARDBOARD

YES newspapers, magazines, telephone books, school and office paper, cardboard, cereal and food boxes, envelopes, junk mail and flyers

NO wax-coated boxes

GLASS

YES glass bottles, jars

NO ceramic plates, cups or crockery, drinking glasses, broken glass, light globes, Pyrex, window glass

ALUMINIUM AND STEEL

YES steel cans, aluminium cans, clean aluminium foil, pie trays, empty aerosol cans

CARTONS

YES milk cartons, juice cartons, detergent/washing liquid cartons

PLASTICS (you'll find the code on the outside, bottom of the item)

YES Code 1: PET — soft drink, juice and water bottles
Code 2: HDPE — milk bottles

Code 3: PVC — detergent and cordial bottles
Code 4: LDPE plastics
Code 5: PP plastics
Code 6: PS plastics
Code 7: OTHER plastics

NO plastic shopping bags, nappies, motor oil containers, polystyrene cups, meat trays, takeaway food containers

—from www.visy.com.au

Reader's rewards

Glen Eira's libraries are running another popular Reader's Reward Program for library members. Next time members are in the library they can ask for a reward card, borrow five items or more at each visit and have the card stamped. On the third and sixth visit they can then complete an entry form to go into the draw for a winter indulgence pack including a range of DVDs, CDs, books and magazines plus chocolates and wine to enjoy as you read, watch and listen. Entries close on 30 July 2006.

Elsternwick Library revamp

Elsternwick Library will be closed from Tuesday 9 May and will reopen on Tuesday 16 May. This closure will allow for shelving and the new customer

service desk to be installed and for some additional carpeting and painting works to be completed. The library returns chute will remain open. During this period, customers are invited to use the other libraries at Caulfield, Carnegie and Bentleigh.

Libraries support a Council Community Safety initiative — Keys Please

Thursday 11 May 2006, 7pm–8.30pm
Theatrette
Glen Eira City Council
Corner Hawthorn and Glen Eira Roads, Caulfield

Council invites Years 10 and 11 students and their parents to attend this special information forum, *Keys Please* — the First Step into the Driver's Seat, as

part of its commitment to enhancing community safety. *Keys Please* is a VicRoads program which aims to introduce young people to the different driving skills necessary to be a safe and responsible driver, and parents to the importance of driving practice for a learner — the need for parents to willingly hand over the car keys for frequent practice sessions. The program also includes valuable tips to help learners get that all-important licence.

The program is based on research that indicates learner drivers should have at least 120 hours of driving practice before they get their licence.

This event is free but bookings are essential. Book at any of Council's library branches or call 9524 3623. Further information on *Keys Please* is available at Council's four libraries.

LIBRARY NEWS

Taking care with Glen

Staff with Glen Eira City Council's community care program undertake a wide range of caring roles in the community, providing service for clients of all ages.

Services provided include personal care (showering and dressing), home care (cleaning and household duties), respite (time out for full time carers), delivered meals, property maintenance, social support, community transport and senior citizens centres. By providing

PERSONAL CARE

Personal care services assist older or frail people and people with a disability with the personal tasks they would usually undertake themselves, but which, due to illness, age or frailty, they are unable to manage on their own.

John has been a personal carer at Council for 12 years and visits up to 25 people each week to provide personal and home care services. He assists with showering or sponging, getting dressed or grooming and sometimes with eating and drinking.

"I really enjoy helping people and knowing that with my help they can stay in their own homes for longer. It's not just about giving someone a shower — it's about talking to people, some of whom are quite isolated, and providing them with a window to the outside world.

these services, Council enables the City's older and disabled residents to remain independent in their homes for longer.

Council's Manager Community Care Michelle Marr said services are provided when frailty, disability or illness prevent a person from undertaking the tasks of daily living for themselves. Prospective clients are assessed, following a referral and the appropriate level and type of service required is then determined for each individual.

"I am always learning new things from my clients, many of them are in their nineties, and they have a lot of wisdom to share. We talk about news and current issues, and hopefully, I am able to pass something on to them too!" he said.

"Part of our role as carers is to monitor our clients' health and wellbeing as well so that we can report any concerns for further follow-up and intervention if necessary. Sometimes I am able to recommend another service they might like to take up, like outings or social activities.

"The best part about this work is knowing that you are making a difference to someone's life," John said.

"Council has almost 4,000 clients on its books, providing more than 115,000 hours of home care, personal care and respite care, 112,000 delivered meals, 32,000 social support program hours and 4,500 hours of property maintenance.

"It's almost overwhelming when you

think of it like that, but we have a strong team of people who work together to provide the services. They come from all walks of life and are of various ages, but they have one important thing in common — their commitment to caring for others," Ms Marr said.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

Council's property maintenance team comprises five staff members who assist clients with minor maintenance and home modifications to ensure a safe and secure home environment.

Service officer Lindsay Robinson has been changing tap washers, light globes and fire detector batteries, installing handrails, and carrying out general handyman work for many years.

"People can, and do, rely on us to take care of the things they can't, or shouldn't, do themselves.

"It's about developing friendships and understanding with the clients, too. Staff really like their work and gain a lot of personal satisfaction from a job well done and from the gratitude of those they are able to help," Lindsay said.



Property maintenance officer Peter replaces a smoke detector for Hania.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

HOME CARE

Tina has been a home care provider for eight years — helping elderly and disabled clients with a range of everyday tasks that able-bodied people take for granted such as cleaning, meal preparation and shopping.

Her job enables her to help clients remain independent in their homes and provides her with a sense of giving something back to her community.

"Most of my clients are elderly and I really enjoy spending time with and helping them. I have always related

well with elderly people and it is really rewarding to be able to help them stay independent and in their homes," Tina said.

"Some of my elderly clients don't have any family and when I go to see them their eyes spark up. They have an opportunity to talk to someone, talk about their problems and concerns.

"I really enjoy establishing good relationships with my clients. My job is all about assistance, trust, and compassion."



Personal carer John assists client Daniel with grooming.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.



Home carer Tina helps client Bianca prepare a meal.

Photo: Les O'Rourke.

Council is always looking for more people to join its team of carers, providing home, personal care and respite care. Part-time and flexible hours are available.

The delivered meals service is also in need of volunteers to assist with meal deliveries, as either a jockey or a driver.

If you are interested in becoming a part of the Community Care team, as either a carer or delivered meals volunteer, please contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

Eira's community

RESPITE CARE

Council also provides support for full-time carers who carry out these tasks for the person in their care every day in the form of respite care.

This service gives carers a break and can be planned regular time or emergency or occasional respite (including evenings and weekends). For younger clients, this often means the respite carer spends time with siblings as well as the person needing care and engages the children in a range of activities including drawing and music-making or reading aloud.

Twenty-three year old Tarryn provides respite care for 10 Glen Eira families,



Respite carer Zahara enjoys reading aloud to Nicholas. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

allowing the parents to take much needed time out while she enjoys three or four hours with their children. Tarryn said she has always had a strong interest in youth and children and sees her role as respite carer as the perfect opportunity to link her passion for caring for children with disabilities to her chosen career in social work.

