

# Council improves children's access to key age and stage visits

**Glen Eira City Council's Maternal and Child Health Service will be implementing a number of initiatives in 2007 to improve access and attendance of children to key age and stage visits.**

The initiatives, which are part of Council's *Municipal Early Years Plan 2006-09*, include offering key age and stage visits to local child care centres, kindergartens and the Caulfield Community Health Service.

International research has provided evidence that the first six years of a child's life are vital and directly influence wellbeing later in life.

Council Maternal and Child Health Co-ordinating Nurse Ruth Hennell said during the initial visits at two weeks, four weeks, eight weeks, four months, eight months and 12 months there are a 90-99 per cent participation rate.

"However, we have found that due to a number of reasons children attending visits at 18 months, two years and three and a half years has reduced," Ms Hennell said.

"Many families have busy lifestyles, particularly if both parents work, and this can make it difficult for them to access the service during business hours.

"By implementing these initiatives, not only will this give every child access to this free service during the day, but it will allow early identification of any health and development issues."

Mark and Kelly from Elsternwick credit

Council's service, following the early detection of a sight problem in their daughter, Sasha.

Mark told the *GE News* it was during Sasha's three-and-a-half year old assessment that the nurse identified a potential problem with her left eye.

"The nurse recommended that we take Sasha to see an ophthalmologist, which resulted in us finding out that Sasha is long sighted," Mark said.

Mark said Sasha's condition is reversible and she will now be wearing glasses for a period of time.

"It is good that we caught the problem early as the reversal time will be a lot quicker," Mark said.

## Key age and stage visits

During the key age and stage visits, which includes an assessment at the child's home following their discharge from hospital, the nurse assesses the health and development of the child, which includes:

- a general health assessment — this may include heart, lungs, hip stability, vision and hearing;
- growth, including head circumference, length and weight. This information is then plotted on a percentile chart;
- fine motor skills;
- gross motor skills, including crawling and walking;
- speech and language development; and
- advice about breast feeding and sleep and settling issues.

First-time mum Monique from



**Monique has been using Council's service since the birth of her daughter Alannah in December 2006.**

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Bentleigh East has been using Council's service since the birth of her daughter Alannah in December 2006.

Monique told the *GE News* that having your child assessed is invaluable for peace of mind.

"Not only do you know where your child should be at a particular age, but the nurse gives you heads up on what to expect in the coming weeks, for example when your baby should smile for the first time," Monique said.

Monique has also taken advantage of Council's open clinic, which is open every Wednesday.

"This is an excellent service for first-time mums as they are able to

answer any questions you may have," Monique said.

For further information or to make an appointment, contact Council's Maternal Child and Health Service on 9524 3333.

## Information to be collected on stormwater drainage pits

**HDS Australia Pty Ltd has been appointed by Glen Eira City Council to collect information on Council's stormwater drainage pits.**

Between March and June, HDS Australia Pty Ltd will visit properties in St Kilda East, Caulfield North, and parts of Carnegie, Elsternwick, Ormond, McKinnon, Bentleigh, Bentleigh East and Murrumbeena to collect the required data on Council's drainage pit and pipe assets.

Information from drainage pits that are located within the road reserve will also

be collected.

All of the information will be used to:

- improve Council's records on its existing drainage system; and
- make informed decisions on future upgrade works.

Council's Manager Engineering Assets Thomas Kuen said it will be necessary for the contractor to enter properties to open drainage pits.

"There will be some properties that don't have pits and won't need to be entered by the contractor, however if entry is required, residents are asked

that the top of the pit remains clear of any obstructions and be visible at all times," Mr Kuen said.

Funding for this project has been provided from the 2006-07 Natural Disaster Mitigation Program, a national program aimed at identifying and addressing natural disaster risk priorities across the nation. Both the Federal and State Governments have provided matching funds to this project.

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

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MAYOR'S  
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**Glen Eira City Council held its first Australian citizenship ceremony for 2007 at the Town Hall in February.**

One hundred and thirty nine men, women and children can now call Australia home after making their Australian citizenship pledge in front of family and friends.

It is a great honour to be the Presiding Officer for Council's citizenship ceremonies, with the second of probably eight in total for the year to take place this month.

Around 40,000 of our 120,000 residents in the City of Glen Eira were born overseas. Our country and our City are the wonderful places that they are today, partly because of the contributions made by the diverse migrant groups and we are grateful.

After extensive community consultation, the implementation of the exciting Joyce Park Masterplan is underway. The works at Joyce Park in Ormond will see a much improved, safer and more accessible passive recreational park for the use of Glen Eira's residents.

A new all abilities playground at Joyce Park has already been installed and is now open for public use. The landscaping and other works are expected to be completed by the middle of this year. The landscaping alone will include the planting of over a hundred trees, more than a thousand shrubs and several thousand smaller plants.

Joyce Park is just one of the many parks within the City to be redeveloped over the last few years. Bentleigh Hodgson Reserve in Bentleigh, Princes Park in Caulfield South and Packer Park in Carnegie have also been redeveloped as part of Council's *Open Space Strategy* to upgrade both active recreational parks and passive recreational parks within the City. Since the upgrades, passive park use has increased enormously and it is fantastic to see people of all ages and abilities getting out there and enjoying these improved facilities.

**Cr Margaret Esakoff**  
Mayor

## A not so fixed career

**A**fter 35 years of working as a bank officer, Kuni Karpavicius changed his career focus to property maintenance and completed a TAFE course in furniture manufacturing.

A career shift was to be a likely change in his life, as property maintenance has always sparked an interest for Kuni.

"I was always fixing things around the house so pursuing a career in property maintenance was an obvious step to take," he said.

Now employed as one of Council's Home Maintenance Officers, Kuni dedicates his time to providing property maintenance services to frail older people, people with disabilities and their carers who live independently at home.

"My main role is to do minor repairs and modifications in the home with the aim of creating a safe, secure and healthy living environment for clients," he said.

Kuni's extensive property maintenance skills allow him to assist clients with a variety of situations.

"The jobs I perform vary from week to week. At times I find there will be a flood of requests to install handrails and mobility aids. The following week I am changing tap washers, freeing up hard-to-turn taps or replacing light bulbs or smoke detector batteries," he said.



**Kuni Karpavicius' extensive property maintenance skills allow him to assist clients with a variety of situations.**

Photo: Suzi Cvetkoski.

Council's community care program employs people like Kuni to provide a range of services including delivered meals, home care, personal care, respite care and social support.

"Council is doing absolutely everything it can to provide support to those that need it within the community," he said.

"The feedback that I get from clients is

always positive. Everyone is really happy with the service."

Joining Council's Community Care team was a positive change in Kuni's life.

"I am yet to experience a bad day at work. I really enjoy my job especially having the occasional chat with my clients," he said.

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The deadline for next edition (April) of the *Glen Eira News* is Wednesday 7 March for delivery 31 March and 1 April.

## Coming Deadlines

The deadline for the May edition of the *Glen Eira News* is Wednesday 11 April for delivery 5 and 6 May.

For advertising and *Community Diary* enquiries contact 9524 3447.

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# Can the Can, Graffiti is a Crime

**Glen Eira primary school students will soon be receiving a visit from the boys in blue, but not for the reasons you may think.**

As part of a Glen Eira Anti-Graffiti Initiative, Glen Eira City Council has produced 10,000 anti-graffiti stickers, which will be distributed by Caulfield Police to Grade five and six students.

