

# Let the games begin

By Sophie Massis

As the countdown to the Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games begins, Council is making plans to celebrate.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Margaret Esakoff began the City's official countdown by announcing the English athletics team would train at Duncan Mackinnon Reserve in the lead up to the games.

"I am thrilled to also announce that Glen Eira will adopt a second team as part of the games — the Bahamas Commonwealth Games team," Cr Esakoff said.

Cr Esakoff said a number of community events had been planned by Council to help Glen Eirans celebrate — a family fun run and gala sports day at Caulfield Park in November and a Commonwealth celebration day in Packer Park in February.

"The celebration day will have a sporting theme and cultural activities in support of the Bahamas Commonwealth Games team."

"Residents will also have an added incentive to get into the spirit of the games when the Queen's baton relay travels through the City just two days before the games begin."

To help announce Glen Eira's games festivities, the Mayor, Minister for Commonwealth Games Justin Madden and Member for Oakleigh Ann Barker joined some traditional English beefeater guards to add a touch of Britain to Duncan Mackinnon Reserve.

Mr Madden said the English athletics team's plans to train in the City was a special treat for Glen Eira residents and would give them a sneak preview of some games action.



From left: Member for Oakleigh Ann Barker, Minister for Commonwealth Games Justin Madden and Glen Eira Mayor Cr Margaret Esakoff get ready to sprint around the Duncan Mackinnon Reserve athletics track. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

"It's a great opportunity for locals to see these world class athletes in training before the games and get the inside running on who the next champions might be."

Further details of Glen Eira's Commonwealth Games celebrations will be published in future editions of the *Glen Eira News*.

## The games in Glen Eira

### Family fun run — 20 November 2005

Council, in partnership with the Caulfield Cricket Club, will hold a community fun run and gala sports day at Caulfield Park.

### Celebration day — February 2006

Council will host a celebration day in Packer Park, Carnegie that will include sporting themes and cultural activities in recognition of Glen Eira's adopted second team — the Bahamas Commonwealth Games team.

### English athletics team — March 2006

The English Commonwealth Games athletics team will use facilities at Duncan Mackinnon Reserve, Murrumbeena as part of their training.

### Queen's baton relay — 13 March

The Queen's baton relay will travel through Glen Eira two days before the games, on its way to the opening ceremony at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on 15 March 2006.

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## Council wins national reporting award

Council's 2003-04 *Annual Report* received a Gold Award at the 2005 Australasian Reporting Awards (ARA) last month.

The awards promote excellence in reporting and are open to all corporations, public sector bodies, charitable and community organisations in Australia and New Zealand.

Council's report was commended for its high-quality coverage of most aspects of the ARA's demanding criteria, including outstanding disclosure in major areas and key aspects of core business. It was also praised as a model for peer reports.

The award was Council's second recognition by the ARA — its 2002-03 *Annual Report* won a Silver Award last year and was among four finalists from around Australasia in the Best First Time Entry Award.

Chief Executive Officer Andrew Newton said Council consistently strived to improve its annual report as part of its commitment to open, honest and transparent reporting to the Glen Eira community.

"This is an outstanding result for Glen Eira and recognises the effort Council has made to make its

annual report a better communication tool," Mr Newton said.

Mr Newton said the annual report was one of Council's key communications with the community, providing comprehensive information about Council's financial position, activities, challenges, performance and priorities each financial year.

"Over the past few years, we have set out to substantially improve our annual report by including more detailed examination of all aspects of Council's services," he said.

"I am delighted these efforts have been acknowledged with this award."

Council's annual report was also acknowledged as runner-up for best annual report in the state, best corporate governance, best performance reporting and best reporting on best value at recent awards held by Municipal Association of Victoria.

Copies of the 2003-04 *Annual Report* are available from Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 or from Council's website at [www.gleneira.vic.gov.au](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au)



# Mayor's column



Our commitment to producing inspiring events has long been a part of Council's plans to bring the community together. Whether it's a celebration in one of our magnificent parks or a *Storytime* reading session in one of our libraries, these events bring people together to share in the fun and enjoy the facilities our City has to offer.

This year winter has brought with it a feast of activities to get you out and about in the City — starting with Council's Winter Music Series and the *My Brother Jack* Literary Festival.

The Winter Music Series has become an integral part of Council's cultural events calendar, and now brings six concerts to the Town Hall. I have enjoyed many of these concerts in the past, and the array of artists ensures there is a style to suit every musical taste.

Our *My Brother Jack* Literary Festival has also created further opportunities for residents to put their writing skills to the test. The festival expands our commitment to the literary arts in the City, introducing a series of writing workshops and giving the prestigious Glen Eira City Council Literary Awards a local focus, with entries to the awards now only available to Glen Eira residents.

The announcement that Glen Eira will provide training facilities and community celebrations in support of the Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games has created quite a buzz around the City as well. I was recently out at Duncan Mackinnon Reserve to announce Glen Eira's involvement with the games — starting with a fun run in November, a celebration day in February, and hosting a leg of the Queen's baton relay two days before the start of the games in March next year. With the English athletics team also using our facilities to train, and the Bahamas team adding a touch of spice to our City celebrations, Glen Eira will certainly have games fever!

But in all the levity we never lose sight of what is really important to our community — good governance and the provision of quality and appropriate services. Council's 2003–04 *Annual Report* recently won several state and one national award for reporting integrity. Annual reports provide both a financial statement of a year's achievements, and a measure of how well an organisation has followed through on its promises. Our annual report provides an open appraisal of the work done by Council on the community's behalf, and this official recognition is testament to the efforts of dedicated staff across all areas of Council.

— Cr Margaret Esakoff  
Mayor

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## Twenty years of tapping toes

The Caulfield Over 50's Dance Group celebrated a milestone birthday last month in their favourite way — with music and dance.

The group commemorated its twentieth anniversary at its regular meeting place, the Glen Eira Town Hall, where dancers were joined in celebration by Glen Eira Mayor Cr Margaret Esakoff.

"The group has maintained a social outlet for Glen Eira residents to get out there and enjoy life," Cr Esakoff said.

"We are so pleased that Council's beautiful Town Hall auditorium, built in the 1920s, has provided the perfect backdrop for the group's dances."

Formed in June 1985, after being inundated with requests for a regular dance group for older Glen Eira residents, the group now boasts attendances of 120 to 130 people each week.

Members perform old-time, new vogue, ballroom and sequence dancing to tunes from the 20s, 30s, 40s and 50s every Monday afternoon.

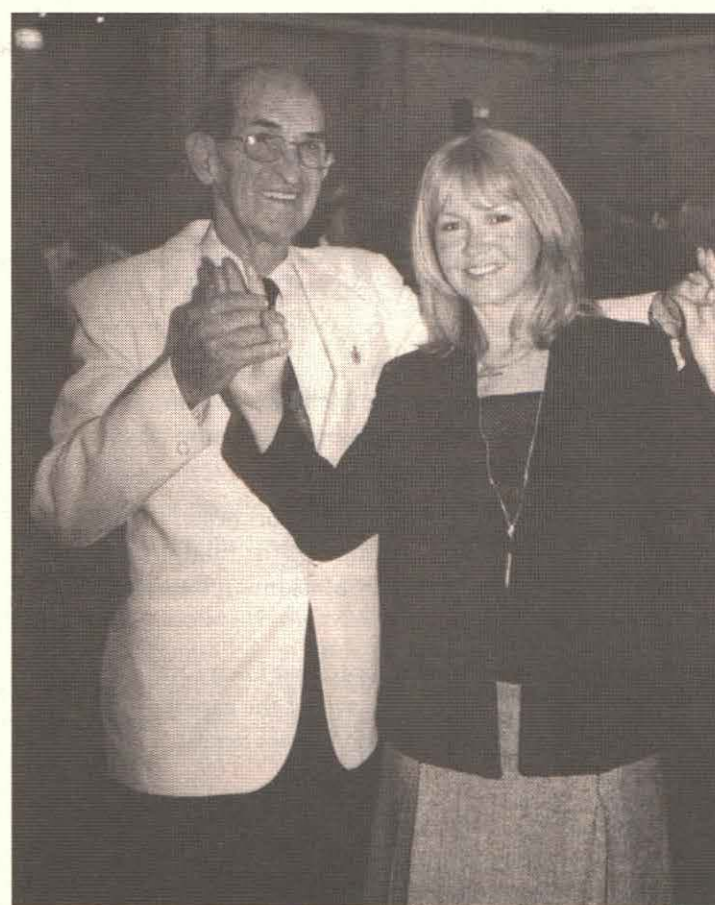
Club president Tony Bell said the weekly dance group gave members a chance to reminisce and enjoy music from their younger years.

