

Road safety check stops traffic

More than 200 cars, trucks and commercial vehicles underwent strict safety checks by Council officers as part of a recent road block on Dandenong Road, Caulfield North.

Council joined forces with Victoria Police, the Taxi and Tow Truck Directorate and WorkSafe, randomly stopping 241 vehicles. Almost half of the vehicles stopped were deemed unroadworthy by Victoria Police.

Council civic compliance officers checked drivers for outstanding parking fines while Council environmental health officers conducted safety checks on food transport vehicles.

Officers checked 20 food transport vehicles and took action against four operators for breaching food safety standards. One food transport vehicle was carrying 30 foam eskys of seafood which had to be immediately removed and destroyed due to health violation breaches.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Margaret Esakoff said the road block gave Council officers an opportunity to show the human face of Council and give out valuable information to drivers, as well as recover outstanding fines.

"This was a great opportunity for Council to raise awareness about safety issues — road and traffic safety and food safety," Cr Esakoff said.

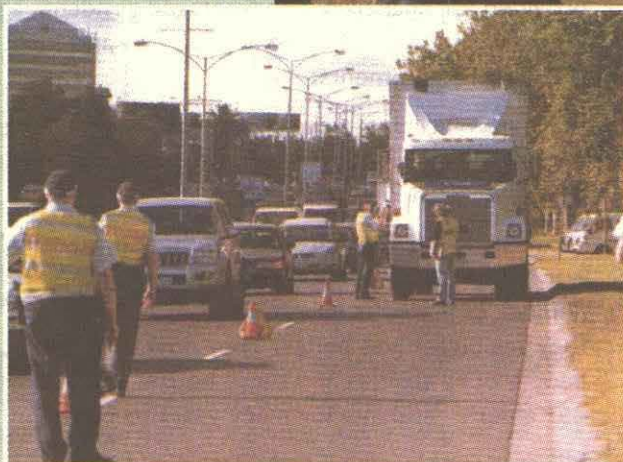
"This exercise allowed a number of key compliance agencies, including Council, to work together and send an all-encompassing safety message to motorists so that the vehicles travelling through our City are safe."

A number of other key safety compliance issues were addressed by the exercise: registration and licence checks by Victoria Police, compliance checks on taxis and hire vehicles by the Taxi and Tow Truck Directorate, and hazardous goods checks by WorkSafe.

Victoria Police Inspector Greg Parr



From left: Victoria Police Inspector Greg Parr, Council's Prosecutions and Traffic Co-ordinator Alan Katz and Council's Environmental Health Team Leader Lyle Clausen working together to keep Glen Eira's roads safe.



More than 200 cars, trucks and commercial vehicles were stopped at the road block on Dandenong Road, Caulfield North. Photos: Les O'Rourke.

said a large number of commercial vehicles travel through Glen Eira daily and have an impact on the safety of Glen Eira roads.

"We run these joint agency operations to ensure vehicles meet with a variety of compliance requirements. Our aim is to get unsafe cars and trucks off the road and make Glen Eira roads safe," Inspector Parr said.

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Dogs must play it safe in parks

In response to concern about dogs being off-leash on ovals during sport training times, Council will step up its patrols of Glen Eira's leading sporting grounds between 4pm and 7pm.

Council's Manager Civic Compliance John Bordignon said Council is concerned that club members training for sport may be at risk of being chased, tripped or bitten by unleashed dogs.

"Our animal management officers have started to patrol selected sportsgrounds and parks every day at peak training times and owners of unleashed dogs will be asked to leash their animal immediately," Mr Bordignon said.

"If owners do not have a leash with them, or if they refuse to leash their dog, they may face an on-the-spot fine of \$102. First time offenders will be issued with a caution notice.

"Owners may also be fined for allowing their dog to be a nuisance if it injures or endangers the health of any person."

Under the *Domestic (Feral and Nuisance) Animals Act 1994* dogs must be leashed within 50 metres of recreation sporting grounds during club training times.

Mr Bordignon said Council had imposed conditions on the presence of dogs in any public place to maintain public safety and avoid incidents between sporting participants and dogs.

"Responsible pet ownership is about respecting other people's rights to use and enjoy facilities and ensuring dogs don't interfere with the comfort or convenience of any person or group," he said.

Mr Bordignon said registering pets was also a key part of responsible ownership. New pet owners or owners who have yet to register their pets should contact Council's Service Centre for a new pet registration application form.

Council officers will begin door knocking homes in May and June to check pets are properly registered. Failure to register pets can result in a fine of \$205 per animal. Dogs and cats must also wear their registration tags whenever outside the owner's property.

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

Mayor's column



April brought with it school holidays and an extended swim season in Glen Eira. Our pools were put to very good use by hundreds of enthusiastic swimmers — the warmer weather bringing residents out of their homes and into the great outdoors.

The Caulfield Swim Centre was also the focus for Council's *Big Splash Out* youth music festival. As an

attendee at this event I witnessed the great talents of some of our local bands — as well as the steadfast support of the local young people who watched the concert. We also launched the *Y Files youth information and resource directory* to help our young people find the support they need for any issue.

Support is integral to working together as a community or an organisation. It shows that we have understanding for each other's needs and a desire to help achieve a common goal.

For Glen Eira food businesses, the recent Food Business Awards showed how much we can achieve for the safety and wellbeing of residents as they dine out in the City. I had the pleasure of presenting awards to the Shop of the Year, Baker's Delight in Carnegie, and runner-up Zests Pizza in Murrumbena who proved that they could provide good meals in a safe environment better than any other businesses in the City.

I also presented certificates to more than 130 businesses who achieved a five-star food safety rating from Council's unique safe food program. These businesses are listed in Council's *2005 Safe Food Guide*, produced annually to show Council's support of food businesses achieving high food safety in our City.

Council also showed its support for our Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Andrew Newton on Monday 11 April when we resolved to reappoint him for a further five years to 2010.

The Council gave public notice last November of its intention to put a motion to reappoint the CEO. Mr Newton has been Glen Eira City Council CEO for the past five years.

The *Local Government Act* gives councils a six month period to consider the reappointment of the CEO. Council has given full consideration to this matter. Mr Newton has built up a strong organisation, particularly in core areas of financial management, customer service and town planning. He is regarded as a leader in the local government sector and we believe that Mr Newton's reappointment is clearly in the best interests of the community.

— Cr Margaret Esakoff
Mayor

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Mayor opens independent living units

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Margaret Esakoff and Minister for Housing Candy Broad MLC officially opened Council's new Curraweena Independent Living Units in Caulfield South last month.

The units now consist of 30 purpose-built units which provide residents with better and more modern accommodation — replacing the outdated 24 bedsitter-type units and meeting room that used to exist on the site.

Each new unit has one bedroom with a separate living room, kitchen and bathroom that provide all-abilities access. The units also have a small courtyard and access to off-street parking.

Cr Esakoff said the independent living units are provided for financially disadvantaged residents aged 60 years and over who live in Glen Eira and meet eligibility requirements.

"This new facility is a testament to Council's focus on providing high-quality aged care services to the people of Glen Eira," she said.

"Together with the State Government a partnership was formed to redevelop this site. Today the number of units has increased from 24 to 30 and they are bigger and better. They now cater for people of all abilities and these houses will serve our elderly residents for many years to come."

Minister for Housing Candy Broad said it was fantastic to see two levels of government working together to help the community.



Minister for Housing Candy Broad MLC (left) and Glen Eira Mayor Cr Margaret Esakoff (far right) take a tour of the new home of Ernest and Phyllis Sanderson. Photo: Rob Chure

"At the moment, there are a lot of problems with housing for low income earners. I think we often forget how hard it must be for our senior citizens to find affordable and suitable homes which are safe and secure," Minister Broad said.

Deadlines

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Glen Eira's ward boundaries *to change*

Glen Eira's ward boundaries are set to change in November after a recent independent review of the City's electoral structure.

Glen Eira's three wards will have new boundaries and names in place for the November Council elections.

The current Orrong, Jasper and Mackie wards will be replaced by three new wards — Camden, Rosstown and Tucker with the number of Councillors remaining at three in each ward.

The review, directed by the Minister for Local Government Candy Broad, looked at whether the existing electoral and Councillor structure provided a

fair and equitable representation for voters at Council elections and involved a two-stage public submission process.