“I get so much from this work — on one level, knowing that I am giving the parents an opportunity to rejuvenate and recharge, but on a more personal level I get to be part of these children’s lives. Empowering them, helping them to realise they are children first and the disability comes second. Working with children, often one-on-one, allows me to focus on their strengths. They really are amazing kids.

“But I often also get to spend time with their siblings too, like a member of the family. Siblings of disabled children sometimes miss out on feeling special, so that’s an opportunity for me to show them that they are special too,” Tarryn said.



Carer Tarryn and her client Gemma enjoy challenging activities together.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

SOCIAL SUPPORT

For older people and those not home-bound by their disabilities, Council provides the social support program in Carnegie.

Glen Eira Social Support Services co-ordinator Angela Mancini said the centre offers a range of activities designed to stimulate and entertain and to provide social interaction in a supportive environment for the 120 clients who attend each week.

“We run lots of programs and cater for a range of skills and abilities. We have physical programs, for gentle exercise, flexibility and relaxation, creative programs, craft, woodwork, music and art, plus games, cooking and gardening. The strength training program, in particular, is very popular and enjoyed by all participants.

“We also offer outings to galleries,

restaurants, concerts like Morning Melodies, bus trips and picnics at the Dandenongs, or a fish and chips lunch at Williamstown,” Ms Mancini said.

She said most of the clients attending the Social Support program were very frail and may have dementia which means they cannot attend the program on their own initiative. To meet this need, Council provides transport to collect clients from their home and return them home safely — ensuring older people are not excluded from the opportunity to experience a fun and enjoyable day.

“We also provide morning and afternoon tea and lunch which not only serves our clients’ physical needs but provides a perfect opportunity for them to come together with all the usual benefits of having a meal with a group of friends,” Ms Mancini said.

DELIVERED MEALS



Volunteers Margaret and Lloyd load up another meal delivery. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Council delivers more than 112,000 meals each year through the commitment and skill of 160 staff and volunteers.

Delivered Meals Services co-ordinator Stefanie Vranas said the service, operating seven days a week and 364 days a year, is much more than a food service targeted to dietary needs.

“Clients not only receive their meals but their health and wellbeing is monitored by staff. We have experienced many circumstances where a client has been in need of assistance after an overnight fall

and it has been a delivered meals staff member who has heard their calls for help and arranged assistance,” Ms Vranas said.

Ms Vranas said the service relied heavily on its volunteers, some of whom had been delivering meals for 20 years.

“Our volunteers are very special people, they are very dedicated — just like the postman, they are out there rain, hail or shine. But, of course, we are always looking for more people to become volunteers.”



Council provides transport to collect clients from their home.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

COMMUNITY

12th Caulfield Scout Group urgently needs more leaders. All training provided. Contact: Peter 9329 1705 or 0411 406 086.

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

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: Collin 9579 5506.

Bentleigh Organ Club meets at the Bentleigh East Sporting and Recreation Club, Mackie Road, Bentleigh East on the first Monday of each month at 8pm. Contact: Jenny or Cliff 9258 2539.

Carnegie-Murrumbeena Elderly Citizens Club meets for cards and bingo at 7 Shepparson Avenue, Carnegie. Contact: 9568 2727.

Caulfield Men's Probus Club meets at St John's Uniting Church, Glen Huntly Road, Caulfield on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 10am. New members welcome. Contact: Bill 9571 7723.

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

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Moorabbin Historical Society opens Box Cottage, Joyce Park, Jasper Road, McKinnon on the last Sunday of each month from February to November from 2pm to 4pm. Cost: donation. Contact: 9585 7276.

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

Royal Children's Hospital Auxiliaries meets at Alma Club, 1 Wilks Street, North Caulfield, on the third Wednesday of each month at 1pm. New members welcome. Contact: Pat 9571 2666.

Salvation Army Bentleigh holds activities at 87 Robert Street, Bentleigh on the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 1pm. All welcome. Contact: 9557 2644 or 9557 8326.

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.

MEETING ROOM FOR HIRE

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

For a free brochure or further information contact the Facilities Booking Officer on 9524 3333 or email recservices@gleneira.vic.gov.au or visit the web site www.gleneira.vic.gov.au/facilityhire



GLEN EIRA CITY COUNCIL

Scottish Country Dancing holds dancing classes at Ormond Uniting Church Hall, corner North and Booran Roads on Tuesday from 1.30pm. Cost: \$3. Contact: 9555 8208 or 9889 3928.

St John's Anglican Playgroup meets at 624 Centre Road, Bentleigh on Wednesday mornings between 9.30 and 11.30am. Suitable for children aged 0-4 years-old. Contact: Heather 9502 8050.

St Peter's Cancer Support Group meets at St Peter's Parish Centre, 844 Centre Road, Bentleigh East on the first Thursday of each month at 10.30am.

EVENTS

Caulfield Community Health Service will hold a photo exhibition titled *Camera Connections — using photography to bring older people together* throughout Glen Eira. Contact: Sue Bottomley or Fiona Harris 9523 6666.

The deadline for the next Community Diary is Wednesday 7 June for delivery 30 June-2 July.

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MAY 2006

McKinnon
Progress Hall, 118 McKinnon Road, McKinnon
Monday 1 May 10am-11am

Glen Eira Town Hall
Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield
Tuesday 2 May 6pm-7pm
Tuesday 9 May 9.30am-10.15am

Carnegie Library
7 Shepparson Avenue, Carnegie
Wednesday 10 May 1.30pm-2.30pm

Bentleigh-Bayside Community Health Service
Gardeners Road, East Bentleigh
Wednesday 17 May 6pm-7pm
Saturday 27 May 9.30am-10.30am

Glen Huntly
Corner Royal and Rosedale Avenues, Glen Huntly
Wednesday 24 May 9.30am-11am

Packer Park
Leila Road, Carnegie
Monday 15 May 10am-11am

Sports Seminar for Good Sports

More than 60 people from sports clubs around Glen Eira attended Council's recent breakfast seminar which was officially opened by Glen Eira Mayor Cr David Feldman, who said "Council recognises that

sport clubs and the environments they create are vital to the quality of life of our community. Providing a healthy environment for sport and recreational pursuits is a major challenge for both Council and sporting clubs."

Club a winner on and off the field!

Many sports clubs in Australia have a tradition of heavy drinking as well as a reliance on revenue from alcohol sales to finance club activities.

The Good Sports Accreditation Program — a partnership between the Australian Drug Foundation (ADF), national, state, regional and local sports bodies and government — was established to develop a safer and healthier community. The program helps sporting clubs manage alcohol responsibly, with positive benefits to member sports clubs. Member clubs promote a responsible attitude towards alcohol, providing a safe environment for players, members, families and supporters. It's supported by VicHealth, the Traffic Accident Commission (TAC) and the Alcohol Education Rehabilitation Foundation, and was developed following ADF research which showed that by introducing responsible alcohol management policies, clubs were able to improve membership and enhance their viability.

