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Already home to four international masters, 45 school teams and Australia's only dedicated chess shop, Glen Eira now has a community chess club to keep the passionate playing. REPORT PAGE 15

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# Young and old get on board

## CHESS CLUB'S OPENING GAMBIT

YOUNG and old are pitting their skills against each other on the chequered battlefield after Glen Eira got its first community chess club.

Founder David Cordover said he realised how much a club was needed when local players said they had to travel as far as Frankston for "a decent game".

"It seemed a bit crazy that the Victorian champ who lives in the area had to travel all the way to Fitzroy to get a good game," he said.

His hope is to attract fam-

ilies to the new club so the young players can test themselves against the older and more experienced players.

Mr Cordover said the club was trying to move away from the stereotype of the "quiet and draughty old chess hall filled with serious old men".

"The best thing for kids and even advanced players is to play against those who're better than them on a regular basis," he said.

Mr Cordover said he hoped to tap into the muni-

cipality's large number of residents from eastern European countries where the game is a "part of life".

### CHESS MAD

Glen Eira boasts four international masters, 43 school teams and Australia's only dedicated chess shop.

Glen Eira's Robert Jamieson is one of two Australians ranked in the world's top 100.

Details: 0411 877 833.



**Bobby, 11, makes his move while other members of Tucker Rd Bentleigh PS chess club look on.**

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