

Investing in the future

Renewing and upgrading ageing community facilities and assets and safeguarding essential services are the focus of Council's 2006-07 budget.

Council has allocated \$20.5 million for capital works projects in the coming year, with a view to developing Glen Eira's social, economic and service infrastructure to meet current and future community needs.

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

Council's two swim centres will remain open for summer this year with budget allocation of \$870,000 for repairs to the current facilities and design of new ones. Phase two of the pools is currently being carried out to decide the future of the swim centres.

Council will complete the Bricker Pavilion redevelopment in Princes

Park and will also redevelop Caulfield Park Pavilion to include a new sports pavilion, Joyce Park in Ormond to include a new playground and improve Bentleigh shopping centre.

Glen Eira's average rates and charges increase of 4 per cent in 2006-07 is the lowest of its neighbouring councils. Council will also continue the pensioner rebate of \$270.

Council's Chief Executive Officer Andrew Newton said the 2006-07 budget is focused on having funds available to fix ageing community infrastructure and facilities, while maintaining essential services at existing or increased levels.

"In 2006-07, the cost of running day-to-day services for the City will be 18 per cent below the average of neighbouring municipalities," Mr Newton said.

"Our challenge is to invest enough money each and every year to renew our ageing community facilities and infrastructure."



Council's 2006-07 budget focuses on improving community facilities and assets, including parks and recreation facilities. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

For further details on Council's 2006-07 budget turn to pages 6 and 7.

Council would like to thank all residents who contributed to the budget process during public meetings. All submissions and comments were considered when deciding the final budget.

For more information about the 2006-07 budget visit www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

Pools — phase two

On 7 March 2006 Glen Eira City Council initiated the first phase of community consultation on the community's two swim centres. Four well attended public meetings were held and more than 200 submissions or letters were received.

Council would again like to thank those within the community who kindly offered their thoughts and suggestions to Council during this phase of consultation.

Council announced that it would publish detailed and costed options as part of a second phase of community consultation.

Independent consultants, whose work in the area of pools and recreation facilities is regarded as expert, were engaged to prepare detailed and costed options in the form of various concept models.

The reports have been prepared by the independent consultants based both on their best professional advice within responsible financial parameters and community needs as submitted from

the phase one consultation and from several sport and recreational studies that Council had prepared in the past.

During the community consultation it was clear that the community favoured the retention of both the Carnegie and East Bentleigh swim centres and although Council has not formed any pre-determined view, its preference is to retain aquatic facilities at both Carnegie and East Bentleigh.

For the purpose of transparency, Council is releasing the full range of concept models evaluated by the independent consultants. Residents are invited to weigh up the pros and cons of each option and inform themselves of the potential financial implications.

Council will be examining various financial models for the development of the centres after the second phase of consultation.

Any development is likely to be substantially debt-funded and will involve a significant increase in rates to fund loan repayments and interest.

A copy of the report is available from Council's Service Centre, libraries or website at www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

For more information contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 333.



Glen Eira Mayor Cr David Feldman and Cr Margaret Esakoff discuss the redevelopment of Council's two 40-year old swim centres. Photo: Alex Mourikis.

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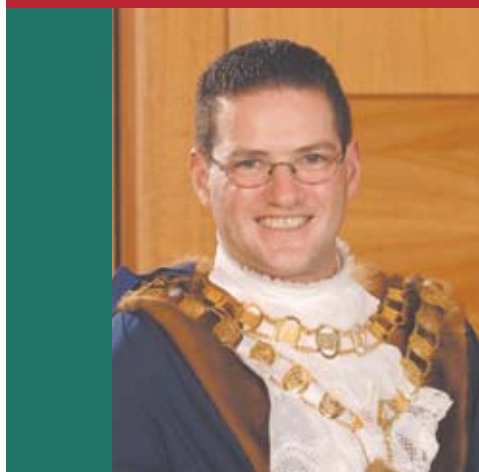
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MAYOR'S
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Council has managed to keep rates as low as possible whilst still offering high quality facilities, services, safeguards and supports.

Glen Eira's average rate increase of four percent in 2006–07 has been achieved at a time when Council rates will increase an average of 6.3 percent across Victoria. Of note is the fact that funding from other levels of government has failed to keep pace with local government costs and this is severely forcing rates up. I remain pleased however that Glen Eira still also gives the highest pensioner rebate (\$270).

Improving recreation and leisure facilities are a continuing focus of Council's capital works program. This year we will see the redevelopment of the Bricker Pavillion in Princes Park, a new sports pavilion in Caulfield Park and the upgrade of Joyce Park in Ormond as well as a number of new children's playgrounds.

Last year Council completed its biggest project to date — the Carnegie Library and Community Centre. The modern large scale centre has been well received, library loans have increased by 5,000 per week and the centre has already become a central community hub for activities and events.

Council has recently finished constructing a new all abilities playspace area for the centre — residents can now take children to borrow books, enjoy events such as a *storytime* reading session and play outdoors within the bookworm theme playspace.

The next major redevelopment will most likely be Glen Eira's two 40-year old swim centres. Council is currently undergoing phase two of the pools consultation strategy and would like all residents to read the page one article in this edition of *Glen Eira News* and familiarise themselves with the potential financial implications.

All residents benefit from upgrades to assets and services; whether walking on improved footpaths, enjoying upgraded parks and recreation facilities, immunisation for children, receiving the delivery of meals, or care extended to aged and people with disabilities.

Council would like to thank all residents who contribute to community consultations and put their views forward.

Cr David Feldman
Mayor

Giant bookworms have arrived in Carnegie

The Carnegie Library and Community Centre now has an exciting new all abilities playspace area.

This new playspace is based on a bookworm theme and enables the young and the young at heart to make the most of Glen Eira's outdoors.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr David Feldman said the new playspace encourages community talent and combines education and play to make learning fun.

"This new playspace has transformed a confined hard surface space into a creative, exciting, colourful playspace for the community to enjoy.

"The interactive playspace allows participants to type in library requests such as book searches and obtain educational information. It is the first of its kind to combine play and learning," said Cr Feldman.

Some exciting features on the Carnegie playspace include:

Clamber bookworm, a colourful, gripping new rubberised sculpture features an access ramp, tunnels, loops and a facet wall encouraging people of all ages and abilities to be active.



The new Carnegie Library and Community Centre playspace will offer hours of fun.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Glow bookworm glows at night time displaying random rainbow colours.

Interactive keyboard and bookworm totems have LED lights for eyes, which light up in changing colours when the given name of the totem is typed out on a large interactive keyboard.

Musical bookworm is an innovative rubberised sculpture, featuring copper gongs, metal drums and steel fins which create music.

Mural walls are situated behind the playspace. Two panels will be used as

art walls for local artists, community groups and schools and will be changed on a monthly basis. The other panels will include cultural and historical information in writing, brail, pictographs and sign language.

A colourful **stage** with rubberised amphitheatre steps provides an ideal opportunity for local performers to display their talent. The stage has access for all abilities and the brightly coloured amphitheatre steps can also be used as seats.

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DEADLINES

The deadline for the next edition (September) of *Glen Eira News* is Wednesday 9 August for delivery 1–3 September.

