

Thumbs up for Street Beat

Sounding a police siren, sitting in a fire truck, and conquering a climbing wall made for a full and exciting day for some lucky Glen Eira students recently.

More than 1,800 primary and secondary students from 12 Glen Eira schools attended the *Glen Eira Street Beat Festival* in Caulfield Park last month.

The free, all-day event included interactive displays such as police cars and motorbikes, a heavy rescue fire truck, a metropolitan ambulance, SES and St John Ambulance displays, and a climbing wall.

Police sirens were sounding all day but it was for all the right reasons. Students had a chance to sit in a police car and sound the siren themselves — under the supervision of a police officer of course!

The event was organised by Victoria Police and sponsored by a Council grant. Youth and emergency service operators were on hand to provide information and advice to the participants.

Council youth service officers proved popular, giving out information, advice and give-aways about services available to young people.



Grade 6 Coatesville Primary student Liron Bouhadana (pictured above) with Constable Ashley South got a close look at a police motorcycle.



Grade 5 McKinnon Primary School students (left) Lizzy Bannon-Murray and Elina Uotila get some information about Council's youth services.

Photos: Bernie Bickerton.

Glen Eira — the safest place to live

Glen Eira has the lowest crime rate in metropolitan Melbourne, recording a 23 per cent decrease in crime across the City over a 12 month period.

A recently released Victoria Police report indicates the recorded crime rate per 100,000 Glen Eira residents is at 4,984.5 — well below the Victorian average of 7,475.

The report, which details statistics for 2004–05, also shows crimes against property, such as theft, property damage and arson, decreased by 26 per cent, while crimes relating to harassment and illegal public behaviour decreased by almost 7 per cent from the same time in the previous year.

Glen Eira also has the lowest recorded drug offences per 100,000 people in the southern metropolitan region (120.4 per 100,000) and the second lowest rate of crimes against a person (387.3 per 100,000).

Council's Chief Executive Officer Andrew Newton said Council and

Victoria Police had worked together to make Glen Eira the safest metropolitan municipality.

"We're delighted with the decrease in crime and are committed to providing educational and environmental programs to further reduce crime in the City," Mr Newton said.

"Council undertook a number of programs in the past year, including community safety forums, bringing emergency services and schools together to learn about safety initiatives, and vehicle safety checks ensuring motorists and pedestrians are safe. These programs have obviously been successful."

Mr Newton said raising awareness of ways to reduce crime and continually introducing new measures to combat crime had created one of the safest metropolitan cities.

"This is a win-win for Council and the Glen Eira community," he said.

This year, crime prevention information packs were distributed

to 4,000 older residents who receive home and community care from Council, advising them about safeguarding their homes. The *Savy* program was developed with Victoria Police to help residents protect themselves against the possibility of burglary.

Victoria Police District Inspector Greg Parr said Victoria Police had actively worked with Council to improve Glen Eira's safety levels.

"Whilst we have achieved this, there is still a lot more to be done.

Our aim is to continue to work with Council to make Glen Eira an even safer place to live. If we all work together, this can be achieved," Inspector Parr said.

"Through education, engineering and enforcement we will continue to work with the community so that they not only live in the safest City but so that the community also feels safe in Glen Eira."

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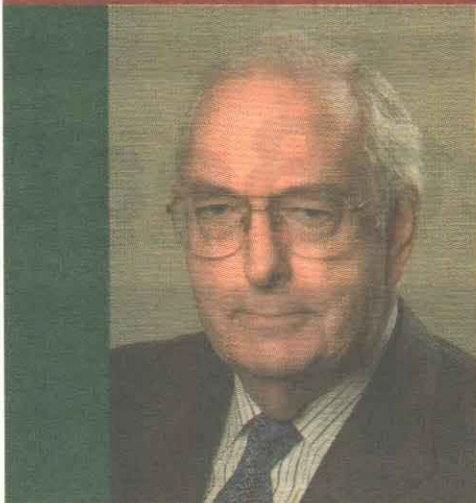
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ADMINISTRATOR'S COLUMN



Celebrating in the City

Last month I attended the opening weekend celebrations of the Carnegie Library and Community Centre.

The \$10.4 million project — the most ambitious project undertaken by Glen Eira City Council — opened to great fanfare.

The weekend of festivities was not just a celebration of the impressive, modern structure that provides a central community hub for residents. It was a celebration of Council working effectively to deliver state-of-the-art facilities to the whole community.

With its extensive and varied collection of material, ranging from popular DVDs to fiction and magazines, the library offers something to all members of the community.

And in the community centre, we have a well appointed facility to cater for needs of our diverse community groups.

The opening celebrations delivered a weekend of free, family fun with street performers, children's entertainment and wonderful music delighting the crowds.

Big crowds are also expected to attend Council's community fun

run and gala sports day on Sunday 20 November at Caulfield Park.

The event is run by Council in conjunction with the Caulfield Cricket Club and will provide the community with an exciting warm-up to the Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games.

It's not just seasoned performers that should lace-up for the event either, with the event offering walking challenges, musical entertainment, an animal farm and the chance to try activities like tennis, croquet and cricket thanks to local sporting clubs.

Celebrations will not be limited to our parks, with festival season set to hit three of Glen Eira's shopping centres.

The festivities start with the McKinnon Village Fair, held on Sunday 13 November from 10am to 3pm and run by the Ormond-McKinnon Lions Club. This is followed by the Bentleigh Festival on Sunday 20 November from 10am to 4pm — an event organised by the Bentleigh Traders' Association.

Capping off the street festival season is the Carnegie Festival on Saturday 26 November from 10.30am to 3.30pm — organised by the Carnegie Traders' Association.

For more information on the events, including information on how to participate, refer to page 13.

This free line-up of events is an exciting opportunity for the people of Glen Eira to come together and celebrate community life, with something for everyone on offer.

Finally, I do recommend you have your say in Council affairs by casting your vote in the elections this month.

John Lester
Administrator

Wild Action at Elsternwick Children's Centre

By Anna McGibbon

What animal uses its tongue to smell things and has a tail that looks like its head? Not sure? The children at Council's Elsternwick Children's Centre could tell you — it's a lizard.

Children were treated to a visit from *Wild Action Zoo* last month when animal keeper Amelia brought a range of unusual baby animals for the children to meet as part of an educational program.

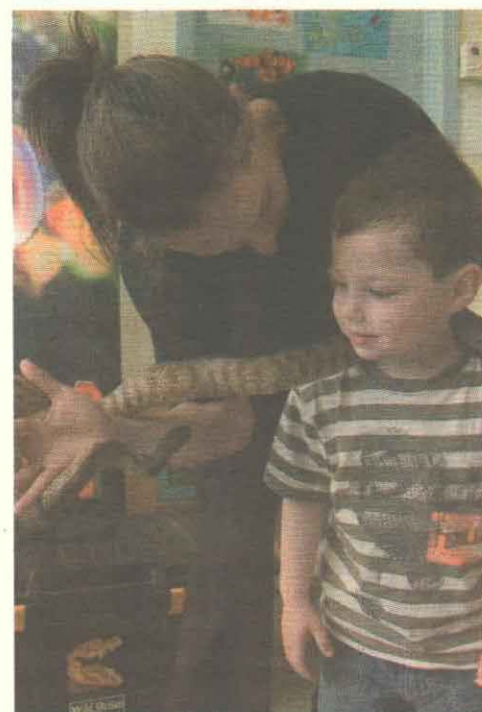
The interactive animal show allowed the children to handle and pet a live lizard, a goanna, a possum, a parrot, a turtle, frogs, snakes and even a baby crocodile.

The curious youngsters were invited to feel the slimy skin of a frog, hold a possum, and feel the shell of a turtle. They squealed with excitement as each different creature was brought out from its dark, black case and shown around the group.

Bursa the snake and Crunchy the crocodile created the most excitement as the children cautiously touched the smooth skin of the large rainbow snake and compared it to the bumpy skin of the crocodile.

Children learnt that a lizard has a tail that looks like its head to protect itself from predators and that a frog needs to be handled carefully or it will squirt water from its rear if it becomes afraid. They learnt that a snake can be very fast and dangerous and that if they saw one in their backyard, they should stay very still and quiet.

Council's Elsternwick Children's Centre Assistant Co-ordinator Elise McGinley said the program provided a great opportunity for children to learn



Three-year-old Thomas Jobling becomes friends with Bursa the Snake with the assistance of Wild Action Zoo presenter Amelia.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

about animals other than the ones they have in their backyard.

"It allows them to touch and interact with animals they wouldn't usually be able to. It's not often you get to touch a crocodile or feel a snake slither through your hands," Elise said.

"It's interesting to watch the children's reaction to the different animals; some are very confident and willing to touch all of them, while others are a little more cautious when it comes to interacting with the animals."

The show was part of a series of events held at Elsternwick Children's Centre including farmyard animal visits and dress up days.

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or email: editor@gleneira.vic.gov.au

LET COUNCIL HELP OUT WITH THE KIDS

With the busy festive season approaching, Glen Eira parents are invited to make use of Council's occasional child care service.

Council's child care centres offer occasional care for half or full days. The high-quality, accredited centres are conveniently located in Caulfield, Elsternwick and Murrumbeena and offer fun and educational indoor and outdoor programs to suit the development level and interests of each child.

The service is offered on a first-in booking system and residents can book up to two weeks in advance.

Child care cost for a half day is \$30 (from 7.30am to 12.30pm or 1pm to

6pm), or for a full day \$59 (for children aged 0-2) or \$63 (for children aged 3-5). Eligible families will be able to claim child care benefits.

To make a booking, contact the centres directly.

Caulfield Children's Centre
Rear of Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield
Contact: 9524 3294

Elsternwick Children's Centre
269 Kooyong Road, Elsternwick
Contact: 9523 6281

Murrumbeena Children's Centre
105 Murrumbeena Road, Murrumbeena
Contact: 9568 0163



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Warming up for some fun

A day of celebration and fun awaits Glen Eira residents when Council, in conjunction with the Caulfield Cricket Club, hosts a **Warming up for the Games celebration on Sunday 20 November as part of the Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games.**

The free event, to be held in Caulfield Park, will include walking and fun run challenges, rides (including an inflatable surf rider, a jumping castle, pacer karts and bungee trampolines), musical entertainment, an animal farm and Gymbus.

Unconfined dogs: a danger for all

Dog-ownership provides hours of enjoyment — but it also brings its share of responsibilities.

An increase in stray dogs found wandering Glen Eira's streets and parks has prompted Council to remind dog owners to effectively confine their dogs.

Acting Manager Civic Compliance Keith Franklyn said Council had seen a steady increase in the number of dogs found wandering and in wildlife attacks in Glen Eira's parks.

"All dogs, whatever their size and breed, are territorial by nature and will try to defend the territory on and around their property," Mr Franklyn said.

"We've had a number of calls from people who believe stray dogs are responsible for possum attacks, particularly in our larger parks. It would appear from these calls, that the responsible dog was not securely confined."

Mr Franklyn said unrestrained dogs or dogs not properly confined were a risk to everyone, not only wildlife.

"Dog owners can avoid the legal and financial consequences of dog attacks if they ensure their dog is properly confined or under effective control," he said.

