

Shop of the Year announced

A family business which has been making pizzas since 1979 has been named Glen Eira City Council's Shop of the Year 2007.

Announced at Council's annual *Food Business Awards* last month, Zests Pizza in Murrumbeena received the Award and \$1,000 in prize money for delivering the highest standard of food safety in the City.

The Ormond Provedore was named *Shop of the Year* runner-up.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Margaret Esakoff said Zests Pizza and The Ormond Provedore not only achieved a five-star food safety rating, but also have the highest food safety ratings of the 750 registered food businesses tested within the City in 2006.

"To achieve a five-star food safety rating businesses must operate within a food safety program designed specifically for the business," Cr Esakoff said.

"Council is unique in that it works in partnership with local food businesses to achieve better food safety outcomes for people eating within the City.

"Since the introduction of the five-star food safety incentive program in 1998, Council has seen a decrease in food related complaints and food poisoning incidents."

Cr Esakoff said Zests Pizza, which was named *Shop of the Year* runner-up in 2005, was a deserving winner.

"Zests Pizza has maintained a five-star food safety rating for the past five years," Cr Esakoff said.

"In 2007, Zests Pizza also joined Council's *Taste 4 Health* nutrition program, which acknowledges five-star food businesses that have implemented healthy meal alternatives to their menus."

Owner of Zests Pizza Soula Fotopoulos told the *Glen Eira News* when their name was read out they were shocked, but very happy.

"All our hard work to provide a safe food business for the community has paid off and we are very pleased," Soula said.

All nominees for the *Shop of the Year* Award were presented with a highly commended certificate. Nominees for the 2007 Award were:

- Take Away — Zests Pizza, Murrumbeena;
- Café — The Ormond Provedore;
- Bakery/Cake Shop — McKinnon Village Bakery;
- Caterer — Sherwood Catering, Carnegie;
- Convenience Store — 7-Eleven, McKinnon;
- School Canteen — Valkstone Primary School Canteen, Bentleigh East;
- Restaurant — Ajisai Japanese Restaurant, Bentleigh;
- Delicatessen — Fine Gourmet Deli, Bentleigh; and
- Hotel/Club — South Oakleigh Club, Bentleigh East.

Local businesses participating in Council's *Taste 4 Health* and *Taste 4 Health Kids* nutrition programs and the *Access 4 All* program were also presented



Owner's of Zests Pizza, George and Soula Fotopoulos, celebrity chef, Gabriel Gate, Glen Eira Mayor, Cr Margaret Esakoff and owner of The Ormond Provedore, Julie MacShane.

Photo: Les O'Rourke.

with a certificate from Bentleigh Bayside Community Health Service Dietician, Viv Sullivan.

About Council's Safe Food program

Under Council's *Safe Food* program, businesses are educated about safe food handling procedures, optimum temperatures for keeping food, avoiding cross-contamination and effective sanitising procedures.

Council's Environmental Health Officers conduct safety assessments of food businesses once a year, assessing food safety and handling procedures against hygiene standards developed by Food Standards Australia and New Zealand.

Each business is given a score out of 100 and those which meet the criteria are not only awarded Council's five-star food rating and deemed eligible for the *Shop of the Year* Award, but they are listed in Council's annual *Safe Food Guide*.

The *Guide*, which assists Glen Eira residents in making informed decisions about where they eat, is available from Council's Service Centre.

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Progress report on Council's swim centres

This is a progress report on the redevelopment of Glen Eira City Council's swim centres.

The key points are:

- redevelopment of aquatic centres are major projects requiring significant input from professional experts and significant amounts of time;
- since phases one and two in 2006, Council established a Steering Committee which has met seven times to progress the implementation of the pools. The Committee has undertaken detailed community research on the particular facilities which would meet the current and future needs of the Glen Eira community, a program to deliver them, and how to pay for them. In addition to 50 metre outdoor

swimming, there are growing demands for all-year-round indoor swimming (including learn to swim), leisure and play water, hydrotherapy and wellness activities, such as fitness facilities. There is also demand for indoor basketball and netball courts;

- the provision of a full outdoor and indoor aquatic and leisure centre, including indoor basketball and netball courts, could attract in the vicinity of 600,000 visits per year. Expert advice indicates that such a facility would require a large site and ability to handle the associated traffic and parking. The analysis to date has found that the site on East Boundary Road would be more suitable for this purpose than Koornang Park, Carnegie;

- a detailed concept to achieve the mix best suited to the needs of the Glen Eira community is being developed and will be placed on public exhibition as part of phase three consultation in mid 2007;
- once a concept is approved, design can commence. Design of such major facilities in other projects typically takes around 12 months. Construction happens after that;
- independent advice to Council is that the swim centres cannot be redeveloped simultaneously. Accordingly, one swim centre will be kept open while the other is redeveloped;

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MAYOR'S COLUMN



What a wonderful turnout we had at Packer Park for the Glen Eira City Council and South East Water showerhead exchange program, which was held in conjunction with the Party in the Park celebrations.

More than 680 showerheads were handed out, which will save 13,760,000 litres of water annually. Congratulations and thanks to all those taking the opportunity to reduce their water usage through this program, which is part of a Victorian Government initiative.

On 17 May I have the honour of presenting the 2007 Volunteer Recognition Scheme Awards to 196 volunteers from 35 local community groups who have contributed 500, 1,000 or 2,000 hours of service or have achieved 10 or more continuous years of service for an organisation. Glen Eira is lucky to have so many volunteers. They are the lifeblood of our community, and truly deserve to be recognised and thanked for their contribution.

The 2007 My Brother Jack Literary Festival entry forms and information are included in this edition of the *Glen Eira News*. This year's Festival will not only have something for the writer, but also for readers who will have the chance to hear local writers read and discuss their work through the *Writers' Read Program*.

There will be workshops for budding writers and over \$2,500 in cash and prizes is offered for short stories and poetry. The Awards are open to people who live, work or go to school in the City of Glen Eira.

Congratulations must go to the Scouting Movement who is celebrating 100 years of scouting — what a positive contribution they have made in the community. The skills learned, the adventures had, friends made, and the good values instilled in members needs to be recognised, and our best wishes and thanks go out to all concerned — 'Be Prepared' for the next 100 years.

Finally, a reminder to community groups that applications for Council's 2007-08 Community Grants Program close on 31 May.

**Cr Margaret Esakoff
Mayor**

Committed to animal management

Scope, versatility and working outdoors are just some of the things Civic Compliance Officer Greg Avdoulos loves about his job.

Greg has worked with Glen Eira City Council's Civic Compliance Unit for two years and has been involved in the field for more than a decade.

Under the *Domestic (Feral and Nuisance) Animals Act 1994*, Council is authorised to enforce the State Government regulations governing the ownership of cats and dogs.

The Local Government Act also enables Council to produce local laws covering the keeping of animals.

Greg told the *Glen Eira News* that Council's Civic Compliance Unit is strongly committed to educating pet owners about their responsibilities to pets and the community.

"One of my core responsibilities is animal management, which includes conducting regular park and reserve patrols within the municipality," Greg said.

"I try to ensure that owners are complying with on-leash and off-leash areas and are cleaning up after their pets.

"I love being out there, talking to and educating people. Although Council is authorised to issue fines, enforcement is always the last resort."

Being an animal lover, Greg also enjoys returning lost pets. Council is able to make contact with owners of lost pets



Greg loves being out there, talking to and educating people about responsible pet ownership.
Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

by tracing the animal's registration tag number or microchip.

"The most rewarding part of my job is reuniting pets with their owners," Greg said.

"When I collect a lost pet with its identification intact, I simply contact the owners and make arrangements to return the pet."

However, it's not always so simple.

"On one occasion I picked up a lost cat and the registration details were outdated," Greg said.

"I initiated further research on Council's online pet registry and eventually got hold of the owners.

"The cat had been missing for two years. After a bit of investigating I was able to track down the owner's new address. They were very emotional when I told them the good news."

Greg said although he has been bailed up on a couple of occasions while trying to confine dogs in emergency situations, he still remains passionate about the work he does with Council. ■

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The deadline for next edition (June) of the *Glen Eira News* is Wednesday 9 May for delivery 2 and 3 June.

Coming Deadlines

The deadline for the July edition of the *Glen Eira News* is Wednesday 6 June for delivery 30 June and 1 July.

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Fallen service personnel honoured at ANZAC Day service

More than 250 people honoured our fallen service personnel at Glen Eira City Council's annual ANZAC Day service.

Held at Caulfield Park last month, the service commenced with RSL members and the *City of Glen Eira Band* marching from the junction of Hawthorn and Balaclava Roads, through Caulfield Park to the Cenotaph.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Margaret Esakoff led the commemoration, which included Glen Eira Councillors Michael Lipshutz, Jacque Robilliard, Nick Staikos, Steven Tang and Helen Whiteside, Council's Chief Executive Officer Andrew Newton, local Parliamentarians, ex-servicemen and women, the Caulfield St Kilda Legacy Widows Club, the Bentleigh War Widows, RSL Club representatives, scouts, guides, students, and members of the Glen Eira community.

"Let us remember the first ANZAC Day 92 years ago and the service of all members of our armed forces since then," Cr Esakoff said.

"Let us remember that our men and women are serving their country, as we speak, on active service, in disaster relief and in peace keeping missions around

the world."

Cr Esakoff said it was very pleasing to see such a large number of young people taking time to pay their respects to those who lost their lives fighting for their country.

"Many of those who went to wars were only a few years older than many of the young people who attended the service," Cr Esakoff said.

"Lest we forget the bravery of so many people who lost their lives fighting for our great country."

President of the Caulfield RSL Sub-branch Mr John Decker delivered the ANZAC address, while past President, Mr Michael Fidler, read the ANZAC requiem.

Wreaths of remembrance were laid by Cr Esakoff and Mr Newton, former Mayor of Caulfield Mr Jack Campbell and Mrs Campbell, local parliamentarians, the Caulfield St Kilda Legacy War Widows Club, the Bentleigh War Widows, Caulfield RSL Sub Branch Women's Auxiliary, the Victorian Association of Jewish Ex-Servicemen and Women, Shelford Girls Grammar, Caulfield Grammar School, Leibler Yavneh College and Coatesville Primary School. ■



Glen Eira Mayor Cr Margaret Esakoff led the commemoration.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

New tasking unit to focus on crime prevention

Glen Eira Police will be taking a more proactive approach when it comes to crime prevention.

