

Glen Eira *News*

Renewing and upgrading ageing community facilities and assets and safeguarding essential services are the focus of Council's 2005–06 budget, adopted last month.

Council has allocated \$18.2 million for capital works projects in the coming year, with a view to developing Glen Eira's social, economic and service infrastructure to meet current and future community needs.

The funds will be spent on providing better recreation and leisure facilities; improving drainage infrastructure; upgrading footpaths and roads; reinvigorating shopping areas; constructing new public facilities; and increasing the safety and effectiveness of current community amenities.

In 2005–06, Council's biggest project will be in Bentleigh with the upgrade of the Bentleigh–Hodgson Reserve at a cost of more than \$2 million. The project includes upgrades to footpaths, lighting, fencing and the planting of more than 400 trees and shrubs.

Council will also complete its largest and most complex capital works project — the new Carnegie Library and Community Centre. The facility will include a new library, playgroup building, playground, extended car parking and a community centre.

Council will conduct a feasibility study into providing a modern indoor recreation facility in Glen Eira, including facilities for young people, to replace the outdated Caulfield Recreation Centre in Caulfield South.

A further \$280,000 has been allocated for continuing Council's Bicycle Strategy implementation.

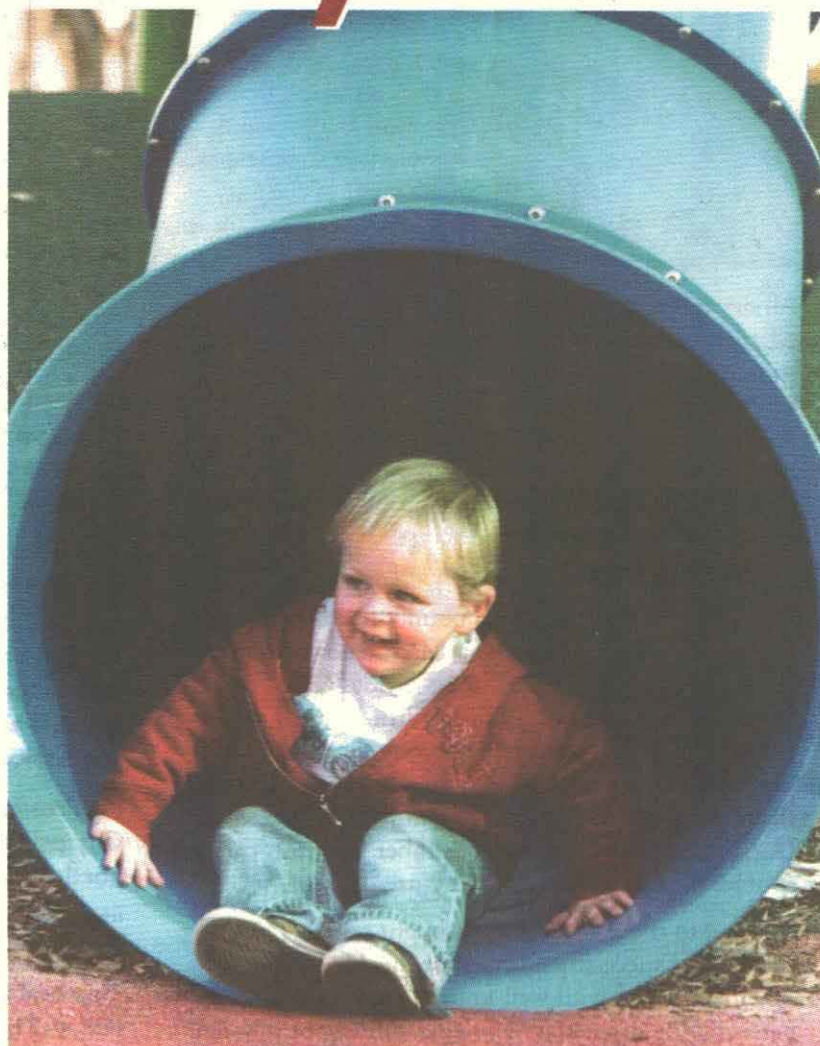
Improved recreation and leisure facilities are a continuing focus of Council's capital works program.

Stage 1 landscaping works for the redevelopment at Princes Park in Caulfield South will be completed. A further \$2.2 million has also been budgeted for building a new pavilion and upgrading the Bricker Pavilion at the park.

Across the City, more than 27 kilometres of footpath will be replaced at a cost of close to \$1.4 million. About \$1.2 million will be spent on upgrading the capacity of the existing drainage network, and a further \$4 million will go towards road improvement projects.

The 2005–06 budget provides for an increase in total rates and charges revenue of 4.1 per cent — 2.6 per cent for Council's own costs and 1.5 per cent for imposed costs such as extra insurance costs; extra costs to pay the State Government for the Metropolitan Fire Brigade; additional costs for revaluing properties in the municipality; increased costs to comply with the *Road Management Act*; and increased costs for street lighting.

For further on details Council's 2005–06 budget turn to pages 6 and 7.



Children like two-year-old Luca Feldman will have two new playgrounds to play on in Glen Eira.
Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Council keeps costs low

Debt free. Low cost. Investing in the future.

Glen Eira's average rates and charges increase of 4.1 per cent in 2005–06 is the lowest of its neighbouring councils. Glen Eira also remains debt-free compared with an average \$11 million debt for surrounding councils.

Despite external funding pressures, Glen Eira has increased spending on much-needed infrastructure and capital works projects, while maintaining lower rates than most of its neighbouring councils and continued the pensioner rebate of \$270.

Council's Chief Executive Officer Andrew Newton said a policy of providing for the community in an efficient and cost-effective manner had driven Glen Eira's financial position.

"In 2005–06, the cost of running day-to-day services for the City will be 15 per cent below the average of neighbouring municipalities," Mr Newton said.

"Externally imposed expenses such as insurance and compliance costs have increased. Despite this, Glen Eira City Council remains a low-cost council."

Neighbouring councils — how Glen Eira compares

Council	Percentage increase for rates and charges	Average rates bill for 2005–06
Bayside City Council	5.5	\$1,109
Boroondara City Council	6.5	\$1,226
Glen Eira City Council	4.1	\$930
Kingston City Council	5.0	\$986
Monash City Council	6.0	\$802
Port Phillip City Council	5.9	\$1,070
Stonnington City Council	4.5	\$1,022
Yarra City Council	5.8	\$1,329

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Making Glen Eira a better place to live is an ongoing priority for Council.

Improving roads, upgrading shopping centres, installing new recreation facilities and redeveloping streetscapes are just part of the City upgrades earmarked for this financial year.

All our residents will benefit from these upgrades, whether walking on the improved footpaths, playing sport at the renovated Princes Park facilities or borrowing books from the soon to be unveiled Carnegie Library and Community Centre. The upgrades are part of extensive capital works projects planned, with \$18.2 million being spent on ensuring our residents have continued access to a high standard of assets and facilities.

This month we see our ward boundary changes take effect with Orrong, Jasper and Mackie now Camden, Rosstown and Tucker. The move divides Glen Eira primarily east-west, rather than north-south. The change follows an electoral review by the Victorian Electoral Commission, which found that an east-west structure would better reflect community interests. Until Council elections in November, residents can still contact the Councillor in their current wards.

Turning to the arts, Council brought together aspiring writers and successful authors for the *My Brother Jack Literary Festival*, with well-known Australian authors participating in a series of writing workshops in Glen Eira. Those handy writing hints will be put to the test with the *2005 Glen Eira City Council Literary Awards* this month. The competition is open to all residents in the City and we encourage budding authors to dust off the word processor and submit a story or poem.

Artistic flair of a different kind has been showcased through the Winter Music Series, which has continued to attract large audiences, bringing talented and diverse musical performers to Glen Eira. Only two concerts remain for the year, if you have the opportunity I encourage you to attend.

I would also like to extend my congratulations on behalf of Council to the students from Glen Huntly Primary School, who collected one million corks to support the Royal Melbourne Zoo's elephant enclosure.

The 260-strong student body spent four years collecting the corks, which fetched \$7,000 before being recycled. Community support played a vital part in the collection, with local businesses and sporting clubs lending a hand in the drive. This community support highlights the close-knit relationships that are the foundation of the City of Glen Eira and why it is such a rewarding place to live.

