

# Safety program saves lives

By Sophie Massis

**O**verloaded power points and faulty smoke detectors can present safety hazards under any circumstances — but the risks are even greater for isolated elderly residents.

The innovative *Safe Living* program, an initiative of the Glen Eira Community Safety Committee including Council, the Metropolitan Fire and Emergency Services Board (MFB) and Victoria Police, aims to ensure elderly and disabled people are safe from hazards in their homes.

Piloted in Glen Eira more than a year ago and now being used in other Melbourne municipalities, the program aims to raise awareness and increase safety hazard reporting by educating care providers.

More than 90 of Council's carers attended a training session last month as part of the program. Home and personal carers, disability and in-home support carers were trained by representatives from Victoria Police and the MFB on how to identify possible safety hazards in the homes of their elderly and disabled clients.

Council's Director Community Services Peter Jones said Council's carers have been identified as the best, and sometimes only, point of interaction for isolated elderly and disabled residents who are considered a high-risk group when it comes to fire-related deaths and injuries.

"Glen Eira has a one of the highest ageing populations in Victoria. About 16 per cent of Glen Eira residents are aged more than 65 years — well above the Melbourne metropolitan average of 12 per cent," Mr Jones said.

"The program's overall aim is to reduce the number of home fire and security problems experienced by older people.



Council's Home Carer Sheryl McCormack highlights the danger of overloading power points to client Lorna.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

"This is a great example of Council working with key agencies to ensure the safety of our frail elderly residents. It is crucial that our elderly and disabled population is safe and secure in their homes."

As part of the recent training session, Council's carers were given information on home fire safety, security and general safety awareness. Topics included smoke detectors (correct positioning and how to test they are operational); information on door locks; overloading power points (double adaptors and extension cords); fires in the home (information on fire extinguishing equipment such as small fire blankets for the home); the dangers of hoarding papers and not keeping exits clear; risks associated with leaving electric blankets on and how to check electric blankets for safety.

MFB Southern Zone Commander of Community Safety Colin Bibby said that the MFB and police could not possibly check every home for safety.

"Council's carers act as our eyes and ears and we rely on their feedback to report any risk factors to their clients and to Council," Mr Bibby said.

"They can and do highlight safety hazards that their client may not have been aware of and also report them back to Council.

"The carers act as an information resource and pass on safety information to their clients, but we find they take this information home to their families and look for hazards in their own homes too."

Victoria Police Inspector Greg Parr said the program aims to improve the level of safety of elderly and disabled Glen Eira residents in their homes to enable them to stay in their homes for longer periods and to not become victims of falls or fires.

"Council's carers are the best resource available to point out the safety hazards that can sometimes be found in the homes of the elderly and to report them so that action can be taken.

"This program allows us to tap into Council's community service program and work with the carers to provide a valuable information resource to the elderly and disabled residents of Glen Eira."

Established in 2000, the Glen Eira Community Safety Committee reflects an integrated approach to community safety and crime prevention in Glen Eira and consists of representatives from Council, Victoria Police, the Department of Sustainability and Environment, VicRoads, the Department of Human Services, the Department of Education and the MFB.

For more information on the program contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

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# Mayor's column



**I**t never rains, but it pours. That's the saying, and it certainly held true for Melbourne last month. While the entire metropolitan area was hit by a massive storm, flooding and other damage in the City of Glen Eira was kept to a minimum.

Unfortunately, we did lose some large, established trees in areas such as Caulfield Park and Glen Huntly Park

and some of our older drainage network was unable to cope with the sudden influx of water — flooding streets temporarily.

Council received hundreds of calls from concerned residents throughout the day of rain, and Council staff worked through the day, and subsequent weeks, to clear the City of debris and put our system back to normal. We were in good hands, and the efforts of staff to get the City safely back in order and put residents in touch with the right people to help clear trees in backyards are highly commendable.

Our City environment needs continuous care and maintenance — from our roads, footpaths and drains to parks, shopping strips and community facilities. To that end, Council spends millions of dollars each year renewing and redeveloping the City's assets.

But this is not the only way in which Council cares for our environment. We also invest significant amounts in Council programs to help minimise water wastage; increase recycling of green waste through mulching programs; educate residents about dumping rubbish and cigarette butts; encourage less use of plastic bags; and look at new ways in which Council can increase the use of environmentally-friendly and drought-resistant products and reuse our own resources.

We also take pride in celebrating our City's natural environment — this month through the first of two free *Party in the Park* events. These free community events give us an opportunity to come together and celebrate our City and just enjoy Glen Eira's great parks and open spaces. Make sure you make time to pack a picnic and pop in to Allnutt Park on 20 March or Packer Park on 3 April to enjoy the free entertainment and beautiful surrounds of two of our most popular parks.

Glen Eira is a great City with much to celebrate, and it's our job to help keep it that way. This first quarter of the year has thrown many challenges our way, not least the rains, but Council is determined to see them through and get on with the business of governing the City. Glen Eira is our City, and we're proud of it.

— Cr Margaret Esakoff  
Mayor

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## Party Pie takes out the Glen Eira Cup

**I**n a flash of blue and black it was champion horse *Party Pie* who stormed past the field with jockey Blake Shinn to take out the coveted Glen Eira Cup for 2005.

The colourful spectacle of the eight-horse handicap was witnessed by Glen Eira Councillors and a crowd of 6,000 onlookers at Caulfield Racecourse recently.

In searing temperatures, *Party Pie* outpaced a strong field to win by a neck, beating *You Little Beaut* in second place and *Evasion* in third.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Margaret Esakoff said the day was an exciting one despite the heat, and she was sure it had been enjoyed by all.

"Caulfield Racecourse is a great facility. It is well-maintained and an asset to Glen Eira. This race has become a significant annual event and I was pleased to be able to present a trophy, donated by Council, to trainer Gerard Moloney who accepted on behalf of the owner," Cr Esakoff said.

The race, which was run over 2,000 metres, now commands a prize pool of \$50,000.



Glen Eira Mayor Cr Margaret Esakoff presents Party Pie trainer Gerard Moloney with the winner's trophy.  
Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

The Mayor was joined at the Cup by her husband Jack, Cr Alan Grossbard and his wife Judi, Cr Dorothy Marwick and her husband Geoff, Cr Noel Erlich and his wife Helen, Cr Bob Bury and his wife Marney, Cr Rachelle Sapir, Cr Veronika Martens and Council's Chief Executive Officer Andrew Newton.

### Deadlines

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### 2005 Victorian Seniors Festival in Glen Eira — go for your life

Council will hold a series of events and activities from Friday 11 March to Sunday 27 March across Glen Eira as part of the Victorian Seniors Festival.

Residents will enjoy a range of events including concerts, dinners, open days, seminars and many more activities. Bookings are required for most activities, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 for further information.

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# Reunited pets — registration makes a world of difference

Council is reminding Glen Eira's pet owners to renew their animal registration when renewal notices arrive this month.

Last year, more than 18,800 dogs and cats were registered in Glen Eira, a figure which is expected to increase this year.

Council's Manager Civic Compliance John Bordignon said registering dogs and cats is not only a legal requirement but also a safeguard against losing an animal.

"Registration is one of the most important things a responsible pet owner can do for their pet. This simple act saves a lot of heartache, because it makes identification easier if Council's animal management officers find the animal wandering," Mr Bordignon said.

"Last year, Council reunited more than 400 dogs and cats with their owners because the pets were registered with Council and wearing tags.

The minimum age for pets to be registered in Glen Eira has been reduced from six months to three months due to recent changes to the *Domestic (Feral and Nuisance) Animals Act 1994* introduced by the State Government.

Mr Bordignon said Council offered discounted registration fees to owners whose pets had been desexed. He said Council acknowledged some vets do not advocate desexing immature animals, so some pet owners may opt not to desex their pet until it is over three months of age.



"Pet owners who desex their registered pet within the first year of registration will be able to apply for a partial refund of their yearly registration fee, and still receive the discounted fee. But this only applies if the pet has been registered with Council at three months old.

"Reduced fees also apply for pets in a range of categories including desexed, microchipped or more than 10 years old. Once a pet is registered, a new registration tag is provided which the pet must wear whenever it is outside its owner's property. Failure to register dogs or cats can result in a \$205 fine per animal," he said.

Registration fees collected by Council help provide important pet-related services such as animal control, community education about responsible pet ownership, and a lost dog and cat register on Council's website,



Council's Animal Management Officer Kate Bell checks the registration of local dog Brenna with owner Pam.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

which owners of lost animals can check to see if their pet has been picked up.

Glen Eira pet owners can expect to receive Council's 2005-06 dog and cat registration renewal notices this month. Registration fees must be paid before Sunday 10 April.