A special tasking unit has been formed to target problem crime in the area.

The five member unit, a concept which has also been introduced in Bayside and Kingston, is an initiative of the region's new police chief, Supt Lucinda Nolan, who took over the region's top job in January.

Inspector Margaret Lewis from the Glen Eira Operations Department said local policing requires a local response and this new tasking unit will provide that.

"The unit's initial focus would be on targeting burglaries, thefts from motor cars, property damage and issues at local shopping centres," Inspector Lewis said.

"These sorts of crimes are generally

opportunistic activities. The tasking unit will aim to eliminate the factors that cause the opportunity to arise which will hopefully impact on the amount of crime reported to us."

As well as the introduction of the tasking unit, Glen Eira will also have a full-time Crime Prevention Officer.

Senior Constable Peter Stefaniw, who is based at Murrumbeena Police Station, will work in conjunction with the unit to assist it in formulating strategies to help combat crime-related activities.

Inspector Lewis said Senior Constable Stefaniw will also take a proactive approach by offering advice and security audits to businesses and schools.

"Senior Constable Stefaniw will offer advice on a variety of issues, from money handling and armed robbery prevention to dealing with aggressive behaviour," Inspector Lewis said. ■

Council applies for drought funding



Council is moving quickly to apply for a \$50,000 State Government grant to help drought-proof Glen Eira's sportsgrounds.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Glen Eira City Council is moving quickly to apply for a \$50,000 State Government grant to help drought-proof Glen Eira's sportsgrounds.

The grants will allow local councils across Victoria to take immediate action to keep sporting facilities open and implement water saving projects that will provide long-term reductions in water use by sporting grounds.

In addition, metropolitan councils can also apply for further grants of up to

\$40,000 for water projects.

Under Stage 3a water restrictions, only 25 per cent of sportsgrounds are allowed to be watered.

Council has been working with Glen Eira sports clubs to find an appropriate balance between minimising water use and helping clubs maintain a playable sporting surface.

Council is now looking at how to access the State Government funding and how best to use it. ■



Detective Senior Constable James Pett, Sergeant Jason McGregor and Constable Stephanie Drake from the Glen Eira Special Tasking Unit.

Photo: Sally Brown.

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- a decision on the extent to which the components from the *World Swimming Championships* may be of benefit to the Glen Eira community in the redevelopments is expected shortly. Council has sought further information from Government on the total package of material and financial assistance; and
- the swim centres at Carnegie and Bentleigh East will have maintenance works undertaken in winter 2007 and both will be open for the 2007–08 season.

Background

In February 2006, the newly-elected Council initiated consultation on the condition of the City's two swim centres, describing them as "*structurally, financially and environmentally unsustainable*." A discussion paper was issued and four public meetings were held (phase one).

In phase two, Council published some indicative options of different mixes of facilities and estimates of costs. Further public meetings were held.

On 4 September 2006, Council carried a motion setting out a strategic direction for the redevelopment of the swim centres at Carnegie and Bentleigh East and setting out a process for taking the project forward including a steering committee, independent project manager etc.

Progress

The Pools Steering Committee has met seven times. Council has engaged PSA Project Management to provide advice on establishing the project. PSA Project Management managed the construction of the Northern Stand of the MCG and is project managing the development of an aquatic centre in the City of Casey.

Council also engaged SGL Group and its principal, Mike King. SGL is recognised as the expert in the provision of aquatic and related leisure facilities in Australasia. For example, SGL developed the concept for the highly successful Monash

Aquatic and Leisure Centre on Waverly Road.

Detailed community needs

The best mix of facilities will vary from place to place depending on the demographic characteristics of the community, their priorities for recreation, including health and fitness programs, and the extent to which those needs are met by other facilities nearby.

To get the best result for Glen Eira, community needs have to be assessed in detail and an analysis of surrounding aquatic facilities has to be completed. Community needs were the subject of a phone survey of 500 residents from a statistically valid sample representative of the age and location of Glen Eira's population. The survey is on Council's website. Its main findings include:

- 53.6 per cent of residents used a pool in the last 12 months;
- significant numbers of Glen Eira residents currently use Kingston Waves in Cheltenham (18 per cent), Harold Holt swim centre in Malvern (17 per cent) and, to a lesser extent, Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre in South Melbourne (7 per cent); and
- 73.2 per cent of Glen Eira residents would be interested in a pool and leisure centre. Features that would encourage greater use include:
 - indoor recreation and leisure-play water (20.2 per cent);
 - fitness and gym classes (19.5 per cent);
 - improved facilities and more hygienic (12 per cent);
 - indoor warm water program pool (eg hydrotherapy) (9 per cent);
 - longer opening hours (8.2 per cent); and
 - outdoor pools (7.7 per cent).

The emerging needs ought to be provided for, in addition to outdoor swimming.



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

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Providing modern facilities

A centre which provided all of the above facilities and indoor basketball and netball courts would generate in the vicinity of 600,000 visits per year and require a large site.

The Bentleigh East site is better suited for such a centre because:

- East Boundary Road is a divided road which is able to handle increased volumes of traffic;
- the site has industrial uses opposite and is surrounded by parkland, providing a buffer to houses; and
- the site in Koornang Park is smaller, is very close to residents and is less able to cope with large numbers of visits over extended opening hours all year round.

Current expert advice is to provide a 50 metre outdoor pool and grassed family area, indoor aquatic and fitness facilities and basketball and netball courts at East Boundary Road. Whether this could all be built in one development or would need to be staged, has yet to be tested.

A detailed concept to achieve the mix best suited to the needs of the Glen Eira community is being developed and will be made public as part of phase three in mid 2007.

Staging the redevelopment

The Pools Steering Committee has looked closely at the possibilities of redeveloping one of the sites between swimming seasons and redeveloping both swim centres simultaneously. Pools, even outdoor pools, involve complex construction and plant systems. Both PSA Project Management and SGL Group have given clear advice that it is not possible to demolish and replace either of the swim centres between seasons. It follows that redevelopment

of either of the sites will require it to be closed for a swimming season.

If the sites were redeveloped simultaneously, both sites would be closed for a season and there would be no swim centre available in Glen Eira for that summer. Council has rejected that approach and will keep one swim centre open while the other is redeveloped.

In considering which site to redevelop first, the following factors apply:

- the Carnegie pool has the most water (four pools to Bentleigh East's three) and could accommodate the whole City's needs better;
- the Bentleigh East pool and plant is in worse condition, at greater risk of failure and in need of redevelopment more urgently;
- the State Government has offered components from the *World Swimming Championships* for the Bentleigh East site. Decisions on that offer need to be made shortly and can only be made in the context of the full range of facilities that are going to be provided on that site; and
- construction on a major road such as East Boundary Road will have less impact on residents than in Koornang Park.

Accordingly, Council proposes to keep the Carnegie Pool operating as is while the Bentleigh East pool is redeveloped.

World Championship pool offer

The pools used in the *World Swimming Championships*, based at Rod Laver Arena, are made of components (steel panels and synthetic liners) which can be assembled in major stadiums suitable for major championships. They can be dismantled and reassembled in other locations.

The State Government has offered



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

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

components for use in the redevelopment of the Bentleigh East Swim Centre. That provides a legacy to Victorians beyond the *Championships*. It also saves the Government the cost of shipping the components back to Spain.

The following factors need to be considered:

- the pool components are designed for use indoors. For example, the filtration system is ozone-based which can be used indoors (although more expensive to operate than traditional systems) but cannot be used outdoors. The Government has proposed a cash contribution towards the cost of a traditional filtration system;
- the components need to be constructed on a new concrete base. The location for the pool would need to be determined through designing the other facilities to be fitted on the site;
- the two smaller pools, the plant and equipment and the changing rooms at Bentleigh East all need redevelopment so the world championship components cannot be considered in isolation;
- the view within the industry is that the components would not last as long as a traditional concrete and tiled pool. The need to close the pool at some point(s) in future to replace components and the costs of replacement need to be taken into account; and
- while the offer is appreciated, whether a world championship pool makes the best possible municipal public pool needs careful consideration. The *World*

Championships needed pools for 40 days; Council needs pools for 40 years. It is not yet clear whether acceptance of the pool offer would provide a real cost saving over the lifecycle of the facility. Council has sought further information on the total package of material and financial assistance.

Funding

The cost of redevelopment would certainly exceed \$30 million. That cannot be afforded with rates at their current levels in real terms. The pools are one illustration of a general challenge to redevelop ageing community facilities and infrastructure. Funding will involve use of available cash, borrowings and increases in rates.

The mix of facilities and the design of the site can make a major difference in the cost of operating the facilities over a 40 year life. Close attention is being given to making the facilities as close to self-funding as possible so that they make the least possible ongoing impact on rates. Factors include efficient use of scarce water, energy costs, proximity of pools and plant to each other, and health related facilities, which could help offset the significant costs of large pools.

The 2006-07 season

While the planning has been going on for new facilities, the existing swim centres continued to operate during the 2006-07 season. The total number of

visits was 83,279, which is lower than in the two previous seasons.

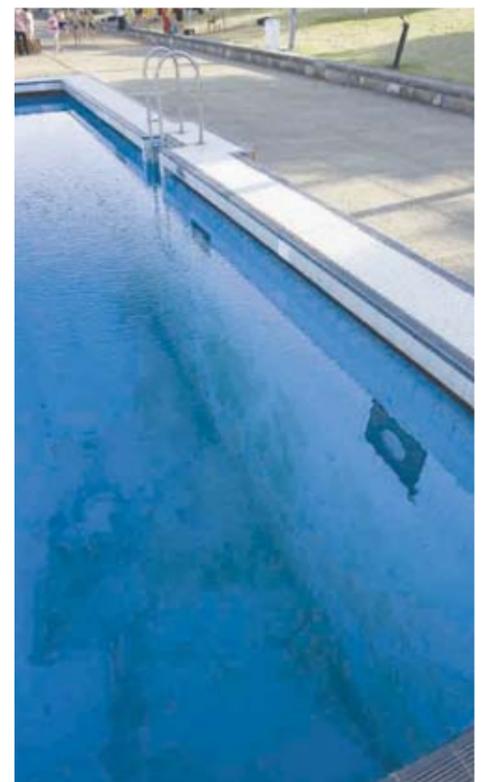
Carnegie Swim Centre			
	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Nov	5678	6393	4384
Dec	13641	12170	8197
Jan	23375	15816	14723
Feb	8447	6952	11364
Mar	8120	11196	5603
Apr	5384		
	64645	52527	44271
Bentleigh East Swim Centre			
	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Nov	3306	5216	3942
Dec	9991	10577	7169
Jan	16965	12195	14019
Feb	6410	5460	9491
Mar	4905	7957	4387
Apr	3930		
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Both swim centres will be open for the 2007-08 season.