Coming deadline:

The deadline for the October edition of *Glen Eira News* is Wednesday 6 September for delivery 29 September–1 October

For advertising and *Community diary* enquiries contact 9524 3366. To submit editorial material write to: Glen Eira News, PO Box 42 Caulfield South 3162 or email: editor@gleneira.vic.gov.au

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News in brief

Glen Eira offers residents top service

The results of the latest CSBA Quarterly Benchmarking Survey found that Glen Eira City Council's service centre was the fastest Council service centre to answer customer telephone queries.

The CSBA measured the time it takes to get through to a Council operator. The overall Council sector response time was 43 seconds while Glen Eira City Council was a fast 7 seconds.

Council's service centre also rated highly in the *quick time and top service* category in terms of best all round performance.

Moorleigh multi cultural festival

The second annual Moorleigh Multi Cultural Festival was recently held at the Moorleigh Multi Cultural Senior Citizens Centre in Bentleigh to celebrate cultural diversity in Glen Eira and neighbouring communities.

Approximately 300 residents from 15 ethnic seniors clubs came together to share music, dance, food and displays of traditional handicraft.

The successful festival enabled people from a range of cultural backgrounds to meet and interact, creating a stronger sense of connection to the community.

Duckling rescued by dashing depot drainer

Council recently received a call from the RSPCA regarding a baby duckling trapped up a drainage pipe in South Caulfield. Within minutes Council's depot staff had the baby duckling safely in their grasp to the delight of cheering residents.



Council Officer Michael Krywyn with the runaway duck. Photo: Bill McGivern.

Trim trees for safety

Council is urging local residents to make sure trees and shrubs along the front of their properties aren't posing safety hazards.

Trees and shrubs planted on private property are the property owner's responsibility and any trees or shrubs which hang over public footpaths and roadways must be cut back to reduce possible risks and dangers to the public.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr David Feldman said it is up to the property owner to maintain trees and shrubs on the edge of their land.

"With recent rains triggering a lot of garden growth, now is the time for residents to trim their trees and shrubs," Cr Feldman said.

"This is particularly important along roadways and footpaths, where overhanging trees and shrubs pose a safety hazard to pedestrians or bicycle riders. Overhanging branches can also obscure the view of drivers reversing out of driveways or travelling along streets and laneways."

Trees and shrubs must be cut to a height of three metres above the ground and they must be trimmed back to be vertical to the property boundary. Residents wishing to dispose of the excess vegetation can use Council's free

monthly bundled branch collection or its fee-based fortnightly green waste service.

Cr Feldman said if trees and shrubs were found to exceed these guidelines, residents or property owners would receive a notice and be advised to take action within 14 days.

"If no action has been taken, a second caution notice allows a further 10 days to carry out the work," he said.



Trees must be cut to a height of 3 metres above the ground.

"Ultimately if an owner still fails to comply, Council will engage a contractor to undertake the work and all charges associated with the work will be charged to the property owner in accordance with the *Local Government Act*.

For further information or a copy of Council's *Overhanging branches* guide for residents, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.



Room bookings for Carnegie Library and Community Centre

The Glen Eira community is welcome to hire meeting rooms in Council's new Carnegie Library and Community Centre for lectures, presentations and social engagements.

Available for hire

- Two small meeting rooms which hold a maximum of six people per room.
- Two slightly larger meeting rooms, which hold a maximum of seven people per room. These two rooms can be combined into one bigger room capable of holding fourteen people.
- A large meeting room which holds 80 people. This room can also be split into three individual meetings rooms which hold 25 people per room.

Set up and self catering

- The person or community group who hires the meeting room is responsible for set-up.
- All meeting rooms are fully equipped with tables and chairs, and have disabled access.
- All rooms allow for self catering — the smaller meeting rooms have access to a kitchenette and the large meeting room has a kitchen attached.

Bookings and charges

- Meeting rooms are available for use Monday to Sunday.
 - Weekday rates differ from weekend rates.
 - Casual bookings can be accepted at any time.
- For a booking form or further information please contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

Parenting educational sessions

Council provides a diverse range of high quality family and children's services to meet various parenting needs of families. The following education sessions are designed to help parents develop their skills, knowledge and confidence.

To receive a copy of the registration form/s or further details about the workshops please contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

Toilet training

Presenter: Continence Victoria
Date: Tuesday 22 August
Venue: Caulfield Cup Room, Glen Eira Town Hall
Time: 7.30pm to 9pm (7.15pm registration)
Cost: Free

This session will give details of when and how to assist children to become toilet trained. It is suitable for parents, guardians and early childhood staff.

Introduction to first aid

Presenter: Binky Henderson
Date: Tuesday 29 August
Venue: Caulfield Cup Room, Glen Eira Town Hall
Time: 6.30pm to 9.30pm (6.15pm registration)
Cost: \$60

This valuable session will look at accident prevention, CPR and first aid. Participants will receive handouts, a workbook and a certificate.

CEO'S COLUMN



The biggest challenge Council currently faces is to carefully manage the community's ageing infrastructure.

Council manages more than \$800 million worth of community facilities and assets. A significant proportion of this infrastructure was built in the 1950s and 60s and is reaching the end of its life.

This is only natural. A motor car will last a certain time with relatively little maintenance cost. Then there is a period when parts need to be replaced and reliability will not be perfect. Eventually the car needs to be replaced. In the same way, many community assets need to be replaced.

Over the past few years Council has maximised capital expenditure. The increased investment has delivered a new library and community centre, exceptional parks and playgrounds, safer footpaths, bigger drains and so on.

In order to give priority to capital expenditure, Council has kept operating costs low. Eighty five per cent of Council expenditure goes through a competitive process. Council owns the fewest cars of any metropolitan Council and our Occupational Health and Safety performance is the best of any Council in Victoria. Glen Eira City Council does not undertake a number of activities that other metropolitan Councils do.

Replacing large scale ageing facilities such as Council's two 40-year old swim centres costs substantially more money than current rates can generate. Council has consulted extensively with the community and has stated that "any development is likely to be debt-funded and will involve a significant increase in rates to fund loan repayments."

Council recognises the need to upgrade and replace facilities faster than they are ageing and wearing out — this is likely to be our highest priority for some time to come.

Andrew Newton
Chief Executive Officer

Companion card program



The Companion Card program allows people with a significant, permanent disability to have their companion attend activities and venues with them free of charge. Council has become part of this program to ensure that people with a disability have access to Council activities, services and venues.

The Companion Card is only issued to people with a significant, permanent disability who can demonstrate that they are unable to access most community activities and venues without attendant care support from a companion.

The cardholder needs to present their card when booking or purchasing a ticket for activities, events and venues and participating organisations will issue the cardholder with a second ticket for their companion at no charge.

The Companion Card has been developed to facilitate existing rights and legislation — it is not a discount scheme, concession or benefit.

Charging an admission or participation fee for companions who provide essential support increases ticketing costs for someone with a significant, permanent disability. This is viewed as discrimination under existing Victorian

and Commonwealth disability anti-discrimination legislation.

The card allows organisations that charge an admission or participation fee to comply with some of their obligations under the *Victorian Equal Opportunity Act (1995)* and the *Commonwealth Disability Discrimination Act (1992)*.

Residents can apply for a Companion Card and organisations can register to participate in the program by calling 1800 650 611 or visiting www.companioncard.org.au

FAQs

Which organisations participate in the Companion Card scheme?

A wide range of organisations participate in the Companion Card program. They are listed in the Companion Card website www.companioncard.org.au.

Can I apply for a Companion Card if I have a temporary disability?