"It's a chance to be social while exercising and having a good time," he said.

Tony said the club has continued for so long because of the tireless efforts of the members who volunteer their time to organising the weekly meetings.

"We have people doing a lot of different things — from organising music to setting up the dance area and preparing afternoon tea," he said.

"They have all taken the initiative to do these tasks themselves — they just step in and get the job done. Without them we wouldn't be able to run the weekly dances."



Caulfield Over 50's Dance Club president Tony Bell and Glen Eira Mayor Cr Margaret Esakoff celebrate the milestone birthday with a dance.  
Photo: Anna McGibbon.

## Deadlines

The deadline for the August issue of *Glen Eira News* is **Wednesday 6 July** for delivery 5–7 August.

### Coming deadlines:

September issue: Wednesday 10 August  
for delivery 2–4 September

October issue: Wednesday 7 September  
for delivery 30 September–2 October

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# Community centre nears completion

Council's Carnegie Library and Community centre is progressing with the building structure complete and work beginning to take shape on outdoor areas.

The \$10.4 million centre will include a library, community meeting and function rooms, a playground and multi-purpose building, and an open space area that will link to the vibrant Koornang Road shopping strip by a landscaped pedestrian walk.

Council's Director Community Services Peter Jones said the outdoor playground's innovative design would complement the centre's urban setting and act as a link between the new library and community centre.

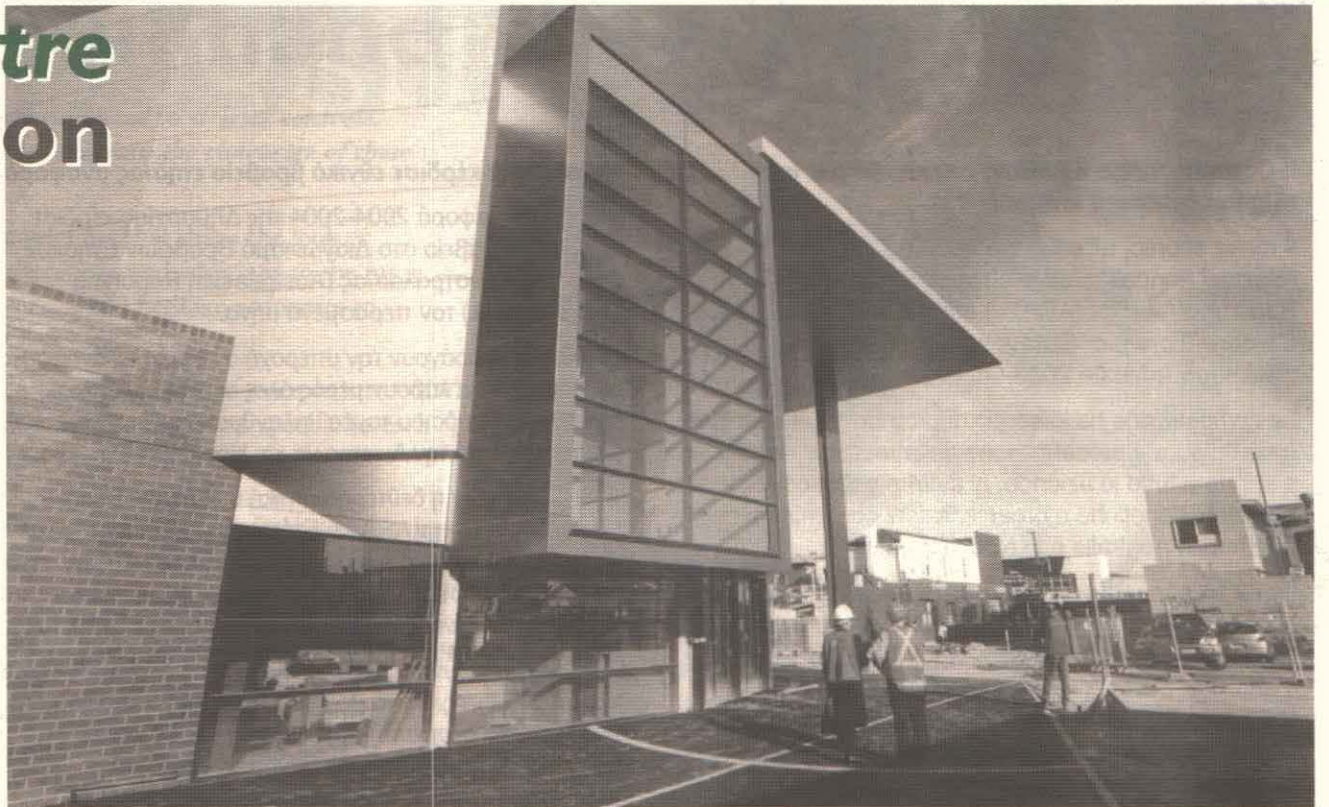
"The playground is built around a bookworm theme, taking inspiration from Council's library mascot, Eira, and contains community-focused elements such as a mural wall," Mr Jones said.

"The playground has climbing equipment that fosters children's co-ordination and physical development while still including more imaginative elements for them to play with."

Floor tiling, light-fitting, plumbing installation and shelving is underway in both the library and community centre.

Mr Jones said while the fit-out of the library may take some time, the end result would be well worth it.

"We have 50,000 books and other items that need to be housed and displayed. We also need to install



computers and purchase furniture to provide library visitors with a comfortable environment in which they can read, study, research and relax," he said.

"The completed library will also include special furnishings for the children's area, along with a room for parents to feed and change babies, making the area user-friendly for everyone in the community".

"There is also a space in the library dedicated for library programs and events such as workshops, writers' evenings and holiday programs."

*With the building structure complete at the Carnegie Library and Community Centre, work on outdoor areas begins.*

*Photo: Bernie Bickerton.*

## Flowers bloom in City's parks

Ten Glen Eira parks recently received a spray of colour as part of Council's autumn-winter flower planting.

More than 35,000 seedlings, including a variety of flowers such as pansy, cineraria polyanthus and primula, have been planted.



*Council's Landscape Crew Leader Norm Muscat plants flower seedlings at Greenmeadows Gardens in St Kilda East.*

*Photo: Bernie Bickerton.*

Council's Manager Park Services Laurie Unwin said the planting took place twice a year, both in the autumn-winter season and again in the spring-summer season with 60,000 seedlings planted in Glen Eira parks.

"Flowering displays are not only appreciated by residents and park users, but also the thousands of commuters who travel through Glen Eira each day," Mr Unwin said.

"Many residents live in units or flats where they have little room for a garden of their own. Glen Eira's parks and annual displays give them the opportunity to enjoy some colour and space or relax and wind down after a hard week."

Mr Unwin said planning and preparation began well before the first seedling touched the ground.

"Plant numbers need to be estimated and orders placed three months ahead for Council to achieve the best price and to ensure the large numbers of seedlings required are available," he said.

"The process also involves weeding, spraying, and adding compost and organic fertilisers. Removing and spraying weeds before planting enables the seedlings to thrive and creates a uniform effect."

Mr Unwin said beds were inspected regularly and frequent repairs were required due to vandalism and theft.

"Planting displays are only undertaken in selected areas to provide variety in the overall park presentation."

Council has already started planning for the spring-summer display and planting is scheduled to start in October.

## Pedestrian safety stepped up

Pedestrian safety in and around Bentleigh West Primary School will be upgraded due to recommendations from a recent independent safety audit.

Manager Traffic and Parking Carl Russo said the audit, initiated by Council, highlighted areas of improvement to pedestrian safety on roads around the school.

"Council will reduce the width of the road by installing kerb outstands on both sides of the school crossing leaving less unprotected road for children to cross. This aims to encourage lower vehicle speeds and school crossing flags can be brought further out into the road, making them more visible to approaching motorists," Mr Russo said.