"This means escape-proof fencing, closed gates and effective control whilst in the parks, particularly after dark."

Under the *Domestic (Feral and Nuisance) Animals Act 1994*, all dog owners are required to adequately confine their dog to their property. Dog owners who fail to comply can receive fines of up to \$300.

For further information or a copy of Council's *Responsible pet ownership* booklet, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

Glen Eira's sporting clubs will put on a show with come and try activities including lawn bowls, croquet, tennis, softball, netball and cricket. Food and drinks will also be available for purchase from the Caulfield Cricket Club.

Participants can start the day by competing in the 2 kilometre Glen Eira Community Walk. The emphasis is on fun and each participant who successfully completes the course will be awarded with a certificate.

The Glen Eira School Challenge (primary) is open to primary school students from Grades 3 to 6 and will involve teams of four.

For those who enjoy the more competitive side of life, the 6 kilometre Fun Run and Sports Club Challenge will provide a stimulating option. Participants can compete individually or put together a team of four.

The community fun run and gala sports day is sure to have something for everyone regardless of age or ability. Registration forms must be completed by **Friday 11 November** for all three challenges.

For further information or a registration form, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333. Registration forms can also be downloaded from Council's website at www.gleneira.vic.gov.au



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

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Warming up for the Games at Caulfield Park

- **Glen Eira Community Walk** at 10am — 2 kilometre walk, open to all members of the community.
- **Glen Eira School Challenge (primary)** at 11am — 2 kilometre run, open to all children in Grades 3 to 6.
- **Fun Run and Sports Club Challenge** at 12pm — 6 kilometre fun run, open

to all members of the community.

- **Free entertainment** including music, rides, an animal farm and sports club demonstrations from 12pm.

- **Free sports come and try activities** including cricket, netball, softball, croquet and lawn bowls from 12pm.

Access for all as new bus takes off

Council's new community bus will make it easier for people in wheelchairs to get around Glen Eira.

The new wheelchair-accessible bus can transport eight able-bodied passengers as well as two passengers in wheelchairs.

The bus has a high ceiling and an

electric hoist at the rear and enables wheelchair users to remain in their chair while on the bus.

Council's Manager Community Care Michelle Marr said the new bus is large enough for passengers to stand upright inside which makes manoeuvring wheelchairs easier.

"The bus has a dedicated area where

people in wheelchairs can remain while travelling on the bus. Previously they had to get out of their wheelchairs and staff had to crouch down to help them as the bus' ceilings were low," Ms Marr said.

"Council will use the new bus to transport residents from its three residential facilities and for use by Council's Older Adults Recreation and Social Support programs.

"The whole Glen Eira community will benefit from this modern, easy to access bus which will make travel and outings much more pleasurable for all."

When the bus is not being used by Council, it is available for hire by Glen Eira's community groups, organisations and schools. No special driver's licence is required to drive the bus — just the ability to drive a vehicle with manual transmission.

Community groups or organisations interested in hiring the new bus, or any of Council's other three 12-seater buses, can contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 or Council's booking agent TransAccess on 9533 1955.

Warrawee resident Constance Barber is assisted onto the new community bus with the help of the wheelchair hoist.

Photo: Anna McGibbon.



CEO'S COLUMN



Council has saved \$1.4 million through improved Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) performance over the last five years. We are currently rated 43 per cent better than the local government average which places us second out of all 79 Victorian councils.

Over the past five years, Council has made considerable improvements to its management of OHS practices. These changes have had significant impact on OHS performance and the cost of the *WorkCover* premium. We are aiming for further reductions in 2006.

The entire organisation is independently accredited to *SafetyMap* edition four. *SafetyMap* is an auditing system that Council's OHS practices must comply with. The safety of staff and volunteers is paramount, with initiatives from safety vest for delivered meals volunteers to complying with falls from heights regulations all coming under regular scrutiny. This provides an assurance to staff and to the wider community that we undertake our activities as safely as possible.

Our contribution to a safe community include about 500 immunisations each month, 50 school crossing supervisors assisting thousands of students each school day, and hundreds of food safety inspections each year — the rates of compliance by Glen Eira food businesses have reached their highest levels ever.

In the broader community, Glen Eira currently has the lowest crime rate in metropolitan Melbourne. Our relationship with the Victoria Police and other emergency services continues to be very close and effective.

Safety doesn't just happen. It is the result of well thought out actions and a community which accepts responsibility for its way of life.

Andrew Newton
Chief Executive Officer

A mountain of mulch — for free

Glen Eira residents can give their gardens a welcome spring boost by taking advantage of a free mulch day at Caulfield Park on Sunday 13 November from 9am to 4pm.

Council's Manager Park Services Laurie Unwin said the mulch had been created from garden materials retrieved by Council's bundled branch collection service and street tree prunings.

"All residents need to do is bring garbage bags, bins or large containers, a trailer, or even their car boot and load up as much mulch as they like. Council staff will assist with the loading of the mulch in trailers only," he said.

"Mulch is a great way of recycling — returning nutrients to the earth, minimising waste and reducing water use. When applied to garden beds as insulation, mulch can reduce water loss from the soil, conserving as much as 70 per cent, while still allowing rain water to penetrate."

Free mulch is regularly available from Council's mulch site at the rear of the Caulfield Bowling Club in Caulfield Park. Mulch can be picked up at any time and there are no quantity restrictions.

Council's bundled branch collection service operates on a four-week cycle, providing residents with the option to have garden trimmings and prunings



Council's Plant Operator Darren Rekdale ensures there is plenty of mulch available for Glen Eira residents at the free mulch weekend.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

regularly removed. The service also provides free mulch to those residents who book a collection.

Residents wanting mulch should advise Council when they book for the service. Mulch will then be left on their

naturestrip or in a container supplied by the resident.

For further information or to book a bundled branch collection contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

Avoid the heartache: identify your cat

Spring has begun and Glen Eira cat owners are urged to avoid the heartbreak of losing a beloved pet by registering their cat and making sure it has an identification tag on at all times.



Cats make wonderful pets and making sure they are registered can help save pet owners a lot of heartache if their cat strays from home.

Photo: Anna McGibbon.

Of the 153 Glen Eira cats impounded last year, 115 had to be euthanased because they could not be identified and returned to their owners or re-housed.

Recent changes to the *Domestic (Feral and Nuisance) Animals Act 1994* mean that cats found wandering off their owners' premises without Council identification tags can be seized and the owners fined. A fee may also be applicable for reclaiming the cat.

Council's Acting Manager Civic Compliance Keith Franklyn hoped the change would further entice cat owners to make sure their cat is registered and can be identified.

"It is a State Government requirement for all cats and dogs over the age of three months to be registered with Council and for registration tags to be worn. However, many cat owners consider collar identification markers to be a nuisance," Mr Franklyn said.

"In most cases, cats without Council registration tags that are not microchipped cannot be identified.

"We want to make sure all cats can be identified in some way so we can find their owners rather than have a cat re-housed or euthanised.

"It is a reality that some pet owners do not own up to their responsibilities to avoid penalties and costs. They feel it

is cheaper to buy a new kitten than pay penalties and costs for impoundment, and unfortunately this is one of the reasons so many cats are euthanised. Some pet owners simply go for the cheaper option."

Mr Franklyn said other than registering and tagging pets, microchipping could also be used to make pets permanently identifiable.

"Permanent identification through microchipping makes it easier to identify and return impounded cats to their owners," he said.

"It is not a replacement for registration but can certainly save pet owners a lot of heartache if their pets are lost and not wearing their registration tags.

"Microchipping is also available at a reduced rate. Pet owners can have their pets microchipped for just \$20, a saving of \$30."

To receive the discounted microchipping rates, pet owners can take their pet to the RSPCA Veterinary Clinic at 3 Burwood Highway, Burwood East on any Wednesday between 9.30am and 6.30pm. Bookings are not necessary. The discount will be available on presentation of a current registration notice or letter from Council.

It is easy being green

By Rosemary Feldman

Council's successful fortnightly green waste collection service is now in its fifth year of operation.

Introduced in September 2000, the service's growing popularity has been reflected in a steady increase in subscriptions and levels of green waste collected each year.

Last financial year, more than 8,400 residents subscribed and more than 2,400 tonnes of green waste was collected, compared to the previous year's 7,983 subscribers and 2,326 tonnes.

Council's Waste Management Engineer Doug Griffiths said it was pleasing that more residents were using the green waste collection and playing their part in reducing land fill.

"We have seen an increase in the overall volume of material in Glen Eira diverted from landfill, including green waste. But despite these excellent efforts, increasing amounts of waste sent each year is still of concern," Mr Griffiths said.

"Council urges more residents to take full advantage of recycling services, not just the green waste collection."

Mr Griffiths said the green waste collection service was voluntary and undertaken on a user-pay basis.

"It is a terrific way to cut down the amount of green waste going to landfill," he said.

"It's great for regular gardeners who generate large amounts of waste through pruning, weeding and mowing. Waste can be conveniently placed into the large green waste bins provided to subscribing residents and left for Council to collect.

"Even residents who occasionally have green waste can help the environment — separating even small amounts of greenery from regular waste, rather than adding to land fill," Mr Griffiths said.

For more information, or to register for the green waste collection service, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.



It is easy being green with Council's green waste collection service.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

YOUTHNEWS

Students flying high

St Kevin's Primary School students learnt a few circus tricks when the Flying High Circus Program visited their school in September.

The program, which is run through Council's Why? Stop Youth Information Service, encourages young people to learn and develop new skills in a safe, supportive and interactive environment.

Students learnt a variety of physical theatre and circus activities such as juggling, movement, drama, magic, acro-balance, clowning and manipulation through the workshops.

The eight-week program included a series of innovative workshops, targeting young people from 10 to 25 years and helped increase their self-confidence and self-esteem, and improve communication skills.

Students preparing to enter Grade 5

next year used the program to prepare for their end of term "cross arts" school concert. They were taught a range of skills including juggling, Diablo (cylinder balancing), puppeteering, pyramids, balancing, tumbling and magic.

St Kevin's Primary School teacher Heather McGrath said the experience had taught her students to trust, listen and co-operate with one another to achieve a fantastic end of year concert.

"The children learnt to be responsible and work together to put on a performance. It has been a real learning experience for them," Ms McGrath said.

And for student Sarah Ryan, the experience gave her more confidence to tackle even the most difficult problems.

"I have learnt that I can be confident and that when things seem hard, there's always a way to achieve it — even when

taking on headstands," Sarah said.

The program concluded with a final concert performance where the participants showcased their new-found skills for the school, teachers and parents.

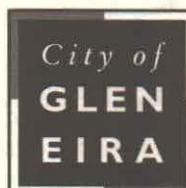
Council's Youth Services and the

Flying High Circus Program have provided programs for young people aged 10 to 25 for more than seven years. The workshops are currently running as a school-based program within Glen Eira. ■



From left: Students from St Kevin's Primary School, Josh Hyrons, Leon De Mel, Patrick Dobson and Rishabh Bhatia, perform some magic tricks.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton



City of Glen Eira

Council elections November 2005

Watch out for your ballot pack

Ballot packs containing voting material will be posted to voters for the Glen Eira City Council elections from Tuesday, 8 November 2005.