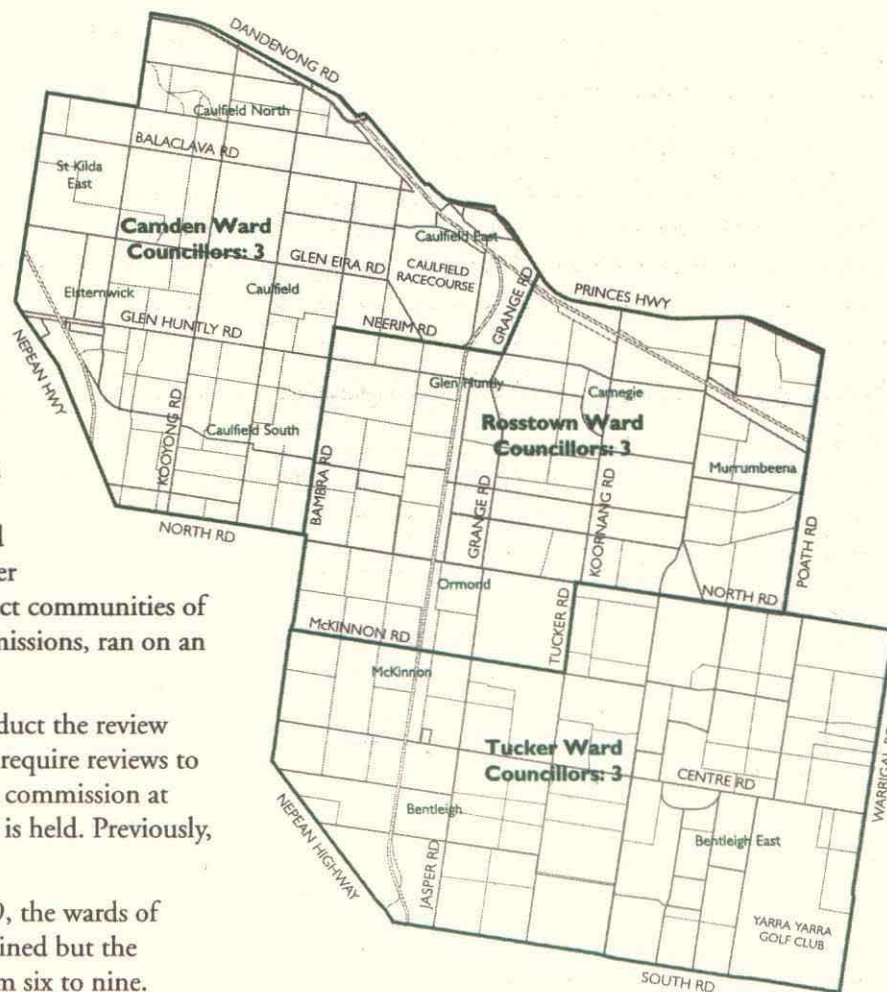
Council's Compliance Co-ordinator Tim Presnell said the new wards will divide the City primarily east-west, rather than the current north-south structure.

"The minister directed the change to the wards after accepting the recommendation of the Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC), which conducted the electoral review. The VEC argued that redefining the ward boundaries would provide for stronger representation and would better reflect communities of interest which, according to the submissions, ran on an east-west basis," Mr Presnell said.

"Council appointed the VEC to conduct the review because recent changes to legislation require reviews to be run independently by an electoral commission at least once after every second election is held. Previously, councils ran their own reviews."

At the last review, conducted in 1999, the wards of Orrong, Jasper and Mackie were retained but the number of Councillors increased from six to nine.

The VEC's final report on Glen Eira's electoral representation is available on Council's website at www.gleneira.vic.gov.au and on VEC's website at www.vec.vic.gov.au



Glen Eira's ward boundaries are set to change in November this year.

Council to seek feedback on village plan

Council will call on the community in June for further comment on its draft urban village design frameworks (UDFs) for Bentleigh, Carnegie and Elsternwick.

The UDF project, based on Council's Urban Villages Policy, looks at issues relating to building design, traffic, car parking, public transport, cultural values, and the economic role of each village.

The project aims to articulate an overall design vision for each village and its relationship with surrounding neighbourhoods, and is based on UDF plans for the three urban villages prepared in 2004 by consultant Planisphere and Associates.

Council's Director City Development Jeff Akehurst said the design visions for the three urban villages are the final planning stage in what has been a major focus for Council over the past five years.

"The urban design frameworks strive to bring together living, working, entertaining and recreating all within an area well-served by public transport and to have this recognised in a set of urban design guidelines and action plans for each centre," Mr Akehurst said.

"In August 2004, Council consulted extensively on the draft design frameworks and more than 200 people attended two rounds of community workshops and provided comments to Council."

Mr Akehurst said the consultants revised the draft urban design frameworks following last year's consultation and submissions received from the community.

"The final draft will be different from the version exhibited last year — it will provide greater detail on proposed road extensions; recommends the acquisition of specific properties; takes in some changes in strategic direction, such as a proposed increase in height limit for land north of the railway line in Carnegie; and accommodates changes from community input and comment," he said.

As the draft is still to be adopted by Council, the draft report reflects only the views of the consultant and will be available for viewing and public comment in June. Details of consultation dates will be published in the June edition of the *Glen Eira News*.

Bookings a must for hard rubbish

Residents are being urged to make sure they book for Council's hard rubbish collection before leaving items out on the nature strip for pick-up.

Council's Waste Management Engineer Doug Griffiths said many residents place their hard rubbish on the nature strip before making a booking and, in some cases, do not even make a booking.

"Residents who want hard rubbish collected must ring Council's Service Centre to make a booking. Once the booking is made, the goods can be put out and will be collected in due course," Mr Griffiths said.

"Bookings are needed so that Council is aware of the

items that need to be collected and can allocate an appropriate collection truck. The metal from some goods, such as refrigerators and other white goods, can be recycled and need to be collected by a particular truck."

Mr Griffiths said Council's hard rubbish collection service is for residential property owners who have rubbish such as furniture and household appliances which cannot fit into household garbage bins.

"This service is provided to Glen Eira residents on a four-week cycle — the municipality is broken up into four areas and a collection is made in each area once every four weeks on a pre-booked basis. This makes Glen Eira's hard rubbish collection one of the most frequent of any municipality in Melbourne."

Mr Griffiths said any hard rubbish left out for collection needed to follow set guidelines and items not meeting the guidelines would not be collected.

The guidelines can be downloaded from Council's website at www.gleneira.vic.gov.au or can be found in Council's *Residential waste and recycling services guide*. The 2005-06 guide will be distributed to all households in June.

For more information about Council's hard rubbish collection or to make a booking contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.



Bookings must be made for Council's hard rubbish collection service so that the appropriate collection truck can be organised.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Language line

Τα όρια των εκλογικών εδρών θα αλλάξουν

Τα όρια των εκλογικών εδρών του Δήμου Glen Eira θα αλλάξουν το Νοέμβριο μετά από μια πρόσφατη αναθεώρηση της εκλογικής δομής του Δήμου.

Οι τρεις έδρες του Glen Eira θα έχουν καινούργια όρια και καινούργια ονόματα κατά τις προσεχείς Δημοτικές Εκλογές του Νοεμβρίου 2005.

Οι υπάρχουσες έδρες Orrong, Jasper και Mackie θα αντικατασταθούν με καινούργιες έδρες - Camden, Rosstown και Tucker - ενώ ο αριθμός των Δημοτικών Συμβούλων θα παραμείνει στους τρεις για κάθε έδρα.

Η αναθεώρηση, υπό τη διεύθυνση της Υπουργού Τοπικής Αυτοδιοίκησης Candy Broad, εξέτασε κατά πόσο ο αριθμός των Δημοτικών Συμβούλων και η εκλογική δομή παρείχε μια δίκαιη και ισότιμη εκπροσώπηση των ψηφοφόρων. Η αναθεώρηση περιλάμβανε επίσης και μια διαδικασία υποβολής προτάσεων απ' τους δημότες που έγινε σε δύο στάδια.

Ο Συντονιστής Συμμόρφωσης της Δημαρχίας Tim Presnell είπε ότι οι καινούργιες έδρες θα διαιρεθούν με βάση τον ανατολικό - δυτικό άξονα, αντί του τρέχοντος βόρειου - νοτίου άξονα.