— Cr Margaret Esakoff
Mayor

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Ward boundary changes

Glen Eira's ward boundaries have changed this month in preparation for the November Council elections.

The Orrong, Jasper and Mackie wards were replaced on 1 August by three new wards — Camden, Rosstown and Tucker — after a recent independent review of the City's electoral structure.

Council's Compliance Co-ordinator Tim Presnell said ward boundaries changed in August so Council could update and prepare voters rolls and property data in time for the upcoming elections.

"Residents will notice the impending ward change listed in the property description section of their new rates notice. The full effect of the change will not be felt until the November elections where Councillors will be elected according to the three new wards," Mr Presnell said.

"Up until the elections, residents can still contact the Councillor representative for the ward they previously fell under — Orrong, Jasper or Mackie."

The ward review, conducted earlier this year, was directed by the Minister for Local Government Candy Broad. It 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.

Mr 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 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," he said.



Ward boundary changes.

"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."

More information is available on Council's website at www.gleneira.vic.gov.au and on VEC's website at www.vec.vic.gov.au

Deadlines

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Recycled corks give elephants a home

Students from Glen Huntly Primary School have collected a record one million corks to support the Royal Melbourne Zoo's elephant enclosure.

The school's 260 students collected more than one million corks over four years, raising \$7,000 to donate to the zoo — and making a significant contribution to recycling.

Parent and cork-athon organiser Cherrill Earls said the children's original target was to collect 25,000 corks.

"We ran a cork counting competition at the school's annual fete a few years ago to raise money for the school, then we passed the corks on to the zoo, which sold them for recycling and kept the money to go towards the elephant enclosure," Ms Earls said.

"The exercise really captured the children's enthusiasm. They had classes on the recycling process and on valuing natural resources. They looked at where cork comes from and what can be made out of recycled cork. They drew posters showing the elephants in their new enclosure.

"Our recycled corks weighed 4.3 tonnes and came from all over Victoria, South Australia and Tasmania. We had lots of community support from restaurants, cafes, supermarkets, sporting clubs, and other local businesses."

The school held a special assembly last month to commemorate the achievement and dedicated the milestone to the Royal Melbourne Zoo's Cork Appeal Co-ordinator, Jim Pearse who recently passed away.



At the assembly, students received thanks from Royal Melbourne Zoo representatives for all their hard work and were presented with a gift — a painting created by the elephants themselves!

From left: Glen Huntly Primary students Lucy, Archib, Lucinda and Lucas celebrate their achievement with Cork-athon organiser Cherrill Earls and Glen Eira Mayor Cr Margaret Esakoff.
Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Safety upgrade for delivered meals workers

Redevelopment works at Council's Delivered Meals and Social Support Centre in Carnegie have made delivering meals safer for staff and volunteers.

Council has recently created off-street parking at the Leila Road centre to enable staff and volunteers of its delivered meals service to safely pack meals into their cars.

Council's Director Community Services Peter Jones said a key task for delivered meals staff and volunteers is loading the vehicles each morning with eskies containing meals that are delivered to frail older people and disabled residents.

"While ample on-street parking is available at the front of the centre, the speed of passing traffic along Leila Road had become a concern," Mr Jones said.

"We excavated the front lawn area at the centre and created parking bays for staff and volunteers away from the road. We also installed advance warning signs at both approaches to the centre to slow motorists down, and recently introduced fluorescent safety vests for workers involved with the service.

"They are now able to drive into the parking bays and safely load and unload their vehicles away from the main thoroughfare.

"Council values the vital contribution that staff and volunteers make to its delivered meals service and it is of utmost importance that its workforce is safe at all times."

Glen Eira green thumbs plant trees

Boyd Park in Murrumbeena received a shot of green after a recent community planting day.

People of all ages braved a cool winter's day to join Council staff in planting 250 indigenous plants in the Kitmont Street section of the park.

Plants included kangaroo grass (*Themeda triandra*), tufted bluebell (*Wahlenbergia communis*) and a native violet (*Viola hederacae*).

Council's Manager Park Services Laurie Unwin said the planting day was part of Council's management plan for Boyd Park.

"Boyd Park contains indigenous and remnant red gums, blackwood and swamp gums and a range of native grasses and plants — the only park in Glen Eira where such vegetation exists," Mr Unwin said.

"We have a plan in place to ensure the protection and improvement of the indigenous landscape so that examples of what the area was like prior to development, remain.

"Council is serious about enhancing the City's parklands and open space for the benefit of the community for many years to come. At the same time, we are making sure that the native environment of the

area is not compromised.

"It's great to see the community's support and efforts in making sure Glen Eira's parks and gardens are maintained. This can only help towards better and ongoing access to beautiful parks and gardens."

More planting days will be scheduled over the next 12 months, depending on suitable planting conditions.

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



From left: Kurt and Aidan get some handy tips on planting from Council's Landscape Crew Officer Norm Muscat.
Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Language line

Κάτι για όλους - η Δημορχία επενδύει στην κοινότητα

Η ανανέωση και αναβάθμιση των κοινοτικών κτιρίων και εγκαταστάσεων φροντίδας ηλικιωμένων και η διαφύλαξη των βασικών υπηρεσιών αποτελούν την κύρια φροντίδα του προϋπολογισμού 2005-06 της Δημορχίας που ψηφίστηκε τον περασμένο μήνα.

Η Δημορχία προορίζει 18,2 εκ δολάρια για κτιριακά έργα την επόμενη χρονιά έχοντας κατά νου την ανάπτυξη της κοινωνικής, οικονομικής και υπηρεσιακής υποδομής του Glen Eira για να αντιμετωπιστούν οι τρέχουσες και μελλοντικές κοινοτικές ανάγκες.

Τα χρήματα θα δαπανηθούν για την παροχή καλύτερων ψυχαγωγικών και αθλητικών εγκαταστάσεων, βελτίωση του αποστραγγιστικού δικτύου, αναβάθμιση των πεζοδρομίων και δρόμων, αναζωογόνηση των εμπορικών περιοχών, κατασκευή νέων εγκαταστάσεων για το κοινό και αύξηση της ασφάλειας και αποτελεσματικότητας των υπαρχόντων κοινοτικών εγκαταστάσεων.

Το 2005-06, η Δημορχία θα αποπερατώσει το μεγαλύτερο και πολυπλοκότερο κτιριακό έργο της - η νέα Βιβλιοθήκη και Κοινοτικό Κέντρο Carnegie. Οι εγκαταστάσεις περιλαμβάνουν νέα βιβλιοθήκη, κτίριο ομάδας παιχνιδιών, παιδική χαρά, χώρο στάθμευσης αυτοκινήτων και κοινοτικό κέντρο.

Ο προϋπολογισμός 2005-06 δίνει περιθώρια αύξησης των συνολικών δημοτικών τελών και χρώσεων κατά 4,1 τοις εκατό - 2,6 τοις εκατό για ίδιες δαπάνες της Δημορχίας και 1,5 τοις εκατό για επιβαλλόμενες δαπάνες όπως αύξηση στις ασφαλιστικές δαπάνες, επιπλέον δαπάνες που θα πληρωθούν στην Πολιτειακή Κυβέρνηση για την Μητροπολιτική Πυροσβεστική Υπηρεσία, επιπρόσθετα έξοδα για επαναξιολόγηση της αξίας ακινήτων στο δήμο, αυξημένα έξοδα για συμμόρφωση με το Νόμο Διαχείρισης Οδικής Κυκλοφορίας και αυξημένα έξοδα για φωτισμό των δρόμων.