The next steps

The next steps include:

- publishing a concept design for public consideration in mid 2007;
- adopting a concept design;
- engaging an independent project manager. (The Local Government Act requires a public tender process);
- engaging a design team to undertake



Dive pool algae at the Koornang Road Centre. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

detailed design. (The Local Government Act requires a public tender process);

- approving a design;
- documenting the design for incorporation in detailed tender document;
- tendering for the construction of the project. (The Local Government Act requires a public tender process); and
- construction and commissioning of the project.

Volunteer Recognition Scheme Awards to be presented

Glen Eira City Council will present its annual Volunteer Recognition Scheme Awards ceremony at Town Hall this month.

To be held as part of *National Volunteer Week 2007*, the Awards will be presented to 196 volunteers from 35 local community groups on Thursday 17 May.

Awards will be given to volunteers who have contributed 500, 1,000 or 2,000 hours of service or have achieved 10 or more continuous years of service for an organisation.

More than 700,000 Victorians, or 20 per cent of the State's population, volunteer their services.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Margaret Esakoff, who will present the *Awards*, said volunteers make a valuable contribution to the community.

"We hold this ceremony to celebrate the very many members of our community who give of their time to help others," Cr Esakoff said.

"The City of Glen Eira has volunteers working in sporting clubs and senior citizens clubs, in culture and the arts, community support, family, youth and community services."

Cr Esakoff said around 161,500 hours of voluntary service is provided to our local community.

"That's equal to about 89 people working full-time for a year or a contribution of around two and a half million dollars a year," Cr Esakoff said.

"Council is delighted to have this opportunity, in front of family and friends, to publicly recognise our local volunteers contribution, who have enriched the lives of the people right across the community."



Awards will be given to volunteers who have contributed 500, 1,000 or 2,000 hours of service or have achieved 10 or more continuous years of service for an organisation.

Photo: in2uitionphotography.

Depot protects and conserves precious resource

Glen Eira City Council's GlenWorks Depot must have looked into a crystal ball when it decided to install a rainwater tank.

Since October 2003, long before water restrictions were introduced, the use of townwater to wash down the maintenance trucks and to fill up the hotmix and asphalt rollers has been replaced with rainwater.

The Depot has even gone to the

CEO'S COLUMN



Pets make wonderful companions for people of all ages. Pets provide hours of fun, relaxation, happiness and unconditional love. Owning a pet can not only boost self esteem and relieve stress, but it can improve health.

Along with these benefits, however, come certain responsibilities to pets and the community. Caring for pets takes time, commitment and effort, so anyone wishing to own a pet should choose one which suits their lifestyle and surroundings.

The feature on page eight and nine of this edition of the *Glen Eira News* has been compiled to help pet owners in Glen Eira look after their dogs and cats in ways which respect the rights of other members of the community.

The State Government regulates the ownership of cats and dogs through the *Domestic (Feral and Nuisance) Animals Act 1994*. Council is authorised under that Act to carry out various functions and, where necessary, to take enforcement action.

The feature on page eight and nine contains information on compulsory microchipping, rewards for first time pet registrations and the State Government's *Responsible Pet Ownership Program*.

For further information, please contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 or download a copy of Council's *Responsible Pet Ownership* booklet from www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

**Andrew Newton
Chief Executive Officer**

extent of knocking off the head of the townwater tap so it cannot be used at all.

The 5,000 gallon tank holds 22,700 litres of rainwater and since being installed four years ago has never run dry.

Depot Manager Roger Dunn told the *Glen Eira News* the trucks are washed down once a week not only to keep them looking good for the public eye, but for maintenance reasons.

"If we don't maintain the trucks properly and keep them clean, they may breakdown and we will be up for the cost of repairs," Mr Dunn said.

"For example, a build up of asphalt may cause the conveyor belt on the truck to stop working.

"This will then need to be repaired, which means taking the truck off the road."

Mr Dunn said he is surprised at just how quickly the tank fills up.

"We would have just a little bit of rain over a weekend, barely enough to water



The 5,000 gallon tank holds 22,700 litres of rainwater.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.



Since October 2003 the use of townwater to wash down the maintenance trucks and to fill up the hotmix and asphalt rollers has been replaced with rainwater.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

the grass, and on Monday morning the tank would be much fuller than expected, given the intensity of the rain," Mr Dunn said.

"This is probably because it draws from a very large roof area."

Mr Dunn said the Depot workers are not the only people to take advantage of the rainwater.

"Council's Civic Compliance Unit also comes to the Depot to use the rainwater to wash out the dog vans and the mechanics wash away grass clippings from the Parks and Gardens tractors

before servicing them," Mr Dunn said.

Other environmental initiatives

The use of rainwater is not the only environmental initiative the Depot has in place.

Mr Dunn said the Depot no longer buys quarry products and instead uses recycled rock.

"This crushed rock comes from used demolition material and is used for backfilling and road trenches," Mr Dunn said. ■

Heritage Advisory Service available

Live in a heritage area and not sure what you can and can't do to your humble abode? Maybe you just want some general advice on fence heights and colours. Then look no further than the Glen Eira City Council Heritage Advisory Service.

So whether you want to re-paint your house or build a second storey, the free architectural and technical service is



Council's Heritage Advisor Gabrielle Moylan will come and meet residents or property owners on site to discuss design issues.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

available to all residents and owners of Glen Eira's 3,000 heritage properties.

Council's Heritage Planner Jacqui Brasher told the *Glen Eira News* that Glen Eira is very fortunate to have important examples of 19th and 20th century housing and commercial development that add interest to our City.

"Each heritage area within the City of Glen Eira has its own unique set of

characteristics," Mrs Brasher said.

"The advisory service not only assists residents in protecting and enhancing these characteristics, but it helps them modify buildings in accordance with the State and Local Heritage policy and Guidelines."

Mrs Brasher said for the vast majority of heritage properties in Glen Eira, heritage controls only relate to the outside of the building.

"While heritage controls may seem restrictive to some, they are intended to ensure that heritage areas and buildings are conserved for future generations to admire and learn from," Mrs Brasher said.

Mrs Brasher said Council's Heritage Advisor Gabrielle Moylan will come and meet residents or property owners on site to discuss design issues.

"Gabrielle can help with everything from providing advice for siting a double storey extension on a Victorian home to discussing the style of replacement windows for the front façade of a Spanish Mission villa," Mrs Brasher said.

To make an appointment with Gabrielle or for further information, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333. ■

Education calendar now available

An education calendar for parents and early years' professionals has been developed to increase their knowledge, skills and confidence, and to improve the quality of services provided to families.

The Glen Eira City Council Family and Children's Services Education Sessions Calendar 2007 was developed in collaboration with local early years service providers.

The calendar is just one of the many initiatives and recommendations identified in Council's *Municipal Early Years Plan 2006-09*.

Council's Manager Family and Children's Services Lili James said through consultation with families and early years' service providers it was identified that there was a need to increase the education and support opportunities available to parents and guardians, grandparents and playgroup attendees.

"Parents need support to care for their children in recognition that a young child's emotional, social and physical wellbeing provides a strong foundation for their future adult life," Ms James said.

Fifteen education sessions will be held throughout 2007. Topics to be covered include:

- relaxation for children;
- understanding and guiding children's behaviours;
- toilet training;
- school readiness;
- superhero play;
- promoting resilience in children;
- nutrition for children;
- caring and creative children's programs; and
- supporting children with additional needs.

Speakers for the sessions have a wide range of expertise and range from early childhood university lecturers to published authors, dieticians and early childhood education consultants.

Copies of the calendar are available from Council's website — www.gleneira.vic.gov.au — or from Council's Service Centre. ■

News in Brief

Showerhead exchange program a success

Glen Eira residents have embraced Glen Eira City Council's showerhead exchange program, with 688 showerheads exchanged at Council's *Party in the Park* on Sunday 1 April.

Council, in conjunction with South East Water, handed out the three-star



rated showerheads, which will save households around 20,000 litres of water annually.

The showerhead exchange program is part of a Victorian Government initiative to swap 260,000 water efficient showerheads over the next three years.

School Principal's Forum

Glen Eira City Council will host its annual *School Principal's Forum* on Monday 7 May.

The *Forum* is an ideal occasion to inform schools of local community safety initiatives that aim to create a safer environment for school aged children.

The *Forum* also provides an opportunity for local school principals to provide feedback, as well as recommendations for the local safety agenda.

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

The shower is great place to focus our water saving efforts as more than 30 per cent of all household water is used in the bathroom.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Stage 3a water restrictions

Glen Eira residents are reminded that Stage 3a water restrictions are now in place until 1 August 2007.

Garden watering can continue two days a week, but only for two hours in the mornings.

Watering of one in four sportsgrounds can continue and commercial car washes can continue to operate.

For further information, contact South East Water on 13 18 67 or go to www.southeastwater.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 ■

Opening of DC Bricker Pavilion

A redesigned and refurbished DC Bricker Pavilion was officially opened by Glen Eira City Council last month.

Located at Princes Park, Caulfield South, the Pavilion is named after Dower Charles Bricker, a former Councillor and Mayor of the City of Caulfield in the late 1950s and early 1960s.

AFL Victoria Acting Chief Executive Officer; Michael Daniher, AFL Victoria Financial Controller; Stephen Smith, Greenway Hirst Page Pty Ltd architects; Neville Page and Ching-Pei Khoo, Southern Football League Chief Executive Officer; Phil Stevens and representatives from Sandringham Dragons Football Club, Caulfield Football Club, Ajax Maccabi Junior Football Club and South Caulfield Cricket Club attended the opening.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Margaret Esakoff said the old pavilion was beyond its use by date.

"DC Bricker Pavilion was just like any other outdated sports pavilion which can be found all over Melbourne," Cr Esakoff said.

