

New Council for Glen Eira

Glen Eira's 2005-08 Council has been officially sworn in following the November Council elections in which 61 candidates contested seats in the City's three new wards.

Eight new Councillors were elected, and one former Councillor re-elected, to represent the community for the next three years.

The Councillors were sworn in at a ceremony, which included the reading and signing of the Oath of Office and Declaration of Councillor's Code of Conduct, in the Town Hall Council Chambers last month before a packed gallery of family and friends.

The nine elected Councillors for 2005-08 are:

- Camden Ward — Cr Michael Lipshutz, Cr Helen Whiteside and Cr Jacquie Robilliard.
- Rosstown Ward — Cr Margaret Esakoff, Cr Steven Tang and Cr Robert Spaulding.
- Tucker ward — Cr David Feldman, Cr Nick Staikos and Cr Kate Ashmor.

With the exception of former Mayor and Councillor Margaret Esakoff, the incoming Councillors are relative newcomers to local government representation despite many being active community members.

As democratically-elected community representatives, Councillors work with the community and Council management to set the strategic direction for the City and determine community priorities.



The 2005-08 Council. Back row (from left): Cr Robert Spaulding, Cr Michael Lipshutz, Cr Kate Ashmor, Cr Steven Tang and Cr Nick Staikos. Seated (from left): Cr David Feldman, Cr Margaret Esakoff, Cr Helen Whiteside and Cr Jacquie Robilliard. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Councillors have commenced an intensive induction on their governance responsibilities. Councillors are also required to review the City's community plan within their first six months of office.

The Victorian Electoral Commission

ran the election on behalf of Glen Eira City Council. From 2008, all local council elections will be held on the last Saturday in November every four years.

Each year, Councillors cast their votes to elect a Mayor for the City. At the time *Glen Eira News* went to press,

the Mayor for 2005-06 had not been elected. More information about the elections and Councillors can be found on Council's website at www.gleneira.vic.gov.au and will feature in the next edition of *Glen Eira News* in February 2006.

On taking up office, Councillors made the following comments.

CAMDEN WARD

Cr Michael Lipshutz

The election of a new Council represents a new beginning. Councillors are united in agreement to work together and provide effective and responsible leadership.

Cr Helen Whiteside

I feel privileged to be elected by the residents and ratepayers of Camden Ward and thank them for their faith in me. I look forward to a new era in Glen Eira.

Cr Jacquie Robilliard

As new councillors our task is to regain the respect and trust of the community. We can do this by demonstrating that despite differing opinions, we can work together to make decisions that benefit the community.

ROSTOWN WARD

Cr Margaret Esakoff

I would like to thank the community for their encouragement and support. I am confident that all elected representatives will work together cohesively building a strong, healthy, caring, safe community we can be proud of.

Cr Steven Tang

I have the greatest confidence in our new team of councillors and with them, will work to strengthen our community. Thank you for your support.

Cr Robert Spaulding

I'm humbled to be elected as a member of Council and congratulate all members on their success. Thanks voters. We all share collective aims — proactive and effective community management.

TUCKER WARD

Cr David Feldman

Thank you for your strong support in my election as your Tucker Ward councillor. I will work hard to repay the honour. And best wishes for Xmas and the New Year!

Cr Nick Staikos

I am 100% committed to ensuring that the Tucker Ward's interests on Council are protected and will endeavour to deliver the best possible outcomes for my constituents.

Cr Kate Ashmor

My sincere thanks to Tucker Ward residents for entrusting me with this great privilege and responsibility. I look forward to the challenges that lie ahead.

Councillors can be contacted at Glen Eira City Council on 9524 3225.

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS IN GLEN EIRA

Glen Eira is gearing up for a summer season full of celebration to welcome in the new year. Residents are invited to come along and enjoy the following free community events.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Caulfield Racecourse, Terrace Whittier stand, Station Street, Caulfield

Sunday 18 December
6.30pm-10pm

Join some of Australia's most talented performers for a night of carols in the beautiful surrounds of the Caulfield Racecourse. Pre-carols entertainment commences at 6.30pm and features the Glen Eira City Band and Murrumbidgee Baptist Church Band and Choir.

Hosted by Frankie J Holden, and featuring:

- Deborah Conway and Willy Zygiar
- Heart n Soul
- Young Voices of Melbourne
- Wesley College Elsternwick Choir
- Carnegie Primary School String Ensemble
- Bethany Fisher
- St Anthony's Primary School Choir

BIG SPLASH OUT

Caulfield Swim Centre, Koornang Park, Moira Avenue, Carnegie

Friday 20 January
2pm-8pm

Council's annual *Big Splash Out* youth music festival is back!

This summer holiday event is not to be missed. Audiences will be treated to a local line-up of bands and solo performers, a headline act and special surprise guest, along with prizes and giveaways.

THE MAD HATTER'S TEA PARTY

Gardenvale Park, corner Elster Avenue and Gardenia Road, Gardenvale

Saturday 21 January
11am-2pm

Come and enjoy the free, fun and frivolity of Council's Mad Hatter's Tea Party. Bring along a picnic lunch and share in bubble making, ballooning, juggling, storytelling and hat making. Dress up for the day and enjoy an afternoon of fun and fantasy.

PARTY IN THE PARK
MELBOURNE 2006
COMMONWEALTH GAMES
CELEBRATION DAY

Packer Park, Leila Road, Carnegie

Sunday 19 February

This Council-hosted event will include sporting themes and cultural activities in celebration of sport, arts and the games.

More details will be available in the February edition of the *Glen Eira News*.

For more information about any of the above events, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

AUSTRALIA DAY
BREAKFAST

Council will hold an Australia Day breakfast in the Auditorium, Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield on Friday 20 January 2006 at 7.30am.

Guest speaker: Professor John Langford AM presenting *Water — the key to sustainable cities*.

RSVP: Friday 13 January 2005

Cost: \$25 per head

Tickets: Contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

GLEN EIRA CITY COUNCIL



Lest we forget

By Anna McGibbon



Harvey Shaw (OAM) proudly shows off his medals to Kilvington Girls' Grammar students Caroline Chilton and Hannah Wilkinson.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Australia's servicemen and women were remembered at Council's annual Remembrance Day service in Caulfield Park last month.

Glen Eira Administrator John Lester recited *The Ode* as residents paid their respects to men and women who have died in conflict.

In his address, Mr Lester said Remembrance Day is a day to remember the sacrifice made by those servicemen and women who did not return home from the battlefields.

"I am particularly keen to reinforce the message that this day began as a day to remember the thousands of young and not-so-young, men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in that most awful of wars, World War I," Mr Lester said.

Mr Lester and Council's Chief Executive Officer Andrew Newton laid a wreath at the foot of the Cenotaph on behalf of the City, followed by the member for Higinbotham Noel Pullen MLC, member for Monash Johan Scheffer MLC and member for Oakleigh Ann Barker MLA.

The crowd, ranging from war veterans to school students, stood together to observe two minutes' silence. In tribute to the dead, the *Last Post* was played by Caulfield Grammar student George Hronakis.

Glen Eira resident Harvey Shaw (OAM) proudly showed off his war medals to Kilvington Girls' Grammar students Hannah Wilkinson and Caroline Chilton and explained the significance of the medals.

"This medal was presented to me by order of the Queen for my role as an Australian serviceman during the war. This medal is the highest honour given to me and I wear it with great pride," Mr Shaw said.