人人受益 - 市政府投資於社區

更新和升級社區高齡設施及資產和保障基本服務的安是市政府上個月採用的 2005-06 年度財政預算的重點。

市政府已經為來年的基本工程項目撥款了 \$18.2 百萬，旨在發展 Glen Eira 市政區的社會、經濟和服務等基礎設施，以滿足社區的目前和未來需求。

資金用於方面包括：能提供更好的娛樂和休閒設施；改進排水系統；更新步行小徑和道路；振興商業區；修建新的公共設施；提高現有社區設施的安全和效率。

在 2005-06 年度，市政府將完成其最大最複雜的基本工程 - 新的 Carnegie 圖書館和社區中心。這個設施包括新的圖書館、遊戲小組活動房、兒童遊樂場、停車場及社區中心。

2005-06 年度預算包含總共增加了 4.1% 的市政稅和收費歲入 - 2.6% 用於市政府本身開支；1.5% 用於額外費用，比如附加保險費用、付給州政府的都市消防隊特別費用、重新估價市政區中住房的額外費用、執行《道路管理法 (Road Management Act)》的額外開支、以及街燈的額外開支。

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C'è qualcosa per tutti — Il Comune investe nella comunità

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Il Comune ha infatti stanziato per il prossimo anno 18,2 milioni di dollari per progetti di primaria importanza, con l'obiettivo di sviluppare le infrastrutture economiche e di servizio di Glen Eira per adeguarle alle necessità correnti e future della sua comunità.

I fondi stanziati verranno utilizzati per creare migliori strutture ricreative, per migliorare le esistenti infrastrutture di drenaggio, per rimodernare i marciapiedi e le strade, per rivitalizzare le aree commerciali, per costruire nuove strutture pubbliche e incrementare la sicurezza e l'efficacia delle esistenti strutture ricreative comunali.

Общественные капиталовложения — в интересах всех и каждого

В прошлом месяце муниципалитет принял бюджет на 2005-2006 финансовый год. Главные направления бюджета — обновление и усовершенствование общественного имущества и ресурсов, и обеспечение основных услуг.

Муниципалитет выделил 18,2 миллионов долларов на капитальные работы для развития социальной и экономической инфраструктуры, а также инфраструктуры обслуживания в соответствии с нынешними и будущими потребностями.

Средства будут потрачены на развитие мест отдыха и развлечений, улучшение системы канализации, ремонт и строительство дорог и тротуаров, обновление торговых центров, а также строительство новых и повышение безопасности и эффективности существующих общественных сооружений.

В 2005-2006 финансовом году муниципалитет планирует завершить свой самый большой и сложный капитальный проект — новый общественный центр и библиотеку в Carnegie. В этот комплекс входит новая библиотека, помещение для детей, игровая площадка, место для парковки машин и общественный центр.

Volunteers needed

City of
GLEN EIRA

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

Volunteers are required seven days a week with a flexible choice of days and hours. Petrol reimbursement, training and social contact and support provided. Contact Stefanie on 9576 9748 for further details.

Council also requires volunteers to help staff with clients on outings, the community bus and assist with conducting activities for clients who attend social support programs. For further details contact Angela on 9578 7194.

Nel 2005-06, il Comune completerà uno dei più grandi e più complessi tra i suoi progetti principali - la nuova Biblioteca e Centro Comunitario "Carnegie". La struttura includerà una nuova biblioteca, un edificio per i playgroup, campo giochi, parcheggio e centro comunitario.

Lo stanziamento per il 2005-06 prevede un incremento del 4,1 per cento proveniente dal reddito totale derivato da tasse e tariffe - di cui il 2,6 per cento verrà utilizzato per coprire le spese comunali e l'1,5 per cento sarà devoluto a coprire spese obbligate quali l'incremento dei costi assicurativi, la copertura delle spese sostenute dal Governo Statale per il Servizio Metropolitano Antincendio, i costi addizionali per la rivalutazione delle proprietà all'interno della municipalità, ulteriori spese per venire incontro alle disposizioni della legge per la gestione della rete viaria - Road Management Act -, ed infine ulteriori spese per compensare l'incremento di costi per l'illuminazione stradale.

В бюджете на 2005-2006 финансовый год предусмотрено увеличение муниципальных сборов и налогов на 4,1%. Из них 2,6% — это собственные расходы муниципалитета, а остающиеся 1,5% — внешние расходы, такие как увеличение страховых взносов, дополнительные взносы в бюджет правительства штата на общегородскую противопожарную службу, расходы на проведение новой оценки рыночной стоимости недвижимости в муниципалитете, а также дополнительные расходы на уличное освещение и выполнение требований Закона об обслуживании и управлении дорогами.

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Wednesday 10 August

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Wednesday 14 September

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Stephen puts on a show

"Providing a diverse range of quality art experiences for the community is very rewarding." Stephen Gallagher

If you've ever enjoyed one of Council's *Carols by Candlelight* or *Party in the Park* events, it's partly because of the work of Council's Arts and Culture Events Co-ordinator, Stephen Gallagher.

As part of his role, Stephen puts together local events, programs and workshops for the Glen Eira community to enjoy. Council's *My Brother Jack* literary workshops and awards, *Carols by Candlelight*, the *Winter Music Series* and celebrations such as *Party at Princes* are just some of the projects he has co-ordinated in the two years he has worked with Council.



Performer Mike Jackson gets the crowd up on their feet dancing along to his accordion at last year's *Party in the Park* event.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Drivers get wise

Twenty Glen Eira drivers, with an average age of 70, refreshed their driving skills last month as part of a *Wiser Driver* course at the Bentleigh East Senior Citizens Centre.

The free *Wiser Driver* course, held by Council, VicRoads and Roadsafe Inner South East, focused on changes in road use and laws that have occurred since the drivers got their licences — for some, more than 50 years ago.

The course covered issues such as building confidence and awareness, changes in road rules, upgrading skills, vehicle and driver roadworthiness, handling difficult conditions, planning trips to avoid potential dangers, coping with giving up a drivers licence, and planning for the future.

Council's Manager Public Health Mark Saunders said the course, which has run in Glen Eira for the past three years, provides older people with an opportunity to upgrade their driving skills in a friendly and informal environment.

"Being able to continue driving can be important for

Stephen says the best part of his job is to see people enjoying an event, or the feedback he receives about a particular workshop — their enthusiasm from learning something new or developing a skill.

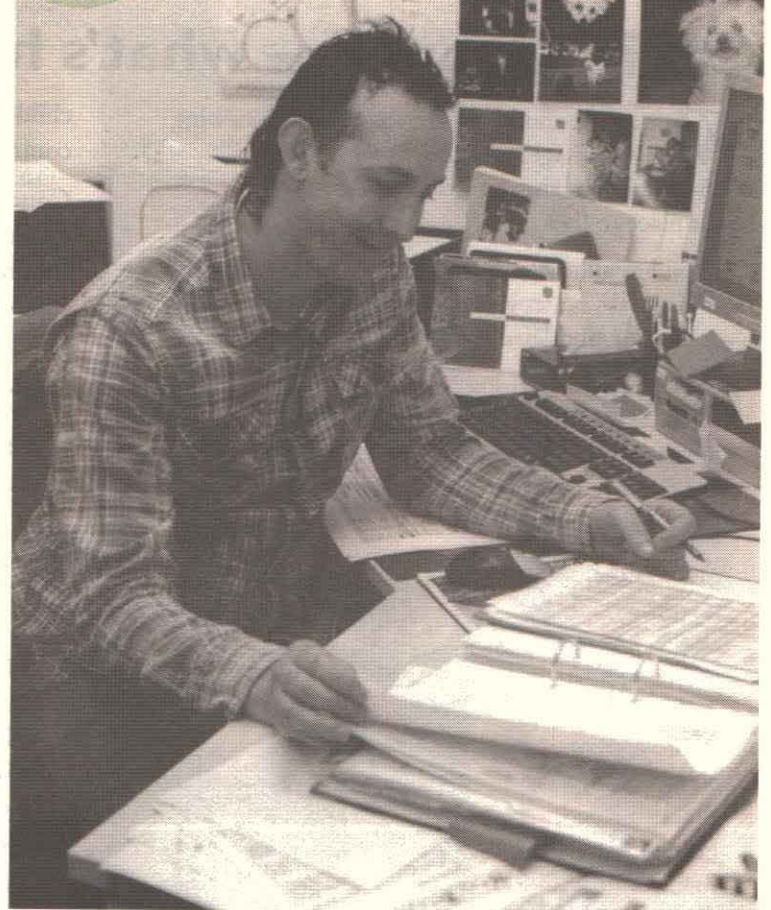
"I really enjoy talking to people and finding the secret talents hidden in the community. I often hear of talented performers through word of mouth, who we then invite to take part in events," Stephen said.

"It is really important to get the community involved, not only as spectators but as performers. Involving local primary and secondary schools, such as a school choir, gives young people a platform to showcase their talents to an audience outside their school.

