

Investing in the future

With a focus on improving assets and renewing the City's ageing infrastructure, Glen Eira City Council's 2007–08 budget aims to make Glen Eira an even better place to live.

Council has allocated \$31 million, or around \$533 per property, for new capital works this financial year, covering all aspects of community life, including recreation and leisure, shopping centres, the care of children, youth, elderly and people with disabilities, community activity and roads, drains and footpaths.

2007–08 major projects

- increased funding for footpaths — \$2 million (\$1.4m in 2006–07 budget);
- increased funding to upgrade the capacity of the City's existing drainage network and drainage improvement

works — \$3.3 million (\$1.6 million in 2006–07 budget);

- upgrades to footpaths and street furniture, as part of the Bentleigh Shopping Centre redevelopment, Centre Road, Bentleigh — \$2.94 million;
- aquatic centre redevelopment — \$900k allowed for project management and design;
- capital works spend on road reconstruction and resurfacing, right of ways, car parks, kerb and channel, walking trails and local area traffic management – more than \$6 million;
- \$100k set aside for water conservation measures at Council's nursing homes and pavilions; and
- allowing for the construction of a new pavilion at Caulfield Park.

For further details on Council's 2007 —



Cr Robert Spaulding at the Bentleigh East Swim Centre. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

08 budget turn to pages six and seven.

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

considered when deciding the final budget.

For further information about the 2007–08 budget visit www.gleneira.vic.org.au

Improving Glen Eira's drainage network

Glen Eira's drainage network is set for more thorough maintenance, thanks to a \$500,000 state of the art high pressure jetting and suction drainage combination truck.

The custom-made, 23 tonne truck removes all silt and sand from the drainage network. It also extracts the debris from tree roots as it cuts them, therefore clearing any blockages and reducing the chances of flash flooding during intense rainfall.

GlenWorks Depot Work Supervisor Bill McGivern told the *Glen Eira News* the truck, which has been in operation since June, replaces Glen Eira City Council's existing jetting only truck.

"The jetting only truck had the ability to only clean drains and cut away debris," Mr McGivern said.

"The force of the water then pushed any debris, sand or silt further down the drain network, which eventually ended up in Port Phillip Bay."

Mr McGivern said thanks to this new complete drainage operation, the Bay will no longer be home to material from Glen Eira's drainage clearing works.

"As the high pressure water washes drains and cuts through tree roots, a 186 metre hose — which is the length of the MCG from goalpost to goalpost — has the ability to bring back any sand, silt or

debris to the drainage pit," he said.

"The sand, silt or debris can then be extracted via a shorter, thick black tube and is sucked into the truck, where it is stored and then later transported to land fill."

Benefits

Mr McGivern said it is not only the Glen Eira community and the environment which will benefit from the new truck, but the Depot workers as well.

"In the past workers sometimes had to enter the drains to dig away dirt or remove any debris which may have been blocking a pipe," he said.



Members of Council's Environment Advisory Committee, Cr Nick Staikos, Cr Steven Tang and Cr Helen Whiteside with Tony Conway from the GlenWorks Depot and Council's new high pressure jetting and suction drainage combination truck.

"The new truck eliminates the need for anyone to enter the drainage pit as the powerful suction from the hose can remove any blockages."

Mr McGivern said manual labour is also reduced, therefore creating a safer working environment for the operator.

"The truck is remote controlled and does not require the operator to do any heavy lifting," he said.

Cost saving

Mr McGivern said in the past, the Depot relied heavily on external contractors, especially when it came to flash flooding across the City.

"The jetting only truck could not

remove all types of blockages, therefore we had to call an external contractor at a cost of more than \$200 an hour," he said.

"The new truck reduces the need for external contractors as we are now able to handle almost any flash flooding emergencies which may occur."

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MAYOR'S
COLUMN

Asset renewal and upgrade, together with keeping day to day costs and rates below our peers, were the main drivers for Council's budget, with \$31 million allocated for capital works projects.

\$9.34 million will go towards the renewal and upgrade of community infrastructure assets such as footpaths, roads and drainage, as well as enhancements to Council's Maternal and Child Health Centres, Residential Aged Care Facilities, Kindergartens and Children's Centres, Community Aged Care, Senior Citizens Centres and the Moorleigh Village Community Facility.

Around 3,000 Glen Eira school students are expected to attend the annual *Glen Eira Street Beat Youth Festival* on 9 August at Caulfield Racecourse.

The event will not only showcase local support services and encourage young people to participate in their local communities, but it is a great opportunity for Glen Eira's youth to connect with their local police and emergency service providers.

Council's *Winter Music Series* wraps up for another year this month, with Vika and Linda Bull performing on 12 August and *Croque Monsieur* performing on 26 August. Tickets are available at the door.

Murrumbeena Primary School wants to hear from past students. Grade six are currently conducting interviews with past students, young and old, as part of the school's 90th anniversary celebrations. The children will compile the interviews in a special presentation to be held on 25 August at the school, when it is open to the public between 11.30am to 4pm, with a range of activities planned. For further information, contact the school.

**Cr Margaret Esakoff
Mayor**

The motivation behind financial reports

Working in Glen Eira City Council's Finance Department can be particularly demanding, but for Manager Statutory Reporting and Budgeting, John Vastianos it gives each day a touch of inspiring unpredictability.

John's lure to a challenging work environment dates back to his role in helping to manage the family business.

"While I was completing my Bachelor of Commerce, I helped maintain the cashbooks, debtors and creditors," John said.

For the past four and a half years, John's ambitious attitude has combined perfectly with Council's financial management objectives.

"My main responsibility is to prepare statutory reports, such as the annual budget and annual financial statements, in accordance with relevant legislation and accounting standards," John said.

"Council adheres to the best practice reporting guidelines put together by The Institute of Chartered Accountants for Local Governments in Victoria."

John told the *Glen Eira News* that since Council adopted the best practice

reporting principles it has allowed him to co-ordinate transparent and comprehensive reports.

Council's annual budget

Part of John's role also requires him to be closely involved with the preparation of Council's annual budget.

"The budget process begins by meeting with various directorates and recommending enhancements in operational areas," John said.

"I really enjoy the challenge of needing to be across all Council services and being able to counsel and contribute to their ongoing growth and development."

John said when preparing Council's 2007-08 annual budget, the key strategy was to create ways to generate funds to renew and upgrade Glen Eira's ageing assets.

"The capital works program is very ambitious and addresses Council's concerns with the municipality's ageing infrastructure," John said.

"Emphasis has been placed on upgrading, roads (\$4m), drainage (\$3.3m) and footpaths (\$2m)."

Although addressing Council's financial challenges is demanding and

unpredictable, for John it's the motivation he needs to get him through each day. ■



Council's Manager Statutory Reporting and Budgeting, John Vastianos. Photo: Suzi Cvetkoski.

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DEADLINES

The deadline for next edition (September) of the *Glen Eira News* is Wednesday 8 August for delivery 1-2 September.

Coming deadlines

The deadline for the October edition of the *Glen Eira News* is Wednesday 5 September for delivery 29-30 September.

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

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Community consultation — have your say

Glen Eira City 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

Lease of land to Camelot Driving School

Council is inviting community views on its intention to lease land and a building at the King George VI Memorial Reserve, Bentleigh East, to the Camelot Driving School for a period of five years.