The **Caulfield Cricket Club** recently achieved level three accreditation under the program, making it the first Glen Eira club to achieve this level of accreditation.

Caulfield Cricket Club now has an alcohol management policy, which includes the sale of low alcohol drinks and soft drinks and a safe transport strategy to ensure their members get home safely. It will provide food when serving alcohol and will not emphasise alcohol at player awards or fundraising, functions and prizes.

The club is confident its efforts will continue to improve the social environment of the Club, and is working to ensure the club is a great place to play and socialise for all members of our community.

In recognition of its commitment to the program, Caulfield Cricket Club was awarded a Regional Good Sports Club of the Year Award for 2005.

There are 20 Glen Eira sports clubs involved in the Good Sports Program at various levels.

All Glen Eira sports clubs serving alcohol are encouraged to become involved in the program because it provides the necessary tools to comply with Liquor Licensing requirements and help create a healthy social environment for all members.

Clubs can obtain more information or register for the program at www.goodsports.com.au or by contacting Victorian Project Coordinator Clea Smith on 9667 9202 or via email clea@adf.org.au

The guest speaker was former VFL/AFL star and coach of the Hawthorn Football Club, Peter Schwab, who inspired and motivated attendees with details of his own experiences playing and working with local sports clubs. Mr Schwab played 171 senior games including three day and four night premierships. He has also been president of the AFL Coaches Association and senior advisor to the AFL Umpires. Mr Schwab is currently Chair of the AFL match review panel.

Three guest presenters provided some understanding of current issues facing sports clubs. They included Clea Smith from the Australian Drug Foundation — Good Sports Program,



Former coach of the Hawthorn Football Club Peter Schwab spoke of his experiences working with local sports clubs.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Lyle Clausen from Council's Public Health department and John Bordignon from Council's Local Laws department.

Linda Smith, Council's Manager Recreation and Youth Services said

"the breakfast seminar was a great success and helps to create safe sports club environments and quality sporting experiences in Glen Eira".

Carnegie Library and Community Centre — But wait there is more!

The recently developed Carnegie Library and Community Centre is having further improvements. The works are well underway for a new outdoor all-abilities play space which is located outside the new complex.

The play space focus has been based around a book worm theme to complement the library and community centre. It will create a space which both the young and the young at heart can enjoy and make the most of Glen Eira's outdoors.

The play space will be defined by mural walls formed in the shape of books with a stage area and amphitheatre steps for performers to use. This wall will also feature a section where local schools and artists will be encouraged to paint with murals changing on a regular basis. There will also be a hedge along the west

side of the precinct which will be clipped in the shape of a serpent.

The main features of the play space will be three giant book worms, each having a distinct design as follows:

- Musical Bookworm — this rubberised sculpture will feature copper drums, gongs and steel fins which can be used in a variety of ways to create music as well as for climbing over.
- Glow Bookworm — this will be a fibreglass sculpture which will glow at night, showing off its random rainbow colours.
- Clamber Bookworm — this will also be a rubberised sculpture which will encourage young people to clamber and scramble over it using a variety of agility devices.

So, remember to watch this space for further developments of this exciting new play area!

Walking in Glen Eira — New guide now available!



Photo: Anna McGibbon.

An exciting new walking guide has been produced to enable residents to make the most of getting around Glen Eira. The walking brochures includes nine self-guided walks, safe walking tips, what you will need to get started, advice on warming up, cooling down and stretching. These walks have been developed to incorporate some of Glen Eira's most popular parks, reserves and heritage sites.

Walking for exercise and enjoyment is inexpensive and can be enjoyed by all ages. It's a great way to unwind, relax and help us cope with the stresses of everyday life while at the same time staying fit and healthy.

This new guide will enable everyone and their dog to exercise and keep active while enjoying all that Glen Eira has to offer. For a copy of the brochure set please contact the Glen Eira Service Centre on 9524 3333.

YOUTHNEWS

The YCG is looking for you!

So far this year, Council has already hosted a number of great events for young Glen Eira residents. More than 1,100 locals attended the Big Splash Out! music festival, and hundreds headed to Bailey Reserve for the recent Bentleigh East Skate Jam!

Behind the scenes for each of these events is a group of hard working, dedicated young people, who all live in the municipality — the Youth Consultative Group (YCG).

We are now actively recruiting for our next YCG, which will start in July.

As a member of the YCG, you will receive accredited training in event management, and work with the Youth Services team in hosting exciting local events for your peers.

So, if you are aged 15–19 years, and want to play an active part in shaping your community while learning new skills and meeting new friends, we want to hear from you!

To get involved, or for more information, contact the Youth Information Centre on 9572 5389. Or drop in and see us at 54 Rosstown Road, Carnegie.

Sovvenzioni Comunitarie

Il Comune di Glen Eira assegna annualmente a gruppi comunitari locali più di \$200,000 tramite il proprio programma di sovvenzioni comunitarie Community Grants.

Il programma ha lo scopo di aiutare gruppi a base comunitaria, che operano senza fini di lucro, ad aggiornare approvate priorità comunitarie, incoraggia iniziative che promuovono l'autosufficienza e l'innovazione ed assiste al consolidamento della partecipazione locale nella pianificazione e realizzazione di servizi e programmi.

Le sovvenzioni sono a disposizione di organizzazioni senza fini di lucro che offrono servizi comunitari, ricreativi o artistici e culturali all'interno della comunità di Glen Eira. Dette organizzazioni includono gruppi scout, centri di ritrovo per cittadini anziani, gruppi multiculturali, centri di apprendimento per adulti, gruppi musicali, club sportivi, gruppi di sostegno, giardini d'infanzia, gruppi gioco per bambini ed agenzie comunitarie.

I gruppi che presentano richiesta per le sovvenzioni devono offrire libera

associazione, incoraggiare proprietà comunitaria ed essere autosufficienti.

Nel 2005-06 il Comune ha approvato fondi per una cifra superiore a \$195,000 assegnando 147 sovvenzioni a 141 organizzazioni comunitarie.

La presentazione delle richieste per le sovvenzioni comunitarie per l'anno 2006-07 è ora in corso e si chiuderà il 31 maggio 2006.

社區撥款

Glen Eira 市政府每年通過社區撥款方案向當地社團撥款 \$200,000 以上。

這項方案幫助非營利社區團體滿足經確認的社區優先事項，鼓勵促進自給自足和創新的社區舉措，協助加強當地居民參與服務和計劃的規劃及實施。

在 Glen Eira 市政區內提供社區服務、娛樂或藝術及文化服務的非營利機構可獲得撥款，其中包括童子軍、高齡公民中心、多元文化團體、成人學習中心、音樂小組、運動俱樂部、支持團體、幼稚園、遊戲小組和社區代理機構。

申請撥款的團體應當有公開的會員制度，鼓勵社區所有並能夠自給自足。

在 2005-06 撥款年度中，市政府批准了 \$195,000 以上的撥款，其中包括向 141 個社區機構撥出了 147 個款項。

目前正在接受 2006 - 07 年度社區撥款申請，申請截止日期為 2006 年 5 月 31 日。

Κοινοτικά Κονδύλια

Κάθε χρόνο, η Δημαρχία Δήμου Glen Eira χορηγεί πάνω από 200.000 δολάρια σε τοπικούς κοινοτικούς οργανισμούς μέσω του προγράμματος Κοινοτικών Κονδυλίων.