Wreaths were also laid by representatives from the Caulfield RSL, Oakleigh-Carnegie RSL, the Victorian Association of Jewish Ex-Servicemen and Women, the Caulfield-St Kilda War Widows Club, Leibler Yavneh College, Caulfield Grammar, Kilvington Girls' Grammar, McKinnon Secondary College, Wesley College and Shelford Girls Grammar.

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Detailed Councillor contact information will be printed in the February edition of the *Glen Eira News*.

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Coming deadline:

The deadline for the March edition of *Glen Eira News* is Wednesday 8 February for delivery 3-5 March.

For advertising and *Community diary* enquiries, contact 9524 3366.

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Glen Eira — City of celebrations

Glen Eira kicked off a season of celebrations with the highly anticipated opening of the Carnegie Library and Community Centre in October.

Thousands of people flocked to the opening celebrations where they were treated to hours of entertainment for all ages, including musical performances, stories, children's entertainers, roving musicians, competitions and an animal farm.

But despite the surrounding entertainment, it was the impressive centre that stole the show. More than 8,000 curious residents made their way

through a labyrinth of books to explore the brand new Carnegie Library. Almost 6,000 books, DVDs, magazines and other items were borrowed during the weekend and more than 180 people signed up as new library members.

Tours of the community centre, meeting rooms and children's multi-purpose centre were a hit with residents — particularly the upstairs community centre which many eagerly prepared to book for their community activities. Families visited the children's multi-purpose centre to view the facilities for young children and playgroups. ■

"Brilliant. The kids love it and they're having fun. A good initiative." — Phil Webster, Murrumbena



Deborah Marcinkus and son Nathaniel take home some weird and wonderfully sculptured balloons after visiting Tim the balloonologist.

"Excellent resources — a great selection and good that it's all new. The modern architecture is nice." — Ben (aged 15), Carnegie

Two-and-half-year-old Mimi gets to feed a chicken with mum Sharon.



Glen Eira residents pack into the new Carnegie Library with almost 6,000 books, DVDs, magazines and other items borrowed during a weekend in which 180 new members were registered.

Photos: Les O'Rourke.

"Very exciting. Quite a buzz to be here with this many people. I was curious to see what it would be like and came to take a look. I opened an encyclopedia and was obviously the first to open it. It was new with shiny pages and just great to use. This is a nice space and I will certainly be coming here on a regular basis." — Matthew, Carnegie

Carnegie Library opening hours

The new Carnegie Library and Community Centre is located at 7 Shepparson Avenue, Carnegie.

Monday to Thursday 10am–9pm

Friday 10am–6pm

Saturday 10am–4pm

Sunday 12pm–5pm

Carnegie Library contact phone number: 9563 0971.

Room bookings for Carnegie Library and Community Centre

Community groups are invited to apply to use Council's new Carnegie Library and Community Centre.

Available facilities include small and large multi-purpose rooms and specialised meeting, counselling and consulting rooms. The facilities are available for regular use (more than 10 times in the year) for a period of up to one year.

All rooms are air-conditioned, have tables and chairs and disability access. Each room has access to either a kitchenette or kitchen. User guidelines, conditions of use and an application form can be downloaded from Council's website at www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

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

Warming up for the Games

Glen Eira celebrations didn't stop at the opening of the community centre and library. Warming up for the Games was held last month by Council, in conjunction with the Caulfield Cricket Club.

More than 1,000 people took advantage of the near perfect November weather heading outside to get physical and have some fun.

People of all ages dusted off their running shoes and took part in the fun

run, community walk and primary school challenge.

Following the hard work, participants enjoyed a variety of free activities after the running events including bungee trampolines, musical acts, an animal farm, jumping castles, go carts and learning how to balance on the popular surf rider.

Commonwealth Games athletes of tomorrow also had a chance to show off their skills at come-and-try displays for cricket, netball, softball and lacrosse.

Council has been busy working



Let the race begin. People of all ages took part in the fun run, walk and day activities.

Photos: Bernie Bickerton.



Kylie from Glen Eira's oldest sports club, the Caulfield Lacrosse Club, shows young Jordan the tricks of playing Lacrosse.

on more celebrations for Glen Eira residents to enjoy. Flip back to page two of this edition of the *Glen Eira News* for a detailed events listing. ■

CEO'S COLUMN



With the festive season here what a fantastic time to celebrate the joy of family, friends and community.

A major highlight of the year in Glen Eira was the recent opening of the \$10 million Carnegie Library and Community Centre. Huge crowds flocked to witness the opening of the biggest project ever undertaken by Council.

This massive project illustrates Council's dedication to providing the community with modern facilities, for the whole community to enjoy.

Approximately \$18.2 million is earmarked for extensive capital works projects in the 2005-06 budget to renew community facilities and assets throughout the City.

In the coming year, we also enter the final straight in the countdown to the Commonwealth Games. Council will host a Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games Celebration Day in February and the community excitement is already mounting. This follows on from the successful *Warming Up for the Games* community event held in November. Council held the family fun day in partnership with the Caulfield Cricket Club at Caulfield Park, and it was a day to remember!

For details of the Commonwealth Games celebration day in February, to be hosted in Packer Park, keep an eye on upcoming editions of the *Glen Eira News*.

It was an honour to administrate the Oath of Office to the new team on Councillors who have been chosen by the community to govern the City. All Councillors have spoken out about teamwork and we look forward to a cohesive and productive 2006.

I wish you all a happy, safe and joyful festive season and invite you to join some of Australia's most talented performers for a night of carols and celebration on Sunday 18 December (for event details turn to page 9).

Andrew Newton
Chief Executive Officer

Keeping pace with community needs: Disability Action Plan

By Anna McGibbon

To keep pace with the changing needs of people with disabilities, Council, in consultation with the Glen Eira Disability Reference Committee, has updated the Glen Eira Disability Action Plan.

The revised plan outlines opportunities to improve services, better plan facilities and eliminate barriers which prevent participation or access for people with disabilities.

Council's Director Community Services Peter Jones said about 15 per cent of Glen Eira residents have a disability — 3.9 per cent of whom have profound or severe core activity restriction.

"Council has already made a significant commitment and extensive disability service provision to physical access, communication, children's services, aged and disability services, building and planning, footpaths, and parks and recreation," Mr Jones said.

"But under Council's policy of continuous improvement, the plan needed to be reviewed so we can ensure it continues to reflect the needs of a changing community.

"The plan contains key strategies to ensure Council maintains its obligations under the *Discrimination Act 1992* and complies with the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* through developing a culture of inclusion, ensuring a physically accessible environment and being a community leader.

"We will continue to provide leadership in the community by promoting awareness and demonstrating positive community attitudes and



Director Community Services Peter Jones shows Glen Eira resident Robert Pask Council's 2005-07 Disability Action Plan. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

responses towards people of all abilities."

Council's Disability Reference Committee meets bi-monthly and includes Council staff and community members who have a disability or are carers of people with disabilities.

Mr Jones said the committee and the plan aimed to assess the needs of Glen Eira's disabled population and meet these needs in the best way possible.

"By implementing the revised plan, Council seeks to improve access to all facilities, information and services to ensure people with disabilities participate in all aspects of community living with dignity and equity," Mr Jones said.

The original Disability Action Plan was introduced in 1998. The plan aimed to uphold the rights of people of all abilities to be fully participating members of the community.

The 2005-07 Disability Action Plan has been registered with the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission, which is responsible for administering the *Disability Discrimination Act* and handling related complaints.

