

Council cuts carbon footprint

Glen Eira City Council is the first council in Victoria to Live Green with LESS — its support of a program piloted by Low Energy Supplies and Services (LESS) is an environmental step set to tackle climate change at a local level.

The *Live Green with LESS* program aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through the reduction of energy use in Glen Eira households.

The program will involve LESS contractors visiting more than 50,000 Glen Eira households, offering to exchange current incandescent light bulbs with Excite energy-saving bulbs at no cost.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Margaret Esakoff said the *Live Green with LESS* program is a step in the right direction for Glen Eira in terms of tackling climate change.

"Excite energy-saving light bulbs use 80 per cent less energy compared to standard bulbs," Cr Esakoff said.

"This results in a reduction of greenhouse gas emissions entering the atmosphere and contributing to climate change."

All residents of the City of Glen Eira are eligible to receive the free installation of as many Excite energy-saving light bulbs as required, as long as residents have at least three lights that can be changed over.*

Australian basketball legend and local Glen Eira resident, Andrew Gaze, was the first to participate in the *Live Green with LESS* program last month.

A LESS installer replaced Andrew's incandescent light bulbs with Excite energy-saving bulbs. Andrew is now encouraging his neighbours to get in on the action.

"I think it's a great initiative which helps save the environment," Andrew said.

Long term environmental and financial benefits

An average household that exchanges 12 incandescent light bulbs with energy-saving ones could save the equivalent greenhouse gas emissions of taking a car off the road for two years.

Cr Esakoff said the long term environmental benefits of this program are significant.

"If every household in Glen Eira changed just six lights each, more than 250,600 tonnes of carbon dioxide (CO₂) could be saved, which is the equivalent to taking 3,300 cars off the road for good," Cr Esakoff said.

"As Excite energy-saving light bulbs last approximately 15 times longer than standard incandescent lights, it could also prevent 4 million incandescent lights going to landfill."



Andrew Gaze and Glen Eira Mayor Cr Margaret Esakoff encourage Glen Eira residents to get in on the Live Green with LESS action. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

There are also financial benefits for residents with a reduction in energy bills — a saving of approximately \$1,400 from your household energy bills over the life of the bulbs.

Organising to Live Green with LESS

Live Green with LESS installers will be knocking on doors in Glen Eira over the next few months.

Residents have the option of an on the spot installation or organising for the

LESS booking team to contact you to arrange a more convenient time.

For further information on the *Live Green with LESS* program or to pre-book an installation contact LESS on 1300 855 362.

*LESS cannot change over light bulbs where there are existing energy-saving bulbs, dimmers, sensors or downlights.

**LIVE GREEN
WITH LESS**

Footpath Activities Guidelines reminder

Local business operators and shop owners have until Monday 31 December 2007 to comply with Glen Eira City Council's new Footpath Activities Guidelines.

The *Guidelines* came into force on Monday 1 January 2007, for new permit applicants only. Existing permit holders have been given a 12 month period to comply with the *Guidelines*.

Owner of Glo Health, Vicki Bremner is an existing permit holder that recently sought assistance from Council with her *Footpath permit application*.

"The help I received was amazing," Ms Bremner said. "A Council Officer was out to visit and inspect the shop within two hours of me dropping off the plans and paperwork to Council."

"The application was approved quickly and now I have peace of mind that the shop is safer and more accessible to customers."



Glo Health owner, Vicki Bremner has peace of mind in knowing her shop is safer and more accessible to customers. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Council's Civic Compliance Manager John Bordignon said traders that require assistance with the *Footpath permit application* and complying with the *Guidelines* are urged to contact Council before it's too late.

"Unless you have a valid permit, you will not be able to trade on Council's footpath after Monday 31 December 2007," Mr Bordignon said.

The *Footpath Activities Guidelines* were reviewed to comply with best practice guidelines issued by the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission.

Mr Bordignon said Council acknowledges the importance of street trading opportunities for traders, but traders must be mindful that footpaths are an accessible right for all persons.

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Council staff will monitor and evaluate all footpath trading on a regular basis. If you would like assistance with your application contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

MAYOR'S
COLUMN

Over the next few months Glen Eira residents will be approached by contractors from a company called **Low Energy Supplies and Services (LESS)** and be asked to **Live Green with LESS**.

Council supports the *Live Green with LESS* environmental program and I encourage residents to take up the free supply and installation offer of energy-saving light bulbs.

The long term environmental benefits of this program are significant and it is an environmental step that is set to tackle climate change at a local level. To find out more about the program or to pre-book an installation contact LESS on 1300 855 32.

I also encourage residents to read Council's recently released *2006–07 Annual Report*, which provides information on how Council has performed against the objectives set out in the *Glen Eira 2010 Community Plan*.

