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Lapping it up

REGARDING 'Back in swim' (*Monash Journal*, January 11), not one single group can claim credit for saving the Oakleigh pool as it was the joint efforts of many.

Monash Ratepayers Association organised and financed the first public meeting that attracted more than 400 protesters. The MRA also had ongoing discussions with the council over the retention of the pool.

I find it offensive and misleading that some councillors are claiming credit for saving the Oakleigh pool, when they have had no part in the work that was

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done for its retention. Cr Geoff Lake and his supporters fought hard to close the pool and to take away the water at Clayton.

Former councillor Felicity Smith fought to keep water at Clayton and Oakleigh. The results speak for themselves.

The claptrap from some over how they saved the pool is

overrated and incorrect as others played significant roles.

If it wasn't for the change of heart of the councillors of the time including Tom Morrissey as the mayor, who used his casting vote to save the pool, there would be no pool.

Jack Davis, Monash Ratepayers Association president

to be charged for alleged traffic
offences.

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Pool fun for family

THE recently refurbished Oakleigh pool will play host to a family fun day on Sunday.

The free event from 11am-3pm will include music, entertainment, inflatable slides at the dive pool, synchronised swimming display and a sausage sizzle.

Oakleigh Recreation Centre is at Park Road. Details: 8567 0333.

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Carers on alert as elderly feel heat

By Kirsten Leiminger

AS the mercury hit 43.6 degrees last Monday, 10 people were taken to Monash Medical Centre with heat-related problems.

A spokeswoman for Southern Health said they were treated for heat cramps, headaches, dizziness, nausea, weakness and disorientation.

Three people were admitted to the hospital for further treatment and discharged later that day.

The spokeswoman said most of the patients were aged over 65.

Elderly people were more prone to illnesses caused by hot weather because many lacked access to air conditioning and had health-related diseases that got worse in the heat, she said.

"This summer has every poten-

tial to be as hot as, if not hotter than, last year.

"Carers for the elderly, in particular residential-care homes, need to be vigilant and have an action plan to prevent heat-related disease."

Hundreds of commuters had to make their own way home in the heat last Monday after trains on the Glen Waverley line were cancelled because of a power equipment fault.

Train services were also cancelled on Wednesday when a tram cable snapped as tram lines crossed an intersection next to Gardiner railway station. It blocked all services from 6-7.30pm.

Services were also suspended for most of Thursday because of another power equipment fault.

Metro Trains spokeswoman Lanie Harris said there would be a full investigation into the incidents.

The recently reopened Oakleigh pool was a popular place to keep cool last Monday with 886 people going for a swim.

Waverley Animal Hospital admitted one overheated Staffordshire terrier overnight on Monday and one rabbit died from a possible heat stroke.

Veterinary nurse Jo Jobling said it was important to provide plenty of water for pets on hot days.

"Ice cubes in water bowls and wet towels to lie on will help your pets keep cool."

She said symptoms of heat stroke in pets included lethargy, increased panting, difficulty walking and very red gums.



Making a splash: Chelsea, 6, manages to keep her cool at the Oakleigh Recreation Centre.
Picture: Lucy Di Paolo

Brekkie to start day of celebration

A WIDE range of activities, including a free breakfast at Monash Civic Centre, are on offer to keep residents entertained on Australia Day next Tuesday.

The Victorian Police Academy will feature in a parade with the Oakleigh City Band as the Australian flag is raised at 8.45am.

Danielle Rees, recipient of the Sir John Monash Volunteer Award, will raise the flag, to be followed by a speech about the importance of being Australian by Australia Day Ambassador Dr Milosh Ivanovich.

A free breakfast will be provided in the Atrium at the Civic Centre at 293 Springvale Road, Glen Waverley.

Citizenship ceremonies will be held at 11.30am and 2pm, with 161 adults and 31 children to become Australian citi-

Long lawns cost property owners as council clamps down