"It lacked facilities, not only for people with disabilities, but also the wider community."

Cr Esakoff said the new pavilion, which is home to six clubs, 63 teams and more than 1,260 players, has been designed as



Glen Eira Councillor Jacquie Robilliard and Glen Eira Mayor Cr Margaret Esakoff (centre) at the opening of DC Bricker Pavilion. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

a multi-purpose, multi-function facility.

"Not only does the pavilion have facilities that meet the needs of the summer, winter and all year round tenant clubs, but it also has facilities that meet the needs of the wider community," Cr Esakoff said.

"There is also a room available for hire to community groups for meetings, recreational activities or family celebrations."

For further information about hiring facilities at DC Bricker Pavilion or to make a booking, contact the Facilities

Booking Officer on 9524 3333 or email recservices@gleneira.vic.gov.au ■

Volunteers needed

The Social Support and Monitoring Service provide one-to-one assistance to elderly and people with disabilities living in Glen Eira. Volunteer tasks include assistance with shopping, transport and friendly visits.

If you have good communication skills, enjoy the company of older people and are available a couple of hours a week or fortnight please contact the Volunteer Co-ordinator on 9524 3314.



Pets make wonderful companions to people of all ages. Owning a pet can help boost self esteem, provide stress relief and improve health. Pets provide hours of fun, relaxation, happiness and unconditional love.

However, along with these benefits come certain responsibilities to pets and the community

Caring for pets takes time, commitment and effort, so anyone wishing to own a pet should choose one which suits their lifestyle and surroundings.

This feature has been compiled to help pet owners in Glen Eira look after their dogs and cats responsibly and raise happy and healthy pets.



Compulsory microchipping for pets

All cats and dogs registered for the first time with Glen Eira City Council must now be microchipped prior to registration.

Microchipping involves an authorised implanter, such as a veterinarian, inserting a small computer chip under the animal's skin between the shoulder blades.

Council's Manager Civic Compliance John Bordignon said compulsory microchipping has been introduced to help prevent the needless destruction of cats and dogs.

"In Victoria, tens of thousands of impounded cats and dogs are euthanased every year because they can't be identified and returned to their owner," Mr Bordignon said.

"Microchipping could literally save your

pet's life as it gives owners confidence that they will find their pet if it is lost and ends up in a council pound."

Mr Bordignon said microchips provide an additional means of identification should the traditional collar and Council issued tag fall off, making them an effective identifier.

"If a pet is found injured and a veterinarian needs to contact the owner urgently, a microchip enables them to quickly identify and contact the owner so they can make a decision on the animals treatment," Mr Bordignon said.

"To identify the animal, a scanner that reads microchip numbers is passed over the skin.

"The scanned number can then be checked against a register, which provides

details of the animal's ownership."

Mr Bordignon said once the animal has been microchipped, the next important step is to register the cat or dog with Council.

"Under State legislation all cats and dogs over the age of three months must be registered," Mr Bordignon said.

"First time registers will not only receive a book of vouchers worth \$40 to popular attractions and discounts on a wide range of services, but because their pet has been microchipped they will pay a reduced fee."

The new law commenced on 1 May 2007 and does not apply to cats or dogs that are already registered with Council.

News pet registration application forms



To identify the animal, a scanner that reads microchip numbers is passed over the skin. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

are available from Council's Service Centre or can be downloaded from www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

Praise for Council's Civic Compliance Unit

Glen Eira City Council's Civic Compliance Unit has received some well deserved praise for the service it provides to the community.

The *Glen Eira News* spoke with three local residents who have been in contact with Council to say thanks for a job well done.

Comforting

"Having someone out there to pick them (lost animals) up is comforting."

That is how Phillip from Bentleigh has described Council's Civic Compliance Unit. Phillip is the owner of two dogs — a seven month old and an 11-year-old. And although both dogs are securely locked up, curiosity got the better of them.

"Both dogs managed to get under the house, made their way to the front and unfortunately found a way out," Phillip said.

At the time, Phillip was not at home, but a neighbour did pick up the seven month old, which was not only registered, but had a name tag with a contact number.

However, there was no sign of Bobby. He searched high and low for him, but with not much luck.

"Bobby is a family pet we have had for a long time and we were extremely distressed that he was missing," Phillip said.

Phillip's luck changed later that day when Council's Civic Compliance Unit found Bobby. And because he too was registered and was wearing a name tag, Council was able to get in contact with Phillip to tell him the good news.

"When I received the call from Council, I was extremely relieved and thankful to hear he had been found," Phillip said

Professional and competent

Following an animal inspection at his McKinnon residence, Pat called Council's Service Centre to pass on his thanks to Civic Compliance Officer, Andrew Graham.

"Andrew was very professional, competent and extremely courteous," Pat said.

"I was very impressed with Andrew's demeanour, knowledge of the situation and his overall efficiency."

Fantastic service

"A fantastic service" is how Vera of Bentleigh has described the Civic Compliance Unit.

Six weeks after moving house, Vera's cat Cisco went missing. At first she thought it may have just gone wandering, but after three days, she began to get worried.

"We had a stray cat come into the yard

which may have frightened our cat," Vera said.

Vera called the RSPCA and also the local vet, but there was no sign of her friendly feline.

After two weeks of fearing the worst, and thanks to registration and microchipping, Council returned the cat to a very relieved owner.



Council's Civic Compliance Unit has received some well deserved praise for the service it provides to the community.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.



Responsible pet ownership program

The community's responsibility in looking after pets, unruly and dangerous dogs, protection of native animals, and the number of stray pets in shelters was the driving force behind the implementation of the State Government's Responsible Pet Ownership Program.

The *Program*, which was developed by the Victorian Canine Association on behalf



The State Government's Responsible Pet Ownership Program informs potential pet owners on choosing the right pet. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

of the Department of Primary Industries, delivers helpful advice and information on how to best look after pets and ensuring they pose no safety risk to themselves or other members of the public.

One dollar from every cat and \$2.50 for dogs registered in Victoria goes into funding the *Program*.

Commencing in 2000, the *Program* has two key components — a community focus and a *Schools Education Program*.

The community section of the *Program* provides information about pet owners' rights and responsibilities to both the pet and surrounding neighbours.

It also informs potential pet owners on choosing the right pet, how to be a responsible pet owner, the importance of registering your pet and incentives for first time pet registers.

The *Schools Education Program* provides free of charge visits to schools by trained pet educators and temperament tested animals and is designed to educate young students about the benefits of owning a pet and the responsibilities that go with it.

The *Program* also provides students with practical experience in correctly approaching a dog and what to do if an unfriendly or aggressive dog confronts them.

Local school involvement

McKinnon Primary School is just one of the many schools which has educated its



Council's Civic Compliance Officer Greg Avdoulos informs pet owners about their responsibility in looking after pets. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

students about responsible pet ownership.

Glen Eira City Council's Civic Compliance Officer Andrew Graham said Council was made aware of some public concern involving dogs that were either off-leash or not under effective control while on-leash outside of the school.

"After receiving a phone call from the school, we attended the school to address these concerns," Andrew said.

"Council is authorised under the *Domestic (Feral and Nuisance) Animals Act 1994* to enforce the State Government regulations governing the ownership of cats and dogs.

"We not only educated the school

about the importance of responsible pet ownership, especially in regards to on and off-leash areas, but we provided an article for its newsletter and showbags for the school community, which included leads, information on dog owners' obligations in off-leash areas, application forms for new pet registrations, rulers and plastic dog-bag holders."

Further information on the State Government's *Responsible Pet Ownership Program* is available from www.pets.info.vic.gov.au

Alternatively, you can contact Council's Civic Compliance Unit on 9524 3333 or download a copy of *Dogs and Cats — Promoting Responsible Pet Ownership in Glen Eira* from www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

Residents rewarded for responsible pet ownership

A \$40 voucher booklet will be given to residents who register their pets for the first time with Glen Eira City Council.

The *Pet Registration Incentive Scheme* is an initiative of the State Government's *Responsible Pet Ownership Program*.

Council's Manager Civic Compliance John Bordignon said the aim of the *Scheme* is to increase the number of cats and dogs registered in the City of Glen Eira.

"The *Scheme* will also help reduce the number of impounded pets that have to be euthanased because we are able to identify them and return them to their owners," Mr Bordignon said.

The voucher booklet includes discounts on a range of pet and lifestyle related products and services, such as:

- *Adore* magazine — \$5 off an annual subscription;

- Civic Video — hire one, get one free;
- Imax Theatre in Carlton — 20 per cent off full priced tickets;
- Melbourne Aquarium — 20 per cent discount off adult or child admission;
- Pet Pacific — Nutrience Super Premium — \$5 off any 3kg bag or larger of Nutrience Super Premium dog or cat food;
- Melbourne Observation Deck — 20 per cent discount off admission tickets;
- Royal Canin — \$5 off any 3kg or larger bag of Royal Canin pet food product; and
- Rudducks — one free 375ml Rudducks product. Choose from Soft n Silky, Just Puppies, Bush Remedy, Snow White, Ebony, Flea-Di, D-Odour, Kleen-Kat or Soothe shampoos and conditioners.

All cats and dogs three months of age and over must be registered with Council or owners can face fines.

New pet owners can contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 to register their pets and receive their free voucher booklet. Vouchers are valid until

30 September 2007.

This *Scheme* is not available to owners who are renewing current or lapsed registration.



A \$40 voucher booklet will be given to residents who register their pets for the first time with Council. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Simple way to recycle kitchen waste

Living in a unit or townhouse within the City of Glen Eira and want to do your bit for the environment?

Then a worm farm is perfect for you.

Worm farms are not only a cheap and simple way of recycling your kitchen waste, but they produce excellent fertiliser which can be added to gardens and indoor pot plants.

In Australia, there are more than 340 species of worms, with Tiger Worms, Red Wigglers and Indian Blues the most commonly used.

So how do you go about building your own worm farm?

This step-by-step guide will show you how you can save up to 25 per cent of household waste every year.

1. Purchase a worm farm from Glen Eira City Council's Park Services Offices. The cost for a farm is \$66.
2. Look up worms farms in the yellow pages to see where you are able to purchase 2000 worms.
3. Some worm farms will come with bedding material, such as mesh. However, an alternative is to use moist straw or even grass clippings.
4. Ensure your farm is placed in a shady spot with excellent drainage.
5. Line your farm with newspaper and then half fill the container with the bedding mix.
6. Add the worms and cover with a layer of moist hessian.
7. After a couple of days, add your fruit and vegetable scraps.
8. To avoid attracting flies, cover the food scraps with some straw or grass clippings.
9. Add water every couple of days to ensure the worms don't dry out.