The sticker, *Can the Can — Graffiti is a Crime*, was designed by former Coatesville Primary School student, Leah Meredith, who was one of 400 students involved in the initiative in 2006.

Council's Community Safety Committee Chairperson Cr Nick Staikos said it is hoped the initiative will assist in educating students on what graffiti is, inform them of the consequences and discourage their involvement in the first place.

"Ultimately, it is hoped to give them the confidence to not get involved and deter others," Cr Staikos said.

Inspector Margaret Lewis from Caulfield Police said the initiative was formed after it was identified that some of the young offenders, who were being caught by their undercover Graffiti Tasking Unit,

started dabbling in graffiti in their late primary school years

"As a result we came up with the idea to have a proactive approach to compliment the Tasking Unit's reactive approach to graffiti in Glen Eira," Inspector Lewis said.

The initiative comprises three parts:

- a 40-minute lesson plan on the definition of graffiti, the law, how it effects the community, how it effects the offender's future and what to do if students see or know of someone that is involved in graffiti;
- a poster competition where the students make up a slogan and/or picture and display it on a poster to deter young people from becoming involved in graffiti; and
- the winning poster, which will be displayed at the Glen Eira *Street Beat Festival*, is then made into a sticker. This sticker is distributed to Grade five and six Glen Eira primary school students at the beginning of the new school year.

The initiative will run again in 2007 and interested schools are encouraged to contact Caulfield Police on 9524 9508 if they would like to participate. ■



**Cr Nick Staikos from Glen Eira City Council, Inspector Margaret Lewis from Caulfield Police, former Coatesville Primary School student, Leah Meredith and Coatesville Primary School teacher, Margaret Martin.**

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

## Residents reminded to register four-legged friends

**Under State legislation all cats and dogs over the age of three months must be registered.**

Glen Eira City Council Manager Civic Compliance John Bordignon said that registering your four-legged friend will not only save the owner a lot of heartache and a possible fine of up to \$210, but it will assist Council in finding the animal's owner as soon as possible should their pet be found wandering.

Mr Bordignon said the current maximum registration fee for dogs

is \$109 and \$70 for cats, however, substantially reduced fees are offered.

"Reduced fees apply for pets that are sterilised, microchipped, are more than 10 years old, have had obedience training, are kept for work stock or breeding purposes or are registered with the Victorian Canine Authority or Feline Control Council," he said.

"Pensioners who have a valid concession or health care card are also entitled to a discount."

When you register your pet for the first time you will be given a book of vouchers worth \$40 to popular attractions and discounts to a wide range of services.

Mr Bordignon said a State Government levy of \$2.50 for dogs and \$1 for cats is included in the fee.

"This levy is primarily used to fund responsible pet ownership education programs," he said.

For existing registered pet owners, renewal notices for 2007-08 will be sent to households this month. A new registration tag and a *Certificate of Registration* will be issued, however payment must be received by the 10 April 2007 to ensure that your pet is re-registered.

However, if you have recently taken ownership of a new dog or cat, registration forms are available from Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 or from [www.gleneira.vic.gov.au](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au) ■

## Safe Food Guide

**Glen Eira City Council's Annual Safe Food Guide recognises the achievements of local food businesses within the City that demonstrated excellent food safety standards when assessed by Council's Environmental Health Officers.**

All of the food businesses listed in the *Guide* (2006) achieved a five-star food safety rating in 2006. The guide also lists 66 businesses that achieved a Taste 4 Health Award. Council launched the *Taste 4 Health Kids* and *Access 4 All* programs in 2006 with 12 and 30 businesses respectively receiving these awards.

The *Safe Food Guide 2007* will be available in March. ■

## News in Brief

### Resource Guide released this month

Wanting to join a new sporting club or find you're your nearest community centre, swimming pool or religious organisation?

The 2007 *Glen Eira City Council Community Resource Guide* will be able to provide you with all the information you need.

The *Guide*, which will be delivered to every resident in the municipality, not only provides information on local services, but also outlines the services provided by Council.

The *Guide* also provides information on Glen Eira's public transport network, voting electorates and what to do in an emergency situation.

Residents will receive their guide in the mail from 4 March. If you do not receive a copy, please contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

### Stage three water restrictions

Glen Eira residents are reminded garden watering is restricted to two set days a week, depending on whether you live at an odd or even numbered property.

A bucket, filled with water directly from a tap, can be used to wash car windows, mirrors and lights and for spot removing corrosive substances.

Existing pools and spas of less than 2,000 litres may be filled by the use of a watering can or bucket filled directly from a tap. Existing pools and spas greater than 2,000 litres can be filled in accordance with a water

conservation plan.

For further information, contact South East Water on 13 18 67 or go to [www.southeastwater.com.au](http://www.southeastwater.com.au)

### Use collected shower water immediately

Water users are encouraged to use any water collected in buckets from the shower immediately.

The call follows the release of a National Red Alert by Kidsafe Victoria over the high level of drowning risk to toddlers in homes storing water in buckets.

Kidsafe Victoria President Dr Mark Stokes said parents need to be alerted to the drowning dangers of storing water.

"Each bucket represents a potential drowning situation or near drowning which can leave children with severe brain damage," Dr Stokes said.

"Isolate the buckets of water from your children or empty them immediately is our clear and simple life saving message."

For further information, contact Kidsafe Victoria on 9251 7725 or go to [www.kidsafevic.com.au](http://www.kidsafevic.com.au)

### Service Centre operating hours

Glen Eira City Council Service Centre operating hours are:  
Monday to Friday, 8am-5.30pm  
Tuesday, 8am-7.15pm

Building counter operating hours:  
Monday to Friday, 8.30am-5pm

Planning counter operating hours:  
Monday to Friday, 8.30am-5pm  
Tuesday, 8.30am-7.15pm



## CEO'S COLUMN



### Staff with Glen Eira City Council's Community Care program undertake a wide range of caring roles in the community, providing services for all ages.

These services are provided when frailty, disability or illness prevent a person from undertaking the tasks of daily living for themselves.

Around 4,000 Glen Eira residents access community care services every year and in 2007, Council's experienced and professional staff will provide more than 115,000 hours of personal care (showering and dressing), home care (cleaning and household duties) and respite care (time out for full-time carers).

Council has a strong team of people who work together to provide these services. And although they come from all walks of life and are of various ages, they all have one important thing in common — the commitment to caring for others. Our carers make a valuable contribution to people's lives and at the end of their shift feel they have been rewarded in their role because of the difference they have made.

Referrals for personal, home and respite care services can be made by the applicant, a family member, friend or health organisation. Each individual is then assessed to determine the most appropriate level and type of service required.

If you would like further information about any of these services, or are interested in joining the Community Care team, please don't hesitate to contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

**Andrew Newton**  
Chief Executive Officer



# Change your clock, change your smoke alarm battery

**W**ith the end of daylight savings near and the winter months creeping upon us, now is the time for Glen Eira residents to change their smoke alarm batteries.

According to Metropolitan Fire Brigade (MFB) records, since 1992 around 714 lives have been saved as a direct result of a working smoke alarm.

Therefore, the MFB offer the following helpful tips to residents to keep them and their families safe.

