

Lake and Dane Manzie for organising a public meeting with Monash Council staff on the upcoming Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal hearing for the former CSIRO car park site.

The meeting on August 30 at the Monash Civic Centre was well attended by concerned residents.

At the meeting were three senior Monash planning department staff, a senior traffic officer, our two councillors and a lawyer hired by the council to represent them at the VCAT hearing.

Any misconceptions by residents were dispelled and residents' faith has been restored in the council's determination to defend their permit refusal for the proposed nine-unit, triple-storey-plus car park development in a quiet suburban street.

To Monash Council — thanks for supporting us.

**Sandra Feleppa**

**CSIRO redevelopment action group**

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**Pool full of excuses**

I AM not surprised at the excuses trotted out by Geoff Lake about the various decisions he took regarding the Oakleigh pool.

He states that he voted to close the pool in 2002 because of low patronage.

He has been a councillor and the mayor for some years but did not think it fit or necessary to vote for funds to upgrade the pool.

Instead, he states he voted to close the pool "because of the high cost of a new facility and the availability of other aquatic facilities nearby".

What has the "other aquatic facilities" got to do with the Oakleigh pool and the people of Oakleigh who use it? The simple fact of the matter

is Monash councillors did not bargain for the depth of feeling exhibited by the people of Oakleigh at the meeting at the mechanics institute recently.

We hope that, in future, our councillors will use their heads when confronted with problems which concern all the people of Monash, and that includes a part of Oakleigh.

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**Morley Pereira**  
**Glen Waverley**

## Hung out to dry

IN a letter to the editor (*Monash Journal*, August 14) Hong Lim [Clayton MP] claimed reduced water usage had bolstered Melbourne's water storage.

Since then, the Bracks Government has been accused of misleading us about the amount of water it actually recycles.

Former Melbourne Water general manager Bill Forrester revealed the Government was indulging in a "scandalous con job", claiming 11.3 per cent of Melbourne's waste water was recycled in 2005-06.

In fact, just 0.6 per cent of Melbourne's water is recycled and re-used in agriculture and industry.

After the driest winter in 20 years, the Government has imposed tighter water restrictions, while at the same time misleading us about its own record on water recycling.

Labor has done nothing about the water crisis in Victoria in seven years, except lie to us and conduct multi-million-dollar advertising campaigns.

Victorians and Clayton deserve better.

**Michael Carty**  
**Liberal candidate for Clayton**