You are not eligible to receive a Companion Card if you have a temporary disability. The card is only issued to people with significant, permanent disabilities who are unable to attend a community activity, event or venue without assistance from a companion.

Can I use the Companion Card outside Victoria?

The program has focussed on Victorian venues and activities. However, some Victorian organisations with National outlets may recognise your card at their interstate venues and activities. It is best to check with the individual organisation ahead of time.

Who is a companion?

A companion is someone who provides attendant care support to a person with a disability so that they can attend an activity or venue. A companion can be a paid or unpaid assistant or carer and can include a family member or friend. Cardholders can vary their companions for different activities and venues.

Street lighting

Council's 2006–07 budget has allocated more than \$850,000 for 8,500 public lights in the streets of Glen Eira. This amount includes the cost of electricity, maintaining the lights, and replacing lights when they are no longer fit for use.

A consistent level of lighting on all roads is achieved by placing at least one light within every two power poles. This policy prevents intrusive light into private properties and balances the shading that is created by trees and parked cars.

Street lights are paid for by Council but are maintained by United Energy and CitiPower — United Energy looks after all the lights south of Balaclava Road and CitiPower looks after all the lights north of Balaclava Road.

To keep costs low, regular maintenance is carried out to ensure globes are replaced every four years and wooden power poles are inspected once every five years.

The next cycle for globe replacement is in 2007 and residents may notice that

the new globes are brighter than the old ones.

Council pays United Energy and CitiPower for repairs when residents report a faulty street light to them.

If residents notice lights that are not working at night, or are on during the day, please call the lighting faults

telephone number on your home electricity bill. If you cannot locate this bill, United Energy can be contacted on 132 099 or CitiPower can be contacted on 131 280.

If residents notice faulty lights in Glen Eira's parks please contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.



The City of Glen Eira at night time.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Mentor Partners — taking business to the next step

Enquire about the next business intake now...

The *Mentor Partners* program is a volunteer community program that has been designed to assist and support local small business within the Cities of Glen Eira and Kingston.

The mentors are experienced community minded business people, often retired, who offer their time, knowledge, years of experience, expertise and support to small business free of charge.

The mentors are not formal advisers or consultants, but provide personal opinions based on their extensive business experience. They aim to provide guidance to help step a small business through its growing pains. They can do this by assisting the business owner to

understand management systems which is the types of discipline that is often missing in businesses that fail.

To be eligible for this program you need to have been in business for at least 12 months operating within the cities of Glen Eira and Kingston, be able to demonstrate that you are committed to devoting management time and prepared to make the necessary steps to secure your future.

The next intake for business is available now. For more information call Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333. ■

Mentor Jack Mitchel and Paul Berman of Case Direct have found the *Mentor Partners* program to be a rewarding experience.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.



Case study

One business, which has benefited from the *Mentors Partners* program is Just In Case Direct; a small family operated business in South Caulfield established by Paul and Sabina Berman producing convenience packs for placement in hotel rooms for sale through mini-bars along with customer designed packs.

Paul has received help from one of the

Council's most experienced mentors, Jack Mitchell, formerly a General Manager, Merchandising and Marketing, with Coles Myer. Jack has helped to provide a sounding board on Paul's ideas on packaging, market research, product sourcing and exporting and has also provided guidance on use of financial and stock controls.

Paul reports that the business is now selling throughout Australia and has recently started exporting to New Zealand and Fiji and is looking to expand into other overseas markets.

"In a business with just one employee, such as ours, it is very easy to get complacent in decision making and sticking to the business plan. Jack

regularly ensures that we document and follow up on our strategies, offers experienced opinions in 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!" said Paul Berman.

Seminars and workshops

Growing your business — the legal ins and outs

Thursday 17 August
7pm arrival for a 7.30pm start
Caulfield Cup Room,
Glen Eira Town Hall
\$10 per person
Presented by Lynda Slavinskis

This session of the *Glen Eira Womens Business Network* will cover a number of areas of business law including: acquisition and sales; leases, franchising and licensing; international trade; employment agreements and contracts



Lynda Slavinskis will present on the legal implications of growing your own business.

for service; advertising and strategic planning.

Lynda Slavinskis runs her own legal practice in Ashburton, specialising in business law. Committed to community education, Lynda is a popular speaker at Austrade and AMES and was recently appointed to the State Government's Small Business Advisory Council. She is Vice President of the Ashburton Traders' Association.

The *Glen Eira Womens Business Network* provides an informal training and support network for business women in Glen Eira. Meetings take place on the third Thursday of each month, January and December excluded.

Going into Business

Wednesday 23 August
6pm–9.30pm (5.30pm arrival)
Caulfield Cup Room,
Glen Eira Town Hall
\$30 per person (includes light refreshments)

This workshop will help potential business owners make informed business decisions before committing to a purchase. It covers:

- evaluating skills;
- marketing your business;
- financing your business;
- planning for your future; and
- support services.

Financial controls for small business

Wednesday 6 September
9.30am–11.30am (9am arrival)
Caulfield Cup Room,
Glen Eira Town Hall
\$10 per person

This seminar will focus on:

- critically examining your business and procedures;
- minimising financial risks; and
- promoting best practice.

ATO capital gains tax and rental property seminar

Tuesday 12 September
6pm–8pm from (5.45pm arrival)
Caulfield Cup Room,
Glen Eira Town Hall
\$10 per person (includes light refreshments)

This seminar presented by the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) will cover tax issues in relation to owning and maintaining a rental property.

Introduction to strategic business planning seminar

Tuesday 26 September
7pm–9pm (6.30pm arrival)
Caulfield Cup Room
Glen Eira Town Hall
\$15 per person (includes light refreshments)

This seminar will focus on:

- the need to set a vision;
- how values determine the culture of a company;
- how to take an external situational analysis of a business; and
- how to put together a one page business plan.

Bookings for all seminars and workshops are essential. To make a booking please contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

2006–07 Budget — investing



Council finalised the construction of the Carnegie Library and Community Centre last October and has recently added a bookworm theme playspace for younger Glen Eira residents.
Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Capital works — what's happening in the City

With a focus on improving assets and renewing the City's ageing infrastructure, Council's 2006–07 budget aims to make Glen Eira an even better place to live.

Council has allocated \$20.5 million for capital works this financial year, covering all aspects of community life — recreation and leisure, shopping centres, the care of children, youth, elderly and disabled people, community activity and roads, drains and footpaths.

Major projects planned:

- Completion of major renovations to the DC Bricker pavilion at Princes Park, Caulfield South in line with the master plan — **\$1.15 million**;
- Implementation of the Joyce Park, Ormond master plan — **\$758k**;
- Upgrades to footpaths and street furniture, as part of the Bentleigh

Shopping Centre redevelopment, in Centre Road, Bentleigh — **\$1.65 million in 2006–07**;

- Average of 1,600 new street trees per annum, including prominent locations (increased funding of **\$322k**);
- Increased funding to upgrade the capacity of the City's existing drainage network and drainage improvement works — **\$1.6 million in capital and additional \$150k for drainage maintenance and development**;
- Capitals works spend on footpath replacement, road reconstruction and resurfacing, right of ways, kerb and channel and local area traffic management total **\$6.18 million**.

2006–07 BUDGET — AT A GLANCE

Rates

Average rates and charges are \$18 per week:

- \$2 for recycling and waste services;
- \$7 for capital works; and
- \$9 for all other Council services.