When you receive your ballot pack, complete the ballot material and post it to the Returning Officer in the reply-paid envelope provided.

If you have not received your ballot pack by Wednesday, 16 November 2005, telephone 9563 7101.

Voting closes at 6.00 pm, Friday, 25 November

For your vote to count, your completed ballot material must reach the Returning Officer by 6.00 pm on Friday, 25 November 2005.

Voting is compulsory

Voting is compulsory for residents who were enrolled on the voters' roll by Friday, 7 October 2005. You are encouraged to vote but don't have to vote if you are:

- aged 70 or over; or
- a non-resident voter.

Shirley Bean
Returning Officer



Victorian Electoral
Commission

Information:

9563 7101 or www.vec.vic.gov.au

Voting is compulsory for enrolled residents
TTY: 9299 0570 (text telephone)

Director wins prestigious planning award



Jeff Akehurst (right) pictured with Monash University Caulfield Director Rob Willis at a major development site at Monash University. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Council's Director City Development Jeff Akehurst has won the Victorian Planning and Environmental Law Association's Paul Jerome Award.

Mr Akehurst won the award in recognition of his exceptional contribution to public service, outstanding skill in managing the planning system effectively, and for innovation which has led to major improvements to planning systems and processes in Glen Eira.

Council's Chief Executive Officer Andrew Newton said Jeff Akehurst had dedicated his career to the continuous improvement of planning processes, policies and people.

"Over the past few years, the planning system has become significantly more complex — however, due to a number of Jeff's innovations, Glen Eira's town planning has never been more effective or efficient," Mr Newton said.

"Glen Eira's town planning strategy is clear and provides as much certainty as is possible for applicants, objectors, panels and the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal.

"Our results are very strong and the best in the industry. Our rate of appeals is low — residents have appealed against

only 1.7 per cent of Council's town planning decisions in the last year. Surveys of planning decision-making processes report high degrees of acceptance, even from parties which did not get the result that they had hoped for, and processing times are low — we have the fewest appeals on failure-to-determine in metropolitan Melbourne."

Mr Newton said while a number of people had contributed to these achievements, Mr Akehurst's contribution had been pre-eminent.

"He has led a series of innovations such as the urban village (major activity centre) plans and re-engineering the planning process to significantly cut processing times. He has provided intellectual input into Council's innovative pre-lodgement certification program where more than 200 applications have gone through in an average of 47 days. This program has won praise from many in the development and planning industries.

"I am delighted that Jeff Akehurst's efforts have been acknowledged with this award and congratulate him and the Council officers who have contributed to the continuous improvement of planning processes in Glen Eira," Mr Newton said.

Council consults on aged housing

Council is preparing an Aged Persons Housing Policy to guide the future planning, design and location of aged care accommodation in Glen Eira.

The *Aged Persons Housing Policy* will address management, location, siting, car parking provision, traffic and the internal facilities available to people residing in aged people's housing, along with the amenity of the surrounding community.

State Government population projections reveal that by the year 2031, the proportion of people aged 60 years or more in Glen Eira will be 23.5 per cent, rising from 20.5 per cent in 2001.

Council's Director City Development Jeff Akehurst said Council aimed to ensure housing choices were provided for members of Glen Eira's increasing ageing population to continue to reside in the same area in which they had spent most of their lives.

"We want to protect the existing neighbourhood character while facilitating aged people's accommodation in appropriate locations close to community facilities, general medical

practitioners, shops and public transport," Mr Akehurst said.

"We also want to ensure the design of aged accommodation promotes a high level of amenity for residents and other users of the facility.

"The *Aged Persons Housing Policy* does not imply Council will actually provide additional aged people's housing or otherwise manipulate the market. Its purpose is to assist with decision-making on planning permit applications for aged people's accommodation."

Mr Akehurst said the policy was now in a research phase and Council was currently consulting with private and public aged persons housing providers, associated stakeholders and neighbouring councils.

"Consultation with the wider community is expected to occur in coming months but we are now seeking input from community members with expertise in the area of aged persons' housing," he said.

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

Working smarter for Glen Eira

Glen Eira City Council has received praise from the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) for its innovative approach in presenting planning appeals.

In March this year, Council developed a more streamlined and focused report format for planning appeals which are submitted to and heard by VCAT. Traditionally, local government reports to VCAT exceed 40 pages but Glen Eira's reports are now generally less than 10 pages long.

Council developed the report format to further assist the VCAT process by simplifying planning submissions and effectively focusing on key issues.

In 2004-05, almost 970 planning applications were received by Council invoking only 115 appeals (12 per cent) to VCAT in total.

Residents appealed against only 1.7 per cent (16) of Council's town planning decisions, compared with the state municipal average of 22 per cent.

Glen Eira City Council Administrator John Lester praised Council's contribution and said it was pleasing to see Council commended by the president of VCAT for the way it presents appeals to the tribunal.

"In the face of an increasingly complex planning system, this also has the effect of teaching other parties to keep it simple and speak to the matters that really turn an application," Mr Lester said.

"Working smarter should allow for more time across the board for assessment of critical planning issues, which is clearly in the interests of the community."

Student housing policy approved

Glen Eira's student housing policy (Amendment C42) to the *Glen Eira Planning Scheme* has been approved by Minister for Planning.

The policy looks at location, provision of on-site parking, internal amenity and the off-site amenity impacts of student housing, thereby providing direction for Council, the community and the development

industry in considering applications for student housing.

The amendment prioritises the most appropriate locations for student housing, based on proximity to Monash University, Holmesglen Institute of TAFE and public transport.

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

Saving water in Glen Eira

By Sophie Massis

Council will save at least 12 mega-litres of water this summer, the equivalent of about five Olympic-sized swimming pools, through a plan to cut down on the water used to irrigate the City's parks.

Early next year, Council will install irrigation devices to monitor weather conditions and to accurately irrigate parks and sportsgrounds.

Soil-moisture sensors will be installed in each sportsground in Glen Eira and mini weather stations in a number of

parks to calculate the necessary watering for each area.

Council's Co-ordinator Ground Maintenance Peter Todd said Council had been working with the State Government and water authorities to implement further water saving measures such as upgrading computer-controlled irrigation systems to include the additional sensors and rain switches.

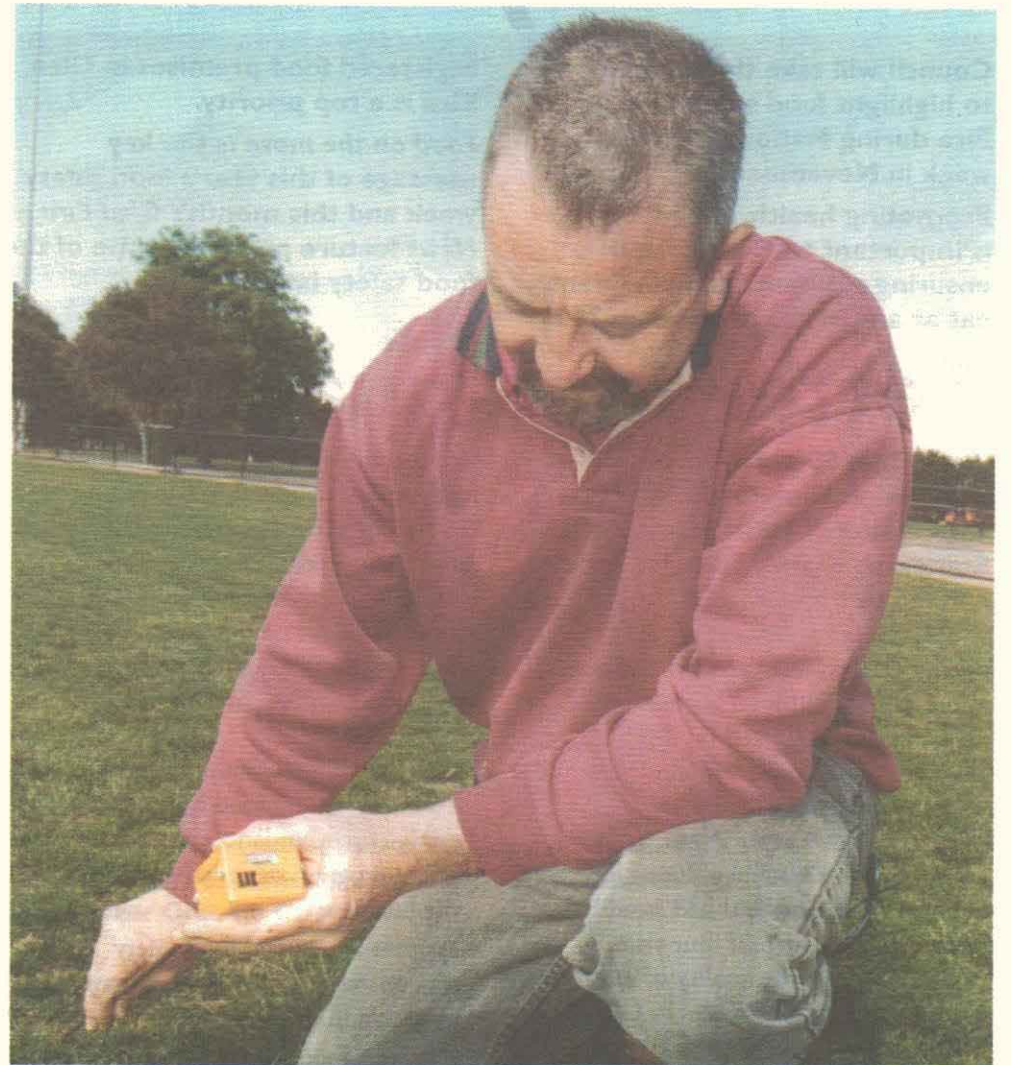
"The soil moisture sensors detect moisture and indicate whether more or less watering is required. Installation will occur over summer and is expected to be completed by June," Mr Todd said.

"The mini weather stations read wind speed and direction and turn off irrigation when wind speeds are not too high, so that water is not wasted over footpaths and other surfaces."

Mr Todd said since 2001, Council has cut its water use by 10 to 15 per cent and aims to cut more once the new sensors, rain switches and weather stations are installed.

"The moisture sensors and rain switches will stop unnecessary irrigation but the weather stations will allow us to go one step further as they calculate the rainfall and override rain switches to give the right amount of irrigation needed to maintain the level of hardness required for sportsgrounds."

Council will also continue to plant warm-season, drought tolerant couch grass in Glen Eira's parks and sportsgrounds. Once established, couch



Council's Co-ordinator Ground Maintenance Peter Todd checks the condition of drought resistant turf.

Photo: Joanne Faggian.

grass only requires approximately one third of the volume of water compared to cool season grasses.

Council will also resurface sportsgrounds at Caulfield Park, Bailey

and McKinnon Reserves with couch grass. The resurfacing is expected to save and estimated 3 to 5 mega-litres of water at each ground over summer once the new surface is established.

Leaders in caring for the environment

As a leader in purchasing environmentally friendly products, Council has been asked to provide information to representatives from the New Zealand Ministry for the Environment.