Council's Manager Waste Management Doug Griffiths said there are a few things people need to be aware of before building their worm farm.

"Although worms will eat almost anything, we strongly advise people not to feed them onions, oranges, pineapples and mandarins," Mr Griffiths said.

"Food needs to be chopped up well and worms should only be fed once a week."

Becoming an Australian citizen

Glen Eira City Council has held three of its eight Australian citizenship ceremony for 2007 at the Town Hall.

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

So how can you become an Australian citizen?

How do I apply?

If you would like to become an Australian citizen, you must apply through the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC), which can be contacted on 131 880, www.citizenship.gov.au or you can visit them in person at 51 Princes Highway, Dandenong.

DIAC assesses the applications for citizenship and will invite applicants to an interview at its offices either in the City or Dandenong.

What is Council's role?

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

The Mayor of Glen Eira hosts the ceremonies, leads migrants through their pledges and then presents them with a *Certificate of Citizenship* — the final step to becoming an Australian citizen.



Three hundred and seventy men, women and children can now call Australia home after making their Australian citizenship pledge. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

How will I know when to attend a ceremony?

If your citizenship application is successful, DIAC will write to you, advising of the details (date, time and place) of the citizenship ceremony to be held at Glen Eira Town Hall, as well as the paperwork you should bring for identification.

If you are unable to attend the ceremony on the advised date, you will need to contact the Department to make it aware as soon as possible.

What is the duration of the ceremonies?

You will be asked to arrive at Town Hall no later than 7.30pm. The ceremony commences at 8pm sharp and the duration of the ceremony is usually one hour.

What are the dates for the remainder of 2007?

Five more ceremonies will be held in 2007 on 30 May, 27 June, 29 August, 24 October and 28 November.

Bike theft increase in Glen Eira

Victoria Police is targeting bicycle thieves following a 25.5 per cent increase in the number of bikes stolen in the City of Glen Eira in the past year.



A free bike engraving service is offered to Glen Eira residents.

Photo: Rob Horwood.

According to *Victoria Police 2005–06 Provisional Crime Statistics*, 162 bikes were recorded stolen in 2005–06 compared to 129 in 2004–05.

In Victoria, 5,350 bikes were reported stolen in 2005–06.

In areas surrounding the Glen Eira municipality, City of Stonnington had a 22.5 per cent increase in bike theft, while the City of Port Phillip (-8.4 per cent), City of Bayside (-28.6 per cent) and City of Kingston (-1.3 per cent) had a decrease in the number of bikes stolen.

Glen Eira Youth Resource Officer, Senior Constable Maritta Lewins, said there are a number of things bike owners can do to prevent their bike from being stolen.

"First and foremost, make sure your bike is locked up properly in a well lit area, even if you are just at home," Senior Constable Lewins said.

"Always lock the frame of the bike to something solid with a D-lock and double check with your insurance

company to see that bikes are covered in your house and contents insurance."

Senior Constable Lewins said bike marking is another effective way to prevent bike theft.

"Marking a bike with an identification number will act as a deterrent to a potential thief and ensures the bike is promptly returned to the owner when they come into possession of the Police," Senior Constable Lewins said.

"It is for this reason that we encourage people to also note down all their bikes' details, such as the brand and serial number, as this will help when tracking the bike back to the true owner."

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For further information, contact Neighbourhood Watch Officer Gary Oram, Crime Prevention Officer Peter Stefaniv or Senior Constable Maritta Lewins on 9568 0307.

MEETINGS AND CLUBS

The East Bentleigh Probus Club meets at Bentleigh Club, Yawla Street on the second Tuesday of the month from 9.30am. All welcome. Contact: Otto 9557 8236.

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.

Murrumbeena Bowls Club has commenced its Social Bowling Season on Thursday and Saturday from 12 noon. Contact: 9568 5144.

Carnegie Walking Group holds regular one hour walks starting from Carnegie Library and Community Centre, corner Shepparson Avenue and Jersey Parade, every Wednesday from 9am. The walks end with coffee at a café. New members welcome. Contact: Anne 9569 1659 or Keith 9568 7682.

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

Piano Play for Toddlers and Babies offers group music classes for children aged nine months and over on Wednesday mornings. Singing, dancing and hands on piano play. Contact: 0402 026 446.

Caulfield Combined Probus meets at Gladys Machin Hall on the first Wednesday of each month at 10am. A variety of activities are available. All welcome. Contact: Dawn 9889 1799.

Club 66 holds old-time, modern and new vogue dances with a live band at Bentleigh Uniting Church Hall, 495 Centre Road, Bentleigh on the first and third Saturday each month from 8pm. Cost: \$7. Contact: 9587 1092.

The Multicultural Association of Russian Women Ogonyok will recommence its regular weekly activities in May. Activities include: gentle exercise classes, art and craft, computer classes, table tennis and more. Contact: 0416 251 317.

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.

Godfrey Street Community House holds various courses and activities including bollywood dancing, Tai Chi classes, digital camera classes, writers' workshops and more. Contact: 9557 9037.

Ogonyok holds Russian speaking classes for children in Ormond every Saturday morning. Experienced teachers create a fun learning environment that includes music, games and activities. Contact: 0416 251 317.

EVENTS

Caulfield South Community House will host *Australia's Biggest Morning Tea* at 450 Kooyong Road, Caulfield South on Thursday 24 May from 11am. A gold coin donation will raise funds for the Cancer Council. Contact: 9596 8643.

The Caulfield Garden Club will be selling cakes and drought hardy plants at the Uniting Church, 567 Glenhuntly Road, Elsternwick on Saturday 12 May from 1pm. Contact: 9528 6480.

Glen Eira AFC will host a Past Players Lunch at Packer Park, Carnegie on Saturday 12 May from 12 noon. All past players, members and friends welcome. Contact: dzilvar1@optusnet.com.au

Victorian Music Library Benefit Concert will be held at Glen Eira Town Hall, corner of Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield on Saturday 12 May from 2pm. Enjoy a wonderful music concert showcasing many of Melbourne's finest ensembles. Contact: 9528 3135.

Music Lovers Society is hosting a concert at Ewing Memorial Uniting Church, corner of Coppin Street and Burke Road, Malvern East on Saturday 19 May from 8pm. Contact: 9571 0850.

Caulfield General Medical Centre is holding an Open Day for the public on Wednesday 16 May. Events that will run throughout the day include: *Ageing Well* seminar, Strength Training class, Tai Chi session, information expo and a *Preventing Injuries in Children* expo. Entry to all events is free. Contact: 9076 6000.

COMMUNITY

Kiwanis Internet Club of Bayside is seeking volunteers aged 18 to 80 that wish to be involved in community service but cannot find the time to physically attend club meetings. Club e-meetings are held in the Club's Chat Room twice a month. Visit: www.e-kiwanisbayside.org.au Contact: Beni 9596 4815.

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.

Talks on falls prevention and home safety can be organised for social, sporting or other community groups by contacting Bayside Community Health Service. The free *Falls Prevention and Home Safety* talk is presented by a trained volunteer. Contact: 9575 5333.

Ogonyok Russian speaking community group, seeks volunteers who are able to offer their services in areas of administration, bookkeeping, IT support and marketing. Contact: 0416 251 317.

OUT OF THE BOX

Family and Children's Services presents **Out of the box — Documenting children's learning**

Thursday 10 May
Glen Eira Town Hall — Caulfield Cup Room
Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield
6.30pm–8.30pm (6.15pm registration)
Cost: \$22 per person
Bookings close Friday 4 May

Guest speaker Diane Lewis, Swinburne University, will look at how to best document children's play and development. The session will also look at ways that parents can get involved in the process. This session is for long and family day care staff.

Limited places available. Registration and payment must be received prior to each session and in accordance with registration closing dates as listed.

For a copy of the registration form or for further details about the sessions, contact the Council Service Centre on 9524 3333 or visit www.gleneira.vic.gov.au
Receipts will be issued on the night.



GLEN EIRA CITY COUNCIL

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.

If your child is born in February, March or April you may wish to defer their entry into kindergarten, as funding for a repeat of kindergarten is only made in exceptional circumstances.

Enrolment forms are available from your local kindergarten, online at 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.



GLEN EIRA CITY COUNCIL

IMMUNISATION SESSIONS

MAY

McKinnon Public Hall
118 McKinnon Road, McKinnon
Monday 7 May 10am–11am

Glen Eira Town Hall Auditorium (entry via Glen Eira Road)
Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield
Tuesday 1 May 6pm–7pm
Tuesday 8 May 9.30am–10.15am

Carnegie Library
7 Shepparson Avenue, Carnegie
Wednesday 16 May 1.30pm–2.30pm

Packer Park
Leila Road, Carnegie
Monday 21 May 10am–11am

Bentleigh East
Bentleigh Bayside Community Health Centre
Gardeners Road, Bentleigh East
Saturday 19 May 9.30am–10.30am
Wednesday 23 May 6pm–7pm

Glen Huntly Maternal and Child Health Centre
Corner Royal and Rosedale Avenues, Glen Huntly
Wednesday 30 May 9.30am–11am

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Annunciamo il vincitore del premio Impresa Commerciale dell'Anno

Un'impresa a conduzione familiare che opera nell'ambito della produzione di pizze dal 1979 è stata nominata impresa commerciale dell'anno per il comune di Glen Eira nell'ambito del concorso "Shop of the Year 2007".

L'annuncio è stato dato il mese scorso durante la premiazione del concorso per l'impresa alimentare dell'anno "Food Business Awards" indetto annualmente dal Comune. Al vincitore, la ditta Zests Pizza di Murrumbeena, è stata conferita la nomina assieme ad un premio in denaro del valore di \$1,000 per aver provveduto a fornire al pubblico il livello più elevato di sicurezza nei prodotti alimentari.

La ditta Ormond Provedore, produttori della serie di raffinati condimenti gastronomici Two Jar, ha conseguito il secondo posto nella classifica del concorso "Shop of the Year".