Average rates in Glen Eira are increasing by 4 per cent.

Charges

The waste and recycling charges are increasing to

- 240 litre bin \$134.90 (\$129.80 in 2005–06); and
- 120 litre bin \$122.50 (\$118.50 in 2005–06).

How Glen Eira compares

In comparison to neighbouring municipalities:

- Glen Eira's cost of day-to-day services is 18 per cent lower than the average;
- Glen Eira's average rates and charges are 14 per cent below the average; and
- Glen Eira is debt-free compared with average debt of \$10 million.

Rebate

The Glen Eira pensioner rebate remains at \$270.



The new Carnegie Library and Community Centre.
Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

HOW EVERY \$100 OF YOUR RATES IS SPENT

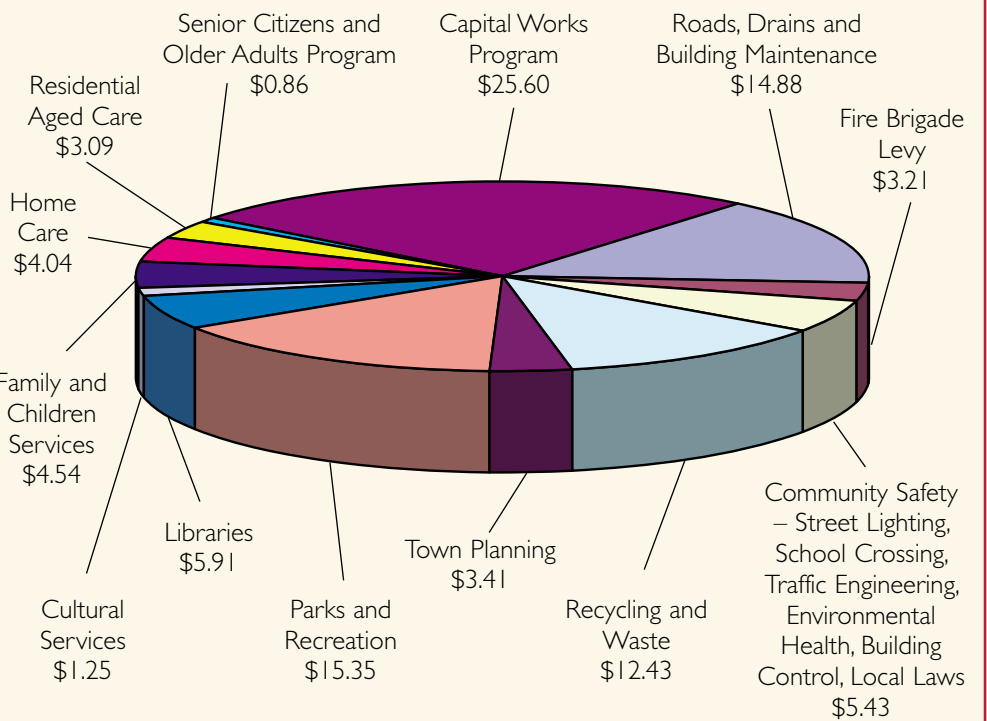
Average rates and charges in Glen Eira are the equivalent of \$18 per week, which is around the same as the average household phone bill or tax on the average week's petrol.

For your phone bill, you get to call people and converse. Your petrol taxes help the Commonwealth government pay for defence and health and so on.

What do you get for your rates?

For every \$100 in expenditure, Council delivers the following services:

Capital works	\$25.60	Libraries	\$5.91
Roads, drains and building maintenance	\$14.88	Cultural services	\$1.25
Fire brigade levy	\$3.21	Family and children's services	\$4.54
Community safety	\$5.43	Home care	\$4.04
Recycling and waste	\$12.43	Residential aged care	\$3.09
Town planning	\$3.41	Senior citizens and older adults program	\$0.86
Parks and recreation	\$15.35		



in Glen Eira's future

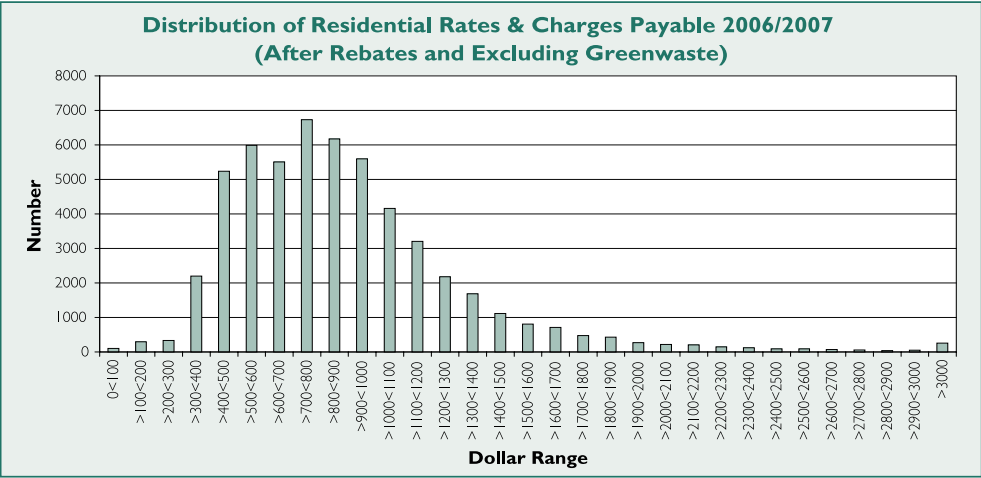
HOW ARE RATES SET?

The rates system is set down in State Government legislation. One of the easiest ways to explain this system is that if you own one per cent of the property in a municipality, you pay one percent of the total rates.

Rates are set according to how much your property is worth compared with the rest of your municipality — they are not determined only by how much your property is worth.

For example, a \$500,000 house in a wealthy municipality may be below the average value so they would pay below the average rates, while a \$500,000 house in a less affluent municipality might be well above the average value so they would pay above average rates.

Rising property values do not impact on council revenue collection. They usually result in the adjustment, by council, of a lower rate in the dollar to offset the overall increase in property values.



The number of properties in Glen Eira paying different levels of rates.

HOW DOES THE CITY OF GLEN EIRA COMPARE WITH OTHER MUNICIPALITIES?

Average rates and charges for the City of Glen Eira are almost \$9 million a year (14 per cent) below the average of our neighbours — this equates to about \$100 for the average flat and \$200 for

the average house.

This means that Council charges \$9 million less than other municipalities and has \$9 million less for upgrading or providing new facilities and services.

Council's advertised budgets for 2006–07

Council	Average rates and charges per assessment	Average operating expenditure per assessment	Rate increase 2006–07	Total debt – June'07 (\$M)	Total revenue from parking fees & fines
Glen Eira	\$961	\$1,444	4.00%	\$-	\$2.65M
Stonnington	\$1,086	\$1,842	6.50%	\$7.94	\$15.3M
Port Phillip	\$1,145	\$1,782	8.30%	\$7.77	\$21.18M
Bayside	\$1,180	\$1,748	6.70%	\$17.50	\$1.31M
Kingston	\$1,052	\$1,758	6.80%	\$8.46	\$1.86M
Monash	\$864	\$1,606	8.95%	\$10.00	\$2.85M
Boroondara	\$1,308	\$1,755	5.00%	\$18.45	\$6.47M
Yarra	\$1,397	\$2,213	5.50%	\$12.44	\$16.17M
Glen Eira relative to the average	14% lower	18% lower	lowest	\$10.4M less	\$5.8M lower

Neighbouring councils — how Glen Eira compares.

