

Pools and Maternal and Child Health consultation Have your say on City services

Council is calling for community input on two big issues — the future of Glen Eira's two public swimming pools, and Maternal and Child Health (MCH) services in Bentleigh and McKinnon.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr David Feldman said consultation was the key to making good decisions for the community and to help Council understand community priorities.

"Council is initiating consultation on two issues facing our community," Cr Feldman said.

"Our two swimming pools are not sustainable. We believe that the community needs to debate and determine what facilities we want in the 21st century — at a price we are prepared to pay.

"The second issue is the provision of Maternal and Child Health services in the McKinnon-Bentleigh areas.

"This special edition of *Glen Eira News* provides details of the issues and of consultation processes across the City during March and April."

Unsustainable swimming

The condition of the City's two public swimming pools has long been an issue for Council. The two, 40-year-old heated, open-air pools are currently structurally, financially and environmentally unsustainable.

The water slides at both pools have been closed for some time, and the pools themselves have had to be closed on several occasions, including three times in the 2005-06 season, because of equipment breakdowns.

The lack of contemporary, year-round facilities and ageing plant and facilities has resulted in low attendances and an inability to meet the needs of some sectors of our community.

"Now is the time for the community to decide what it wants to do about

its public swimming pools," Cr Feldman said.

"There are advantages and disadvantages to the options available, but Council needs community input on what direction to take."

MCH services in Bentleigh and McKinnon

The previous Council had decided to relocate McKinnon staff to the Bentleigh MCH Centre and redevelop the Bentleigh MCH Centre to become larger with increased facilities and staffing.

During the consultation process the McKinnon Centre will be open three days per week and will be staffed by two nurses. This roster change will not impact the level of staffing at the centre, but does address key occupational health and safety (OH&S) issues at the centre.

"It was important to address the OH&S issues, which necessitated a revised roster at McKinnon," Cr Feldman said.

"We want to make decisions regarding McKinnon through open processes. All views and comments from community members are invited."



Heavy corrosion to the structural steelwork and supports of the Koornang Road water slide (above) forced its closure last year. The East Boundary Road water slide was closed prior to the 2004-05 swim season.

More information on the issues surrounding Maternal and Child Health services in Bentleigh and McKinnon, and the City's two public swimming pools can be found in this special edition of *Glen Eira News*.

A discussion paper, *Pools — Past, Present and Future*, is available from the pools, Council libraries and the Service Centre. Details of the consultation opportunities can be found below.

Further information will be made available online at www.gleneira.vic.gov.au or through Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Make your voice heard on these important issues. A list of consultation meetings and opportunities can be found below.

Subject	Type	Date	Where
Public swimming pools	Public meetings	Monday 27 March, 7.30pm	Auditorium, Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield
		Tuesday 28 March, 7.30pm	Carnegie Library and Community Centre, Shepperson Avenue, Carnegie
		Thursday 30 March, 7.30pm	McKinnon Secondary College Hall, McKinnon Road, McKinnon
		Friday 31 March, 12.30pm	Auditorium, Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield
	Comments and submissions	Closes Monday 10 April	Public swimming pool consultation Glen Eira City Council PO Box 42 Caulfield South 3162
Bentleigh and McKinnon MCH services	Public forum	Tuesday 4 April, 7.30pm-9pm	McKinnon Secondary College Hall, McKinnon Road, McKinnon
		Closes Monday 17 April	Maternal and Child Health consultation Glen Eira City Council PO Box 42 Caulfield South 3162
	Survey of McKinnon and Bentleigh MCH users	Closes Monday 17 April	Maternal and Child Health consultation Glen Eira City Council PO Box 42 Caulfield South 3162

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

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An overview of Glen Eira's public swimming pools

Council currently operates two 40-year old, heated open-air pools. Both pools are structurally, financially and environmentally unsustainable.

- In mid-2005 they were leaking a total of 90,000 litres of drinking water per day. Leaks were repaired. In February 2006, tests revealed that the East Boundary Road pool was losing 45,000 litres per day and the Koornang Road pool 15,000 litres per day. Both are structurally unsound. Independent technical advice is that major leaks will continue.
- The water slides at both pools have been closed because structural engineers have assessed that the slides do not meet standards and are structurally unsound. The water slides would cost an estimated \$500,000+ to fix.
- The plant is in poor condition and the pools have had to be closed on occasions because of breakdowns, including three times in the 2005–06 season.
- The pools do not meet disability standards, some safety standards (eg the depth of the splash pool) or some of the guidelines of the Royal Life Saving Society Australia.
- Attendances at both pools are among the lowest for any municipal pool in Melbourne. This reflects that the pools do not meet contemporary needs. For example, they are open from 1 November to 31 March

each year. The pools are only 2.7 kilometres apart and, to a significant extent, compete for the same people.

- Entrance fees do not cover the costs of the pools. Over and above the entrance fees, the pools cost approximately \$250,000 per year in operations and a similar amount in maintenance and other works, approximately \$500,000 per year. That equates to a cost of about \$4 Council subsidy per visit. This is more than double the average Council subsidy of municipal swimming pools. This figure is expected to increase as more money needs to be spent to keep them open and more people go elsewhere to swim.

Contemporary facilities for the present and future community of Glen Eira would include:

- year-round facilities;
- both outdoor and indoor pools catering for both fun-in-the-water and serious swimming (eg lap swimmers, people incorporating swimming into their fitness programs);
- warm water for use by people with a disability (eg hydrotherapy);
- related recreation facilities such as gym, exercise and wellbeing classes; and
- support facilities such as child care, adequate parking.

The pools currently offer none of these facilities.



East Boundary Road swim centre, Bentleigh East

- Opened 1962 (43 years old)
- Closed during 1996–97 swim season due to maintenance issues
- Facilities include a heated 50 metre outdoor pool, heated learners and toddlers pools, water slide (currently inoperable), electric barbecues and a kiosk
- Losing 45,000 litres of drinking-quality water per day



Koornang Road swim centre, Carnegie

- Built in 1966 (39 years old)
- Facilities include four heated outdoor pools, double water slide (currently inoperable), kiosk, electric barbecues, beach volleyball court and dive platforms
- Losing 15,000 litres of drinking-quality water per day

Conditions, cost and

Health and safety issues

Outdated filtration: 14 hours versus 2 hours

The Koornang Road facility has four pools. The water passes from the plant room to the diving pool, then to the 50 metre pool, then to the slide pool, then to the toddlers' pool and then back to the filters in the plant room. Filtration of the water is a 14 hour cycle. At the East Boundary Road pool the filtration cycle takes 8–10 hours. In modern pools, it is usually a two hour cycle.

Chlorination super-doses



Dive pool algae at the Koornang Road centre.

The Koornang Road dive pool has significant algae all the time. The chlorine dosage required to eliminate the algae would make the other pools unusable for a period. Algae are present in the 50 metre pool, particularly at the dive pool end. When toddlers urinate or defecate in the toddlers' pool, water quality becomes unacceptable. Because that pool is the last to receive chlorinated water, it has to be 'super-dosed' with chlorine. That requires all users to vacate the pool for up to an hour. On popular days this procedure is undertaken at least once a day.

Water slides unsafe to use

The water slides at both pools are closed. Assessment of the Bentleigh East slide prior to the 2004–05 season revealed that the slide flume would require resealing and remedial works to reduce structural movement. Heavy corrosion was recorded to the structural steelwork at the Carnegie slide and the floor plate platform and secondary supporting members were recommended to be replaced.

Water slide pool too shallow

The Bentleigh East water slide discharges into the learner's pool. Water is drawn from the learner's pool to feed the water



The East Boundary Road water slide splash pool is too shallow.

slide and the suction line is protected with a stainless steel cage. This pool was built as a pool for learners. The water slide was added later. The pool is the correct depth for learners but is not deep enough to meet Australian standards for people using a water slide.

Major leaks

In mid-2005 Councillors were briefed on independent expert advice that the pools were collectively losing 90,000 litres of water per day. Drought conditions together with age of the pools have caused sub-surface ground movement which has contributed to the leaks from the expansion joints. Recent repairs were estimated to have a two to three year lifespan. Other leaks may occur due to the original cork and bitumen sealant. Given the shortage of water in our environment, that level of water loss is indefensible. While the environmental effect from the chlorinated water is difficult to quantify, this level of chlorinated discharge is likely to be affecting the water table and damaging the foundations of the pool.



Repairs to cracks at the East Boundary Road pool have a limited lifespan.

community needs

Paying for the pools

Over and above the income from entrance fees, the pools cost approximately \$500,000 per year to operate and maintain. That equates to a Council subsidy of about \$4 per visit. This figure is expected to increase as more money needs to be spent to keep the pools open and more people go elsewhere to swim.

Both facilities require significant expenditure to achieve the minimum standards of regulatory compliance and

safety. Both facilities also require ongoing essential maintenance and yet even then will still remain somewhat tired and prone to advanced deterioration. This continuing high expenditure will not transform the swim centres into acceptable aquatic facilities that meet the needs of today's community.

The attendances at the existing swim centres are declining, suggesting they are not meeting the needs of the community. These low attendances have a direct correlation with their above average cost.



Cracks in the East Boundary Road pool leak 45,000 litres of drinking-quality water per day.