Council has received an application from Camelot Driving School to lease part of King George VI Memorial Reserve, Bentleigh East. This area has previously been occupied by the Victorian Police as a children's traffic school. Camelot Driving School wishes to lease the area, including the existing building, to provide a road education service to local kindergartens and primary schools on a not-for-profit basis.

Council will receive views up until 17 August 2007.

Caulfield Park Pavilion

Council is inviting community views on three options for the design of the pavilion which will replace the obsolete hex pavilion and old storage facility in Caulfield Park.



Council is inviting community views on its draft Street Tree Strategy.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

At Council's meeting on 11 April 2007, Council resolved to "prepare two further concept designs in accordance with the existing brief" after which Council would "exhibit them for public viewing and comment."

The community consultation includes displaying the plans at Council's Service Centre, at each of the four Libraries, at five locations in Caulfield Park, and on Council's website. Council will also convene meetings with the Caulfield Park Recreation Advisory Committee, current user sports clubs and the Friends of Caulfield Park Inc.

Council will receive views up until 31 August 2007.

Draft Street Tree Strategy

Council is inviting community views on its draft *Street Tree Strategy (Review) 2007*. Council adopted its *Street Tree Strategy* in 1997, which led to the planting of thousands of trees and better management of tree stock. Ten years on, Council has completed many of the *Strategy's* recommendations, and therefore finds it timely to review and update the *Strategy*.

The draft *Strategy* is a review of the old, providing an update of previous recommendations, a high level assessment of Council's street trees, looks at emerging issues, and gives a new direction

for managing street trees in the City.

Copies of the *Strategy* are available from Council's Service Centre and website.

Council will receive views up until 31 August 2007.

Effective consultation

A well structured consultation process will serve to strengthen the community by engaging citizens in the democratic process. Allowing people to express their points of view and encouraging them to play a more significant role in their community builds and strengthens communities.

As part of *Council's Community Action Plan 2007–2011*, Council is reviewing its processes for consultation with the Glen Eira community on strategies and major projects.

Until Friday 28 September, Council is inviting community views on its draft paper — Steps for effective consultation process.

Copies of the paper are available from Council's Service Centre and website.

All comments and submissions on any of the above should be addressed to:

The Chief Executive Officer
Glen Eira City Council
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Submissions may also be delivered to Council's Service Centre or emailed to mail@gleneira.vic.gov.au

News in Brief

Volunteers wanted

Want to make a difference to someone in need? Community Information Glen Eira (CIGE) is seeking new volunteers.

Now in its 37th year, CIGE is a free and confidential community based information and referral service which provides aid and information for residents of Glen Eira.

CIGE not only provides over the phone assistance, but material aid, such as food vouchers, and assistance to potential volunteers in our community.

All volunteers are required to complete a six week course and on the job training to gain the knowledge and skills required to work at the centre. The next course commences in August. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, and joining a lively and supportive group of volunteers, contact Laurel Thompson on 9524 3200.

Opening of Taraleigh Steiner Preschool

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Margaret Esakoff, Cr Kate Ashmore and Cr Nick Staikos joined more than 100 people at the opening of Taraleigh Steiner Preschool.

The Preschool recently relocated from Carnegie to Bentleigh East Primary School and Council played an instrumental role in securing a \$20,000 State Government grant to assist with the refurbishment of the new premises.

The Preschool is open to four and five-year-old children, with limited places available. For further information, contact Carolyn on 9555 5865.

Who makes you proud?

Nominations are now open for Glen Eira City Council's *Citizen of the Year*, *Young Citizen of the Year* and *Community Group of the Year* Awards

The *Awards* recognise the contributions of outstanding Glen Eira residents



Glen Eira Mayor Cr Margaret Esakoff, Cr Kate Ashmore and Cr Nick Staikos.

Photo: Colin Durbidge.

and community groups who, through hard work and dedication, have significantly contributed to the Glen Eira community.

Nominees for *Citizen of the Year* and *Young Citizen of the Year* must be residents of Glen Eira. *Young Citizen of the Year* must be 25 years or younger on 31 December 2007. Community groups must be not-for-profit community based groups which consist of four or more members and operate within the municipality.

Nominations close Friday 21 September 2007.

Awards will be presented at Council's annual *Australia Day Breakfast* in January 2008.

Application forms are available from Council's Service Centre, Council's four libraries and Council's website at www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

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

CEO'S COLUMN



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

A significant proportion of this infrastructure was built in the 1950s and 1960s and is reaching the end of its life.

In the 2007-08 budget, which was adopted on Tuesday 3 July, Council allocated \$31 million for capital works projects.

In allocating funding to particular projects, Council implemented a disciplined approach to capital works funding.

Projects have been classified into five different groups — must do each year (e.g footpaths), risk response (e.g community safety), rolling annual programs (e.g upgrading one or more playgrounds each year), major projects and short term projects.

Must do, risk response and rolling annual projects are prioritised and include:

- the renewal and upgrade of Council's roads, drains and footpaths;
- improvements to Council's residential aged care facilities, including kitchen and bathrooms refurbishments;
- security enhancements, including a security upgrade at the Parks and Gardens Depot;
- public toilet renewal and upgrade; and
- upgrades to playgrounds.

Major and short term projects are assessed and ranked. Some of the projects which have been allocated funding in the 2007-08 budget include:

- the redevelopment of Council's Aquatic Centres;
- completion of the Bentleigh Shopping Centre upgrade;
- completion of the Princes Park upgrading;
- relocation of the Glen Works Depot;
- upgrade of the Bentleigh Library interior;
- installation of all abilities drinking fountains;
- replacement of public hall furniture; and
- the relocation and construction of a new mulch bay facility.

Andrew Newton
Chief Executive Officer

New road safety strategy to drive down crashes

In the effort to reduce road trauma and create a safer local road environment, Glen Eira City Council has prepared a new Five Year Road Safety Strategy.

The *Strategy* was developed by acknowledged traffic experts and traffic engineers, Andrew O'Brien and Associates, and has been adopted by Council as a means of improving safety on our roads.

Council's Manager Traffic and Parking Carl Russo told the *Glen Eira News* the new *Strategy* is based on a detailed analysis of Glen Eira's crash history.

"Following a review of VicRoads crashstats database, it was possible to statistically determine the most dangerous locations on our roads," Mr Russo said.

"The database indicated if the crash was at an intersection or midblock and what vehicle type was involved in the crash — car, motorbike, bicycle pedestrian."

Mr Russo said the most important aspect of the *Strategy* is that it provides a logical means of addressing the worst locations in terms of crash history on a priority basis.

"Some of the worst locations for crashes are on the main roads, which are under the management and control of VicRoads," he said.

"The *Strategy* will therefore assist Council in advocating for State and Federal funding on a priority needs basis."



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Driver behaviour

Mr Russo said a significant outcome of the *Strategy* is that driver behaviour remains a key issue.

"Traffic engineering improvements to the road environment, such as signalisation, speed humps, improved signage, skid resistant paving, controlled crossings and like measures, do not eliminate crashes," he said.

"The *Strategy* reveals that some intersections, for example, have already been physically improved yet they remain dangerous as potential crash sites."

Mr Russo said it is apparent that

education around improved driver behaviour should remain a focus for all levels of government.

"Older residents feature in the crash data indicating a need to focus on improvements for older pedestrians in our community," he said.

Mr Russo said Council will continue to work with VicRoads, as well as Victoria Police, to improve Glen Eira's road environment.