Copies of the plan are available from Council's Service Centre or from Council's website at www.gleneira.vic.gov.au



Making an informed decision about the perfect pet for you is the first step of responsible pet ownership.

Photo: Anna McGibbon.

Love your pet for life

By Stephanie Hawking

Owning a pet can be rewarding, but the level of commitment it requires is often higher than expected. As a result, thousands of pets are abandoned every year.

With Christmas only weeks away, a pet may seem like the ideal gift. However, pet ownership is a big responsibility and many factors should be considered before making the decision. Potential owners should think about the expense involved in keeping a pet, how much space and exercise it will need, and who else the pet's arrival may affect.

Making an informed decision about the most appropriate pet for your circumstances will stop it from becoming one of the thousands dumped in the streets or left in pounds each year.

The RSPCA reported taking in 38,070 animals in 2004-05; an increase of 932 on the previous 12 months.

Of those received, almost two-thirds of dogs and only one-third of cats were returned to owners or rehoused. The rest were destroyed.

Decreasing the number of unwanted animals is possible through responsible pet ownership. If you are confident you can give a pet a good home, these suggestions will help you get the most from your pet:

- De-sex your pet to avoid unwanted litters.
- Give your pet lots of attention and affection by playing with and exercising it.
- Keep a close watch on your pet's health, feed it a balanced diet, take it to a reputable vet when necessary and keep up-to-date with vaccinations.
- Register your pet with Council and have it micro-chipped — this will make it easier to return if it gets lost. ■

Exchange brings language to life for local student

By Stephanie Hawking

An expanded vocabulary and a trip to a local public bath were just two of the highlights Tim Barnes experienced on his recent trip to Japan as part of the Glen Eira-Ogaki Friendly Cities exchange program.

The Year 11 student said he took part in the program mainly to prepare for studying Japanese next year.

"My older brother went to Japan twice before Year 12 and his language ability really improved," Tim said.

"The skills you can pick up are amazing. The language becomes part of you because you are using it in real life."

Although he has studied the language for seven years, Tim was nervous about meeting his host family and being able to communicate with them. He said that even though parts of Japan are almost bilingual, people in smaller towns such as Ogaki speak and understand very little English.

The 10-day trip took in some of the impressive sights of Tokyo and Ogaki. Tim said his favourite place was the local public bath, known as *onsen*.

"It is designed purely for relaxation, with a sauna, showers, water fountains and indoor and outdoor baths. There is nothing like it in Australia, it was just incredible," he said.

Tim also visited Meiji Shrine, Waterfall of Yoro and Lake Biwa and spent some time fly-fishing in the river near his host family's house.

He said the most unexpected part of the trip was the bond formed between the exchange students.

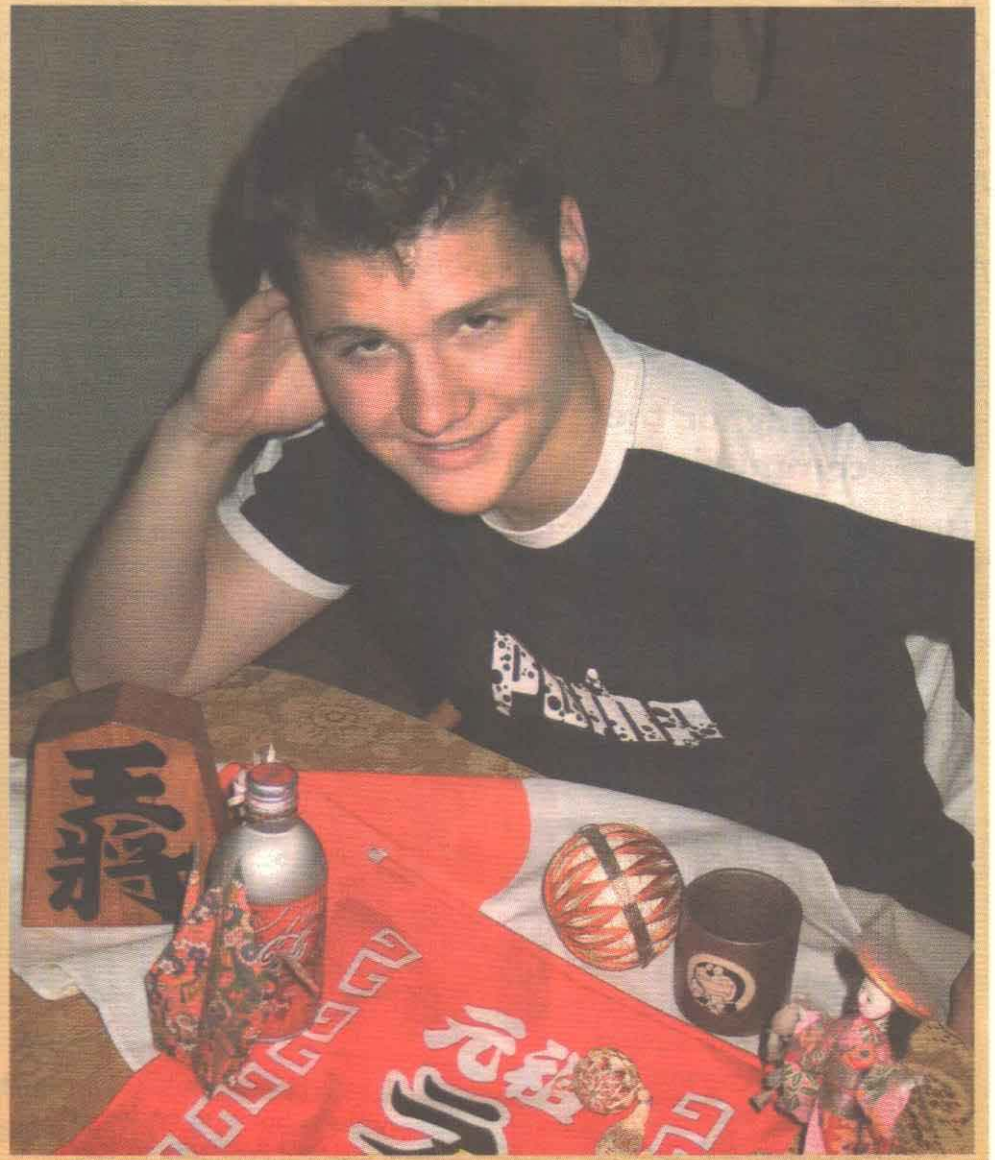
"We were all quite shy with each other at first, but when we got over to Japan and spent the first few days in Tokyo, we became really close. It was a bit sad to get separated when we went to our host families in Ogaki," he said.

Tim believes his trip to Japan stands him in good stead for the future and has given him a new outlook on the way he sees study, school and family life.

"I hope this new attitude stays with me for a long time," he said.

Tim Barnes with a few of the souvenirs from his recent trip to Ogaki.

Photo: Stephanie Hawking.



Is your pool or spa safe?

Summer is a time for fun and enjoying the outdoors but with warmer weather approaching, Council urges residents to make sure they stay safe when cooling off in pools and spas.

Four people drowned in home pools in Victoria between 1 July 2004 and 30 June 2005. To prevent further deaths, residents are reminded to ensure safety

barriers are working effectively and to keep their pool and spa enclosures free from potential danger.

Council's Manager Civic Compliance John Bordignon said pool and spa safety was important all-year round but especially during the summer season.