Meeting community needs

Over the past ten years extensive community consultation has been undertaken to identify current and future aquatic and leisure needs of the Glen Eira community. A key outcome, confirmed consistently in previous research, has been the strong support for the provision of a new indoor aquatic leisure centre for Glen Eira.

The pools do serve a purpose as a meeting place for young people and families. That social purpose needs to be preserved and enhanced in any future developments.

The age and gender distribution of the City of Glen Eira population (Census 2001) indicates what can be described as a "mature" population. The number of children and older residents roughly balance each other, while family and late family groups are the most populous. The second key feature is the significantly higher percentage of women in all age groups 25–44 years and above.

This data indicates that future leisure provision in the City of Glen Eira will need to:

- increase provision for older residents;
- give particular attention to the interests of older women — although the widely-documented reluctance of older men to become involved

in community recreation initiatives means that they will need attention as well;

- continue to make substantive provision for children; and
- continue to make substantive provision for family groups.

Their identified needs include:

- year-round indoor facilities;
- safe, warm water for use by older people, and people with a disability (hydrotherapy, spa);
- adequate space for people wanting to swim for exercise and fitness;
- appropriate access and facilities for people with disabilities, in line with the *Disability Discrimination Act*;
- clean facilities and environment;
- fun and interactive leisure water and water features to gain that 'entertainment experience';
- access to modern gymnasium equipment and a greater range of health and fitness programs and services;
- improved change rooms including family change areas; and
- café facilities.

The next step: your say on facilities for the future

What do you want from the City's pool facilities? How would Glen Eira's needs best be served? Council is calling on all residents to have their say about the future of aquatic facilities in the City.

The following options have been provided to help determine the future of Glen Eira's aquatic facilities. More information on each of these options will be available in the discussion papers, online at www.gleneira.vic.gov.au and at the public meetings.

Option A — status quo Retain both pools as outdoor facilities

Significant and ongoing expenditure would continue to be required to keep facilities in as safe and operable condition as possible. These facilities would still not fully meet the Royal Life Saving Society Australia (RLSSA) *Guidelines for Safe Pool Operation*, nor would they meet some Australian standards. Disability access would also continue to be extremely limited under this option.

This option would be the least environment friendly as both pools would continue to leak chlorinated water into the environment, continue to consume large quantities of drinking water through the leaks and have old inefficient plant rooms. Water quality and temperature could not be maintained to a consistently high/appropriate level due to the condition of the ageing plant and equipment.

The decline in patronage would be likely to continue because of the condition of the facility and the limited range of services that can be offered. This means that the gap between income and the cost of running the facility would grow.

Costs would be expected to continue rising as facilities deteriorate and fewer people attend. Costs to Council are costs to all ratepayers.

This option would not resolve the long term issues that face these pools and may be seen by some in the community as making no decision as both the pools would still remain in an old condition prone to advanced deterioration and require continuing high operating and maintenance expenditure.

Option B — upgrade both Substantial capital injection to address existing problems

Given enough money, the water slides could be repaired or replaced, leaks could be repaired to an extent, new plant could be installed (although some of the pipes are not accessible where they run under the pools). No detailed estimate of the cost has been undertaken but it would be expected to run to several million dollars.

If the extent of works stopped there, we would still have two outdated outdoor pools which would not address many of the needs of the Glen Eira community of the 21st century.

There would still be the structural problems with the pool shells and a risk that either of the 50 metre pools could break even after the money had been spent. The slide pool at East Boundary Road is not deep enough to meet Australian standards. Either that is accepted or the pool re-built. Problems with water quality could not be fully overcome with the current operating systems.

Financially, there would be a high capital cost followed by continuing operating losses and continual maintenance and minor capital works.

A variation might appear to be to heat one or both pools all year round. The mismatch between attendances and costs would be greater in the colder months than the warmer months. The net costs would increase.

Option C — create one full aquatic centre

Create one great pool site, and use the other site for an indoor multi-use centre

A modern aquatic and leisure facility would broaden the mix of activities available to the community. It would provide a facility that a wide range of people could easily access and enjoy all year round, including both wet and dry facilities. The facility would potentially incorporate both 25m indoor and 50m outdoor heated pools. This facility would also help meet the increased demand for recreation and leisure facilities consistently identified in various Glen Eira community needs studies.

A new aquatic facility could incorporate environmentally sustainable elements to save water and minimise waste.

This option would mean moving from two pools to:

- an aquatic facility at one site, including indoor and outdoor pools and dry recreation facilities; and
- an indoor multi-use facility (eg netball, basketball, soccer) at another site.

Council could offer a shuttle bus service between the two sites, which would add to the attractiveness of this option.

This option would involve a major capital cost for a new aquatic centre and a significant capital cost for an indoor sports centre. It is expected that both facilities would cover their operating costs. The present annual losses on the two pools and the recreation centre, approaching one million dollars per annum, could be redirected into financing the new facilities.

Maternal and Child Health services in Bentleigh and McKinnon

Glen Eira City Council currently delivers Maternal and Child Health (MCH) services from eight sites within the City. More than 5,000 children attend MCH centres each year, receiving a variety of services including home visits, support and guidance for new parents, monitoring growth and development of children aged 0–6 years and individual consultation.

Council is proud of its MCH centres' performance. In recent benchmark data, Council had one of the highest participation rates in the southern metropolitan area for child health

and development checks in the Southern Region.

Looking after the future

One of the proposals in Council's 2005–06 budget was to change MCH services in the Bentleigh–McKinnon area by:

- expanding the Bentleigh MCH centre located on the corner of Centre Road and Arthur Street to include a new enlarged waiting room, parenting room and additional consulting room;
- closing the McKinnon MCH centre located at 186 McKinnon Road — less than 1 kilometre away from the Bentleigh centre;

- moving resources from McKinnon to an improved Bentleigh MCH centre;
- keeping current total staff levels;
- providing new parent groups from the McKinnon Progress Hall; and
- increasing home visit services for McKinnon parents.

Reasons behind the proposed changes

Council provides a range of quality family services from Council-owned facilities and conducts regular reviews to ensure services and facilities meet, and even exceed, community demands and regulatory standards.

Council reviewed the safety of its facilities and is particularly concerned about those services where staff members are frequently required to work alone, as was the case at the McKinnon MCH centre where a nurse was working alone for four out of five days per week. As an interim measure, Council has altered the staffing at McKinnon to improve safety, and the centre now has two staff working from the centre three days per week.

The proposal would enhance services at the Bentleigh Centre and is estimated to save approximately \$140,000 per annum. This saving is primarily due to the costs involved in running two sites and would allow Council to reallocate funds to other family and children's services or capital improvement projects.

The Bentleigh centre had been identified

as ideal for redevelopment into a larger more user-friendly centre, as it is close to public transport and a major shopping precinct and the upgraded Bentleigh Hodgson Reserve — a more travel- and family-friendly destination. To address the safety issues and ensure MCH nurses are no longer working alone at the McKinnon centre, Council proposes relocating staff members to Bentleigh.

Council's current home visiting service would be expanded to help any parents without good transport access to the Bentleigh centre. If necessary, MCH nurses would visit clients in the clients' own homes. Funds for this increased level of service were included in the budget.

How to have your say

Council would like to consult with the community prior to proceeding with the original proposal or continuing the current interim arrangements or adopting any other approach.

A questionnaire has been sent to all service users asking how often they use the service, how satisfied they are with the service provided, what sort of travel is needed to get to the centre and how they feel about the current proposal.

A community forum will be held at McKinnon Secondary College on Tuesday 4 April for all residents to have their say. Formal written submissions can also be made to Council until the close of business on Monday 17 April.



Maternal and Child Health services are important for families in Glen Eira.

Consultation and planning

Community consultation is a vital part of Council's planning and decision-making processes. It helps Council understand community priorities and issues, and ensures community involvement.

Community consultation operates through advisory groups and committees, community surveys, focus groups,



feedback, submissions, public forums and individual consultations.

Residents can learn about community consultation opportunities through a regular column in the *Glen Eira News*, Council's website, Council's Community News column in local newspapers, and by direct contact from Council. A significant amount of consultation also takes place with specific users of Council services as part of the Best Value process.

Recent consultation opportunities have included:

- **Councillor Code of Conduct:** written submissions were sought on the proposed new Code of Conduct for Councillors (October 2005).
- **Recycling bin consultation:** letters were written to residents in large blocks of units asking them about their preferred bin sizes (February 2006).
- **Leasing contract renewals:** Meetings

were held with clubs and organisations and letter distributed regarding leasing contracts for Council buildings and facilities (ongoing).

- **Municipal Early Years Plan:** a telephone survey collected information on services, needs and priorities for families with young children (November 2005). A community forum was also held (August 2005).
- **Metroaccess:** community consultation forums were held to identify disability service needs and expectations (September 2005).
- **Local laws on building sites:** written comments were sought (August 2005).

Council decisions are underpinned by a continuous cycle of strategic planning processes which begins with

community consultation to determine community needs and priorities and ends with Council's annual report to the community on its performance and activities. This cycle includes consultation, planning, action, review, evaluation and reporting processes which enable continuous improvement of services to the community.



Thousands celebrate the Games

The spirit of the Games came alive in Glen Eira with thousands of residents turning out for the Commonwealth Games Celebration Day at Packer Park.