"Additional pedestrian warning signs will be installed on the approaches to the crossing."

"We will also review on-street parking to improve access to and from the school car park and install no stopping restrictions to the west of the car park driveway to improve sightlines."

"We have encouraged the school to consider what actions can be taken to discourage inappropriate driving by parents."

Mr Russo said Council will be working closely with the school to implement changes and improve safety in and around the area.

"Some motorists fall into dangerous habits such as stopping too close to or on school crossings to drop off their children, ignoring school crossing supervisors, driving through crossings and parking in time-limited bays for longer than the set period — all of which endanger the lives of pedestrians," he said.

"Council is committed to improving road safety but community responsibility is also an essential part of a safe traffic environment. There will be no tolerance for motorists who put the community's safety at risk."



## Il Comune vince il premio nazionale per le migliori relazioni annuali

Il mese scorso, all'edizione 2005 del premio per le relazioni annuali relative all'australasia, Australasian Reporting Awards (ARA), è stato assegnato al nostro Comune il premio "Gold Award" per la migliore Relazione Annuale 2003-04.

La competizione ha lo scopo di promuovere l'eccellenza nella stesura e presentazione delle relazioni annuali ed è aperta a tutte le aziende, al settore pubblico e alle istituzioni benefiche e organizzazioni comunitarie che operano in Australia e in Nuova Zelanda.

Il premio conseguito costituisce il secondo riconoscimento concesso dall'ARA al nostro Comune, che l'anno scorso si è anche aggiudicato il premio d'argento "Silver Award" per la Relazione Annuale 2002-03, classificandosi inoltre al quarto posto tra i finalisti di tutta l'area dell'australasia nella premiazione per il miglior nuovo partecipante - Best First Time Entry Award.

Il direttore esecutivo Andrew Newton ha affermato che il Comune si è adoperato con costanza a migliorare la presentazione della relazione annuale come parte del proprio impegno verso un rapporto aperto, onesto e trasparente con la comunità di Glen Eira.

"È un risultato eccellente per Glen Eira, ha ribadito Newton, che costituisce un riconoscimento per l'impegno posto dal Comune nel fare della relazione annuale un più efficace mezzo di comunicazione".

"Mi congratulo in particolar modo con i funzionari del Comune per il loro contributo alla produzione della relazione annuale e ne apprezzo il continuo impegno espresso al costante miglioramento della stessa".

"La relazione annuale costituisce un veicolo di comunicazione tra il Comune e i suoi cittadini, con il fornire al pubblico anno dopo anno esaurienti informazioni al riguardo della posizione finanziaria, delle attività e degli impegni presi dal Comune stesso, del suo andamento e delle sue priorità".

Le copie della relazione sono disponibili presso il centro servizi del Comune (Service Centre) al numero 9524 3333 o le si possono ottenere visitando il sito [www.gleneira.vic.gov.au](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au)

## 市政府贏得了全國報告獎

市政府《2003-04 年度報告》上個月獲得了 2005 年澳大利西亞報告獎金獎。

這些獎項旨在促進報告的優異性，澳大利亞和新西蘭的所有公司、公共部門機構、慈善機構和社區機構都可參賽。

這是市政府第二次得到澳大利西亞報告獎的嘉獎。市政府的《2002-03 年度報告》去年獲得了銀獎，而且是全澳大利西亞“最佳首次參賽獎”的四個入圍機構之一。

首席執行官安德魯·牛頓說，市政府始終努力改進年度報告，這是市政府努力向 Glen Eira 社區作公開、誠實和透明的報告之一部分。

牛頓先生說：“這顯示了 Glen Eira 的優異成績，它肯定了市政府為改進年度報告這一溝通方式所作的努力。”

“我要特別祝賀為編制年度報告的市政府員工，感謝他們對工作的精益求精。”

“年度報告是市政府與社區溝通的主要方式之一，它提供了市政府每年的財政狀況、活動、挑戰、成績和優先工作事項等各方面的訊息。”

此文件可向市政府服務中心索取，電話 9524 3333，也可查閱市政府網站 [www.gleneira.vic.gov.au](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au)。

## Η Δημαρχία κέρδισε εθνικό βραβείο ετήσιας αναφοράς

Η Ετήσια Αναφορά 2004-2004 της Δημαρχίας κέρδισε το Χρυσό Βραβείο στο Διαγωνισμό Βραβείων Ετήσιων Αναφορών Αυστραλασίας (Australasian Reporting Awards - ARA) τον περασμένο μήνα.

Τα βραβεία προάγουν την υπεροχή στις ετήσιες αναφορές και μπορούν να λάβουν μέρος όλες οι μεγάλες εταιρίες, οργανισμοί δημόσιου τομέα, φιλανθρωπικοί και κοινοτικοί οργανισμοί από την Αυστραλία και Νέα Ζηλανδία.

Το βραβείο ήταν η δεύτερη τιμητική αναγνώριση της Δημαρχίας από την ARA - η Ετήσια Αναφορά της για το 2002-03 κέρδισε πέρσι το Αργυρό Μετάλλιο και ήταν μεταξύ των τεσσάρων που συμμετείχαν στους τελικούς από την Αυστραλασία για το Βραβείο Πρώτης Συμμετοχής.

Ο Γενικός Διευθυντής Άντριου Νιούτον είπε ότι η Δημαρχία προσπάθησε συνεχώς να βελτιώσει την ετήσια αναφορά της ως μέρος της δέσμευσής της για ανοιχτή, ειλικρινή και διαφανή αναφορά προς την κοινότητα Glen Eira.

“Αυτό είναι ένα θαυμάσιο αποτέλεσμα για το Glen Eira και αναγνωρίζεται η προσπάθεια που έχει κάνει η Δημαρχία για να κάνει την ετήσια αναφορά της ένα καλύτερο επικοινωνιακό εργαλείο,” ανέφερε ο κ. Νιούτον.

“Συγχαίρω ιδιαίτερα τους δημοτικούς υπαλλήλους που συνέφεραν στη σύνταξη της ετήσιας αναφοράς και αναγνωρίζω τη δέσμευσή τους για τη συνεχή βελτίωσή της.”

“Η ετήσια αναφορά αποτελεί μία απ’ τις κυριότερες ενημερώσεις της κοινότητας από τη Δημαρχία, παρέχοντας περιεκτικές πληροφορίες για την οικονομική θέση, τις δραστηριότητες, προκλήσεις, απόδοση και προτεραιότητες της Δημαρχίας σε κάθε οικονομικό έτος.”

Αντίτυπα διατίθενται στο Δημαρχιακό Κέντρο Εξυπηρέτησης Δημοτών στο 9524 3333 ή από το δικτυακό τόπο της Δημαρχίας στο [www.gleneira.vic.gov.au](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au)

## Муниципалитет получил специальную награду за свой годовой отчет

В прошлом месяце годовой отчет муниципалитета Glen Eira (2003-2004гг.) получил золотую медаль на конкурсе отчетов Австралии и Новой Зеландии 2005г.

Этот конкурс проводится для улучшения качества отчетов. В нем могут принять участие корпорации, государственные, общественные и благотворительные организации Австралии и Новой Зеландии.

Это уже вторая такая награда – Годовой отчет муниципалитета Glen Eira (2002-2003гг.) получил серебряную медаль и специальный приз лучшему новому участнику в прошлом году.

Исполнительный директор муниципалитета г-н Andrew Newton отметил, что муниципалитет постоянно стремился к тому, чтобы улучшить свои годовые отчеты и сделать их более ясными, открытыми и понятными для жителей муниципалитета Glen Eira.

“Этот выдающийся результат отражает немалые усилия, предпринятые для улучшения наших отчетов,” сказал г-н Newton.

“Я особо хочу поздравить работников муниципалитета, которые приняли участие в составлении отчета, и отметить их вклад в улучшение качества.”

“Годовой отчет – одно из основных средств информации о муниципалитете для его жителей. В нем содержится полная информация о финансовом положении, деятельности, задачах, приоритетах и эффективности работы муниципалитета в прошедшем финансовом году.”

Вы можете заказать экземпляр отчета по тел. 9524 3333 или получить его через наш сайт на интернете – [www.gleneira.vic.gov.au](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au)

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Wednesday 10 August

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Wednesday 14 September

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9am–5pm. Cost \$50. Tour includes morning tea, lunch at Healesville and entry fee.