"We are urging pool and spa owners to make sure they follow State Government regulations and comply

with safety standards no matter when their pool or spa was built. The current regulations are retrospective, meaning they apply to all pools and spas, not just new installations," Mr Bordignon said.

"Council has a proactive enforcement program in place to identify and inspect pools and spas and conduct regular random inspections to ensure owners meet their obligations for the installation and maintenance of effective safety barriers.

"Swimming pools and spas can provide families with entertainment and enjoyment but strict enforcement policies must be followed for safety reasons. We want pool and spa owners to be aware that maintaining the safety barriers once they are installed is just as important as following the regulations for installation in the first place."

Council may issue on-the-spot fines of up to \$210 and, in some cases, prosecute owners who do not comply with these safety regulations. Pool and spa owners who do not comply face a maximum fine of \$5,000. In addition, penalties of up to \$10,000 are prescribed under the *Building Act 1993* for failure to adhere to building regulations.

For more information, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 or contact the Building Commission on 1300 360 320.

The following safety checklist can help with the ongoing care and maintenance of your pool or spa.

- Maintain gates and fences regularly.
- Fit correct safety measures to gates, doors and windows such as self-closers, latches, fly screens, catches and bolts.
- Ensure no tree branches, pot plants, or other items that could be used to climb safety barriers are within a 1.2 metre radius of the safety barrier.
- Check that any chairs, boxes, pool pumps, or other items that could be used to climb the barrier to access the swimming pool are removed.
- Make sure any fences (especially timber paling fences) are still in good repair and cannot be climbed.
- Ensure all gates and doors that provide access to the swimming pool or spa are closed at all times, except when entering or leaving the area.
- Make sure the neighbouring properties offer no access points to your pool or spa.
- If in doubt, contact the Building Commission or Council for further information and advice.



Council Building Inspector Paul Powell makes sure pool fencing complies with safety regulations.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

The end of year report card for Glen Eira City Council

General comments:

Glen Eira City Council has been committed to providing consistently high quality services and facilities to the community. Over the past financial year and to date, it has continued to meet and surpass set performance targets and receive high community approval ratings. Council's ability to set long-term plans to safeguard the City's financial and physical wellbeing is commended. Overall, a great 18 month's work.

✓ 1. Caring for the community

Highlights:

- Music, dance fitness, culture, luncheons, concerts, health seminars, sporting events and talks — all part of Council's 2005 Victoria's Seniors Festival in Glen Eira.
- Purchased a wheelchair-accessible bus (\$121,835), providing better access to facilities and services for residents with a disability. The bus forms part of Council's existing community fleet providing transport support to a range of programs and community groups.
- Received an overall customer satisfaction rating of 78 per cent for compliance with accreditation standards and service delivery for aged residential services in annual industry benchmarking survey.

Regular services:

- Provided more than 150,000 hours of home and community care



services in-home to enable ageing and disabled residents to stay in their homes as long as possible.

- Immunised more than 8,360 residents.
- More than 31,460 maternal and child health consultations were held providing advice to parents.

✓ 2. Renewing ageing community facilities

Council has upgraded and renewed the City's ageing infrastructure and facilities through \$23.4 million of capital works from July 2004 to December 2005.

Highlights:

Major capital works:

- completed the \$10.4 million Carnegie Library and Community Centre;
- reconstructed Khartoum Street, Riddell Parade, Lysbeth Street, Morgan Street, Dalny Road, Carlingford Street, Rosanna Road and Curraweena Road (\$1.9 million);
- final works completed, unveiled 30 new purpose-built Curraweena Independent Living Units, Caulfield South, providing modern all-abilities access accommodation (\$1.6 million), for the 2004-05 period;
- replaced footpaths (\$1.4 million);
- completed drainage works in Omarma Road, Royal Avenue and Benteleigh Reserve (\$787,082);
- replaced park furniture and upgraded walking paths (\$200,029);
- implemented bicycle strategy (\$161,004);
- upgraded Koornang Park (\$158,338); and



- refurbished the Delivered Meals and Social Support Centre (\$118,838).

Regular services:

- Cleaned 38 kilometres of drains, replaced more than 23 kilometres of footpaths, and installed 5.85 kilometres of drains.
- Reconstructed 28,080 m² and repaired 55,939 m² of road surface.

✓ 4. Planning for a better Glen Eira

Council applies its policies, amendments and guidelines, as well as planning-related legislation, when considering the many applications for development, use and subdivision of land in the City.

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

Highlights:

- Council's innovative Pre-Lodgement Certification planning program, providing applicant incentives to seek professional assistance, recognised by the Planning Institute of Australia Victorian and national divisions with awards for urban planning excellence. The State Government also incorporated Council's pre-lodgement



Regular services:

- Recycled 6,305 tonnes of paper.
- Recycled 5,595 tonnes of bottles and cans.
- Collected 40,277 tonnes of waste for landfill.
- Conducted 16,927 hard rubbish collections.
- Conducted 5,008 bundled branch collections.
- Collected 2,489 tonnes of green waste.
- Swept 24,000 kilometres of streets.

✓ 5. Making health and safety a priority

Council has worked diligently to provide a safe environment for its community. As part of its civic leadership role, Council convenes the Community Safety Committee which co-ordinates safety initiatives with government and community organisations responsible for Glen Eira's safety, including Victoria Police, VicRoads, Metropolitan Fire Brigade, and departments of

Education and Training, Human Services, and Infrastructure.

Highlights:

- A 23 per cent decrease in crime was recorded across the City over a 12-month period — the lowest crime rate in metropolitan Melbourne.
- Council held safety initiatives during Community Safety Month in October, such as delivering home safety information kits to elderly residents.
- Received the Victorian Public Health Award for Innovation for the Taste 4 Health nutrition program, encouraging businesses to provide healthy food to help reduce incidents



of heart disease and increasing obesity rates.

- Undertook occupational health and safety initiatives, such as introducing fluorescent safety vests for delivered meals staff and volunteers and providing off-street parking at the Delivered Meals and Social Support Centre to ensure safety while loading and unloading vehicles. Also introduced the No Lift policy and handling system for staff at Warrawee and Spurway aged residential facilities, reducing injury risks and achieving a net decrease in insurance premium of 1.79 per cent for the 2005-06 insurance period.
- Installed recycled-rubber speed cushions in Munro Avenue and McKinnon Road, Benteleigh East, reducing numbers of speeding



motorists by 27 per cent. Council's speed advisory trailer also used in 17 local streets to educate drivers about speed limits and their own driving habits.

- Inspected more than 750 food premises to ensure required food quality and safety standards are met. Since 2001, local business sample quality has risen by 15 per cent, achieving a 90 per cent compliance rate with National Food Safety standards this year.

✓ 6. Meeting the community's expectations and priorities

Council has continued to reach extremely high levels of satisfaction with the community. The annual independent customer satisfaction survey has tracked a consistently high community approval rating of 85 per cent in 2005.

Highlights:

- Service Centre rated as one of the most efficient in Australia in an independent Customer Service Benchmarking Australia investigation. Council's Service Centre ranked first in Victoria and among the top four in Australia.
- Waste management services rated as excellent, good or adequate by 90 per cent of residents.
- Economic development in Glen Eira achieved 84 per cent satisfaction rating from residents.
- Conducted more than 30 business education, networking and training seminars and workshops, including women's business network meetings and financial education and mentoring programs.
- Added more than 35,000 items, including DVDs and talking books on CD, to Council's library collection.
- Held more than 25 exhibitions and major free outdoor community events including *Carols by Candlelight*, *Party in the Park* and *Warming up for the Games*.
- Delivered more than 630,000 copies of



the Glen Eira News to households and businesses in Glen Eira.