For a pet registration application form for new animals, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333. Copies of Council's *Responsible Pet Ownership in Glen Eira: Dogs and cats* booklet are also available from the Service Centre.

## Heritage advice on hand

Changing or improving a house can be a challenge at the best of times — even more so if a home is located in a heritage area.

To help property owners modify their homes in keeping with heritage features, Council offers a Heritage Advisory Service.

This free architectural and technical advice service, provided by a qualified heritage architect, is available to all Glen Eira property owners and offers help with everything from major extensions to what colour or style the fence should be.

Council's Director City Development Jeff Akehurst said the Glen Eira Heritage Advisory Service, supported by Heritage Victoria and well-used by local residents, advises residents who are thinking of altering, extending or demolishing a heritage property.

"Glen Eira is fortunate to have important examples of 19th and early 20th century housing and commercial development. At the national level, Glen Eira remains a rare, surviving, middle-distance, middle-class municipality of the inter-war era, retaining its system of tramways.

"To protect and enhance these heritage assets, heritage controls were introduced in 1999 through the *Glen Eira Planning Scheme*. The advisory service helps people to modify their homes within the requirements of these heritage controls."

To make an appointment to meet the advisor, either in Council offices or on-site, or for further information, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

Photos: Ron Torres



## Volunteers to be recognised

Council invites Glen Eira non-profit community-based organisations to nominate volunteers for an award under its Volunteer Recognition Scheme.

The annual awards, honouring the contribution volunteers make to community life, are held during Volunteers Week in May — but time is running out to nominate volunteers.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Margaret Esakoff said more than 1,300 volunteers had been recognised through the program since it began in 1997.

"We receive nearly 200 nominations each year and are proud to acknowledge the work done by volunteers in Glen Eira," Cr Esakoff said.

"Volunteers make a valuable contribution to the community, assisting older people and working with our young people. Behind almost every aspect of community life, a volunteer is unselfishly giving time and energy."

Volunteers can be nominated for an award in one of four categories: 500, 1000 or 2000 hours of service, or 10 or more continuous years of service for a particular organisation.

Nominations close on Friday 15 March at 5pm. Late nominations cannot be accepted. Information and nomination forms are available from Council's Service Centre, by calling 9524 3333, or online at [www.gleneira.vic.gov.au](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au)



# Language line

## Πρόγραμμα για την ασφάλεια σώζει ζωές

Υπερφορτωμένες πρίζες και χαλασμένοι ανιχνευτές καπνού μπορεί να παρουσιάσουν κινδύνους στην ασφάλεια κάτω από οποιοσδήποτε συνθήκες - αλλά οι κίνδυνοι είναι ακόμη μεγαλύτεροι για απομονωμένους ηλικιωμένους και ανάπηρους δημότες.

Το πρωτοποριακό πρόγραμμα Ασφαλής Διαβίωση, μια πρωτοβουλία της Κοινοτικής Επιτροπής Ασφάλειας Glen Eira στην οποία συμμετέχουν η Δημαρχία, η Διοίκηση της Μητροπολιτικής Πυροσβεστικής Υπηρεσίας και Έκτακτων Αναγκών (MFB) και η Αστυνομία Βικτώριας, έχει ως σκοπό να διασφαλίσει ότι τα ηλικιωμένα και ανάπηρα άτομα είναι ασφαλή απ' τους κινδύνους των σπιτιών τους.

Το πρόγραμμα, που ξεκίνησε στο Glen Eira πριν πάνω απ' ένα χρόνο και χρησιμοποιείται τώρα σε άλλους δήμους της Μελβούρνης, βελτιώνει την ενημέρωση και αυξάνει την αναφορά κινδύνων ασφάλειας εκπαιδεύοντας τα άτομα που παρέχουν υπηρεσίες φροντίδας.

Ως μέρος του προγράμματος, τον περασμένο μήνα εκπρόσωποι από την Αστυνομία Βικτώριας και την MFB εκπαιδύσαν πάνω από 90 δημοτικούς υπαλλήλους οικιακής και προσωπικής φροντίδας, υπαλλήλους φροντίδας αναπήρων και υπαλλήλους παροχής φροντίδας στο σπίτι, για τους τρόπους εντοπισμού πιθανών κινδύνων ασφάλειας στα σπίτια των ηλικιωμένων και αναπήρων πελατών τους.

Ο Διευθυντής των Κοινοτικών Υπηρεσιών της Δημαρχίας Peter Jones είπε ότι οι φροντιστές έχουν αναγνωριστεί ως το καλύτερο, και μερικές φορές το μοναδικό, σημείο επαφής των απομονωμένων πελατών που θεωρείται ότι κινδυνεύουν περισσότερο από θανάτους και τραυματισμούς λόγω φωτιάς.

“Ο γενικός σκοπός του προγράμματος είναι να μειωθεί ο αριθμός των προβλημάτων λόγω ασφάλειας και πυρκαγιάς στα σπίτια που συμβαίνουν σε ηλικιωμένα και ανάπηρα άτομα,” ανέφερε ο κ. Jones.

“Αυτό είναι ένα καταπληκτικό παράδειγμα συνεργασίας της Δημαρχίας με κύριους οργανισμούς για να διασφαλιστεί η ασφάλεια και προστασία των αδύναμων ηλικιωμένων και αναπήρων δημοτών μας. Είναι πολύ σημαντικό ότι οι ηλικιωμένοι και ανάπηροι κάτοικοι είναι ασφαλείς και προστατευμένοι στα σπίτια τους.”

## 安全計劃挽救生命

超載電源插頭和故障煙霧警報器在任何情況下都會造成險情 - 對獨居老年人和殘障人來說危險更大。

Glen Eira 社區安全委員會（其中包括市政府、市消防和緊急服務局 (MFB) 和維州警察局）的一項創新舉措《安全生活》(Safe Living) 計劃旨在確保老年人和殘障人的生活安全，避免家中發生險情。

這項計劃已在 Glen Eira 試行了一年多，現在墨爾本的其他市政府也在實行，該計劃主要教育護理服務人員，使他們提高意識，及時報告險情。

作為這項計劃的一部分，上個月維州警察局和市消防及緊急服務局 (MFB) 向 90 多個市政府家庭和個人護理人員、殘障及家中支持護理人員講解了怎樣識別老年人和殘障人家中的險情。

市政府社區服務主任彼得·瓊斯 (Peter Jones) 說，對可能遭受火警傷亡事故的高危獨居客戶來說，護理人員是最理想的、有時也是唯一的聯係人。

“這項計劃的總目標是減少老年人和殘障人居家火警和安全問題的數量”，瓊斯先生說。

“這是市政府與主要服務機構合作確保年老體弱者和殘障人安全的典範。保障老年人和殘障人在家生活安全是非常重要的。”

## Il programma sulla sicurezza salva la vita

Le prese sovraccariche ed i rilevatori di fumo malfunzionanti possono rappresentare rischi per la sicurezza in qualsiasi circostanza — ma questi rischi sono ancora maggiori per le persone anziane e disabili residenti in zone isolate.

L'innovativo programma Safe Living (Vita Sicura), un'iniziativa del Comitato per la Sicurezza della Comunità Glen Eira del quale fanno parte il Comune, il Consiglio per i Servizi Metropolitani di Emergenza e dei Vigili del Fuoco (MFB) e la Polizia del Victoria, ha lo scopo di garantire che le persone anziane e disabili siano al sicuro da questi rischi all'interno della loro abitazione.

Lanciato come programma pilota a Glen Eira oltre un anno fa e attualmente utilizzato in altri comuni di Melbourne, il programma mira a fare conoscere i rischi domestici ed a far sì che chi fornisce servizi di assistenza comunichi l'esistenza di questi rischi.

Nell'ambito del programma, lo scorso mese alcuni rappresentanti della Polizia del Victoria e dell'MFB hanno insegnato ad oltre 90 operatori - tra cui assistenti domiciliari e personali alle dipendenze del Comune, badanti ed operatori che forniscono supporto domiciliare - come identificare possibili rischi domestici nelle abitazioni dei propri clienti anziani e disabili.

Il Direttore dei Servizi Comunitari del Comune, Peter Jones, ha dichiarato che gli assistenti ed i badanti sono stati identificati come il migliore, e talvolta unico, punto di interazione per i clienti isolati considerati ad alto rischio di incidente, anche mortale, causato dal fuoco.

“Lo scopo generale del programma è quello di ridurre il numero di problemi di sicurezza e di incendio nelle case delle persone anziane e disabili” ha dichiarato il Sig. Jones.

