

Locals go ape for guerilla gazebo in King St

WHOEVER knew a purple gazebo, two mounds of soil and some succulents would cost Marrickville Council as much as \$10,000?

Last year, the grassed area at the end of Australia St in Newtown was the target of Channel Ten program Guerilla Gardeners.

In one afternoon, the gardeners erected a purple gazebo around the existing concrete stage, laid new turf and added dozens of plants to the site.

The council immediately raised concerns about public safety because the show's producers had failed to gain the necessary council approval.

Council staff tried to find out if the gazebo had been built properly, but weren't able to get enough details, so recommended that it be demolished.

Staff said keeping the gazebo would cost between \$5000 and \$10,000. This covers retrospective certification, drawings, an environmental effects report

and bolts to secure the structure.

Staff estimated that pulling the gazebo down would cost \$1000, so this was the "most practical and economical solution".

However, all the councillors except independent Dimitrios Thanos, voted to keep the gazebo and budget for the costs.

"We don't condone illegal structures being built on public land, but the gazebo has proved popular and is well used by Newtown residents," Marrickville Greens councillor and deputy mayor Fiona Byrne said. Newtown resident Jonathon Carle lives a few blocks from the garden and welcomed the decision. "I think it's progressive of the council," he said.

"This was a dusty eyesore before. It really gets used by the community as a meeting place and from council's point of view, it's a bargain. Councils suffer from an image problem and so to keep it, it shows



Locals love it ... the purple gazebo built by 'Guerilla Gardeners' in Australia St, Newtown. Picture: Danny Aarons
that they are willing to work with the community." Article from The Glebe

Implants bring a smile

THE emphasis at Metro Dental at Menai is on making your teeth look good and on customer service.

Dr Stan Yannopoulos (right) said his team of eight dentists couldn't do their jobs without the excellent support of the nurses and the front desk staff who set the tone for whatever procedure was to follow.

Between them, they can deal with all aspects of dentistry: family, general, cosmetic and surgical.

Dr Yannopoulos likes to stress the growing importance of implants which are likely to make old-fashioned dentures a thing of the past.

If a keen young footballer, for instance, should have his front tooth knocked out in a game the tooth can be replaced on the same day with an implant.

The technology is such these days that the root can be pulled out and a tempo-



rary crown screwed in more or less on the spot.

In a few months, when the implant and the gums settle into each other, the temporary crown is replaced with a permanent one.

Dr Yannopoulos said that elderly people whose dentures tended to move around a little, making eating uncomfortable, could have their dentures supported with an implant or two.

The dentures can be screwed in permanently or clicked in, which means they can be taken out and rinsed.

While the cost of a full mouth of implants can be prohibitive, two or four is more affordable and can make all the difference to the comfort of the dentures.

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Article from The Leader

Columbia Aged Care's open day for the Greek Community

Columbia Aged Care Services is holding an open day at the Acacia Centre, Marrickville for the Greek community. The centre is committed to the health care needs of the local Greek elderly. Visitors will be treated to an afternoon tea with staff offering tours of the facility.

The Greek Welfare Centre, the NSW Transcultural Aged Care Service (TACS), and local council and dignitaries from the local Greek community will be present.

Greek residents are catered for specifically at the Acacia Centre, with a cultural menu and activities, along with access to Greek radio and television. "Columbia recognises the Greek community has unique needs and is embracing those needs," Columbia Aged Care Services Chief Executive Officer Anne Tucker said.

"We have been caring for older Greek people in our centres for many years and during this time we have developed an understanding of the elderly Greek community's needs."

"At Columbia we focus on the care, comfort and consideration of our Greek residents. We provide them with the highest quality health care, respect their individuality and assist them to maintain their health and well being." "Our management and staff believe that older people add the benefit of wisdom, intellect and spiritual value to our community; they are the foundations and strength of our society," she said. The Acacia Centre caters for high care residents in a mix of single and shared rooms. Respite care is offered and residents with dementia are catered for.

The open day will be held on Thursday 30 April 2009 from 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm at the Acacia Centre, 448 Marrickville Road Marrickville NSW 2204



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• Πέμπτη 30 Απριλίου, 7.00μμ
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