Το πρόγραμμα βοηθά μη κερδοσκοπικούς κοινοτικούς οργανισμούς για να καλύπτουν εντοπισμένες κοινοτικές ανάγκες, παροτρύνει τις κοινοτικές πρωτοβουλίες που προάγουν την αυτοτέλεια και καινοτομία και βοηθά στην ενδυνάμωση της κοινοτικής συμμετοχής στον προγραμματισμό και εφαρμογή υπηρεσιών και προγραμμάτων.

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Οι οργανισμοί που υποβάλουν αίτηση για κονδύλια πρέπει να έχουν ανοιχτή εγγραφή μελών, να παροτρύνουν την κοινοκτημοσύνη και να είναι αυτοσυντήρητοι.

Κατά το χρηματοδοτικό έτος 2005-06 η Δημαρχία ενέκρινε πάνω από 195.000 δολάρια, που αντιπροσωπεύουν 147 κονδύλια σε 141 κοινοτικούς οργανισμούς.

Γίνονται τώρα δεκτές αιτήσεις για κοινοτικά κονδύλια του 2006-07 και η προθεσμία υποβολής κλείνει στις 31 Μαΐου 2006.

Субсидии для общественных групп и объединений

Каждый год муниципалитет Glen Eira предоставляет более \$200 000 местным общественным группам в рамках программы Community Grants.

Эта программа помогает некоммерческим общественным группам и объединениям в выполнении приоритетных социальных задач, поддерживает различные общественные инициативы и способствует участию общественности в планировании и внедрении муниципальных услуг.

Субсидии предоставляются некоммерческим группам и объединениям, которые оказывают социальные услуги или проводят мероприятия в области культуры,

искусства, отдыха и развлечений в муниципалитете Glen Eira. Это такие группы, как скауты, центры для пожилых людей, этнические группы, образовательные центры для взрослых, музыкальные группы, спортивные клубы, группы поддержки, группы для детей дошкольного возраста и общественные социальные службы.

Для получения субсидий членство в группах и объединениях должно быть открытым, и они должны быть самостоятельны.

В 2005-06 финансовом году муниципалитет выделил более \$195 000 в виде 147 субсидий 141 общественной группе.

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COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

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

Upcoming and current consultation opportunities

Subject	Type	Date	Where
Renewal of leasing contracts	Meetings and letters written to clubs and organisations	Ongoing	Glen Eira City Council PO BOX 42, Caulfield South 3162
Amendment C50 — Aged Persons Housing policy	Submissions	Closes Friday 19 May	Amendment C50 consultation Glen Eira City Council PO Box 42 Caulfield South 3162

Recent consultation opportunities

Public swimming	Comments and submissions	Closed Monday 17 April	Public swimming pool consultation Glen Eira City Council PO Box 42 Caulfield South 3162
Bentleigh and McKinnon MCH services	Public forum	Closed Tuesday 4 April	McKinnon Secondary College Hall, McKinnon Road, McKinnon
	Comments and submissions	Closed Monday 17 April	Maternal and Child Health consultation Glen Eira City Council PO Box 42 Caulfield South 3162
	Survey of McKinnon and Bentleigh MCH users	Closed Monday 17 April	Maternal and Child Health consultation Glen Eira City Council PO Box 42 Caulfield South 3162

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

Rosstown Ward community forums

Be part of building our community — bring your ideas, opinions and suggestions to the next Rosstown Ward community forum and make a difference.

Crs Esakoff, Spaulding and Tang have reported the first Rosstown Ward forum, held in March, as a success — with residents, trader and sporting club representatives all having an opportunity to have their say, ask questions and give feedback on many and varied issues.

The forums provide a direct avenue of communication with Rosstown Ward Councillors.

The next forum will be held on Tuesday 23 May at 7.30pm at the Glen Eira McKinnon Bowls Club in Tyrone Street, Ormond.

May is Small Business Month

Glen Eira City Council has joined forces with the State Government, trader associations and other businesses to celebrate Small Business Month with a range of business events in May.



Glen Eira City Council — working with local businesses.

Council's Business Development Manager Lynda Bredin said the month was a great opportunity to acknowledge the contribution local small businesses make to the Glen Eira community. She said the event would provide support and information for small businesses to better serve the City's economy as well as raising the profile of Glen Eira businesses with the community.

"The highlight of the month was a free expo for local businesses to showcase their products and services. This was a first for Council and was a great success. We filled the auditorium to capacity and



generated lots of energy and enthusiasm around Glen Eira businesses.

"Over the month, a whole range of seminars and information sessions will be run, such as starting a business or conducting a business online, and promoting events that support, celebrate and acknowledge the diversity of Glen Eira's retail offering, such as Elsternwick MainStreet Committee food and wine night," Ms Bredin said.

The month of activities will provide business owners and operators with opportunities to get together with other businesses, gain valuable knowledge, share ideas, achievements and concerns, and to network with other local providers.

"Being part of the local business community can have a number of advantages, like promoting and sharing our social and economic capital, or simply benefiting from feeling part of a wider community which helps offset the isolation sometimes experienced by sole-proprietors, managers and home-base business alike," Ms Bredin said.

For details of coming events contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 or visit Council's website at www.gleneira.vic.gov.au ■



Council's BusEd program links businesses and education.

Sue Barrett, Managing Director Barrett Pty Ltd, and Telstra and Victorian Government Small Business Award winner will expose the emotional barriers that keep talented, motivated professionals from earning what they're worth on Tuesday 30 May at the Glen Eira Town Hall.

SMALL BUSINESS MONTH — CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Understanding Financial Statements

When: Monday 8 May 9am–12.30pm (9.15am start)
Where: Caulfield Cup Room
Cost: \$40
Bookings essential by 3 May

Marketing Seminar State Government — Under New Management program

When: Tuesday 9 May 6.30pm–8.30pm (6pm arrival)
Where: Caulfield Cup Room, Glen Eira Town Hall
Cost: \$15 (includes light refreshments)
Bookings essential by 4 May

Business Planning — run over 4 sessions

When: Wednesday 10 May 5pm–8pm
Where: The Caulfield Cup Room
Cost: \$95 catering included
Booking essential by Monday 8 May

Rental Property Seminar — ATO

When: Thursday 11 May 9.15am–11.15am (9am arrival)
Where: Caulfield Cup Room, Glen Eira Town Hall
Cost: free — bookings essential by 8 May

Media — Getting the best out of Media Communication and Marketing

When: Wednesday 17 May 4pm–9pm
Where: The Auditorium
Cost: \$25 bookings essential by Thursday 11 May

Glen Eira's Womens Business Network — The art and process of Innovation

When: Thursday 18 May 7pm–9pm
Where: Caulfield Cup Room, Glen Eira Town Hall
Cost: \$10 — bookings essential by 15 May

Tax Basics — ATO

When: Monday 22 May 9am–4pm (8.45am arrival)
Where: Caulfield Cup Room, Glen Eira Town Hall
Cost: free — bookings essential by 18 May

Sales — The key to existence

When: Tuesday 30 May 4pm–9pm
Where: The Auditorium
Cost: \$25 (light supper provided)
Bookings essential by 24 May

On-Line Business — Business Support Network

When: Wednesday 31 May 4pm–8pm
Where: Caulfield Cup Room, Glen Eira Town Hall
Cost: \$15 — bookings essential by 18 May



2006 Winter Music Series heats up

Council's popular *Winter Music Series* returns next month with an exciting and diverse mix of musical styles ranging from classical masters, gypsy-tangos, big band sounds, to contemporary rock.