The free community celebration gave residents of all ages an opportunity to join in some fun activities and learn more about the 71 countries competing in the Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games.

The jumping castle was filled with bouncing children all day, while many interesting creations sprang from the Bahamians fish and puppet making activity.

Local sporting clubs were also on hand to provide information on joining their clubs. Maccabi and Princess table tennis clubs, Caulfield and District Netball Association, Bentleigh-McKinnon Gymnastics and Caulfield Little Athletics Club provided interactive demonstrations for all ages.

And if all that activity wasn't enough there was a diverse live entertainment program which kept the crowds amused throughout the afternoon.

Residents enjoyed the rich cultural program featuring didgeridoo performers *Western Creations* and dancing, singing and drumming from *Jamaica Irie* and *Sounds of Polynesia*.



Pirate orchestra *Sforzando* proved popular with audiences as the performers combined punk music with European folk and sea shanty songs along with a host of roving entertainers including *Suitcase Royale*, *Tutti Frutti*, *Anti Gravity* and *Red the Clown*.

Local band *Jamaica Irie* celebrate with friends.

Photo: Les O'Rourke.

With only days until the Commonwealth Games begin, Glen Eira residents have another opportunity to get into the spirit when the Queen's

Baton Relay weaves its way through the City two days before the opening ceremony. Turn to page 12 for details of the relay route.

Recycling in the City — watch this space!

Glen Eira City Council is making changes to the way it recycles in response to resident requests for an easier, more efficient recycling service and to comply with State Government Worksafe Guidelines.

Black recycling crates will be replaced by 240-litre mobile recycle bins with yellow lids. Once introduced, the recycle bins will be collected fortnightly.

The new recycle bins will be distributed throughout the City beginning in May this year. When your recycle bin arrives, details of how to use it, including when the service will begin will be included.

Benefits of the new bins:

- Easy to move
- No windblown waste
- Convenient (all recyclables in the one recycle bin)
- Weatherproof

- Improved safety (less manual handling by residents and collector)
- Better for the environment (less fuel emissions, more recyclables collected)

What you need to know

The new 240-litre recycle bins will be delivered throughout the City in May and June. The new fortnightly service will start on 1 July 2006. Until then, the current service is still in use.

What can I put in the recycle bin?

You can put in all items that you currently put in your crates. A kit will be sent with your recycle bin containing information about what can and can't go in the recycle bin and a calendar indicating your collection weeks.

Will I still need to separate my paper and cardboard from bottles and cans?

No. Place them all straight into the recycle bin.

What do I do with my crate?

You can keep the crate. If you have no use for it you can give it away or contact Council in July to have it collected.

Will there be a charge?

There is no added charge for the new bins.

When will my recycle bin be delivered?

Recycle bin distribution starts in May. It may take about eight weeks until all the recycle bins are distributed. Your recycle bin may arrive up to eight weeks before the new service begins. The new service will start on 1 July 2006. Do not use your bin until this date.

Your recycle bin will include an information kit and details of your first collection day. The next issue of *Glen Eira News* will contain full details of the new recycling service.

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MAYOR'S
COLUMN

The year has kicked-off with a dizzying pace, overflowing with exciting community and sporting activities for the whole family to enjoy.

Buoyed by the fervour surrounding the Commonwealth Games, the people of Glen Eira have enjoyed a line-up of free, fun community events aimed at bringing families together in the leafy surrounds of our City.

Among the highlights, the Commonwealth Games Celebration Day at Packer Park provided a showcase of countries of the Commonwealth.

Families enjoyed a range of cultural and sporting activities, ranging from vibrant Cook Island dancing to didgeridoo playing.

Party in the Park also delivered entertainment and activities in the beautiful surrounds of Allnutt Park.

Now in its fourth year, events like this provide the framework for building a sense of community and belonging at a local level.

Another opportunity to come together on a local level will be on Monday 13 March as we share in the historic journey of the Queen's Baton Relay.

Having travelled through 71 countries on its way to the Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games, the Queen's Baton Relay will make its way through the streets of Glen Eira.

From Nairobi in Kenya to Tuvalu — a country in the South Pacific with a population of just 12,000 — the journey has covered some amazing terrain, and now comes to Glen Eira.

The relay will pass key City landmarks, travelling along Glen Huntly Road through the Elsternwick shopping strip and passing the Glen Eira Town Hall on Glen Eira Road. The relay will also tour our residential streets, passing through Booran and Neerim Roads, before finishing on Grange Road.

This historic event is not to be missed, I encourage residents to cheer on the runners and be part of the Games spirit.

Cr David Feldman
Mayor

New Australians welcomed to Glen Eira

By Anna McGibbon

Glen Eira is now home to 147 new Australians following a citizenship ceremony held at Glen Eira Town Hall last month.

Cheering family and friends armed with flashing cameras gathered in the auditorium to witness men, women and children from all over the world make their Australian citizenship pledge.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr David Feldman led migrants through their pledges and presented them with a certificate of citizenship — the final step to becoming Australian citizens.

"You have decided to become citizens of this wonderful country, a land of opportunity, and I congratulate you on this important decision," he said.

"It is a privilege to live in a country where democracy and freedom are part of our daily life, and opportunities are there for the taking. Nearly 40,000 of Glen Eira's 120,000 residents were born overseas and our country and our City are the wonderful places that they are today partly because of the contribution made by the diverse migrant groups, for which we are grateful.

"This is the final step on the road to fully embracing the country in which you now live," Cr Feldman said.

Meena Srinivasan, her husband Vaidyanathan and two children Avaneesh



The Srinivasan family now calls Australia home.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

and Laksami were among the new Australian citizens.

The Srinivasan family, who migrated from India, said they were pleased to make Australia their new home.

"I love living in Australia, there are so many opportunities here for my family, especially my children," Mrs Srinivasan said.

"We chose Glen Eira as our home

because of the friendly people and the open spaces."

The ceremony came to a close with a performance of the national anthem *Advance Australia Fair* by pianist Blanka West and singer John Harrop.

Council conducts citizenship ceremonies under the authority of the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs and is prescribed by the *Australian Citizenship Act 1948*.

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DEADLINES

The deadline for the next edition (April) of *Glen Eira News* is Wednesday 15 March for delivery 31 March–2 April.

Coming deadlines:

The deadline for the May edition of *Glen Eira News* is Wednesday 12 April for delivery 5–7 May.

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

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Time to check and change

Glen Eira residents are advised that it's time to check, and if need be change, their smoke alarm batteries.

Council and the Metropolitan Fire Brigade (MFB) are urging residents to ensure smoke detectors will not fail by changing the batteries regularly.

The end of daylight saving in March marks the start of the winter months — traditionally a high-risk time for household fires — and provides a timely reminder for regular battery replacement.

Council's Glen Eira Community Safety Committee Secretary Mark Saunders said the MFB responds to up to 1,000 calls for assistance each year in Glen Eira alone, about 30 per cent of which are fire-related.

"Although State laws now require every household to have smoke alarms installed, many are not in working order or malfunction due to batteries being removed or flat," he said.

Mr Saunders said Council and the MFB are also providing a free service to Council's Home and Community Care (HACC) clients to change smoke detector batteries and ensure the units are in working order.

"With 4,000 residents in Glen Eira aged over 75 years currently living alone, this is a valuable community service that may lead to lives being saved," Mr Saunders said.

"We are currently distributing letters to all HACC clients who are unable to change the batteries themselves and cannot afford the cost of new batteries. Once eligible clients have been identified, the MFB will change the batteries for them.



Residents are encouraged to check their smoke alarms at the end of daylight savings in March.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

However, everyone should ensure they change the batteries in their smoke alarm and safeguard themselves from fire," he said.

Helpful hints

- Smoke alarms are intended to detect smoke before it reaches the bedrooms. Alarms should be located in the path of travel that people will most likely take to evacuate the building such as hallways and near the base of stairs leading to second-storey bedrooms.
- In newly built houses, mains powered smoke alarms have back-up batteries which should also be checked and replaced.
- At the end of daylight savings, also change the smoke alarm batteries in your holiday homes and caravans.
- Avoid locating alarms near cooking appliances and bathrooms. Alarms are extremely sensitive and will detect smoke and moisture (i.e. smoke from burning toast or steam from a shower).
- Avoid dead air spaces such as corner junctions of walls and ceilings, the apex of cathedral ceilings and between exposed joists/beams. Detectors should be placed a minimum of 100mm from walls.
- Keep closed doors in mind — if you close your bedroom door an alarm should be located in the bedroom as well as in the passageway.

In brief

Slam dunk for Glen Eira

Councillors unanimously approved Bentleigh Secondary College's plans for the out-of-school-hours use of a new two-court indoor basketball facility, to be constructed in the school grounds.

The decision was made at the Council Meeting on Monday 6 February after significant negotiation between Councillors, Council officers, objectors, community members and the school.

While the stadium will provide improved facilities for students of Bentleigh Secondary College, it will also be an out-of-school-hours facility for McKinnon Basketball Association and Maccabi Basketball.

The last lap

Glen Eira residents are reminded that Council's two swim centres will remain open every day until 31 March — the end of the swim season.

Council calls for volunteer recognition

Council is calling on all non-profit community organisations in the City of Glen Eira to nominate their volunteers for an award under Council's Glen Eira Volunteer Recognition Scheme.