### Testing and maintaining

Testing and maintaining your smoke alarm is simple and the MFB recommends that residents:

- test smoke alarms each week by pressing the test button with a broom handle;
- vacuum the alarms monthly to clean the vents;
- change your battery at the end of daylight savings to ensure correct operation. This not only applies to your home of residence, but also your holiday home or caravan; and
- think of others who may need assistance in testing and maintaining their smoke alarms, particularly the elderly who may struggle to get up a ladder.



**Now is the time for Glen Eira residents to change their smoke alarm batteries.**

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

### Installing smoke alarms

Smoke alarms should be installed outside each sleeping area. Additionally, if a person sleeps with their bedroom door shut, an alarm should also be placed inside the room.

available for people who are hearing impaired. Some have a flashing strobe light and/or a vibrating pad that can be placed under the pillow, and these activate when the alarm sounds.

Further information is available from the MFB website — [www.mfbb.vic.gov.au](http://www.mfbb.vic.gov.au)

### Smoke alarms for the hearing impaired

There are special types of smoke alarms

# Managing the effects of drought

**G**len Eira City Council has a number of initiatives in place to help manage the effects of drought.

Council's Manager Park Services Laurie Unwin explains what is being done.

### Street and park trees

Under current Stage three water restrictions, potable water normally utilised by our tree watering trucks from hydrants cannot be used to irrigate trees. Council is currently using the Caulfield Park bore to water around 4,000 young and mature trees that are at risk.

To ensure trees within the City of Glen Eira have enough moisture, mulch is being placed around young trees and other mature and significant trees.

Council is also investigating whether the two bores within Lords and Bailey Reserves may be suitable for tree watering requirements.

Residents are encouraged to assist with watering their recently planted naturestrip tree by collecting their excess shower water in a bucket and applying to

the tree.

### Garden beds

Council is using hand held hoses with trigger nozzles to water a very limited number of garden beds where watering is essential and only on the days and times that South East Water has permitted us to water.

Garden beds are also heavily mulched to assist the plants during the dry conditions

### Sportsgrounds

Council is restricted to irrigating only 13 of our 45 sportsgrounds, and only for limited times and days.

The 13 grounds granted exemptions for limited watering by South East Water were identified to:

- protect the recent considerable investment on the grounds to convert the surfaces to drought tolerant grasses; and
- grounds that have sub-district cricket status.

Council is inspecting the grounds regularly to check the surface hardness conditions and results are posted at [www.gleneira.vic.gov.au](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au) to assist clubs in deciding whether conditions are suitable for their play.

The drought impact on Glen Eira's sportsgrounds has limited their capacity to accommodate winter season sports. Restrictions to sportsgrounds will impact on school bookings, casual bookings and special events, pre-season training and the 2007 winter sports season.

Council will be undertaking seeding works on the sportsgrounds to encourage grass cover, but these works cannot commence until there is sufficient rainfall to thoroughly moisten the grounds, after which Council will be forced to rely on natural rainfall to keep the grass thriving.

Options have also been investigated for the use of bore, recycled and tank water, but due to the significant volumes of water required to irrigate Glen Eira's ovals these are not presently viable alternatives for irrigating sportsgrounds. ■



# Business environment and the future — BusEd dinner seminar series 2007

**The 2007 BusEd dinner seminar series will provide attendees with an understanding of how current environmental, economic and scientific evidence will affect the way they need to approach their business in the future.**

Hosted by Council, in conjunction with Monash University, the seminar series will provide information and practical examples on:

- how businesses are finding practical solutions to help overcome the environmental challenges they face in the future; and
- how environmental challenges can potentially turn into real business opportunities and large cost savings.

A range of speakers are lined up for the first seminar of the year and include:

**Jeff McLean — What's in it for you: why sustainability brings a win-win outcome**

This presentation is designed to give an understanding of the big picture and how current evidence in the *Stern Report* will:

- have practical implications at personal and business levels; and
- why introducing environment impact into business plans will bring win-win

outcomes.

The *Stern Report* is a report on the effect of global warming and climate change on the world economy and was compiled by British economist, Sir Nicholas Stern.

**Green Steps helping business — Michael Fendely and Emma Angelsey**

Michael and Emma will outline the *Green Steps* program, which is a framework and process for finding solutions to saving waste, money and the environment.

**Kate Nicolazzo — Grow Me The Money program**

The Victorian Employer's Chamber of Commerce and Industries and the Environment Protection Authority's *Grow Me The Money* program is designed to help businesses increase profits by reducing input and operating costs associated with energy, water, solid waste, wastewater, exhaust emissions, noise and material consumption. Kate will present an outline of the program, which is currently being piloted in the Goulburn Valley, Melbourne CBD and western metropolitan region.

Mark Copely of AE Copely Repetition Engineers and Brendan Drew from

Oilspill Recovery will join Kate in presenting their stories of innovation and savings.

The dinner will be held at the Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield, on Thursday 29 March from 6pm (6.30pm start) to 9.30pm. Bookings essential and the cost is \$30 (includes Canapés and dinner). To register, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333. ■

**Jeff McLean from Monash University and Glen Eira City Council Manager Business Development Lynda Bredin.**



## What's coming up in business

### Retail Leases Act 2003 seminar

This seminar will:

- outline the *Retail Leases Act 2003*;
- explain disclosure statements;
- discuss the role of the Small Business Commissioner;
- provide information about unfair conduct; and
- inform people about how to find extra support services.

The seminar will be held in the Caulfield Cup Room, Glen Eira Town Hall corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield, on Thursday 8 March from 6.30pm (6.45pm start) to 8.45pm. Bookings essential and the cost is \$20 (includes light refreshments). To register, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

### Footpath trading guidelines information session

Glen Eira City Council will be running sessions throughout the year to help footpath traders understand the new guidelines, and how to comply before the 1 January 2008 enforcement date. The free seminar will be held in the

Caulfield Cup Room, Glen Eira Town Hall corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield, on Wednesday 14 March at 5.45pm (6pm start). Bookings essential. To register, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

### Sixth National Mainstreet Conference

Creating successful and vibrant places is the theme for the sixth National Mainstreet Conference.

To be held in Melbourne and Geelong, the Conference will feature a fantastic blend of practical sessions, field trips and case studies to highlight best practice, integrated approaches and partnerships from Australia and around the world.

Centre co-ordinators, local businesses and associations, local government officers, Councillors, planners, retail managers and urban designers are all encouraged to attend.

Sponsored by Glen Eira City Council, the Conference will be held from 18–21 March.

Further information is available from [www.mainstreetconference.com.au](http://www.mainstreetconference.com.au)

## Intakes now open for Mentor Partners program

**Intakes are now open for the Glen Eira City Council and Kingston City Council Mentor Partners program.**

The program is designed to:

- help local business deal with the challenges of growing their business; and
- retain and grow employment opportunities by providing, without charge, volunteer business mentor support and guidance to small business operators throughout the Cities of Glen Eira and Kingston.

Council Business Development Manager Lynda Bredin said there are many experienced, knowledgeable and successful community-minded business operators who would be able to help businesses to survive, grow and prosper.

"The mentors are not expected to act as formal advisors or consultants, but to provide unbiased, personal opinions based on their own extensive business experience," Ms Bredin said.