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at 1151 Glen Huntly Road, Glen Huntly.



# Heritage advice on hand

*"Owners of heritage homes or homes in heritage areas are subjected to stricter controls. My job is to help people understand that heritage controls maintain the character of these special areas." Jacqui Brasher.*

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.

But help is only a phone call away. Council's Heritage Strategic Planner Jacqui Brasher answers queries about heritage controls and the impact they may have on home improvements.

Jacqui is part of a team, which includes a heritage architect, which gives property owners advice on altering, extending or demolishing a heritage property before they apply for a planning permit.

"We provide advice, for people planning external building works, on how to maintain the property's heritage features. We look at everything from the type of fence suited for a Californian bungalow to how to site a double-story extension on an Edwardian home," Jacqui said.

Jacqui is also responsible for writing heritage

guidelines that shape the look of alterations and additions to the more than 2,000 heritage properties in Glen Eira.

"A significant part of my role is to write and update guidelines specific to each heritage area, whether the area is dominated by an Inter-war or Edwardian buildings. Each area has its own unique character.

Council's Heritage Advisory Service offers architectural and technical advice free to all Glen Eira property owners and can help with everything from major extensions to the colour or style of a fence.

Contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 for further information about the service.

*Council's Heritage Strategic Planner Jacqui Brasher can provide advice about making alterations to heritage properties in Glen Eira. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.*



## Plans for healthy Glen Eira

Council will be better equipped to deal with community public health issues after a recent consultation forum with local health agencies.

The forum, involving representatives from community health services, local hospitals, the Department of Human Services, the International Diabetes Institute and Arthritis Victoria, sought input into the *Glen Eira Municipal Public Health Plan 2005-08*.

Council's Manager Public Health Mark Saunders said the forum helped identify community health and wellbeing needs and issues and develop strategies to address them.

"The resulting plan assesses actual and potential community public health issues and outlines programs and strategies to prevent or minimise them," Mr Saunders said.

"Council will use the plan to work further with key health agencies and establish clear service planning and priorities for the next three years."

Under the provisions of the *Health Act 1958*, all Victorian local governments must prepare a plan every three years which must be reviewed annually and amended accordingly.

Mr Saunders said input from local health agencies was important to achieve better health and wellbeing outcomes for the community.

"Council and community organisations in Glen Eira provide a significant number of health services and health promotion programs. Municipal public health planning plays an important role in ensuring a co-ordinated approach to identify local health needs, establishing clear priorities and appropriate action."

The *Glen Eira Municipal Public Health Plan 2005-08* is scheduled to be completed by the end of August this year.

## Council wins fight for *fairer funding*

Ratepayers will receive fairer immunisation funding from State and Federal Governments following extensive lobbying from Council.

The State Government recently confirmed funding increases for immunisation administered by local

government — from \$6 to \$11 per immunisation for children aged 0-6 years and from \$2 and \$3 to \$8 for school-aged children.

Chief Executive Officer Andrew Newton said Council had lobbied for fairer inter-governmental financial arrangements, having more services paid by taxes rather than rates.

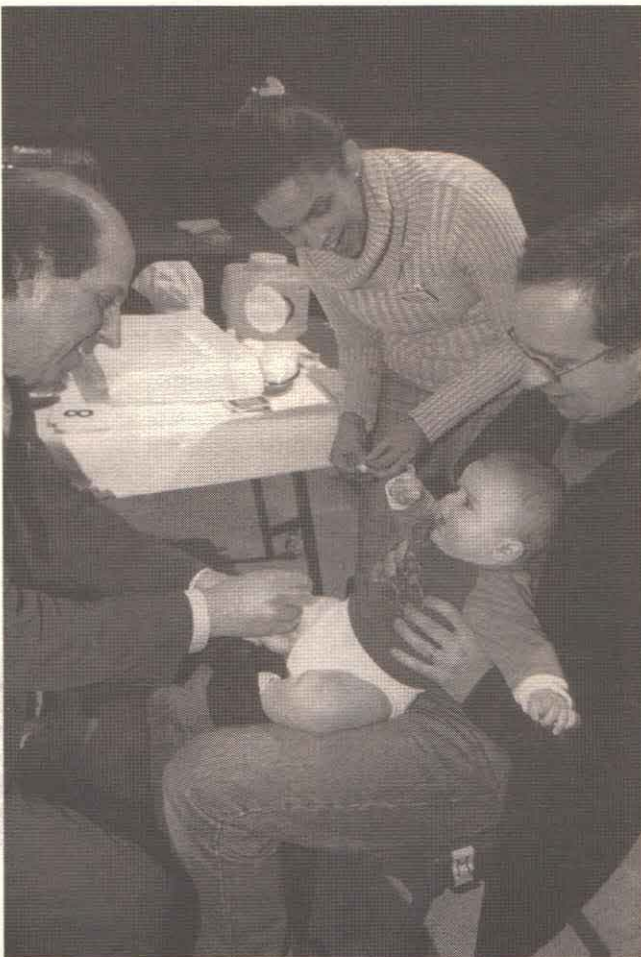
"Council has played a significant role in a recent local government immunisation costing study conducted by the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV). The study analysed immunisation service costs across 12 councils, including Glen Eira, and funding levels provided by State and Federal Governments," Mr Newton said.

"The study revealed local authorities contributed between 61 per cent and 83 per cent of the overall costs of delivering immunisation services to children.

"The announcement is a significant win for Glen Eira ratepayers, effectively doubling funding levels. This means an average increase of \$30,000 per annum which eases the burden on local rates to meet non-local costs."

Mr Newton said while general practitioners can receive up to \$68.70 in government payments for each child immunised, Council previously received a maximum of only \$6, despite a cost to Council of \$13.50 to deliver each vaccination.

"The proposed immunisation funding still does not meet Council's cost to deliver each vaccination, falling well below the \$68.70 that some general practitioners receive. It is good to see the government giving GPs incentive to ensure children are immunised, we would like a similar level of support for councils."



*Ratepayers are set to receive fairer immunisation funding following extensive lobbying from Council.*

*Photo: Les O'Rourke.*



# A helping hand — support and care from Council's community care services



Glen Eira resident Lyla Hanley (right) indulges in some aromatherapy and a hand massage as part of Council's social support service. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Frail older people and people with disabilities can continue to live independently in their own homes for longer with support from Council.

Through a range of in-home community-based services, Council aims to prevent inappropriate or premature admission to long-term residential care or acute care so older residents can continue to live in their own community.

Services include home care, personal care, respite care, property maintenance, delivered meals, social support, community transport and senior citizens centres.

Council's Manager Community Care Michelle Marr said the services provided by Council make a real difference to the lives of both the recipients and their carers.

"The care provided is tailored to meet residents' needs and a professional and committed team ensures a quality service so we can produce the best outcome for each individual," Ms Marr said.

"Council offers a wide range of services, but it is the people behind the care who really make the difference.

"For many carers and team members, the relationships developed with clients over the years of service have proven more rewarding than any job description could suggest."

Council's Community Care Services Assessment Officer Judy Hagerty believes Council's holistic approach to home and community care works best for clients.

"When we meet potential clients, we try to get to know them and understand their needs — physical, medical

and social. Some are fiercely independent, others really expect and rely on the services we can provide," Ms Hagerty said.

"We work to the best of our ability to give people the support they need as often as we can, it's really rewarding. The service is beneficial to clients, and rewarding relationships are built between carers, clients and often their families too."

Potential clients may be referred to the service by themselves, family members, or other agencies who recognise their need for additional support to maintain independence.

Assessment officers can recommend home or personal care and home-based respite for families of people with disabilities.

Complementing these in-home services is Council's social support service, providing social and recreational programs at a centre in Carnegie, to support clients and provide respite to primary carers.

Program officers are trained in nursing or aged care, but bring a range of skills from woodworking, rehabilitation and horticulture to cooking, crafts and even poetry to the service.

As a result, the facility not only provides for the social and mental wellbeing of participants, but ensures their ongoing physical needs are met through strength training and other programs.

The program operates five days a week from Council's newly refurbished Delivered Meals and Social Support Centre in Leila Road, Carnegie.