"Large scale events, such as a *Party in the Park*, may take anywhere from three to six months to plan and put together. To see the community enjoying the event after all those months of preparation makes it really rewarding," he said.

"Arts and culture are crucial parts of our society for creative development and new thoughts. Council's localised program is accessible to people of all ages and abilities."

On the job with an
Arts and Culture
Events Co-ordinator



Council's Arts and Culture Events Co-ordinator, Stephen Gallagher puts thoughts to paper in preparation for a forthcoming community event.

Photo: Rob Churchus.

Drainage — what can you do?

Each year, Council maintains almost 360 kilometres of drains and 12,000 drainage pits throughout Glen Eira.

Most of the time, residents are blissfully unaware of these drains, as Council cleans, repairs, upgrades and replaces them as needed to ensure stormwater is discharged effectively throughout the City.

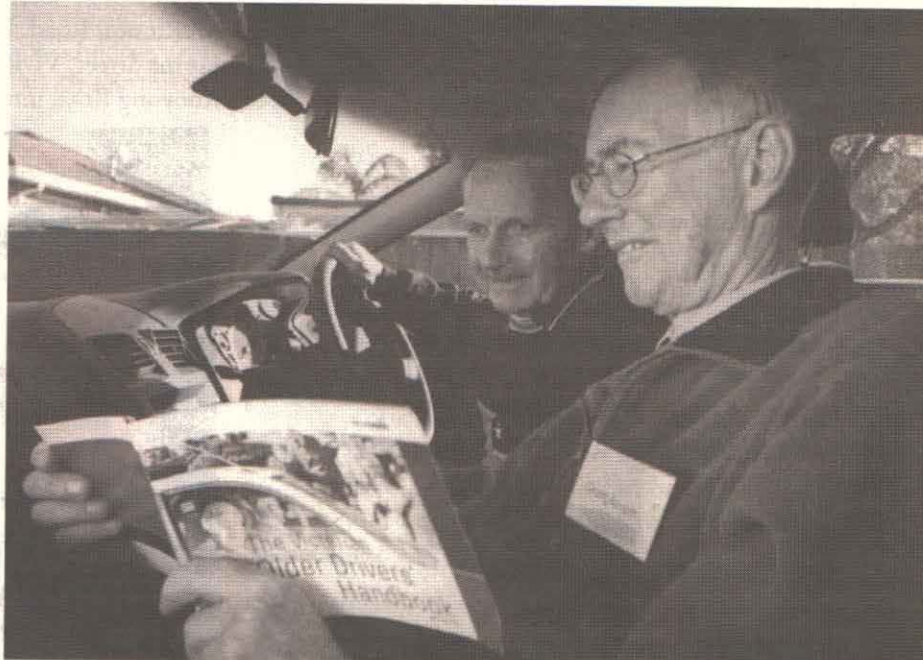
But this network also includes a large number of (easement) drains along rear and side property fences where the fall of the land prevents the flow of stormwater. Properties with easement drains often also have an access pit covered by a square concrete pit lid.

From time to time, Council needs to remove blockages such as tree roots, built-up silt or rubbish from these easement drains. In these instances, residents can help by providing access to the rear of their property and ensuring the access pit is easy to locate.

If your property has a drainage easement and/or a concrete pit lid, please:

- don't plant large trees directly over the easement drain;
- don't bury or remove the access pit (a small removable potted plant may be a better alternative to disguise a pit lid if necessary);
- don't build a structure over the easement or pit; and
- keep access to the pit clear.

These simple actions can help Council keep the stormwater drains clear and the City's environment clean.



Facilitator Geoff Arnott (holding booklet) gives some handy driving tips to course participant Bill Dickson. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

2005-06 Budget — investing in Glen Eira's future

Capital works — what's happening in the City

With a focus on improving assets and renewing the City's ageing infrastructure, Council's 2005-06 budget aims to make Glen Eira an even better place to live.

Council has allocated \$18.2 million for capital works this financial year, covering all aspects of community life — recreation and leisure, shopping centres, the care of

children, youth and elderly and disabled people, community activity and roads, drains and footpaths.

Council's Chief Executive Officer Andrew Newton said all sectors of the community would benefit from a push towards improving facilities for current and future Glen Eira residents.

"Many of the proposed capital works projects have been set after extensive community consultation, surveys of facility use and analysis of anticipated needs, given the City's current economic and population growth rates," Mr Newton said.

Some of the projects planned for 2005-06 are outlined below.

Roads, drains and footpaths

- Replacing more than 27 kilometres of footpaths across the City — **\$1.38 million.**

- Road improvement projects including replacing kerb and channel, asphalt overlays and drainage improvements along sections of Bracken Road, Fernhill Road and Banksia Road, Caulfield South; Riddell Parade, Brentani Avenue and Denver Crescent, Elsternwick; Curraweena Road, Bundeera Road and Takapuna Road, Caulfield South; Marma Road and Murrumbeena Crescent, Murrumbeena; Tennis Grove and Orrong Road, Caulfield North; and Wild Cherry Road, Ormond — **\$3.9 million including \$256,000 from the Federal Government's Roads to Recovery program.**

- Upgrading the capacity of the City's existing drainage network with drainage improvement works along sections of Kambrook Road, Caulfield; Toward Street and Hobart Road in Murrumbeena; Rosanna Street, Carnegie; Mackay Avenue, Glen Huntly; and easement works at Fairfield Grove, Bentleigh — **\$1.2 million.**



Community services

- Internal upgrade works at Rosstown Community aged care facility in Murrumbeena — **\$67,000.**
- Laundry and kitchen upgrades at Council's aged care facilities, Rosstown Community in Murrumbeena and Warrawee Community in Bentleigh East — **\$64,000.**
- Upgrades to building and grounds to meet occupational health and safety standards at Council's Delivered Meals and Social Support Centre in Carnegie — **\$43,000.**
- Safe lift program implementation for aged care staff at Rosstown, Warrawee and Spurway — **\$123,000.**
- Upgrades to security systems for aged care facilities at Rosstown, Warrawee and Spurway — **\$30,000.**

- Improvements to children's centres including shade sails, entrance security and essential equipment upgrades at Caulfield and Elsternwick — **\$92,000.**
- Upgrading maternal and child health centres (MCH) to improve functionality and service requirements including reconfiguration of the Brady Road centre and extensions to Bentleigh MCH centre — **\$325,000.**
- Funding for Carnegie Child Care Centre remediation and playground works.



Recreation and leisure

- Implementing off-road bicycle and pedestrian paths following consultation with VicTrack — **\$280,000.**
- Replacement cricket nets for Bailey Reserve in Bentleigh East, Victory Park in Bentleigh, Lord Reserve in Carnegie and King George VI Reserve in Bentleigh East, including pathway works — **\$272,000.**
- Installing bike stands for Centenary Park in Bentleigh East, Victory Park in Bentleigh, Packer Park in Carnegie and Princes Park in Caulfield South — **\$5,000.**

- Installing a new screen safety fence for Victory Park, Bentleigh — **\$18,000.**
- Upgrades of equipment to meet occupational health and safety standards and operational requirements at Bentleigh East Swim Centre in Bentleigh and Caulfield Swim Centre in Carnegie and other maintenance works — **\$400,000.**
- Installing training lights for sportsgrounds at Lord Reserve in Carnegie, EE Gunn Reserve in Ormond, Centenary Park in Bentleigh, Victory Park in Bentleigh, Packer Park Velodrome in Carnegie, Princes Park in Caulfield South and Moorleigh Reserve in Bentleigh East — **\$450,000.**



Parks

- Continuation of the master plan redevelopment at Princes Park, Caulfield South, including landscaping, park furniture, sportsground lighting, park lighting, cricket nets and car park works in conjunction with pavilion building works — **\$160,000** in 2005-06.
- Sportsground surface reshaping including drainage and irrigation upgrades for Duncan Mackinnon Reserve, Murrumbeena, at Ovals 1 and 2 — **\$400,000.**