- Received more than 653,000 hits on Council's website.

Regular services:

Council's service centre staff answered more than 207,000 calls, just under 75 per cent of which were resolved entirely by the staff member answering the call — an increase of more than 14 per cent in the past six years. Regular discussions with all Council service areas have kept staff up-to-date and increased their knowledge for dealing with customer enquiries, ultimately reducing customer frustration from having to speak with multiple people. A comparison with four neighbouring councils showed Council's Service Centre offered a wider range of support services and had the lowest customer wait time (average nine seconds compared to 13-71 seconds), despite receiving the highest number of calls compared to its benchmarking partners.

EVENTS

Coatesville Uniting Church will hold a Christmas Eve festival and Carols by Candlelight at the corner of North and Mackie Roads, Benteigh East on Saturday 24 December from 6pm. Contact: 9570 6632.

St Catharine's Anglican Church will hold a children's Christmas pageant at the corner of Clarence Street and Kooyong Road, Caulfield on Sunday 18 December at 6pm. Contact: Stephen 0412 267 437.

St Catharine's Anglican Church will hold Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services at the corner of Clarence Street and Kooyong Road, Caulfield. Contact: Stephen 0412 267 437.

MEETINGS AND CLUBS

Benteigh 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.

Benteigh Men's Probus Club meets at Benteigh RSL in Centre Road, Benteigh 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 Gladys Machin Hall, Cedar Street, Caulfield South 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 Benteigh Uniting Church Hall, 495 Centre Road, Benteigh on the first and third Saturday of each month at 8pm. Cost: \$6. Contact: 9587 1092.

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

KG Putt Benteigh Senior Citizens Group holds bingo games at 2 Arthur Street, Benteigh on Monday nights at 7pm. All welcome. Contact: 9557 6010.

KG Putt Benteigh Senior Citizens Group holds a supper dance with all dancing types at 2 Arthur Street, Benteigh on the third Saturday of each month from 7.30pm until midnight. Cost: \$5 with plate, \$7 without. Contact: 9557 6010.

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.

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.

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

COMMUNITY

12th Caulfield Scout Group urgently needs more leaders for their scout group. All training provided. Contact: Peter 9329 1705 or 0411 406 086.

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.

Murrumbeena Activity Group is taking enrolments for a three-year-old activity group at the corner of Poath and Dalny Roads, Murrumbeena in 2006. Contact: 0432 271 204.

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

U3A Glen Eira is taking enrolments for 2006. Classes commence 6 February. Contact: 9572 0571.

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IMMUNISATIONSESSIONS

DECEMBER

Murrumbeena Baptist Church
44 Murrumbeena Road, Murrumbeena
Monday 12 December 10am-11am

Glen Eira Town Hall (entry via Glen Eira Road)
Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield
Tuesday 13 December 9.30am-10.15am

Benteigh-Bayside Community Health Service
Gardeners Road, Benteigh East
Wednesday 14 December 6pm-7pm
Saturday 17 December 9.30am-10.30am

Packer Park
Leila Road, Carnegie
Monday 19 December 10am-11am

Glen Huntly Maternal and Child Health Centre
Corner Royal and Rosedale Avenues, Glen Huntly
Wednesday 21 December 9.30am-11am

Bird flu (Avian influenza)

Bird flu vaccines are currently not available. A number of vaccines are being trialled, however these may prove ineffective in the event of a pandemic of bird flu.

Federal and State Governments are currently ensuring the availability of antiviral bird flu agents.

These drugs limit the severity of the disease once a person is affected.

At present, the bird flu virus is transmitted between birds and humans. A pandemic strain of the virus would allow the virus to be spread from human to human. However, no incidents of human to human transmission of the avian virus have yet been reported.

Commonwealth Serum Laboratories (CSL) has been contracted by the Federal

Government to provide up to 40 million doses of a vaccine — sufficient to give every Australian two doses.

If a bird flu epidemic affects the local community, Glen Eira City Council will vaccinate members of the public once a vaccine is available.

Council conducted mass immunisation sessions for all children aged 0-19 years in 2003 with the release of the Meningococcal and Pneumococcal vaccines.

During this period Council vaccinated more than 10,000 people.

For further information contact Better Health on 1800 126 637 or visit the website at www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au



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CAROLSBY CANDLELIGHT

**Caulfield Racecourse
Terrace Whittier stand
Caulfield
(Melway reference: 68 E3)
Sunday 18 December
6.30pm–10pm. Free event.**

Families and friends are invited to join in song with some of Australia's most talented performers for a night of carols and traditional music at Council's *Carols by Candlelight* concert on Sunday 18 December.

This year's impressive line-up includes crowd favourite Frankie J Holden who will also host the event. Frankie J Holden is one of Australia's best-known and loved talents.

Headlining this year's musical feast is Aria-award winning singer and songwriter Deborah Conway, who will perform with partner Willy Zygiel.

Also bringing their beautiful sounds to the program is the 10-piece gospel a cappella group, Heart n Soul.

This year, a host of choirs will join in the *Carols by Candlelight* celebration, including the powerful voices of the Young Voices of Melbourne, Wesley College Elsternwick Choir, and the Murrumbidgee Baptist Church Choir and Band. The Carnegie Primary School String Ensemble and St Anthony's Primary School Choir will also perform. Singer and star of *Blue Heelers* Bethany Fisher will also make a special appearance. And of course, the evening wouldn't be complete without you-know-who in the red suit.

TRUenergy have generously provided the candles for this year's *Carols by Candlelight* concert.



2005 CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT PROGRAM

Pre-carols entertainment

- Glen Eira City Band
- Murrumbidgee Baptist Church Choir and Band

Official program

- Frankie J Holden
- Bethany Fisher
- Carnegie Primary School String Ensemble
- Wesley College Elsternwick Choir
- St Anthony's Primary School Choir
- Young Voices of Melbourne
- Heart n Soul
- Deborah Conway and Willie Zygiel
- Special appearance by Santa Claus

Entry is free.

Bring your rugs, 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 (Melway reference 68 E3).

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

• *Proceeds from the sale of programs and candles will be donated to Community Information Glen Eira for emergency relief.*

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

MONASH UNIVERSITY VISUAL COMMUNICATIONS GRADUATE EXHIBITION: PLEASE DON'T FEED THE DESIGNERS

*Continues to Sunday
18 December*

Please don't feed the designers exhibits graphic design and illustration works by final-year Monash University visual communication students, showcasing a wide variety of talent from typography and photography to digital manipulation and hand-rendered illustration. The students are encouraged to push the boundaries of traditional graphic design and embrace the unexpected. This they do with a respectful nod to the strong traditions of their profession.



SELECTED WORKS FROM THE GLEN EIRA CITY COUNCIL COLLECTION

*Opens 18 January and continues to
26 February 2006*

Hot outside? Cool down with a visit to the Glen Eira City Council Gallery to see some inspired and unique artworks from Council's collection of 350 artworks.

2006 promises to be an exciting year at the Glen Eira City Council Gallery. For a closer look at the exhibition program for 2006 or to be placed on the mailing list, visit Council's website at www.gleneira.vic.gov.au or contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.



Jon Cattapan — *The Judgement (Try Yourself)*, 1984, synthetic polymer paint on paper.