## Property maintenance team helps out

Changing tap washers, light globes and fire detector batteries and installing handrails are all in a day's work for Council's property maintenance team.

"People can, and do, rely on us," said Property Maintenance Officer Lindsay Robinson.

"We take care of things people can't, or shouldn't, do themselves."

The team considers itself very safety-oriented, but

while the work can vary and provide problem-solving challenges, including one request for installing a "new kettle in the roof" (a hot water system), the job is so much more than keeping pensioners off ladders.

"Staff really like their work and gain a lot of personal satisfaction from a job well done and the friendships and understanding they have with their clients," said Mr Robinson.

Eighty-four-year-old property maintenance client

Lorna Grace said she feels very safe knowing someone can come to her home and help around the house.

"It's great to have someone to rely on. Lindsay has helped with everything around the house," Mrs Grace said.

"When he leaves, he says 'anytime, just call me, I am happy to help'."

The property maintenance team comprises five staff members who assist clients with minor maintenance and home modifications to maintain a safe and secure home environment.



Property Maintenance Officer Lindsay Robinson fixes an unstable drawer for local resident Lorna Grace. Photo: Les O'Rourke.

## Care, with a personal touch

Tina Diakoumis is considered a specialist at caring for others — not just because she is trained in all areas of care from personal and home care to respite and disability care, but because of the manner in which she provides care for her clients.

In her eight years of working with Council, Tina has helped a number of clients remain independent in their homes. Tina helps elderly and disabled clients with everyday tasks that able-bodied people take for granted such as cleaning, meal preparation, showering and dressing and shopping.

Tina says that her job gives her a sense of giving something back to the community.

"Most of my clients are elderly and I really enjoy spending time with them and helping. I have always related well with elderly people and it is really rewarding to be able to help them stay independent and in their homes," Tina said.

"Some of my clients don't have any family and when I go to see them their eyes spark up. They have an opportunity to talk to someone, talk about their problems and concerns."

Tina not only offers personal and home care to

clients but she also offers respite to families who care for children with disabilities and frail older people.

Tina is one of few carers in Glen Eira trained across all community care service areas and says the hands-on experience and training she has received has enhanced her skills.

"I am glad to be able to help across all areas. Some of my clients are young teenagers who have disabilities and as part of my job I might take them for a walk to provide respite to their parents," she said.

"I really enjoy establishing good relationships with the families. My job is all about assistance, trust and compassion."



Carer Tina Diakoumis (right) helps local resident Bianca Pappas prepare a meal. Photo: Les O'Rourke.

## A friendly voice

Home care clients may not see the faces of Council's in-home support administrative team, but they sure know the voices of the six staff members answering their calls.

Taking dozens of calls every day, the team makes sure Council's in-home support service runs smoothly.

In-home support administrative officer Lily Ellis said although clients never see her face, her voice is very well known.

"Clients aren't just a name on paper — they're real people, and I am familiar with them and their carers and all their likes and dislikes. Routine and familiarity are important to clients. They can schedule their lives around their care, and carers really understand client needs."

Ms Ellis said she understood why clients became so fond of their carers and requested them for specific tasks.

"The best thing about this job is the carers. They're so flexible, they listen and understand the pressure everyone is under to provide the services clients need. They really go the extra mile."



Council's in-home support administration team (from left) Veni, Eleanor, Margaret, Marshall, Juana and Lily (front). Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

## Meals (and company) on wheels



Volunteer husband and wife team Margaret and Lloyd Morris prepare to deliver meals. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Glen Eira's delivered meals service delivers more than 112,000 meals to clients each year through the commitment and skill of eight staff and 160 volunteers.

Recipients are assessed for the service and can receive a range of hot and chilled meals, including special dietary requirements such as diabetes, low cholesterol, low sodium, and vegetarian options.

Delivered Meals Co-ordinator Stefanie Vranas said the service, operating seven days a week and 364 days a year, is much more than a food service.

"Clients not only receive their meals but their health and wellbeing is monitored by staff and volunteers. We have experienced many circumstances where a client has been in need of help after an overnight fall and it has been a delivered meals staff member or volunteer who has heard their calls for help and arranged assistance," Ms Vranas said.

Ms Vranas said the service relied heavily on its volunteers, some of whom had been delivering meals for 20 years.

"Our volunteers are very special people. They are very dedicated — just like the postman, they are out there rain hail or shine. But, of course, we are always looking for more people to become volunteers."

Husband and wife team, Margaret and Lloyd Morris have volunteered with the delivered meals service for more than five years and love every minute of it.

"When we retired, we wanted to do something that would benefit the community," Margaret said.

"But it's not just about delivering meals, we also keep an eye on the clients as we are sometimes the only visitors they have. We monitor how they are going and report back to base (Council)."

"Delivering meals to our clients and helping to keep them in their homes, living independently is so rewarding for us."

**Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer driver or jockey for Council's delivered meals service can contact Stefanie Vranas on 9576 9748.**



# Business

## Help a phone call away for local businesses

For Kerry Lucas, owner of Flamingo Swimwear, managing the financial side of her business is now far less daunting.

Kerry is one of 85 business owners who have taken part in Council's *Mentor Partners* program which links small business operators with mentors to provide guidance and independent opinions.

Since teaming up with business mentor Jack Mitchell in July 2003, Kerry has seen some great improvements in the way she manages her business.

"Having a mentor means I have someone to talk to about things that arise in the business. Sometimes you can feel isolated and alone, but there are actually people out there who are willing and able to help," Kerry said.

"Working with Jack has really helped me to have a better understanding about the business side of things. We have worked together on profit and loss statements, marketing projects and stock control."

Jack has been a mentor with the program since it began in 2002 and has helped four other small business owners like Kerry to run their businesses better.

"Kerry has been an absolute delight to work with. We have worked together to analyse the processes of her existing business to see what is and isn't working," Jack said.

"I'm convinced she now has a better understanding of what she needs to do to be more profitable.

"Small businesses sometimes need advice about accounting, IT or other business matters and it is not always feasible or cost effective to see an accountant or IT specialist. The mentoring program can be of great benefit to businesses."

People with a strong background in running a business and a willingness to help others are encouraged to get involved in the program. Mentors are not expected to



Flamingo Swimwear owner Kerry Lucas gets some handy tips from business mentor Jack Mitchell. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

be formal advisers or consultants, but to provide personal opinions based on their own extensive business experience.

The service, available to businesses operating for more than 12 months and based in either Glen Eira or Kingston, is part of Council's *Glen Eira BusEd* program, which is supported by the State Government through the *StreetLife* program.

For more information about the *Mentor Partners* program contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

## Mentors get their heads together

A recent brainstorming session brought together volunteer mentors and Glen Eira and Kingston City Council staff to look at opportunities to further improve Council's *Mentor Partners* program.

Mentors shared their experiences on working with local businesses and spoke about the challenges faced by small businesses and their different needs, depending on the nature of the business.

Council's Manager Business Development Lynda Bredin said the feedback session provided Council with some valuable information to further develop and improve the program.

"The open forum was a chance for current mentors to meet with Council staff from Glen Eira and Kingston to flesh out ideas, raise concerns, and discuss how they see the program working to date and in the future.

"We discussed the type of assistance businesses are seeking, the categories of business, industry needs and thoughts on survival, lifestyle and growth, and the businesses and mentors' expected outcomes of the program."

"It was a really worthwhile session, giving us valuable information to continually improve for the program," she said.



From left: Kingston Manager City Strategy and Economic Development Suzanne Ferguson and Council's Manager Business Development Lynda Bredin receive some feedback from business mentor Jack Mitchell. Photo: Sophie Massis.

## What's coming up in business

### Access to finance — a woman's guide through the financial maze

Glen Eira businesswomen can discover options for accessing finance for both debt and equity at an upcoming seminar held by Council in conjunction with the State Government.

The lunchtime seminar helps businesswomen to better understand and access finance for business expansion and will cover useful tips on how to approach financiers.

When: Monday 11 July 12pm–2.30pm  
Cost: \$20. Bookings essential.

### Glen Eira Women's Business Network

#### Getting your message across (July)

Ever leave a meeting knowing you haven't made your point effectively? Ever made a presentation and felt audience attention slipping away? Presenter Debra Templar from Australian Retail Services will give an inspirational talk on how to overcome these issues at the next Glen Eira Women's business network meeting.