"Η Υπουργός συνέστησε την αλλαγή αφού αποδέχτηκε την πρόταση της Εκλογικής Επιτροπής Βικτώριας (VEC), που διεξήγαγε την αναθεώρηση. Το VEC πρότεινε ότι η ανακατάταξη των ορίων των εδρών θα παρείχε ισχυρότερη εκπροσώπηση και θα αντανάκλαζε καλύτερα τις ενδιαφερόμενες κοινότητες," είπε ο κ. Presnell.

Ανέφερε ότι "Τέτοιες αναθεωρήσεις πρέπει να διεξάγονται ανεξάρτητα από μια εκλογική επιτροπή τουλάχιστον μία φορά μετά από κάθε δεύτερες εκλογές. Στο παρελθόν, οι δημαρχίες διεξήγαγαν τις δικές τους αναθεωρήσεις".

Cambiano i confini delle circoscrizioni elettorali

I confini dell'elettorato di Glen Eira saranno modificati a novembre a seguito di una recente revisione della struttura elettorale del comune.

Alle tre circoscrizioni di Glen Eira saranno assegnati nuovi confini e nuove denominazioni in vista delle prossime elezioni comunali del novembre 2005.

Le circoscrizioni di Orrong, Jasper e Mackie saranno sostituite da nuove circoscrizioni — Camden, Rosstown e Tucker — mentre rimarranno tre consiglieri comunali per ciascuna circoscrizione.

La revisione, avallata dal Ministro del Governo Locale, Candy Broad, era mirata ad identificare se il numero dei Consiglieri comunali e la struttura elettorale pre-esistente rappresentassero gli elettori in maniera equa ed adeguata. La revisione ha incluso anche una procedura di presentazione al pubblico condotta in due stadi.

Il coordinatore comunale del progetto, Tim Presnell, ha affermato che le nuove circoscrizioni saranno suddivise su base est-ovest invece dell'attuale suddivisione nord-sud.

Presnell ha ribadito: "Il Ministro ha avallato il cambiamento dopo aver preso in considerazione le raccomandazioni della Commissione Elettorale del Victoria (VEC), che ha condotto la revisione. La VEC sostiene che la modifica dei confini delle circoscrizioni porterà ad una più salda rappresentazione dell'elettorato e rifletterà in maniera più adeguata gli interessi delle comunità".

Ha affermato inoltre che: "Simili revisioni devono essere condotte indipendentemente, almeno una volta ogni due elezioni, da una commissione elettorale. Precedentemente le revisioni venivano condotte dai comuni stessi".

Изменение границ избирательных округов

По результатам недавнего анализа избирательной системы в муниципалитете Glen Eira было принято решение изменить в ноябре границы избирательных округов.

Названия и границы трех избирательных округов муниципалитета Glen Eira будут изменены перед муниципальными выборами в ноябре 2005.

Нынешние избирательные округа Orrong, Jasper и Mackie будут заменены тремя новыми - Camden, Rosstown и Tucker. В каждом округе по-прежнему будут избираться три члена муниципального совета.

Анализ избирательной системы муниципалитета проводился под руководством министра штата по делам муниципалитетов г-жи Candy Broad. В ходе анализа определялось, насколько справедливо и равноправно представлены избиратели в избирательной структуре муниципалитета и в составе муниципального совета. Был также предусмотрен двухступенчатый процесс подачи и рассмотрения предложений и замечания общественности.

Координатор программы от муниципалитета г-н Tim Presnell отметил, что новые избирательные округа будут разделены по границе восток-запад, а не север-юг, как в настоящее время.

"Министр принял соответствующее решение на основании рекомендаций Избирательной комиссии штата Виктория (VEC), которая проводила анализ. В рекомендациях VEC отмечено, что изменение границ округов необходимо для адекватного представления интересов избирателей," сказал г-н Presnell.

"Такого рода анализ будет теперь проводиться избирательной комиссией по крайней мере после каждых вторых выборов в муниципалитете. До сих пор это делали сами муниципалитеты," отметил г-н Presnell.

選區劃分將有所變動

繼最近對 Glen Eira 市政區選舉結構的檢討，本市政區的選區劃分將於 11 月有所變動。

Glen Eira 市的三個選區將重新劃分並給以新的選區名稱，以為 2005 年 11 月的市政府選舉做好準備。

目前的 Orrong, Jasper 及 Mackie 等三個選區將由稱之 Camden, Rosstown 和 Tucker 的三個新選區所取代，各選區市議員人數仍為三名。

根據維州地方政府部長的指示，這項檢討主要查看了市議員人數和選舉結構是否公正平等地代表了選民。檢討還包括一個兩階段公眾評論建議的進程。

市政府違法協調主任 Tim Presnell 說新的選區為東西之分，而不是目前的南北之分。

Presnell 先生說道："這是維州選舉委員會 (VEC) 經過檢討向部長提出的建議，部長接受他們的建議並指示作出上述變動。維州選舉委員會認為重新劃分選區將更具有代表性，並將更好地反映社區利益。"

他還說："這類檢討必須由維州選舉委員會在兩屆選舉之後獨立開展。以前是各市政府自行開展檢討。"

Four-year-old kindergarten

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Enrolments for four-year-old kindergarten in 2007 will be taken from May. Children whose birth dates fall between 1 May 2002 and 30 April 2003 are eligible to enrol.

Applications are still being accepted and processed for children who will be attending four-year-old kindergarten in 2006.

Council operates a central enrolment system for the Glen Eira community-based kindergartens. Enrolment forms are available from community-based kindergartens, Council's Service Centre and Council's website at www.gleneira.vic.gov.au.

An application fee of \$10 applies.

Applications for three-year-old kindergarten can be made directly to the kindergarten.

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Drains, rains and autumn leaves

Autumn has arrived and with it comes fallen leaves, rain and potential drainage problems, prompting Council to ask residents to help ensure the City's vast drainage system remains blockage-free in the lead-up to winter.

Council's Waste Management Engineer Doug Griffiths said Glen Eira had a good drainage system of underground pipes and inlet pits that is maintained regularly and constantly improved and extended.

Safety, an important lesson

More than 30 local principals learnt about important safety initiatives at a recent school principals' community safety forum co-ordinated by Council's Glen Eira Community Safety Committee.

The second annual forum held last month gave primary and secondary school leaders the chance to meet with representatives from the committee and Council officers to discuss safety issues affecting Glen Eira's school communities.

Glen Eira Councillor and committee chairperson Veronika Martens opened the forum and said Council recognises community safety as a major factor in community wellbeing and participation in the forum is an important tool in improving local safety.

"Council is committed to providing leadership to co-ordinate safety initiatives in Glen Eira and to working in partnership with emergency services providers, the community, and government agencies to improve the level of safety in Glen Eira," Cr Martens said.

Safety presentations were made by representatives from VicRoads, Sholem Aleichem College, the Metropolitan Fire Brigade, Victoria Police and Council to address safety issues for schools. Topics included making a difference to traffic safety, the need for additional school crossing supervisors, emergency management plans for schools and a pilot neighbourhood watch program for schools.

VicRoads Road Safety Co-ordinator Pierre Castelino discussed the importance of making a difference in traffic safety through education.

"Traffic safety education can help students develop skills and behaviours that have an immediate effect on safe road use now and in the future as the child grows and develops through adolescence into adulthood," Mr Castelino said.

"Through the curriculum, schools and teachers have a responsibility to address traffic safety education at specific stages in children's development. This responsibility is well-supported with products, programs and personnel."

Cr Martens said the forum helped increase the provision of community safety information and present schools with an opportunity to provide feedback and make recommendations about safety in Glen Eira.

"The forum was another example of Council's responsiveness to community needs and the improvement of safety in local primary and secondary schools," she said.

"Council sweeps Glen Eira streets on a monthly cycle and undertakes additional sweeping in areas of heavy leaf fall during autumn. This helps to prevent leaves and other debris getting into drains and causing blockages," Mr Griffiths said.

"Residents in areas of heavy leaf fall will soon receive a notice in their letterbox about what to do with fallen leaves on their naturestrip and footpath prior to the arrival of the street sweeper."

Mr Griffiths said while Council played a major role in keeping the City's drains clean, residents could also play their part by regularly checking and cleaning their roof gutters, down pipes and drains.

He said stormwater drainage pipes were residents' responsibility, including the section from the property boundary to where the drain connects to Council's drain or the street kerb line.

Tips to keep drains clean include:

- using leaves and lawn clippings as compost and mulch on the garden, rather than sweeping them into drainage pits; and
- installing a rain water tank to reduce run-off into the drainage system in winter and provide a source of water for the garden in summer.