The Sunday afternoon series of six concerts will be held from June to August on a fortnightly basis.

Launching this year's series is Australia's finest classical guitarist *Slava Grigoryan* on Sunday 4 June. Slava has travelled the world and has performed with the London Philharmonic Orchestra and the Israel Symphony.

On Sunday 18 June, audiences will enjoy the luscious strings and romantic piano accordion of Melbourne-based quintet *Cosmo Cosmolino*, who create warm, sultry, virtuosic, rich and joyful music. *Cosmo Cosmolino* were a big hit with audiences from the Commonwealth Games at the recent Festival of Melbourne.

Australia's leading klezma band will entertain with its energetic, passionate, witty and soulful Yiddish music in the tradition of Eastern European Jewish folksongs on Sunday 2 July.

They perform a range of songs from lullabies to whirling dance tunes.

Together, pianists Nehama Patkin and Rebecca Chambers will delight audiences of classical music with their combined talents on Sunday 16 July. Both Nehama and Rebecca have performed with all of the major Australian symphony orchestras.

One of Australia's most prolific composers and songwriters, multi-award winning artist David Bridie has performed with critically acclaimed bands *Not Drowning Waving*, then with *My Friend the Chocolate Cake*, as well as producing for a host of artists including Archie Roach, Christine Anu and Paul Kelly. In 2003 David released his solo album titled *Hotel Radio* to rave reviews. David Bridie performs with his own band on Sunday 30 July in the Theatrette.

The final concert of the Series on Sunday 13 August will be held in true cabaret style and features the Pearly Shells Big Band who will dazzle with the big band sounds of Duke Ellington, Benny Goodman and Count Bassie.

Slava Grigoryan
Sunday 4 June

2.30pm–4.30pm
(doors open 2pm)
Auditorium
Theatre style,
allocated seating
Pre-purchased tickets: \$22 full,
\$19 concession
Ticket price at door: \$25 full,
\$22 concession



Cosmo Cosmolino
Sunday, 18 June
2.30pm–4.30pm
(doors open 2pm)
Theatrette
Pre-purchased tickets:
\$18 full, \$16 concession
Ticket price at door: \$20 full,
\$18 concession



Klezmania
Sunday 2 July
2.30pm–4.30pm
Auditorium
Pre-purchased tickets:
\$22 full,
\$19 concession
Ticket price at door: \$25 full,
\$22 concession



Nehama Patkin and Rebecca Chambers
Sunday 16 July

2.30pm–4.30pm
Auditorium
Pre-purchased tickets:
\$22 full,
\$19 concession
Ticket price at door:
\$25 full,
\$22 concession



David Bridie
Sunday 30 July
2.30pm–4.30pm
Theatrette
Pre-purchased tickets: \$18 full,
\$16 concession
Ticket price at door: \$20 full,
\$18 concession

Pearly Shells Big Band
Sunday 13 August
2.30pm–4.30pm
Auditorium
Pre-purchased tickets: \$22 full,
\$19 concession
Ticket price at door: \$25 full,
\$22 concession

Tickets can be purchased in person from Council's Service Centre 8.30am to 5pm Monday to Friday, or by telephoning 9524 3333. Further information is available on Council's website www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

EXHIBITIONS

Glen Eira City Council Gallery Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield. Phone: 9524 3333

Opening hours: Monday–Friday 10am–5pm, Saturday, Sunday and public holidays 1pm–5pm

JENNY PIHAN FINE ART PRESENTS BEECHWORTH 'WINTERLUDE' EXHIBITION 2006

Opening 6.30 pm
Tuesday 2 May to
Sunday 14 May



Beechworth 'Winterlude' Exhibition 2006

Winterlude is the name given by a group of artists to their annual painting expedition that is celebrated with an ensuing exhibition. The destination changes from year to year, as do the artists who participate. This year's Winterlude exhibition includes artists Nick Canosa, Patrick Carroll, Alvaro Castagnet, Herman Pekel and Joseph Zbukvic. They travelled to Beechworth, stayed in the local hotel and ventured into the main street and local countryside recording their impressions. Perhaps the most stunning feature of the exhibition is their painted experience of one of Beechworth's "biggest storms or record

producing great clouds". They painted the great storm from safety of the hotel verandah.

VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION

Thursday 4 May to Sunday 14 May

Volunteers in Action is a photographic exhibition of Glen Eira volunteers performing extremely diverse roles. The exhibition provides an opportunity for the community, organisations and individuals to celebrate the significant contribution of all Glen Eira volunteers. With funding from the Department of Victorian Communities, Jeanette Marshall, representing the Glen Eira Volunteer Resource Service, has taken many photographs of the diverse volunteers who keep many of our important community groups alive.



Jeanette Marshall, *Untitled*, photograph.

This exhibition recognises the many community members who make it possible for non-profit groups to function.

A TRIPTYCH OF ETHNIC & TRIBAL ART FROM TIMBUCTOO TO TASMANIA

Opens 6pm Thursday May 18 2006
18 May to 4 June

This is the tenth annual exhibition of African art presented by Sidewalk Tribal Galleries. The Director, Ann Porteous, is renowned for amassing a vast collection of diverse and eclectic objects of African art; a collection which is among the best in Australia.

This exhibition is presented in three themes: a broad selection of sculpture collected across Africa, textiles from the Hmong Dao and Co-tu people of north Vietnam, and a range of ethnic and tribal jewellery from all four corners of the world.

Objects in the African sculpture are

from a diverse group of cultures and countries and include figurative statues, masks, chairs and vessels used everyday village life.



Hmong Dao embroidered shoes

The second theme presenting textiles from the Hmong Dao and Co-tu people of North Vietnam, includes a beautiful selection of hand loomed textiles intricately embroidered in traditional designs with vibrant colours. These textiles are still worn by both men and women from this remote hill tribe.

The third theme of ethnic and tribal jewellery in this collection includes both antique and contemporary pieces. Ancient trade beads and dowry silver come from Africa, India, the Middle East and Asia. Traditional hill tribe jewellery and contemporary pieces from the Native Americans, Ecuador, Europe and Asia are also presented.