"Council will continue to participate in VicRoads programs such as *Wiser Driver*, *Keys Please* and *Looking After Your Mates*, which are all directed at raising community awareness on a variety of road safety issues," he said.

Helping to reduce poisonings

Glen Eira City Council and the Department of Human Services are working together to inform parents, grandparents and carers of young children about the danger of child poisoning.

The *Remove the risk. Put poisons away. Straight away* campaign helps inform parents about the danger of child poisoning in the home and how to remove the risk.

According to Monash University Accident Research Centre data, poisoning is the second highest cause of zero to four-year-old child hospitalisations in Victoria, with at least eight children a day receiving medical attention.

Council's Maternal and Child Health Co-ordinating Nurse Ruth Hennell told

the *Glen Eira News* the vast majority of parents and grandparents love their children and are vigilant about their whereabouts, but it is common to underestimate a child's ability to find poisonous substances in the home.

"Medicines, cleaning products, petrol, weed killers, bleaches and eucalyptus oil are the six most dangerous poisons," Ms Hennell said.

"By simply putting those items away in locations inaccessible to children immediately after using them can save your child from a very nasty or potentially fatal experience."

Ms Hennell said as part of Council's key age and stage visits, safety in the home is discussed.

"As part of these visits, age appropriate handouts such as *Is Your home Poison*

Proof? and *Safe Kids Now*, are given to parents," she said.

"These handouts address poison prevention as well as other safety tips such as burns, child restraints, road safety, bathing and pool safety."

Ms Hennell said first time parents are also invited to attend new parents groups, which have a dedicated session on poison prevention in the home.

Further information about the *Remove the risk. Put poisons away. Straight away* campaign can be found at www.health.vic.gov.au/injury

Council to upgrade public amenities

More than \$300,000 will be spent on upgrading the City's public toilets over the next 12 months.

Announced in Glen Eira City Council's 2007-08 budget, unisex Exeloo units for people of all abilities will continue to be installed in parks across the municipality.

Four Exeloo units were installed in the last financial year, including units at Bentleigh Library, Hodgson Reserve, Bentleigh, Joyce Park in Ormond and Centenary Park in Bentleigh East.

Council's Manager Buildings and Properties Bruce Rendall told the *Glen Eira News* the self cleaning unit not only looks better, but the overall lifecycle cost is cheaper than conventional public toilets.

"The highly visible unit, which is made

of graffiti resistant materials, is also fully movable," Mr Rendall said.

Many of the features included in the Exeloo accord with the principles of *Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design*. One such example is timed toilet occupation to reduce anti-social behaviour often associated with public toilets.

"If a unit is occupied for longer than ten minutes a warning will sound and the door will automatically open," Mr Rendall said.

The units also have inbuilt safety mechanisms to provide for medical emergency.

"If there is no movement within the unit after three minutes, the automatic door will unlock," Mr Rendall said.

The Exeloo unit also features:

- an electronic basin unit;
- no touch flushing;
- an electronic toilet tissue dispenser;
- concealed operating components;
- electromagnetic locking;
- music and voice messages;
- baby change table; and
- sharps disposal.

Parental supervision

Mr Rendall said parental supervision around the Exeloo unit is recommended at all times.

"If unsupervised, small children can gain access then have the automatic doors close behind them," Mr Rendall said.

"In the unlikely event this does happen, parents should tell their child to push the internal green button to exit."

Annual General Meeting

Community Information Glen Eira Inc will hold its Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 29 August at 12pm in the Glen Eira Town Hall Caulfield Cup Room.

This public meeting will be followed by a light lunch.

Please RSVP by Friday 24 August to 9524 3272

LANGUAGELINE

Investire nel futuro

Con l'obiettivo di migliorare le risorse finanziarie del Comune e rinnovare l'invecchiata infrastruttura comunale, il bilancio preventivo stanziato dal Comune di Glen Eira per l'anno 2007-08 mira a trasformare Glen Eira in un luogo di residenza ancora più vivibile.

Per l'anno finanziario in corso il Comune ha stanziato 31 milioni di dollari, all'incirca \$533 per ciascuna proprietà, in nuovi lavori di capitale importanza che riguardano tutti gli aspetti della vita di comunità, includendo le attività ricreative, i centri commerciali, l'assistenza ai bambini, ai giovani, agli anziani ed ai disabili, le attività comunitarie ed inoltre la rete stradale, i sistemi di scarico e i marciapiedi.

I maggiori progetti per il 2007- 08

– incremento di fondi stanziati per i marciapiedi: 2 milioni di dollari (contro 1.4 milioni del bilancio preventivo 2006/07);

– incremento di fondi per migliorare la capacità dell'esistente rete comunale di drenaggio e permettere opportuni lavori di miglioramento della rete: 3.3 milioni di dollari (contro 1.6 milioni del bilancio preventivo 2006/07);

– aggiornamento dei marciapiedi e degli arredi stradali, come parte del progetto di rinnovamento del centro commerciale di Bentleigh, Centre Road, Bentleigh: 2.94 milioni di dollari;

– rinnovamento del centro acquatico ricreativo: \$900,000 stanziati per la progettazione e la gestione del progetto;

– lavori di ricostruzione strade e rifacimento del manto stradale, diritti di passaggio, parcheggi, cordoli e canalette stradali, viottoli e gestione del traffico stradale locale: oltre 6 milioni di dollari;

– \$100,000 accantonati per investimenti di conservazione delle risorse idriche presso le case di cura comunali per anziani ed i padiglioni comunali; e

– per la costruzione di un nuovo padiglione a Caulfield Park.

Per ulteriori dettagli sul bilancio preventivo stanziato da Comune per l'anno 2007-08 aprire a pagina sei e sette.

Инвестиции в будущее

Цель муниципального бюджета Glen Eira на 2007-08 финансовый год – сделать муниципалитет еще более привлекательным местом для жизни и работы. Основные средства будут направлены на развитие муниципальных ресурсов и обновление инфраструктуры.

В бюджете выделено 31 миллион долларов на новые капитальные работы, что составляет примерно \$533 на каждого домовладельца в муниципалитете. Капитальные работы будут проводиться в таких областях, как отдых и развлечения, торговые центры, детские и молодежные учреждения, услуги для пожилых и инвалидов, общественные мероприятия, дороги и тротуары, канализация и проч.

Основные проекты на 2007- 08:

– увеличение финансирования на тротуары и пешеходные дорожки - \$2 миллиона (\$1.4 миллиона в бюджете на 2006/07);

– увеличение финансирования на развитие и усовершенствование муниципальной канализационной сети - \$3.3 миллиона (\$1.6 миллиона в бюджете на 2006/07);

– обновление тротуаров и уличного оборудования в рамках проекта перестройки торгового центра Bentleigh (Centre Road, Bentleigh) — \$2.94 миллионов;

– перестройка дворца водных видов спорта – \$900 000 на проектирование и развитие проекта;

– капитальные работы по реконструкции дорог и перекладке дорожного покрытия, а также уличные зоны, парковка машин, пешеходные проходы и регулирование дорожного движения – более \$6 миллионов;

– \$100 000 на рациональное использование воды в муниципальных учреждениях для пожилых людей и инвалидов;

– сооружение нового павильона в парке Caulfield.

Более подробно о муниципальном бюджете на 2007-08 финансовый год смотри на стр. 6-7.