For further information contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.



Carnegie resident Jason Close cleans out the roof gutters on his home to ensure fallen leaves don't block the drainage system. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Historical intersection upgrade

Where is the only intersection in the southern hemisphere where a tram can turn in all four directions? In Glen Eira of course! At the intersection of Hawthorn and Balaclava Roads in Caulfield North.



From left: Yarra Trams Automatic points foreman Gary Smith and Automatic points engineer Steve Braham implement the electronic loop system at the intersection. Photo: Anna McGibbon.

Council recently worked with Yarra Trams to upgrade the intersection making it safer for tram drivers and creating better traffic flow.

Council's Director City Development Jeff Akehurst said the intersection was one of only a few in the world with eight points or ways to change direction — making it rare and busy.

"Yarra Trams lodged an application with Council to alter the tracks, poles and switch boxes at the intersection and use an electronic system, instead of the original lever system which shifts the turning plates on the road and enables trams to change direction," Mr Akehurst said.

"Previously, motorists may have seen tram drivers leave the trams and use a lever to shift turning plates on the road to enable the tram to turn in any given direction.

"This manual method of changing tram direction raised safety issues and delayed traffic. Council and Yarra Trams have addressed this issue by removing the turning plates and implementing new technology."

"An electronic loop system has now been installed which, when the tram reaches a certain point in the tracks, sends a signal to an automatic points processor and enables points on the road to change automatically. Allowing the trams to change direction automatically means tram drivers do not need to stop and leave the tram to manually change the turning plates."

Mr Akehurst said the intersection, constructed in 1913, also bears historical significance as until the recent upgrade the intersection had still held the original turning plates.

"Yarra Trams have donated a number of the original turning plates and switching blades to Council and we hope to put them on display for residents in the near future," he said.

Community grant applications

Local, non-profit community-based groups in Glen Eira are invited to apply for funds through Council's 2005-06 community grants program. An information package which includes application forms is available for collection from Council's Service Centre or by calling 9524 3333.

The information is also available from Council's website at www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

Applications close on Thursday 30 June at 5.30pm (late applications will not be considered).

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Carnegie bakery wins Shop of the Year



Glen Eira Mayor Cr Margaret Esakoff presents Shop of the year 2005 certificate to Graeme Grieve from Carnegie Baker's Delight. Photos: Rob Churchus.

A Carnegie bakery has been awarded Glen Eira City Council's Shop of the Year 2005 for delivering the highest standard of food safety in the City.

At Council's annual Food Business Awards last month, Glen Eira Mayor Cr Margaret Esakoff announced Baker's Delight, in Koornang Road Carnegie, the winner and Zests Pizza in Murrumbena runner-up Shop of the Year.

Cr Esakoff said the two businesses had not only achieved a five-star food safety rating but had the highest food safety ratings of the 750 registered food businesses tested in the City in 2004.

"To achieve a five-star food safety rating, businesses must operate within a food safety program designed specifically for the business," Cr Esakoff said.

Under Council's Safe Food program, businesses are taught about safe food handling procedures and safe food techniques. Council's environmental health officers conduct safety assessments of food businesses each year against the strict hygiene standards.

Cr Esakoff said Council is unique in that it works in partnership with local food businesses to achieve better food safety outcomes for people eating within the City.

"Since the introduction of the five-star food safety incentive program in 1998, Council has seen a decrease in food-related complaints and food poisoning incidents," she said.

Cr Esakoff also launched the 2005 Glen Eira City Council Safe Food Guide at the awards evening. The guide lists food businesses within the municipality that received a five-star food safety rating when assessed by Council officers during 2004.

Awards were also presented to 25 local food businesses participating in Council's Taste 4 Health nutrition program. This program recognises local food businesses that offer their customers healthy meal choices.

Intersection parking equals danger

Glen Eira motorists are urged to obey road signs and take better note of parking regulations not just to avoid being fined but to increase road safety.

Under the Road Rules Victoria regulations, and even in the absence of no stopping signs, motorists are required to park at least 10 metres clear of intersecting streets' kerb lines.

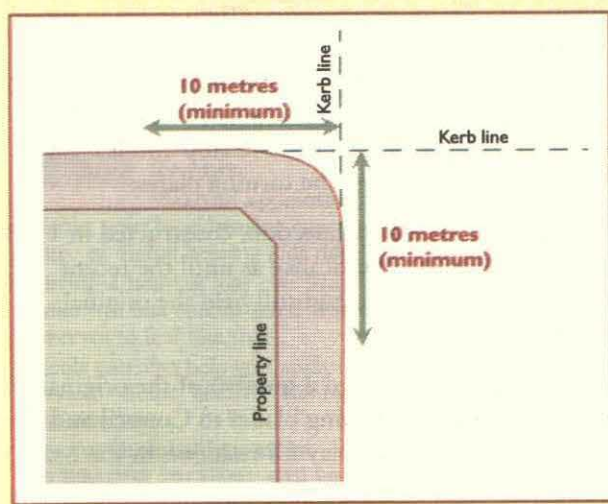
Council's Manager Traffic and Parking Carl Russo said Council had received complaints about motorists failing to obey the regulations.

"Failure to comply with the parking regulations is not just a non-compliance issue — it increases the risk of injury to other motorists and pedestrians," Mr Russo said.

"The requirement to park at least 10 metres from the kerb line of an intersecting street ensures that parked cars do not interfere with motorists being able to see approaching cars.

"This is imperative to ensure the safety of exiting traffic. Side impact collisions carry a very high risk of serious or fatal injury to motorists and their passengers."

Offending motorists could receive a \$102 fine for not complying with the regulation.



To a baker's delight

Graeme Grieve was delighted to receive Glen Eira's highest food safety honour, Council's Shop of the Year 2005 award, for delivering the highest standard of food safety in the City.

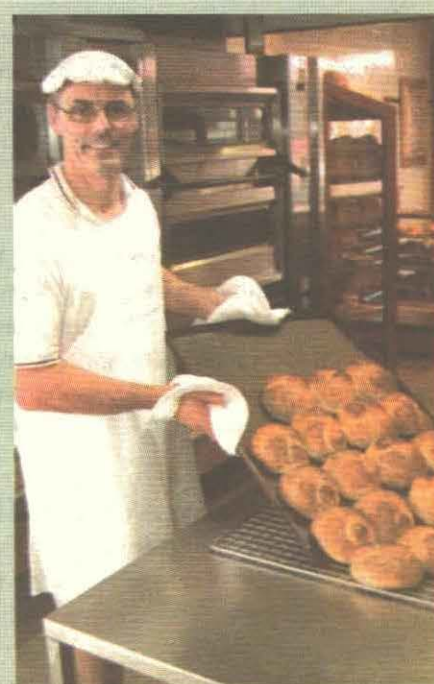
As the proud owner and operator of Baker's Delight in Carnegie, Graeme said winning the award was a fantastic achievement for his business — especially for the 25 staff he employs.

"The award has been a great encouragement and motivator for the staff. They were really excited to be acknowledged and I believe this will help them to challenge themselves and continue to be enthusiastic about safe food practices," Graeme said.

Graeme has owned and operated the bakery for more than four years and has been awarded with Council's five-star food safety rating each year for safe food handling and effective sanitising procedures.

"Being awarded the five-star safe food rating means a lot to us and we want to let our customers know that they can expect the best when they come to our bakery," he said.

"From a business point of view, the program and the award provide a benchmark for businesses to meet and allows for a good well-run food establishment."



Food safety is a number one priority for Graeme Grieve. Photo: Sophie Massis.

Working towards a pneumococcal-free Glen Eira

Council has administered more than 700 doses of the new pneumococcal vaccine to Glen Eira children since January this year.

Changes to Federal Government funding from January 2005 made the vaccine available free for all children up to two years old.

Council's Manager Public Health Mark Saunders said, on average, the numbers of children attending Council's immunisation sessions had doubled since the beginning of the vaccination campaign.

"We are pleased to see parents taking advantage of the free vaccine and making sure their children are immunised against the disease," Mr Saunders said.

"Immunisation staff have also handled more than twice the average number of telephone enquiries from parents seeking advice on the new vaccine."

Mr Saunders said the vaccine was previously only provided free of charge to Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islander children aged up to two years, and to children with certain medical conditions aged up to five years.