When: Thursday 21 July at 7pm.  
Cost: \$10. Bookings essential.

#### Teams, triumphs and transformation (August)

Presenter Suzanne Whitmarsh will discuss how to build a team environment and a successful business through your people. Suzanne will give tips on alternative approaches to recruitment, focusing on identifying business needs and the effective matching of candidates with roles, culture and vision.

When: Thursday 18 August at 7pm.  
Cost: \$10. Bookings essential.

### Women's access to finance program

#### Understanding financial statements

Council, in conjunction with the State Government, will hold an informative and educational workshop to assist small business operators to better understand financial statements for their business.

When: Tuesday 30 August 9am–2pm.  
Cost: \$40 (includes lunch). Bookings essential.

All four sessions will be held in the Caulfield Cup Room, Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield.

### BusEd dinner seminar series 2005 — creating a positive organisation and workplace

Council, in partnership with Monash University, will advise local business operators on creating a positive organisation and workplace to improve market performance at the next *BusEd* dinner seminar.

The seminar, presented by Jeffrey Mclean, Department of Management, Monash University will provide insights into how to develop a positive workplace and the implications of this on an organisation's culture and the service it provides to customers.

The seminar will be held in the Auditorium, Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield on Thursday 28 July from 6pm.

Cost: \$30 (includes three-course meal).  
Bookings essential by Friday 22 July.



# Library library

## Splashing around in Storytime

By Anna McGibbon

The weather outside certainly suited Council's *Storytime* session at Caulfield Library last month. Entitled *Quackers and divers*, the session included singing, book reading and drawing activities based around ducks, fish and water.

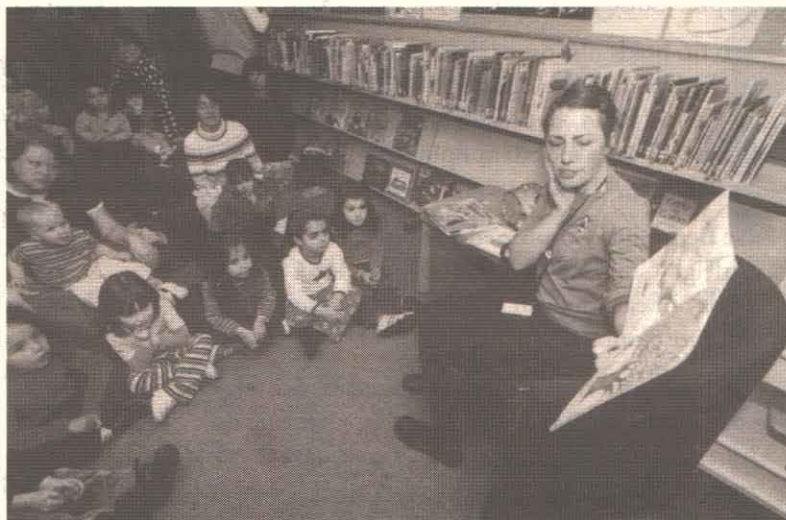
More than 30 children attended the interactive session and eagerly listened to the stories, among them the favourite *Mr McGee goes to sea* by Pamela Allen.

Between book readings, the children danced and sang along to popular tunes, confidently singing all the words and making the dance moves to match.

Council's Manager Library and Information Services Sue Webster said *Storytime* sessions provide parents with an opportunity to introduce young children to the joys of reading and selecting books. The sessions run for 30 to 45 minutes and are usually developed around a particular theme or story.

"For children to have a positive start to their reading experience at school, they need to be exposed to a wide variety of books and storytelling. *Storytime* is an excellent way to start young children on their reading journey," Ms Webster said.

Georgie Rice of Elsternwick brought her two-and-half-



Library Officer Amy Howard gives an animated reading at Council's *Storytime* session at the Caulfield Library.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

year-old son Harry to *Storytime* as he loves to sing and read.

"It's a fabulous program for children. It allows them to draw, colour and sing along to the songs. It gives them a chance to sit and concentrate on the stories and understand what is going on in the book. It's a great educational outing for children," she said.

*Storytime* sessions are held weekly at all of Council's libraries. Details can be found on Council's website at [www.gleneira.vic.gov.au](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au)

## What's on at Council's libraries

Meet the author — Sara Hardy

Spend a morning with author Sara Hardy to hear about her new book, *The Unusual Life of Edna Walling* at a meet-the-author session in the Theatre, Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield on Wednesday 27 July from 11am to 12pm.

The long-awaited biography of Australian landscape designer Edna Walling reveals for the first time, the woman behind the gardens. Edna Walling designed more than 300 gardens between 1920 and 1960, when most women were home-makers.

Today, her gardens are still considered to add value to real estate. Her achievements and the gardens themselves are well-documented, yet Edna's private life has remained a mystery.

Actress and playwright Sara Hardy was compelled to find out more about the designer when she was cast as Edna in a play in 1989.

Ms Hardy unearthed letters, photographs and stories which led her to track the aspiring designer from her childhood, through her horticultural course at Burnley and her transformation from girl-gardener for the ladies of Toorak to designer of large-scale gardens for wealthy Victorians.

Bookings are essential for this free event and can be made at Council's library branches.

### A wealth of information available at the stroke of a key

The following new databases are available online to library members through Council's website.

**Encyclopedia Britannica Online** builds on the print version and adds new access points and extra features to be one of the most complete information sources in the world.

The database can search across junior and student levels to supply the required information in the desired format.

Encyclopedia Britannica Online also features journal and magazine coverage, links, video and media clips and Merriam-Webster's dictionary and thesaurus.

**Grove Art Online**, a database for visual arts research, provides access to all 34 volumes of *The Dictionary of Art* and *The Oxford Companion to Western Art* displaying 1,500 thumbnail art images and line drawings.

The database includes links to more than 40,000 art images on museum and gallery websites around the world. Glen Eira library members can search the biographies and works of Australian artists such as Brett Whiteley.

Members can use the library's extensive range of online databases to access full-text journals, books, newspapers and pictures to find information on:

- current and historical events;
- current business information and service trends;
- articles on medical conditions;
- scientific research; or
- information for a school or university assignment.

For access to all the online databases, log on to Council's website at [www.gleneira.vic.gov.au](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au)



## Urban design frameworks

Council's draft urban village design frameworks (UDFs) aim to find an overall design vision for the Bentleigh, Carnegie and Elsternwick villages and their relationship with surrounding neighbourhoods.

The frameworks investigate building design, traffic, car parking, public transport, and the economic role and cultural values of the villages.

Council engaged consultants to prepare the frameworks in 2004, consultation began, submissions were received and more than 200 people attended two rounds of community workshops. Council continued to work with

the consultants to refine the UDFs in response to these submissions.

Council originally intended to conduct another round of consultation last month. This will now take place in the near future, following discussion of changes to the UDFs with Council.

Those who have already made submissions to the project will be informed of this consultation in writing.

Articles about the consultation will also appear in future issues of the *Glen Eira News*, local papers and on Council's website.

## 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.

### Recent consultation opportunities

| Meeting  | Type               | Date                    |
|--|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Tennis Grove, Caulfield North roadworks                        | Consultation forum | Closed Wednesday 1 June |
| Footpath cleaning survey — Elsternwick shopping centre traders | Survey             | Closed Tuesday 31 May   |
| Waste and recycling survey                                     | Telephone survey   | Closed Monday 23 May    |
| Website communications survey                                  | Online survey      | Closed Friday 13 May    |

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](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au)



# Community diary

## Events

**Adelphi Players Theatre Company** will hold *Three Australian One Act Plays* at Labassa, Manor Grove, Caulfield North starting on Friday 5 August at 8.15pm. Cost: \$12 (includes refreshments). Contact: 9690 1593 or 9578 0952.

**Bentleigh Organ Club** will hold a concert with Brendan Scott at the East Bentleigh Sports and Recreation Club, 62 Mackie Road, Bentleigh East on Monday 14 July from 8pm. Cost: \$2 for members, \$6 for visitors. Contact: Jenny or Cliff 9528 2539.

**Coatesville Uniting Church** will hold a concert with the Don Burrows Stage Band and the Melbourne Youth Big band 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.