Επενδύοντας στο μέλλον

Δίνοντας προσοχή στη βελτίωση των εγκαταστάσεων και στον εκσυγχρονισμό της παλαιωμένης υποδομής του Δήμου, ο προϋπολογισμός 2007-08 της Δημαρχίας Δήμου Glen Eira έχει θέσει ως στόχο να κάνει την Glen Eira ακόμη καλύτερο μέρος διαβίωσης.

Η Δημαρχία θα διαθέσει 31 εκ δολάρια, ή περίπου 533 δολάρια για κάθε ακίνητο, για νέα δημόσια έργα αυτό το οικονομικό έτος, καλύπτοντας κάθε τομέα της κοινοτικής ζωής, όπως άθληση και ψυχαγωγία, εμπορικά κέντρα, παιδική φροντίδα, νεολαία, ηλικιωμένοι και άτομα με αναπηρίες, κοινοτικές δραστηριότητες και δρόμους, δίκτυο ομβρίων υδάτων και πεζοδρόμια.

Μεγάλα έργα 2007-08

– αύξηση της χρηματοδότησης για πεζοδρόμια – 2 εκ δολ. (1.4 εκ στον προϋπολογισμό 2006-07)·

– αύξηση της χρηματοδότησης για την αναβάθμιση της χωρητικότητας του υπάρχοντος δικτύου αποχέτευσης ομβρίων υδάτων και έργα βελτίωσης του δικτύου – 3,3 εκ δολ. (1,6 εκ δολ. στον προϋπολογισμό 2006-07)·

– αναβάθμιση πεζοδρομίων και οδικών ανέσεων ως μέρος ανακατασκευής του Εμπορικού Κέντρου Bentleigh, Centre Road, Bentleigh – 2.94 εκ δολ·

ανακατασκευή του κολυμβητικού κέντρου – προβλέφθηκαν 900 χιλ. δολ. για διαχείριση και σχεδιασμό των έργων·

– για δημόσια έργα ανακατασκευής και επανασφάλτωσης δρόμων, παρόδων, στάθμευση αυτοκινήτων, κράσπεδα και ρείθρα, μονοπάτια πεζοπορίας και διαχείριση τοπικής οδικής κυκλοφορίας – δαπανήθηκαν πάνω από 6 εκ δολ·

– τέθηκαν κατά μέρος 100 χιλ. δολ. για μέτρα εξοικονόμησης νερού στα Δημοτικά γηροκομεία και περίπτερα· και

– προβλέφθηκαν χρήματα για την κατασκευή νέου περιπτέρου στο Πάρκο Caulfield.

Για περισσότερες λεπτομέρειες του προϋπολογισμού 2007-08 της Δημαρχίας πηγαίνετε στις σελίδες έξι και επτά.

投資於未來

Glen Eira 市政府 2007-08 年度預算目標是將 Glen Eira 建設成為更好的居住地區，重點在於改進資產並更新本市老化的基礎設施。

市政府在這個財政年度撥出三千一百萬澳元 (平均每個房地產約佔 533 澳元) 用於新的資本工程項目，範圍包括社區生活的各個方面，其中有娛樂和休閒、購物中心、兒童保育、青年、老年及殘障人、社區活動及道路、排水和人行道。

2007-08 年度的主要工程

– 增加對人行道的資金投入 - 2 百萬澳元 (2006/07 年度預算為 1.4 百萬澳元)；

– 增加對更新本市現有排水網絡和排水改進工程的資金投入 - 3.3 百萬澳元 (2006/07 年度預算為 1.6 百萬澳元)；

– 更新人行道和街道設施，作為 Bentleigh 區 Centre Road 購物中心再發展的一部分 - 2.94 百萬澳元；

– 游泳中心再發展 - 90萬澳元撥於項目管理和設計；

– 資本工程包括道路重建和路面鋪設、通行地役、停車場、路沿和溝渠、小道及地方交通管理 - 逾6百萬澳元；

– 撥出10 萬澳元用於市政府養老院及建築的節水措施；

– 在 Caulfield 公園建造新亭子。

若想瞭解市政府 2007-08 年度預算的詳情，請參閱第 6 頁和第 7 頁。



Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

2007–08 budget — investing

How every \$100 of your rates is spent

Average rates and charges in Glen Eira are the equivalent of \$19 per week, which is around the same as the average household phone bill or tax on the average week's petrol.

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

What do you get for your rates?

For every \$100 in rates collected, Council delivers, or pays for, the following services:

CAPITAL WORKS \$29.45



PARKS AND RECREATION \$14.79



FOOTPATHS, ROADS, DRAINS AND BUILDING MAINTENANCE \$14.48



RECYCLING AND WASTE \$10.13



LIBRARIES \$5.77



CULTURAL SERVICES \$1.20



HOME CARE \$3.95



FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES \$6.69



SENIOR CITIZENS AND OLDER ADULTS PROGRAM \$0.88



TOWN PLANNING \$3.21



FIRE BRIGADE LEVY \$3.17



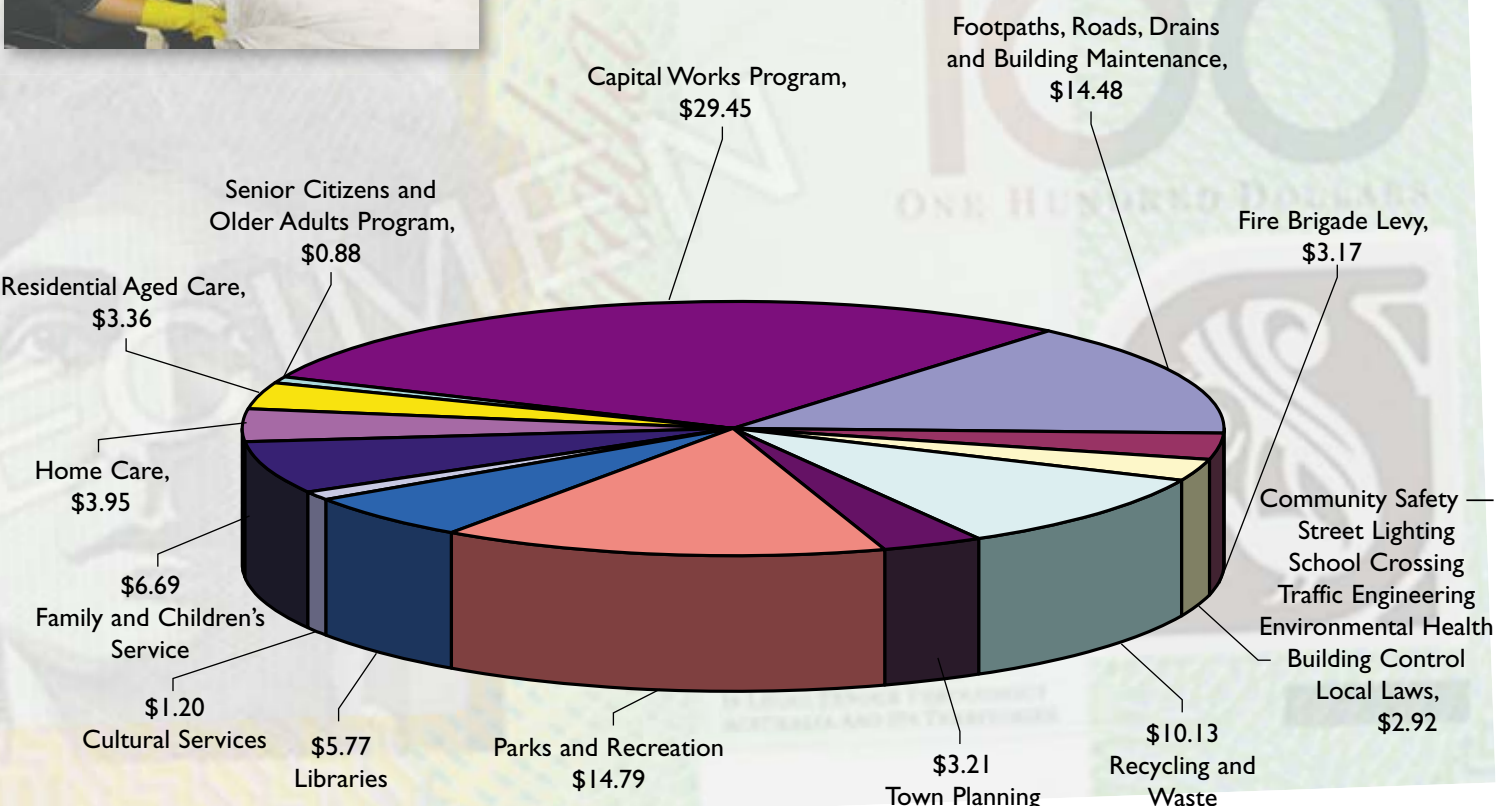
COMMUNITY SAFETY \$2.92



RESIDENTIAL AGED CARE \$3.36



Photos: Bernie Bickerton and Council Staff.



Services that Council delivers for every \$100 of rate revenue

Please note that figures include internal revenue and expense allocations and are calculated net of direct income.

ng in Glen Eira's future

How does the City of Glen Eira compare with other municipalities?

Average rates and charges for the City of Glen Eira are almost \$10 million a year (14 per cent) below the average of our neighbours.

This equates to almost \$100 for the average flat and \$150 for the average house.
While this means lower charges for rate

payers, it also means \$10 million less for upgrading or providing new facilities and services.

Council	Average Operating Expenditure per Assessment	Average Rates and Charges per Assessment	Average Capital Expenditure per Assessment	Capital Expenditure (excl Carry Fwds) as a % of Total Revenue	Rate Increase 2007/08	Total Debt - June'08 (\$M)	Total Revenue from Parking Fees & Fines (\$M)
Glen Eira	\$1,497	\$1,021	\$533	34%	6.50%	\$0.00	\$2.72
Monash	\$1,683	\$909	\$532	32%	6.00%	\$10.00	\$3.19
Bayside	\$1,825	\$1,263	\$327	18%	7.20%	\$17.50	\$1.31
Port Phillip	\$1,826	\$1,156	\$318	15%	5.76%	\$2.81	\$22.43
Boroondara	\$1,828	\$1,425	\$469	24%	7.80%	\$12.72	\$8.78
Kingston	\$1,852	\$1,120	\$271	15%	7.50%	\$6.61	\$2.05
Stonnington	\$1,915	\$1,167	\$497	24%	5.70%	\$10.78	\$15.18
Yarra	\$2,317	\$1,472	\$597	24%	7.20%	\$4.60	\$17.20
Glen Eira relative to the average	19% lower	14% lower	20% higher	higher	lower than average	\$8.1M less	\$6.3M lower

Neighbouring councils — how Glen Eira compares. Source: Local councils advertised budgets 2007-08

2007-08 budget — at a glance

The increase in the total amount of rates and charges revenue, compared to the previous financial year, will be 6.5 per cent.

Rates

Average rates and charges are \$19 per week:

- \$2 for recycling and waste services;
- \$8 for capital works and maintenance; and
- \$9 for all other Council services.

Charges

The waste and recycling charges are increasing to:

- 240 litre bin \$142.10 (\$134.90 in 2006–07); and
- 120 litre bin \$129 (\$122.50 in 2006–07).

How Glen Eira compares

In comparison to neighbouring municipalities:

- Glen Eira's cost of day-to-day services is 19 per cent lower than the average;
- Glen Eira's average rates and charges are 14 per cent below the average; and
- Glen Eira is debt-free compared with average debt of \$8 million.

Rebate

The Glen Eira pensioner rebate remains at \$270.

Projects completed during 2006–07



Local road resurfacing: More than \$600,000 was spent of resurfacing roads in 2006-07, including McKinnon Road, McKinnon. Photo: Roger Dunn.



A new snakes and ladders activity area has been built as part of the \$3 million redevelopment of Bentleigh Hodgson Reserve. Photo: Les O'Rourke.



The redesign and refurbishment of DC Bricker Pavilion was completed in March 2007 Photo: Bernie Bickerton.



Traffic engineering: \$85,000 was allocated towards the construction of the Neerim Road/Murrumbeena Road bus hump in Murrumbeena. Photo: Glen Eira City Council Capital Works Unit.

MEETINGS AND CLUBS

Moorabbin Historical Society opens the historical exhibition at Box Cottage, Joyce Park, Jasper Road, McKinnon on the last Sunday of each month from 2pm. Mr R. Lawson will speak on The First World War. Admission by donation. Contact: 9578 9131.

Glen Eira Adult Learning Centre offers classes in Medical Reception and Terminology, Professional Reception and Data Entry. Informative classes for students studying English as a second language. Contact: 9578 8996.

The East Bentleigh Probus Club meets at the Bentleigh Club, Yawla Street on the second Tuesday of the month. All welcome. Contact: Otto 8557 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 continues its Social Bowling Season. Play Thursday and Saturday throughout August from 12 noon. Contact: 9568 5144.

Caulfield Combined Probus Club meets at Gladys Machin Hall (Cedar Street) on the first Wednesday of each month at 10am. Interesting speakers and activities. Contact: Ron 9571 1563.

Ladies Probus Club of Caulfield meets at Gladys Machin Hall on the third Thursday of the month at 10am. Visitors welcome. Contact: 9599 2433.

St John's Playgroup meets at 624 Centre Road, Bentleigh every Wednesday and Thursday from 9.30am. Stories, craft and chat. All welcome. Contact: Heather 9502 8050.

Godfrey Street Community House holds various computer classes including introduction to computers, internet/email, word, digital photos and e-bay. Contact: 9557 9037.

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.

Glen Eira Cheltenham Art Group holds classes in all mediums at Moorleigh Village, 92 Bignell Road, Bentleigh East from Tuesday to Saturday each week. Children's classes and life class once a month. New members welcome. Contact: Jill 9579 0967.

EVENTS

Carnegie Children's Centre is hosting *Family Fun: Mister Whiskers Concert* at Packer Park Pavilion, Leila Road, Carnegie on Sunday 26 August from 10.30am. Tickets: \$10 (children under 12 months free). Contact: 0414 443 846.

A Trivia Night to help raise funds for Obstetric Fistula will be held at Bentleigh McKinnon Recreation Centre, Higgins Road, Bentleigh on Saturday 8 September from 7pm. More than \$2,000 worth of silent auction items. Contact: 0423 947 215.

Adelphi Players Theatre will stage *To Dorothy, a son* at the National Trust Property Labassa from Wednesday 22 August to Saturday 25 August from 8.15pm. Tickets: \$15/\$12 concession. Contact: 9690 1593.

Toyota Community Spirit Gallery is hosting *Crossroads* exhibition at Toyota Australia, 155 Bertie Street, Port Melbourne until Wednesday 26 September. Thirty two works by local, interstate, and international artists. Contact: 9690 0902.