“Si tratta di un importante esempio di collaborazione tra il Comune e le agenzie più importanti allo scopo di garantire la sicurezza dei nostri residenti anziani e disabili. È cruciale che i nostri concittadini anziani e disabili siano al sicuro all'interno delle loro abitazioni.”

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## Parent information sessions

Council will hold information sessions for new parents at the Glen Huntly Maternal and Child Health Centre, corner Royal and Rosedale Avenues, Glen Huntly.

### Surviving and enjoying the first months with a new baby

The session is designed for parents of babies aged 4-8 weeks old and will address the issues of understanding normal baby behaviour, reducing family stress and encouraging a settled baby. Partners and grandparents are welcome.

First and third Tuesday of each month from 1pm to 3pm. Cost: \$2.  
For further information contact 9524 3403.

## Программа безопасности предотвращает несчастные случаи

Перегрузка электрических вводов в домах и неисправность пожарных детекторов дыма представляют опасность для всех, но особенно для одиноких пожилых людей и инвалидов.

Новая программа Безопасность в доме (Safe Living), которая была организована совместными усилиями муниципалитета Glen Eira, службой пожаротушения и чрезвычайных ситуаций (MFB) и полицией штата Виктория направлена на снижение риска аварийных ситуаций в доме для пожилых людей и инвалидов.

Эта программа первоначально была развернута в муниципалитете Glen Eira и в настоящее время проводится в других районах Мельбурна. В рамках программы те, кто обслуживает пожилых людей и инвалидов, получают специальную подготовку по выявлению потенциальных аварийных ситуаций в домах их клиентов.

В прошлом месяце представители полиции и MFB проинструктировали более 90 работников муниципалитета, которые обслуживают пожилых людей и инвалидов.

По словам начальника отдела общественных услуг муниципалитета г-на Peter Jones, те, кто ухаживают за пожилыми людьми и инвалидами, являются для них самой важной и зачастую единственной связью с окружающим миром.

“В целом задача этой программы - снизить количество пожаров, а также опасных и аварийных ситуаций в домах пожилых людей и инвалидов,” сказал г-н Jones.

“Муниципалитет, совместно с другими заинтересованными организациями стремится сделать все необходимое, чтобы обеспечить безопасность в доме для пожилых людей и инвалидов.”

## Volunteers needed

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Council is urgently seeking volunteer drivers and jockeys for its delivered meals program. These volunteers deliver meals to frail, older people and people with a disability which enables them to remain living independently in their home.

Volunteers are required seven days a week with flexible choice of days and hours. Petrol reimbursement, training and social contact and support provided. Contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 for further details.

## GLEN EIRA U3A BUS TRIPS 2005

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**Wednesday 16 March 2005**

Eildon Day Tour 9am-5pm. Cost \$52

Tour includes coach, two course meal, guided tour and afternoon tea. No variation of package is available.

**Wednesday 13 April 2005**

Torquay and Anglesea Golf Club 9am-5pm. Cost \$52  
Tour includes coach, two course meal, entry and afternoon tea, see Kangaroos and Country Dahlia Farm. No variation of package deal is available.

**Bookings: by phone U3A Glen Eira office on 9572 0571 or at U3A Glen Eira office, Monday to Friday from 10am to 3pm at 1151 Glen Huntly Road, Glen Huntly.**



# A month of fun and celebration for Glen Eira seniors

**M**arch promises to be full of music, dance, fitness and culture when Council's 2005 Victorian Seniors Festival in Glen Eira takes off.

The festival, held for senior Glen Eira residents, will run from Friday 11 March to Sunday 27 March under this year's theme of *the age to be — go for your life*.

Kicking off with a free cabaret-style concert on Friday 11 March at the Glen Eira Town Hall, the festival will include Council and community events such as walks, luncheons, concerts, health seminars, and talks. Sporting activities, open days, day trips and introductions to croquet and bridge are also scheduled as part of the festival.

Council's Director Community Services Peter Jones said the seniors festival is met with overwhelming enthusiasm each year.

"Residents thoroughly enjoy the wide variety of events and activities that are held during the festival," Mr Jones said.

"The events, put together by various local groups, are a great cultural experience. These community events, alongside Council's events, are guaranteed to provide two weeks of enjoyment and good times for senior residents."

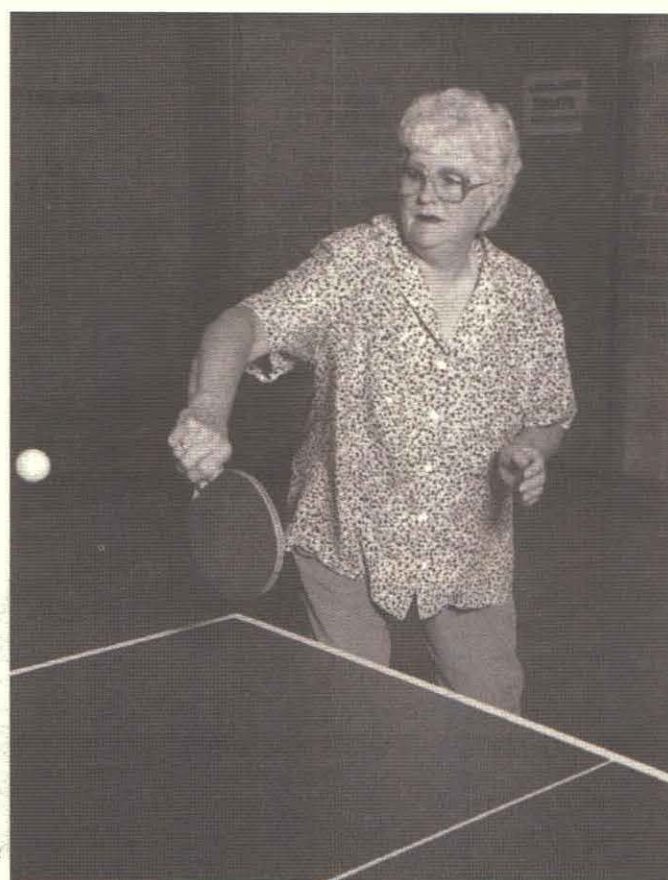
As part of the festival, Council will also host a free healthy living seminar in conjunction with the International Diabetes Institute on Wednesday 16 March. The *Discussing Diabetes* seminar will address questions about living with and caring for diabetic people.

"We hope this particular seminar will assist seniors by providing information on the preliminary signs, risk factors and nutritional management of diabetes," Mr Jones said.

Other Council events include a morning walk series, the Emerald Lake Park walk, library activities and come and try fitness classes including table tennis and keep fit activities. As a bonus, Council's libraries are also offering two free reservations of library materials to all seniors card holders during the festival.

For further information or to obtain a copy of the festival program, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

*Table tennis proved to be a popular event during last year's seniors festival.*  
Bernie Bickerton



## Seniors Festival — calendar of events

### Memories — celebrating the wonderful world of musicals

Celebrate the wonderful world of musicals with an afternoon of cabaret-style entertainment and reminisce with some all-time great show tunes. Afternoon tea provided.

**Date:** Friday 11 March from 1.30pm to 3.45pm (doors open 1pm)  
**Venue:** Auditorium, Glen Eira Town Hall  
**Cost:** Free  
**Bookings:** Essential by Wednesday 9 March on 9524 3228.

### Healthy living seminar — discussing diabetes

Council, in association with the International Diabetes Institute, presents a positive approach to living with diabetes. The seminar provides an overview of the signs, risk factors and nutritional management of diabetes.

**Date:** Wednesday 16 March from 2pm to 4pm  
**Venue:** Theatre, Glen Eira Town Hall  
**Cost:** Free  
**Bookings:** Essential by Tuesday 15 March on 9524 3228.



### Morning walk series

The free morning walk series is a great way to keep fit and meet people locally.

#### Monday 21 March

##### Caulfield Park walk with Caulfield Walkers group

**Date:** Monday 21 March at 9.30am  
**Venue:** Caulfield Park (meet at car park adjacent to Bowls Club), Balaclava Road, Caulfield

#### Tuesday 22 March

##### Centenary Park walk with East Bentleigh Walkers group

**Date:** Tuesday 22 March at 9am  
**Venue:** Centenary Park (Brady Road entrance), Bentleigh East

#### Wednesday 23 March

##### Hodgson Reserve walk with Bentleigh Walkers group

**Date:** Wednesday 23 March at 9am  
**Venue:** Hodgson Reserve (meet at Youth Centre), Higgins Road, Bentleigh

**Note:** Wear loose, comfortable clothing and flat, non-slip, supportive shoes for all walking sessions.

### Emerald Lake Park morning walk

Enjoy a leisurely stroll around Emerald Lake Park in the Dandenong Ranges, then wind down with some stretching exercises and a barbecue lunch. Two buses available.