The annual awards, which honour the contribution volunteers make to community life, are held during Volunteers Week in May — but organisations are encouraged to get their nominations in early to make sure they don't miss the deadline.

Glen Eira Volunteer Recognition Award nominations close on Friday 17 March at 5pm and no late nominations can be accepted. A maximum of 15 nominations is allowed for any one organisation.

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

Victorian Seniors Festival has moved!

With the Commonwealth Games in full swing during March, the Victorian Seniors Festival has been moved to October 1 to coincide with the International Day of the Older Person. Activities will run from the 1–8 October with free transport available. Glen Eira City Council will celebrate the festival with a range of activities from 29 September to 15 October. Further information will be available in early September.

Services include home care, delivered meals, personal care, respite care, property maintenance and social support.

If you are interested in becoming a member of Council's care team, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 or visit the website at www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

Lending a helping hand



Hazel with Council's Bill Elsum.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

By Jane Inglis

Hazel has lived in her Caulfield home for 70 years. She bought the house during the Depression for a one hundred pound deposit, with weekly repayments of only one pound.

"There were just paddocks across the road, and an incinerator, when we moved here. You could see the wall of the Brighton Cemetery," said the 91-year-old.

With a rich history that includes raising several children, Hazel was reluctant to move to a retirement village, preferring to stay in her own home. And with help from Glen Eira City Council, Hazel has been able to do just that.

For the past three years, Council Community Carer Bill Elsum has played a vital role in helping Hazel maintain her independence.

Bill vacuums, cleans floors and tidies the bathroom, along with performing any other general cleaning jobs around the house.

Hazel is one of about 20 clients Bill visits each week through Council's program. He likes to break the ice with new clients over a cup of tea, taking time to find out what they need, and most importantly how they prefer things to be done.

"It takes a little while to get to know each other, but I get to know my clients pretty well — and well enough to notice differences in their health status that can be significant," he said.

Council's community care program employs people like Bill to provide a range of services to frail older people and people with disabilities who live independently at home but who have difficulty undertaking daily living tasks.

ON THE JOB

CEO'S COLUMN



Glen Eira has experienced a spate of rubbish dumping in and around our parks, laneways, shopping centre car parks and in our streets. Dumped rubbish is unsightly and potentially hazardous.

There is no need to dump rubbish when Council already offers an excellent rubbish collection service. We will collect your 'extra' rubbish such as furniture, white goods, electrical appliances or just junk that doesn't fit into your garbage bin.

It's easy, free, we come to every part of the City every four weeks, and is as simple as calling the Service Centre to make a booking.

This is just one of the regular services Council provides to help keep the City clean, but we can't do it on our own.

Our environment is important, and ensuring regular rubbish collection is one way of looking after it.

In coming weeks you'll also start to hear more about a new way of recycling that will soon be rolling out on to Glen Eira streets.

This change from recycling crates to mobile recycling bins, will be an easier and safer way to recycle for both residents and the rubbish and recycling collectors.

Council also looks into new ways to use recycled or environmentally-friendly products and practices across the City.

Saving water by using drought-resistant plants and careful planning for parks and street trees helps us keep our City looking good without wasting precious natural resources.

Many of our parks feature recycled rubber tyre pieces under play equipment, and even some of our speed cushions and road surfaces use recycled materials.

We can all play a part in caring for our City's environment.

Andrew Newton
Chief Executive Officer

Register your four-legged friends

Council is reminding Glen Eira pet owners to renew their animal registration when renewal notices arrive this month.

Last year, more than 18,000 dogs and cats were registered in Glen Eira — a figure which is expected to increase this year.

Council's Manager Civic Compliance John Bordignon said registering dogs and cats is not only a legal requirement but also a safeguard against losing an animal.

"Registration is one of the most important things a responsible pet owner can do for their pet. This simple act saves a lot of heartache, because it makes identification easier if Council's animal management officers find the animal wandering," Mr Bordignon said.

Mr Bordignon said Council offered discounted registration fees to owners whose pets had been desexed. He said Council acknowledged some vets do not advocate desexing immature animals, so some pet owners may opt not to desex their pet until it is over three months of age.

"Pet owners who desex their registered pet within the first year of registration will be able to apply for a partial refund of their yearly registration fee, and still receive the discounted fee. But this only applies if the pet was registered with Council at three months of age.

"Reduced fees also apply for pets in a range of categories including desexed, microchipped or more than 10 years old. Once a pet is registered, a new registration tag is provided which the



Pet owners are reminded to renew their animal registration this month.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

pet must wear whenever it is outside its owner's property. Failure to register dogs or cats can result in a \$210 fine per animal," he said.

Registration fees collected by Council help provide important pet-related services such as animal control, community education about responsible pet ownership, and a lost dog and cat register on Council's website which owners of lost animals can check to see if their pet has been picked up.

Glen Eira pet owners can expect to receive a 2006–07 dog and cat registration renewal notices this month. Registration fees must be paid before Monday 10 April.

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

Five-star food safety

By Lidija Ivanovski

When it comes to the art of making coffee Adam Faigen is a master. And rightly so, as the owner of hip Elsternwick eatery, Pound 2, Faigen churns out 3,000 cups of coffee each week.

Since the Carre Street café opened its door in October 2005, the place has become a famed meeting stop, adding a distinct splash of city coffee culture to Elsternwick.

"I saw a real niche in the market here, I live locally and enjoy the Elsternwick shopping strip — it has everything from Coles to Medicare.

The only thing missing was a coffee spot like you have in the city and surrounding suburbs."

Pound 2, an offshoot of Faigen's original Pound café in South Yarra is one of few food businesses brave enough to have an open kitchen, a key feature of the

industrial style fit-out.

"The kitchen is the first place people look and it's integral to the atmosphere at Pound.

"The set-up also makes cleanliness and food safety even more important and makes us more conscious of how things look — it's crucial that we clean as we go.

"When it comes to food safety, you want to let your customers know that you are doing everything you can — it gives them a boost in confidence."

Pound 2 is one of 145 local food businesses listed in the *2006 Glen Eira City Council Safe Food Guide*.

The guide lists food businesses within the municipality that received a five-star food safety rating when assessed by Council officers during 2005.

Every household in Glen Eira will receive a copy of Council's *Safe Food Guide*, distributed with Council's *2006 Resource Guide* this month.



Adam Faigen serving up a five-star coffee.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

What are you searching for?

Glen Eira residents will have detailed services and resources information at their fingertips when Council's 2006 Council and Community Resource Guide is delivered to their doors this month.

The updated guide provides a comprehensive directory for residents looking to find contact details and information on an array of services within the City.

From support groups to legal assistance, sporting clubs to Council's bin collection — it's all in one easy-to-use guide.

Council's Director Community Relations Paul Burke said this year's guide provides up-to-date information on various not-for-profit community services as well

as being a comprehensive source of important information on Council.

"The guide is a very useful resource, as it provides current contact details for a vast range of services from community support groups and recreation clubs to local laws information and library services," Mr Burke said.

"There isn't any other guide like this available to our local community, and it has proven very useful over the years."

Along with providing a thorough listing of community services local to Glen Eira, the guide provides important contact details for emergency services and information on Council services offered to the community.

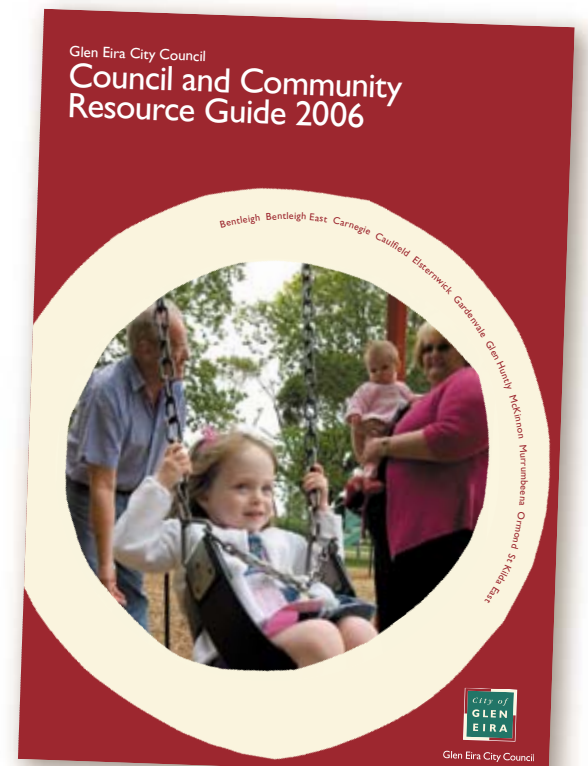
Mr Burke said the guide allows residents to search for specific information on

services that they require in a quick and easy way, without having to contact Council or use the Internet.

"Our Service Centre does a great job, but there are only so many hours in the working day and the guide provides information outside working hours," Mr Burke said.

"So the 2006 Council and Community Resource Guide is a great resource — accessible to everyone in the community."

The 2006 Council and Community Resource Guide will be delivered to all residents within Glen Eira throughout March. If you would like further information on the guide, please contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333. ■



YOUTH NEWS

Bentleigh East Skate Jam returns

Local skate boarders are gearing up and greasing their wheels for the annual Bentleigh East Skate Jam on again this month.