HOW DOES LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMPARE WITH OTHER LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT?

The community as a whole pays taxes and rates. Tax revenue goes to the State and Federal Government, while rate revenue goes to Local Government.

Each year Council sends residents a bill that tells them exactly what their rates are and directly consults with the community and accounts for how this money is spent.

No other level of government does this — it would be difficult for residents to tell how much GST they pay yearly, or how much stamp duty on insurances, or tax on superannuation contributions, or tax on petrol.

In Glen Eira's twelve years of existence, total rates have increased by less than the Commonwealth and State governments' total taxes.

WHAT ARE THE PRESSURES ON RATES?

The main pressure on rates is cost shifting — situations whereby Federal and State governments shift their responsibility for delivering programs and service on to local government, with no or insufficient funding.

Over the years many joint government–Council programs have been established on the basis of a particular cost sharing. As the years unfold, governments do not maintain their share and ratepayers are left to pick up more of the costs.

The Parliamentary Inquiry into cost shifting over two years ago revealed:

3.10 “The submissions make a strong case that there has been cost shifting from the States and the Commonwealth to local government:

- States (and to a lesser extent the Commonwealth) have legislated for local government to assume

additional responsibilities, or changed regulatory frameworks in such a way as to impose additional costs on councils, without providing matching resources.

- States (and sometimes the Commonwealth) have reduced or withdrawn financial support for services leaving local government to deal with community expectations that those services will be maintained.

3.25 On the available evidence, the Committee has little doubt that local government faces some real difficulties in generating adequate revenues to meet its expanded responsibilities, and that significant financial problems may be in prospect. Shortfalls in infrastructure spending are of particular concern.”

HOW CAN WE KEEP RATES AS LOW AS POSSIBLE?

Recent data released by the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) projects that council rates will increase an average of 6.3 per cent across Victoria because of a “mounting combination of cost pressures.”

Glen Eira City Council faces a number of cost pressures in relation to community assets and facilities. The majority of Council buildings were built in the 1950s, 60s and early 70s, and are reaching the stage of their life where they require major maintenance and renewal works.

Council's two 40-year old swimming pools have been deemed financially, structurally and environmentally unsustainable. Council is currently undergoing phase two of community consultation and will subsequently examine various financial models for the redevelopment of the two centres.

Council has already taken out a number of advertisements to let residents know

that any development is likely to be substantially debt-funded and will involve a significant increase in rates to fund loan repayments and interest. It will be the first time since March 2000 that Council would not maintain a debt free status.

In addition to this, a number of shopping strips need to be upgraded along with roads, footpaths and drainage systems.

Council's services can be maintained with rates at the current level. However, the renewal of ageing infrastructure and community facilities needs to be accelerated.

Of the total tax revenue collected by all levels of government, currently Councils collect only three per cent. The other ninety-seven per cent goes to Federal and State governments. The more tax revenue that Federal and State governments return to local projects the less pressure there will be on rates.



EVENTS

Music Lovers Society will hold a concert at St Paul's Anglican Church, 530 Dandenong Road, Caulfield North on Saturday 19 August at 8pm. Cost: \$15/seniors \$12/pensioners \$9/students \$6/ Family \$35. Contact: 9571 0850 or 9822 7292

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: Gotu 9557 2562.

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.

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

4th Caulfield cubs and scouts meet weekly in Birch Street, Caulfield South during the school term for girls and boys. New members welcome. Contact: Jo or Steve 9505 6995.

Glen Eira Combined Probus Club meets at the Bentleigh Club, Yawla Street, Bentleigh on the fourth Friday of each month at 9.30am. Contact: Geraldine 9532 8930

Kiwanis Community Service meets at Khyat's Hotel, Wilson Street Brighton on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm. Cost: \$20 for two-course meal, tea/coffee. Contact: Beni 0414 496 023 or 9596 4815.

McKinnon and Moorabbin Men's Probus Club meets at the Bentleigh Club, Yawla Street, Bentleigh on the second Wednesday of each month from 9.45am to 12pm. New members welcome. Contact: John 9578 6506

McKinnon Playgroup meets at 261a McKinnon Road, McKinnon every Friday from 11am to 12.30pm in term 3. Contact: Mary 9570 4079

Moorabbin Historical Society opens Box Cottage, Joyce Park, Jasper Road, McKinnon on the last Sunday of each month from February to November from 2pm to 4pm. Cost: donation. Contact: 9585 7276.

Murrumbeena playgroup meets at Community of Christ Church Hall, Corner Poath and Dalny Roads, Murrumbeena from Monday to Friday. Suitable for pre-school children. Contact: 0432 271 204.

Pelvic Instability Association supports mothers, families and practitioners affected by pelvic instability related to pregnant and/or child birth at Carnegie, on Sunday 27 August at 12pm. Babies and husbands welcome. Contact: 9539 3217

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

Royal Children's Hospital Auxiliaries meets at Alma Club, 1 Wilks Street, North Caulfield, on the third Wednesday of each month at 1pm. New members welcome. Contact: Pat 9571 2666.

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

Scottish Country Dancing holds dancing classes at Ormond Uniting Church Hall, corner North and Booran Roads on Tuesday from 1.30pm. Cost: \$3. Contact: 9555 8208 or 9889 3928.

St John's Anglican Playgroup meets at 624 Centre Road, Bentleigh on Wednesday mornings between 9.30am 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.

COMMUNITY

4th Caulfield Scout Group urgently needs more leaders. All training and uniform provided. Contact: Steve 9233 8702 or 0401 716 232.

The deadline for the next Community Diary is Wednesday 6 September.

GLEN EIRA NEWS PHOTOS

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ROSTOWN WARD COMMUNITY MEETING

Meet Rosstown Ward Councillors at an open forum on Tuesday 8 August at Carnegie Community Centre, 7 Shepparson Avenue, Carnegie at 7.30pm.

Residents, ratepayers, traders, sporting bodies and community groups are invited to meet with Cr Margaret Esakoff, Cr Rob Spaulding, and Cr Steven Tang and give feedback and ideas for their ward.



GLEN EIRA CITY COUNCIL

IMMUNISATIONSESSIONS

AUGUST 2006

McKinnon

Progress Hall, 118 McKinnon Road, McKinnon
Monday 7 August 10am-11am

Glen Eira Town Hall

Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield
Tuesday 8 August 6pm-7pm
Tuesday 15 August 9.30am-10.15am

Carnegie Library

7 Shepparson Ave, Carnegie
Wednesday 16 August 1.30pm-2.30pm

Bentleigh-Bayside Community Health Service

Gardeners Road, East Bentleigh
Wednesday 23 August 6pm-7pm
Saturday 26 August 9.30am-10.30am

Glen Huntly

Corner Royal and Rosedale Avenues, Glen Huntly
Wednesday 30 August 9.30am-11am

Packer Park

Leila Rd, Carnegie
Monday 21 August 10am-11am

Glen Huntly Friendship Group

99 Grange Road, Glen Huntly

Activities for August

Enquiries and bookings
Margaret 9596 6124

Bus Trip Thursday 24 August

Gippsland is surely one of the most interesting areas of Victoria, with a variety of things to see and buy and places to visit.