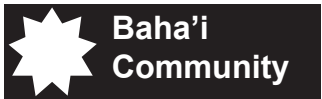
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MY BROTHER JACK LITERARY FESTIVAL 2006

Glen Eira City Council proudly presents another exciting opportunity to participate in the My Brother Jack Literary Festival 2006. Get involved and explore your creative side! Participate in writing workshops presented by well-known Australian authors at the My Brother Jack Literary Festival in June and July. Explore the fascinating world of writing, creating your own characters, stories and plots. You can also draft a winning piece of work to submit to the Literary Awards in August. The Awards are open to anyone who lives, works, or studies in the City of Glen Eira. There are major cash prizes for short stories and poetry in junior, youth, and adult categories, with a presentation night in October. If you'd like a stimulating and engaging afternoon with well-known Australian writers John Marsden and Shane Maloney, then come along to Writer's Read in July and August. There's something interesting for everyone at this year's Literary Festival!

For further information on the My Brother Jack Literary Festival contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 or email arts@gleneira.vic.gov.au

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WORKSHOPS

Sparking creativity with Sandra Shotlander

Sponsored by the Baha'i Community of Glen Eira

Learn to spark your creativity, find your own voice and imagery, cope with contrivances, censors, and blocks. Participants write in the workshop after a light warm up and focusing exercise. Whether you are writing prose or drama you will receive feedback and take home work to develop. **Sandra Shotlander** is a well known Melbourne playwright and teacher of writing whose plays have been published and performed in Australia and the USA.

Sunday 11 June 2006, 10am-5pm

Caulfield Cup Room, Glen Eira Town Hall

\$50 Glen Eira residents/\$65 others

Poetry with Claire Gaskin

What is poetry? How do we read it? Why do we want to write it? What is the purpose of poetry? In this workshop participants will look at creating 'the image' and line breaks, and discuss what poets like Pound, Eliot and Auden have said about writing poetry.

Claire Gaskin's work has been published in literary journals nationally and internationally for twenty years, as well as publishing two poetry collections including *Bridges and Verandahs*.

Sunday 25 June 2006, 1pm-5pm

Caulfield Cup Room, Glen Eira Town Hall

\$30 Glen Eira residents/\$40 others

Giving voice to characters with Cate Kennedy

Sponsored by the Baha'i Community of Glen Eira

Creating credible characters and credible dialogue will be the essence of this workshop with **Cate Kennedy**, winner of *The Age Short Story Competition*, the *HQ-Sceptre Short Story Award*, and the *University of Canberra Short Story Prize*.

Sunday 9 July 2006, 1pm-5pm

Caulfield Cup Room, Glen Eira Town Hall

\$30 Glen Eira residents/\$40 others

Writing for children with Kirsty Murray

Sponsored by the Baha'i Community of Glen Eira

Explore the art of writing for children with award-winning author **Kirsty Murray**. Kirsty is the author of *Zarconi's Incredible Travelling Circus*, which won the *Western Australian Premier's Award 2000* for Children's Books, as well as the novels *Market Blues* and *Walking Home with Marie-Claire*.

Sunday 16 July 2006, 1pm-4pm

Caulfield Cup Room, Glen Eira Town Hall

\$30 Glen Eira residents/\$40 others

Short story writing with Arnold Zable

In this full day workshop participants will explore the art of creative writing and the effect of credible characters, settings, subtexts and plots with **Arnold Zable**, award-winning author of *Café Scheherazade*, *Jewels and Ashes*, *The Fig Tree* and *Scraps of Heaven*.

Sunday 30 July 2006, 10am-5pm

Caulfield Cup Room, Glen Eira Town Hall

\$60 Glen Eira residents/\$75 others

Workshop booking form—bookings essential

Name: _____ I am: Under 21 Over 21

Address: _____ Suburb: _____ Postcode: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____ Mobile: _____

I would like to attend:

- Sparking creativity with Sandra Shotlander
(\$50 Glen Eira residents/\$65 others)
- Poetry with Claire Gaskin
(\$30 Glen Eira residents/\$40 others)
- Giving voice to characters with Cate Kennedy
(\$30 Glen Eira residents/\$40 others)
- Writing for children with Kirsty Murray
(\$30 Glen Eira residents/\$40 others)
- Short story writing with Arnold Zable
(\$60 Glen Eira residents/\$75 others)

Book for three or more workshops and receive a 10 per cent discount.

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MY BROTHER JACK LITERARY FESTIVAL 2006

How to enter

1. Entries must be typed in double-space, one-sided on A4 paper and stapled in the top left hand corner. Where possible, a disk copy in Microsoft WordVersion 6 should accompany your entry.
2. The entrant's name and address must not appear on the entry.
3. The entrant's personal details should be clearly printed on the entry form which must be attached by paper clip (not stapled) to the entry. Please ensure the relevant entry fee(s) is included.
4. A separate entry form per entry is required. However the payment of fees for multiple entries may be totaled. Photocopies of the entry form are acceptable

Entries should be mailed to:
**Glen Eira City Council
Literary Awards**
Glen Eira City Council
PO Box 42 Caulfield South
VIC 3162

Or delivered in person to:
Council's Service Centre
Glen Eira Town Hall
Corner Glen Eira and
Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield.

LITERARY AWARDS

Over the past decade, Glen Eira City Council has cultivated local writing talent through its annual Literary Awards. In 2006 the Literary Awards are a local competition, open to people who live, work, or study in the City of Glen Eira. The Literary Awards offer major cash prizes for short stories and poetry in junior, youth, and adult categories. The winners of the Literary Awards will be announced at a presentation night on Thursday 12 October 2006.

Open to writers who reside, work, or study in the City of Glen Eira
Entries close Monday 14 August 2006 at 4pm

Categories

Sunflower Bookshop Short Story Award

3000 word limit
First prize: \$500
Second prize: \$300
Third prize: \$200
Entry fee: \$10 per entry
(Workshop participants are entitled to one free entry)
Judge: Archie Fusillo

Poetry Award

60 line limit
First prize: \$400
Second prize: \$200
Third prize: \$100
Entry fee: \$10 per entry
(Workshop participants are entitled to one free entry)
Judge: John Mateer

Youth Short Story Award

Age group: 15-21 years
3000 word limit
First prize: \$200
Second prize: \$100
Third prize: \$50
Entry fee: \$8 per entry
(Workshop participants are entitled to one free entry)
Judge: Archie Fusillo

Youth Poetry Award

Age group: 15-21 years
50 line limit
First prize: \$200
Second prize: \$100
Third prize: \$50
Entry fee: \$8 per entry
(Workshop participants are entitled to one free entry)
Judge: John Mateer

Baha'i Junior Short Story Award

Age group: 10-14 years
2000 word limit
First prize: \$50
Second prize: \$25
Judge: Carole Wilkinson
No entry fee required.