To be a part of the program, mentors must provide a curriculum vitae defining their business background, demonstrated

success, and areas of expertise and must include references.

Mentors cannot provide professional advice such as legal or accounting advice and they must co-sign a confidentiality agreement and release form.

Ms Bredin said businesses based in the Cities of Glen Eira or Kingston which have been in operation for 12 months, or are not a franchise operation are eligible to seek mentoring assistance through the *Mentor Partners* program.

"Business operating under partnerships must have a commitment sign-off from all partners and must demonstrate a level of commitment and availability," Ms Bredin said.

Due to high demand and limited mentor resources the program is now available in two intakes per annum — April and October. All businesses are eligible to participate for an initial six month period, however an application for an extension of time can be submitted for consideration.

For further information, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 or email [businessdevelopment@gleneira.vic.gov.au](mailto:businessdevelopment@gleneira.vic.gov.au)

## Pathways to success

**Senior Consultant with McArthur Leadership Solutions and sessional researcher at Monash University, Dr Anne Hartican, will address the Glen Eira City Council's Women's Business Network meeting in March.**

Dr Hartican will discuss her findings from a recent study which explored the factors that contributed to the success of 19 of Asia's most prominent female business leaders.

Key themes to be discussed include family support systems, early childhood

and parental influences on business success and the contribution of mentors and role models.

The meeting will be held in the Caulfield Cup Room, Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield, on Thursday 15 March at 7pm (networking and supper on arrival).

The meeting will commence at 7.30pm. Bookings essential and the cost is \$15 (includes light refreshments). To register, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333. ■





# Caring for the Glen Eira

**Do you like helping people and working flexible hours?**

**Are you a reliable person with excellent communication skills?**

**Then why not consider a career with Glen Eira City Council as a Home Carer (cleaning and household duties), Personal Carer (showering and dressing) or Respite Carer (providing time out for full time carers)?**

**You will work with frail older people and help them remain living independently.**

**Want to know more and apply?**

**Four of Council's carers in the photo are providing and their community.**



**Gisela helps Margaret select something to wear.** Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

## TRAINING OPENS MANY DOORS

On the job training has opened many doors for Personal Carer Gisela.

When Gisela first commenced employment with Glen Eira City Council in August 2004, she initially worked as a Home Carer.

However, in-house training provided by Council has given Gisela the opportunity to complete her Home and Community Care (HACC) Certificate III in Aged Care, allowing her to undertake a career in personal care.

Personal Care services are provided to assist older people and people with disabilities with the personal tasks they would usually do for themselves but, because of illness, disability or frailty, are unable to manage on their own.

Gisela is seeing between 32 and 34 clients a fortnight, assisting them with showering, grooming, shopping, making breakfast and taking them to medical appointments.

"I find Personal Care not only satisfying and rewarding, but it gives me a sense of belonging to the community," Gisela said.

"I admire the clients I look after and I value their life experiences."

Currently, Gisela is furthering her training by undertaking the HACC Certificate IV in Aged Care, which is being provided by Council to a group of 12 Community Care staff.

"Council provides many opportunities for staff, which allows us to grow in our roles," Gisela said.

"These types of courses not only allow you to improve your skills, but they open the door to so many other job opportunities."

## REWARDING EXPERIENCE

Glen Eira City Council's Home Care service provides assistance with daily household tasks required to maintain a comfortable and healthy home environment.



**Washing is just one of the many tasks Sharlene helps her clients with.** Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

The service aims to assist frail older people and people with disabilities to undertake duties where illness, frailty or a disability prevents them from doing the range of household tasks themselves.

Home Carer Sharlene has been working for Council for 12 months and visits nine clients every week.

Sharlene assists her clients with a variety of different tasks, from cleaning and shopping to hanging out the washing.

"Being a Home Carer is very rewarding and does not feel like work to me," Sharlene said.

"I get to meet a lot of different people from different generations and when I come home at the end of the day, I feel really good about myself."

Sharlene said she would recommend this type of work to anyone.

"Home Caring is a great experience and all I can say is if you are interested, then go for it," Sharlene said.



**Sharlene finds home caring a rewarding experience and after visiting her clients, including Sylvia, feels really good about herself.** Photo: Bernie Bickerton.





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## RESPIRE CARE CHALLENGING AND FULFILLING

Priscilla has a passion for helping children, especially children with disabilities.

For more than three-and-a-half years, Priscilla has been a Respite Carer with Glen Eira City Council. Visiting 16 families per fortnight, Priscilla gives full-time carers a much needed time out.

Priscilla said the assessment officer and parents draw up a care plan, which includes the child's capabilities and suitable activities to match.

"Using the care plan as a guide, I then engage with each individual child using activities to match and further enhance their abilities," Priscilla said.

Priscilla said the activities are as flexible as possible as the child's mood and concentration span varies from visit to visit.

"For example, if a child is having a good day, I would do a lot of physical activity which will help them further develop their gross motor skills," Priscilla said.



Priscilla enjoys reading aloud to Renee.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

"I would then concentrate on their fine motor skills, which would involve the child doing some painting or some craft work.

"However, if the child is not feeling well, we would do something low key like watch a video or some colouring,"

Priscilla said one of the best things about her job is putting a smile on a child's face.

"I love everything about my job. Children are so innocent and humble and when I put a smile on their face, I know I have made a difference," Priscilla said.

"Respite Care is not only fulfilling, rewarding and challenging, but it sets you up for fantastic job prospects in the future."



Using the care plan as a guide, Priscilla engages with Renee, using activities to match and further enhance her abilities.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

## FOLLOW YOUR DREAMS

Jayne pursued her dream of working as a carer when she accepted the role of Home Carer with Glen Eira City Council three months ago.

"I have always got along very well with older people," Jayne said.

"I experience a lot of pride from what I am doing as I enjoy helping others and making a difference to their lives."

Jayne visits around 25 clients a fortnight to assist them with their cleaning and household duties.

Jayne said she even has some friends who want to become carers.

"They ask me what it is like and I tell them that it is well worth it," Jayne said.



Jayne visits around 25 clients a fortnight, including Margaret, to assist with cleaning and household duties.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

If you are interested in becoming a part of the Community Care team, please contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 or check out the recruitment section of Council's website — [www.gleneira.vic.gov.au](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au)



## COMMUNITY

**Glen Eira Adult Learning Centre** provides accredited English as a Second Language classes. A range of computer classes for beginners to intermediate learners are also available. Contact: 9578 8996.

**Murrumbeena Playgroup Inc.** holds playgroup sessions for pre-school children at Community of Christ Church Hall, corner Poath and Dalny Roads, Murrumbeena throughout the week. Contact: Enrolment officer 0432 271 204.

**Murrumbeena Football Club** is looking for open-age footballers for the coming season. Pre-season training at Kangaroo Road on Monday and Wednesday from 6.30pm. Contact: 0439 976 633.

**Le Mor Calisthenics Inc** will resume classes at The Youth Hall Uniting Church, corner Abbin Avenue and East Boundary Road, Bentleigh East. All age groups are catered for. Contact: Mary Anne 9786 8080.