- Design works for sports ground reshaping, including drainage and irrigation at Murrumbeena Park in Murrumbeena — **\$30,000.**
- Design and documentation for master plan implementation at Joyce Park in Ormond — **\$77,000.**
- Upgrade of surface drainage around Oval 1 at King George VI Reserve in Bentleigh East — **\$52,000.**
- Automated public toilets for EE Gunn Reserve in Ormond, Joyce Park in Ormond and Glen Huntly Reserve in Glen Huntly — **\$230,000.**
- Installing irrigation sensors for sports grounds to improve water efficiency — **\$140,000.**
- Sports ground resurfacing at Caulfield Park (Oval 2) in Caulfield, Bailey Reserve (Oval 2) in Bentleigh East and McKinnon Reserve (Oval 1) in McKinnon — **\$132,000.**
- Miscellaneous park furniture upgrades at various parks and reserves throughout the City — **\$50,000.**

Traffic engineering works

- Implementing traffic control devices to improve vehicle and pedestrian road safety following investigation and consultation. Works proposed along sections of McKinnon Road, Patterson Road, Neerim Road, Horne Street, Vivien Street and Gardenvale and Kooyong Road intersections — **\$165,000.**



Major facilities

- Completing construction on the \$10.4 million Carnegie Library and Community Centre in Carnegie which will link Council and community services as part of an urban village development — **\$1.8 million** in 2005-06.
- Undertaking a feasibility study to look at providing a modern indoor recreation centre with facilities for young people to replace the current outdated Caulfield Recreation Centre in Caulfield South — **\$100,000.**
- Continued project implementation of a replacement soccer pavilion and major renovations to the DC Bricker pavilion at Princes Park, Caulfield South in line with the master plan following community consultation — **\$2.2 million** total budget.
- Design of a new pavilion to replace the existing hexagonal pavilion at Caulfield Park, Caulfield North — **\$135,000.**
- Upgraded automated public toilet facilities at Bentleigh Library — **\$275,000.**

Shopping centres

- Upgrades to shopping centres, including footpaths and street furniture, throughout the City. Works are planned for Caulfield North, Gardenvale, Bentleigh, McKinnon, Carnegie and Murrumbeena — **\$595,000.**
- Upgrades to footpaths and street furniture, as part of the Bentleigh Shopping Centre redevelopment, in Centre Road, Bentleigh — **\$1.7 million.**



Playgrounds

- New playground shade structures for Halley Park in Bentleigh, including pathway safety works — **\$102,000.**
- Upgrade works at the Park Crescent end of Caulfield Park in Caulfield, including picnic facilities and leisure infrastructure to complement the new playground — **\$88,000.**
- New playground equipment at Victory Park in Bentleigh and Centenary Park in Bentleigh East — **\$115,000.**



2005-06 budget — at a glance

Rates

Rates and charges in Glen Eira are increasing by an average of 4.1 per cent. This is made up of:

- 2.6 per cent for Council's own costs; and
- 1.5 per cent for costs which have been imposed on Council including:
 - \$170,000 increase in insurance costs;
 - \$150,000 increased costs for street lighting;
 - \$93,000 increased costs to comply with the Road Management Act;
 - \$242,000 additional costs for revaluing properties in the municipality; and
 - \$133,000 increased cost of funding the Metropolitan Fire Brigade (this levy has increased by 94 per cent since 1999-2000)

Charges

The waste and recycling charges are increasing to

- 240 litre bin \$129.80 (\$125.50 in 2004-05); and
- 120 litre bin \$118.50 (\$115.50 in 2004-05).

How Glen Eira compares

In comparison to neighbouring municipalities:

- Glen Eira's average rates and charges are 12 per cent below the average;
- Glen Eira's cost of day-to-day services is 15 per cent lower than the average; and
- Glen Eira is debt-free compared with average debt of \$11 million.

Rebate

The Glen Eira pensioner rebate remains at \$270.

Ratepayer dollars at work

Rates are a necessary part of community life and the revenue raised goes towards an important end — providing vital services and maintaining facilities for day-to-day living in Glen Eira.

From every \$100 raised through rates, Council spends \$27.58 on capital works to renew and upgrade community facilities and assets.

On top of this, \$9.49 goes towards funding the maintenance of community roads, drains, footpaths and buildings.

A further \$17.55 is spent on parks and recreation; \$7.60 on home care, the delivered meals service and other aged care programs; \$5.84 on family, children and maternal and child health services; and \$8.60 on providing library and information services.

Funds also go towards collecting rubbish, recycling materials and other waste, immunisation, checking the safety at swimming pools and the hygiene of food shops, operating school crossings, providing street lighting and managing aged care facilities.

Council's Chief Executive Officer Andrew Newton said on average, each Glen Eira household would pay \$907 in 2005-06 for rates and waste management services — the equivalent of just \$17 per week in return for the multitude of services Council provides.

"That's about the same as the average home phone bill and the same as the average person pays in tax on their petrol each week," Mr Newton said.

How every \$100 of your rates is spent

Capital works	\$27.58
Roads, drains and building maintenance	\$9.49
Metropolitan Fire Brigade levy	\$3.54
Street lighting	\$2.03
Waste management	\$0.69
Statutory planning	\$2.57
Town planning strategy development	\$1.95
School crossing safety	\$0.67
Environmental health	\$1.19
Building control	\$0.85
Traffic engineering	\$0.84
Local laws	\$0.05
Park and recreation services	\$17.55
Bentleigh East Swim Centre	\$0.89
Caulfield Swim Centre	\$0.99
Libraries	\$8.60
Senior citizens centres	\$0.91
Older adults programs	\$0.28
Residential aged facilities	\$4.16
Aged care programs	\$7.60
Family and children's services	\$3.41
Maternal and child health	\$2.43
Cultural services	\$1.73
Total:	\$100.00

Business

Businesses profit from working together

Three Elsternwick traders successfully joined forces for profit by promoting their businesses together.

With help from Council's *Mentor Partners* program, Fussi Clothing and Accessories, Blow Hair Art and the Sidewalk-Bar Restaurant in Riddell Parade, Elsternwick, recently held a combined promotional morning including discounted clothing, free blow waves and special menus.

The promotion was put together with the assistance of *Mentor Partners* program volunteer and business mentor Syd Travitz, who said the marketing exercise out-performed the traders' expectations.

"The businesses were overwhelmed with the success of the promotion, we generated huge support from the public," Mr Travitz said.

"The three businesses are just off the busy main street, Glenhuntly Road. The promotion aimed to get people to come around the corner and see what these businesses have to offer.

"We gave out fliers and had signs and an audio promotion. The businesses took more profit than they expected by working together and when the promotion was over, they asked when they could do it again!"

Mr Travitz and Fussi Clothing and Accessories business

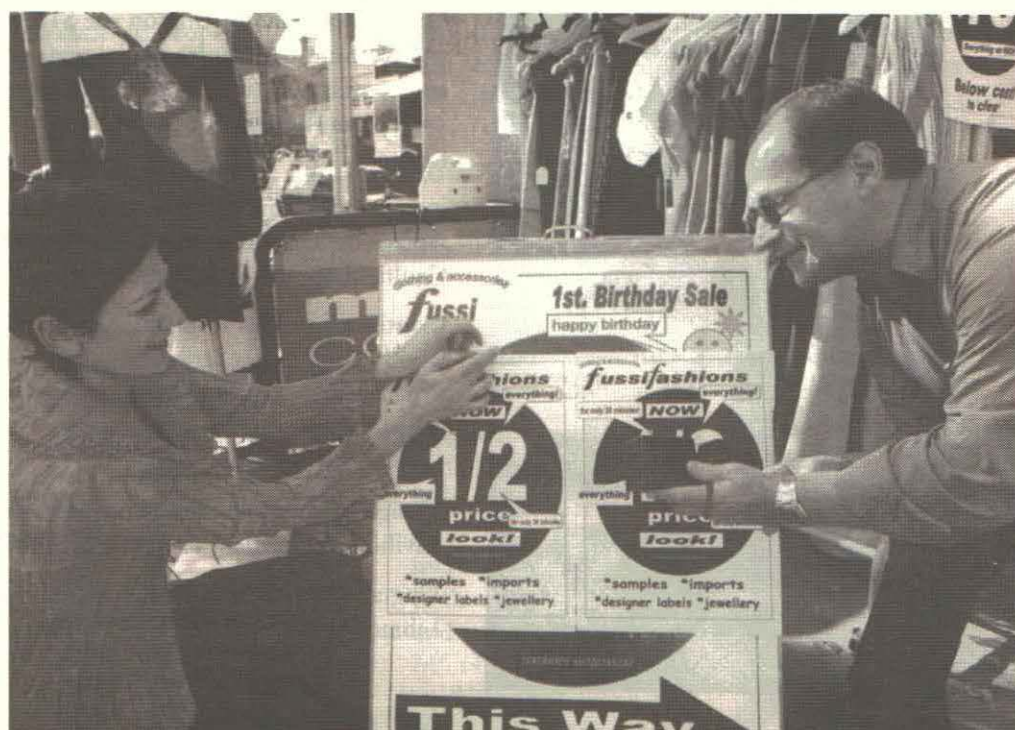
owner Noyemzar Tasci work together as part of Council's *Mentor Partner* program.