The Mad Hatter's Tea Party

**Gardenvale Park, corner Elster
Avenue and Gardenia Road,
Gardenvale**

(Melway reference: 67 H7)

Saturday 21 January 2006

11am–2pm. Free event.

Looking for something exciting to do after the new year rush has faded? Why not come and enjoy the free fun and frivolity of Council's *Mad Hatter's Tea Party* on Saturday 21 January.

Be entertained by multi-skilled balloon-ologist, juggler and bubble-ologist extraordinaire Tim Tim. Bring along a picnic lunch and share in bubble making, ballooning, juggling,

storytelling and hat making. Dress up for the day and enjoy an afternoon of fun and fantasy.

Come and create your own hat with the Enviro craft hat-making workshop and craft activities. Children can make and create inventive mad hatter hats and masks.

Join Alice and the White Rabbit and be entertained by performances including comedy, audience participation, games, characterisation and dance sketches.

Adventure into a world where things that are big become small and the invisible becomes visible!

Party in the Park — a commonwealth celebration

**Packer Park, Leila Road, Carnegie (Melway reference: 68 J8)
Sunday 19 February 2006. 12pm–5pm. Free event.**

Come and join the next instalment of Council's *Party in the Park* celebrations on Sunday 19 February 2006 as Glen Eira celebrates the forthcoming Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games.

The event will showcase music, food and sport while it celebrates the cultures of the countries that make up the commonwealth.

This special celebration is not to be missed. Residents are invited to enjoy the rich cultural program which will include didgeridoo performers, roving entertainers, and pirate orchestra Sforzando as it blends punk music with European folk and sea shanty songs.

Students from local schools will participate in a variety of activities, including the opportunity to make giant Bahamas fish with children's workshop provider Festive Factory to celebrate the Bahamas.

Local sporting clubs will demonstrate their sports, including table tennis, cycling, netball and athletics. Information on the history and culture of the 51 countries of the commonwealth will also be on display.

This *Party in the Park* — a commonwealth celebration, is presented by Glen Eira City Council and sponsored by the Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games.

Вечная память

В прошлом месяце в парке Caulfield проводился День памяти – ежегодная церемония, проводимая муниципалитетом в память австралийских военнослужащих, погибших на войне.

Администратор муниципалитета Glen Eira г-н John Lester, в присутствии более 50 собравшихся, прочитал специальную Оду в память погибших.

В своем обращении г-н Lester сказал, что в День памяти мы отдаем дань всем нашим соотечественникам, не вернувшимся домой с войны.

“Я хочу напомнить, что этот день мы впервые стали отмечать в память тех тысяч солдат и офицеров, мужчин и женщин, молодых и немолодых, которые погибли в самой ужасной войне – Первой Мировой,” сказал г-н Lester.

Г-н Lester и исполнительный директор г-н Andrew Newton от имени муниципалитета возложили венок к подножию памятника Cenotaph. В церемонии также приняли участие г-н Noel Pullen MLC от избирательного округа Higinbotham, г-н Johan Scheffer MLC от округа Monash и г-жа Ann Barker MLA от округа Oakleigh.

Собравшиеся, среди которых были ветераны войны и школьники, почтили память погибших минутой молчания, а затем George Hronakis, ученик школы Caulfield Grammar, сыграл мелодию Last Post.

Perché nessuno dimentichi

Il mese scorso, nell'ambito dell'annuale funzione organizzata dal Comune per celebrare il Giorno della Rimembranza, si è tenuto a Caulfield Park il servizio in memoria dei militari australiani, uomini e donne.

L'amministratore di Glen Eira, John Lester, ha recitato L'ode alla presenza di più di 50 residenti di Glen Eira raccolti per porgere omaggio ai militari, uomini e donne, caduti in guerra.

Nel suo discorso di apertura Lester ha affermato che il Giorno della Rimembranza rimane una giornata di commemorazione del sacrificio di tutti quei militari, uomini e donne, che non sono mai ritornati dai campi di battaglia.

“Intendo in maniera particolare rinforzare il messaggio per cui questa ricorrenza ha avuto inizio come giorno per riportare alla memoria le migliaia di giovani e non più giovani che hanno offerto il loro ultimo sacrificio nella più terribile delle guerre, la prima guerra mondiale” ha affermato Lester.

Lester ed Andrew Newton, direttore esecutivo del Comune, hanno deposto a nome della cittadinanza una corona ai piedi del cenotafio, seguiti dal rappresentante di Higinbotham, Noel Pullen MLC, dal rappresentante di Monash, Johan Scheffer MLC e dalla rappresentante di Oakleigh, Ann Barker MLA.

La folla, che comprendeva sia reduci che studenti, ha osservato in piedi due minuti di silenzio. George Hronakis, studente presso la Caulfield Grammar, ha poi interpretato in onore dei deceduti il brano musicale The Last Post.

我們永不忘記

為了緬懷澳大利亞軍人，上個月市政府在 Caulfield 公園舉行了年度榮軍紀念日活動。

Glen Eira 市政府行政官約翰·萊斯特在紀念儀式上朗誦了《頌歌》，參加儀式的 50 多位 Glen Eira 市民向戰爭中獻身的軍人表示敬意。

萊斯特先生在講演中說，榮軍紀念日已成為紀念在戰爭中英勇犧牲的軍人的日子。

萊斯特先生說：“我特別要強調的是，這一天是緬懷在第一次世界大戰中獻出寶貴生命的年輕或不太年輕的成千上萬軍人”。

萊斯特先生和市政府首席執行官安德魯·牛頓代表全市人民在 Cenotaph 腳下獻了花圈，之後 Higinbotham 選區的市議員諾爾·普蘭、Monash 選區的市議員約翰·謝佛和 Oakleigh 選區的市議員安·巴克也相繼獻了花圈。

參加儀式的人中既有參戰老兵，也有小學生，他們在一起默哀兩分鐘。為了紀念犧牲的軍人，Caulfield 文法學校的學生喬治·赫蘭娜基斯演奏了《最後的崗位》。

Μη τυχόν και το ξεχάσουμε (Lest we forget)

Θυμηθήκαμε τους άντρες και τις γυναίκες στρατιωτικούς της Αυστραλίας στην ετήσια τελετή της Επέτειου της λήξης του Πρώτου Παγκόσμιου Πολέμου (Remembrance Day) στο πάρκο του Caulfield το περασμένο μήνα.

Ο Διοικητής του Glen Eira, ο John Lester απάγγειλε Την Ωδή (The Ode) ενώ περισσότεροι από 50 δημότες του Glen Eira υπέβαλαν τα σέβη τους στους άντρες και στις γυναίκες που απεβίωσαν κατά τη σύρραξη.

Στην προσαγόρευσή του ο κ. Lester είπε ότι η Επέτειος της λήξης του Πρώτου Παγκόσμιου Πολέμου είχε γίνει μία ημέρα όπου θυμόμαστε τη θυσία που έκαναν οι άντρες και γυναίκες σταρτιωτικοί οι οποίοι δεν επέστρεψαν από τα πεδία μάχης.

“Ενδιαφέρομαι ιδιαίτερα να ενισχύσω το μήνυμα ότι αυτή η ημέρα ξεκίνησε ως μία ημέρα όπου θυμόμαστε χιλιάδες νεαρά και όχι τόσο νεαρά άτομα, άντρες και γυναίκες, που έκαναν την ύψιστη θυσία στον πιο φρικτό από τους πολέμους, τον Πρώτο Παγκόσμιο Πόλεμο.” είπε ο κ. Lester.