**Date:** Friday 18 March  
**Depart:** Bus 1 departs from Hodgson Reserve, Higgins Road, Bentleigh (meet at Youth Centre) at 9am.  
Bus 2 departs from Caulfield Park, Balaclava Road, Caulfield (meet at Bowls Club car park) at 9.30am.  
**Return:** Approximately 3pm  
**Cost:** Free  
**Bookings:** Essential on 9524 3228

**Note:** A reasonable walking ability and medical clearance is required. Wear loose, comfortable clothing and flat, non-slip, supportive shoes. Bring sunscreen, sunhat and a bottle of water.

### What's on at the libraries

#### 13 March–27 March

##### Two free library material reservations Discovering the Internet

Learn how to use the Internet with one-on-one training at half the usual price. No computer experience needed.

**Date:** Book at any library during the festival to receive the 50 per cent discount.  
Classes can be taken at a later date.  
**Cost:** \$22  
**Bookings:** Essential.

#### Tuesday 15 March Tunes, titles and tea

A feet-tapping hour of musical melodies with Matthew Divine. Morning tea provided.

**Date:** Tuesday 15 March at 11am  
**Venue:** Bentleigh Library, 161 Jasper Road, Bentleigh  
**Cost:** Free  
**Bookings:** Essential. Bentleigh Library on 9557 8278

#### Thursday 17 March Confident and positive living

Judith Herreen, counsellor, life skills coach and personal development presenter, will discuss how to stay positive and proactive, and the importance of attitude in building health and confidence.

**Date:** Thursday 17 March from 11am to 12pm  
**Venue:** Caulfield Library, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield  
**Cost:** Free  
**Contact:** Caulfield Library on 9524 3623



# New Australians welcomed to Glen Eira

Glen Eira is now home to 117 new Australians following a citizenship ceremony held at Glen Eira Town Hall last month.

Cheering family and friends armed with flashing cameras gathered in the auditorium to witness men, women and children from Europe, Asia, Africa and the Middle East make their Australian citizenship pledge.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Margaret Esakoff led migrants through their pledges and presented them with a certificate of citizenship — the final step to becoming Australian citizens.

"You have decided to become citizens of this wonderful country, a land of opportunity, and I congratulate you on this important decision," Cr Esakoff said.



From left, Roi, Lorraine, Simon, Alon, Daniella and Yakira celebrate becoming Australian citizens as a family.

"It is a privilege to live in a country where democracy and freedom are part of our daily life, and opportunities are there for the taking. Nearly 40,000 of our 123,000 residents were born overseas and our country and our City are the wonderful places that they are today partly because of the contributions made by the diverse migrant groups and we are grateful.

"This is the final step on the road to fully embrace the country in which you now live."

Alok Patel and his six-year-old daughter Disha were among the new Australian citizens. Alok, who originally came to Australia from India for study nine years ago, says he loved it so much that he decided to make Australia his new home.

"I love living in Australia, there are so many opportunities here and I enjoy the freedom," he said.

Simon and Lorraine Abraham and their family moved to Australia from Israel three years ago. Originally from South Africa, the family of six, which includes 12-year-old triplets, decided to move to Australia because they saw it as a place of opportunity.

"We have family all over the world but chose Australia as our home because of the friendly people and access to public services," Lorraine said.

"This is our home now and we love living in Glen Eira because of its open space and community feel and our children love the sports that are available to them."



Glen Eira Mayor Cr Margaret Esakoff welcomes new citizen Farren Ostilly with a presentation of a native plant at Council's citizenship ceremony. Photos: Bernie Bickerton.

Council gave each new citizen an Australian native plant including a Silver Wattle or Copper Glow, to plant in their gardens to remind them of when their new life as an Australian citizen began. They also received a small Australian flag and two Australian badges.

The ceremony came to a close with a performance of the national anthem *Advance Australia Fair* by pianist Blanka West, singer Danielle Matthews and the Glen Eira City Band.

Council conducts citizenship ceremonies under the authority of the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs and is prescribed by the *Australian Citizenship Act 1948*.

## Care, with a personal touch

By Sophie Massis

"I enjoy the people the most, the interaction with residents. I have formed lovely friendships over the years." Lyn Jowett

After 17 years of helping elderly people stay independent, Lyn Jowett is still as enthusiastic about her job as the day she started.

A personal carer at Council's Rosstown Residential Community in Murrumbena, Lyn's daily work responsibilities include assisting elderly residents with their meals, reading, personal assistance and helping to care for their health and wellbeing.

Lyn says that as part of her job she makes sure the Rosstown residents she looks after are eating properly, going to their appointments, and are involved in appropriate recreational activities held at the aged care facility.



Lyn helps Rosstown resident Hilda Hayes with her reading. Photos: Bernie Bickerton.

"A big part of it is gaining the trust of the residents. If they trust you, they're more likely to talk about any concerns they have, and how they are feeling," Lyn said.

"Each resident has a care plan book, listing specific information about their day-to-day needs like showering, what time they like to go to bed, their behavioural patterns, and information on any medication they need to take.

"My job is to make sure these needs are fulfilled and that they are happy and comfortable."

Lyn works part-time, five days in a fortnight, and says the arrangement suits her lifestyle.

"I get a healthy balance because I have my family, grandchildren and an elderly mother and I like to spend time with them as well," she said.

For one of those days Lyn works in a supervisory role at the facility, looking after staff and making sure the right medication is distributed to residents who need it.

"I still like the personal care most, it gives you a feeling that you are really helping people," she said.

"You get to meet lovely people. These residents are so interesting, I love to listen to their stories about their lives and where they have travelled.

"It is great to see such courage in the residents. They have been through wars and some have lost children, but they are a very resilient group. We have a lot to learn from them."

Council is seeking people who are interested in becoming personal carers. Employment opportunities

On the job with a  
**Personal carer**



Personal carer Lyn Jowett makes sure that Rosstown resident Leila Jones gets her afternoon cup of tea.

are available at all three of Council's aged care facilities, Rosstown Residential Community in Murrumbena, Warrawee Residential Community in Benteigh East and Spurway Residential Community in Murrumbena. For further information contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.



# Taking care of Glen Eira's environment

## Water conservation top priority

Council, with the help of a \$10,000 grant from Melbourne Water, is taking steps to conserve water by developing a Sustainable Water Management Plan.

The management plan, which will detail actions aimed at cutting costs and reducing the consumption of tap water across all Council operations, should be finalised by August.

Glen Eira Environment Advisory Committee Chairperson Cr Dorothy Marwick said Council had, over a number of years, undertaken numerous actions to minimise water usage, but said more could be done to further conserve water.

"The Sustainable Water Management Plan would formalise some of the processes that Council already has in place to save water, such as installing bores in some parks," Cr Marwick said.

"We have also carried out mulching in park gardens to reduce water loss through evaporation and drought-

tolerant plants and grasses have been placed where appropriate to the landscape design.

"But the plan will consider more aspects of water conservation, including the use of recycled waste water, stormwater and ground water, and a wider range of water saving measures," she said.

She said Council was conducting preliminary work such as gathering water usage data, selecting a steering committee and appointing a consultant to undertake the research and draft the plan.

The plan is being developed as a proactive response to the State Government's *Securing our water future together* strategy which aims to improve the management of water resources in Victoria.

The strategy was produced in response to the current drought, the need to increase water flows in major rivers to improve their environmental health, and to meet the future needs of a growing Victorian population. As a first step toward sustainable water use, the government set a target of reducing tap water consumption by 15 per cent by 2010.

Council's Sustainable Water Management Plan is being developed with funding assistance from Melbourne Water and input from South East Water.

Residents are encouraged to join Council in minimising their water consumption by planting drought-tolerant plants, using front-loading washing machines, water-efficient shower roses and flow restricting valves, and installing water tanks to collect surplus rain water for use on gardens.

For further information on water conservation contact South East Water on 131 867.



Recycled water from the raintank is used to wash Council's vehicles in an effort save water.



Glen Eira Mayor Cr Margaret Esakoff and Glen Eira Advisory Committee Chairperson and member Cr Dorothy Marwick and Cr Bob Bury assist Council's Asphalter Colin Boyce fill an asphalt roller with recycled rainwater from Council's rainwater tank.  
Photos: Bernie Bickerton.

## Residents asked to get wise about watering

With the summer season nearing its end and autumn hot on its heels, some Glen Eira residents may be keen to get their gardens into shape.

But as water becomes an increasingly precious resource, Council asks residents to become wiser about how they manage water usage on their gardens.

Three simple water-saving strategies can greatly improve the way garden watering is managed.