Le ditte Zests Pizza e The Ormond Provedore non soltanto hanno ottenuto la classifica con cinque stelle nell'ambito della sicurezza alimentare, ma hanno anche dimostrato di aver conseguito il più alto livello di qualità nella sicurezza alimentare tra le 750 imprese alimentari registrate ed esaminate all'interno dell'area comunale nel 2006.

È caratteristica peculiare del Comune collaborare con le imprese alimentari locali allo scopo di conseguire una miglior sicurezza nei cibi a vantaggio di coloro che consumano i pasti nell'ambito dell'area comunale.

A seguito dell'introduzione, nel 1998, del piano d'incentivazione a cinque stelle per la sicurezza alimentare, il Comune ha rilevato una diminuzione sia dei reclami relativi agli alimenti che dei casi di intossicazione alimentare.

A tutti i candidati al concorso "Shop of the Year" è stato consegnato un certificato di alto riconoscimento. Le imprese candidate per il 2007 erano:

Sezione Take Away — Zests Pizza, Murrumbeena;
Sezione Bar — The Ormond Provedore;
Sezione Panifici/Dolcerie — McKinnon Village Bakery;
Sezione Approvvigionatori — Sherwood Catering, Carnegie;
Sezione Piccoli Supermercati — 7-Eleven, McKinnon;
Sezione Mense Scolastiche — Valkstone Primary School Canteen, Bentleigh East;
Sezione Ristoranti — Ajisai Japanese Restaurant, Bentleigh;
Sezione Gastronomia — Fine Gourmet Deli, Bentleigh; ed infine
Sezione Hotel/Club — South Oakleigh Club, Bentleigh East.

È stato consegnato il relativo certificato anche alle ditte locali che hanno preso parte ai programmi nutrizionali per adulti e bambini "Taste 4 Health" e "Taste 4 Health Kids" ed al programma "Access 4 All", tutti indetti dal Comune.

Ανακοινώθηκε το Κατάστημα της Χρονιάς

Μια οικογενειακή επιχείρηση που κάνει πίτσες από το 1979 ονομάστηκε *Κατάστημα της Χρονιάς* για το 2007 από τη Δημαρχία Δήμου Glen Eira.

Τον περασμένο μήνα στα ετήσια *Βραβεία Επιχειρήσεων Τροφίμων* της Δημαρχίας, ανακοινώθηκε ότι η Πιτσαρία Zests στη Murrumbeena έλαβε το Βραβείο και 1000 δολάρια χρηματικό δώρο για το υψηλότερο επίπεδο ασφάλειας τροφίμων στο Δήμο.

Το κατάστημα Ormond Provedore, που είναι το σπίτι των "Δύο Βάζων" με καρυκεύματα για εκλεκτά φαγητά, πήρε τη δεύτερη θέση στο διαγωνισμό για το *Κατάστημα της Χρονιάς*.

Τα καταστήματα Zests Pizza και Ormond Provedore όχι μόνο πέτυχαν βαθμολογία πέντε αστέρων στην ασφάλεια τροφίμων, αλλά επίσης

Объявлен победитель конкурса Shop of the Year

Семейная пиццерия, которая работает с 1979г., победила на конкурсе предприятий розничной торговли *Shop of the Year* в 2007г. в муниципалитете Glen Eira.

Zests Pizza, которая находится в районе Murrumbeena, получила награду и приз в размере \$1000 за образцовое выполнение санитарно-гигиенических требований при работе с пищевыми продуктами. Награда была вручена на ежегодной церемонии, проводимой муниципалитетом.

Второе место заняло кафе *The Ormond Provedore*, которое производит ассортимент деликатесных приправ *Two Jar*.

Zests Pizza и *The Ormond Provedore* не только получили 5 звездочек за свой санитарно-гигиенический стандарт, но также наивысшие оценки за санитарно-гигиеническую безопасность среди 750 предприятий розничной торговли пищевого сектора, которые муниципалитет проверял в 2006г.

Glen Eira – это единственный муниципалитет, который работает совместно с предприятиями пищевого сектора для улучшения санитарно-гигиенической безопасности.

После введения программы 5-звездочной аттестации предприятий пищевого сектора в 1998г., в муниципалитете снизилось количество пищевых отравлений и жалоб на работу этих предприятий.

Все предприятия, выдвинутые на получение первого приза на конкурсе *Shop of the Year* в 2007г. получили специальные сертификаты. Среди них:

Take Away — Zests Pizza, Murrumbeena;
Café — The Ormond Provedore;
Bakery/Cake Shop — McKinnon Village Bakery;
Caterer — Sherwood Catering, Carnegie;
Convenience Store — 7-Eleven, McKinnon;
School Canteen — Valkstone Primary School

έχουν την υψηλότερη βαθμολογία ασφάλειας τροφίμων μεταξύ των 750 εγγεγραμμένων επιχειρήσεων τροφίμων που ελέγχθηκαν στο Δήμο το 2006.

Η Δημαρχία είναι μοναδική επειδή συνεργάζεται με τις τοπικές επιχειρήσεις τροφίμων για να πετύχει καλύτερα αποτελέσματα στην ασφάλεια τροφίμων για τα άτομα που γευματίζουν στην περιοχή του Δήμου.

Από τότε που εφαρμόστηκε το πρόγραμμα κινήτρων ασφάλειας τροφίμων πέντε αστέρων το 1998, η Δημαρχία παρατήρησε μια μείωση στα παράπονα που σχετίζονται με τα τρόφιμα και στα περιστατικά τροφικής δηλητηρίασης.

Σε όλους τους υποψήφιους του Βραβείου *Καταστήματος της Χρονιάς* δόθηκε πιστοποιητικό τιμητικής διάκρισης. Οι υποψήφιοι για το Βραβείο 2007 ήταν:

Canteen, Bentleigh East;
Restaurant — Ajisai Japanese Restaurant, Bentleigh;
Delicatessen — Fine Gourmet Deli, Bentleigh; and
Hotel/Club — South Oakleigh Club, Bentleigh East.

Сертификатами были также отмечены местные предприятия, участвующие в муниципальных программах здорового питания *Taste 4 Health* и *Taste 4 Health Kids*, а также в программе *Access 4 All*.

RELAXATION FOR CHILDREN

Family and Children's Services presents **Relaxation for children**

Thursday 7 June
Glen Eira Town Hall — Theatrette
Corner of Glen Eira and Hawthorn
Roads, Caulfield.

7.30pm–9.30pm (7.15pm registration)

Cost: \$5 per person

Bookings close Friday 1 June

Guest speaker Early Childhood Education Consultant, Jane McCahon, will look at how to create soothing environments for children. This session is for parents, grandparents, playgroups and early childhood professionals.

Limited places available. Registration and payment must be received prior to each session and in accordance with registration closing dates as listed.

For a copy of the registration form or for further details about the sessions, contact the Council Service Centre on 9524 3333 or visit www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

Receipts will be issued on the night.



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Ετοιμο Φαγητό — Zests Pizza, Murrumbeena
Καφετέρια — The Ormond Provedore
Αρτοποιείο/Ζαχαροπλαστείο — McKinnon Village Bakery

Τροφοδοσία — Sherwood Catering, Carnegie
Κατάστημα Ευκολίας — 7-Eleven, McKinnon
Σχολική Καντίνα — Valkstone Primary School Canteen, Bentleigh East

Εστιατόριο — Ajisai Japanese Restaurant, Bentleigh

Παντοπωλείο — Fine Gourmet Deli, Bentleigh, και

Ξενοδοχείο/Λέσχη — South Oakleigh Club, Bentleigh East.

Στις τοπικές επιχειρήσεις που συμμετείχαν στα διατροφικά προγράμματα της Δημαρχίας *Γεύση για Υγεία* και *Γεύση για Υγιή Παιδιά* και το πρόγραμμα *Πρόσβαση για Όλους* δόθηκε πιστοποιητικό.

表彰“年度最佳商店”

創建於1979年的家族比薩餅外賣店被評為 Glen Eira 市政區的“2007年度最佳商店”。

在上個月市政府舉行的年度“食品企業獎”授獎儀式上，位於Murrumbeena的Zests Pizza獲得了這個獎項和\$1,000獎金，因為該企業的食品安全達到了本市政區的最高水準。

Two Jar 美食調料系列之家 The Ormond Provedore 獲得了“年度最佳商店”獎的第二名。

Zests Pizza 和 The Ormond Provedore 不僅達到了五星級食品安全等級，而且還達到了2006年市政區750家受檢註冊食品企業中最高的食品安全水準。

市政府與當地食品企業合作，為本市政區食品消費者取得更高水準的食品安全，這是一項獨創舉措。

自從1998年啟動五星級食品安全獎勵計劃以來，本市政區食品投訴和食物中毒數量有所下降。

“年度最佳商店”的所有被提名者都獲得了表彰證書。2007年度被提名者為：

外賣店 — Zests Pizza, Murrumbeena
小餐館 — The Ormond Provedore
麵包/蛋糕店 — McKinnon Village Bakery
宴會承辦商 — Sherwood Catering, Carnegie
便利店 — 7-Eleven, McKinnon
學校食堂 — Valkstone Primary School Canteen, Bentleigh East
餐館 — Ajisai Japanese Restaurant, Bentleigh
熟食店 — Fine Gourmet Deli, Bentleigh
酒吧/俱樂部 — South Oakleigh Club, Bentleigh East

參與市政府“美味健康”及“兒童美味健康”營養計劃和“出入方便”計劃的當地企業也都獲得了證書。

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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COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

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

Upcoming and current consultation opportunities

Subject	Type	Date	Where
Council Plan	Comments and submissions	Closes 16 May 2007	Glen Eira City Council PO BOX 42 Caulfield South 3162
Library and Information Service	Telephone survey of library members	May 2007	
Council Budget	Comments and submissions	21 May to 8 June 2007	Glen Eira City Council PO BOX 42 Caulfield South 3162

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

Business and Retail Expo

The 2007 Business and Retail Expo is a free event which aims to provide business proprietors and managers with the opportunity to see the latest trends in the business and retail sector.

To be held on Wednesday 9 May, the Expo is a valuable opportunity to gain information that will give your business a competitive advantage.

- The Expo will provide:
- the local business community with easy access to business information;
 - point of sale items; and
 - innovative and current trends for the general business and the retail sector.

Exhibits will include government agencies, employer organisations, business support services, business support suppliers and retail service providers.