Council was one of two councils chosen by the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) to advise the visitors about managing the ECO-Buy green purchasing program and environmentally sound products.

ECO-Buy, an environmental purchasing program initiated by the State Government and sponsored by the MAV, works with Victorian councils to increase the purchase of recycled and greenhouse and environmentally friendly products.

Council's Purchasing Manager Aubrey Jansen said Council has been successfully working with the program since February 2003 and has made significant progress in selecting and using environmentally friendly products in its everyday practices.

"All sorts of products, from stationery items and computer monitors to drought-resistant grasses, fencing and concrete, have been purchased through the program," Mr Jansen said.

"ECO-Buy has created a partnership between councils, using the combined purchasing power of local government to increase awareness about purchasing recycled and greenhouse friendly products."

"The development of policies for purchasing environmental products enhances market development of environmentally friendly products and shows leadership and initiative from Victorian councils working together to reduce local government's greenhouse gas emissions," he said.

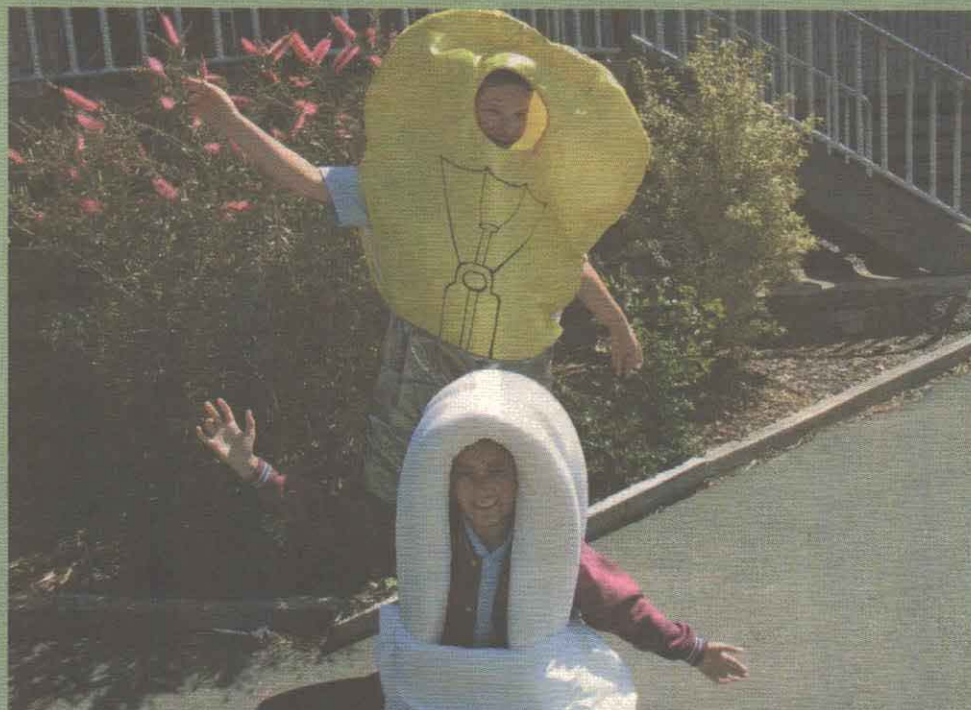
Students lead by example

By Anna McGibbon

Coatesville Primary and Bentleigh West Primary school students are leading the way with innovative environmentally aware ideas.

Both schools integrate environmental

sustainability programs into their curriculum through outdoor lessons involving water tanks, recycling, and vegetable gardens, and are helping spread the word about saving the environment.



Peter the power globe and Cara compact globe from Coatesville Primary School dress up to raise awareness about saving energy and the environment.

Photo: Anna McGibbon.

Bentleigh West Primary hosted a 70 metre banner shaped as a tree last month to raise awareness of eastern Victoria's last remaining old growth forests. The children, currently studying endangered species and their habitats, were told about the impact tree removal will have on endangered animals.

The school was chosen to host the banner because of its efforts with National Tree Day earlier this year and its learning-landscapes classrooms which reflect the local ecology.

As part of National Science Week, grade three and four students at Coatesville Primary have been investigating ways to save energy, money and the environment. The students made costumes and materials for use in a presentation to the school.

After conducting energy production experiments, including creating a solar hot dog cooker from a tubular chip packet, the students demonstrated the advantages and disadvantages of different types of light globes. Dressed as an incandescent light globe and a compact fluorescent alternative, they demonstrated the impact the different globes could have on energy saving.

Healthy Glen Eira

Council will take the opportunity to highlight food safety in Glen Eira during National Food Safety week in November.

Promoting healthy, safe food is important to Council and ensuring residents can confidently eat at any of the more than 750

registered food premises in Glen Eira is a top priority.

Food on the move is the key message of this year's food safety week and this month's *Glen Eira News* feature presents some of the food safety issues.

Better food quality

More than 90 per cent of food sampled in Glen Eira complies with National Food Safety Standards thanks to strict checks carried out by Council.

Glen Eira residents can expect better quality food from local food businesses as more than 750 food businesses in Glen Eira are inspected by Council each year to ensure required food quality and safety standards are met.

Council's Manager Public Health Mark Saunders said inspections indicated the quality of food sold had steadily improved over the past four years.

"Since 2001, the quality of samples taken from food businesses in Glen Eira has increased by more than 10 per cent," Mr Saunders said.

"This improvement is the result of strict checks and initiatives such as Council's *Safe Food Program*."

Council assists food businesses in developing and maintaining high standards of food safety and hygiene through its *Safe Food Program*. Businesses are educated about issues such as safe

food handling procedures, optimum food storage temperatures, avoiding cross-contamination and effective sanitising procedures.

Council's environmental health officers conduct random inspections of food businesses and assess food safety and handling procedures against hygiene standards.

To be awarded Council's five-star food safety rating, food businesses must:

- operate in accordance with a food safety program designed specifically for the business;
- appoint a qualified food safety supervisor (this person must have a safe food handling certificate);
- achieve a food hygiene score of at least 90 per cent;
- pass Council's food hygiene questionnaire;
- pass all food sampling testing; and
- have no justified complaints within the previous 12 months in relation to cleanliness, food handling, food adulteration or food poisoning.



Environmental Health Officer Sarah Shearn takes a food sample for further inspection.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Food on the move — transporting food safely

In Australia, estimates put the incidence of food poisoning at more than 4 million each year.

Many people seem to associate food

poisoning only with food purchased from a café or restaurant, however up to 25 per cent of all food poisoning cases arise from food prepared in the home.

To combat the incidents of food poisoning from food prepared at home, residents need to become more aware of safe food practices. Storing food at the correct temperature, washing hands and utensils and keeping raw and cooked foods separate are some basic steps which help to keep food free from harmful bacteria.

In keeping with the theme of this year's food safety week — *food on the move* — the following tips should be kept in mind to help protect residents and their families from food poisoning when transporting food to or from their homes:

When shopping

- Buy chilled or frozen foods towards the end of the shopping trip.
- Hot foods should also be purchased towards the end of the trip and stored away from chilled or frozen foods.
- Use a cooler to transport chilled foods in warmer weather.

When at a barbecue

- Cut meats into serving-size pieces before leaving home and have all salads ready to eat as this reduces the

amount of time the food is exposed to bacteria before it is eaten.

- Ensure insulated leak-proof containers are used to transport meat or other high risk foods.
- Ensure cross-contamination does not occur by keeping containers used to store raw meat and cooked meat separate.

Buying take away food or eating out

- Hot or chilled food should be taken home as quickly as possible.
- Any leftovers should be refrigerated immediately and eaten no later than the following day. When reheating, ensure food is steaming hot or boiling.

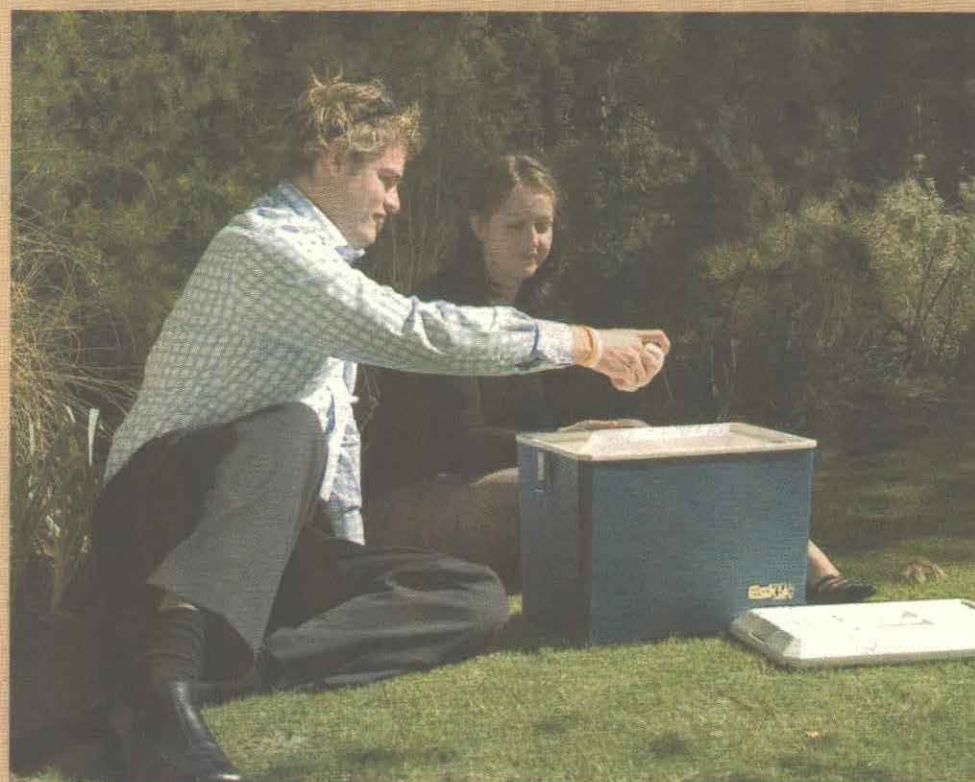
When on holidays

- Take an insulated cooler or bag with an ice pack to keep chilled or frozen foods cold.

When packing lunch

- Ensure lunch is refrigerated once at work or school.

Finally, always wash your hands thoroughly prior to handling any food and if in doubt, throw it out!



Taking an esky or insulated cooler or bag with an ice pack to keep chilled or frozen foods cold will help keep picnics free of bacteria. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

At the top of the class

Making sure Glen Eira's community eats safe and healthy food is no easy task but it is one that Council's Environmental Health Officer Amy Schambre is well-equipped to achieve.

Amy, who recently completed her Bachelor of Health Science in Public and Environmental Health, was also awarded the prestigious TGO Jordan Award at this year's annual Australian Institute of Environmental Health conference.

The award is presented by the institute and Swinburne University to the graduate who has achieved academic success and the highest overall results.

As one of four environmental health officers working with Council, Amy plays a crucial role in maintaining the health and welfare of the Glen Eira community — ensuring local residents are eating safe food when they dine out, safeguarding the hygiene of public pools, and making sure businesses, such

as beauty therapists are using clean and sterilised equipment.