Skate Jam, run by Council and the YMCA Riverslide Skate Park, looks set to be bigger and better than ever with demonstration skaters, a free barbecue, and prizes and freebies.

Not just a day for skating enthusiasts, the event represents a fun day for the whole community to get into the skating scene — providing participants with a chance to show off some impressive moves and spectators with the opportunity to enjoy the spectacle and support local skaters.



Participants will compete in three categories: 12 years and under, 16 years and under (both these categories must have parental permission to participate), and an open section. Registration begins at 10am with the first age division competitors getting started at 10.30am.

So grab your board and meet us at the **Bailey Reserve Skate**

Facility on East Boundary Road, Bentleigh East (Melway reference: 68 K12) for a great day of skating.

For more information or to get a permission and registration form, contact the Why? Stop Youth Information Centre on 9572 5389. ■

These guides are made for walking!

Council will soon unveil a walking kit to help residents make the most of getting around on foot in Glen Eira. The kit includes nine self-guided walks which have been developed to incorporate some of Glen Eira's most popular parks, reserves and heritage sites.

The kits also contain safe walking tips, details on what you need to get started, and advice on warming up, cooling down and stretching.

For your free copy, contact the Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.



RECREATION NEWS

Game, set, access!

Inspired by the recent action at the Australian Open Grand Slam? Well, now you can work on your serve and volley without leaving the leafy surrounds of Glen Eira.

Launched through the Joint Councils Access for all Abilities (JCAAA) and Kings Park Tennis Club in Bentleigh East, the program, which was opened to people of all abilities in February, will continue on three Sundays in March.

JCAAA is a joint initiative of the Cities of Glen Eira, Bayside, Port Phillip and Stonnington and works to increase

the number of sustainable sport and recreation opportunities which are inclusive of people with disabilities.

Tennis at Kings Park Tennis Club will be held at King George VI Memorial Reserve (East Boundary Road, Bentleigh East) on Sunday March 5, 12, and 26, from 11am to 12pm. The cost is \$10 per session and racquets are provided.

Please note this program will not run on March 19 due to the Commonwealth Games.

For more information or to register please call Jake Carroll at JCAAA on 9209 6552. ■

Finals fever

It's that time of the year again where the local sporting elite battle it out to become premiers of their selected sports. Many sporting clubs throughout Glen Eira have trained all season to reach this time of year and they need all the support they can get to make their finals dreams come true.

Dates to remember

- Every weekend throughout March will see local cricket association finals at various sporting grounds throughout Glen Eira
- Saturday 1 April and Sunday 2 April — Sub District Championship Final at Caulfield Park (main oval)

Don't finish the season on the sidelines — get down to your local sporting ground and help support your team to victory. ■

VENUES FOR HIRE

Are you holding a family function, birthday, wedding, conference, exhibition, anniversary or special event?

Then why not consider hiring a Council facility.

Council's facilities range in size, are located throughout the City and are clean and comfortable.

Did you know that the rotundas in our parks can be hired for a special event? Weddings are often held in these picturesque settings.

More information is available on Council's website www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

For a free brochure or further information contact Council's Service Centre 9524 3333.



GLEN EIRA CITY COUNCIL



Improving our environ

Rubbish and recycling — keeping our streets clean



Keeping Glen Eira clean is everyone's responsibility. Council aims to provide the most economic, effective and environmentally aware waste collection service but needs residents help to keep the streets clean and the waste collection service running smoothly. The following actions can help.

Household garbage collection

Do

- wrap or bag dust and loose material;
- leave a half-metre gap between bins and other containers; and
- remove bin from naturestrip as soon as possible after the collection.

Don't

- place rubbish beside or on top of bins;
- overfill or overload bins — they should not weigh more than 75 kilograms;
- place asbestos in the garbage bins — this is illegal;
- place bricks, heavy timber, steel or other hard rubbish items in bins;
- place oil, hazardous or liquid waste in bins; or
- place bins under low-hanging power lines, near trees, poles or behind parked cars.

Recycling collection

Do

- ensure all containers are rinsed and lids removed;
- squash plastic and aluminium containers;
- flatten cardboard food boxes and weigh down the paper crate with a brick; and
- ensure the crates are not overfilled.

Don't

- leave extra cardboard or bags of recyclables on the naturestrip — material must be placed inside the crates; or
- place non-recyclable items in the crates — this includes plastic bags, ice-cream and margarine containers, plastic lids, polystyrene, coloured plastic, window glass or mirrors, Pyrex, crockery, ceramics, light globes, batteries, nappies, syringes, oil containers and waxed cardboard.

For further information on waste collection or a copy of Council's 2005–06 Residential waste and recycling services brochure, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

Safely dispose of unwanted chemicals

Glen Eira residents can rid their homes of unwanted household chemicals for free by taking part in Council's *Detox your home* program.

Council, in partnership with Sustainability Victoria, will hold the collection day at Moorleigh Village, Bentleigh East on Saturday 8 April from 8am to 4pm.

Council's Waste Management Engineer Doug Griffiths said the day was a great opportunity for residents to safely dispose of unwanted chemicals.

"Storing old chemicals in the shed or under the sink increases the risk of poisoning around the home. But sending chemicals to landfill or even pouring small amounts down stormwater drains can pollute creeks and rivers, harming plants and animals.

"So the *Detox your home* program helps residents dispose of their old and unwanted chemicals in an environmentally responsible way," Mr Griffiths said.

Among the types of unwanted chemicals accepted for disposal are household

chemicals, paints, poisons, garden, automotive and workshop chemicals and other miscellaneous chemicals such as gas cylinders, swimming pool chemicals and mercury batteries.

Items that cannot be accepted are chemicals not used for household purposes — such as farm, industrial and commercial use — and containers larger than 20 litres in capacity.

To safely transport chemicals to the collection, ensure all lids are secured tightly and wrapped in plastic to avoid spillage. Also ensure corrosive chemicals

are kept away from poisons. It is advisable to keep car windows down while travelling to the collection point.

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

Detox your home collection day will be held at Moorleigh Village, 92 Bignell Road, Bentleigh East on Saturday 8 April from 8am to 4pm. Melway reference: 78 B5.





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Residents asked to get wise about watering

With the summer season nearing its end and autumn hot on its heels, some Glen Eira residents may be keen to get their gardens into shape.

But as water becomes an increasingly precious resource, Council asks residents to become wiser about how they manage water use on their gardens.

Three simple water-saving strategies can greatly improve garden watering management.

1. Choose plants wisely

- Plant drought-tolerant species.
- Group plants with similar requirements for water and fertiliser together.
- Plant species which are suited to the site constraints. For example, put shade plants on the south side of buildings and sun-loving plants on the north or west side of buildings.

2. Use mulch

- Cover garden beds with a minimum 75-millimetre layer of organic mulch over the top of the soil.

Using mulch helps to:

- retain water in the soil by reducing water loss through evaporation;
- reduce the growth of weeds which compete with plants for available water in the soil;
- provide a buffer to the roots against extremes of temperature; and
- add nutrients to the soil as organic mulch breaks down over time helping plants to grow.

3. Water wisely

- Any additional irrigation over and above rainfall should be done early morning or late evening. Watering during daylight hours will result in much of the water being lost through evaporation and not reaching the roots.
- Do not water the plant foliage — instead, apply any additional irrigation directly to the base of the plant and surrounding ground beneath the foliage.
- Deep watering once or twice a week is more beneficial to plants and uses less water than daily shallow watering.



Council has a list of information sheets on being water wise and on water wise plants. Copies can be obtained by contacting Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

Don't be a dumper — book for collection

Residents are being urged not to dump their rubbish on the nature strip, and instead make a booking for Council's hard rubbish collection to collect the unwanted items.

Council's Waste Management Engineer Doug Griffiths said many residents are dumping rubbish on their nature strip and not making a booking for Council to collect the items.

"Council provides an efficient and effective service to help residents dispose of unwanted items. But we will only collect the items if a pre-booked collection has been made," Mr Griffiths said.

"Bookings are needed so that Council is aware of the items that need to be collected and can allocate an appropriate collection truck. The metal from some goods, such as refrigerators and other white goods can be recycled and need to be collected with a particular truck."

Mr Griffiths said that Council offered a hard rubbish collection service more frequently than other

neighbouring councils.

"This service is provided to Glen Eira residents on a four-week cycle — the municipality is broken up into four areas and a collections is made in each area once every four weeks on a pre-booked basis.

"This makes Glen Eira's hard rubbish collection one of the most frequent of any municipality in Melbourne."

Mr Griffiths said any hard rubbish left

out for collection needed to follow set guidelines and items not meeting the guidelines would not be collected.

The guidelines can be downloaded from www.gleneira.vic.gov.au or can be found in Council's Residential waste and recycling guide.

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



HANDY TIPS TO HELP IMPROVE OUR ENVIRONMENT

- Mulch your garden and choose hearty, drought resistant plants that require minimal watering.
- Reduce, reuse and recycle.
- Leave the car at home — take the bus, tram, train or go for a good old fashion walk.
- Buy energy efficient products — most products come with an energy rating. Make sure you go for a product with a five-star rating.
- Don't waste water — turn off the tap when brushing your teeth, have shorter showers and ensure the tap is not left running while washing dishes.
- Take your own bags shopping — limit the waste from plastic shopping bags.
- Start your own compost bin — Council offers compost bins at nominal cost.
- Cut down on packaging.