**Glen Eira AFC** is recruiting new players. Match day helpers and supporters are welcome to join the club. Contact: Matt 0413 419 352 or [www.gleneiraamateurfootballclubinc.com/](http://www.gleneiraamateurfootballclubinc.com/)

**Caulfield Park Tennis Club** invites you to take part in *Mums' Tennis* program, which is conducted by Tennis Australia endorsed tennis coaches. The program is open to players of all standards. Contact: Victor 0417 140 186.

## MEETINGS AND CLUBS

**Bentleigh Life Activities Club** offers opportunities for seniors to meet new friends and enjoy activities such as table tennis, card games and music. New members welcome. Contact: Gotu 9557 2562.

**The East Bentleigh Probus Club** meets at Bentleigh Club in Yawla Street on the second Tuesday of the month from 9.30am. Everyone is welcome. Contact: Otto 9557 8326.

**Ladies Probus Club of Caulfield** meets at Gladys Machin Hall on the third Thursday of the month from 10am. New members welcome. Contact: Thurza 9599 2433.

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

**Scottish Country Dancing** is held at Ormond Uniting Church, corner North and Booran Roads on Friday evenings from 8pm. Beginners welcome. Contact: Bev 9579 5532 or George 9808 6805.

**The National Seniors Association** meets at Elsternwick Club on the first Tuesday of the month from 6.30pm. Guest speakers. Cost: \$3 per person. Contact: Steve 0419 877 865.

**Ormond Angling Club** meets at 462 North Road, Ormond on the first and third Wednesday of the month from 8pm. Male, female and junior membership welcome. Contact: Walter 0400 508 330.

**Glen Eira Cheltenham Art Group** holds classes in all mediums at Moorleigh Village, 92 Bignell Road, Bentleigh East from Tuesday to Saturday each week. New members welcome. Contact: Jill 9579 0967 or club rooms 9563 7621.

**Ladies Elsternwick Probus Club** meets at Gladys Machin Hall on the first Monday of each month from 9.45am. All visitors welcome. Contact: Madge 9509 5843.

**Caulfield South Community House** holds a series of activities at 450 Kooyong Road, Caulfield South on Tuesday afternoons. Tai Chi classes, digital photography and Photoshop, book club and discussion groups. Contact: 9596 8643.

## EVENTS

**Pride of the Nation** book launch will be held at Caulfield Park, Park Crescent on Sunday 4 March from 1.30pm. Free raffle, free performances and complimentary show bags. Contact: 9772 5939.

**Music Lovers Society** is hosting a concert at Ewing Memorial Uniting Church, corner of Coppin Street and Burke Road, Malvern East on Saturday 17 March from 8pm. Contact: 9571 0850.

**The Pelvic Instability Association** will hold a information evening on Physiotherapy in Pelvic Instability in Malvern East on Sunday 4 March from 2pm. Contact: 9539 3217.

**Craft Market and Car Boot Sale** will be held at Carnegie Primary School, Truganini Road, Carnegie on Saturday 28 April from 9am. Contact: Amanda 9571 2578.

**Bentleigh Family Child Care Cooperative** will host its annual Market Day at 134 Brewer Road, Bentleigh on Saturday 24 March from 8am. Face painting, cake stand, sausage sizzle and more. Contact: 9557 1705.

**100th Birthday of St Mary's Ladies Guild** will be celebrated at St Mary's Anglican Church, 281 Glen Eira Road, Caulfield on Tuesday 6 March from 2pm. All are welcome. Contact: Joan 9527 5330.

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**Kilvington Festival on the Green** will be held at 2 Leila Road, Ormond on Saturday 17 March from 10am. Live music, rock climbing and more. Contact: 9578 6231.

**Claremont Terrace** will host a number of events at 231 McKinnon Road, McKinnon throughout March that are open to the community. *The Business of Transitions* seminar will be held on Wednesday 21 March from 2pm. *Nutrition and Bone Health* information session will be held on Wednesday 28 March from 2.30pm.

## CHOOSING CHILDCARE?

Council currently has child care vacancies at its four children's centres and within the family day care scheme.

A number of places are available for children aged three to five years at Council's four Children's Centres in Carnegie, Caulfield, Elsternwick and Murrumbeena. A limited number of places are also available for children aged six months to three years at the Murrumbeena Children's Centre.

Council's Family Day Care Scheme also has vacancies available with registered careproviders, in the careproviders own home.

All of Council's children's services are accredited and offer either full time or part time care. Services are staffed by trained and qualified personnel who provide a range of fun and educational programs based around the needs of individual children.

To apply for a child care position at either the children's centres or family day care scheme, please contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 or visit our website at [www.gleneira.vic.gov.au](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au)

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# IMMUNISATIONSESSIONS

## MARCH

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

**Glen Eira Town Hall Auditorium (entry via Glen Eira Road)**  
Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield  
Tuesday 6 March 6pm-7pm  
Tuesday 13 March 9.30am-10.15am

**Carnegie Library**  
7 Shepparson Avenue, Carnegie  
Wednesday 14 March 1.30pm-2.30pm

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

**Bentleigh East**  
Bentleigh-Bayside Community Health Centre  
Gardeners Road, Bentleigh East  
Wednesday 21 March 6pm-7pm  
Saturday 24 March 9.30am-10.30am

**Glen Huntly Maternal and Child Health Centre**  
Corner Royal and Rosedale Avenues, Glen Huntly  
Wednesday 28 March 9.30am-11am

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# Exhibition of Glen Eira artists

**Public Space/Private Life** is an exhibition of vibrant and diverse work from artists who live, work or study in the City of Glen Eira.

The exhibition will feature the work of Marc Alperstein and Amélie Scalercio, Ruth Carrol, Marian Crawford, Luke Doyle, Storm Gold, Jennifer Gray, Stephanie Hicks, Karyn Lindner, Naomi Pitts, Yael Rayman and Georgia Smerling.

The exhibition will showcase a wide range of approaches and media, from an unpredictable collaborative performance presented on video to contemporary, large-scale watercolours drawing from longstanding traditions of portraiture. Artists capturing the moodier side of our suburbs at night contrast with abstract paintings reminiscent of shimmering fields of flowers.

While the scope of the exhibition is broad, strands linking each artists' work



**Marc Alperstein and Amélie Scalercio — Command, Return, Return, 2006** video still.

give viewers a path to follow through these series of works.

Marc Alperstein and Amélie Scalercio have been working collaboratively since 2003 after they met as students at Monash University Caulfield. They have exhibited extensively throughout Australia on numerous projects and utilise a range of mediums including drawing and video to highlight the performative aspects of their practice.

Their particular brand of collaboration emphasises the lack of control each artist may have over the finished form the work takes. The struggle between the two of them to gain control of a drawn mark, or to one-up each other in a performative video, lends freshness and unpredictability to their work not gained by working alone. For *Public Space/Private Life* they will present *Command Return Return*, a video work from 2006.

Karyn Lindner works within the established poetics of watercolour and portraiture. Her larger than life sized portraits of children are drawn from photographs and usually displayed in a tightly spaced grid.

The images work towards giving her subjects a voice they may have been denied. She aims to challenge what we traditionally may expect from a portrait or carefully composed family photograph. Lindner is more interested in producing portraits that provide a liberating and alternate view of the self.