Baha'i Junior Poetry Award

Age group: 10-14 years
40 line limit
First prize: \$50
Second prize: \$25
Judge: Carole Wilkinson
No entry fee required

Literary Awards entry form

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Name: _____

Address: _____

State: _____ Postcode: _____ Telephone (BH): _____

Telephone (AH): _____ Mobile: _____

How did you find out about the awards? _____

Please make cheque/postal orders payable to "Glen Eira City Council" and include payees name and address details on the reverse side. Return payment with this form.

Credit card payments

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Signature: _____

Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

Conditions of entry

Please read the following conditions of entry clearly. Entries that do not comply with these conditions will be disqualified.

- Entries must be the original work of the author. Entries must be unpublished and not have previously gained a prize in another competition. Plagiarised entries will not be considered.
- Entrants are advised that works should not include the names of real people without their written consent.
- It is recommended that entries do not include racial, aggressive or sexually explicit themes.
- Entries will not be returned. Entrants must submit copies only of their original work.
- The Literary Awards are restricted to people who reside, work, or study in the City of Glen Eira.

- There is no theme, genre or style restriction for any category. Age group conditions apply for the Junior (10-14 years at 14 August 2006) and Youth (15-21 years at 14 August 2006) categories only.
- Glen Eira City Council reserves the right to retain a copy of prize-winning stories and poems and publish these on Council's website and Council's monthly newspaper, The Glen Eira News. Council also reserves the right to publicly perform the winning works at the awards presentation. Copyright of the works performed and/or published remains with the author and is not held by Glen Eira City Council.
- Winners will be publicly announced at the presentation evenings to be held on Thursday 12 October 2006.
- Following the awards presentation evenings, entrants will also be notified in writing and a full list of winners will be posted on the Glen Eira City Council website: www.gleneira.vic.gov.au
- The judge's decision is final.

MY BROTHER JACK LITERARY FESTIVAL 2006

WRITERS READ

In 2006, the My Brother Jack Literary Festival introduces the Writers Read series – two separate afternoons with two of Australia's most successful writers who will read from their most recent books and discuss their writing. A rare opportunity to meet the author and learn about the creative process involved in writing a successful novel.

John Marsden



Date: Sunday 23 July
Time: 2pm-4pm
Venue: Caulfield Cup Room,
Glen Eira Town Hall
Cost: \$10

In a 17 year writing career John Marsden has written and edited more than 30 books, which have sold four million copies worldwide and been translated into 14 other languages. His novels include *So Much to Tell You* and *Tomorrow, When the War Began*, and his non-fiction titles include *Secret Men's Business* and *Everything I Know About Writing*. John has won every major writing award in Australia for young people's fiction. Internationally, he has twice been named among Best Books of the Year by the American Library Association and once by Publishers' Weekly (USA). He has been runner-up for Dutch Children's Book of the Year, won the Grand Jury Prize as Austria's Most Popular Writer for Teenagers, and in Germany won the coveted Buxtehuder Bulle: an award given biennially for the best young person's book in the world for the preceding two years.

Shane Maloney



Date: Sunday 6 August
Time: 2pm-4pm
Venue: Caulfield Cup Room,
Glen Eira Town Hall
Cost: \$10

Shane Maloney is one of Australia's most popular novelists, the award-winning author of the Murray Whelan series of comic thrillers – described by *The Age* as “the true voice of national comic futility”.

His novels – *Stiff*, *The Brush-Off*, *Nice Try*, *The Big Ask* and *Something Fishy* – are published in Germany, France, Japan, Finland, Britain and the US. *The Brush-Off* won the Ned Kelly Prize for Crime Fiction and was also shortlisted for the Premiers Literary Award. *Nice Try* was a nominee for *The Age* Book of the Year.

As well as books, he has written many columns, travel stories, articles and book reviews for various newspapers, magazines and anthologies.

Writers Read booking form—bookings essential

Name: _____

Address: _____

Suburb: _____ Postcode: _____

Phone: _____ Mobile: _____

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I would like to attend:

Writers Read with **John Marsden** Sunday 23 July

Writers Read with **Shane Maloney** Sunday 6 August

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Card Number: _____

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Phone: _____

Signature: _____

Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

Disclaimer: The entrant agrees and consents to participating in the Glen Eira City Council Literary Awards on the conditions published. When Glen Eira City Council has received the manuscript entry the entrant will be notified by mail after the published closing date. Manuscripts will not be returned and become the property of Glen Eira City Council. All manuscript entries will be judged anonymously. No responsibility can be accepted for the loss or damage of any manuscript entry.

The entrant agrees to indemnify and keep indemnified and to hold harmless Glen Eira City Council, its servants and agents and each of them from and against all actions, costs, claims, charges, expenses and damages (“loss”) whatsoever which may be brought or made or claimed against them, or any of them, arising out of or in relation to the manuscripts

Information privacy The personal information on this entry form is required to conduct the competition, acknowledge receipt of material submitted and to announce and publish lists of winners and manuscripts as indicated. Failure to provide this information may mean that the entry cannot be accepted for consideration. For more information about privacy at Glen Eira City Council, including the right to seek access to any information collected on this form, please contact Council's privacy officer on 9524 3333.

Please indicate whether you would like to receive information on other events organised by sponsors of the Glen Eira City Council Literary Awards. YES NO

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WINNERS

Sunflower Bookshop Local Short Story Award 2005 winner

Terry's Whale

By Michael Griffith

'ere she comes. Fat as a whale,' Terry mumbled as up the Nursing Home's corridor Beverly Beach approached, tucked, as always, into her tight, white uniform. 'Wadyah say?' the young girl asked as she wiped a dribble of soup from his crinkled chin. 'She's the one that took me leg,' he sneered, his narrow eyes glued to Beverly's 126 kilo frame. 'Did you say, you've had enough?' the girl scrunched up her face and asked.

And Terry was right - to a point. Beverley Beach was the nurse who's called the Doctor about his toe: technically over-seeing, along with diabetes, the series of amputations that at present stopped just below his right knee. 'She doesn't want me to go home,' he said, as the girl placed the soup bowl back on the tray and picked up his plate of pureed fish fingers and vegetables. 'She doesn't want any of us to go home.' 'Sorry Terry, but I can't understand a word yer sayin. Why don't yah try speaking a bit slower,' she said before showing a spoonful of mashed potato into his mouth. Masticating, Terry, whose face didn't own a wrinkle-less square, grimaced as Beverly bent forward to pull the drug trolley out from the nurse's station.

In his school days he'd shown a flair for the javelin, and he knew, as he sat here marooned in his fall-out chair, that with a short run up, he could have hit that bum from the other end of the Nursing Home. By the time the young girl had picked up his jelly, Beverly would be approaching. Smiling, as always, from beneath her adventurous make up, that nasty collection of pills balanced on a teaspoon.

'Here you are Terry,' she'd coo. 'Open wide for Beverly.' He'd trapped her once. Managed to let one pill rest on his bottom lip, like a lure, and when she'd gone to poke it in, he'd snapped forward. If he'd had his teeth in he would have broken her skin.