COMMUNITY

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

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

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.

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

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

Bentleigh Organ Club meets at the Bentleigh East Sporting and Recreation Club, Mackie Road, Bentleigh East on the first Monday of each month at 8pm. Contact: Jenny or Cliff 9258 2539.

Caulfield Men's Probus Club meets at St John's Uniting Church, Glen Huntly Road, Caulfield on the first Tuesday of each month at 10am. New members welcome. Contact: Bill 9571 7723.

Club 66 holds old-time, modern and new vogue dances with live band at the Bentleigh Uniting Church Hall, 495 Centre Road, Bentleigh on first and third Saturdays each month at 8pm. Cost: \$6. Contact: 9587 1092.

4th Caulfield Cubs and Scouts meets at Birch Street, Caulfield South on Mondays at 7pm for cubs and Tuesdays at 7pm for scouts. New members welcome. Contact: Jo or Steve 9505 6995.

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

Glen Eira/Bayside Lupus-Sjogren's Self Help Group meets at Bentleigh Bayside Community Health Service, Gardeners Road, Bentleigh East on the fourth Friday of the month at 1pm. All welcome. Contact: Nona 9575 5336 or Enid 9509 2735.

Lions Club of Ormond McKinnon meets at the Coatesville Bowling Club, Mackie Road, Bentleigh East on the first and third Monday of each month at 7pm. New members welcome. Contact: Greg 9576 5727.

Melbourne Scots Dancing Circle holds country dancing classes at Ormond Uniting Church, corner North and Booran Roads, Ormond on Fridays (from 3 March). No partners required. Contact: Bev 9579 5532.

Murrumbeena Bowls Club begins social bowls season at 10 Blackwood Street, Carnegie. New members welcome. Contact: 9568 5144

Rowena Calisthenics College Incorporated meets at the Youth Hall of Uniting Church, corner East Boundary Road and Abbin Ave, Bentleigh East on Wednesdays at 4.15pm. Contact: Judy 9570 4185.

Salvation Army Bentleigh holds activities at 87 Robert Street, Bentleigh on the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 1pm. All welcome. Contact: 9557 2644 or 9557 8326.

St John's Anglican Playgroup meets at 624 Centre Road, Bentleigh on Wednesday mornings between 9.30 and 11.30am. Suitable for children aged 0-4-year-old. Contact: Heather 9502 8050.

The Over 40s Club holds dances at Ormond Uniting Church, corner North and Booran Roads, Ormond on second and fourth Saturdays each month at 7.45pm. Cost: \$7 (includes supper). Contact: 9570 4564.

EVENTS

Labassa National Trust Property will host a production of Wynyard Brown's *A question of fact* at Labassa House, 2 Manor Grove, Caulfield North on Saturday 8 April and Sunday 9 April. Bookings essential. Cost: \$15/\$12. Contact: 9690 1593 or 9578 0952.

Carnegie Primary School will hold a craft market and car boot sale at Truganini Road, Carnegie on Saturday 29 April from 10am to 4pm. Contact: Amanda 9571 2578.

The deadline for the next *Community Diary* is Wednesday 15 March for delivery 31 March-2 April.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Delivered Meals seeks volunteers drivers and jockeys who can assist with the delivered meals program.

If you are able to provide two hours of your time on a weekly, fortnightly, or even on a monthly basis, please contact Stefanie Vranas on 9576 9748.

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GLEN EIRA CITY COUNCIL

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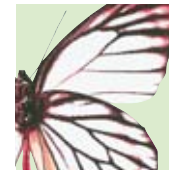
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2006 VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION SCHEME

Organisations in the City of Glen Eira are invited to nominate volunteers to receive awards under Council's Glen Eira Volunteer Recognition Scheme.

The program honours the contribution volunteers make to community life in Glen Eira.

This year the Glen Eira Volunteer Recognition Ceremony will be held during National Volunteers Week in May.

Nominations close on Friday 17 March 2006 at 5pm and no late nominations can be accepted.

Information and nomination forms are available from Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 or from Council's website on www.gleneira.vic.gov.au



GLEN EIRA CITY COUNCIL

IMMUNISATIONSESSIONS

MARCH 2006

McKinnon Progress Hall

118 McKinnon Road, McKinnon
Monday 6 March 10am-11am

Glen Eira Town Hall

Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield
Tuesday 7 March 6pm-7pm
Tuesday 14 March 9.30am-10.15am

Carnegie Library

7 Shepparson Avenue, Carnegie
Wednesday 15 March 1.30pm-2.30pm

Bentleigh-Bayside Community Health Service

Gardeners Road, East Bentleigh
Wednesday 22 March 6pm-7pm
Saturday 25 March 9.30am-10.30am

Glen Huntly

Corner Royal and Rosedale Avenues, Glen Huntly
Wednesday 29 March 9.30am-11am

Packer Park

Leila Road, Carnegie
Monday 27 March 10am-11am



Russell Beedles: Acquaintances with friends

Opening 6pm Wednesday 8 March
Continuing to Sunday 19 March

Acquaintances with friends is a fascinating photographic record of people and places in the 1960s and 1970s. This intimate celebration of lives shared with Caulfield resident Russell Beedles also offers a broader celebration of Australian culture.

Images of Fred Schepisi, Krisitian Frederiksen, Bruce Spence, Hal Porter, Les Tanner, Jon Wood, Jacquie Weaver, Stephen Murray Smith and many other well-known and not-so-well known characters have been captured by Beedles who describes himself as an

‘enthusiastic amateur’.

His first exhibition as a photographer, Beedles is best known for his work on stage and screen — appearing in many theatrical productions and television series, and achieving acclaim as a playwright and writer. Whenever on a job, on location or out and about, Beedles snapped away with his trusted Minolta, often using a telephoto lens to capture the unposed moments and natural expressions of his colleagues. But these images are more than mere ‘snapshots’. They are a fascinating and personal glimpse into Melbourne’s cultural life in the 1960s and 1970s. ■



Russell Beedles pictured with his camera.

COLOUR AND THE SHAPE

Colour and the shape challenges the idea of textiles by looking beyond the surface of fabrics and exploring non-textile works that refer to textile traditions.

It examines the inspiration that textiles hold — an inspiration discovered where art, craft and design overlap and melt into each other.

Colour and the shape celebrates the talent of artists who live, work or study in the City of Glen Eira.

This exhibition offers an alternative view of mediums often classified as ‘craft’ and suggests that the divide between art and craft is an historical mis-construction that has gained traction only in European cultures, and even then, only in recent times.

Glen Eira artists featured include: Janet Gallagher (sculpture installation), Aaron Bailey (embroidery), Wendy Brand (photography), Felicity Hardy (wearable art), Tracy Potts (embroidery sculpture), Florentina Munteanu (video), Mala Anthony (tapestry), Rachel Hine (tapestry), Annette Kortenhaus (jewellery), and Michele Elliott (installation). ■



Annette Kortenhaus, *Untitled* (2005), mixed media.

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

BID FOR FREEDOM ART AUCTION

Sunday 5 March 2pm
Viewing 1–4 March

The *Bid for Freedom* art auction will raise money for the Brigidines’ Asylum Seekers Project which enables a group of Albert Park nuns to provide material aid to people seeking refuge in Australia from tyrannical regimes that threaten their families’ lives. Contributing artists include Tim Bass, Jon Campbell, Mike Green, John Howley, David Larwill, Nicholas Nedelkopolous, Mike Nicholls, Mike Parr, Andrew Sibley and Wendy Stavrianos.

SOUNDS OF HARMONY

Caulfield Park,
Sunday 9 April 4pm–8pm

Free event

Sounds of Harmony will feature a host of music and dance performers from diverse cultural backgrounds. The performers will explore the themes of the human voice, peace and harmony as they express their cultural heritage and experience to a broader audience through song and dance.

The concert offers the Glen Eira community access to a variety of cultural artistic expression, combining community groups and professional performers from backgrounds as diverse as the Sudan, Bangladesh, Russian, Bengal, Jewish, Greek, Italian, Indonesian, African and Indigenous Australian.

Performers include the **Kavisha Mazzella Trio** (Australian-based Italian and Greek music divas Kavisha Mazzella and Irini Vela performing contemporary world music accompanied by Peter Vadivelloo); **Ria Soemardjo** (offering exquisite Indonesian vocals); dynamic trio **Stiletto Sisters** (gorgeous three-part harmonies with Hope Csutoros on violin, Judy Gunson on piano accordion and Jo To on double bass); **Mzuri Dance Network** (luscious, exciting and virtuosic gypsy melodies, seductive tango rhythms and sensuous songs from Europe and Latin); and a unique performance from **Birri-on Lakidjeka** (a family of dancers ranging five to 18 years old accompanied by Eva Jo Edwards who draw on traditional

and contemporary African and Western dance and music styles combining hip-hop street styles of South Africa, Paris and New York and including Aboriginal dance ceremony and stories).

Hosted by actor **Fiona Macleod**, *Sounds of Harmony* will also feature talent from our local community including the **Nuer Community of South Sudan** (traditional African dance and choir); **Bangladesh Renaissance Drama Group** (traditional dance and song); **Sinhala Cultural Society**; the **Bengali Association** and the **Kondia Limnos Greek Seniors**; **Russian Bard Singers** (traditional eighteenth century songs); and the Jewish Choir **Liron**.