"The funding changes allow children born after 1 January 2003 to receive the pneumococcal vaccine free of charge, but children born before 1 January 2003 still need to pay," he said.

Pneumococcal disease is a leading cause of serious illness and death among Australian children under five years old. Children under one year of age have the highest rate of pneumococcal infection.

The vaccine is available at Council immunisation sessions for \$113.50 per dose for children not covered by the government program — the lowest fee of all neighbouring councils.

Bookings to have the vaccine must be made prior to attending an immunisation session. For more information contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

Restrictions — water saving for life

Water saving will become a part of everyday life for Glen Eira residents for the first time, with the recent introduction of permanent water-saving rules.

As of March this year, the State Government replaced Stage 2 restrictions, previously in force, with the first permanent water use regulations in Melbourne's history.

The permanent restrictions provide a commonsense system to establish water saving as a life long habit and include five new rules:

1. using manual watering systems only between 8pm and 10am;
2. using automatic watering systems only between 10pm and 10am;
3. fitting hoses with a trigger nozzle;
4. not hosing paved areas; and
5. applying to a government water retailer to fill a new pool.

Council's Director Assets and Facilities Geoff Barrow said Council supports the State Government's new permanent water restrictions.

"Council has, over a number of years, undertaken numerous actions to minimise water usage while optimising the water that can be used," Mr Barrow said.

"We have planted drought-resistant grasses in a number of the City's parks and installed a

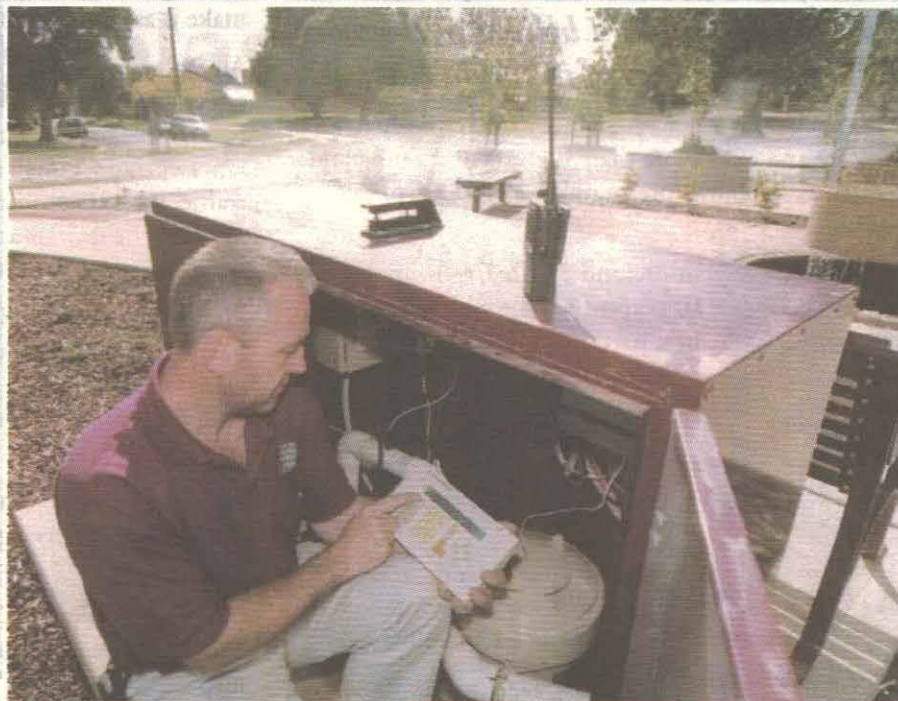
computer-controlled irrigation system which can monitor soil moisture levels and rainfall and program watering on all sportsgrounds around the City.

"We are now working with the State Government to implement further water-saving measures such as upgrading our computer-controlled irrigation system to include sensors that measure exact amounts of rainfall so we can accurately irrigate sportsgrounds in accordance with rainfalls."

Mr Barrow said Council was also in the process of purchasing wind sensors that measure speed and wind direction to work in-line with sprinkler systems.

"The sensors will read the wind speed and direction and allow the sprinkler system to be shut down when wind speeds are too high for effective watering.

"We aim to also use a new soil sensor which detects the amount of moisture and indicates whether more or less watering is required.



Council's Co-ordinator Ground Maintenance Peter Todd links uses a computer-controlled irrigation system to water Council's sensory garden in Princes Park, Caulfield.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

"These processes are over and above the minimum required to meet the new regulations but will allow Council to use water more efficiently."

For further information on the new permanent water saving rules, residents can contact South East Water on 131 867.

Keeping Elsternwick clean

Council has been trialing a different method of footpath cleaning in Elsternwick shopping centre in an effort to address perceived litter problems and keep the centre cleaner.

The trial, which also involves testing the effectiveness of four new-style street bins, grew out of a recent survey which asked Elsternwick traders to rate the performance of Council's litter bin collection and street sweeping services.

Council's Waste Management Engineer Doug Griffiths said survey results indicated most traders were unaware that street sweeping and cleaning of the Elsternwick shopping centre occurred at night.

"Traders were unhappy with the apparent lack of

cleaning. But what they were seeing was litter that had accumulated during the day and was not being attended to until the street sweeping occurred at night time," Mr Griffiths said.

The trial ran for two weeks and involved the use of a walk behind footpath sweeping machine — a small hand-operated street sweeping machine used to remove litter and debris from the footpath during the day. The machine was used in addition to the regular cleaning of the streets and gutters at night.

Mr Griffiths said that at the end of the two week trial, Council sent a further survey to gain feedback on the new street sweeping method.

"We are in the process of collating the survey results and Council will work with the traders to determine the viability of continuing this new method of sweeping the footpaths," Mr Griffiths said.

Further feedback from the trader survey raised concerns about current litter bins getting blocked too easily with rubbish and causing litter problems from overflow and windblown litter.

To address this concern, Council will trial four litter bins of a different style on the south side of Glen Huntly Road between Carre Street and Orrong Road. The bins' effectiveness will be tested over a period of two months.

Mr Griffiths said the new style litter bins would be audited to determine

whether rubbish blockages were being prevented and whether the subsequent problem of overflow and windblown litter had been reduced.

"At the end of the trial the participating traders will be surveyed again so Council can gain feedback on the new-style litter bins," he said.

"The results of the audit and the survey will be used to determine the feasibility of replacing the litter bins in all shopping centres."



Council has trialled the use of a walk behind footpath sweeping machine to remove litter and debris from the footpath in the Elsternwick shopping centre.

Photo: Anna McGibbon.

Rubbish, branches and street sweeping

Glen Eira residents can expect to receive their 2005-06 Residential waste and recycling services guide in June. The guide contains information on the weekly garbage and recycling services, pre-booked hard rubbish and bundled tree branch collections, and the monthly street sweeping service.

Residents are asked to take particular note of the street sweeping schedule and which day of the month their street is swept, according to the schedule shown in the guide.

Street sweepers clean residential streets monthly, on the same day of the week each month. This occurs more frequently in some areas during autumn. Residents are asked to ensure their cars are not parked in the street on their scheduled sweeping day to allow Council's contractor to properly sweep their street to prevent build up of debris in gutters and avoid potential blocked storm water drains.

Champion of our community

"I really care about what I do, I don't treat it as just a job. I believe in the work and the importance of it." Alan Katz

Local government law has always interested Alan Katz and after more than 10 years of training and experience, he knows pretty much all there is to know about it.

As Council's Prosecutions and Traffic Co-ordinator, Alan will celebrate 10 years of service with Council in May. For Alan, the best part of his job is the feeling of

making a difference in the community and helping to make it as safe as possible.

Alan plays a crucial role in maintaining community safety and helping to uphold local laws. He is responsible for researching, preparing for and representing Council at legal hearings relating to traffic, local laws, animals, assaults on officers, offensive behaviour and some building and town planning prosecutions.

He also manages the City's school crossing supervisors, helping children throughout the City cross roads safely on their way to and from school by ensuring school crossing supervisors receive the right training and accreditation.

Alan said he enjoys the variety in his job — in any one day he may be serving a summons, preparing for and appearing in court, or checking for outstanding fines at a road block.

"I enjoy the people contact, whether I'm dealing with a magistrate, working alongside a fellow enforcement officer or speaking with a defendant, victim or witness about a legal matter," he said.