**Karyn Lindner — Monkeymask, 2005, Watercolour on paper; Dress Ups, 2005, Watercolour on paper; The Painter, 2005, Watercolour on paper; and Silence, 2005, Watercolour and watercolour pencil on paper.**

Jennifer Gray creates sculptural objects made from materials as diverse as string, mirrors, elastic, bamboo and pipe cleaners. The sculptures are specifically developed with the final exhibition site in mind and often reference her travels as a textiles buyer throughout Asia. She lets her inexpensive materials speak for themselves by allowing the unique properties of each material help dictate the final form the work will take.

*Public Space/Private Life* will be officially opened on at 6pm Wednesday 28 March and can be viewed until Sunday 29 April.



**Jennifer Gray — Untitled, 2006, Chinelle sticks, elastic and mirrors.**

## 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**

### ABOUT FACE

**JOE ATTARD, HELEN EDWARDS, REGINA HONA, LYN MELLADY, TERRIANNE MURRAY AND RAELENE SHARP.**

Viewing from 8–25 March

*About Face* is the culmination of a two year collaboration between six highly regarded Melbourne artists who



**Regina Hona.**

recognised the capacity for portraiture to go beyond presenting a physical likeness of the subject. The result is a provocative and refreshing approach to the traditional art of portraiture.

Each artists has identified and painted a personally significant aspect of the other with the sixth work in each group being a self-portrait. The final exhibition offers 36 portraits that aim to convey the complexity and contradictions inherent to the human spirit.

*About Face* invites us on a shared journey of understanding and knowledge, observation and analysis in which we begin to develop an understanding of each artist and how their friendships are reflected in their art and self-image. Perhaps most significantly, it encourages us to take

time to listen and share the simple things we pass between us that build compassion for the human condition.

*About Face* will be officially opened at 6pm on Wednesday 7 March.

### PUBLIC SPACE/PRIVATE LIFE GLEN EIRA ARTISTS EXHIBITIONS

Marc Alperstein and Amélie Scalercio, Ruth Carrol, Marian Crawford, Luke Doyle, Storm Gold, Jennifer Gray, Stephanie Hicks, Karyn Lindner, Naomi Pitts, Yael Rayman and Georgia Smerling.

Viewing from 29 March to 29 April

*Public Space/Private Life* will be officially opened on at 6pm Wednesday 28 March.

## Let's celebrate Party in the Park

**This year's two Party in the Park events promise a host of free, fun and entertaining performances.**

The beautiful surrounds of Allnutt Park, Bentleigh is the location for the first party event of 2007, which will be held on Sunday 18 March

A full day's program of music will keep all entertained with both local and professional performers. Enjoy the sounds of classic soul with *The Committed*, a nine-piece funky ensemble delivering soulful renditions of Wilson Pickett, James Brown and Aretha Franklin. Also appearing will be *Sweet Mona's Choir*, a vibrant, uplifting and dynamic 25–30 piece cappella choir who blend gospel, blues and world music with their exquisite harmonies and toe tapping grooves.

There will also be performances by the students of *Melbourne Community School* and the *Wesley College Elsternwick String Ensemble*.

TimTim will host the day while also entertaining with his shows of masterful juggling, balloon creations and cheeky fun.

### Packer Park to come alive

Packer Park, Carnegie will come alive with the second *Party in the Park* on Sunday 1 April.

The range of entertainment will bring a smile to all. From the quirky and upbeat performance by *the Plezurhounds*, and the lively funk and jazz tunes from the trio *Spud* to the thrilling and upbeat sounds of ukuleles from the *Melbourne Ukulele Collective*.

Local talent, *Music Works* invite mums, dads and children to dance and sing along to a performance from *Swing it Possum*. There will also be dance performances from *Nikoda Israeli Folk Dancing* and *Bollywood* demonstrations.

Hosting the day is one of Australia's favourite children's entertainer, Mike Jackson. Famous for songs such as *Bananas in Pyjamas* and *Dr Knickerbocker*, Mike's performance will be sure to inspire your love for music.

Free activities running throughout the day include mask-making with Enviro Craft and local sporting clubs will be on hand to provide information on joining new sports and will provide interactive demonstrations for all ages.

*Party in the Park* will be held from 12pm to 4pm at both locations. For further information, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 or visit [www.gleneira.vic.gov.au](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au)



### Η Δημαρχία βελτιώνει την πρόσβαση παιδιών σε επισκέψεις για τα σημαντικά στάδια ηλικίας και ανάπτυξης

Η Δημοτική Υπηρεσία Υγείας Μητέρας και Παιδιού του Δήμου Glen Eira θα εφαρμόσει ορισμένες πρωτοβουλίες το 2007 για να βελτιώσει την πρόσβαση και την παρουσία των παιδιών σε επισκέψεις για τα σημαντικά στάδια ηλικίας και ανάπτυξης.

Οι πρωτοβουλίες, που αποτελούν μέρος του *Δημοτικού Προγράμματος Πρώιμης Ηλικίας 2006/09* της Δημαρχίας, περιλαμβάνουν προσφορά επισκέψεων για τα σημαντικά στάδια ανάπτυξης και ηλικίας των παιδιών στα τοπικά κέντρα παιδικής φροντίδας, νηπιαγωγεία και Υπηρεσία Κοινωνικής Υγείας Caulfield.

Διεθνείς έρευνες έχουν αποδείξει ότι τα πρώτα έξι χρόνια της ζωής ενός παιδιού είναι ζωτικά και επηρεάζουν άμεσα τη σωματική και ψυχική υγεία αργότερα στη ζωή.

Η Συντονίστρια Νοσοκόμα της Δημοτικής Υπηρεσίας Υγείας Μητέρας και Παιδιού Ruth Hennell είπε ότι οι αρχικές επισκέψεις στις δύο εβδομάδες, τέσσερις εβδομάδες, οκτώ εβδομάδες, τέσσερις μήνες, οκτώ μήνες και 12 μήνες έχουν ποσοστό συμμετοχής 90 – 99 τοις εκατό.

OCCASIONAL CARE  
— A FLEXIBLE CHILD  
CARE SERVICE

Council’s Occasional Care program is a flexible child care service that supports families by providing short term care for children aged between six months to five years of age.

Occasional Care can be used by families for a variety if reasons, including socialisation for children; Respite Care, medical appointments or leisure pursuits

Occasional Care is offered at Caulfield Maternal and Child Health Centre, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield on Tuesday and Thursday from 9.30am to 12.30pm.

Booking are essential and will be taken one week in advance. Contact Council’s Service Centre on 9524 3333 after 2pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays to make a booking for the following week.

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“Είδαμε όμως ότι λόγω διάφορων αιτιών ο αριθμός των παιδιών που έρχονται στις επισκέψεις των 18 μηνών, δύο ετών και τριάνμισι ετών έχει μειωθεί” ανέφερε η κ. Hennell.

“Πολλές οικογένειες είναι πολύ απασχολημένες, ειδικά όταν και οι δύο γονείς εργάζονται κι αυτό τους δυσκολεύει να πηγαίνουν στην υπηρεσία κατά τις εργάσιμες ώρες.

“Εφαρμόζοντας αυτές τις πρωτοβουλίες, όχι μόνο θα παρέχει πρόσβαση σε κάθε παιδί σ’ αυτή τη δωρεάν υπηρεσία κατά τη διάρκεια της ημέρας, αλλά θα επιτρέπει την πρόωρη αναγνώριση τυχόν προβλημάτων υγείας και ανάπτυξης.”