We will stop at Wilson's Park at Berwick for morning tea, then onto Beaconsfield, and Pakenham, north to Gembrook, Cockatoo, Emerald, Cardinia Res, and Lake Lysterfield.

Each has its own variety of attractions, including a stop for lunch. Cost: \$35.

Depart 8.30am from 185 Poath Road, Hughesdale and 8.50am from 99 Grange Road, Glen Huntly.

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Anthony O'Neill in conversation with Georgia Savage



Author Anthony O'Neill will speak about this latest release *The Empire of Eternity* at Carnegie Library on Tuesday 15 August.

Tuesday 15 August
Refreshments served at 7pm,
talk begins at 7.30pm
Carnegie Library

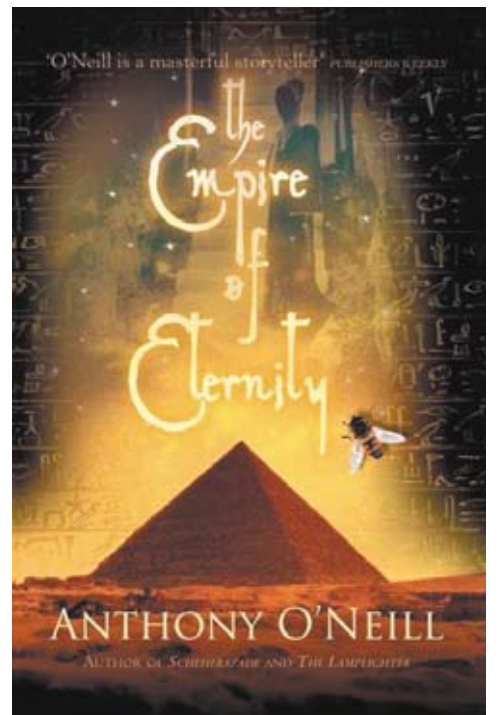
Enjoy a glass of wine while you listen to one of Melbourne's most talented authors, Anthony O'Neill speak about his latest release *The Empire of Eternity*, an elaborate history-mystery involving Napoleon and the early years of Egyptology.

Anthony O'Neill's first novel *Scheherazade*, a revisionist Arabian Nights adventure, was published to local and international acclaim.

His popular second novel, the Victorian-era philosophical horror story *The Lamplighter*, has been published in several languages and is being developed as a film by writer-director Peter Howitt (*Sliding Doors*).

Georgia Savage is the highly acclaimed author of *The House Tibet*, *The Estuary* and *The Tournament* and will join Anthony O'Neill for the evening.

This is a free event. Bookings are essential and can be made at any of Glen Eira's libraries or by calling 9563 0971.



Hey kids — Celebrate Children's Book Week

Saturday Shakers — songs and stories

Saturday 12 August 2pm–2.45pm
Carnegie Library

This show features magical stories and songs from all over the world. The storyteller will weave a mix of new and classic tales that will delight children three years and older.

This is a free event. Bookings are essential and can be made at any of Glen Eira's libraries or by calling 9563 0971.

The Big Book Week Show

Saturday 19 August 2pm–2.45pm
Carnegie Library — Boyd Room

Join in the fun at the *Big Book Week Show* to celebrate the opening of Children's Book Week.

This interactive show offers a feast of

stories and songs that includes books nominated for this year's Australian awards.

This is a free event suitable for children four to 12 years. Bookings are essential and can be made at any of Glen Eira's libraries or by calling 9563 0971.

Book Week storytimes

Come along to storytime in Children's Book Week (19–25 August) and listen to stories nominated for Picture Book of the Year. Check at your local branch for session times or visit www.gleneira.vic.gov.au.

Reading with Eira

During August Glen Eira's libraries will be celebrating *Children's Book Week* and young library members have the chance to win a Book Now backpack crammed full of great books, DVDs and CDs.

To enter the competition, fill out the form below, borrow three items or more from Glen Eira's libraries, present your entry form and you are in the draw. Entry forms are also available at the libraries.

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Age _____

You must be 12 years old or younger to enter. The winning entry will be drawn Wednesday 30 August 2006 and the winner will be contacted by telephone.

Terms and conditions Open to all Glen Eira City Council library members 12 years of age and under. Only one entry form per member per visit. Stamps provided by Glen Eira City Council library officers only. The winner will be drawn from all entries received by Sunday 27 August 2006. Entries drawn on Wednesday 30 August 2006 at Caulfield Library. Glen Eira City Council decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into. Only one Book Now pack is offered for the draw. Members of Council, staff and their families are not eligible to enter the draw.

Privacy information The personal information requested is required primarily for the provision of the service referred to on this form and will only be shared with those directly responsible for providing that service. If you do not provide the information, we may not be able to deliver the service.

If you would like to know more about privacy at Glen Eira City Council, including your right to seek access to any information collected on this form, please contact Council's privacy officer on 9524 3333.

Reading with Eira is open to all junior library members 12 years and under. Entries close Sunday 27 August 2006.

Being a teenager sometimes isn't easy

Glen Eira Youth Services provides information and support for young people aged 10 to 25 and their families. Youth Workers are available to discuss any issues young people face, related to family, school, health, relationships or other life areas.

If a young person is dealing with issues concerning drugs and alcohol, mental health, accommodation or assault,

qualified and experienced Youth Workers can advocate and liaise with specialist services and make appropriate referrals.

This service is free and confidential for young people who have a significant link to the Glen Eira Municipality. For further information or to make an appointment contact Glen Eira Youth Services on 9572 5389.

Flying high circus program returns

The *flying high circus* program will return to the class rooms of secondary school students this month.

The six week program run by youth workers and experienced circus trainers assists young people with positive self

development through learning circus and physical theatre.

Students are taught the fine art of juggling, diabolo, acrobatics, plate spinning, riding a unicycle and walking on a tightrope.

Foundation for Youth Excellence

Glen Eira Youth Services is interested in receiving applications from young people within Glen Eira, aged 10 to 25 years, who have achieved excellence in the fields of either creative and performing arts, education, leadership and sport.

The Foundation for Youth Excellence Program has been developed to recognise the achievements of young people in the community on a State, National and International level. It does so by

awarding grants to young people to help them achieve further success in their chosen field.

Closing dates for applications are fast approaching, so if you would like more information about this program please do not hesitate to contact the Youth Information Centre for further details and an application form on 9572 5389.

tasks using the body.

The flying high circus program is held at Glen Eira Secondary College this term and at McKinnon Secondary College next term.

Piscine — seconda fase

Il 7 marzo 2006 il Comune ha dato inizio alla prima fase delle consultazioni comunitarie riguardanti i due centri nuoto inerenti alla comunità. Si sono tenuti quattro incontri, con molti intervenuti, ai quali hanno fatto seguito più di 200 sottomissioni o lettere.

Il Comune ha annunciato che pubblicherà dettagliate opzioni complete dei costi inerenti al progetto come parte della seconda fase delle consultazioni.

Per la preparazione di opzioni dettagliate complete dei costi specifici da presentare in forma di svariati modelli concettuali, sono stati ingaggiati consulenti indipendenti, la cui esperienza nell’ambito dell’industria ricreativa e delle piscine è tenuta in alta considerazione.

Durante le consultazioni con la comunità si è reso evidente che il generale consenso converge sul mantenimento di entrambi i

centri nuoto e, sebbene il Consiglio Comunale non abbia formulato un punto di vista predeterminato, è sua priorità mantenere entrambi i centri di Carnegie ed East Bentleigh.

