

Bentleigh, Bentleigh East, Carnegie, Caulfield, Ferntree Gristle, Gardenvale, Glen Hurty, McKinnon, Nunawading, Ormond, Seaside East

Bridie brings contemporary class to music series

Council's popular *Winter Musk Series* of concerts continues with a performance by distinguished contemporary musician David Bridie. The ARIA award winner and songwriter of *Not Drowning, Waving, My Friend the Chocolate Cake* and various solo artist releases will perform 2.30pm-4.30pm on Sunday 30 July at the Theatre, Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield. Tickets are \$20 and \$18 at the door, or \$18/16 purchased in advance. For tickets and information contact Council's Service Centre. The final *Winter Music Series* show will be Pearly Shells Big Band on Sunday 13 August.



A second pools consultation meeting to be held in McKinnon

Council has announced a second public meeting in order to listen to community views on the concept models presented for the Carnegie and Bentleigh East swim centres. The independent consultants who were engaged to prepare the models will be on hand to offer their expertise to public questions raised. The first meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 25 July 2006, at the Auditorium, Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield. The second meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 26 July 2006, at McKinnon Secondary College, McKinnon Road, McKinnon.

An intimate afternoon with popular authors

Council's *Writers Read* afternoons bring writers to your doorstep. Enjoy an afternoon with author John Marsden this Sunday 23 July 2pm-4pm in the Caulfield Cup Room, Glen Eira Town Hall, where he will read from his most recent works and discuss his writing. John has won every major writing award in Australia for young people's fiction, and sold over four million books worldwide. His novels include *So Much to Tell You* and *Tomorrow, When the War Began*, as well as non-fiction *Secret Men's Business* and *Everything I Know About Writing*. A truly rare opportunity to meet the author and learn about the creative process involved in writing a successful novel. Cost is \$10.

Family and Children's Services education sessions in August.

Parent Session (introduction to first aid)

Tuesday 29 August 6.30pm-9.30pm (6.15pm registration)
Caulfield Cup Room, Glen Eira Town Hall
Cost \$60

Binky Henderson presents this session which looks at accident prevention, CPR and first aid. Participants will receive handouts, a workbook and a certificate of participation.

Toilet training, the when and how

Tuesday 22 August 7.30pm-9pm (7.15pm registration)
Caulfield Cup Room, Glen Eira Town Hall

This free session for parents and early childhood staff provides details of when and how to assist children to become toilet trained. Presented by Continence Victoria.

Rosstown Ward forum

Meet Rosstown Ward Councillors at an open forum on Tuesday 8 August at Carnegie Community Centre, 7 Shepparton Avenue, Carnegie at 7.30pm.

For more information about any of the above items contact Council's Service Centre on:

Phone: 9524 3333



Chatroom author Barbara Biggs.

Novelist alert on child

A HOPE other children did not have to experience the pain of child sexual abuse was the aim of St Kilda East author Barbara Biggs with her fourth novel *Chatroom*.

Biggs spent two years investigating real-life abuse cases with Sen-Sgt Chris O'Connor of Victoria Police's sexual crimes squad and drew on her own abuse as a child to write the novel.

The former journalist beat severe depression and

prostitution as a and now campaigner for rights of sex abuse.

"I wanted to write something that would help prevent children from doing what I went through," Biggs said.

"I wanted to see how it happened to me in the real world translated to what would happen in the virtual world."

Chatroom, which has been supported by the Australian Federal Police, is about Sam, a

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