"We saw an opportunity where we could utilise the two businesses on either side of Noyemzar's store so they would draw from each other," Mr Travitz said.

"They had their very own shopping centre campaign, and it worked."

Glen Eira and Kingston City Council's *Mentor Partners* program is a volunteer program to help local businesses by matching a volunteer mentor with a local business to provide advice and support.

The service is available to businesses operating for more than 12 months in either Glen Eira or Kingston.



From left: Fussi Clothing and Accessories business owner Noyemzar Tasci and volunteer mentor Syd Travitz working together.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

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

What's coming up in business

Understanding super choice and changes to the super guarantee fund

Presented by the Australian Tax office (ATO), this seminar provides information on the changes to superannuation laws introduced by the Federal Government.

The seminar will provide information on:

- making better superannuation choices;
- finding extra help and information; and
- the ATO's position on self-managed superannuation funds.

When: Tuesday 23 August (6pm arrival).

Time: 6.30pm to 8.30pm.

Cost: \$10 (includes light supper on arrival).

Women's access to finance program Understanding financial statements

Council, with the State Government, will hold a workshop to assist small business operators to better understand their business financial statements.

When: Tuesday 30 August 9am-2pm.

Cost: \$40 (includes lunch). Bookings essential.

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

Coming up next month

Commercial property seminar and luncheon

Presented by the Australian Tax Office, this free seminar for commercial property owners will cover tax

issues relevant to owning and maintaining a commercial property.

When: Friday 2 September (9.15am arrival).

Time: 9.30am to 12pm.

Where: Theatre, Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield. Tea and coffee will be provided. Bookings essential.

Commercial property business luncheon The changing face of Glen Eira's population and what it means to property owners and retail

This inaugural luncheon, aimed at commercial property owners, developers and real estate agents, will provide an insight into likely future competitive pressures, an understanding of pending demographic changes, what this means for property owners and retailers and what strategies can secure opportunities.

Key note speaker Nerida Conisbee, Associate Director of Research at Jones Lang LaSalle, will discuss her experience with property research.

Strategic steps toward creating certainty

Making investment and development decisions can be a mine field at the best of times. Council has developed a package of planning policies which help take some of the guesswork out of developing in Glen Eira — giving certainty to developers, applicants, traders and residents alike. Council's Manager Strategic Planning Jason Close will give an outline of future policy directions affecting major commercial centres.

Working as one community

Find out what is happening on the street and what the special rate program is doing for Elsternwick's

commercial centre. Hear about how retailers and property owners can work together strategically to make a stronger, economically viable centre offering certainty for property owners, retailers and consumers.

Presented by Elsternwick MainStreet Committee President Gary Eaton and Elsternwick MainStreet Co-ordinator Alison Doherty.

When: Friday 2 September (12.15pm arrival).

Time: 12.30pm to 2.30pm.

Where: Auditorium, Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield.

Cost: \$25 (includes lunch and glass of wine).

Under new management program — buying a franchise

Council, and the Victorian Government are working together to help potential business owners make more informed business decisions.

Workshop includes:

- a three-and-a half hour signing a retail lease workshop with an experienced facilitator;
- workbook of information and useful contacts;
- one-on-one business counselling session; and
- access to online information and publications.

When: Wednesday 7 September, 6pm (supper on arrival).

Time: 6.20pm to 9.30pm.

Where: Caulfield Cup Room, Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield. Limited numbers, bookings essential.

Cost: \$30.

Library

Creepy crawlies at Bentleigh Library

By Anna McGibbon

What's yellow and black and flies around all day? A bee? Well, yes, but not quite — this yellow and black creature was Michael from Starfish who entertained children at Council's Bentleigh Library for the *Holiday Mania* program, *Creepy Crawlies*.

More than 40 children packed into the library to enjoy the interactive show about all things creepy and crawly dancing and singing songs about insects, spiders, bees and butterflies.

Children aged between 4 and 10 were amazed, if a little scared, by stories about the stages of a bee's life. But they bravely acted out the bee's life cycle and competed to be named Queen Bee.

Carnegie resident Kim Couper-Johnstone said she had seen the show advertised at the library and thought it would be a fun day out for her two children Floyd and Nell.

"We were at a *Storytime* session when I saw the show advertised and because the holiday shows have a

reputation for selling out, we quickly purchased tickets," she said.

"The shows the library put on are really interesting and the kids really enjoy them. It gives them something fun and educational to do during the holidays," Kim said.

The *Creepy Crawlies* show was part of Council's popular *Holiday Mania* program that included three shows and which more than 200 Glen Eira children attended. The program is held at all Council libraries during school term breaks.



From left: Starfish entertainers Michael Szuc and Avis Usmani with four-year-old Declan Long after their performance at the school holiday program. Photo: Anna McGibbon.

What's on at Council's libraries

Reader's reward

Glen Eira resident and mother of three Gail Flavell was the proud winner of an entertainment package as part of Council's popular *Reader's Reward* program which finished last month.

Gail won a family entertainment pack, including books, magazines, CDs, DVDs and games.

"I'm very excited about winning the prizes. I'm quite surprised because I never win anything," she said.

"We were at Bentleigh Library and saw the competition and entered. We usually come to the library most weeks — the kids love to borrow books and videos.

"It's a great competition, particularly for people who regularly use the library. All the libraries are great, very friendly and easy to use," Gail said.



Gail Flavell will keep her two sons amused for a long time with their *Reader's Reward* prize pack. Photo: Anna McGibbon.

The program rewarded Glen Eira library card holders borrowing five items or more during any one visit. On each visit participants' reward cards were stamped and on their third and sixth visits, were eligible to enter the draw for the family entertainment package.

The *Reader's Reward* program was so successful (more than 2,200 people registered) that Council is considering running the program again.

Reading rocks! Children's Book Week

Children attending Council's *Storytime* sessions will discover that reading rocks when Council's libraries celebrate Children's Book Week from Saturday 20 August until Friday 26 August.

Reading rocks! is the theme for this year and all *Storytime* sessions will include songs, stories and craft activities based on a selection of books which have been nominated for *Picture Book of the Year* awards.

As part of the celebrations, Council's libraries will hold the popular *Meet the Author* series specifically for local primary schools.

Television personality and author Andrew Daddo will talk to local students about his children's books while author and illustrator Sally Rippin will introduce younger students to the skills of creating a story.

Council's Manager Library and Information Services Sue Webster said the *Meet the Author* sessions give students an opportunity to meet a published author.

"Students learn first-hand the creative methods used to develop a story, and discover the challenges in getting a book published," Ms Webster said.

"The series has been extremely popular with local students."

Books nominated for the 2005 *Children's Book of the Year* are available in Council's libraries.

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
Proposed changes to local laws on building sites	Consultation via invitation to submit written comments	Monday 4 July until Monday 15 August	Glen Eira City Council PO BOX 42 Caulfield South 3162

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

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

Community diary

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. Bookings essential. Contact: 9578 9955.

Community Information Glen Eira seeks volunteers to assist at its local community information centre. Contact: Laurel 9524 3200.

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

Events

Parents from Carnegie Children's Centre will hold a winter concert featuring Mister Whiskers at Packer Park Hall, Leila Road, Carnegie on Sunday 21 August at 10.30am. Cost: \$9. Contact: Clare 0414 438 846.

Coatesville Uniting Church will hold a concert and workshop with children's entertainers Suzie and Phil Davies-Splitter at Coatesville Uniting Church, corner North and Mackie Roads, Bentleigh East on Sunday 21 August at 2.30pm. Cost: \$10/\$7/\$30 (includes afternoon tea). Contact: 9570 6632.