Για περισσότερες πληροφορίες ή για να κλείσετε ραντεβού, επικοινωνήστε με τη Δημοτική Υπηρεσία Υγείας Μητέρας και Παιδιού στο 9524 3403.

### 市政府改進兒童在關鍵年齡和階段的體檢服務

Glen Eira 市政府婦幼保健服務將於 2007 年實施一系列新舉措，以改進兒童在關鍵年齡和階段的體檢工作。

這些新舉措是市政府《2006/09 年市政府幼童計劃》的一個組成部分，其中包括在當地的托兒中心、幼稚園和 Caulfield 社區保健服務為關鍵年齡和階段的兒童提供體檢服務。

國際研究證明兒童最初六年的生活非常關鍵，並將直接影響到以後人生的健康和快樂。

市政府婦幼保健協調護士 Ruth Hennell 說，在嬰兒出生后兩周、四周、八周、四個月、八個月和十二月的檢查，來訪檢查率達到了 90—99%。

“但是，我們發現由於某些原因，兒童在 18個月、兩歲、三歲和三歲半的檢查人數有所下降。” Hennell 女士說道。

“許多家庭生活非常忙碌，特別是雙職工，因此在正常工作時間讓他們帶孩子來接受檢查比較困難。”

“實施這些新舉措后，他們不僅可在白天獲得這一免費的服務，而且還可早期確診孩子的任何健康和發育問題。”

若想了解詳情或預約，請與市政府婦幼保健服務聯繫，電話 9524 3403。

### Il Comune migliora l’accessibilità alle visite di controllo periodiche durante la prima infanzia

Il servizio sanitario materno e infantile “Maternal and Child Health Service” disponibile presso il comune di Glen Eira metterà in atto nel 2007 un numero di iniziative allo scopo di rendere più agevole ai bambini l’accesso e la frequenza alle visite di controllo periodiche durante la prima infanzia.

Le iniziative, che fanno parte del progetto dedicato dal Comune alla prima infanzia e che porta il nome di “*Municipal Early Years Plan 2006/09*”, includono la disponibilità di regolari visite di controllo presso gli asili-nido e le scuole materne locali, e presso il Servizio Sanitario Comunitario di Caulfield.

Ricerche condotte a livello internazionale hanno dimostrato che i primi sei anni della vita del bambino sono fondamentali per il suo sviluppo e ne influenzano direttamente il futuro benessere.

Ruth Hennell, coordinatrice del servizio di assistenza materno e infantile “Maternal and Child Health”, ha rilevato che le visite iniziali offerte allo scadere delle due settimane, quattro settimane e otto settimane di vita, al quarto mese, all’ottavo mese ed al dodicesimo mese presentano un indice di partecipazione del 90—99 per cento da parte degli utenti.

“Purnondimeno, abbiamo rilevato che per diversi motivi si è ridotto il numero di bambini che vengono sottoposti a controllo alla scadenza del 18° mese, a due anni e a tre anni e mezzo” ha affermato la Hennell.

“Molte famiglie hanno parecchi impegni, specialmente se entrambi i genitori lavorano, e ciò può rendere difficoltoso l’accesso al servizio durante l’orario di lavoro.

Implementando queste iniziative, non solo verrà offerta a ciascun bambino l’opportunità di accedere al servizio gratuito durante il giorno, ma si potranno anche identificare precocemente eventuali problemi relativi alla salute e allo sviluppo del bambino stesso”.

Per ulteriori informazioni o per fissare un appuntamento si prega di telefonare al servizio “Maternal Child and Health Service” al numero 9524 3403.

### Улучшения в работе муниципальной службы здоровья матери и ребенка

В 2007г. Служба здоровья матери и ребенка муниципалитета Glen Eira внедряет ряд инициатив для улучшения наблюдения за здоровьем и благополучием детей на ранней стадии развития.

Эти инициативы предусмотрены муниципальным планом на 2006 – 2009гг. В местных центрах по уходу за детьми, детских садах и в Общественном медицинском центре Caulfield будет проводиться прием детей самого раннего возраста для наблюдения за их здоровьем и развитием.

Различные международные исследования показывают, что первые шесть лет в жизни ребенка имеют критическое значения для его дальнейшего благополучия.

Координатор муниципальной службы здоровья матери и ребенка Ruth Hennell говорит, что 90 – 99% родителей приводят детей на контрольные приемы в самый начальный период – в возрасте 2, 4, 8 недель и 4, 8, 12 месяцев.

“Однако процент детей, приходящих на контрольные приемы в возрасте 18 месяцев, 2 года и 3.5 года, по разным причинам уменьшается,” отмечает Ruth Hennell.

“Во многих семьях просто не хватает времени – особенно если оба родителя работают и поэтому не могут прийти на прием в рабочее время.

Наши новые инициативы позволят каждой семье воспользоваться этими бесплатными услугами в удобное время и обеспечат раннее выявление возможных отклонений в развитии и здоровье ребенка.”

Назначить прием или получить более подробную информацию можно в Службе здоровья матери и ребенка муниципалитета Glen Eira по тел. 9524 3403.

FOUR-YEAR-OLD  
KINDERGARTEN 2009  
ENROLMENT REMINDER

Council operates a central enrolment system for the 14 community based kindergartens within the municipality.

Parents wanting their child to attend four-year-old kindergarten in 2009 are reminded that enrolments open on 1 May 2007. Children whose birth dates fall between 1 May 2004 and 30 April 2005 are eligible to attend kindergarten in 2009. Please ensure you submit your application early as applications are taken in date of receipt order from 1 May.

Enrolment forms are available from your local kindergarten, online at [www.gleneira.vic.gov.au](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au) or by contacting Council’s Service Centre on 9524 3333. An application fee of \$11 applies.

Applications are still open for four-year-old kindergarten enrolments for 2008. Three-year-old kindergarten enrolments are taken directly by the kindergartens.

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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
Environment	Forum	29 March from 6.30pm to 8.30pm	Packer Park, Leila Road, Carnegie

#### Recent consultation opportunities

Subject	Type	Date
Delivered Meals Service	Written survey distributed via post	Closed 23 February
Proposed spray can ban	Comments and submissions	Closed 28 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](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au)



# Stage one of Joyce Park redevelopment completed

**The first stage of the redevelopment of Joyce Park in Ormond, a new all abilities playground, has been successfully completed.**

The redevelopment is the result of a lengthy master plan development process, which has involved extensive consultation with residents, park users, sporting clubs and community groups.

Other works to be completed to make the park safer and more accessible for all park users include:

- a new all abilities Exeloo toilet;
- park furniture;
- access all abilities pathways;

- pathway lighting;
- defined park entrances;
- bike racks;
- barbecue facilities;
- added rotunda (near playground);
- widespread tree and shrub planting; and
- the reshaping of the access roadway between Tyrone Street and Glen Eira McKinnon Bowls Club.

Glen Eira City Council Manager of Recreation and Youth Services Linda Smith said the redevelopment aims to ensure the park will better meet the community's needs, whether providing upgraded recreation facilities and open

spaces or better access in and around the park.

"A major redevelopment such as this one will enable the park to meet the needs of both current and future park users and ensure the park will be well preserved for future generations," Ms Smith said.

The new playground will remain open throughout the duration of the works, which are expected to be completed by the end of June.