**Kilvington Girls' Grammar (K-12)** will hold an in action day on 27 July from 9am to 1pm at Kilvington Girls' Grammar, 2 Leila Road, Ormond. All welcome. Contact: 9578 6231

**Labassa** will hold an armchair traveller program, *Polonaise through Poland* at 2 Manor Grove, Caulfield North on Wednesday 20 July at 7.30pm. Cost: \$8 (includes refreshments). Contact: Lee 9699 1952

**Moorabbin Historical Society** will open Box Cottage with guest speaker Dr Whitehead at Joyce Park, Jasper Road, McKinnon on Sunday 31 July from 2pm to 4.30pm. Contact: 9585 7276.

**St Patrick's Primary School** will hold its 75th anniversary with an open day at 3 Dalny Road, Murrumbeena on Sunday 17 July. Contact: Adriana 9569 1684.

**St Patrick's Primary School** will hold a dinner dance for past students or anyone with connections to the school at 3 Dalny Road, Murrumbeena on Saturday 13 August. Contact: Adriana 9569 1684

## 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 on Wednesday 20 July at 7.30pm. Guest speaker. New members welcome. Contact: 9568 5849.

## Japanese exchange opportunity

**Adults**  
Council's Glen Eira-Ogaki Friendly Cities Advisory Committee invites adults who are either a resident, ratepayer or teacher in Glen Eira to lead a student delegation to Glen Eira's sister city Ogaki in Japan during September.

Applicants must be aged 18 years or over, preferably speak fluent Japanese or have contributed in some way to the Friendly Cities relationship or to the City of Glen Eira.

### Students

The committee also invites Years 9 to 11 students whose parents are ratepayers or residents of Glen Eira to participate in a student exchange to Ogaki, Japan. The visit will take place from 17 September to 28 September 2005 and will be partially sponsored by Council. Applications close at 5pm on Friday 22 July. For more information, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

**Caulfield South BUG's Club** holds a meeting at lower hall St Catherine's Anglican Church, 406 Kooyong Road, Caulfield South on Wednesday 27 July at 7.30pm. Contact: Stephen 0412 267 437

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

**Murrumbeena Bowls Club** will hold its winter social bowls season at 10 Blackwood Street, Carnegie on Thursdays and Saturdays. Cost: \$5 per day. Contact: 9568 5144.

**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.

**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: Pat 9571 2666.

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|-----------|--|----------------|
| 25th July | Learn Sewing/Knitting 1-3pm x 4 sessions   | \$25           |
| 11th July | Occasional C/Care 9.30-12.30 Mon/Thurs     | \$12           |
| 25th July | Writers Group. 1-4pm x 4 sessions          | \$32           |
| 13th July | Gentle Yoga 6.30-8pm x 10 sessions         | \$100          |
| 20th July | *Computer/Email for Older People 8 x 2hrs  | \$124/\$51con. |
| 18th July | *Computer File M./Email/Internet 8 x 2hrs  | \$124/\$51con. |
| 15th Aug  | *Computer Excel 4 x 2 hrs                  | \$64/\$51con.  |
| 26th July | Women's Group - 7pm-9pm x 3 sessions       | \$20           |
| 21st July | Drawing Class 1-3pm x 5 sessions.          | \$66 + mats.   |
| 22nd July | 3yr Old Pre Kinder 9.30-12.00 x 8 wks      | \$96           |
| 3rd Aug   | Embroidery/Handcrafts support group 1-3pm  | \$10           |
| 27th July | Mosaics Workshop 12.30-3pm. Inc. Mats.     | \$29           |
| 25th July | Help plant & maintain a herb garden 1-3pm  | \$3            |
| 24th Aug  | Intro to Head/shoulder massage 1-3pm       | \$3            |
| 10th Aug  | Multicultural Meal/Recipe Collection 1-3pm | \$3            |
| 11th Aug  | Cardmaking/Stamping/Quilling 10-1pm        | \$20 + mats.   |
| 4th Aug   | Share Scrapbooking Skills 1.30-3.30pm x 4  | \$25           |
| 4th Aug   | Tarot - Its use in daily life 1-3pm x 4    | \$40           |

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Tel: 9557 9037 FAX: 9557 1734

**St Agnes Church** will hold special children's church services at 114 Booran Road, Glen Huntly on the first Sunday of every month at 11am. Contact: Bill 9570 7515.

## Community

**Vicdeaf** will hold introductory AUSLAN (Australian Sign Language) courses at Caulfield South Community House, 450 Kooyong Road, Caulfield South on Wednesdays from 20 July to 7 September. Contact: Carolyn 9473 1127.

**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. Bookings essential. Contact: 9578 9955.

**Ogonyok Multicultural Association of Russian Women** seeks volunteers to assist in administration, IT support, and driving. Contact: 0416 251 317.

## Immunisation sessions July

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

**Glen Eira Town Hall (entry via Glen Eira Road)**  
Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield  
Tuesday 5 July 6pm-7pm  
Tuesday 12 July 9.30am-10.15am

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

**Packer Park**  
Leila Road, Carnegie  
Monday 18 July 10am-11am

**Bentleigh-Bayside Community Health Service**  
Gardeners Road, Bentleigh East  
Wednesday 20 July 6pm-7pm  
Saturday 23 July 9.30am-10.30am

**Glen Huntly Maternal and Child Health Centre**  
Corner Royal and Rosedale Avenues, Glen Huntly  
Wednesday 27 July 9.30am-11am

## August

**McKinnon Public Hall**  
118 McKinnon Road, McKinnon  
Monday 1 August 10am-11am

**Glen Eira Town Hall (entry via Glen Eira Road)**  
Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield  
Tuesday 2 August 6pm-7pm

## Glen Huntly Friendship Group

99 Grange Road, Glen Huntly

### Activities for July

Enquiries and bookings  
Margaret 9596 6124

Thursday 28 July

"Christmas in July". Mystery bus trip. A lovely little break in the middle of winter. Good food, good company and moderate cost. Details when booking. Depart from 185 Poath Road, Hughesdale at 9am and 9.15am from 99 Grange Road Glen Huntly. Morning tea provided. Return 5pm.



# Recreation

## Winter weather won't spoil fun in the outdoors

Finding a great park to enjoy is an important family activity. Many of Glen Eira's parks and reserves are specifically designed to suit a range of recreational needs. Playgrounds offer hours of fun for children of all ages, and often sheltered picnic and barbecue areas to provide families with a perfect day out.

Glen Eira's playgrounds offer access and enjoyment for children of all abilities and its parks range from beautifully kept garden environments to natural indigenous bushland. The surroundings are perfect for relaxing on a picnic rug or taking a brisk walk in the fresh air with friends.

Picnic facilities at all Glen Eira parks can be booked for special occasions through Council on 9524 3333.

### Recreation news in brief

#### Reserve advisory committee — annual general meetings

Annual general meetings will be held to elect new representatives and chairpersons for Glen Eira's 12 reserve advisory committees. The meetings will be held on the following dates:

**Bailey Reserve**  
1 August at 7pm

**Caulfield Park**  
1 August at 7.30pm

**Centenary Park, Koornang Park,  
Lord Reserve, Glen Huntly Park,  
Princes Park**  
2 August at 7pm

**Bentleigh-Hodgson Reserve**  
3 August at 6.30pm

**McKinnon Reserve**  
9 August at 6.30pm

**Victory Park**  
10 August at 7pm

**Duncan Mackinnon Reserve**  
11 August at 7pm

**East Caulfield Reserve**  
15 August at 7.30pm

**Packer Park**  
16 August at 7pm

**EE Gunn Reserve**  
29 August at 7.30pm

**King George VI Memorial Reserve**  
30 August at 7.30pm

**Murrunbeena Park**  
6 October at 7.30pm

For annual general meeting location details, contact Council on 9524 3333 or email [recservices@gleneira.vic.gov.au](mailto:recservices@gleneira.vic.gov.au)

#### Allnutt Park

Wheatley Road, Bentleigh  
Melway ref: 68 C11

Features: Large playground, bike path, basketball ring, shelter, accessible toilets and playground, sealed walking paths and barbecue area.

#### Caulfield Park — Inkerman Road

Inkerman Road, Caulfield  
Melway ref: 59 C12

Features: Exciting new playground with great all abilities access.