### 1. Choose plants wisely

- Group plants with similar requirements for water and fertiliser together.
- Plant species which are suited to the site constraints. For example, put shade plants on the south side of buildings and sun-loving plants on the north or west side of buildings. Plant drought-tolerant species.



### 2. Use mulch

- Cover garden beds with a minimum 75 millimetre layer of organic mulch over the top of the soil.

Using mulch helps to:

- retain water in the soil by reducing water loss through evaporation;
- reduce the growth of weeds which compete with plants for available water in the soil;
- provide a buffer to the roots against extremes of temperature; and
- add nutrients to the soil as organic mulch breaks down over time helping plants to grow.

### 3. Water wisely

- Any additional irrigation over and above rainfall should be done early morning or late evening. Watering during daylight hours will result in much of the water being lost through evaporation and not reaching the roots.
- Do not water the plant foliage — instead, apply any additional irrigation directly to the base of the plant and surrounding ground beneath the foliage.
- Deep watering once or twice a week is more beneficial to plants and uses less water than daily shallow watering.

Council has a list of information sheets on being water wise and on water wise plants. Copies can be obtained from Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

Using mulch in the garden can be a great way to save water.  
Photo: Anna McGibbon.

## Charity bins — not a dumping ground

Dumping of rubbish and unwanted household items is becoming an increasing problem around charity bins located throughout the City.

Dumped rubbish creates an eyesore in Council car parks and costs charities thousand of dollars to clean up.

Council's Director City Development Jeff Akehurst said charities were required to take out a permit to place bins in public areas to allow residents to donate clothing to the needy.

"These bins are allowed in Council car parks for receipt of useable clothing only. It is unfortunate that some members of the public find it most useful to conveniently leave their rubbish around these bins, rather than disposing of it in a responsibly," Mr Akehurst said.

"People disposing of junk by leaving it around the bins

are not making a donation, they are breaking the law and can be fined up to \$4,000 under the Environment Protection Act."

Glen Eira residents wanting to dispose of unwanted household rubbish can make use of Council's free monthly hard rubbish collection service. Bookings can be made by phoning Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.



Dumping of unwanted rubbish around charity bins can not only be an eyesore but is also illegal.  
Photo: Anna McGibbon.



# Library library

## Summer read-a-thon

By Anna McGibbon

Two young Glen Eira readers dived into loads of books over the holidays to score major prizes in Council's *Dive into reading with Eira* summer reading competition.

The two were among more than 1,500 local children who took part in the reading competition, held to encourage local children to read over the summer school holiday period. The huge number of entrants making it the most popular holiday reading program ever.

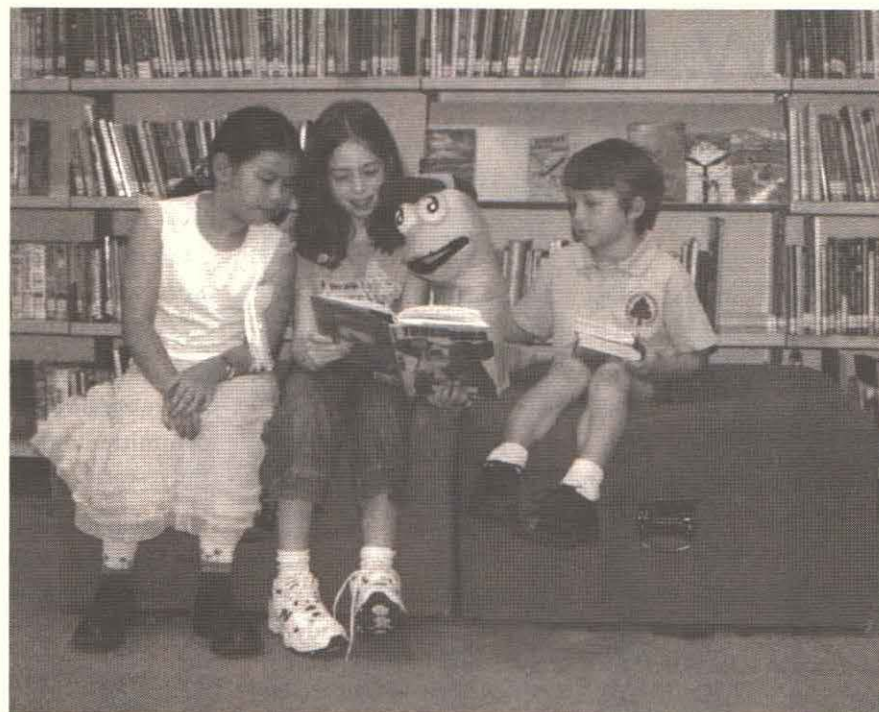
Fun-filled *Everything for summer* packs were won by 10-year-old Sophie Erczmann and five year old Joshua Dunn for reading at least 10 and 20 books respectively.

Sophie, a passionate reader, said she was excited to find out she had won the major prize and was looking forward to hitting the beach well-prepared with her new summer pack.

Other prizes included movie passes to the *Classic Cinema* and passes to *Lollipop's Playground and Café* and entry vouchers to Council's swim centres.

Children could also test their knowledge by answering a series of questions relating to both books and authors in the *Do you know the answers?* competition.

Eight-year-old Cheryl Chen, from Carnegie, was the overall winner of the question competition and received a private movie party for 45 friends at the *Classic Cinema* in Elsternwick.



From left: Competition winners Cheryl Chen, Sophie Erczmann and Joshua Dunn enjoy some reading time with Eira.

Photos: Anna McGibbon.

## What's on at Council's libraries

### April Holiday Mania

*Holiday Mania* is back at Council's libraries for the April school holidays. All activities run for one hour and are designed for children aged 5 to 10 years (unless otherwise noted). Children must be aged 9 to 12 years to attend the *Project Internet* class. Tickets are available from all branches from Saturday 19 March at 10am. Tickets are limited and early bookings are advised.

#### Fairy magic

Experience the world of fairy magic, listen to fairy tales, magic songs and make fairy wands to take home.

Tuesday 5 April at 11am

Bentleigh Library

Tickets: \$5

#### The wacky world of Dr Seuss

Celebrate the wonderful zany stories of Dr Seuss. Join in as some of his most loved stories are acted out. Try some terribly tricky tongue twisters.

Thursday 7 April at 11am

Caulfield Library

Tickets: \$5

#### Let me tell you a story

Come and listen to classic and new stories. Become part of the story in this fun and interactive experience.

Monday 11 April at 11am

Carnegie Library

Tickets: \$5

#### Fantasy circus

Come and join the circus. Children can leap daringly like trapeze artists, roar like lions, frolic like clowns and sway like elephants. This drama workshop will take children to the magic world of the Big top.

Thursday 14 April at 11am

Elsternwick Library

Tickets: \$5

#### Project Internet

Specially developed to teach valuable Internet skills for school projects and homework. For children aged 9 to 12 years.

Tuesday 5 April at 2.30pm

Caulfield Library

Tickets: \$16.50

### Library operating hours — Easter period

All library branches will be closed on Good Friday (Friday 25 March) and Easter Sunday and Monday (Sunday 27 and Monday 28 March). Regular operating hours will apply for Easter Saturday (Saturday 26 March).

## Business news in brief

### Women's Business Network

Find out how to use the Internet to successfully grow a business at the next Women's Business Network meeting.

Craig Reardon, from The Plant Internet company, will explain the essentials for demystifying the Internet and show how net profit and business growth can be increased by using the Internet.

Kimberly Palmer, from Network Events, will provide first-hand insights into how she built her successful events business exclusively using email marketing techniques.

The meeting will be held in the Caulfield Cup Room, Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield on Thursday 17 March from 7pm to 9pm. Cost: \$10 (light supper on arrival). Bookings essential by Monday 14 March.

### Tax basics seminar and record-keeping workshop

Council, in partnership with the Australian Taxation Office, will hold a free tax basics seminar and record-keeping workshop.

The seminar will include information on income tax and deductions, activity statements, GST, superannuation and pay as you go (PAYG) instalments and withholding.

The record-keeping workshop will help local businesses understand:

- basic small business tax issues and obligations for start up business and existing business;
- income and sales records;
- expense or purchase records;
- payments to employees;
- activity statements; and
- income tax records.

The seminar and workshop will be held in the Caulfield Cup Room, Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield on Friday 11 March from 9am to 4pm. Lunch will be provided. Bookings essential by Monday 7 March.

## Community consultation

Council sees community consultation as a vital part of its decision-making process. Consultation involves the community in Council's planning and activities and helps Council to understand the community's priorities and issues.