"In my job it is important to have the skills to deal with a variety of people in a tactful manner. Most often my work is centred around some kind of conflict and negotiating resolutions. Some issues can be quite sensitive, so it's important to be able to calm the situation down and make sure everyone feels they are getting a fair hearing.

"One of the most difficult situations can be a court hearing dealing with a child or the owner of an animal who has been attacked by a dog. This is always an awful situation and people on both sides feel terrible about the incident, and about the potential outcomes for the victim and the offending dog," Alan said.

Alan is widely acknowledged as a specialist in local government law, and is often invited to speak to Council officers all over Victoria. He was recently asked to speak at a conference about dog obedience training and council laws in New South Wales.

This is what it is all about, he says. Not just advocating for his own community, but getting involved in creating a safer and more equitable world for everyone through education and knowledge sharing.

"Without a prosecutions and traffic co-ordinator, the interests and safety of the community wouldn't be upheld. I'm proud to be the one who gets to do that."

On the job with a
Prosecutions and
Traffic Co-ordinator



Council's Prosecutions and Traffic Co-ordinator Alan Katz represents Council in court.

Photos: Les O'Rourke.

Glen Eira landmark celebrates

One of Glen Eira's best-known landmarks, Box Cottage, reached a milestone recently — the 150-year anniversary of the Box family's arrival in Australia from England.

More than 80 descendants of the Box family came from all over Victoria to enjoy a picnic and the opportunity to share tales about their ancestors in the cottage gardens in McKinnon.

Glen Eira resident Nan Lawson, a direct descendant of the family from her mother's side, said Box Cottage signified a sense of beginning and history for her and her extended family.

"The cottage means a great deal to me and I find it so interesting to see how my ancestors lived and the hardships they faced," Nan said.

"The reunion was a chance for me to remember my family history and to exchange stories with other members of the Box family."

Box Cottage, built in 1850, was the original home of Elisabeth and William Box who resided in the cottage from 1865 to 1914. The cottage remained in the Box family for two generations before it was leased to, and in 1935 purchased by, monumental sculptor August Reitman for use as a workshop. The cottage was purchased by Lewis Timber in 1970 who, with the aid of a grant and Moorabbin Council, restored it in May 1984.

Located in Joyce Park, Jasper Road, McKinnon, Box Cottage is open on the last Sunday of each month from 2pm to 4.30pm.



From left: Box family descendants Avis Leigh and Nan Lawson look at their family history. Photo: Sophie Massis.

Council charges and rate instalment notices 2004-05

Council's fourth instalment will be sent to ratepayers this month. This instalment is due for payment 31 May and is the final instalment for the year ending 30 June 2005. Any amounts shown as arrears are overdue and payable immediately.

Ratepayers who have not received their fourth instalment notice should contact Council's Service Centre to arrange for a copy to be sent.

Rate charges not paid in full by 31 May will accrue interest until paid in full and may be subject to legal action.

Ratepayers experiencing difficulty paying their rates can contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 to make a payment arrangement.

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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
Website communications survey	Online survey	Friday 29 April to Friday 13 May	Council's website at www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

Recent consultation opportunities

Meeting	Type	Date
Princes Park redevelopment — pavilions	Community consultation	Closed Friday 15 April
Review of Council's Disability Action Plan	Community consultation forums	Closed Wednesday 13 April
Glen Eira News survey	Survey	Closed Monday 4 April
Boyd Park planting	Consultation with Glen Eira Environment Group.	Closed Wednesday 23 March

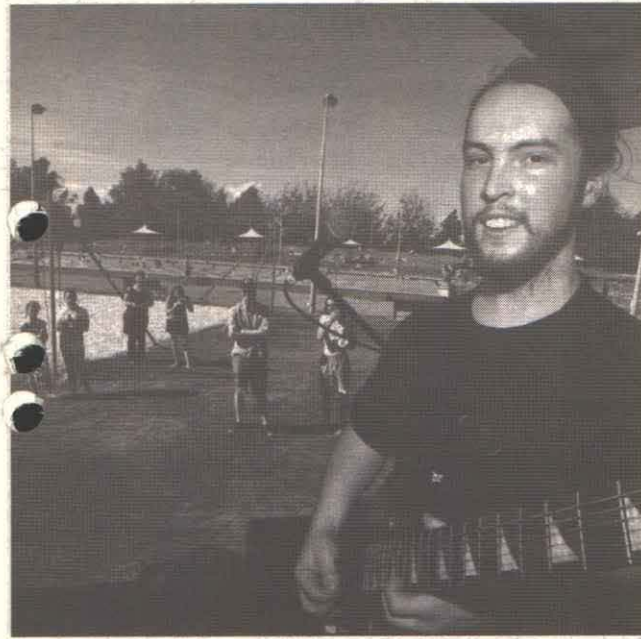
For further information about any of the above consultation opportunities, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 or visit Council's website at www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

YouthYouth

Youth bands make a big splash

More than 100 young people gathered at the Caulfield Swim Centre last month to hear their peers belt out some heavy duty music at Council's first youth music festival, the *Big Splash Out*.

The music festival, held to celebrate National Youth Week, included performances from upcoming heavy metal and rock youth bands *Innocent Cabbage*, *Gilmore* and *Elsewhere*.



Will Payable from youth band Innocent Cabbage prepares for the stage at Council's youth music festival, the Big Splash Out.

The festival also included a performance from Carnegie karate club *Kimekai Karate* whose students held the attention of the crowd with a spectacular demonstration of kicks, punches and board breaking.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Margaret Esakoff attended the event and praised the achievements of all the young people involved.

"This special event aimed to promote a positive image of young people; acknowledging their common interests and celebrating their diverse backgrounds and circumstances and I believe it has achieved just that.

"The musical and sporting talent that has been showcased has been a tremendously positive portrayal of our young people's talents and something people of all ages in Glen Eira can appreciate and be proud of," she said.

Cr Esakoff also took the opportunity to launch the fourth edition of Council's youth information directory,



Glen Eira Mayor Cr Margaret Esakoff, Cr Rachelle Sapir and Cr Jamie Hyams get musical with youth bands Innocent Cabbage and Gilmore. Photos: Les O'Rourke.

the *Y Files*, which contains information on youth agencies providing services to young people, their parents and community workers.

Youth directory out now!

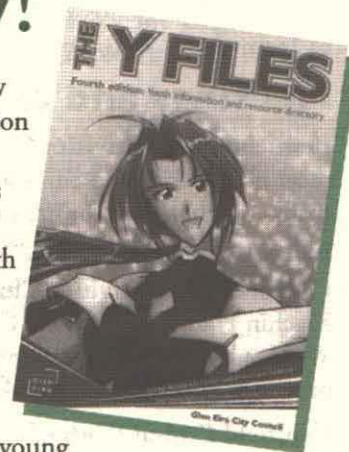
Young Glen Eirans now have all the information and support they need available at their fingertips with the fourth edition of Council's *Y Files* — a youth information and resource directory, now available.

The *Y Files* provides information on services and agencies that support young people dealing with a variety of issues from accommodation and homelessness to women's information and health services.

Council's Manager Recreation and Youth Services Linda Smith said the directory has established itself over the past few years as a valuable resource for young people and for agencies working with young people.

"The *Y Files* provides categorised easy-to-use information for young people and contains email addresses, phone numbers, websites and street addresses of a range of agencies," Ms Smith said.

A feature of this edition of the directory are the illustrations published throughout which were completed by young people who participated in a six-week Manga cartooning program held by Council earlier of this year. For further information or a copy of the directory, contact the Why? Stop Youth Information on 9572 5389.



Business

Win-win for businesses and students

Glen Eira small business owners looking to get an edge on their competitors are urged to take advantage of Council's *BusEd* program.

The program, which has been running for more than two years, aims to bring together student resources and business owners' experience and knowledge on projects which have mutually beneficial outcomes. *BusEd* has involved more than 45 business projects in website design, marketing, and graphics projects.

Teams of final year students are available mid-year to give independent assessments on current IT systems, to troubleshoot existing networks, and to evaluate future software and hardware IT needs. Getting the right IT tools can save time and money. Businesses interested in mid-year projects can contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

Glen Eira online business directory

A registration form for Council's online business directory was recently sent to all businesses in the City. Glen Eira businesses are encouraged to take advantage of this free service which provides an opportunity to promote a business on the Internet free of charge. Glen Eira businesses can register online by visiting Council's website at www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

Free ATO tax seminar and record keeping workshop

This free tax seminar provides a basic overview of small business tax issues and obligations for start up business and existing small business operators. Seminar topics include income tax and deductions, activity statements, superannuation, and pay as you go

(PAYG) instalments and withholding.