Il Comune pubblicherà a breve scadenza l’intera scelta dei modelli concettuali valutati dai consulenti indipendenti. I residenti sono invitati a prendere in considerazione i pro e i contro di ciascuna opzione e ad informarsi sulle potenziali implicazioni finanziarie.

Dopo la seconda fase delle consultazioni, il Comune esaminerà vari modelli finanziari per la progettazione dei centri.

Si prevede che lo sviluppo del progetto verrà sostanzialmente sovvenzionato su prestito il che implicherà un incremento significativo delle tasse comunali allo scopo di sovvenzionare il pagamento delle rate del prestito e dell’interesse relativo. ■

Бассейны – вторая стадия

7 марта 2006г. муниципалитет начал первую стадию общественных обсуждений проекта развития имеющихся у нас двух плавательных бассейнов. Было проведено четыре открытых дискуссии, в которых приняло участие много людей. Было также получено более 200 предложений и писем.

Муниципалитет объявил, что на второй стадии общественных обсуждений будут опубликованы подробные описания предложенных вариантов и соответствующие бюджетные расходы.

Мы пригласили независимых экспертов в области строительства и эксплуатации бассейнов и других спортивных сооружений и попросили их подготовить описания и примерные сметы предложенных вариантов в виде концептуальных моделей.

Во время общественных обсуждений было ясно, что жители муниципалитета

предпочитают сохранить оба бассейна, и хотя муниципальный совет еще не выработал окончательное решение, мы также предпочли бы сохранить оба центра водных видов спорта – и в Carnegie, и в East Bentleigh.

Муниципалитет опубликует все разработанные экспертами модели. Мы приглашаем жителей муниципалитета взвесить все за и против в каждом варианте, а также составить ясное представление о потенциальных затратах.

По завершении второй стадии общественных обсуждений муниципалитет будет рассматривать различные модели финансирования проекта развития центров водных видов спорта.

Любой вариант проекта скорее всего должен будет финансироваться за счет займов: это приведет к значительному повышению ставки муниципального налога на недвижимость, чтобы обеспечить погашение процентов и выплату долга. ■

Πισίνες – δεύτερη φάση

Στις 7 Μαρτίου 2006 η Δημαρχία εγκαινίασε την πρώτη φάση της κοινοτικής διαβούλευσης για τις δυο κοινοτικές πισίνες. Έλαβαν χώρα τέσσερις συνελεύσεις με καλή συμμετοχή και ελήφθησαν πάνω από 200 απόψεις και επιστολές.

Η Δημαρχία ανακοίνωσε ότι θα δημοσιεύσει λεπτομερή και κοστολογημένες επιλογές σαν μέρος της δεύτερης φάσης της κοινοτικής διαβούλευσης.

Ανεξάρτητοι σύμβουλοι, των οποίων η εργασία στον τομέα των πισίνων και στις εγκαταστάσεις αναψυχής θεωρείται ειδική, προσελήφθησαν να ετοιμάσουν λεπτομερείς κοστολογημένες επιλογές στην μορφή διαφόρων τύπων ιδεών.

Κατά τη διάρκεια της κοινοτικής διαβούλευσης ήταν σαφές ότι η κοινότητα προτιμούσε την διατήρηση και των δυο κολυμβητικών κέντρων αν και τη Δημαρχία δεν έχει σχηματίσει καμία προαποφασισμένη γνώμη, η προτίμησή της είναι να διατηρήσει κολυμβητικές εγκαταστάσεις στο Carnegie και στο East Bentleigh.

Η δημαρχία εκδίδει μια πλήρη σειρά τύπων ιδεών αξιολογημένες από τους ανεξάρτητους συμβούλους. Προσκαλούνται οι δημότες να υπολογίσουν τα υπέρ και

τα κατά της κάθε επιλογής και να πληροφορηθούν για τα πιθανά οικονομικά ενδεχόμενα.

Η Δημαρχία θα εξετάσει διάφορα οικονομικά μοντέλα για την αξιοποίηση των κέντρων μετά την δεύτερη φάση της διαβούλευσης.

Οποιαδήποτε αξιοποίηση ενδέχεται να είναι σημαντικά χρεωμένα και θα επιφέρει σημαντικές αυξήσεις στα τέλη για να καλυφθούν οι αποπληρωμές δανείου και τόκων. ■

游泳池 - 第二階段

2006 年 3 月 7 日，市政府開始了有關兩個社區游泳中心的第一階段社區協商工作，共舉行了由許多公眾參加的四次公共會議，另外還收到了 200 多份意見或信件。

市政府宣佈其將發表詳細的並經成本估算的各種選擇方案，這將作為第二階段社區協商的部分內容。

市政府委託了游泳池和娛樂設施方面的獨立專家顧問以不同概念模型的形式準備詳細的並經成本估算的各種選擇方案。

在社區協商期間，社區顯然贊同保留這兩個游泳中心；雖然市政府事先沒有形成任何看法，但也傾向於保留 Carnegie 和 East Bentleigh 的游泳設施。

市政府正在發佈經過獨立顧問評估的各種概念模型，並邀請居民仔細權衡每種方案的利弊，了解潛在的經濟影響。

第二階段協商結束後，市政府將仔細考慮開發游泳中心的各種經濟模型。

開發很可能需大量舉債進行，並將大大提高市政稅，以償還貸款和利息。 ■

COMMUNITYCONSULTATION

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
Review of goods on footpath to reflect compliance with the Disability Discrimination Act requirements	Submissions	Monday 14 August	Glen Eira City Council PO BOX 42 Caulfield South 3162
Schools Forum Pools	Meeting	Monday 7 August, 4.30pm	Caulfield Cup Room, Glen Eira Town Hall, Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield
Rosstown Ward Community Forum	Forum	Tuesday 8 August, 7.30pm	Carnegie Library and Community Centre, 7 Shepparson Avenue, Carnegie
Camden Ward Community Forum	Forum	Wednesday 13 September, 7.30pm	Theatrette, Glen Eira Town Hall, Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield
Renewal of leasing contracts	Meetings and letters writtento clubs and organisations	Ongoing	Glen Eira City Council PO BOX 42 Caulfield South 3162

Recent consultation opportunities

Subject	Type	Date
Pools — Phase Two	Meeting Submissions	25 July and 26 July Close 4 August
Draft Budget 2006–07	Submissions	Closed 8 June

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



New snakes and ladders activity area

A new snakes and ladders activity area has been built as part of the Bentleigh Hodgson Reserve redevelopment and will be ready to use this month.

The large snakes and ladders game board is made up of vibrant coloured rubber matting with various protruding three dimensional snakes and ladders integrated over the pad.

A long undulating rubber rainbow snake seat overlooking the play pad provides a border along one side of the game and can also be used as a climbing feature. It also provides a stunning view of Bentleigh Hodgson Reserve.

A large spinning die located on the edge of the game board outlines learning objectives and rules of play. Children can play outside and engage with others to learn how to follow the game rules, instructions, taking turns, counting and

being a "good" winner and loser.

Council's Manager Recreation and Youth Services Linda Smith said the new snakes and ladders activity area is a great initiative for our young families in the community. This exciting new play activity is believed to be a first in public open space.

"The snakes and ladders activity area is near the picnic and barbecue facilities to ensure that a range of recreational opportunities are provided for a range of ages and abilities. Seating along the perimeter of the playground allows parents and families to watch and join in with children as they play," said Ms Smith.