TRIBAL AND TRADITIONAL TEXTILES COLLECTED BY ALEXANDRA AND LEIGH COPELAND

Opening 6pm Wednesday 22 March to Sunday 9 April

Renowned collectors of Central Asian textiles, Alexandra and Leigh Copeland have travelled to the region for more than 30 years — building their collection through personal relationships with textile-producing families and providing textiles and advice to collectors and curators across Australia.

Following their exhibition at Glen Eira City Council Gallery last year, the Copelands returned to Afghanistan and Pakistan. Despite the dislocation and ravages of war, they’ve secured more

stunning pieces which will be included in the forthcoming exhibition along with works from India.



Copeland Collection, Antique cradle, central Asia.

Королевская эстафета прибывает в муниципалитет Glen Eira
Понедельник 13 марта (выходной день – День рождения Королевы)

По пути в Мельбурн на Игры Содружества 2006г. Королевская эстафета будет проходить через муниципалитет Glen Eira. Маршрут эстафеты проходит через основные достопримечательности района, по жилым улицам и торговому центру Elsternwick. Мы приглашаем вас принять участие в этом историческом событии и приветствовать участников эстафеты.

Вдоль маршрута эстафеты будут действовать временные ограничения движения. Постарайтесь свести к минимуму передвижение в этом районе на время прохождения эстафеты.

Если ваш дом/квартира расположены вдоль маршрута эстафеты:
В интересах зрителей и участников контейнеры для сбора мусора и всех видов отходов должны находиться в предназначенном для этого месте возле дома, а не на тротуаре. После эстафеты

сбор контейнеров будет проходить по графику, в обычное время.
По возможности старайтесь не парковать свои машины на улице в этот период времени, чтобы обеспечить больше места для участников эстафеты и служебных автомобилей.

На время эстафеты парковка машин на улице вдоль бордюра будет запрещена в следующих местах:
Hopetoun Gardens, Elsternwick (южная сторона Glen Huntly Road)
Glen Eira Town Hall, Caulfield (южная сторона Glen Eira Road)
Glen Huntly Park, Glen Huntly (северная сторона Neerim Road)
Glen Huntly Road между Nepean Highway и Kooyong Road

Более подробную информацию о прохождении Королевской эстафеты через муниципалитет Glen Eira можно получить в муниципалитете. Карта с маршрутом эстафеты приведена на стр. 12.

女王接力棒經過 Glen Eira
3月13日星期一(女王生日公共假日)

女王接力棒在前往 2006 年墨爾本英聯邦運動會的歷史性行程中將經過 Glen Eira 市政區。接力棒將一路經過本市政區主要的標誌建築物、Elsternwick 購物區及住宅區街道。因此，請來親歷這一美好的時刻，為接力人員歡呼。

屆時,接力人員經過的沿路將有一些臨時交通限制。在接力行程中，請您開車時盡量避開接力棒經過的區域。

沿線的住宅:
垃圾桶、花園垃圾及硬垃圾都應放在住宅邊界之內。收倒垃圾將照常進行，日期和時間按規定不變。這將有助於保持路上無障礙，便於大家觀看接力。

如有可能，請把汽車停在住宅的車道上，以確保接力人員及輔助車輛一路暢通。

請不要在下列地區路沿上停車:

Hopetoun Gardens, Elsternwick (Glen Huntly Road 的南側)
Glen Eira Town Hall, Caulfield (Glen Eira Road 的南側)
Glen Huntly Park, Glen Huntly (Neerim Road 的北側)
Nepean Highway 與 Kooyong Road 之間的 Glen Huntly Road 路段

Broken Cords or Balances

IN DOUBLE HUNG WINDOWS

◆ Bottom sash (2 cords) from \$40

◆ Both sashes (4 cords) from \$50

◆ Tubular balances from \$55 per pair

◆ Pensioner discounts available

Price depends on size, condition and number

Also

◆ Fit heavier counter weights

◆ Convert concealed to tubular balances

John Moline:

9822 3470 AH

Cut out this ad and keep for future reference

若想瞭解有關女王接力棒路經 Glen Eira 市政區的詳情，請與市政府服務中心聯繫。詳細路線請參閱第 12 頁上的地圖。

DO YOU ENJOY HELPING OTHERS?

Council has casual, part-time and full-time positions available for home care, personal care and respite care workers.

These positions all work with frail older people and people with disabilities, supporting them to remain living independently at home.

• Home care workers assist with household cleaning and shopping tasks.

• Personal care workers assist with a range of tasks including bathing, dressing, transfers, mobility, grooming, household cleaning and shopping tasks.

• Respite care workers undertake the caring role of adults or children with a disability while the primary carer takes a break from the caring role.

If you are looking for a rewarding role with flexible working hours, contact Council’s Service Centre on 9524 3333 for further information.

City of GLEN EIRA

GLEN EIRA CITY COUNCIL

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
Proposed new recycling bins	Letters written to residents of large blocks of units	Closed 20 February

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

La staffetta “Queen’s Baton Relay” visita Glen Eira
Lunedì 13 marzo (giorno festivo per il Compleanno della Regina)

Nel suo storico viaggio verso Melbourne per le celebrazioni dei Giochi del Commonwealth 2006, la staffetta “Queen’s Baton Relay” entrerà nella città di Glen Eira e attraverserà le zone più note della città, il centro commerciale di Elsternwick e alcune strade residenziali. Quindi acclamate i corridori e partecipate a questo meraviglioso avvenimento.

Lungo il percorso saranno istituite restrizioni temporanee del traffico. Si prega quindi di evitare il passaggio attraverso le zone di percorso della staffetta.

Per le abitazioni che si trovano lungo il percorso: Tenere all’interno dei confini della proprietà i bidoni dei rifiuti, i rifiuti organici e i rifiuti solidi.

Η Λαμπαδηδρομία της Βασιλικής Δάδας θα περάσει απ’ το Glen Eira
Δευτέρα 13 Μαρτίου (Αργία Γενεθλίων της Βασίλισσας)

Στην ιστορική της διαδρομή για τους Κοινοπολιτειακούς Αγώνες Μελβούρνη 2006, η Λαμπαδηδρομία της Βασιλικής Δάδας θα περάσει μέσα απ’ το Δήμο Glen Eira. Η λαμπαδηδρομία θα περάσει μπροστά από γνωστά αξιοθέατα του Δήμου, την εμπορική περιοχή Elsternwick και αστικούς δρόμους. Γι’ αυτό χειροκροτήστε τους δρομείς και πάρτε μέρος σ’ αυτό το καταπληκτικό γεγονός.

Θα υπάρξουν μερικοί προσωρινοί περιορισμοί στην κυκλοφορία κατά μήκος της λαμπαδηδρομίας. Προσπαθήστε να μην μετακινείστε διαμέσου της διαδρομής κατά τη διάρκεια της λαμπαδηδρομίας.

Για τα ακίνητα κατά μήκος της διαδρομής: Κάδοι απορριμμάτων, σκουπίδια του κήπου και μεγάλα σκουπίδια θα πρέπει να τα έχετε μέσα στο ακίνητό σας. Οι κανονικές συλλογές απορριμμάτων θα γίνουν την προγραμματισμένη ώρα και ημέρα. Αυτό θα βοηθήσει να διατηρηθεί καθαρός ο χώρος της διαδρομής ώστε το κοινό να βλέπει άνετα τους δρομείς.

Όπου είναι δυνατόν, παρκάρετε τα αυτοκίνητά σας μέσα στο ακίνητό σας για να είναι ελεύθερη η διαδρομή για τους δρομείς και οχήματα συνοδείας.

Η στάθμευση στην άκρη των δρόμων δεν θα επιτρέπεται στους παρακάτω χώρους: Hopetoun Gardens, Elsternwick (νότια πλευρά του Glen Huntly Road)
Δημαρχείο Glen Eira, Caulfield (νότια πλευρά του Glen Eira Road)

La normale raccolta dei rifiuti sarà eseguita nel giorno e all’ora soliti.
Laddove è possibile, parcheggiare le auto sul proprio passo carrabile per lasciare via libera ai corridori ed ai veicoli di sostegno.

È preferibile non parcheggiare l’auto lungo i marciapiedi nei seguenti luoghi:
Hopetoun Gardens, Elsternwick (lato sud di Glen Huntly Road)
Glen Eira Town Hall, Caulfield (lato sud di Glen Eira Road)
Glen Huntly Park, Glen Huntly (lato nord di Neerim Road)
Glen Huntly Road fra Nepean Highway e Kooyong Road

Per ulteriori informazioni sull’avvenimento “Queen’s Baton Relay” che avrà luogo a Glen Eira rivolgersi al Centro Servizi del Comune (Council’s Service Centre). Per i dettagli del percorso consultare la piantina a pagina 12.

Glen Huntly Park, Glen Huntly (βόρεια πλευρά του Neerim Road)
Glen Huntly Road μεταξύ Nepean Highway και Kooyong Road

Για περισσότερες πληροφορίες για τη Λαμπαδηδρομία της Βασιλικής Δάδας στο Glen Eira επικοινωνήστε με το Κέντρο Εξυπηρέτησης Δημοτών της Δημαρχίας. Για λεπτομέρειες της διαδρομής κοιτάξτε το χάρτη στη σελίδα 12.