Ο κ. Lester και ο Επικεφαλής Εκτελεστικός Υπάλληλος της Δημαρχίας, Andrew Newton, ακούμπισαν ένα στεφάνι στην άκρη του Κενοτάφιου εκ μέρους του Δήμου, και ακολούθησαν ο βουλευτής του Higinbotham, ο Noel Pullen MLC, ο βουλευτής του Monash ο Johan Scheffer MLC και η βουλευτής του Oakleigh, η Ann Barker MLA.

Το πλήθος, από πολεμικούς βετεράνους μέχρι μαθητές του σχολείου, στάθηκε μαζί για να τηρήσει δύο λεπτά σιγής. Ως τιμή στους πεθαμένους, παίχτηκε το Last Post από μαθητή του Caulfield Grammar, τον Γιώργο Χρονάκη.

GLEN EIRA NEWS PHOTOS

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

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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

Recent consultation opportunities

Subject	Type	Date
Municipal Early Years Plan — survey	Telephone survey	Closed November
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

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

Top five for a day of fun in the City

With school holidays just around the corner, Glen Eira children will be eager to spend some time in the outdoors.

Glen Eira residents are invited to take advantage of the warmer weather and visit one of Glen Eira's top five playgrounds.

Offering new or unique play experiences, coupled with loads of open space, a visit to any of these five parks is an ideal way to spend a day. Why not try them all? Each playground has something for everyone.

- Allnutt Park, Wheatley Road, Bentleigh (Melway reference 68 C11)
- Caulfield Park, Park Crescent (Melway reference 59 D12) and Caulfield Park, Inkerman Road (Melway reference 59 C11)
- Halley Park, Jasper Road, Bentleigh (Melway reference 77 E3)
- Packer Park, Leila Road, Carnegie (Melway reference 68 J8)
- Princes Park, Hawthorn Road, Caulfield South (Melway reference 68 B6)



Three-year-old Samuel with Mark Deshayes enjoy an afternoon out at Council's new Park Crescent playground in Caulfield Park.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

What's happening around Glen Eira

Walking for life

Walking for exercise and enjoyment is one of Victoria's most popular forms of exercise. Walking is inexpensive, can be enjoyed by people of all ages, and is a great way to unwind and relax to reduce the stress of everyday life while staying fit and healthy.

With its predominantly flat terrain, Glen Eira is a perfect place to walk. A number of large parks cater for walking and the City's streets are also popular for walking.

Warming up and cooling down are equally important when doing any exercise — some simple stretches will help prevent injury during and after walking.

New signage has been installed at Caulfield Park, Duncan Mackinnon Reserve and Centenary Park, outlining the respective distances around the walking tracks and offering a great way to keep track of how much exercise you are getting.

Great parks to walk (approximate lengths of perimeter walking paths) Caulfield Park (2,180 metres), Duncan Mackinnon Reserve (1,200 metres), Centenary Park (685 metres) and Murrumbeena Reserve (785 metres).

No Bias lawn bowls program

Joint Councils Access for All Abilities (JCAAA) and Coatesville Bowling Club has joined forces to develop a lawn bowls program for people with disabilities.

JCAAA is jointly managed by

Glen Eira, Bayside, Port Phillip and Stonnington City Councils and works with a variety of local clubs, organisations and state sporting associations to develop programs and opportunities that are inclusive of, and accessible to, people with disabilities.

In September 2004, Coatesville Bowling Club and JCAAA ran clinics for people with disabilities to provide opportunities to participate and learn to play lawn bowls in a friendly and supportive environment. The participants were able to learn the skill of lawn bowls with the experience, assistance and enthusiasm of club members over a number of weeks.

Council has awarded the Coatesville Bowls Club with a community grant to help with the purchase of an access ramp. Coatesville Bowls Club encourages participants to join up as club members and participate in club functions. Each participant is awarded a certificate at the completion of each program season.

For further information or details of JCAAA contact Jake Carroll on 9209 6552.

Rival cricket teams to clash in Shield play-off

The cricket season is now in full swing and December sees a clash of traditional rivals with Caulfield Cricket Club taking on Ormond Cricket Club at Caulfield Park. Both clubs compete in the Victorian sub-district Cricket Association (VSDCA) — the highest level of cricket played in Glen Eira.

Established in 1888, Caulfield

Cricket Club was a founding member of the VSDCA and has won five 1st XI premierships, including two back-to-back premierships.

After forming in 1921, Ormond Cricket Club entered its first team in the VSDCA in the 1949–1950 season. Ormond has since won eight 1st XI premierships including three back-to-back premierships.

The rivalry between the two clubs was formally acknowledged in 1957 when the then City of Caulfield donated a perpetual trophy for 1st XI cricket matches played between Caulfield Cricket Club and Ormond Cricket Club — at the time the only two senior clubs within the municipality. The clubs decided to name the trophy after the late DH Fox who was an active promoter of junior cricket in the City.

Between 1957 (the first year of the DH Fox Shield) and 2005, the clubs have played each other 24 times resulting in two drawn games and 11 wins each to the two clubs. No doubt both clubs will be out to break the deadlock and go one up in the quest for the DH Fox Shield.

For more information on this match, the clubs involved or any other sporting clubs and recreational opportunities in Glen Eira, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

Pet owners playing it safe

Taking your dog to a local park for a run around and some exercise is important, but the safety of other park users is equally important. For the comfort and safety of all parks users, dogs must



Keeping a dog on-leash when in public can help everyone to feel safe and enjoy the outdoors.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

be kept on a 1.5 metre lead within 50 metres of barbecues, playgrounds and organised sporting activities.

Pet owners are also reminded to pick up after their dog. Dog bag dispensers can be found at most parks, but it is a good idea to have a plastic bag handy in case you are not near a dispenser.

Facility bookings

All open space areas, rotundas and shelters in Glen Eira's parks can be booked for special events. A booking administration fee applies for each reservation, but bookings ensure guests can meet in a pre-arranged place. Families, community groups and organisations planning a large function or wanting to host a celebration in a Glen Eira park can contact Council's Service Centre to make a booking on 9524 3333.

Awesome reading with Eira

Mums and Dads will no longer need to persuade their children to read this summer.

Council's popular summer reading program for children *Awesome reading with Eira* is back with fantastic prizes up for grabs including an iPod shuffle and reading pack, a LeapPad Learning System, *Eira* library bags, Classic Cinema movie tickets and passes to Lollipop's Playland and Café.

Older children can test their reading knowledge in the popular quiz *Did you know the answers?* for a chance to win a fantastic movie party at Classic Cinema for themselves and 45 friends.

Awesome reading with Eira starts in all Council libraries on Monday 12 December and will run to 27 January 2006.

Children can enter as many times as they like and the more books they read, the more chances they have to win.

Sing-a-long with Santa show

Join Santa at the library as he sings his favourite songs. Great fun for all ages.

Carnegie Library, 7 Shepperson Ave, Carnegie.

Sunday 11 December at 2.30pm

This is a free event and bookings are not required.

Holiday opening hours

Friday 23 December — all libraries close at 3pm.

Saturday 24 December — Bentleigh, Carnegie, Caulfield Libraries open 10am–4pm; Elsternwick Library open 10am–1pm.

Sunday 25 December — all libraries closed.

Monday 26 December — all libraries closed.

Tuesday 27 December — all libraries closed.

Wednesday 28 December — Bentleigh, Carnegie, Caulfield Libraries open 10am–9pm; Elsternwick Library closed.