To find out more about the Bentleigh Hodgson Reserve redevelopment contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 or visit www.gleneira.vic.gov.au



The new snakes and ladders activity area in Bentleigh Hodgson Reserve.

Photo: Martin Snell.

Zaidee's Rainbow Foundation

Ormond Amateur Football Club hosted a football match recently against the undefeated St. Bedes/Mentone Tigers at EE Gunn Reserve to support Zaidee's Rainbow Foundation.

Zaidee's Rainbow Foundation was developed by a past player of Ormond Amateur Football Club Allen Turner to raise national awareness of organ and tissue donation in Australia.

Allen's daughter Zaidee Turner aged seven died suddenly in December 2004 from Cerebral Aneurism, which for a

child this young is a one in 10 million chance.

Zaidee donated her organs and tissues to the Royal Children's Hospital as were her wishes — she was the only child in Victoria under the age of 16 to donate her organs and tissues in 2004.

Ormond Amateur Football Club demonstrated their support and raised money by wearing Zaidee's rainbow shoelaces during their match and selling the shoelaces for two dollars with all proceeds going to foundation.

Ormond Amateur Football Club secretary Stephen Manning said there was great support from club members and spectators with the rainbow shoelaces selling out just after half time.

"The match attracted more than 350 spectators which is the largest number of spectators at a home game this year," said Mr Manning.

For more information on Zaidee's Rainbow Foundation visit www.zaidee.org.au



Zaidee's rainbow shoelaces are sold during National Organ and Tissue Awareness Week — the last week in February each year.

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Recreation quiz

Question 1

Caulfield Park was once known as (a) Caulfield Gardens (b) Paddy's Swamp or (c) Inkerman's Place

Answer

(b) Paddy's Swamp. The origins of the name Paddy's Swamp remain uncertain and there is no record of when Paddy's Swamp became known as Caulfield Park. In 1866 Paddy's Swamp was legislated as a public park and watering place and by 1914 the area was permanently reserved for recreation.

Question 2

Which well known artist has a plaque located in the entrance of Boyd Park?

Answer

Lenore Boyd. The Boyd family are well known in the municipality for their artistic talents and contributions to Glen Eira's local history. The plaque

is called Open Country and represents Lenore's father, Merrick Boyd's vision of early life in Murrumbidgee.

Question 3

Birdie Cages have been installed in many of Glen Eira's parks. What are they?

Answer

Birdie cages are golf practice facilities. Similar to cricket practice nets, they are completely enclosed with a pad to hit off and a net to hit into. For safety reasons only one person is allowed in the net at any time. This allows golfers of all levels to safely practice the sport without endangering others.

Council has a number of birdie cage facilities available for the community to use free of charge.

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



2006 Winter Music Series

Pearly Shells Big Band

Sunday 13 August
2.30pm–4.30pm
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Pearly Shells Big Band

telephoning 9524 3333 or tickets purchased in person at Council's Service Centre Monday to Friday 8.30am–5pm.

New artists exhibition program

Council is calling for artists, who live work or study in the City of Glen Eira to submit images of recent artwork to be considered for inclusion in the 2007 Glen Eira artists exhibition.

This exhibition will provide a snapshot of various creative practices across a range of genres by local artists.

Approximately 12 artists will be selected for the exhibition which will open the week before Easter.

Local artists who wish to participate need to send no more than six photos, digital images or slides of their images of artwork to the Glen Eira City Council Gallery by Friday October 27 2006.

Community project at the Gallery

Council is offering not-for-profit community groups the chance to stage a small exhibition about the work they do in the 'Annexe Gallery' at the Glen Eira City Council Gallery.

Applications are competitive, with the Gallery selecting what they believe to be the most interesting project. The selected group will then be assisted by Gallery staff to develop a high quality display.

The exhibition will take place in March 2007.

Proposals are due by Friday 2 October 2006. For more information please call Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

MY BROTHER JACK LITERARY FESTIVAL 2006

Literary Awards

Over the past decade, Glen Eira City Council has cultivated local writing talent through its annual Literary Awards. The Awards are a local competition, open to people who live, work, or study in the City of Glen Eira, offering major cash prizes for short stories and poetry in junior, youth, and adult categories.

SUNFLOWER BOOKSHOP SHORT STORY AWARD

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POETRY AWARD

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YOUTH SHORT STORY AWARD (15–21 YEARS)

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YOUTH POETRY AWARD (15–21 YEARS)

\$200 First Prize

BAHA'I JUNIOR SHORT STORY AWARD (10–14 YEARS)

\$50 First Prize

BAHA'I JUNIOR POETRY AWARD (10–14 YEARS)

\$50 First Prize

Entries close Monday 14 August.

The winners of the Literary Awards will be announced at an Awards Presentation Night on Sunday 12 October 2006.

For competition entry forms and further details please contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 or visit www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

Sponsored by Sunflower Bookshop and the Baha'i Community of Glen Eira.



Participate in our outdoor celebrations

Arts and Culture staff have started planning for the summer season of community celebrations including *Party in the Parks* and *Sounds of Harmony Concert* to celebrate cultural diversity.

Party in the Park is scheduled to take place on Sunday 18 March 2007 at Allnutt Park and on Sunday 1 April 2007 at Packer Park.

Community groups including schools, cultural groups or sporting clubs can participate by performing, or by staging demonstrations or holding an information stand.

To register, or for more information please call Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

EXHIBITIONS

Glen Eira City Council Gallery Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield. Phone: 9524 3333

Opening hours: Monday–Friday 10am–5pm, Saturday, Sunday and public holidays 1pm–5pm **Free admission**

B'NAI B'RITH SHALOM JEWISH YOUTH ART AWARD

Wednesday 2 August to Sunday 13 August
Award ceremony and opening 2pm
Sunday 6 August

Now in its eleventh year, the Annual Jewish Youth Art Competition is inspired by a bequest left by Mr. Morrie Gold to the B'nai B'rith Shalom Unit. Mr Morrie Gold was born in Warsaw, Poland and emigrated to Australia in 1937. During the Second World War he joined the Australian Army and fought at El Alamein. Always a lover of the arts, his interest was enhanced by his artistic wife, Maree, and as an art benefactor he contributed to the National Gallery of Victoria.

SILK CUT AWARDS FOR LINOCUT PRINTS 2006

Saturday 19 August to Sunday 3 September
Award ceremony and opening night 6pm
Friday 18 August

Winners in both the open and student sections will be announced at the eighth Silk Cut Award for linocut prints on Friday 18 August 2006.

The Silk Cut Award and Exhibition is an exciting and unique exhibition of the best contemporary printmaking. Past winners of the award include prominent printmakers such as Angela Cavalieri, Marieke Dench, Belinda Fox, Deborah Klein and Heather

Shimmen. As the only award specific to linocut printmakers, entries continue to show both creativity and innovation, pushing the boundaries of what has been traditionally perceived as a straightforward medium.

Unique to the award is the student section, which is open to school students 18 years and under. The high quality of past winners and this year's entrants provides a strong insight of the future of Australian printmaking. The collaborative works show the dedication of, and guidance provided by visual arts teachers in Australian schools.

The Silk Cut Award for Linocut Prints is sponsored by Duroloid in association with Forbo.



2004 Silk Cut winner Belinda Fox with Roger Butler from the National Gallery of Australia.