Glen Eira City Choir presents Prince Igor and choral works at its spring concert at Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield on Saturday 3 September at 2.30pm. Cost: \$20/\$18. Contact: 9598 6501.

Jewish Holocaust Museum will hold a temporary exhibition titled *Bittersweet Freedom: Memories of Liberation 1944-45* at 15 Selwyn Street, Elsternwick until 30 September. Contact: 9528 1985.

Music Lovers' Society will hold a concert at St Paul's Anglican Church, 530 Dandenong Road, Caulfield North on Saturday 20 August at 8pm. Visitors and new members welcome. Cost: \$15, \$9 pensioners, and \$6 students. Contact: 9571 0850 or 9822 7292.

Southern Suburbs Orchard Society will hold a spring show at NG Wishart Senior Citizens Hall, 964 Nepean Highway, Moorabbin on Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 September from 10am to 4pm. Contact: Michael 9571 1880.

St Agnes Anglican Church will hold a concert titled *Nothing Fixed or Final* by Franciscus Henri at St Agnes Anglican Church, 114 Booran Road, Glen Huntly on Sunday 14 August at 4pm. Cost: \$15/\$12. Contact: 9348 7450.

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 Ladies Probus Club meets at the Gladys Machin Hall, Cedar Street, South Caulfield on the third Thursday of each month at 10am. Visitors welcome. Contact: Margaret 9563 1482.

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.

Glen Huntly Combined Playgroup holds playgroup sessions for children aged 0-5 years at the Glen Huntly Maternal and Child Health Centre, corner Royal and Rosedale Avenues, Glen Huntly, on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10am. Contact: Stephanie 9571 8125.

Glen Eira News photos

Have you been photographed at a Glen Eira City Council event and would like a copy of the photo?

Photos that are published in the *Glen Eira News* are now available for sale by contacting Anna on 9524 3333.

Community consultation — Municipal Early Years Plan

Council will hold a public consultation forum to help develop a three year Municipal Early Years Plan (MEYP) for Glen Eira.

The forum will be held on Wednesday 17 August, from 7.30pm to 9.30pm in the Caulfield Cup Room, Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield. Families attending will have the opportunity to discuss their needs and any issues that impact on their health and wellbeing. Feedback from the forum will assist Council to develop the plan.

The plan will aim to improve the planning and delivery of services and health and wellbeing outcomes for families and children aged 0-6 years.

Caulfield South BUG's will hold a meeting at lower hall St Catherine's Anglican Church, 406 Kooyong Road, Caulfield South on Wednesday 24 August at 7.30pm. Contact: Stephen 0412 267 437.

Murrumbeena Bowls Club will hold its winter social bowls season at 10 Blackwood Street, Carnegie on Thursdays and Saturdays at 12.30pm. 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.

Ormond Club meets at Ormond Uniting Church, corner North and Booran Roads, Ormond on every Tuesday for social badminton from 8pm to 10.30pm. All ages welcome. Contact: 9578 1947.

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

Deadline for next Community diary is Wednesday 10 August for delivery 2-4 September.

Immunisation sessions August

Murrumbeena Baptist Church
44 Murrumbeena Road, Murrumbeena
Monday 8 August 10am-11am

Glen Eira Town Hall (entry via Glen Eira Road)
Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield
Tuesday 9 August 9.30am-10.15am

Packer Park
Leila Road, Carnegie
Monday 15 August 10am-11am

Bentleigh-Bayside Community Health Service
Gardeners Road, Bentleigh East
Wednesday 17 August 6pm-7pm
Saturday 27 August 9.30am-10.30am

Glen Huntly Maternal and Child Health Centre
Corner Royal and Rosedale Avenues, Glen Huntly
Wednesday 24 August 9.30am-11am

September

McKinnon Public Hall
118 McKinnon Road, McKinnon
Monday 5 September 10am-11am



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Workshops go off with a bang

Budding Glen Eira writers rubbed shoulders with successful authors, got some handy tips and fine-tuned their skills during a series of recent writing workshops.

Well-known Australian authors Meg Mundell, Jane Sullivan, Paddy O'Reilly, Sandra Shotlander, Archimede Fusillo, alicia sometimes, and Arnold Zable participated in five workshops in June and July in the lead up to the 2005 Glen Eira City Council Literary Awards.

Melbourne playwright and teacher Sandra Shotlander started the series with a workshop helping writers find their own voice, imagery and language. Author Arnold Zable discussed developing the necessary skills for good short story writing.

Writer Archie Fusillo offered students some ready-to-apply approaches through a series of practical exercises.

The *What makes a winner?* workshop, with past literary award judges and winners, focused on what makes short fiction appealing to judges and some common pitfalls for contestants.

The writing workshops were sponsored by Sunflower Bookshop and the Baha'i Community.

Get creative — enter the 2005 Glen Eira City Council Literary Awards

Entries for the 2005 Glen Eira City Council Literary Awards close on Monday 15 August. With more than \$2,500 in prizes up for grabs, writers who live, study or work in Glen Eira are invited to enter. Prize winning stories and poems will be published on Council's website and winners will receive awards at two presentation evenings to be held in October. The local competition offers prizes for short stories and poetry under the following categories.

Sunflower Bookshop Short Story Award

3,000 word limit
First prize \$500, second prize \$300, third prize \$200
Entry fee: \$10 per entry
Judge: Cate Kennedy

Poetry Award

60 line limit
First prize \$400, second prize \$200, third prize \$100
Entry fee: \$10 per entry
Judge: John Mateer

Youth Short Story Award

Age group: 15–21 years, 3,000 word limit
First prize \$200, second prize \$100, third prize \$50
Entry fee: \$8 per entry
Judge: Cate Kennedy

Youth Poetry Award

Age group: 15–21 years, 50 line limit
First prize \$200, second prize \$100, third prize \$50
Entry fee: \$8 per entry
Judge: John Mateer

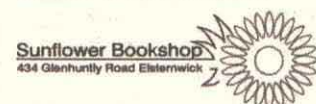
Baha'i Junior Short Story Award

Age group: 10–14 years, 2,000 word limit
First prize \$50, second prize \$25
Judge: Hazel Edwards
No entry fee required.
Maximum three entries per entrant.

Baha'i Junior Poetry Award

Age group: 10–14 years, 40 line limit
First prize \$50, second prize \$25
Judge: Hazel Edwards
No entry fee required.
Maximum three entries per entrant

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



Winter music warms Glen Eira

Council's Winter Music Series comes to a close this month with two final concerts featuring amazing jazz vocals and swinging tunes to get rid of any winter blues.

Alison Wedding Quintet

Sunday 14 August 2.30pm–4.30pm



Alison Wedding

Influenced by jazz greats such as Ella Fitzgerald and Sarah Vaughan, Alison Wedding performs classic jazz standards such as Irving Berlin's *What'll I Do*. Alison is renowned for her sultry jazz and takes on pop favourites like Lennon and McCartney's *And I Love Him* and Police's *Message in a Bottle*.

Alison's unique vocals have entrenched her as one of Australia's best jazz artists.

JW Swing Orchestra

Sunday 28 August 2.30pm–4.30pm

Council's final Winter Music Series concert is 19-piece swing band JW Swing Orchestra performing the big sounds of the 1930s to 1950s — classic Glenn Miller, Benny Goodman, Artie Shaw, and Duke Ellington, among others. Dance and jive to the best swing orchestra in Melbourne.

Both Alison Wedding Quintet and JW Swing Orchestra will perform in the Auditorium in cabaret-style concerts with a licensed bar. Tickets: \$25 full and \$21 concession. Tickets are available in person from Council's Service Centre from Monday to Friday 8.30am to 5pm or by phoning 9524 3333.

Book and pay for tickets in advance and receive a 10 per cent discount.



JW Swing Orchestra

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

Twenty Melbourne Painters: 87th annual exhibition

Continues to Sunday 7 August

Art group Twenty Melbourne Painters was established in 1910 by prominent artist Alice Bale whose legacy supports the continuation of realist portraiture through the Alice Bale Art Award.