Win at the 2007 Business and Retail Expo

Don't miss your chance to win an *AWN*ET Mobile Modular Street Trading Unit, valued at \$1,200. Glen Eira City Council is providing the opportunity to win an innovative street trading modular unit at the 2007 Business and Retail Expo.

The *AWN*ET Mobile Modular Street Trading Unit is suitable for trading fruits and vegetables, books and clothing. The Unit is designed to protect goods, create a safer street trading culture and to enhance the amenity of trading within shopping centres.

- Design features include:
- u-shaped (0.7m x 1.5m x 0.7m);
 - removable canopy;
 - vinyl back and sides for sign writing; and
 - easy to wheel.



May is Small Business Month in Glen Eira

Small Business Month is a great opportunity for small businesses to network and gain support.

Small Business Month will provide business owners and operators with the opportunity to enhance their knowledge and business tools, and share ideas, achievements and concerns.

During the month we will be providing opportunities for businesses to attend a broad range of business seminars and workshops.

- Topics that will be covered include:
- marketing;
 - advertising;

- sales;
- e-marketing;
- understanding financial statements;
- fraud; and
- effective communication.

The highlight of *Small Business Month* is the 2007 Business and Retail Expo, which will give local businesses access to information services, suppliers and innovative ideas.

All events will be run at the Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Hawthorn and Glen Eira Roads, Caulfield. Bookings are essential for all events. To ensure you don't miss out, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

Win a Daylesford indulgence package for two

Courtesy of Jetset Elsternwick

- two nights luxury accommodation for two;
- full gourmet breakfast two mornings;
- authentic Italian pasta dinner on one evening (including a bottle of wine);

- half hour relaxation massage each; and
- late check out of 11 am.

This package also includes additional items of interest within the local area



Enter both competitions on the evening. All prizes will be drawn at 8.45pm.

You must be present at the drawing to win.
Wednesday 9 May, 6pm–9pm

Glen Eira Town Hall Auditorium,
Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn
Roads, Caulfield.

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

At a glance — Small Business Month events

Wednesday 2 May

Under New Management Program — going into business workshop

Time: 9am–12.30pm (8.45am registration).

Where: Caulfield Cup Room, Glen Eira Town Hall

Cost: \$30 (includes light refreshments.)

RSVP: Friday 27 April

Thursday 3 May

Ice to Eskimos — selling skills for entrepreneurs

Presented by Sue Barrett founder and Managing Director of Barrett Pty Ltd

Time: 6.30pm–9.30pm

Where: Caulfield Cup Room, Glen Eira Town Hall

Cost: \$10

RSVP: Monday 30 April

Friday 4 May

Property Owners and Managing Agents Luncheon

Presented by Nerida Conisbee from Jones Lang LaSalle and Mark Brennan Victorian Small Business Commissioner

Time: 12pm–2.30pm

Where: Caulfield Cup Room, Glen Eira Town Hall

Cost: \$20

RSVP: Tuesday 1 May

Monday 7 May

Glen Eira Footpath trading information session

Time: 6pm

Where: Caulfield Cup Room, Glen Eira Town Hall

Cost: Free

RSVP: Friday 4 May

Tuesday 8 May

ATO — tax basics and record keeping seminar

Time: 9am–4pm (8.45am registration)

Where: Caulfield Cup Room, Glen Eira Town Hall

Cost: free (includes light refreshments)

RSVP: Friday 4 May

Wednesday 9 May

Business and Retail Expo

Time: 6pm–9pm

Where: Auditorium, Glen Eira Town Hall

Cost: Attendees free and refreshments will be available

Monday 14 May (morning session)

Under New Management Program — understanding financial statements

Time: 9.30am–11.30am (9.15am registration)

Where: Caulfield Cup Room, Glen Eira Town Hall

Cost: \$20 (includes light refreshments).

RSVP: Thursday 10 May

Monday 14 May (evening session)

Effective marketing communication — better writing for business

Presented by Samantha Porteus from Holmesglen Institute of TAFE

Time: 6pm–8 pm

Where: Glen Eira Town Hall

Cost: \$15 (light supper and networking on arrival.)

RSVP: Thursday 10 May.

Tuesday 15 May

Making better marketing decisions Presented by Stephen Yolland from Decisions Decisions

Time: 7pm–9pm

Where: Auditorium, Glen Eira Town Hall

Cost: \$20

RSVP: Tuesday 11 May

Thursday 17 May

Glen Eira Women's Business Network — zero marketing

Presented by Kimberly Palmer from Brazen Productions

Time: 7pm–9pm (light supper and networking on arrival.)

Where: Caulfield Cup Room, Glen Eira Town Hall

Cost: \$15

RSVP: Monday 14 May

Monday 21 May

E-Marketing update

Presented by Craig Reardon from the E Team

Time: 6pm–8pm (5.45pm registration)

Where: Theatrette, Glen Eira Town Hall

Cost: \$15 (includes light refreshments)

RSVP: Thursday 17 May

Monday 28 May

Under New Management Program — marketing seminar

Time: 6.30pm–8.30pm (6.15pm registration)

Where: Caulfield Cup Room, Glen Eira Town Hall

Cost: \$20 (Includes light refreshments)

RSVP: Thursday 24 May

Tuesday 29 May

ATO — home based business and simplified tax system

Time: 9am–12pm (8.45am registration)

Where: Caulfield Cup Room, Glen Eira Town Hall

Cost: Free

RSVP: Friday 25 May

Thursday 31 May

Fraud — what is it costing you and how can you protect yourself

Presented by Richard La Monica, Intelligence Officer & University Lecturer

Time: 7pm–9pm

Where: Auditorium, Glen Eira Town Hall

Cost: \$15

RSVP: Monday 28 May



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**

MELBOURNE SOCIETY OF WOMEN PAINTERS AND SCULPTORS 98TH ANNUAL EXHIBITION

Viewing until 13 May



Maureen Slatter — Magic Mountain, 2006, Acrylic.

Glen Eira City Council's Gallery is proud to host the 98th annual exhibition of the Melbourne Society of Women Painters and Sculptors.

This exhibition is a showcase of works produced by members over the last two years. Members of the Society, work in a range of mediums from watercolour to bronze casting. Diverse interests come together in this wonderful exhibition, showcasing the talent and enthusiasm which unites the group.

The Society is the oldest of its kind in Victoria and has in the past included notable artists such as Clarice Beckett, Alice Bale and Margaret Baskerville. Over the years there have been many dedicated and gifted women, some of whom are not so well known, who have proudly belonged and contributed to the Society.

The exhibition was officially opened by Dr Alison Inglis on Tuesday 1 May, who will also judge the *Annie Davison Oliver Award*.

THE PATCHWORK AND QUILTERS GUILD OF VICTORIA FABRIC OBSESSIONS

Viewing from 17–20 May

Bringing experienced patchworkers and quilters together, *Fabric Obsessions* is an exhibition of works in fabric and fibre which shows the evolution of the traditional patchwork medium. This exhibition is sure to draw interest from those who enjoy fibre art at its purest and those who are interested in the concept that fabric to a patchworker is no different than paints to an artist.

Featuring the work of members and a special exhibition challenge, *Fabric Obsessions* will present a special display of work from local primary schools, responding to the topical subject of *Water in our World*.

Fabric Obsessions will be officially opened on Wednesday 16 May at 7pm.



Toni Moore — Untitled (detail), 2006, 9 Patch Pattern on Point.

SLOWING DOWN

Viewing from 24 May–10 June

A barrage of information and excessive demands on our time seem to be an

inescapable burden in the time-poor, media saturated age we live in. The pace and pressures of everyday life combined with the flood of information through television, the internet and print can be exhausting. Keeping a job, rearing kids, running a household and maintaining relationships leave us with very little time to take stock and reflect. We need some time out.

Slowing Down will look at the work of artists who try to escape the daily onslaught and pause to take stock. Artists who take time to order thoughts, meditate on ideas by doing, and sort and categorise information. This exhibition will look at the practice of seven artists whose works take the time to make sense of the mess.

Some artists make a steady and time consuming commitment to drawing simple, meditative works while others use careful and considered processes of classification to make sense of vast amounts of seemingly unrelated photographs. Some artists use the order of architecture and calming influence of gardens to develop large-scale paintings possessing a mesmerising and calming symmetry. Yet others take a more analytical approach and create something like a mind map, clustering related ideas and categories of information.

Slowing Down gives us the time and space to think, and perhaps even a moment to consider other things in life.

Artists include Rozalind Drummond, Caroline Durré, Starlie Geikie, Claire Healy and Sean Corderio, Dan Arps, Matt Hinkley and Justin Trendall.

Slowing Down will be officially opened Wednesday 23 May.

2007 My Brother Jack Literary Festival

The 2007 My Brother Jack Literary Festival will feature something for both writers and readers.

The first workshop of the *Festival* will provide participants with strategic points on how to get your work published. Heading up the workshop will be established writers Marshall Browne and Michael Griffith and the Publishing Editor of *Hardie Grant*.

Arnold Zable returns to the *Festival* with two half day workshops for both emerging and established writers. For those who have always wanted to dabble in writing lyrics, join one of Australia's finest in Stephen Cummings, whose workshop will cover all the fundamentals of writing lyrics.

Enjoy a glass of wine and nibbles as you hear writers speak of their creative journeys in this year's *Writers Read* events. This year's program includes a session with local writers Alex Skovron, Suzy Zail and Michelle Schwartz. And for fans of popular fiction, *Thrilling Readers* will bring together three of Melbourne's finest writers of crime and thriller genre.

The highlight of the *Festival* is the popular Literary Awards where more than \$2,500 in cash and prizes is offered for short stories and poetry. The *Awards* are open to people who live, work or go to school in the City of Glen Eira.

The 2007 My Brother Jack Literary Festival is sponsored by *Sunflower Bookshop*, the *Baha'i Community of Glen Eira* and the *Eastend Booksellers*.

A four-page liftout, including entry forms and full details, is included in this edition of the *Glen Eira News*. ■

Winter Music Series 2007

Glen Eira City Council's popular Winter Music Series will return in June with an exciting and diverse mix of musical styles ranging from classical, a cappella, Klezma gypsy-tangos, to contemporary rock.