Shelford Girls Grammar is hosting a number of Open Days. An Information Morning will be held on Saturday 11 August from 10am. Upcoming open days include: School at Work Friday 14 September, Information Morning Saturday 15 September and Twilight Tour Thursday 8 November. Contact: 9524 7333.

COMMUNITY

Victorian Music Library is in need of volunteers to assist with general duties at the library. For further information visit <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~vml> Contact: 9528 3135.

Murrumbeena Primary School wants to hear from past students. Grade 6 students will be compiling interviews with past students and making presentations on Saturday 25 August in celebration of the schools 90th anniversary. Past students can contact Helen on 9568 1300.

GLEN EIRA NEWS PHOTOS

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

Photos that are published in the *Glen Eira News* are now available for sale by contacting Suzi on 9524 3447.

GLEN EIRA CITY COUNCIL



FAMILY & CHILDREN'S SERVICES PRESENT

Promoting resilience in children

Tuesday 28 August
Glen Eira Town Hall — Theatre
7.30pm to 9.30pm (7.15pm registration)
Cost: \$5 per person

Bookings close Wednesday 22 August
Guest presenter, Education Consultant, Kathy Walker, will discuss how we can encourage children to develop the necessary skills to take on the range of challenges that arise in life. The session will also explore the importance of self esteem and resilience and strategies to deal with stress.

This session is for parents/guardians, playgroups, grandparents 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 Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 or visit www.gleneira.vic.gov.au Receipts will be issued on the night.

GLEN EIRA CITY COUNCIL



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Margaret 9596 6124**

Bus trip to Bendigo

**Wednesday 22 and
Thursday 23 August**

Situated in the centre of Victoria, Bendigo is the destination of our trip. Gold was discovered in Bendigo in 1851. Thousands came to make their fortune. By the 1880's Bendigo was proclaimed the richest goldfield in the world. This wealth produced Bendigo's beautiful public buildings, miner's cottages, federation homes, and grand manors. It is quite an experience to visit this old goldfield town with its rich goldfield's heritage, a delight to visit.

Depart Glen Huntly **8.30am** and 185 Poath Road Hughesdale **8.50am**.

COMMUNITY CARE VACANCIES

**Do you enjoy helping others?
Are you a good communicator?
Do you enjoy flexibility in your work arrangements?**

Then why not consider working for Glen Eira City Council's Community Care unit.

Glen Eira City Council's Community Care team assists frail older people and people with disabilities to live independently at home.

Council is currently looking for people to join its Community Care team as a home care, personal care or respite care worker.

- Home Care (*cleaning and household duties*);
- Personal Care (*showering and dressing*); and
- Respite Care (*providing time out for full time carers*).

Volunteer positions are also available for Council's Delivered Meals Service to assist with meal deliveries as either a jockey or driver.

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

GLEN EIRA CITY COUNCIL



Broken Cords or Balances

IN DOUBLE HUNG WINDOWS

- ◆ Bottom sash (2 cords) from \$60
- ◆ Both sashes (4 cords) from \$80
- ◆ Tubular balances from \$70 per pair
- ◆ Pensioner discounts available

Price depends on size, condition and number

- Also ◆ Fit heavier counter weights
- ◆ Convert concealed to tubular balances

MD WINDOWS

0419 874 569

Cut out this ad and keep for future reference

IMMUNISATIONSESSIONS

AUGUST

McKinnon Public Hall
118 McKinnon Road, McKinnon
Monday 6 August 10am–11am

Glen Eira Town Hall Auditorium (entry via Glen Eira Road)
Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield
Tuesday 7 August 6pm–7pm
Tuesday 14 August 9.30am–10.15am

Carnegie Library
7 Shepparson Avenue, Carnegie
Wednesday 15 August 1.30pm–2.30pm

Packer Park
Leila Road, Carnegie
Monday 20 August 10am–11am

Bentleigh East
Bentleigh Bayside Community Health Centre
Gardeners Road, Bentleigh East
Wednesday 22 August 6pm–7pm
Saturday 25 August 9.30am–10.30am

Glen Huntly Maternal and Child Health Centre
Corner Royal and Rosedale Avenues, Glen Huntly
Wednesday 29 August 9.30am–11am

Intakes now open for Mentor Program

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

The *Program* is designed to:

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

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

"The mentors are not expected to act

as formal advisors or consultants, but to provide unbiased, personal opinions based on their own extensive business experience," Ms Bredin said.

Toot Toot Toys

The owner of e-commerce business Toot Toot Toys, Maxine Auld applied for the Glen Eira *Mentor Partners Program* in April 2007. Toot Toot Toys is a small, family run, home based business in Bentleigh which specialises in toy trains and accessories. Toot Toot Toys has been growing rapidly over the last two years, with www.toottoottoys.com.au receiving more than 30,000 hit per month.

Maxine has been working with volunteer mentor, Sally Gleitman, who is just one of a number of volunteers who makes their time available at no charge.

Maxine told the *Glen Eira News* that having someone to share her business ideas with and keep her focussed has

been a great help, especially when operating a small home based business.

Criteria for the Program

To be a part of the *Program*, mentors must provide a curriculum vitae defining their business background, demonstrated success, and areas of expertise and must include references.

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

Businesses based in the Cities of Glen Eira or Kingston which have been in operation for 12 months, or are not a franchise operation, are eligible for the *Program*.

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

Further information

If you are a business and interested in participating in the *Mentor Partners Program*, or if you have a wealth of experience in business and interested in becoming a mentor, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 or email businessdevelopment@gleneira.vic.gov.au



Maxine Auld.

What's coming up in business

Going into Business workshop

Date: Wednesday 8 August

Time: 9am–12.30pm
(please arrive at 8.45am)

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

Cost: \$30
(includes light refreshments)

RSVP: Thursday 2 August to Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333

Going into Business will help potential business owners make more informed decisions before committing to a purchase.

The workshop will include:

- an evaluation of your skills;
- how to market your business;
- how to finance your business;
- how to plan for your future; and
- find extra support services.

Going into Business is part of the State Government's *Under New Management Program*. The development of this Program was funded by the Minister for Consumer Affairs from the Victorian Property Fund.



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

Date: Monday 13 August

Time: 7pm–9pm
(please arrive at 6.30pm)

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

Cost: \$15
(includes light refreshments)

RSVP: Wednesday 8 August to Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333

Intelligence officer and university lecturer, Richard La Monica, will present a seminar on the impact of fraud on organisations.

Richard will present one of the key elements to ensuring the success of an organisation — the ability to safeguard the organisations assets.

The seminar will provide:

- relevant and interesting case studies;
- the most common type of fraud committed;
- an understanding of what motivates people to commit fraud;
- what can be done to protect your organisation; and
- principles of internal control, asset protection systems and risk management.

Richard is a former law enforcement officer and State Special Agent from the United States and now works as an educator and consultant to the United States, Canadian, European and Australian governments and businesses.

In Australia, Richard lectures on organised crime infiltration and money laundering to Victoria Police, Australian Federal Police, Customs, Universities and AUSTRAC, an anti-money laundering regulatory and specialist financial intelligent unit.