### Upcoming and current consultation opportunities

Subject	Type	Date	Where
Princes Park Redevelopment — pavilions	Community consultation via invitation to submit written comment. Public exhibitions.	Monday 7 March to Friday 15 April	Glen Eira City Council, PO BOX 42, Caulfield South 3162.
Glen Eira News Survey	Survey included on page 9 of this <i>Glen Eira News</i> issue.	Sunday 6 March to Monday 4 April	Glen Eira City Council, PO BOX 42, Caulfield South 3162.

### Recent consultation opportunities

Meeting	Type	Date
Elsternwick East proposed parking changes (Orrong, Kooyong and Glen Huntly Roads)	Questionnaire	Closed Monday 28 February

For further information about any of these consultation opportunities, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 or visit Council's website at [www.gleneira.vic.gov.au](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au)



# Glen Eira City Council communications survey

## Have your say!

Council uses four key communication tools to reach the community — *Glen Eira News*, the *Community News* column in local Leader newspapers, the website, and Council publications. Each has a separate function, purpose and audience. This survey has been developed to gauge how well Council communicates with you. The results will be used to improve our processes and procedures. Please take a moment to complete this survey and return it to Council by **4 April 2005**.

**Return in person**  
Council's Service Centre  
Glen Eira Town Hall  
Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield

**Return by reply paid post**  
Reply Paid  
Attention: Glen Eira News  
Glen Eira City Council  
PO Box 42, CAULFIELD SOUTH 3162

### ABOUT YOU

1. Are you a:
- ☐ Ratepayer ☐ Resident  
☐ Business ☐ Community group
2. Age group
- ☐ 15-25 ☐ 26-40 ☐ 41-55  
☐ 56-75 ☐ 56-75 ☐ 75+
3. Suburb \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_
4. On a scale of one to five, how well do you think Council communicates with you?
- (low) 1 2 3 4 5 (high)
5. How do you receive most of your information about Council?
- ☐ Glen Eira News ☐ Leader papers ☐ Brochures  
☐ Service Centre ☐ Personalised mail
6. Have you had recent contact with Council?
- ☐ Yes ☐ No  
If yes was it with ☐ the Service Centre ☐ direct line
7. On a scale of one to five, how would you rate the quality of service?
- (low) 1 2 3 4 5 (high)
8. In what language do you prefer to receive your information?
- ☐ English ☐ Russian ☐ Chinese  
☐ Greek ☐ Italian ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
9. Do you know the suburbs that make up Glen Eira?  
If so, please list
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

### GLEN EIRA NEWS

*Glen Eira News* is printed monthly except January and is delivered to more than 52,000 households in the City. It aims to provide information on upcoming Council programs and initiatives and help community members understand the services and functions available to them from Council.

10. How do you rate the quality of information in *Glen Eira News*?
- ☐ Very good ☐ Good  
☐ Satisfactory ☐ Unsatisfactory
11. How important is *Glen Eira News* as a source of information?
- ☐ Very important ☐ Important ☐ Not important
12. How would you rate the relevance of information in *Glen Eira News* to you?
- ☐ Very relevant ☐ Relevant ☐ Irrelevant
13. How would you rate the readability of *Glen Eira News*?
- ☐ Very good ☐ Good  
☐ Satisfactory ☐ Unsatisfactory
14. How would you rate the presentation of *Glen Eira News* (design and layout)?
- ☐ Very good ☐ Good  
☐ Satisfactory ☐ Unsatisfactory
15. What areas would you like more information on?
- ☐ Council-run programs ☐ Festivals and events  
☐ Environmental news ☐ Youth news  
☐ Upcoming community events ☐ Local law news  
☐ On the job profiles ☐ Health and family  
☐ Recreation and sport news ☐ Business news  
☐ Library news ☐ Councillor ward news  
☐ Planning issues ☐ Arts and gallery news  
☐ Community consultation opportunities

16. Are you happy with the current newspaper format?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Indifferent

If no, what format would you like?

☐ Magazine ☐ Smaller newspaper ☐ Online (email/website)

17. On a scale of one to five (1 being the lowest and 5 being the highest rating), how would you rate the following?

Number of editions	1	2	3	4	5
Photography	1	2	3	4	5
Amount of text	1	2	3	4	5
Size of text	1	2	3	4	5
Range of stories	1	2	3	4	5

18. What other improvements would you like to see, if any?
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

19. Do you think *Glen Eira News* should have paid advertising?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Indifferent

If yes, would you like to see it:

- ☐ scattered throughout the paper;  
☐ presented on one page towards the back;  
☐ don't care

### COMMUNITY NEWS IN LOCAL PAPERS

Council's *Community News* column is published fortnightly in the *Caulfield Glen Eira Leader* and *Moorabbin Glen Eira Leader*. It aims to provide information on upcoming Council programs, projects and events.

20. Have you read Council's *Community News* column?

☐ Yes ☐ No

21. How important is this column as a source of information?

☐ Very important ☐ Important ☐ Not important

22. How would you rate the promotion of upcoming Council events?

☐ Very good ☐ Good  
☐ Satisfactory ☐ Unsatisfactory

23. How would you rate the quality of content?

☐ Very good ☐ Good  
☐ Satisfactory ☐ Unsatisfactory

24. *Community News* is published fortnightly. Do you think it should appear:

☐ More frequently ☐ As is ☐ Less frequently

### COMMUNITY RESOURCE GUIDE

Council's *Community Resource Guide* is published annually, operating as an extensive information tool and resource on the Council and community services available to the community.

25. Do you have a copy of Council's *Community Resource Guide*?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, how did you receive it?

- ☐ Requested a copy ☐ Letterbox drop  
☐ New residents kit ☐ Don't know

26. How important is the guide as a source of information on Council services?

☐ Very important ☐ Important ☐ Not important

27. Do you use the guide as a reference tool (ie, to find an organisation such as a primary school)?

☐ Yes ☐ No

28. How often do you use the Resource Guide?

☐ Always ☐ Frequently ☐ Occasionally ☐ Never

29. Council produces the resource guide annually. How often do you think it should be published?

☐ As is ☐ Every 18 months ☐ Twice a year

30. On a scale of one to five, how would you rate the presentation of information?

(low) 1 2 3 4 5 (high)

31. How would you prefer to receive this information?

☐ Printed ☐ Online ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

32. What improvements would you like to see, if any?
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

### MEDIA

33. How well do you think Council is represented in the local media?

☐ Too much coverage ☐ Not enough coverage ☐ Don't know

34. Can you recall the last article you read about Glen Eira City Council?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, what was it about? \_\_\_\_\_

35. Generally, do you think Council is portrayed:

☐ Positively ☐ Negatively ☐ Don't know

### OTHER PUBLICATIONS

36. Have you received a publication or brochure from Council in the past 12 months?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, what did you receive?

- ☐ Community Resource Guide ☐ Safe Food Guide  
☐ Party in the Parks flyer ☐ *Glen Eira News*  
☐ Carols by Candlelight flyer ☐ Business Directory  
☐ Network News (business newsletter) ☐ Winter Music Series  
☐ Residential waste and recycling brochure  
☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

37. How did you receive it?

☐ Personalised mail ☐ Service Centre ☐ Letterbox drop  
☐ Website ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

38. On a scale of one to five, how would you rate the presentation of information?

(low) 1 2 3 4 5 (high)

39. On a scale of one to five, how would you rate the quality of information?

(low) 1 2 3 4 5 (high)

40. On a scale of one to five, how would you rate the relevance of information?

(low) 1 2 3 4 5 (high)

41. On a scale of one to five, how would you rate the accuracy of information?

(low) 1 2 3 4 5 (high)

42. What is your preferred way of receiving information about Council?

☐ Email ☐ Local paper  
☐ Glen Eira News ☐ Website  
☐ Flyer ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

43. What Council information would you like to receive more of?

☐ Events and festivals ☐ Road closures  
☐ Financial ☐ Planning  
☐ Environment ☐ Council assets and property  
☐ Capital works ☐ Council services  
☐ Environment ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_



# Community diary

## Meetings and clubs

**4th Caulfield Cubs and Scouts** meet in Birch Street, Caulfield South every week. For girls and boys. Cubs: 7½ to 10 years. Scouts: 11 to 14 years. Contact: Jo or Steve 9505 6995.

**Bentleigh Life Activities Club** offers opportunities to meet new friends and enjoy activities such as table tennis, scrabble, theatre outings. New members welcome. Contact: 9557 2562.

**Brahma Kumaris Raja Yoga** holds courses in meditation for beginners at 275 McKinnon Road, McKinnon on the first Tuesday of every month at 7.30pm, and positive thinking courses on the first Wednesday. Voluntary contributions are appreciated. Bookings essential. Contact: 9578 9955.

**Caulfield Life Activities Club** will meet in the Gladys Machin Hall, Cedar Street, Caulfield on Wednesday 16 March at 7.30pm. Guest speaker, supper provided. Contact: 9568 5849 or 9523 9669.