As part of her duties, Amy conducts food safety checks and investigates and reports on complaints received from the community. She is also responsible for ensuring local businesses comply with the regulations under the *Food Act (1984)*, *Environmental Protection Act (1970)*, the *Tobacco Act (1987)* and the *Health Act (1958)* — a task which sees her checking and investigating a wide range of businesses from hairdressing salons to tattooing parlours.

Amy says the best part of her job is knowing she is making a difference.

"It's great when you are able to resolve a complaint or work with a food business that has had a complaint made against it to come up with a process to make their business better and see a real improvement," Amy said.

"I am glad to help maintain a standard in food safety and make sure businesses follow safe practices."



Council's Environmental Health Officer Amy Schambre discusses food with local baker Graeme Grieve.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Safety tips for summer

The approaching summer months and warmer conditions provide the perfect environment for bacteria to multiply rapidly and cause food-borne illnesses when transporting food either home from the supermarket or to family picnics.

Residents are urged to take precautions when transporting and handling high risk foods such as meat, poultry, seafood and egg products this summer.

The following easy-to-follow tips can help reduce the risk of food poisoning over the summer months.

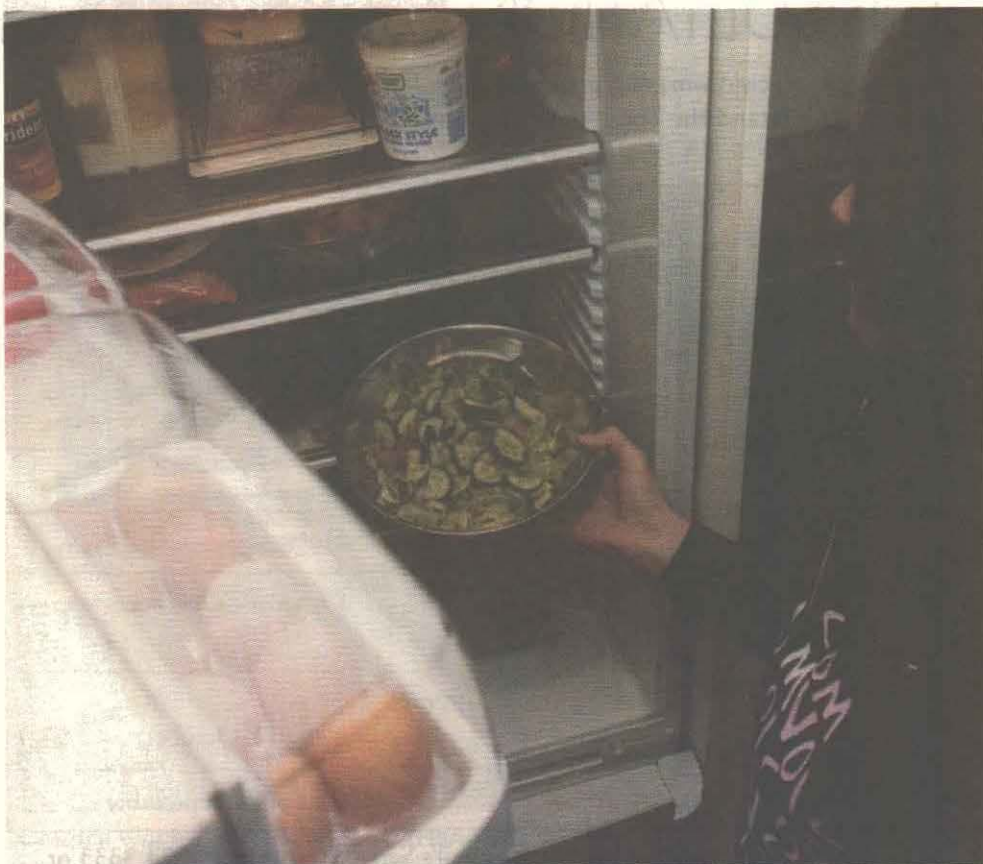
Get food home quickly

- If you have purchased hot, chilled or frozen foods, you should get them home as quickly as possible.
- For trips longer than 30 minutes, or on very hot days, it is a good idea to take an insulated cooler or bag with an ice pack to keep chilled or frozen foods cold.
- Consider placing hot foods in an insulated container for trips longer than 30 minutes. Consider wrapping hot foods in foil.
- Once at home, immediately transfer chilled and frozen food into fridge or freezer.

Take extra care when taking food outside the home

- Enjoy picnics, eating outdoors, and taking food to work or school but take extra care when preparing, storing and handling food.
- Place containers with raw meats at the bottom of an insulated cooler and keep separate from ready-to-eat foods.
- Avoid packing food that has just been cooked or is still warm. Refrigerate overnight before packing.

- Pack plenty of ice packs around chilled foods. Frozen drinks can serve as ice packs especially in school lunches.
- Don't place ready-to-eat food into containers used for storing raw food without thoroughly washing and drying the containers first.
- Consider using disposable wipes if there is no water available for hand washing.



Salads should be kept refrigerated.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Don't let salmonella get you down

With more than 350 incidents in Glen Eira in the past year serious enough to require a visit to the doctor, food poisoning remains an ongoing concern for Council.

One of the main causes of food poisoning is salmonella. Salmonella is a common bacteria found in a variety of foods including uncooked meats. The salmonella bacteria can also be found in raw and undercooked eggs, raw milk and milk products, unwashed salads and some shellfish.

Salmonella infections can affect people of all ages but are more common to children under the age of five and young adults.

More severe symptoms of the bacteria have been found in elderly people and people with medical conditions.

Symptoms may not begin for 12 to 36 hours after the salmonella bacteria has been ingested.

The most common symptoms are diarrhoea, fever, stomach cramps,

nausea and vomiting.

To trace the cause of the illness it is necessary to know where the affected person was and what they consumed up to a week before they became ill.

Hygiene standards and safe food handling practices are crucial to reducing the likelihood of food poisoning.

To avoid the risk of salmonella bacteria spreading, take the simple step of washing hands thoroughly with soap and hot running water for at least 10 seconds:

- before preparing food;
- between handling raw and ready-to-eat foods;
- before eating;
- after going to the toilet or changing nappies;
- after smoking;
- after using a tissue or handkerchief;
- after working in the garden; and
- after playing with pets.

Glen Eira — το ασφαλέστερο μέρος διαβίωσης

Η Glen Eira έχει το χαμηλότερο ποσοστό εγκληματικότητας στη μητροπολιτική Μελβούρνη, σημειώνοντας 23 τοις εκατό μείωση της εγκληματικότητας σε ολόκληρο το Δήμο για μια περίοδο 12 μηνών.

Μια πρόσφατη αναφορά της Αστυνομίας Βικτώριας αναφέρει ότι το καταγεγραμμένο ποσοστό εγκληματικότητας ανά 100.000 κατοίκους στην Glen Eira είναι 4.984,5 – πολύ χαμηλότερο απ' το μέσο όρο των 7.475.

Η αναφορά, που αναλύει στατιστικά στοιχεία για το 2004-05, δείχνει επίσης ότι τα αδικήματα κατά ακινήτων, όπως κλοπές, υλικές ζημιές και εμπρησμοί, μειώθηκαν κατά 26 τοις εκατό, ενώ τα αδικήματα που αφορούν παρενόχληση

και παράνομη δημόσια συμπεριφορά μειώθηκαν σχεδόν κατά 7 τοις εκατό σε σύγκριση με την ίδια περσινή περίοδο.

Η Glen Eira έχει τις λιγότερες καταχωρημένες παραβάσεις ναρκωτικών ανά 100.000 κατοίκους στη νότια μητροπολιτική περιοχή (120,4 ανά 100.000) και το χαμηλότερο ποσοστό αδικημάτων εναντίον ατόμων (387,3 ανά 100.000).

Ο Γενικός Διευθυντής της Δημαρχίας κ. Άντριου Νιούτον είπε ότι η Δημαρχία και η Αστυνομία Βικτώριας συνεργάζονται για να κάνουν την Glen Eira τον ασφαλέστερο δήμο της Μελβούρνης.

“Είμαστε κατενθουσιασμένοι απ' τη μείωση στην εγκληματικότητα και έχουμε δεσμευθεί στην παροχή εκπαιδευτικών και περιβαλλοντικών προγραμμάτων για την περαιτέρω μείωση της εγκληματικότητας στο Δήμο”, ανέφερε ο κ. Νιούτον.

Glen Eira — il quartiere in cui si vive più sicuri

Glen Eira registra il più basso indice di criminalità di tutta l'area metropolitana di Melbourne, con una diminuzione dei crimini, in tutto il suo circondario, del 23 per cento negli ultimi 12 mesi.

La Polizia del Victoria ha recentemente pubblicato una relazione nella quale è indicato che il numero di crimini registrati su 100.000 residenti di Glen Eira ammonta a 4.984,5 casi — molto al di sotto della media statale di 7.475 casi.

La relazione, che riporta dettagliatamente le statistiche per l'anno 2004-05, fa riferimento anche ai crimini contro la proprietà, quali furti, danni materiali e incendi dolosi, che sono diminuiti del 26 per cento, mentre i crimini correlati a molestie e comportamento pubblico illecito sono diminuiti quasi del 7 per cento rispetto allo stesso periodo dell'anno precedente.

Glen Eira registra inoltre il più basso indice di criminalità collegata agli stupefacenti su 100.000 abitanti della zona sud-metropolitana (120,4 su 100.000) ed è al secondo posto per il più basso indice di crimini contro la persona fisica (387,3 su 100.000).

Il direttore esecutivo del Comune, Andrew Newton, ha affermato che il Comune e la Polizia del Victoria hanno operato assieme per fare di Glen Eira l'area metropolitana più sicura.

“Siamo compiaciuti della diminuzione dei crimini e ci siamo impegnati a provvedere programmi educativi ed ambientali allo scopo di ridurre ulteriormente la criminalità nel nostro Comune”, ha commentato Newton.

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

Council invites residents to attend a Remembrance Day memorial service at the Cenotaph in Caulfield Park, near the corner of Hawthorn and Balaclava Roads, Caulfield on Friday 11 November at 10.50am.

Please note, the service will proceed in the park regardless of the weather. Light refreshments will be served after the service.

GLEN EIRA CITY COUNCIL



Glen Eira — 最安全的居住地

Glen Eira 的犯罪率屬墨爾本都市地區最低，本市政區在過去 12 個月中的犯罪率降低了 23%。

維州警方最近發佈的一份報告顯示，每 100,000 名 Glen Eira 居民中經記錄的犯罪率為 4,984.5 - 這遠遠低於維州平均數 7,475。

這份詳細記載 2004 - 05 年度統計數據的報告還顯示針對物業的犯罪行為，例如盜竊、物業毀壞及縱火等下降了 26%；而且與去年同期相比，涉及騷擾及公共場合非法行為的罪行也下降了近 7%。

Glen Eira 還是南區每 100,000 人中經記錄的毒品犯法最低的區（每 100,000 人中僅 120.4），並且人身侵犯犯罪率也列倒數第二（每 100,000 人中僅 387.3）。

市政府首席執行官安德魯·牛頓說，市政府和維州警方協力將 Glen Eira 建成了墨爾本最安全的市政區。

牛頓先生說：“我們為犯罪率的下降感到非常高興，為了進一步減低本市政區中的犯罪率，我們正在努力提供教育和環境計劃。”

Муниципалитет Glen Eira — самое безопасное место для жизни

В муниципалитете Glen Eira зарегистрирован самый низкий уровень преступности в Мельбурне: за последние 12 месяцев этот показатель в нашем районе понизился на 23 процента.