Glen Eira Women's Business Network meeting

Date: Thursday 16 August

Time: 7pm–9pm

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

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

RSVP: Monday 13 August to Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333

Cash flow seminar

Date: Monday 27 August

Time: 9am–12pm
(8.45am registration)

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

Cost: \$30
(light refreshments included)

RSVP: Wednesday 22 August to Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333

ATO Self Managed Superannuation Funds session

Date: Wednesday 29 August

Time: 6pm–9pm
(5.45pm registration)

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

Cost: Free

RSVP: Monday 27 August to Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333

The Australian Taxation Office (ATO) will present an introduction to Self Managed Superannuation Funds (SMSF).

The session will detail:

- what a SMSF is;
- the roles and responsibilities of Trustees;
- the rules governing the operation of the funds; and
- how the ATO ensures SMSF comply with the law.

Youth Network meetings

The Glen Eira Youth Network meetings are just another way Glen Eira City Council provides the best possible resources and support for young people and their families from across the municipality.

Facilitated by Council's Youth Services on a bi-monthly basis, anyone who has an interest in the wellbeing of young people is invited to attend.

At each meeting, a guest speaker presents on a specific topic or issue that is pertinent to today's young people.

The meeting also acts as a general information share and service update, with agencies and schools sharing details about services provided and upcoming initiatives.

For further information, contact the Youth Information Centre on 9589 7963.

Foundation for Youth Excellence

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

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

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

Closing dates for applications are fast approaching. For further information and an application form, contact the Youth Information Centre on 9589 7963.

2007 Annual Street Beat Festival

The annual Glen Eira Street Beat Youth Festival will be held on Thursday 9 August at Caulfield Racecourse.

To be held from 9am to 3.30pm, around 3,000 primary and secondary school students from schools across Glen Eira are expected to attend.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Margaret Esakoff and Chief Commissioner of Police Christine Nixon will also attend the event, which will showcase local support services and encourage young people to participate in their local communities.

Cr Esakoff said *Street Beat* is a great opportunity for Glen Eira's youth to connect with their local police and emergency services providers.

"*Street Beat* gives young people a better understanding of what these dedicated

people do for the community," Cr Esakoff said.

"Most importantly, it offers plenty of positive activities to discourage youth crime."

Mounted and Water Police and representatives from the Air Wing and Traffic Management Unit will be attending, while Police band, *Code One* will entertain the crowd.

The Glen Eira City Council Youth Services climbing wall, *The Pinnacle of Terror*, will once again entertain both those watching and participating. There will also be demonstrations from local fire brigades, the State Emergency Service (SES) and Ambulance Service.

For further information, contact Caulfield Police Station on 9524 9500.



Jemma, Holly, Caroline, Abbey-Rose and Emily with Chief Commissioner of Police Christine Nixon and Constable T Bear at the 2006 Street Beat Festival.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Celebrate Children's Book Week

To celebrate Children's Book Week from 18–24 August, Glen Eira City Council's four library branches will be hosting a range of activities and competitions throughout August.

Storytime

Storytime provides parents with a wonderful opportunity to introduce young children to the joys of reading and selecting books. Throughout *Children's Book Week*, Council's *Storytime* sessions will look at the books nominated for Book of the Year — Early Childhood. For session times go to www.gleneira.vic.gov.au or contact 9524 3623.

Reading with Eira

Eira's Reader's Reward is open to children aged 0–16 years. To celebrate *Children's*

Book Week, young members have the chance to win a READiscover Pack crammed full of books, DVDs and fun activities.

To enter, collect your special bookmark from any library branch and have it stamped each time you borrow three items or more. On the third visit fill out the entry form and you will go into the draw to win this fabulous prize.

There is one READiscover Pack to be won for each age level — 0–4, 5–8, 9–12 and 13–16.

Entries close 8 October.

Saturday Shakers — Big Book Week Show

The *Big Book Week Show* is a creative and interactive performance based on this year's Book of the Year nominations. The *Show* will be held on Saturday 11

August from 2pm–2.45pm in the Boyd Room upstairs at the Carnegie Library and Community Centre. This free event is suitable for all ages and no bookings are required.

Schools can meet an author

For schools, Glen Eira libraries will again host its popular *Meet the Author Program*. Primary school children will have the opportunity to meet Children's Book Week nominated writer and author of *Ella Kazoo will not brush her hair*, Lee Fox; Western Australian author, Anthony Eaton; and self-published author of *Quizzical*, Leanne Davidson.

The three authors will discuss the creative writing process, book design and the procedure in having a book published.

Internet searching demystified

Leading expert on internet search techniques David Novak will present a free and informative presentation that will help demystify internet searching and provide skills on how to find the right information and where.

Author of the soon to be released book *Internet: Informed Guidance For The Dedicated Searcher*, David will be speaking in the Glen Eira Town Hall Theatre on Thursday 9 August at 7pm.

Bookings are required and can be made at any library branch, online at www.gleneira.vic.gov.au or by contacting 9524 3623.

Funding for water saving projects

Glen Eira City Council and local sports clubs have been successful in securing more than \$20,000 in State Government funding for three water saving projects.

The funding is part of the second phase of Sport and Recreation Victoria's *Drought Relief for Community Sport and Recreation Program*, and is in addition to the \$50,000 grant Council received under Phase One of the *Program*.

The funding towards total project costs will be based on \$2 for every \$1 contributed by metropolitan councils and their local communities.

As reported in the June edition of the *Glen Eira News*, funding will be used

for the following projects, which will be completed by 30 June 2008.

Replacement of showerheads and basin taps — \$10,410

Showerheads and basin taps at 19 sporting pavilions in Glen Eira will be replaced with water efficient showerheads and basin taps fitted with water restrictors.

More than 140 water efficient showerheads and 230 water efficient taps will be fitted, reducing water usage within each shower by 30 per cent.

Council will contribute additional funding towards the project, which will be managed by Council's Building and Properties Department.

Installation of tanks to water King Park Tennis Club courts — \$4,710

Under the *Kings Park Sustainability Program*, water tanks will be installed to collect and store rain and bore water so that all eight courts are utilised with little or no mains water.

In addition to this, two courts will also be retro-fitted to the bore water irrigation system.

The project is expected to reduce water usage from around 1.2 megalitres per annum to 0–100,000 litres per annum.

King Park Tennis Club, which is located on Council's King George VI Memorial Reserve in Bentleigh East, will manage the project. The club will also contribute additional funding towards the project.

Installation of tank and the trialling of Magnesium Chloride Hexahydrate at Lauriston Lawn Tennis Club — \$5,653

In the effort to reduce water costs by more than \$750 per annum, promote water conservation, conserve water for the longterm, Lauriston Lawn Tennis Club will use the funding to install a water tank.

The Club, which is located on Council's Rosanna Street Reserve in Carnegie, will also use funds to trial Magnesium Chloride Hexahydrate, a treatment used not only to reduce dust but to keep the courts damper for longer.

Lauriston Lawn Tennis Club, which will manage the project, will contribute additional funding towards the project. ■

Fair Go Footy Program commences



An exciting trial program for children with disabilities commenced in July.

As part of the Glen Eira and Stonnington Councils' new access all abilities program, *Access Unlimited*, Ormond Junior Football Club will host the *Fair Go Footy Program*, which is the first step in a long term vision to make the Club more inclusive for people of all abilities.

The *Program* will provide children aged 7-13 with football skills as well as give

them, and their parents, the opportunity to come down and be a part of a great community club.

The *Program* will run every Saturday from 10am–11am until 18 August at EE Gunn Reserve, Malane Street, Ormond. Cost is \$30 for each participant.