#### Harleston Park

Seymour and Allison Roads, Elsternwick  
Melway ref: 67 H2

Features: Large playground with giant slide and outdoor chess board, playground, bocce courts, shelter/rotunda, toilets and barbecue area.

#### Packer Park

Leila Road, Carnegie  
Melway ref: 68 J8

Features: Lookouts, giant gecko and giant web play structure, musical snake, shelter, toilets and barbecue area.

#### Princes Park

Maple Street, Caulfield South  
Melway ref: 68 A6

Features: Lookouts, climbing wall, musical items, basketball and netball half court, shelters, toilet and barbecue area.



Three-year-old Mitchell enjoys a winter afternoon at Glen Eira's Packer Park playground in Carnegie. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

## Youth What's happening for young people

### Alsorts of fun

Why should boys have all the fun? The overwhelming success of Council's young men's *Wildcats* basketball program has inspired Council and Caulfield Police to launch a young women's equivalent team, the *Alsorts* netball team.

Women aged 15 to 25 years who enjoy netball, making friends and want to become involved in sports are encouraged to join. No previous experience necessary.

Council's youth workers will coach the team which will play competition netball at the Oakleigh Recreation Centre on Thursday nights. Transport can be arranged.

### A chance to shine

#### Foundation for Youth Excellence

Glen Eira residents aged 10 to 25 years with outstanding skills in creative and performing arts, education, leadership or sport are invited to apply for financial awards through the Foundation for Youth Excellence program.

The program was developed to recognise young community achievers. Grants are awarded to help young people achieve further success in their chosen field.

Application forms and brochures are available from the Why? Stop Youth Information Centre on 9572 5389.

### The shape of things to come

#### Parent forum on body image

The Shape of things to come forum will give parents useful tools to encourage healthy lifestyle and eating practices and a positive body image in young people.

The forum, with guest speakers from the Eating Disorder Foundation, local health centre representatives and doctors working in health and wellbeing, includes a panel discussion and question time and will be held at Packer Park Hall, Leila Road, Carnegie on Tuesday 19 July at 7.30pm.

Bookings essential.

### If not dieting, then what?

#### Teacher forum on body image

Glen Eira, Stonnington and Port Phillip city councils will hold a body image forum for school teachers this month. The information forums help teachers support young people facing concerns about body image perceptions.

Forum facilitator, Dr Rick Kausman, will provide information on how to promote healthy eating, balanced health, happiness, weight issues, and help prevent children's eating disorders.

For more information on any of the above events or to register or book, contact the Why? Stop Youth Information Centre on 9572 5389.

**Sporting reserve applications**  
**Summer season 2005-06**  
Applications are invited for the use of the following reserves for the 2005-06 summer sporting season:

|                              |                            |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Bailey Reserve               | Bentleigh Reserve          |
| Caulfield Park               | Centenary Reserve          |
| Duncan Mackinnon Reserve     | East Caulfield Reserve     |
| EE Gunn Reserve              | Glen Huntly Reserve        |
| King George IV Reserve       | Koornang Park              |
| Lord Reserve                 | McKinnon Reserve           |
| Murrunbeena Park             | Packer Park                |
| Princes Park                 | Victory Park Reserve       |
| Moorleigh Community Village  | Mackie Reserve             |
| Bentleigh Secondary College  | Bentleigh Primary School   |
| Coatesville Primary School   | McKinnon Secondary College |
| Valkstone Primary School (J) |                            |

(J) denotes junior allocation only

Applications must be lodged at Council's Service Centre by **Friday 15 July 2005**

Application forms are available on Council's website [www.gleneira.vic.gov.au](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au) or by contacting Council's recreation facilities co-ordinator on 9524 3333.



## Winter Music Series

The wonderful sounds of Council's Winter Music Series continue this month with the first of the cabaret-style concerts featuring Deborah Conway and the traditional classical music of Silo String Quartet.

### Deborah Conway

Sunday 17 July  
2.30pm-4.30pm

Auditorium, Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield

Deborah Conway ignited the Australian music scene more than 20 years ago with her powerful performance on multi-platinum album *Man Overboard*.

Deborah Conway continues to write and perform and is regarded as one of Australia's pre-eminent vocal talents. This is her first Winter Music Series performance.

Tickets: \$25 (\$21 concession).



### Silo String Quartet

Sunday 31 July  
2.30pm-4.30pm

Theatrette, Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield

The brilliant Silo String Quartet will perform Mozart, Haydn, Brunsdon and Borodin. Silo String Quartet is regarded as one of Australia's finest string ensembles with its youthful verve and stunning musicianship.

Tickets: \$20 full (\$16 concession).

Tickets available in person from Council's Service Centre from 8.30am to 5pm or by phoning 9524 3333. Book and pay for tickets in advance and receive a 10 per cent discount.

### Coming up in August

#### Alison Wedding Quintet

Sunday 14 August from 2.30pm to 4.30pm (doors open 2pm) in the Auditorium  
Tickets: \$25 full, \$21 concession

#### JW Swing Orchestra

Sunday 28 August from 2.30pm to 4.30pm (doors open 2pm) in the Auditorium  
Tickets: \$25 full, \$21 concession

## 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

### Site and Ceremony: Indigenous works from Outback Aboriginal Art

Continues to Sunday 10 July

Outback Aboriginal Art brings a collection of some of the finest contemporary Aboriginal art work to an exhibition that will challenge people's preconceptions of indigenous Australian art.

Curator floor talks will be held in conjunction with the exhibition on Sunday 3 July at 2pm and on Wednesday 6 July at 3pm.

Contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 for bookings.



Minnie Pwerle — Awelye — Women's Body Paint.

### RSPCA: Annual fundraising exhibition

Opens Wednesday 13 July and continues to Sunday 24 July

An exciting and colourful exhibition featuring local Australian artists who have been invited to exhibit their creative paintings, photographs, ceramics and sculptures.

Proceeds from the sale of works on show at the exhibition greatly assist the RSPCA with the ongoing care of all creatures great and small.

### Twenty Melbourne Painters: 87th annual exhibition

Opens Wednesday 27 July and continues to Sunday 7 August

The art group Twenty Melbourne Painters was established in 1910 by the prominent artist Alice Bale. Alice Bale championed the cause of artists and her legacy supports the continuation of realist portraiture through the Alice Bale Art Award.

Following the success of last year's exhibition, artists and patrons look forward to another exhibition of fine art reflecting the high standards of craftsmanship in traditional realism promoted by this group.



Jacqueline Fowler — Nasturtiums.

## MY BROTHER JACK LITERARY FESTIVAL 2005

### Writing workshops

Book now for the final workshops in the *My Brother Jack* Literary Festival held this month.

**Giving voice to characters with Archimede Fusillo**  
Sponsored by the Baha'i Community of Glen Eira  
Sunday 10 July 1pm-4pm

Learn how writers give voice to characters and express their unique outlook on the world. Suitable for both young and mature age writers.

Cost: \$25 Glen Eira residents (\$35 non-residents)

### What makes a winner?

Sunday 17 July 1pm-3pm

Panel discussion by authors Jane Sullivan, Paddy O'Reilly and Meg Mundell on what makes a piece of writing stand out and common pitfalls for writers.

Cost: \$15 Glen Eira residents (\$20 non-Glen Eira residents)

Both workshops will be held in the Caulfield Cup Room, Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield.

### 2005 Glen Eira City Council Literary Awards

Writers living, working or studying in Glen Eira are invited to enter into the 2005 *Glen Eira City Council Literary Awards*. This local competition offers major cash prizes for short stories and poetry in junior, youth and adult categories.

- Sunflower Bookshop Short Story Award
- Poetry Award
- Youth Short Story Award
- Youth Poetry Award

### • Baha'i Junior Short Story Award

### • Baha'i Junior Poetry Award

All entries close Monday 15 August and winners will be announced at two presentation evenings to be held in October.

For more information on the awards, prizes and entry fees, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333. For entry forms, email [arts@gleneira.vic.gov.au](mailto:arts@gleneira.vic.gov.au) or download forms from Council's website at [www.gleneira.vic.gov.au](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au)

The 2005 Glen Eira City Council Literary Awards are sponsored by Sunflower Bookshop and Baha'i Community.



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