Полиция штата Виктория недавно опубликовала статистический отчет, в котором указано, что уровень преступности в муниципалитете Glen Eira составляет 4 984.5 на 100 000 жителей — существенно ниже, чем средний для всего штата показатель 7 475.

В отчете приведена статистика за 2004–05г: преступления против собственности, такие как кража, нанесение ущерба имуществу и поджог, уменьшились на 26 процентов, в то время как преступления, связанные с преследованием, домогательством и нарушением правил поведения в общественных местах, уменьшились

почти на 7 процентов по сравнению с прошлым годом.

В муниципалитете Glen Eira также самый низкий в южном городском регионе уровень преступлений, связанных с наркотиками (120.4 на 100 000 жителей) и второй самый низкий уровень преступлений против личности (387.3 на 100 000 жителей).

Исполнительный директор муниципалитета г-н Andrew Newton отметил, что муниципалитет Glen Eira стал самым безопасным в городе благодаря совместным усилиям муниципалитета и полиции.

«Мы с удовлетворением отмечаем уменьшение уровня преступности и будем принимать необходимые меры, чтобы еще больше повысить безопасность в муниципалитете», сказал г-н Newton.



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COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

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

Upcoming and current consultation opportunities

Subject	Type	Date	Where
Renewal of leasing contracts	Meetings and letters written to clubs and organisations	Ongoing	Glen Eira City Council PO BOX 42, Caulfield South 3162
Proposed speed cushions, McKinnon Road, Wheatley Road and Thomas Street	Questionnaire	Closes Wednesday 30 November	Glen Eira City Council PO BOX 42, Caulfield South 3162

Recent consultation opportunities

Meeting	Type	Date
Code of Conduct for Councillors — community consultation	Written submissions	Closed 17 October
Planning application for subdivision of land at 927B Centre Road, Bentleigh East	Advertising, signs on site, letters written to neighbouring property owners	Closed 7 October
Municipal Early Years Plan — survey	Telephone survey	Closed 23 September

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

No stopping means no stopping

Motorists who park their car without observing parking signs are not merely breaking the law and risking a fine, they are causing a safety hazard.

Failure to comply with signed parking restrictions can potentially increase the risk of injury to passengers and pedestrians. Council is urging motorists to obey parking signs — in particular, 'no stopping' signs.

Council's Acting Manager Traffic and Parking Alan Katz said areas with no stopping signs were zoned that way because in that particular area, having a car stopped at the side of the road could cause an added risk to pedestrians and motorists.

"Lack of clear sight lines, due to a narrow street or other road elements, such as crossings, can increase the risk of injury from passing motorists who do not have a clear view of the roadway. Banning motorists from stopping in such areas helps to reduce the risks.

He said no stopping signs were different to the old familiar no standing signs.

"A no stopping sign means motorists are not permitted to stop in that zone at all — not even to drop off or pick

up passengers. Even if motorists are only stopping to let someone out of the car, regardless of whether they leave the engine running or stay in the car, they are breaking the law," Mr Katz said.

"Contrary to popular belief, the old no standing signs don't exist any more and haven't for six years. The red street signs that have a black S with a red slash through it are no stopping signs and must be obeyed at all times."

No stopping areas are different from no parking areas, where motorists are allowed to stop the car, but only if dropping off or picking up passengers or goods. In no parking areas drivers may not leave the vehicle unattended, and must remain within 3 metres and take no longer than two minutes (or the time indicated on the sign) to complete the drop off.

Mr Katz said Council's traffic safety officers would issue penalty infringement notices either on the spot or via mail to drivers who did not obey parking signs.

"Drivers need to understand that the laws are there for a reason, to make sure motorists and pedestrians are safe. Council takes road and parking safety seriously and offending motorists will be fined," he said.



No stopping signs mean motorists are not allowed to stop the car for any reason.

Photo: Anne Stafford.

Pedestrian refuge for shopping centre

Since 1997, six casualty crashes involving pedestrians have been reported in Glen Huntly Road between Grange Road and Roseberry Grove in Glen Huntly. Two of these crashes involved serious injuries.

To improve pedestrian safety in this particular stretch of road, Council will install a painted pedestrian refuge along the centre of Glen Huntly Road

in between the tram tracks. The refuge, which will run from Grange Road to Roseberry Grove, will provide a safer place for pedestrians to stop as they cross the busy road.

Council's Acting Manager Traffic and Parking Alan Katz said the painted pedestrian refuge would break crossing into a safer two-stage process and would also act to alert motorists to pedestrians crossing the busy road.

"We have successfully used this method of making roads safer in other shopping centres in Glen Eira such as the Booran Road Shopping Centre in Caulfield South," Mr Katz said.

"Although pedestrians are required to use signalised crossings, Council is aware that some choose not to. The pedestrian refuge will make it safer for pedestrians to cross this busy road."

The pedestrian refuge will be installed with a red aggregate material (red diagonal lines made of small stones that are glued to the road's surface) that will stand out for motorists and alert them to the refuge.

The roadworks are scheduled to occur over two evenings in mid-November to minimise disruptions to tram services and the shopping centre.



Council will install a new pedestrian median strip in Glen Huntly Road, similar to one that was installed in Booran Road in Caulfield South.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Traffic safety upgrades in Glen Eira

Making sure motorists and pedestrians are safe on Glen Eira's roads is a top priority for Council — as highlighted by a number of recent safety initiatives undertaken with Victoria Police, Yarra Trams and the RACV.

Council has installed 70 signs throughout Glen Eira, in shopping centres and around train stations, to raise awareness of what motorists can do to reduce the possibility of their car being broken into or stolen. The signs have two simple messages: *Lock it or lose it* and *Don't risk it, take your valuables*.

Residents are urged to take note of

the signs and be mindful of what they can do to make sure their vehicles are secure and valuables are out of sight.

A further safety initiative, jointly undertaken by Council and Yarra Trams, has been the installation of no u-turn signs above tram lines on Glen Huntly Road in the Elsternwick and Glen Huntly shopping centres.

The signs have been installed to discourage the illegal u-turns that motorists are making in the busy shopping centre areas.

Motorists compromise pedestrian safety and cause delays to other motorists and trams by making illegal u-turns.

EVENTS

Bailey Residential Raisers will hold a charity concert in the Auditorium, Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield on Thursday 10 November at 7.30pm. Cost: \$25 (\$21 concession). Contact: Hilda 9570 7322.

Coatesville Uniting Church will hold a concert featuring The Victoria Chorale at the corner of North and Mackie Roads, Bentleigh East on Sunday 20 November at 2.30pm. Cost: \$15/\$10 conc/\$40 family. Contact: 9570 6632.

McKinnon Kindergarten will hold its annual fair at the kindergarten at 220 McKinnon Road, McKinnon on Sunday 13 November from 10am to 3pm. Contact: Jo 0422 741 881.

Moorabbin Historical Society will open Box Cottage, Joyce Park, Jasper Road, McKinnon on the last Sunday of each month until the end of November from 2pm to 4.30pm. Cost: donation. Contact: 9585 7276.

Music Lovers' Society will hold a concert at St Paul's Anglican Church, 530 Dandenong Road, Caulfield North on Saturday 10 December at 8pm. Cost: \$15/ \$12/ \$9/ \$6/ \$35. Contact: 9571 0850 or 9822 7292.

Rippon Lea Estate will hold its annual Christmas Twilight Evening at 192 Hotham Street, Elsternwick on Monday 5 December from 5.30pm to 8.30pm. Cost: \$5. Contact: 9523 6095.

Ripponlea Primary School annual Twilight Bazaar will be held at the school in Carrington Grove, St Kilda East on Friday 18 November from 5pm to 9pm. Contact: 9527 5728.

St Peter's Catholic Church and Primary School will hold its annual fete at 844 Centre Road, Bentleigh East on Saturday 12 November from 11am to 6pm. Contact: Keith 9579 4255 or 9579 5068.

B'nai Brith, Unit Mitzvah will hold its annual garage sale at the corner of Birch Street and Hawthorn Road, Caulfield South on Sunday 13 November from 8am to 4pm. Free admission. Contact: Roger 0402 048 300.

Kilvington Girls Grammar will hold an open day at 2 Leila Road, Ormond on Wednesday 9 November from 9am to 1pm. Contact: 9578 6231.

COMMUNITY

Bentleigh Men's Probus Club seeks volunteers to join its singing group *The Balladeers*. Contact: Jack 9557 7060.

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.

Wesley Homeshare has screened responsible adults available to assist older people in exchange for free accommodation. Contact: Denise 9569 2177.

U3A Glen Eira is taking enrolments for 2006 for classes commencing 6 February. Contact: 9572 0571.

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 Bicycle users group will hold a meeting to discuss bike paths at St Catharine's Anglican Church, corner Clarence Street and Kooyong Road, Caulfield South on Wednesday 23 November at 7.30pm. Contact: Stephen 0412 267 437.

East Bentleigh Self Help Group of Arthritis Victoria meets at Bentleigh-Bayside Community Health Service, Gardeners Road, Bentleigh East on the first Tuesday of the month at 10.15am. All welcome. Contact: 9598 3094.

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.

Bentleigh Men's Probus Club meets at the Bentleigh RSL in Centre Road on the second Thursday of each month from 10.30am to 12.30pm. New members welcome. Contact: Jack 9557 7060.

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

East Bentleigh Combined Probus Club meets at the Bentleigh Club in Yawla Street on every second Tuesday of each month at 9.30am. Contact: Otto 9557 8236.

Glen Eira Combined Probus Club meets at the Bentleigh Club, Yawla Street, Bentleigh on the fourth Friday of each month from 9.45am. Visitors welcome. Contact: Philip 9596 3349.

McKinnon Playgroup holds playgroup sessions at the Reformed Presbyterian Church, 261A McKinnon Road, McKinnon on Thursdays from 10am to 11.30am. Contact: Mary 9570 4079.

The Over 40s Club holds old time, modern, new vogue dances at Ormond Uniting Church, corner of North and Booran Roads, Ormond every second and fourth Saturday of each month at 7.45pm including supper. Cost: \$7. Contact: 9570 4564.

Glen Eira Saints Amateur Football Club seeks under 19 players and officials for the 2006 season. Contact: Matt 0413 419 352.

Little Steps Playgroup holds playgroup sessions at St Catharine's Anglican Church, corner Clarence Street and Kooyong Road, Caulfield South on Mondays from 9.30am to 11.30am. Contact: Gillian 0407 890 236.

Murrumbeena Bowls Club begins its summer bowls session at 10 Blackwood Street, Carnegie. New members welcome. 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.