The Sunday afternoon series of seven concerts begins on Sunday 3 June with award winning, Australian songstress Lisa Miller. Appearing with her trio of long-standing collaborators Shane O'Mara and Peter Jones, Lisa's performance of seductively hook-laden melodies and lyrical honesty is sure to be stunning and

emotionally moving.

On Sunday 17 June, the *Raga Dolls Quartet* will offer a dazzling mix of Viennese Operetta, Gypsy Mazurkas, Argentinean Tango and the popular classics of the day.

The young ensemble *Cappa String Quartet* whose repertoire includes Debussy, Shostakovich and Haydn will perform on Sunday 1 July.

Coco's Lunch, *Klezmania*, Vika and Linda Bull and *Croque Monsieur* will also be performing during the series.

Doors open at 2pm with all performance

commencing at 2.30pm. *Klezmania* performances will be at 11am and 2.30pm

Tickets can be pre-purchased for \$18 or 16 concession. Vika and Linda Bull tickets are \$22 and \$19 concession. Higher ticket prices apply for all concerts if purchased at the door.

For further information, a brochure or tickets, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 or go to www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

AT A GLANCE

Lisa Miller — Sunday 3 June,

Theatrette, Glen Eira Town Hall
Raga Dolls Quartet — Sunday 17 June, Theatrette, Glen Eira Town Hall
Cappa String Quartet — Sunday 1 July, Theatrette, Glen Eira Town Hall
Coco's Lunch — Sunday 15 July, Theatrette, Glen Eira Town Hall
Klezmania — Sunday 29 July, Theatrette, Glen Eira Town Hall
Vika and Linda Bull — Sunday 12 August, Auditorium, Glen Eira Town Hall
Croque Monsieur — Sunday 26 August, Theatrette, Glen Eira Town Hall ■

The drought and Glen Eira sports clubs

Throughout the long, hot and dry summer of 2006–07, Glen Eira City Council's Recreation Unit has been very proactive in responding to the drought.

With only 13 of Council's 45 grounds allowed to be watered, Council has worked with Park Services and local sporting clubs and associations to help preserve the 45 sportsgrounds across the City of Glen Eira for the commencement of winter sport.

Clubs have not only reduced their training times in the lead up to the start of competition, but they varied their preseason training and developed alternate fitness training sessions away from sportsgrounds.

The start of the winter sport season has also been delayed with the hope that

grounds will be in a better condition and more able to withstand training and competition.

Council's Manager Recreation and Youth Services Linda Smith said the impact of the drought has been severe, especially with the restricted watering of sportsgrounds.

"Sports clubs have been very cooperative during this difficult time and their ongoing support will be invaluable in ensuring the preservation of as many of Glen Eira's sportsgrounds as possible," Ms Smith said.

Park Services has undertaken a major program to oversee sportsgrounds with a specialised blend of rye grass designed to germinate quickly and cope well under the wear and tear of the winter sports season.



The start of the winter sport season has been delayed. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Marlborough Reserve revamp

Marlborough Reserve in Bentleigh East has been the site of much recent activity.

The soccer ground has been renovated to enable it to meet the demand of this popular sport.

Earthmoving equipment was brought in to reshape the surface, drip irrigation has been installed and drought tolerant, warm season grasses have been resown. Glen Eira City Council apologises for any inconvenience these works have caused. It is expected that the fences to the sportsground will be removed in June, but this will be weather dependant.



Marlborough Reserve in Bentleigh East has been the site of much recent activity. Photo: Andrew Barden.

In the meantime, the nearest dog walking areas are at the Duncan Mackinnon Reserve or Bailey Reserve.

Joyce Park works continue

The redevelopment works at Joyce Park in Ormond are continuing at pace. Works to the Jasper Road frontage have been completed, with new pathways, landscaping and lighting being installed. Works on the roadway, automated toilet and landscaping to the western section of the park are expected to be completed by the end of June.



Redevelopment works are expected to be completed by the end of June. Photo: Tracy Cassidy.

New pathways to be installed

Bailey Reserve and King George VI Memorial Reserve will have new pathways installed this financial year. The pathways will be all weather and access for all, making them a much needed addition to these popular parks.

Barbecues are us

New barbecues have been installed in three of Glen Eira City Council's parks.

As part of Council's ongoing commitment to improving its parks for the community, Koornang Park, Gardenvale Park and McKinnon Reserve all have new barbecues installed beside the playground.

Additional barbecues have been installed at Halley Park and Allnutt Park and a new rotunda has also been constructed at McKinnon Reserve.

All barbecues in Glen Eira are free to use.



Koornang Park is just one of three parks to have a new barbecue installed. Photo: Sally Brown.

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's Service Centre on 9524 3333 or log on to Council's website www.gleneira.vic.gov.au



Library week celebrations

To celebrate *Library and Information Week* from 21–27 May, Glen Eira City Council libraries will be hosting special *Storytime* and *BabyTime* sessions.

Storytime sessions for pre-school children — our friend Spot

The sessions will include songs and stories about everyone's favourite dog Spot. Children will also have a chance to win their very own *Spot's Playschool* pop-up and play book and a cuddly Spot toy.

Sessions will be held on:

Monday 21 May at 2pm and Thursday 24 May 11am
Bentleigh Library — 61 Jasper Road, Bentleigh
Phone — 9557 8278

Tuesday 22 May at 11am
Caulfield Library — corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield
Phone — 9524 3623

Wednesday 23 May and Friday 25 May at 11am

Carnegie Library — 7 Shepparson Avenue, Carnegie
Phone — 9563 0971

Wednesday 23 May at 11am
Elsternwick Library — 4 Staniland Grove, Elsternwick
Phone — 9532 9321

Come and meet Spot! He will be appearing at all sessions except for the 11am session at Carnegie library on Wednesday 23 May.

BabyTime sessions — Elmer the elephant

The sessions for children aged 0–2 will include little stories, rhymes and songs about elephants and colours. Children will also have the chance to win *Elmer* the original story book and a baby size Elmer toy.

Sessions will be held on:

Monday 21 May and Tuesday 22 May at 11am
Carnegie Library — 7 Shepparson Avenue, Carnegie
Phone — 9563 0971

Friday 25 May at 11am
Elsternwick Library — 4 Staniland Grove, Elsternwick
Phone — 9532 9321



Storytime sessions will include songs and stories. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Re-registration of library members

Glen Eira City Council's four libraries will be conducting a re-registration of current library members during the next few months.

Re-registration will only take a few minutes and will assist the library to provide improved customer service in the future. Re-registration also provides Council's libraries with accurate contact details ensuring prompt notification of services, such as reservations.

When members visit the library their details will be checked, and if needed, updated. A new library card will then be issued.

Members who do not already have a pin number will receive one. This provides members with access to their records online from home, work or in the library, the ability to renew or reserve items and to retrieve information from the online databases.

Saturday shakers — Teddy bears' picnic

A teddy bears' picnic will be held at Carnegie Library on Saturday 12 May from 2pm–3pm.

Meet Polly the trainer of wild teddy bears, go on a bear hunt, sing growling bear songs and have loads of cuddly bear fun. Remember to bring your own

special bear or soft toy friend to be a part of the magic.

The picnic is suitable for children up to seven years.

For further information, contact 9563 0971. This is a free event and bookings are not required.

Reader's reward program

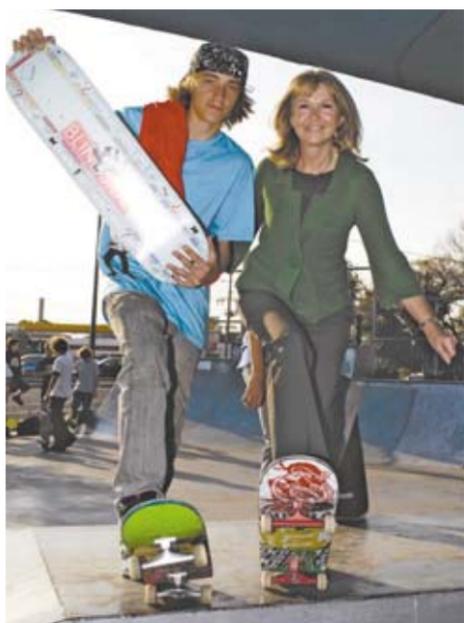
Glen Eira City Council libraries are running another popular *Reader's Reward Program* for library members.

Next time you are in the library ask for a reader's reward card. If you borrow five items or more in one visit, your card will be stamped.

On the third and sixth visit, members are eligible to go into the draw for a winter indulgence gift pack including a broad collection of DVDs, CDs, books, magazines and special treats. Entry forms are available at any of Council's four libraries.

Entries close 31 July 2007.

Successful Bentleigh East Skate Jam



Open winner Lakyn Heperi and Glen Eira Mayor Cr Margaret Esakoff.

Photo: Les O'Rourke.

The Glen Eira City Council Youth Consultative Group has held yet another successful *Bentleigh East Skate Jam*, with 48 skaters competing in this year's event.

Held last month at Bailey Reserve Skate Park, more than 50 spectators enjoyed a day of tricks, demonstrations by Folklore skaters, the 5th North Moorabbin Scouts' free barbecue and the all important skating competition.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Margaret Esakoff presented awards to the following winners and place holders:

- Open — winner; Lakyn Heperi, 2nd place; Tony Woodward and 3rd place James Clark.
- 16 and under — winner ; Sam

Youth Consultative Group

Are you aged between 15 to 19 and live, study or work in Glen Eira? Do you want to learn new skills and work behind the scenes of major events? Then Glen Eira City Council's Youth Consultative Group (YCG) is looking for you.

Glen Eira Youth Services is currently recruiting for the YCG, a representative group of 10 to 13 young people who are responsible for hosting youth events in the municipality.

- Owbridge, 2nd place; Jack Gandy and 3rd place; James Moore.
- under 12 — winner; Mitchell Joseph, 2nd place; Andrew Olsen, 3rd place; Matt D'Ambrosio.

The YCG aim is to enhance participants' personal skills while they gain experience in a professional environment and have the opportunity to be a voice for their peers. The Group commences in July 2007 for a 12-month period and will meet on a fortnightly basis. The Group will also benefit from specialist training, such as event management.

For further information, contact the Youth Information Centre on 9579 7963 or email youthservices@gleneira.vic.gov.au

Council's Manager Recreation and Youth Services Linda Smith said it was fantastic to see so many young people participating in the event.