For further information, contact Kerri Rolfe on 0408 675 066. ■



The Fair Go Footy Program is the first step in a long term vision to make Ormond Junior Football Club more inclusive for people of all abilities. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

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.

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GLEN EIRA CITY COUNCIL



NU Wave in needlepointing

If you are over 50, living in Glen Eira or surrounding areas and would like to learn all there is to know about needlepointing, then the McKinnon Needlepointers Nu Wave Program is for you.

The *Program* teaches participants the exciting art of needlepointing from beginners through to experienced needlepointers.

McKinnon Needlepointers organiser Les Bracher has been needlepointing for more than 40 years. Mr Bracher started teaching needlepointing in the 1980s and enjoys teaching and being apart of the workshops.

"Anyone can learn the skill of needlepointing. It doesn't matter if you

are a beginner or experienced, everyone can still improve and learn new skills," Mr Bracher said.

The *NU Wave Program* costs \$10 per visit. At the completion of the *Program*, you will be invited to become a member of the McKinnon Needlepointers at a cost of \$5 per visit.

Formed in 1985, McKinnon Needlepointers meets very second Thursday from 1pm to 3pm at McKinnon Public Hall — 118 McKinnon Road, McKinnon.

For further information, or to register your interest in the *NU Wave Program*, contact Les Bracher on 9460 4801. Copies of the *Program* dates are available on request. ■



McKinnon Needlepointers in action.

Photo: Tracy Cassidy.

2007 My Brother Jack Literary Festival

With more than \$2,500 in cash and prizes up for grabs, budding writers are invited to enter a short story, poem or lyrics in Glen Eira City Council's 2007 My Brother Jack Literary Awards.

The *Awards*, which close on Monday 20 August, are open to people who live, work or study in the City of Glen Eira and include the following:

- Sunflower Bookshop Short Story Award — \$1,000;
- Eastend Booksellers Poetry Award — \$700;
- Youth Short Story Award (15–21 years) — \$350;

- Youth Poetry/Lyric Writing Award (15–21 years) — \$350;
- Baha'i Junior Short Story Award (10–14 years) — \$75 and book prizes; and
- Baha'i Junior Poetry Award (10–14 years) — \$75 and book prizes.

The *Awards* will be judged by some of Australia's finest authors, including Archimede Fusillo, Alicia Sometimes, and best-selling children's author, Andy Griffiths.

There are no theme or subject matter restrictions so writers can indulge in any theme of interest for their work. Past winners have covered a wide range of themes including family

issues and conflict, political dilemmas, drug addiction and dependency, and relationship breakdowns.

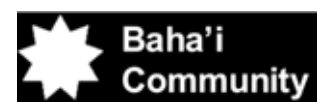
Entries must be unpublished and unperformed, and not have received an award in another competition.

For people wanting to enter the youth and adult category, an entry fee will apply. There is no fee for the junior category.

Award winners, which will be announced on Thursday 11 October, will be published on Council's website.

The *Awards* are sponsored by the Baha'i Community of Glen Eira, Eastend Booksellers Pty Ltd and the Sunflower Bookshop, Elsternwick.

For further information on the 2007 *My Brother Jack Literary Festival* contact the Festival Co-ordinator on 9524 3333 or download a brochure from www.gleneira.vic.gov.au



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**

SHODO CALLIGRAPHY KEISHO AND YUSEKI FUKUMITSU

Viewing until 12 August

Shodo is the practice of writing Chinese or Japanese characters on paper with brush and ink. It originated in China, Japan and the Korean Peninsula, where the use of Chinese characters has long been regarded as an art form.

Keisho and Yuseki Fukumitsu works exemplify the elegance in the disciplined practice of such traditional techniques.



Yuseki Fukumitsu — *Bi Beauty*, 1996, sumi ink on washi paper.

This exhibition will showcase the beauty found in calligraphic techniques that have developed over hundreds of years.

DREAMINGS: THE LAND

Viewing until 12 August

When Geoffrey Bardon encouraged the men of the Papunya community to paint a door at the school in 1971, he could not have foreseen the impact of his suggestion. Prior to this time, sacred ceremonial designs were not seen by uninitiated Aboriginal people.

“Aboriginal art has a vital role to play in our understanding of both our land and our indigenous people,” exhibition curator Jennifer Dudley said.

Presented by Outback Aboriginal Art, *Dreamings: The Land* features recent paintings by renowned senior artists Ronnie Tjampitjimpa, Gloria Petyarre, Lindsay Bird, Barbara Weir, Kathleen Ngale and Mitjili Napurrula. The exhibition will also feature emerging artists from the Central and Western Deserts as well as sculptures from Maningridain, Northern Territory.



A unique handmade rug combining Aboriginal designs and traditional Kashmiri rug-making techniques.

B'NAI B'RITH SHALOM UNIT JEWISH YOUTH ART AWARD

Viewing from 16–26 August

The 12th annual *B'nai B'rith Shalom Unit Jewish Youth Art Award* was inspired by a bequest left by Morrie Gold to the B'nai B'rith Shalom Unit.

Morrie, who also contributed to the National Gallery of Victoria as an arts benefactor, was born in Warsaw, Poland, and immigrated to Australia in 1937. During the Second World War he joined the Australian Army and fought at El Alamein.

Morrie's interest in fostering art in Jewish youth, an interest also shared by his wife Maree, was prompted by watching his grandson's artistic abilities develop.

Morrie realised that to encourage the interest and confidence of children in art there must be interaction with the public — and so this competition was born.

The exhibition of *B'nai B'rith Shalom Unit Jewish Youth Art Award* entries will be officially opened on 19 August.

An award ceremony, which includes the announcement of the *Morrie Gold Memorial Prize* winner, will be held on the same night.

CAROLE MILTON: IN TRIBUTE

Viewing from 16–26 August

Multi-award winning artist Carole Milton will present a solo exhibition of her paintings at Glen Eira City Council's Gallery this month. Featuring more than 50 paintings, which include landscapes, seascapes, still life and flowers, *In Tribute* will be held in memory of her late husband, Max Milton.

While much of Carole's inspiration comes from familiar Victorian surrounds — from the Mornington Peninsula to the Great Ocean Road — her appeal is widespread.

Carole has exhibited extensively overseas in London, New York and Paris and has works in private and corporate collections around the globe.



Carole Milton — *Stripes and Roses*, 2006, oil on canvas.

2007 Winter Music Series wraps up

The final two concerts of Glen Eira City Council's Winter Music Series will feature contemporary rock and Gypsy-tango.

There is nothing like the voice of two sisters who were born to sing. Internationally acclaimed Vika and Linda Bull will perform in Council's

Auditorium on Sunday 12 August and will cover rock, gospel, country and blues.

Pre-purchased tickets to Vika and Linda Bull are \$22 and \$19 concession or can be purchased at the door for \$25 and \$22 concession.

Six piece group *Croque Monsieur* will perform in Council's Theatre on

Sunday 26 August — the final day of the *Series*, and will feature the clarinet, trombone, violin, banjo, double bass and piano accordion. Come and experience the exciting sounds of gypsy, klezmer, burlesque, swing and tango tunes.

Pre-purchased tickets to *Croque Monsieur* are \$18 and \$16 concession or can be

purchased at the door for \$20 and \$18 concession.

Please note: Both performances will be held from 2.30pm–4.30pm. Doors open at 2pm.

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