**Club 66** holds old-time, modern and new vogue dances with live band at the Bentleigh Uniting Church Hall, 495 Centre Road, Bentleigh, on the first and third Saturday of each month at 8pm. Cost: \$6. Contact: 9587 1092.

**Murrumbeena Bowls Club**, 10 Blackwood Street, Carnegie seeks new members. Contact: 9568 5144.

**Murrumbeena Playgroup** holds sessions for preschool children at the Community of Christ Church, corner Poath and Dalny Roads, Murrumbeena. Contact: 0432 271 204.

**Over 40s Club** holds old-time, modern and new vogue dancing at Ormond Uniting Church, corner of North and Booran Roads, Ormond on the second and fourth Saturday of each month at 7.45pm. Cost: \$7. Live music and supper provided. Contact: 9570 4564.

**Scottish Country Dancing Group** meets at the Thomas Memorial Uniting Church, corner North and Booran Roads, Glen Huntly every Friday from 8pm to 10pm. All welcome. Contact: Bev 9579 5532 or George 9808 6805.

**Royal Children's Hospital Auxiliaries (Caulfield)** meets at the Alma Club, 1 Wilks Street, Caulfield North on the third Wednesday of each month at 1pm. Contact: Olive 9578 2395 or Pat 9571 2666.

**Southern Cross Anglican Church** holds healing services at the church, 530 Dandenong Road, Caulfield North each Thursday morning at 10am. All welcome. No charge. Contact: 9576.1477

## Community

**Riding for the Disabled** seeks volunteers of all ages to help with handling horses and assisting riders at the Caulfield Racecourse each Monday from 9.30am to 2.30pm. Contact: Marion 9752 9044 or 0412 129 166.

**U3A Glen Eira** seeks a volunteer tutor to teach painting to senior citizens on Thursday afternoons. Contact: 9572 0571.

**M.S. Society** seeks volunteers under its community visitors scheme for one hour a fortnight to visit older people in aged care homes. Contact: Judy 9845 2729.

## Events

**Adelphi Players Theatre Company** will stage *The Holy and the Ivy* at Labassa National Trust home, 2 Manor Grove, Caulfield North on Friday 18 and Saturday 19 March at 8.15pm, and Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 March at 2.15pm. Cost: \$12/\$10. Contact: 9690 1593 or 9578 0952.

**Caulfield Community Health Service** will present an information session on *Fine motor development and play* at Glen Huntly Maternal and Child Health Centre, corner Royal and Rosedale Avenues, Glen Huntly on Wednesday 9 March from 2pm to 3pm. Contact: 9524 3403.

**Ormond Primary School** will hold a car boot, mini fete at Ormond Primary School, Wheatley Road, Ormond on Saturday 19 March from 9am to 2pm. Contact: 9578 1327.

**Rotary Club of Caulfield** will hold a literary lunch with author Arnold Zable on Tuesday 15 March at Florian Reception Centre, Clarence Street, Elsternwick at 12.45pm. Cost: 25. Contact: 9568 7190.

**St Catharine's Church** will hold a mini fete at the church, 404 Kooyong Road, Caulfield South on Saturday 12 March from 9am to 2pm. Clothes, books, plants, barbecue and other stalls. Contact: Nicole 0413 138 724.

**Glen Eira Junior Soccer Club** will participate in National Car Wash Day at the Mackie Reserve, corner Mackie Road and Tudor Street, Bentleigh East on Saturday 12 March from 8am to 5pm. Cost \$10 per car. Proceeds go to Ronald McDonald House charities, Peter Brock Foundation and Glen Eira Junior Soccer Club.

## Immunisation sessions

**McKinnon Public Hall**  
118 McKinnon Road, McKinnon  
Monday 7 March 10am-11am

**Glen Eira Town Hall (entry via Glen Eira Road)**  
Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield  
Tuesday 8 March 9.30am-10.15am

**Bentleigh-Bayside Community Health Service**  
Gardeners Road, Bentleigh East  
Wednesday 16 March 6pm-7pm  
Saturday 19 March 9.30am-10.30am

**Murrumbeena Baptist Church**  
44 Murrumbeena Road, Murrumbeena  
Monday 21 March 10am-11am

**Glen Huntly Maternal and Child Health Centre**  
Corner Royal and Rosedale Avenues, Glen Huntly  
Wednesday 23 March 9.30am-11am

## April

**McKinnon Public Hall**  
118 McKinnon Road, McKinnon  
Monday 4 April 10am-11am

**Glen Eira Town Hall (entry via Glen Eira Road)**  
Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield  
Tuesday 5 April 9.30am-10.15am

## Hearty Welcome to 'KidzRock'

Glen Eira Christian Community Church

Every Sunday from 10am to 11.30am at Kilvington Girls Grammar, Dalton Hall, Lillimur Road, Ormond.

## Fun songs for kids.

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Grades 1-6: God's Big Picture!

## Community Information Glen Eira Inc.

### Help us to help people

- Do you enjoy people and are you a good listener?
- Do you believe access to information and to sources of assistance are important?
- Would you enjoy a short training course?
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Contact Laurel Thompson on 9524 3200  
at Community Information Glen Eira Inc.

## Venues for hire

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# YouthYouth

## Festival to bring music to Glen Eira

With National Youth Week fast approaching (9 to 17 April), Council invites the young people of Glen Eira to get involved in this year's major youth event — a music festival to be held on April 10.

The music festival for young people aged 10 to 25 years will be a hands on event for young people enabling them to express their ideas and giving them a voice. The event will include community involvement, giving local young people the opportunity to show off their talents, contributions and achievements.

Council's Youth Leadership and Project Group *Just Youth* will be involved in the developing, planning and implementation of the festival. Local secondary students are encouraged to become part of *Just Youth* and be involved in co-ordinating and facilitating the festival. It will provide the perfect opportunity for young people to learn the skills in the area of event facilitation and management.

For further information about the festival, or to register bands interested in performing for the event, contact the Why? Stop Youth Information Centre.

## An aquatic adventure

The April school holidays will be a time for local young people to discover whether they have what it takes to surf or to learn how to fish.

Back by popular demand, Council's *Riding the waves* and *Let's go fishing* adventures will have young people learning how to catch a wave or rig up a fishing rod.

Council's *Let's go fishing* program is offered to young people aged 9 to 14 years who are isolated, disadvantaged or displaying at-risk behaviours.

The program will be held on Tuesday 5 April and participants will enjoy a day of fishing and a trip to the Melbourne Aquarium with all equipment provided.

The *Riding the waves* program will be held on Thursday 7 April and includes a day of surfing, fun and activities with the Island Surf School at Phillip Island. The program is offered to young people aged 15 to 19 years who feel isolated, have limited opportunities, are disadvantaged or displaying at-risk behaviours.

All participants will be required to register before the program and complete a participation indemnity form. For further information, or to make a booking, contact the Why? Stop Youth Information Centre on 9572 5389.



Fishing instructor David Woods (right) explains the ins and outs of using a fishing rod at last year's Let's go fishing program.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton



The Why? Stop Youth Information Centre provides free, friendly and confidential support to young people. Find out more about what Council's youth centre has to offer — drop in and meet the youth workers at 54 Rosstown Road, Carnegie. Phone: 9572 5389 email: [ystop@gleneira.vic.gov.au](mailto:ystop@gleneira.vic.gov.au)

## Recreation

### Enjoying the outdoors

Glen Eira residents are invited to enjoy a fun day in the outdoors and take advantage of pool facilities at Council's Caulfield and Bentleigh East Swim Centres.

Residents of all ages can join in on the fun activities held at the pools such as swim classes, jazz by the pool evenings and jet-ski demonstrations. Both the Caulfield and Bentleigh East Swim Centres are open every day and feature a heated 50 metre Olympic swimming pool, as well as learner and toddler pools. The Caulfield Swim Centre is also equipped with a water slide.

The pools provide a great opportunity to get fit and stay healthy or simply enjoy a picnic on the grass.

The swim centres are open from:

- 6am to 7pm Monday to Friday;
- 8am to 6pm Saturdays and Sundays; and
- 8am to 6pm on public holidays.

If the forecast temperature is 30 degrees Celsius or above, the pool hours will be extended to 8pm.

For further information contact the Caulfield Swim Centre on 9571 8143 or the Bentleigh East Swim Centre on 9570 7394.

### Mallanbool Reserve — a step into history

Mallanbool Reserve in Carnegie may be one of Glen Eira's newest parks but the area in which it has been established is steeped in history.