When: Monday 9 May from 9am to 4pm

Where: Caulfield Cup Room, Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield. Cost: free

Women's Business Network

Telstra Women's Business Awards finalist 2004

Yvonne Row of Passion Foods Eco Living Store is not new to the world of businesses. Having owned a magazine, restaurant, and fashion boutique, Yvonne has now found her ecological niche. Hear how she developed a market niche to give a healthy return, rewarding her for years of business endurance.

When: Thursday 19 May from 7pm to 9.30pm

Where: Caulfield Cup Room, Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield. Cost: \$10

Rental property seminar

Presented by the Australian Tax Office as part of Council's ongoing commitment to assisting the community, this free seminar for rental property owners will cover tax issues relevant to owning and maintaining a rental property.

When: Tuesday 31 May from 6pm to 9pm (5.45pm arrival)

Where: Caulfield Cup Room, Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield. Cost: free

Bookings are essential for all events. To register or for more information contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

Community diary

Events

Bentleigh East Senior Citizens' Club will hold *Concerts for schools* on 6, 9, 12 and 13 May at the Bentleigh East Senior Citizens Club, 1 Derry Street, Bentleigh East. Contact: 9570 1621.

Bentleigh School' Cluster will hold a *Celebration of Life* visual and performing arts show at the Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield on Wednesday 25 May from 10am to 8.30pm. Contact: 9557 2044.

Coatesville Uniting Church will hold a concert with the Australian Welsh Male Choir at the Coatesville Uniting Church, corner North and Mackie Roads, Bentleigh East on Sunday 15 May at 2.30pm. Cost: \$15/\$10/\$40. Includes afternoon tea. Contact: 9570 6632.

Moorabbin Historical Society opens Box Cottage in Joyce Park, Jasper Road, McKinnon on the last Sunday of every month, February to November from 2pm to 4.30pm. Admission by donation. Contact: 9578 7060.

Moorleigh Multicultural Senior Citizens Centre will hold a multicultural senior citizens festival at the centre at 92 Bignell Road, Bentleigh East on Saturday 14 May from 10am to 4pm. All seniors welcome. Contact: 9576 4038.

Music Lovers' Society will hold a concert at St Paul's Anglican Church, 530 Dandenong Road, Caulfield North on Saturday 21 May at 8pm. Contact: 9822 7292.

St Christopher's Anglican Church will hold a garage sale on Saturday 7 May at St Christopher's Anglican Church, 6 Mackie Road, Bentleigh East from 9am to 1pm.

Meetings and clubs

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

Caulfield Life Activities Club will meet in the Gladys Machin Hall, Cedar Street, Caulfield South on Wednesday 18 May at 7.30pm. Guest speaker, supper provided. Contact: 9568 5849 or 9523 9669.

Caulfield Probus Club of Caulfield (Ladies) meets at Gladys Machin Hall, Cedar Street, Caulfield South on the third Thursday of each month at 10am. Contact: Nan 9596 7321.

Murrumbeena Bowls Club starts its winter social bowls season at 10 Blackwood Street, Carnegie on Saturday 7 May. Cost: \$5 per day. Contact: 9568 5144.

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.

East Bentleigh Combined Probus Club meets on the second Tuesday of each month at the Bentleigh Club, Yawla Street, Bentleigh at 9.30am. New members welcome. Contact: 9557 8236.

Elsternwick Ladies Probus Club meets on the first Monday of each month at the Gladys Machin Hall, 8 Cedar Street, Caulfield South at 9.45am. Contact: 9509 5843.

Little Steps Playgroup recommences for term two on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9.30am to 11.30am at St Catharine's Church Hall, corner Kooyong Road and Clarence Street, Caulfield South. Contact: Gillian 0407 890 236.

Murrumbeena Playgroup holds playgroup sessions for preschool children at the Community of Christ Church Hall, corner Poath and Dalny Roads, Murrumbeena from Monday to Friday. Contact: 0432 271 204.

Ormond Seniors Club meets at 2 Newham Grove, Ormond. New members welcome for cards, indoor bowls and pool. Film day held every month. Contact: 9578 7653.

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. Contact: 9570 4564.

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.

Community

Brahma Kumaris Raja Yoga holds free courses in meditation for beginners at 275 McKinnon Road, McKinnon on Tuesdays at 7.30pm and positive thinking courses on Wednesdays. Voluntary contributions are appreciated. Bookings essential. Contact: 9578 9955.

Melbourne Community School has relocated to Glen Eira. A small, parent-run primary school of up to 30 children which has a child-centred philosophy and an emphasis on individual and personalised learning. Contact: John 9527 5167.

The Anglican Parish of Ormond Christ Church holds Sunday evening youth services at 436 North Road, Ormond on the fourth Sunday of every month. All welcome.

Caulfield Community Health Service presents an information session on the importance of physical activity and eating for young children at the Glen Huntly Maternal and Child Health Centre, corner Royal and Rosedale Avenues, Glen Huntly on Wednesday 11 May from 2pm to 3pm. Contact: 9524 3403.

St Catharine's Anglican Church will hold new weekly family services from Sunday 17 April at 11am. Contact: Stephen on 0412 267 437.

Immunisation sessions

Murrumbeena Baptist Church
44 Murrumbeena Road, Murrumbeena
Monday 9 May 10am-11am

Glen Eira Town Hall (entry via Glen Eira Road)
Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield
Tuesday 10 May 9.30am-10.15am

Packer Park
Leila Road, Carnegie
Monday 16 May 10am-11am

Bentleigh-Bayside Community Health Service
Gardeners Road, Bentleigh East
Wednesday 18 May 6pm-7pm
Saturday 28 May 9.30am-10.30am

Glen Huntly Maternal and Child Health Centre
Corner Royal and Rosedale Avenues, Glen Huntly
Wednesday 25 May 9.30am-11am

June

McKinnon Public Hall
118 McKinnon Road, McKinnon
Monday 6 June 10am-11am

Glen Eira Town Hall (entry via Glen Eira Road)
Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield
Tuesday 7 June 6pm-7pm

Meeting room for hire

Council's Packer Park Pavilion has a unique meeting room with tea making facilities for small groups needing a meeting space. The carpeted meeting room seats twelve people and is heated. For further information, contact Council's Facilities Booking Officer on 9524 3333, email recservices@gleneira.vic.gov.au or visit Council's website on www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

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Parent information sessions

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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.

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The Glen Eira centre is located within the Glen Eira Town Hall in Caulfield and has a range of six stylish function rooms that accommodate groups from 12 to 500.

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Glen Eira Theatre — 120 tiered seats.
Caulfield Cup Room — a versatile conference room catering for 50 diners or 80 in theatre format, and three other boardrooms for 12 to 18 people.

For further information or to view the facilities contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 or visit Council's website at www.gleneira.vic.gov.au



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Sassy winter sounds

Take a trip through the golden age of French musette, swing jazz and chanson with Melbourne-based trio Belle Musette, when Council's 2005 Winter Music Series begins next month.

Belle Musette will perform in the Theatrette at Glen Eira Town Hall on Sunday 19 June from 2.30pm to 4.30pm (doors open from 2pm).

Tickets cost \$20 (\$16 for concession), with a 10 per cent discount for pre-paid tickets. Complimentary tea and coffee is included and tickets are available from Council's Service Centre.

The second concert in the 2005 series will be Cosmo Cosmolino — classical tangos, sultry Hungarian songs, Klezma and original compositions — on Sunday 3 July from 2.30pm to 4.30pm.



Belle Musette will perform on Sunday 19 June.

Coming performances include Deborah Conway and band (Sunday 17 July), Silo String Quartet (Sunday 31 July), Alison Wedding Quintet (Sunday 14 August) and the 19-piece JW Swing Orchestra (Sunday 28 August). Contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 to book or for further information.

My Brother Jack Literary Festival

Over the past decade Council has cultivated local writing talent through its annual literary awards — a competition offering major cash prizes in junior, youth and adult categories.

This year, Council's Literary Awards will form part of an even bigger event — the My Brother Jack Literary Festival, which will begin with a series of workshops by professional writers in June and July.

Sparkling creativity with Sandra Shotlander Sunday 19 June

Learn how to spark creativity and get past writer's block.