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS

Council operates a central enrolment system for community based kindergartens within the City of Glen Eira.

For children who will be attending four-year-old kindergarten in 2008, applications can be lodged from 1 May 2006. Children whose birth dates fall between 1/5/03 and 30/4/04 are eligible to attend kindergarten in 2008.

For children who will be attending four-year-old kindergarten in 2007, applications are still being accepted and processed.

Enrolment forms are available from Council’s Service Centre on 9524 3333 or at your local kindergarten. Forms can be downloaded from Council’s website www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

Three-year-old kindergarten enrolments are taken directly at kindergartens.

City of GLEN EIRA

GLEN EIRA CITY COUNCIL

Mentoring to success

From small beginnings and with the support of Council's Mentor Partners program, one local business is now exporting its products overseas.

Just In Case Direct, a small family-operated business in Caulfield South, was established by Paul and Sabina Berman in 2000.

A mere five years later, their company produces more than 20 'mini-packs' for hotel chains — including hotels in Fiji — and is steadily expanding its product range and customer base.

Their range includes convenience packs for personal hygiene, cookies, jelly-beans, pain killers, sunburn lotions, travel essentials and custom-designed packs.

Paul and Sabina Berman's business has benefited a great deal through Council's *Mentor Partners* program with support from one of its most experienced mentors, Jack Mitchell. Jack was formerly with Coles Myer, as General Manager Merchandising and Marketing.

Paul has been able to use Jack as a sounding board for his ideas on aspects of the business, including packaging, market research, product sourcing and exporting. Jack also provided guidance on the use of financial and stock controls, and continues to mentor the business.

Paul said Jack had been invaluable in his support.

"In a business with just one employee it is very easy to get complacent in decision

making and sticking to the business plan," Paul said.

"Jack regularly ensures that we document and follow up on our strategies, offers experienced opinions on decisions and is both supportive and constructively critical of all aspects of the business. Mostly, however, Jack has provided us with the confidence to move forward and tackle our business head on."

Cathy loves working with kids

Helping children overcome developmental and learning difficulties has been the prime motivation for business owner Cathy Love, an occupational therapist with 20 years' experience in paediatrics.

Her Caulfield South business, Kids Therapy Network, offers experienced occupational therapists to help children overcome a range of problems and includes a therapy gym and work rooms for its range of services.

Cathy Love was teamed up with Carmel Parker, a human resources specialist and experienced member of Council's *BusEd Mentor Partners* program. Carmel helped in particular with the human resource requirements of the business, such as establishing procedural manuals, performance management, risk assessments and position descriptions. She was also a sounding board for Cathy's ideas on retail marketing and business planning.

For Cathy, the support has been invaluable.

"It has been great to have a highly experienced and objective mentor to guide the development of my business systems. We have worked together to modify the policy and procedure manual, making it a useable document for the entire team," Cathy said.

For more information on services offered by the Kids Therapy Network, visit the website kidstherapynetwork.com.au

Access to the BusEd Mentor Partners program is available to businesses based in Glen Eira and Kingston that have been operating for 12 months or more. For more information, contact the Service Centre on 9524 3333.

BUSINESS EVENTS IN MARCH

ATO tax basics seminar and record keeping workshop

Free tax seminar providing an overview of small business tax issues and obligations for start up and existing small business operators.

Seminar topics:

- income tax and deductions
- business activity statements (BAS)
- GST
- record keeping
- superannuation
- pay as you go (PAYG) instalments and withholding.

When: Monday 27 March 9am-4pm (8.45am registration)

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

Cost: FREE (light lunch provided)

RSVP: Thursday 23 March

Glen Eira Women's Business Network presents:

The 6 p's of developing and presenting a successful marketing exhibition

Presented by Denise Cooney, Exhibitions Plus

Designed to provide practical strategies, and ideas to effectively market your business through display. Learn how

to optimise opportunities and return on investment at expos, conferences, launches, and other public events by developing strategies to cover pre-, during and post-event.

- Planning
- Purpose
- People
- Presence
- Pre-show promotion
- Post-show activities.

When: Tuesday 28 March 7pm

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

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

RSVP: Friday 24 March

Holiday Mania

With a short school term, families will already be gearing up for school holiday entertainment. Come and check out the following fun shows at your local library. Events are for children aged 4 to 12. Tickets on sale from Wednesday 1 March at all branches.



Awesome Reading with Eira winners Rebecca Johnson, Mackenzie Tuson and Lucy Thompson happily collect their prizes from Library mascot Eira the bookworm.

Photo: Anna McGibbon

Andy's Antics show

Tuesday 14 March 11am-12pm

Bentleigh Library, 161 Jasper Road, Bentleigh.

All the fun of a party at this interactive show with magic, songs and games.

Tickets: \$6

The Commonwealth Games show

Thursday 16 March 11am-11.45am

Carnegie Library, 7 Shepparson Avenue, Carnegie

Join our sports star as he struggles to win a gold medal. Lots of audience participation, edu-tainment and fun. The show culminates in a quiz show competition and a song familiar to all Australians.

Tickets: \$6

Three little pigs with a twist

Tuesday 21 March 11am-11.45am

Elsternwick Library, 4 Staniland Grove, Elsternwick

Join in the fun of a traditional puppet show, boo or cheer the wolf in this classic story — but remember, there may be a twist!

Tickets: \$6

Billo's Bump'n Bounce show

Wednesday 22 March 11am-12pm

Caulfield Library, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield South.

Join Billo the Clown on a magical,

musical journey full of fun and silliness. Juggling, songs, competitions, balloon animals and giant bubbles are just some of Billo's tricks.

New look library cards

Council's libraries are issuing new library cards to all members during the coming months. The new burgundy card with its modern design, will replace the current outmoded cards. When members are issued their new card all contact information will be checked and updated as required.

If you have not already joined the library, now is an excellent time. Today's libraries provide a wide spectrum of services including:

- free books, magazines, CDs, DVDs, CD-ROMs, talking books and graphic novels
- free computers and Internet access
- children's *Storytime* sessions and holiday activities
- author's talks, seminars and Internet workshops.

Library membership is free and becoming a member is quick and easy. For more details call 9563 0971 or visit www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

Be a part of the Games

On its historic journey through 71 countries to the Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games, the Queen's Baton Relay will make its way through the City of Glen Eira.

Be a part of Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games history. Get outside and see the Queen's Baton Relay as it passes by key City landmarks, the Elsternwick shopping district and residential streets. Cheer on the runners, and be proud to be part of this amazing sporting occasion.

How this will effect you

Glen Eira City Council asks for your help and patience for the short period the relay will be travelling through the City. There will be some temporary traffic restrictions along the relay route. Please try to limit your travel through route areas during the relay.

For properties along the route:

- Rubbish bins, green waste and hard rubbish should be kept inside your



- property boundaries. Normal waste collections will take place at their scheduled time and day. This will help keep the route clear for viewing.
- Where possible, park cars in your driveway to keep the route clear for the runners and support vehicles.

Kerbside parking will be discouraged at the following locations:

- Hopetoun Gardens, Elsternwick (south side of Glen Huntly Road)
- Glen Eira Town Hall, Caulfield (south side of Glen Eira Road)
- Glen Huntly Park, Glen Huntly (north side of Neerim Road)
- Glen Huntly Road between Nepean Highway and Kooyong Road

When: Monday 13 March (Labor Day Public Holiday)

Relay travelling time: 11am to 2pm

For more information on the Queen's Baton Relay in Glen Eira please contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 or visit our website at www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

For Queen's Baton Relay and Games details visit the Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games website at www.melbourne2006.com.au

Glen Eira adopts the Bahamas

In preparation for the Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games, all Victorian councils have adopted a Commonwealth nation and Glen Eira's adopted country is the Bahamas. The adopt-a-team program encourages local communities to learn more about other Commonwealth nations and how the Commonwealth works. Make sure you get behind Glen Eira's adopted country, the Bahamas, during the games!

- Some facts about the Bahamas:**
- **Population:** 297,478 (2003 estimate).
 - **Area:** 13,940 square kilometres.
 - **Climate:** 15–27 degrees Celsius, balmy.
 - **Natural attractions:** Sunny weather, pink sandy beaches, turquoise waters.
 - **Languages:** English, Creole (among Haitian immigrants).



Georgia (left) and Chelsea (right) get crafty making Bahamian fish.



Western Creations wowed the crowds with a lively performance Photos: Les O'Rourke.

The Bahamas, located in the Caribbean, comprise 700 islands, only 30 of which are regularly inhabited. The population is concentrated on 10 major islands, including New Providence, Grand Bahama, Andros, Cat Island and Long Island.

Since the 1954 British Empire and Commonwealth Games, the Bahamas have received 23 medals — eight gold, seven silver and eight bronze.

SOME FACTS ABOUT THE BATON:

- Seventy-one lights on the baton, representing the Commonwealth nations, will progressively light up as the baton arrives in each Commonwealth destination.
- The materials used to manufacture the baton include gold and magnesium.
- Two tiny cameras and two microphones are housed inside the baton to transmit images to the Games website.

For more information about the Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games and Queen's Baton Relay, visit www.melbourne2006.com.au