Always he dreamt. Saw himself standing on the front of a skiff as behind him, Iris - who was currently being intravenously fed, that Italian woman, who was always screaming to be taken to the toilet, and those two men currently asleep by the piano, were labouring at the oars.

'Where are yah?' he'd whisper, as harpoon in hand he'd scan the anaesthetised swell, while behind them the Nursing Home floated like a ... well ... like a floating nursing home. And then Beverly would breach. 'Thar she blows!' Iris would cry, as all brilliant white and wet, Beverly would burst up into the day. This dayroom, painted cream and lit by skylights, was her graveyard. Its classical music silence, cluttered with broken old women and men.

For five years Terry had survived, as his various crews had moaned and slipped away. With each new amputation he'd known she'd been expecting him to go under. No way. Every time he returned from hospital, with the new staples still in, and Beverly constantly flustering up to ask, 'Are you sure you don't want a pillow?' he'd promise himself, and on all her other victims, that somehow, no matter what, he was going to take her down. Today was Tuesday. Peach in jelly day. Peach slices were Terry's only chance.

In his mouth he took his sweet time sucking the jelly from the slice of processed fruit. As per usual, his plan was to wait until whoever was feeding him had turned away, then he'd simply lean forward and spit the sliver of peach onto the lino. If someone, of average dimensions and girth stepped on it and slipped, Terry knew they'd probably right themselves with the very next step, but if Beverly stood on it, then chances were her own weight would betray her and send her crashing, arse over tit.

Today though, as the sliver of peach waited on his tongue, that persistent depression, the one that for months now had been gnawing away at the edges of his dogged determination, took another bite.

- In five years, he thought as he watched Beverly move from one, leaving soul to another, - How many peaches have I spat out? The cleaners despised him for it. They were constantly submitting incident forms, in which they demanded Terry be fed more carefully, or not fed peaches at all. For a few weeks they would get their way until the cook invariably forgot.

'Are you finished with that mouthful yet?' the girl asked: 'I've still got three others to feed.' Terry didn't hear her because he was standing on his skiff watching the breaching Beverly smiling as she disappeared into the drink. He knew what was coming.

It was as if she was the architect of his dreams as well. Up she came from right under the boat, and before he knew it, everyone, bar him, was gone. Alone, sucking on a peach, he tread water with tiring limbs, as glistening, Beverly leap above the Nursing Home. A clatter of cups snapped him back. As the girl carried his tray back to the trolley he turned his attention to the tea lady. She was new, and a man. Middle aged, and probably the son of one of them, the volunteer (unaware of the long established 'Tea Lady' route) stood on the other side of the room looking over to this side, clearly wondering how to make his way through. With no one offering him guidance, he forged a fresh path.

Watched only by Terry this determined beverage assistant, in order to gain a wider path for his trolley, began pushing wheels chairs this way, and tables that. As the man pushed his trolley through, Terry stared at the table that was now positioned in front of him, and stared at it as though it were a gift from God.

In all his years Terry had given up hoping for such an opportunity. Now though, as he gauged the distance of the lesser gap between his chair and the side of the communal table, he knew that Beverly, in order to reach Iris, would be forced to walk within reach of his outstretched leg. Exposing his gums as he grinned, he spat out the no longer required peach.

Beverly Beach had been through the wars. Six years ago, her husband of twenty seven years and Father to her two daughters had woken up one morning with a sore throat and a month later had gone to God, placidly, via this cancer.

A year later, sick of grieving, she completed the three month refresher course, and, as a revitalised, yet still somewhat damaged, Nurse, she'd come back to work. It was a good, healthy move. There was something to healing others that saw you in-turn heal yourself. In fact, nowadays, here was the only place where she found she didn't dwell. Meticulously thorough, three times a shift, she would complete her medication round: steadfastly working her way through her fragile residents.

Her favourite resident was Terence Williams. An alcoholic SP Bookie, he'd been moved in here a shade before his eighty seventh birthday after a volunteer from Meals on Wheels had found him passed out on his flat's kitchen floor. Naked from the waist down, he'd been covered in his own excrement and had a bottle of Victoria Bitter in his hand, which took two paramedics to remove. Without any family to speak of the tiny, shrivelled up remnant of a man had a fire in his gut that she'd wished her husband had had. How Terry had managed to endure the series of amputations was admirable. How he had overcome bout after bout of pneumonia that had seen all his roommates slip away, was life-affirming. Without an intelligible word ever passing his lips he motivated her, each and every day, to hold her head up and fight on.

As she approached him today, teaspoon loaded, she paused. For the first time ever Terry was smiling. 'Terry?' she asked and touched deep inside, smiled back. Obliging, Terry accepted his pills without fuss, he even let her pat his dehydrated cheek. Then, as Beverly returned to her drugs trolley, only to return with Iris's twelve thirty feed, Terry readied his leg.

There was a surge of warmth cursing through him that was unmatched, even from his racing days. Squeezing his gums together, he squinted his eyes and then grunting, threw all his strength into his kick. Aiming, as he did, for Beverly's knee. He was deadly accurate. Unfortunately though, he'd kicked her with the leg that he no longer owned. Unaware of her close call, Beverly moved on past.

Desperate, and with no time to aim, the furiously mumbling Terry flung out his remaining leg. With minuscule force his foot, encased in its weathered slipper, clipped the read of her lifting knee. Instinctively, and with a gasp, Beverly slammed her heel back to the linoleum, then squealed as her non-slip sole slipped on the peach. If those in the room hadn't have been there to see it, none of them, including Terry, would have thought it was possible for someone of Beverly's dimensions to fly ... especially backwards.

But for a brief, remarkable moment, as her shadow moved back over and above Terry, - who, simultaneously, was clearly heard uttering, "Oh..." and a four letter expletive, - she appeared, although flailing: graceful.

Perhaps if Terry hadn't have died, or if at least he'd died instantly, thing would have been different. But for Beverly, who had to lay there, struggling to get up, while below her, Terry gasped and grunted: his one, free hand clenched in a fist and manically thumping her plump, white thigh, well ... it was just unbearable.

In the end it took four staff, and the tea-lady (err man) to pull Beverly free, and even though the coroner ruled Terry's death, 'accidental,' Beverly quit the Aged Care Industry and purchased a small farm near Nar Nar Goon where she began - and quite successfully I might add - breeding and selling emus.

Baha'i Junior Poetry Award 2005 winner

Fake

By Naomi Dick

Painted smile, peroxide hair,
Fading trends are what you wear.
And every time you see a boy,
You cross your arms and act all coy.
Who has hurt you to this point?
This point of no return
The shadow of yourself is buried,
And you show no concern.
Why must you hide your face and hide?
You cannot lie to me
I've seen you cry and heard you laugh,
Your soul is what I see.
My dearest friend is dead and gone,
This Barbie doll is in her place,
One that I do not know,
It's like I've never even seen her face.
You're plastic on the outside,
I wonder what's inside?
Is my friend still lurking there,
Or has she really died?

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