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Photo: Tracy Cassidy.

## Water restrictions information evening

**Water restrictions and how to best manage the conditions of Glen Eira's sportsgrounds were just some of the topics discussed at Glen Eira City Council's water restrictions and sportsgrounds information evening last month.**

More than 90 representatives from various sports clubs across Glen Eira attended the evening at Town Hall, which comprised of presentations by Paul Gilchrist from South East Water, Cain Liddle from YMCA Victoria, Peter Todd from Council's Park Services and Linda Smith, Council's Manager Recreation and Youth Services.

Ms Smith said the information evening was a great success and helps to create a positive working relationship



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Photo: Tracy Cassidy.

between sports clubs, Council and Victorian water authorities during this challenging time.

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## VENUES FOR HIRE



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

Then why not consider hiring one of Council's facilities as the venue. Facilities range in size, are clean and comfortable and are located throughout the City.

For a free brochure or further information please contact Council Service Centre on 9524 3333 or log on to Council's website [www.gleneira.vic.gov.au](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au)

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## Set to cycle the Madison

**A Madison day will be held at Packer Park velodrome on Saturday 24 March.**

To be hosted by the Carnegie Caulfield Cycling Club, the Madison is a cycling event comprising teams of two riders — one rider is racing while the other rider slowly circles the velodrome.

The riders regularly changeover and the slower rider gets slung into action. This changeover usually occurs every lap. Points for the event are gained in the sprints (at intervals) or laps can be gained on the field.

This type of racing became particularly popular during the first half of last century with huge crowds flocking to places such as New York's Madison Square Gardens, hence the name Madison.

The club continues to run one Madison every season with the current standing victors being Nick Sanderson and Doug Garley. Nick Sanderson also went on to win the prestigious Bendigo Madison with Carnegie's Simon Clarke.

The Madison event is only open to racing licence holders with track experience. However, new riders or riders wishing to gain experience

in this exciting facet of cycling are welcome to an informal training session every Thursday from 6pm at Packer Park velodrome.

For further information, contact Carnegie Caulfield Cycling Club President Malcolm Sawford on 0409 541 136 [www.carnegiecycling.com.au](http://www.carnegiecycling.com.au)

## ADVERTISING IN THE GLEN EIRA NEWS

Are you looking to reach the Glen Eira community? Glen Eira City Council offers paid advertising space in its monthly newspaper — the *Glen Eira News*.

The newspaper reaches more than 124,000 residents each month through 56,000 households and businesses. It is a highly regarded publication, especially by the local community, for its attractive presentation and informative features on Council services and events.

The *Glen Eira News* offers a variety of advertising opportunities — colour and mono — with our standard advertisement size being 1 column (62.5mm) wide by 11cm deep.

For further information, a schedule of rates and bookings contact 9524 3447.

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## ENJOY GLEN EIRA'S PARKS — OPEN SPACE BOOKINGS

Glen Eira's open space areas have been in demand this summer by families, community groups and organisations wanting to host their celebrations within Glen Eira's parks and reserves.

Make the most of the warm weather and take advantage of the public facilities within Council's parks and reserves, including open space areas, rotundas and shelters.



If you are planning a large function, please contact Council about making a booking within a park. A booking administration fee applies for each reservation, however the peace of mind in knowing your guests can arrive and meet in a prearranged place makes it a worthwhile investment.

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

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## Free parenting seminar

**Glen Eira City Council Youth Services is hosting a free parent information evening on Wednesday 18 April.**

To be held at the Glen Eira Town Hall from 7.30pm–9pm, the seminar will provide parents with new ideas and practical skills to assist with parenting in the home.

Guest presenter for the evening will be clinical psychologist, Andrew Fuller. Mr Fuller, who specialises in the wellbeing and resilience of young people and their families, has worked with many schools and communities around Australia.

Places are filling up quickly. To register for the evening or for further information, contact the Youth Information Centre on 9579 7963, email [youthservices@gleneira.vic.gov.au](mailto:youthservices@gleneira.vic.gov.au) or visit us at 202A East Boundary Road, Bentleigh East.

## Bentleigh East Skate Jam

**The annual Bentleigh East Skate Jam will this year coincide with National Youth Week 2007.**

To be held on Friday 13 April at the Bailey Reserve Skate Park, East Boundary Road, Bentleigh East, the event is co-facilitated with the YMCA, which has years of experience organising skate competitions.

A draw card event for local skaters in the past, there will be three competition categories:

- 12 years and under;

- 16 years and under; and
- open.

Participation forms can be obtained from the Youth Information Centre prior to the event or skaters can register on the day from 10am.

Competition commences at 10.30am and there will be a free barbecue and lots of giveaways.

For further information, contact the Youth Information Centre on 9579 7963.



**The annual Bentleigh East Skate Jam will be held on Friday 13 April.**

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

## Foundation for Youth Excellence

**Are you aged 10–25 years and have achieved excellence in the fields of creative and performing arts, education, leadership or sport?**

Then why not apply for the Foundation for Youth Excellence Program. Glen Eira City Council is interested in receiving applications for the program, which recognises the achievements of young

people in the community. Successful applicants are awarded grants to help them achieve further success in their chosen field.

Closing dates for applications are fast approaching, so if you would like further information and an application form, please do not hesitate to contact the Youth Information Centre on 9589 7963.

## Council's holiday mania returns for 2007

**The ever popular Glen Eira City Council holiday mania program will be held from 2–13 April.**

Tickets go on sale on Saturday 17 March and will be available from Council's four libraries.

Limited numbers apply to all events so book early to avoid disappointment. Events are age specific.

For further information, contact 9524 3623.

### Easter Bunny Show

**Tuesday 3 April  
11am–12pm  
Bentleigh Library**

The Easter Bunny will visit the Bentleigh Library for an hour of storytelling, rabbit songs, balloons and much more. Tickets are \$6 and the show is suitable for all ages.

### Dinosaur Dig

**Thursday 5 April  
11am–12.30pm  
Carnegie Library  
Friday 13 April  
2pm–3.30pm  
Elsternwick Library**

Around 100 million years ago, dinosaurs roamed the red soils of Australia. Learn about Velociraptors to T-Rexs in

an interactive presentation featuring museum quality items including a life size T-Rex skull. Touch the exhibits and enjoy a range of activities including a fossil dig. Tickets are \$6 and the presentation is only suitable for five–12 year old children.

### Rockpool Discovery

**Wednesday 4 April  
1pm–2pm  
Caulfield Library**

Get up close to a host of marine animals and learn about life below the waves. Meet exciting and unique organisms including sea stars, an elephant snail, a giant mud crab, sea-horses, an octopus and much more.

Tickets are \$6 and the show is suitable only for children five years old and above.

There will be more dinosaur stories at the library's pre-school *Storytimes*, during the school holidays. Plus children of all ages can enter the dinosaur colouring competition for the chance to win a Discover Dinosaurs Pack. Check at your local Branch for details.

### Saturday Shaker — spot a Sneaky Elf

**Saturday 10 March  
2pm–3pm  
Carnegie Library**

Join cheeky Elf Sneaky Bottom for an hour of magic, fairy dust, stories and songs from the enchanting world of elves, fairies, witches and goblins.

No bookings are required and the show is suitable for children up to seven years old.



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Photo: Courtesy of Wild Action.