The Argos and District Australian Greek Senior Citizens Club of Kastoria meets at the Moorleigh Community Centre, Bentleigh East every Friday. Contact: Thomas 9836 6159.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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 remain living independently in their home.

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



GLEN EIRA CITY COUNCIL

IMMUNISATION SESSIONS

NOVEMBER

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

Murrumbeena Baptist Church
44 Murrumbeena Road, Murrumbeena
Monday 14 November 10am-11am

Bentleigh-Bayside Community Health Service
Gardeners Road, Bentleigh East
Wednesday 16 November 6pm-7pm
Saturday 26 November 9.30am-10.30am

Packer Park
Leila Rd, Carnegie
Monday 21 November 10am-11am

Glen Huntly Maternal and Child Health Service
Corner Royal and Rosedale Avenues, Glen Huntly
Wednesday 23 November 9.30am-11am

Please note: Immunisation sessions will not be held at the McKinnon Public Hall on Monday 7 November, or Monday 5 December.

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Much more than a library

Whether you love books, are looking for some entertainment for the kids, want to read the latest magazines, or would like to brush up on your computer

What's on in November at the Carnegie Library

To celebrate the opening of the new Carnegie Library and Community Centre, Council will host a range of free programs and special events for residents to get to know the new facilities, services and collections available.

Storytime sessions

Council's free *Storytime* sessions are held every Wednesday and Friday at 11am. Preschool children, parents and carers are invited to join the fun-filled sessions of stories, songs and rhymes in the children's library area.

Saturday Shakers

Council's great new series of workshops, performances and activities for children and young people kicks off with the *Once Upon a Time Fairytale Show* on Saturday 12 November at 2pm. Enjoy this crazy trip through two timeless fairytales — *The Three Little Pigs* and *Red Riding Hood*. Come and help defeat two wolves in a fun-filled 45 minutes. This is a free event, bookings are not required.

Saturday Shakers events will be held on the second Saturday of each month at 2pm in the special events room.

Sunday music series

Visitors to Carnegie Library can relax and enjoy an afternoon of music and entertainment every Sunday in November from 2pm to 4pm in the special events room.

Are you Internet savvy?

Take advantage of Council's one-on-one Internet training program and book a personalised session, tailored to your Internet interests and experience. The sessions will be held in the new training facility at Carnegie Library. For details, visit any of Council's library branches or phone 9524 3623.

Coming up in December

Council's popular and highly successful children's summer reading program featuring *Eira* the bookworm, takes off at the libraries on 12 December. Further program details are available at Council's libraries.

skills, Council's brand new, state-of-the-art Carnegie Library is the place to be.

Located at 7 Shepparson Avenue, Carnegie, Council's exciting new library has something for everyone providing three times more computers with Internet access; a specially designed children's library area, special events, training and study areas, a broad-ranging reference collection, children's *Storytime* sessions, author talks and programs to entertain and inform, and adjacent car parking.

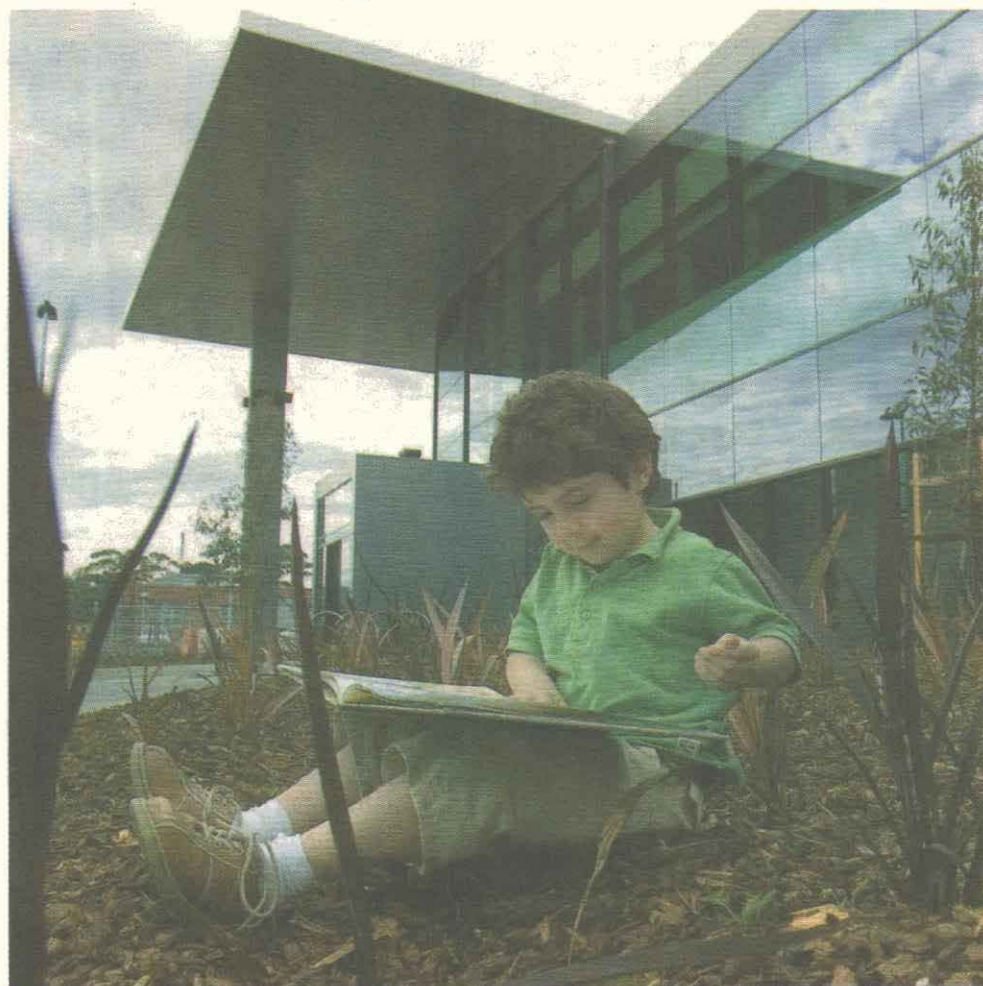
The new library offers:

- extended opening hours, including evenings and weekends;
- books, magazines, DVDs, graphic novels, CDs, CD-ROMs, talking books on CD and cassette; and
- comfortable seating for relaxed reading and study.

Opening hours:

- Monday–Thursday 10am–9pm
- Friday 10am–6pm
- Saturday 10am–4pm
- Sunday 12pm–5pm

For further information, contact Carnegie Library on 9563 0971.



The new Carnegie Library will offer hours of fun and reading.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

BUSINESSNEWS

WHAT'S COMING UP IN BUSINESS

Glen Eira Women's Business Network Networking for Success

Ever feel like a wallflower at functions? Missing opportunities to promote yourself and your business?

Join Justine Coleman, Senior Consultant from the Australian Institute of Management, as she reveals the seven secrets to networking for success. Learn practical tips to effectively develop relationships to enhance your personal and professional life.

Justine Coleman is an experienced learning and development professional with a strong background in sales and marketing and is a highly regarded public speaker.

Glen Eira Women's Business Network — *Networking for Success*

When: Thursday 17 November
7.30pm to 9.30pm
(Networking and light supper at 7pm)

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

Cost: \$10, includes light supper
on arrival.

Bookings essential by
Wednesday 16 November.

Contact Council's Service Centre
on 9524 3333.

Community festivals

November is festival season and preparations are underway in three of Glen Eira's shopping centres.

Schools, community organisations, street stalls, entertainers, or individuals with something to offer are encouraged to become involved in these exciting community events.

McKinnon Village Fair will be held by the Ormond-McKinnon Lions Club in McKinnon Road, McKinnon on Sunday 13 November from 10am to 3pm. For stall and event applications, contact Simon Matthews on 9578 9571 after 6pm.

Bentleigh Traders' Association will hold Bentleigh Festival in Centre Road, Bentleigh on Sunday 20 November from 10am to 4pm. Contact Richard on 9557 9822.

Carnegie Traders' Association will hold Carnegie Festival in Koornang Road, Carnegie on Saturday 26 November from 10.30am to 3.30pm.

For stall holder enquiries, contact Patti Perkins on 0407 095 856.

Students help traders with marketing

Marketing students from Holmesglen Institute of TAFE hit the streets of Elsternwick recently to gather data to assist traders understand the demographic of people using the shopping centre.

As part of Council's *BusEd* program, the 18 students conducted close to 700 interviews with shoppers to provide Elsternwick traders with information to better understand their target markets and guide future marketing campaigns.

Glen Eira's *BusEd* program links businesses and schools for win-win outcomes — the businesses gain otherwise unavailable knowledge and resources and the students gain practical experience, better preparing them for the real world of business.

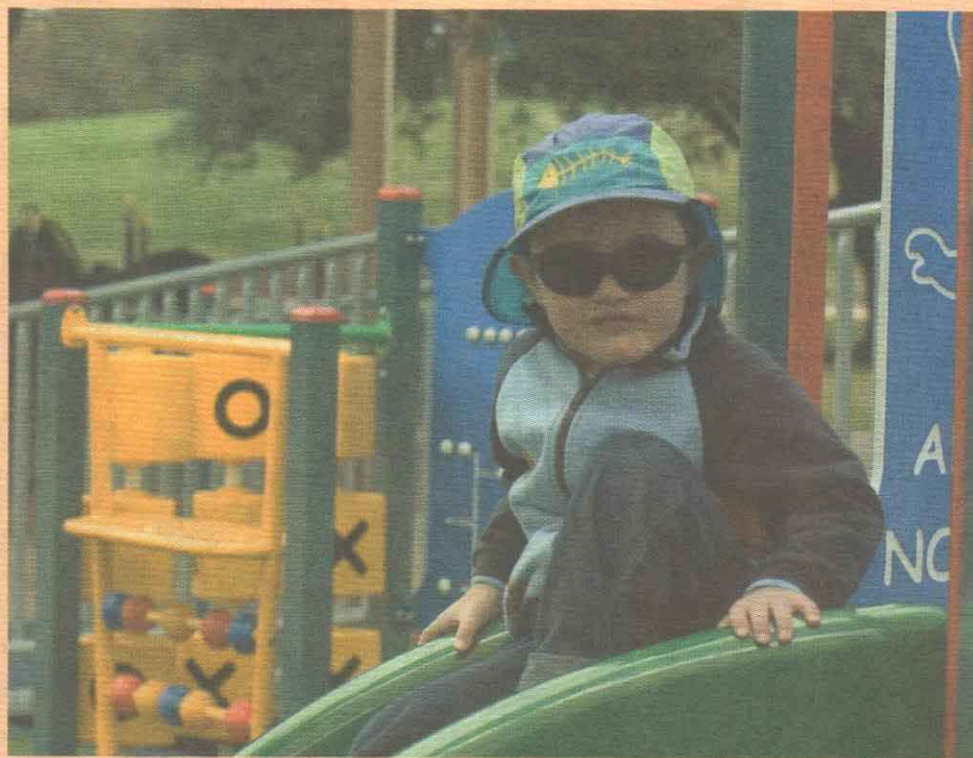
This free business-community service has facilitated projects with more than 100 businesses.