Visitors to the park are invited to follow a cultural and botanical interpretive trail that explores aspects of the Kulin (Aboriginal) community who were the original inhabitants of the area.

The trail takes people on a journey through the Kulin way of life, which included harvesting plants, fishing and hunting.

The interpretive trail's botanical element outlines the native plant life abundant prior to European settlement. It is also very informative about the variety of ways the Kulin people used the plants — from camouflage for hunting to medicinal remedies.

Council's Manager Recreation and Youth Services Linda Smith said the indigenous plants found on

### Upgraded amenities in parks

Residents and visitors to the East Caulfield Reserve will benefit from the newly-installed automated toilet. This toilet replaces the old toilet block at the park and has been completed under Council's capital improvement program.

The new toilet is fully-automated and is self-cleaning and vandal resistant with a protective anti-graffiti coating. The toilet is open from sunrise to sunset every day of the year.

Automated toilets will also be installed at Allnutt and Halley Parks in Bentleigh and at Greenmeadows Gardens in St Kilda East in the coming months. The new toilet at Allnutt Park will be in addition to the existing automated toilet and was considered necessary due to the popularity of the park. The toilet at Halley Park will replace an old toilet block, while in Greenmeadows Garden the toilet will provide a new service to the park.

Mallanbool Reserve were the result of a revegetation program that Council completed in 2003.

"Mallanbool Reserve has a dry landscape, also known as a xeriscape, and relies entirely on natural rainfall. It is a unique place in Glen Eira and showcases a natural heritage landscape," Ms Smith said.

"The trail, located beside the all-weather, all-abilities access pathway, runs around Mallanbool Reserve.

"The cultural and botanical trail is suitable for people of all ages and abilities. It is also useful for schools and for people who have an interest in Indigenous culture and plants."





# Arts

## Park parties promise fun for all

Glen Eira residents are invited to enjoy an afternoon in their local park and celebrate at one of Council's two *Party in the Park* events.

The free *Party in the Park* celebrations will be held in Allnutt Park, Bentleigh on Sunday 20 March and at Packer Park, Carnegie on Sunday 3 April, from 12pm to 4.30pm.

Council's Manager Arts and Culture David O'Halloran said the two parties promised to celebrate Glen Eira's artistic vibrancy and cultural diversity through music, dance, performance and participation.

"There is no better setting to celebrate being part of the Glen Eira community, than in two of the City's most scenic and beautiful parks," Mr O'Halloran said.

Internationally renowned singer and songwriter Stephen Cummings will headline the Allnutt Park celebration with his distinctive urban pop music.

Audience members will warm to the zany antics of roving band Jugularity, and the eastern gypsy music style of local band Geamala. Performances by the Capoeira Filhos da Bahia School will show the physical

dynamics of Capoeira — a fusion of dance, martial art, acrobatics and music, founded by African slaves of Brazil.

Dazzling duo dolls Hoopsa Daisy will please all with their unique hula hoop demonstrations and Chinese acrobat Diablo will delight with gravity-defying acts of balance. Hosting both events, is juggler and balloon-ologist extraordinaire Tim Tim.

The Allnutt Park party will also feature performances by professional entertainers and community groups and include great activities and demonstrations. Local schools, community groups and Council will also hold displays and information stands.

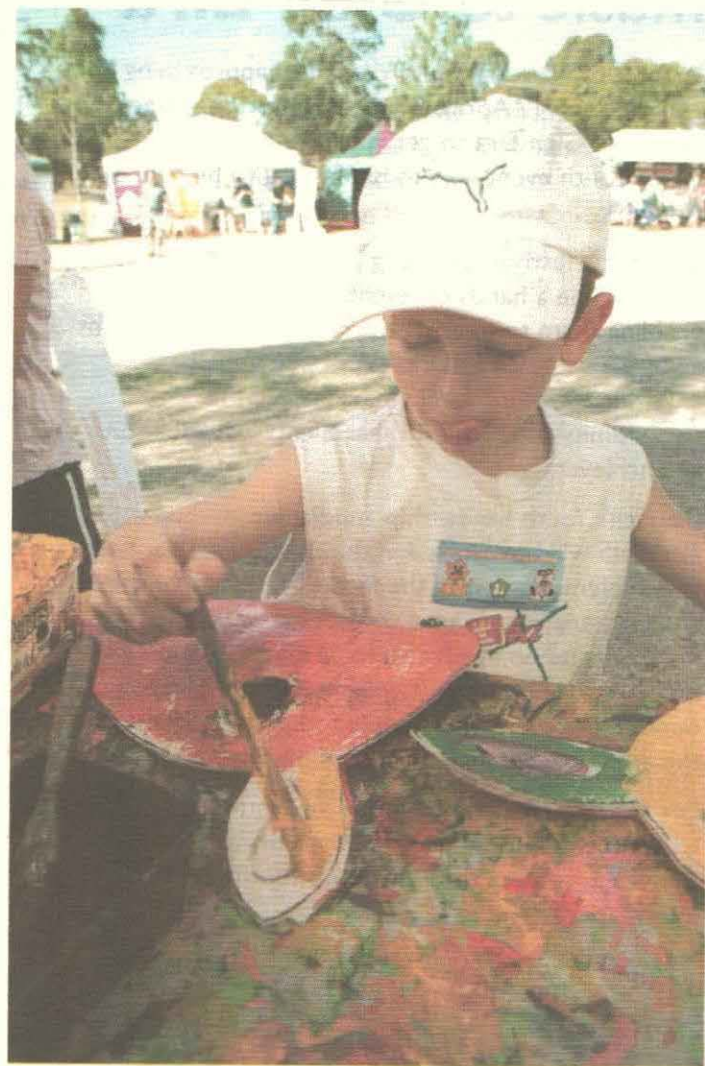
*Party in the Park* at Packer Park will showcase the talents and klezmer magic of Klezmeritus and the innovative mix of acrobatics, magic and comedy with Acromagic.

Children and adults alike will delight in the array of art and craft activities including Polyglot

puppet-making, kite-making and demonstrations, origami, painting workshops, hula hoop demonstrations, jumping castle, chess games animal microchipping and much more. The Caulfield Junior Football Club will run a football competition.

Food will be available and on sale at both *Party in the Parks* events and residents are invited to make a day of it and get the family together, pack a picnic and join in the fun.

For more information, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 or visit Council's website at [www.gleneira.vic.gov.au](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au)



Art and craft activities proved to be popular with children at last year's *Party in the Park* celebrations. Photos: Bernie Bickerton.



A fun day out for the community at last year's *Party in the Park* at Packer Park, Carnegie.

## Home is where the art is

Opens 6pm Wednesday 9 March and continues to Sunday 27 March. Closed Friday 25 March.

Artworks from 12 Glen Eira artists will be on display when Council's *Home Show* exhibition opens in the gallery this month.

The *Home Show* exhibition will showcase the works of artists and craftspeople who live, work and study in Glen Eira and will feature ceramic, textile, digital imagery, glass, jewellery and multimedia pieces.

Council's Manager Arts and Culture David O'Halloran said the *Home Show* exhibition takes the domestic environment as its theme, highlighting what home means to Glen Eira artists.

"The home is the foundation of the way we live, where we grow, develop, rest and play. The objects within the home environment are fundamental to our development and say much about who we are," Mr O'Halloran said.

"Of these everyday objects, some are practical, some are purely for decoration, but all represent some aspect of our personality."

The *Home Show* exhibition looks at each room of the house and the function and use of objects that might be found in that room.

## Exhibitions

Glen Eira City Council Gallery, Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield  
Opening Hours: Monday-Friday 10am-5pm, Saturday, Sunday and public holidays 1pm-5pm

### L'chaim: paintings by Zev Brykman

Opens 6pm on Tuesday 8 March and continues until Thursday 24 March

The works of Caulfield artist Zev Brykman will be on display at Council's gallery this month. *L'chaim* is a Hebrew expression meaning a celebratory toast to life, and this exhibition showcases Brykman's paintings based on an abstract expression style.



Untitled, oil on canvas 2004 by Zev Brykman.

Brykman's paintings are varied in colour, the later pieces in the series more highly keyed than the earlier, and a larger brush is employed. The paintings plot his discovery of art and the joy it brings him.

### Izi Marmur: A Mountain in My Hand

Opens 6pm on Tuesday 29 March and continues until Sunday 10 April

Caulfield artist Izi Marmur's evocative landscape paintings are in part influenced by well-known Australian artist Fred Williams. Like Williams, Marmur flattens space in his landscapes and sometimes divides the canvas up into horizontal planes. The atmosphere of the paintings ranges from brooding and temperate to brightly tropical. The paintings have a folk-tale feel and, at times, just a touch of the art naïve.



Emu Rock by Izi Marmur.