Short story writing with Cate Kennedy Sunday 26 June

Create credible characters, settings, plots and sub-text in stories.

Poetry with Alicia Sometimes Sunday 3 July

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Giving voice to characters with Archimede Fusillo

Sunday 10 July

For young writers — learn to generate ideas, develop characters and provide a unique outlook on the world. Sponsored by the Baha'i Community of Glen Eira.

What makes a winner?

Sunday 17 July

What makes an entry stand out for the judges? A panel discussion by authors Arnold Zable, Paddy O'Reilly and Meg Mundell.

All workshops run from 1pm to 5pm and cost \$30. For further information and bookings, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

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

Nick Chlebnikowski: In search of the watchmaker

Continues to Sunday 15 May

Nick Chlebnikowski is driven by ideas of design, beauty and creation. As identifiable patterns emerge from the densely painted surface, Chlebnikowski suggests the emergence of a universal power from sweeping chaos.



Strehlow Fractals, by Nick Chlebnikowski.

Patchworkers and Quilters Guild of Victoria: Evolution

Opens 6pm Thursday 19 May and continues to Sunday 22 May

Special extended weekend hours from 10am to 5pm

This exhibition brings experienced patchworkers and quilters together, showing the evolution of traditional

patchwork. The exhibition will interest those who enjoy fibre art at its purest and those who see fabric for the quilter as paint for the artist. The exhibition includes works by children from three local schools in the annexe gallery.

Sidewalk Gallery Annual African art exhibition: Dolls, hats and funny money

Opens 6pm Wednesday 25 May and continues to Sunday 12 June

Sidewalk Tribal Gallery returns to Glen Eira with spectacular arts and crafts from Africa. Collector Ann Porteus will bring a superb collection of namjii dolls, carved from solid hardwood and adorned with beads, shells, leather and fabric.

Free talks will be held in conjunction with the exhibition with subjects ranging from the specific art styles of different cultural groups to travel tales and experiences in Africa.

Fairy Magic at Bentleigh Library

By Anna McGibbon

More than 30 children packed Council's Bentleigh Library during the school holidays to enjoy the interactive *Fairy Magic* show.

Children aged 5 to 10 years were enchanted by Fairy Kyla's stories about fairies and pixies, and danced and

sang along to *I can sing a rainbow*, *Thunder and lightning* and *Twinkle, twinkle little star*.

Children got into the fairy theme — dressing up as fairies and making their own special wands after the show to take home.



Fairy Kyla (right) gives some fairy magic tips to Madeleine Moncrieff.
Photos: Bernie Bickerton.

Bentleigh resident Tania Savona said she thought the show was a great idea and had really appealed to her five-year-old daughter Olivia.

"Council has done a great job of organising these activities over the school holidays. The activities give the kids a chance to make some new friends," she said.

"I think the group environment makes it fun and interesting for the kids. I know if I did this at home, Olivia would not be interested — but with a group she really enjoyed it," Tania said.

The *Fairy Magic* show was part of Council's *Holiday Mania* program held at the libraries during school term breaks.

What's new at Council's libraries

Reader's reward

May is *Connect @ your Library* month in Victorian libraries and to celebrate, Council is launching a Reader's reward card free to all library members. Card holders who borrow five items or more during any one visit have their card stamped and on their third and sixth visits can enter the draw for a family entertainment package, including books, magazines, CDs and games. Entries close Tuesday 30 June 2005.

Databases connect

Databases are a great resource for research, business, school projects and general interest. Residents can connect to library databases for:

- current and historical events;
- news archives;
- medical and scientific research;
- business issues and service trends;
- information for a VCE or university assignment;
- school projects and educational games; and
- journal and newspaper articles.

During *Connect @ your Library* month Council will highlight the wealth of databases available to library members on its website. For more information and how to use these databases, collect a *Guide to library databases* information sheet at Council's libraries or from Council's website at www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

Recreation

Netball a hit with students

Students from the Katandra Special Education School in Ormond had to think on their feet recently when they took on the challenge of learning the ins and outs of netball at a training session held at Duncan McKinnon Reserve.

Toasting volunteers at breakfast

Glen Eira sports club administrators were treated to an informative and entertaining seminar about gaining and retaining volunteers at Council's sports club breakfast seminar recently.

More than 60 people from sports clubs around the City attended the seminar, which was officially opened by Glen Eira Mayor Cr Margaret Esakoff and held to acknowledge Glen Eira's sports clubs for the invaluable service they provide to the community.

Cr Esakoff said Council recognises that sport and recreation are vital to the quality of life in the community.

"Council works with more than 70 sporting clubs which enable more than 6,000 people to be active each week across the municipality through organised sport."

"Sports clubs offer residents important recreational pathways from junior to senior and novice to elite, and volunteers are a key ingredient for the success of sporting clubs, providing immeasurable benefits," Cr Esakoff said.

Participating clubs were presented with a toolbox of ideas for gaining and retaining volunteers by former Deaflympics Group Manager Staff Services and current Tourism Melbourne Volunteer Co-ordinator Jamie Parsons.

Mr Parsons gave attendees handy tips on identifying the need for volunteers, recruiting and training them and recognising their efforts.

AFL legend and sports academic David Parkin also inspired and motivated attendees which included Cr Bob Bury, Cr Jamie Hyams and Cr Veronika Martens on the value of being volunteers, reminding the audience that volunteers are the backbone of all sports clubs, regardless of size.

The training session, held as part of a Joint Council's Access for All Abilities (JCAAA) initiative between four councils, including Glen Eira, and the Caulfield and District Netball Association (CDNA), taught students hand and eye co-ordination and footwork skills.

CDNA President Marg Cummins said the 12-week sessions were held with the aim of teaching the students technical skills, confidence, and how to play as a team.

"This initiative was a great opportunity for students from Katandra to have a real go at netball and to combine fun with fitness," Ms Cummings said.

"It is such a joy to see the children develop and embrace the new game skills they are learning."

Ms Cummings said the program had been so popular with the Katandra students and teachers that despite being originally planned to run for only eight weeks, had been expanded to 12 and was still growing.

"We aim to hold a gala fun day in June for students from Katandra and the Port Phillip Special School to further their netball skills and have some fun games," she said.



Caulfield and District Netball Association trainer Teresa Fraser shows the rules of netball to students from the Katandra Special Education School.
Photo: Rob Churchill

"We also have some students from McKinnon Secondary College who have been involved with the program, mentoring the Katandra students."

"The program has been a resounding success and we hope to continue to work with JCAAA and the schools to take the program further and expand it to incorporate other schools in the area."

What's new in recreation

Caulfield playground takes shape

Children and their families will be the big winners at Caulfield Park when the park's largest playground undergoes a major redevelopment this month.

Stage 1 of the playground's new look will involve the replacement of all equipment with exciting new play facilities, and earthworks to create a wonderful play area.

Stage 2 is expected to take place later in the year and involve further enhancement and enlargement of the picnic facilities, and further landscaping around the playground.

Local club rediscovers history

Carnegie Cricket Club was formed in 1907, or so it was thought until the club recently received a dated team photo of the club, then known as the Rosstown Cricket Club, from a former members' relative.

Carnegie Cricket Club president Glenn Cartledge said the photo dated back to 1906 — a year before the club was thought to have been formed.

"You can imagine our surprise and delight to find that we can actually trace our beginnings back another year," Mr Cartledge said.

"We are very proud of our history and will treasure this valuable photo in our collection of memorabilia."

Carnegie Cricket Club has a colourful history of many successful seasons and at times, such as in the mid-1950s to early 1960s, the club has enjoyed strong

representation at high levels of local competition. Success has been more modest in recent years, but in the true tradition of a neighbourhood club, cricket is offered to a broad player base of all levels.

At Koornang Park, its home ground since 1919, the club fields six turf teams in the Victorian Turf Cricket Association and the Mercantile Cricket Association, three junior teams.

For further information, contact the Carnegie Cricket Club President, Glenn Cartledge on 0417 335 914.

English Commonwealth Games team to train in Glen Eira

Glen Eira will play host to the English Commonwealth Games athletics team who will train at the Duncan Mackinnon Reserve in Murrumbene in February. The team will conduct its final preparation training at the facility before the Melbourne Commonwealth Games in March 2006.

The English team will be one of the largest teams to compete at the games with nearly 500 athletes — 100 of these competing in track and field events.





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