Further projects will begin early 2006 and expressions of interest are now being sought from businesses wishing to participate.

Project opportunities include website design, diagnostic analysis of information technology and systems, marketing, graphic design, photography and business management.

Contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

Park Crescent playground a winner



Council's new Park Crescent playground in Caulfield Park is a hit with Glen Eira youngsters and their families. Children of all ages can be seen enjoying the new play equipment at the park at all hours of the day.

Council's Acting Manager Recreation and Youth Byron Douglas said the new playground has been designed to be accessible for children of all ages and abilities.

"Young children can enjoy the word find and abacus located on the bridge section of the playground equipment while older children can zoom past their parents on the new 10 metre long hurricane slide as well as the bigfoot double-wave slide," Mr Douglas said.

"The redevelopment has something for the whole family — while the youngsters are busy exploring the new and exciting play facilities, the rest of the family can make use of the picnic and barbecue amenities.

"With the warmer weather on its way, the new facilities are proving to be popular with community members of all ages."

There may be a sense of familiarity when parents look at one of the play structures, a space net used for climbing that bears an uncanny resemblance to the Eiffel Tower in Paris!

To book picnic facilities at the park or for further information, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

Three-year-old Samuel Deshayes enjoys a trip down the brand new slide at Council's new Park Crescent playground in Caulfield Park. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Watch this space

The Bentleigh-Hodgson Reserve is getting a facelift. With new shared pedestrian and bicycle paths, significant landscaping and plantings of trees and shrubs, upgraded playgrounds, picnic and barbecue facilities, better sporting facilities and a new car park among the key features planned, Bentleigh-Hodgson Reserve will have something for people of all ages to enjoy.

Redevelopment works have begun and are expected to be completed by mid-2006.

Bentleigh-Hodgson Reserve is a key park in Bentleigh and offers a wide range of facilities for recreation. It includes a sporting oval, tennis courts

and memorial garden. The existing playground, located on the Higgins Road side of the reserve, will be removed and replaced with a new adventure playground. Pedestrian and bicycle paths will be installed throughout the reserve, linking the different areas and activities, entry points and car parks. The main car park, off Arthur Street, will be asphalted and upgraded and park lighting will also be installed.

The memorial gardens, on the Jasper Road side of the park, will also be upgraded. Pathways will link the gardens to the main area of the reserve and the entry points to the war memorial will be centrally located and restored with the memorial granite drink fountain also undergoing restoration. These works will be jointly funded by Council and the Bentleigh RSL Sub Branch at a cost of more than \$69,000.

The sports oval will receive new fencing, player shelters and perimeter drainage. New picnic facilities, barbecue facilities and informal play areas will be incorporated into the upgrade and the whole reserve will benefit from extensive tree planting and landscaping.

The upgrade was undertaken as part of Council's ongoing commitment to upgrade the City's parks in-line with its open space strategy.



The Bentleigh-Hodgson Reserve war memorial will be upgraded as part of the park works.

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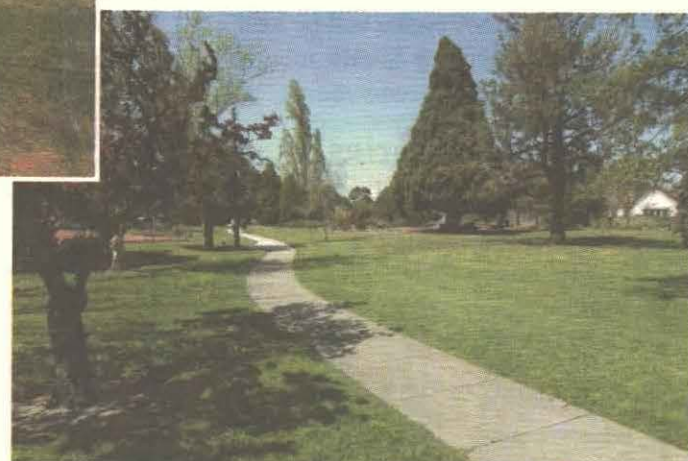
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Sportsgrounds will be upgraded and pathways revamped as part of the redevelopment. Photos: Bernie Bickerton.



Get into the swim of things

The 2005-06 swim season has started! Glen Eira's Caulfield and Bentleigh Swim Centres opened on 1 November.

Be sure to splashdown in a Glen Eira pool this summer and keep an eye out for a range of events including Jazz by the Pool evenings, jet ski demonstrations and family fun days.

Both swim centres feature heated 50-metre Olympic swimming pools as well as learner and toddler pools,

and water slides and provide a great opportunity to get fit for summer, learn to swim or simply picnic on the grass. They offer excellent value family entertainment with plenty of fun for all ages.

The swim centres are open from 6am to 7pm weekdays and 8am to 6pm weekends and public holidays.

If the forecast temperature is a minimum of 30 degrees Celsius the pool hours will be extended to 8pm.



EXHIBITIONS

LOUIS KAHAN: PASSION AND PLACE

Continues to Sunday 13 November



Ring o' Roses (c1964) Louis Kahan

Louis Kahan lived a number of extraordinary lives — he was a tailor and a businessman, a leading fashion designer, a French Foreign Legionnaire. And all the while, Kahan was an artist — a painter, a printmaker, a draughtsman and an illustrator.

He was a man of passion and irrepressible energy.

Kahan was also a traveller whose life was scattered across the globe: Vienna, Paris, North Africa, Perth,

Melbourne, London, Cannes, Florence and Jerusalem.

This exhibition explores the many places of Louis Kahan. It shows how his art grew and flexed with each journey and with each city; it shows how the artist absorbed different cultures; and it examines the restless passion of a man who could never sit still.

This exhibition is the story of a man driven to explore the world just as he explores the forms of his art.

PHOTOGRAPHIC IMAGING COLLEGE GRADUATE EXHIBITION 2005

Opens Tuesday 15 November at 6pm and continues to Sunday 20 November

Photographic Imaging College (PIC) presents its 2005 graduate exhibition at the gallery for one week only. Predominantly generated through the photographic medium (both analog and digital), the work of these students incorporates a wide variety of genres, styles and visual interpretations.

HOLMESGLEN INSTITUTE OF TAFE — DESIGN, MULTIMEDIA AND VISUAL ARTS GRADUATE EXHIBITION

Opens Wednesday 23 November at 6pm and continues to Sunday 4 December

This year, students from Design,

Multimedia and Visual Arts will stage a joint exhibition showcasing their final-year work, including ceramics, graphic art and design, and visual arts practices such as painting, sculpture, printmaking, and photography.

MONASH UNIVERSITY VISUAL COMMUNICATIONS GRADUATE EXHIBITION

Opens Wednesday 7 December at 6pm and continues to Sunday 18 December

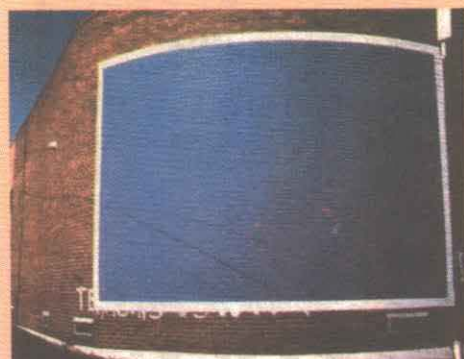
This exhibition celebrates the work of graduating students from the Visual Communication degree at Monash University's Faculty of Art and Design. Young and energetic, brimming with sophistication, wit and humour, the exhibition will highlight the skills of 45 students embracing graphic design, motion graphics, illustration, typography, and photo media.

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



The Blue Poster' C-type photograph
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MYBROTHERJACK

LITERARY FESTIVAL 2005

2005 Glen Eira City Council Literary Awards

— celebrating the written word

The 2005 My Brother Jack Literary Festival featured a series of writing workshops presented by some of Australia's leading writers and a literary competition offering more than \$2,500 in prize money.

Sponsored by Baha'i Community of Glen Eira and Sunflower Bookshop, the literary awards culminated in two award presentation evenings at Caulfield Town Hall on Thursday 20 October at which the following winners were announced.

The 2005 Glen Eira City Council Literary Awards winners

JUNIOR CATEGORIES

Baha'i Junior Short Story Award

First prize:

Avi Lewis — *Why, oh why?*

Second prize:

Ilai Bavati — *Trip to Tunisia*

Baha'i Junior Poetry Award

First prize:

Naomi Dick — *Fake*

Second prize:

Emma Eichhorn — *One eye open*

YOUTH CATEGORIES

Short Story Award

First prize:

Hannah Francis — *The wine glass*

Second prize:

Sarah Ramler — *Watching turtles*

Third prize:

Oren Fixler — *8 legs or 9?*

Poetry Award

First prize:

Brook Hornung — *The dance of fear*

Second prize:

Sarah Ramler — *Touch*

Third prize:

Olivia Franklin — *The hush*

ADULT

Sunflower Bookshop Short Story Award

First prize:

Michael Griffith — *Terry's whale*

Second prize:

Meg Mundell — *The cone machine*

Third prize: Lucy Jean Mrozik —

Lemonade from Firkin's

Poetry Award

First prize:

Debbie Lustig — *Blue Rivers*

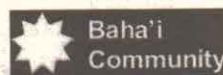
Second prize:

Andrew Spiker — *Sky burial*

Third prize:

Kate Pristov — *The adversity of war*

The awards were judged by nationally recognised authors Cate Kennedy, John Mateer and Hazel Edwards. Congratulations to everyone who participated in the My Brother Jack Literary Festival. Winning entries in each of the categories will be available on Council's website at www.gleneira.vic.gov.au in December.



VENUES FOR HIRE

Council has a range of facilities located throughout Glen Eira available for family reunions, birthday parties, wedding, conference, exhibition, anniversary or special event.

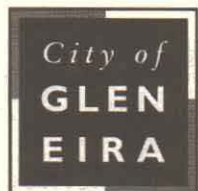
The facilities range in size and are clean and comfortable.

Council also has rotundas situated picturesque park settings to hire for a wedding or special event.

For a free brochure or more information contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 or visit Council's website at www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

GLEN EIRA CITY COUNCIL





Glen Eira City Council
presents

Carols by Candlelight

Sunday 18 December 2005
6.30pm–10pm

Caulfield Racecourse
Terrace Whittier stand

Families and friends are invited to join in song with some of Australia's most talented performers for a night of carols and traditional hymns in the beautiful surrounds of the Caulfield Racecourse.

Hosted by Frankie J. Holden
Featuring:

- Deborah Conway and Willy Zygyer
- Heart n Soul
- Young Voices of Melbourne
- Wesley College School Choir
- Carnegie Primary School String Ensemble
- Bethany Fisher

Pre-carols entertainment commences at 6.30pm and features the Glen Eira City Band and Murrumbeena Baptist Church Band and Choir.

Entry is free via Gate 2, Station Street, Caulfield. Melway reference: 68J3

Bring your rug, pack a picnic and enjoy this magical event with family and friends. Undercover seating is available in the Terrace Whittier stand.

Car parking is available at Kambrook Road car park, entry via Gate 2, Station Street, Caulfield.

For more information contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 or visit www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

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