Thursday 29 December — Bentleigh, Carnegie, Caulfield Libraries open 10am–9pm; Elsternwick Library closed.

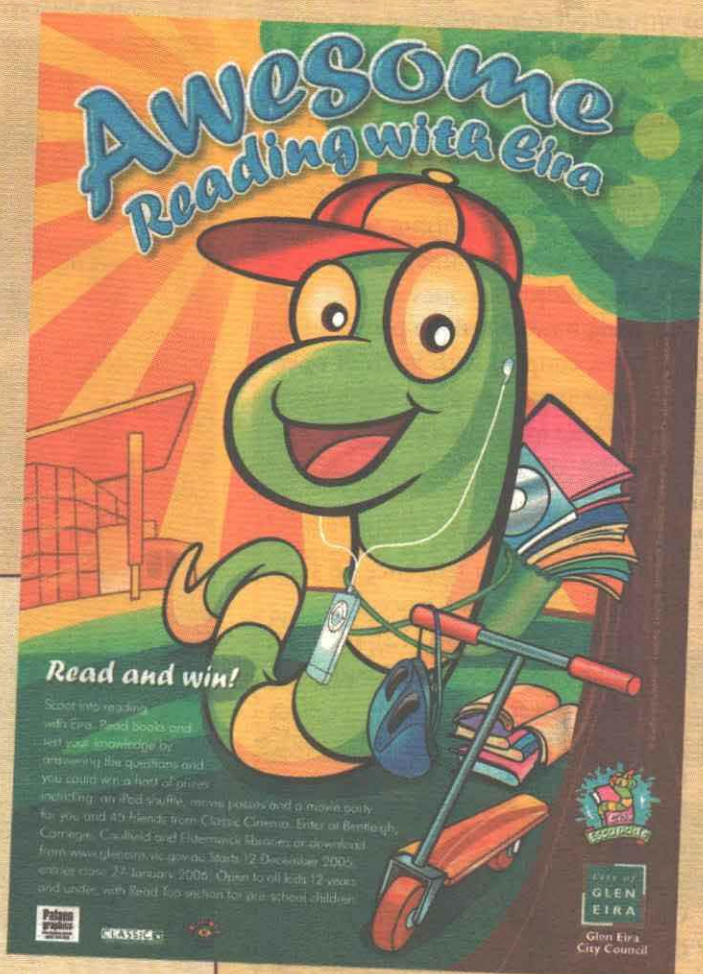
Friday 30 December — Bentleigh, Carnegie, Caulfield Libraries open 10am–3pm; Elsternwick Library closed.

Saturday 31 December — Bentleigh, Carnegie, Caulfield Libraries open 10am–4pm; Elsternwick Library closed.

Sunday 1 January — all libraries closed.

Monday 2 January — all libraries closed.

After hours returns chutes are available at all libraries.



Youth ready to rock

The strings have been tightened, the sound check completed — the stage is set for Council's annual *Big Splash Out* music festival.

Audiences will be treated to a line-up of local bands, solo performers, a surprise headline act and a special guest, along with prizes and giveaways.

You can be a part of the on-stage action and showcase your talent — dust off the guitar and get ready to unleash your vocal or musical prowess on the youth of Glen Eira and get the crowd rocking!

The *Big Splash Out* will be held on Friday 20 January at the Caulfield Swim Centre, Koornang Park, Moira Avenue, Carnegie.

The event has been organised by Council's *Just Youth* leadership group, which comprises of local young people who meet weekly to organise and plan events for the community throughout the year.

Budding superstars are invited to contact the Why? Stop Youth Information Centre on 9572 5389 for an audition or for further information on *Just Youth*.

Alternatively, log on to Council's website at www.gleneira.vic.gov.au for details.

We want you!

Are you interested in making a difference to young people in your local community? The *Just Youth* leadership group provides young people with the opportunity to meet weekly in a safe, supportive setting to organise special events for youth in the City.

Along with organising and staging events throughout the year, the group also works with Council on tackling issues that affect young people in Glen Eira.

If you are aged between 15 and 19 years and are keen to get involved with

the local community and make friends along the way, contact the Why? Stop Youth Information Centre.

Foundation for Youth Excellence

Young people in Glen Eira are invited to apply to Council's Foundation for Youth Excellence Program.

Entries are open to young people who have achieved excellence in academia, creative and performing arts, education, leadership, and sport and who have been selected to be part of a major event or

sporting championship.

The program encourages the achievements of young people in the community on a state, national and international level by providing grants to help them achieve further success in their field.

For more information or an application form, contact the Why? Stop Youth Information Centre.

Express yourself

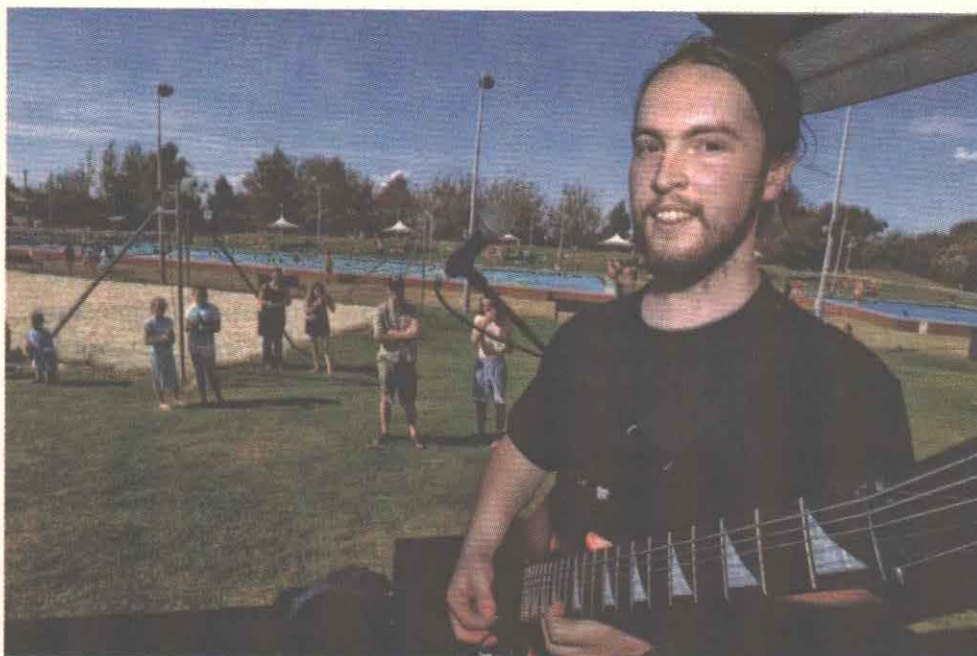
Young women in Glen Eira have been busy expressing themselves — and it's all thanks to Council.

Express Yourself, a Council-run young women's group, has proven a huge success in the City, with participants learning new and exciting skills, making friends and contributing to the community.

The program encourages young women to become involved in social events, get physical and discuss issues facing young women in today's society. It also provides young women with a safe environment to make friends and build self-esteem.

All young women aged between 14 and 25 are welcome. The group meets at the Why? Stop Youth Information centre in Carnegie every Tuesday from 3.30pm to 5.30pm.

For more information contact the Why? Stop Youth Information Centre or visit Council's website at www.gleneira.vic.gov.au



Will Payable from youth band *Innocent Cabbage* rocks the stage at the last *Big Splash Out* event.

Photo: Les O'Rourke.