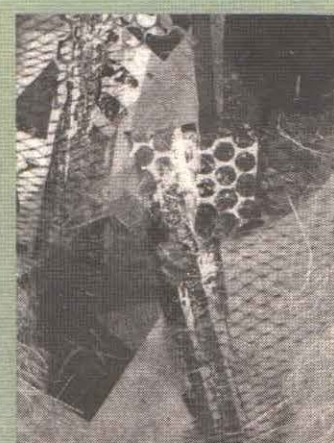
Following the success of last year's exhibition, artists and patrons can look forward to another exhibition of fine art reflecting the high standards of craftsmanship in traditional realism promoted by this group.

European song lines: collage, painting, mixed media and digital works by Annemarie Szeleczky

Opens Thursday 11 August to Sunday 28 August

Paint on paper became too restrictive for Annemarie Szeleczky, so she expanded her technique to develop collage kinetics — a unique process of transforming everyday materials through digital techniques and collage.

Annemarie's works have become a representation and creative interpretation of her past and present song lines — her own personal history.



Mellow Yellow and Seascape by Annemarie Szeleczky

Stefan Twaine-Wood and Mara Morell

Opens Wednesday 10 August to Sunday 28 August

The body of work developed by Glen Eira artists Stefan Twaine-Wood and Mara Morell over the past two years incorporates universal concepts while retaining a feeling of personal introspection.



Untitled by Stefan Twaine-Wood

Mara's work is an examination of the self and reflects her relationship with nature — particularly her horses and their physical and emotional influence on her life. Stefan deals with concepts of past, present, future, perception and reality overlaying and interacting multi-faceted images.

Recreation

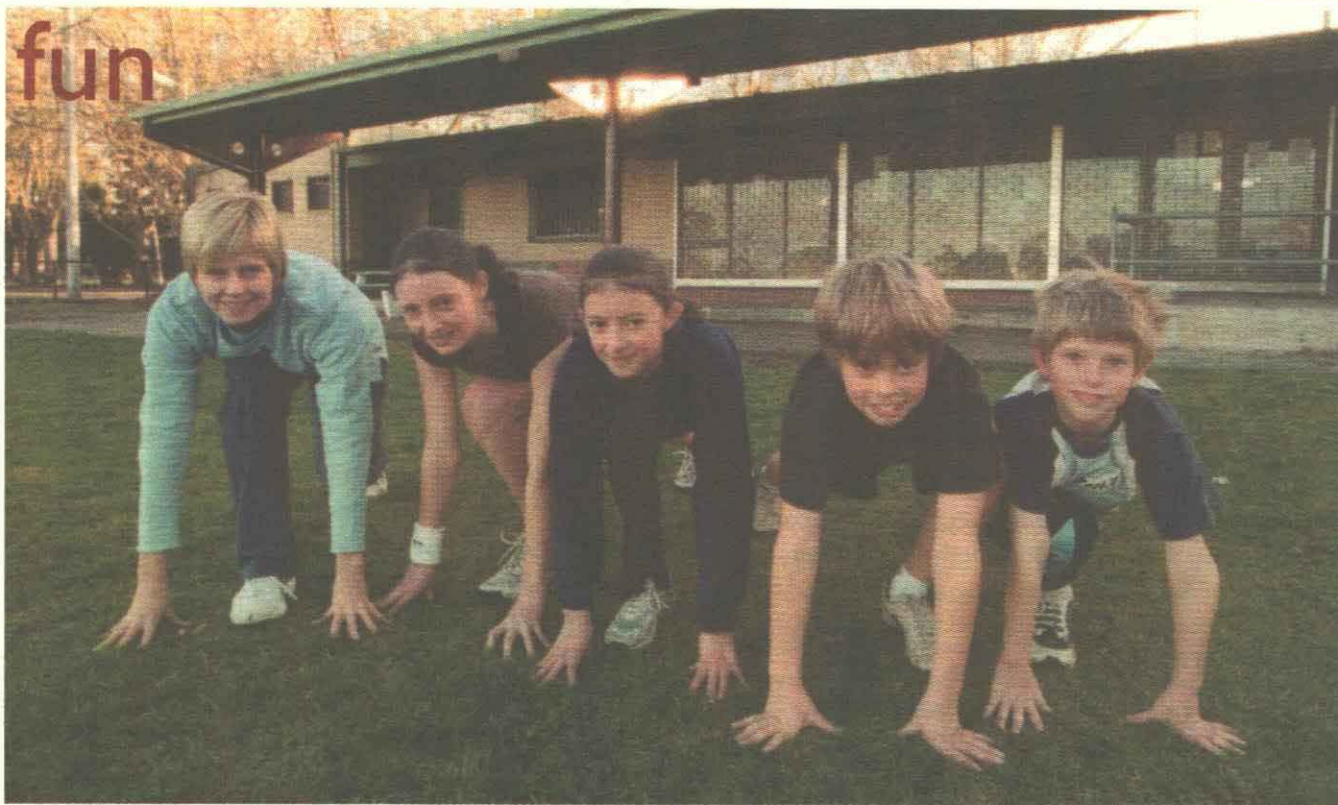
Join in on the fun with a run

Glen Eira residents are invited to get into the spirit of the upcoming Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games by joining in a community fun run and gala sports day in November.

As part of the countdown to the games, Council, in partnership with Caulfield Cricket Club, will hold a *Warming up for the Games* celebration at Caulfield Park on Sunday 20 November.

The free celebration will begin with a community fun run and walk around Caulfield Park followed by sporting activities, entertainment, a sausage sizzle and amusement rides that will provide hours of fun for residents of all ages to enjoy.

Glen Eira residents are invited to mark Sunday 20 November on their calendar as a day of fun, games and festivities. Further details will be published in upcoming editions of the *Glen Eira News*.



From left: Bentleigh residents Debra, Prahnee, Claire, Jackson and Harrison start training for the forthcoming fun run.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Recreation news in brief

New guide makes cycling a breeze

Bike enthusiasts now have a handy guide to keep with them on their cycling adventures — Council's new *On your bike!* cycling guide.



The guide includes information about on-road and off-road bike paths, places of interest, safe cycling tips and a detailed map of the City including bike routes.

Glen Eira has a great range of bike paths to suit all ages and abilities, from experienced cyclists through to families, children and novice

riders. The City's flat landscape and closely-spaced grid of streets is perfect for a well-connected network of on-road and off-road paths.

Glen Eira's bicycle network has been developed as part of Council's *Glen Eira Strategic Bicycle Plan 2000*. The strategy was developed following extensive community consultation with residents, the Glen Eira Bicycle Users Group and Bicycle Victoria. A copy of the strategy is available at www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

With the *On your bike!* cycling guide in hand, Glen Eira residents can dust off their bikes and enjoy fun and fitness as they explore all that Glen Eira has to offer.

For a free copy of the guide, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

Venues for hire

A range of Council facilities, located throughout Glen Eira, are available for family reunions, birthday parties, weddings, conferences, exhibitions, anniversaries or special events. The facilities range in size and are comfortable.

Council also has rotundas situated in picturesque park settings for hire for a wedding or special event. For a free brochure or more information contact Council's Service Centre on 9425 3333 or visit Council's website at www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

Youth What's happening for young people

Make a difference for young people

Aged 15 to 19? Able to commit a couple of hours each week and want to learn new skills and help develop programs? If the answer is yes, then *Just Youth* is just right!

Council's *Just Youth* leadership and projects group is well under way with participants attending training on first aid, peer support, public speaking, communication, problem solving and conflict resolution.

The group will start to plan exciting community events in the coming weeks and needs more young people to join in on the preparations.

Participants will have the opportunity to gain skills in developing programs and events specifically for other young people in the area and will receive training that will enhance life opportunities and future employment options.



To get involved or find out more, contact the Why? Stop Youth Information Centre on 9572 5389.

Express yourself

Due to the success of its first eight-week *Express Yourself* program, Council will continue its popular creative workshops for young women.

The *Express Yourself* program aims to promote self-esteem, confidence and friendship building among young women between the ages of 14 and 24 and incorporates art, music and food workshops.

Express Yourself is held at the Why? Stop Youth Information Centre in Carnegie on Thursdays from 3.30pm to 5.30pm.

Young women interested in attending future workshops can contact the Why? Stop Youth Information Centre on 9572 5389 for further information and bookings.

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.

Brendan Creaser and Emmalee Meisels get involved in last year's Council youth programs.

Photo: Les O'Rourke.