It is pleasing to see that Council has improved on a number of programs and services throughout the 2006–07 financial year, demonstrating that Council is in a position to continue to meet the needs of the community well into the future. To obtain a copy of the report contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 or download a copy at www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

Congratulations to the many very talented award winners at Council's recent *My Brother Jack Literary Awards*. The quality of work was outstanding once again.

A wonderful afternoon's entertainment was provided at Council's *In the Mood* concert, as part of the 2007 *Victorian Seniors Festival* in Glen Eira. With a full house in the Auditorium a toe-tapping good time was had by all.

With the opening of Council's swim centres and summer temperatures set to rise, there will be loads of opportunities to have summer fun under the sun, so a quick SunSmart reminder can be found on p.4.

Cr Margaret Esakoff
Mayor

Improving food safety

Glen Eira City Council's Environmental Health Officer, Sarah Shearn has worked with Council for the past two and a half years, assisting food businesses with taking a proactive approach to food safety.

Council is committed to improving food safety among proprietors through education and incentives delivered through Council's *Safe Food Program*, as opposed to taking a policing approach.

Sarah told the *Glen Eira News* that part of her role is to ensure food business proprietors understand that her job requires her to regulate and educate businesses as well as protect the community.

"The overall purpose of the public health effort in relation to food safety is to ensure that all food sold is safe for human consumption," Sarah said.

"This is done through Council's innovative *Safe Food Program* that includes food safety inspections, a five-star food safety rating, *Taste 4 Health* and *Taste 4 Health Kids* nutrition programs, *Access 4 All* program and the annual *Safe Food Guide* publication."

Sarah is kept busy performing various operations of the *Program*, including regular sampling of food, legislative work and aiding businesses with the



Sarah is kept busy performing various operations of Council's Safe Food Program.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton

implementation of nutrition and access programs.

The focus of the *Program* is to regulate food businesses accordingly by rewarding businesses that achieve and keep high food safety standards.

Sarah said that rewards include a reduction in registration fees, eligibility for the *Shop of the Year Award* and \$1,000 prize money, free publicity

within the *Safe Food Guide* and certificates that display participation in Council's programs.

"It is hoped that rewards will encourage food businesses to take a proactive approach to food safety, rather than just adhering to regulations," Sarah said.

"Seeing the positive results of the *Program* is the most rewarding part of my role."

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DEADLINES

The deadline for next edition (December) of the *Glen Eira News* is Wednesday 7 November for delivery 1–2 December.

Coming deadlines

The deadline for the February 2008 edition of the *Glen Eira News* is Wednesday 9 January for delivery 2–3 February.

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

To submit editorial material write to: *Glen Eira News*, PO Box 42
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2006–07 Annual Report now available

Glen Eira City Council's 2006–07 Annual Report is now available.

Each year, Council produces an annual report to provide the community, stakeholders and staff with information about how it has performed against the objectives set out in the *Glen Eira 2010 Community Plan*.

Throughout the 2006–07 financial year, Council has improved a number of programs and services demonstrating that Council is in a position to continue to meet the needs of the community well into the future.

Council's Chief Executive Officer Andrew Newton said Council welcomes the opportunity to present open, accurate and transparent information on Council's operational, financial, environmental and social performance.

"Community members are encouraged to take an interest in the *2006–07 Annual Report*, as it is a snapshot of Council's achievements and challenges faced over the year."

To obtain a copy of Council's *2006–07 Annual Report*, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 or visit www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

Council's 2006–07 highlights

- Delivered the largest ever program of capital investment: \$27.06 million.
- Reduced consumption of mains water by more than 100 million litres.
- Increased recycling of waste by 12 per cent.
- Implemented the new vaccination program against cervical cancer, administering 3,425 doses of the vaccine to young women (in a total program of 9,400 immunisations).
- Provided care in the home to 3,900 elderly residents or people with a disability.
- Rated the best performing council in Victoria for Occupational Health and Safety.
- Achieved an operating surplus of \$4.7 million, which was \$2.4 million better than budget.
- Average rates and charges were 14 per cent below the average of our benchmark councils, approximately \$9 million less per year.
- Community satisfaction with the overall performance of the Council was 87 per cent (up from 77 per cent in 2005–06).

News in Brief

Green Living workshops

Bentleigh West Primary School will be hosting a series of *Green Living* workshops in November, providing the Glen Eira community with the opportunity to gain an insight on sustainable living options.

The three workshops, funded through Glen Eira City Council's *2007–08 Community Grants Program*, will focus on Water and Sustainable Gardening,

Energy and Sustainable Building and the Three R's — Reduce, Recycle and Reuse.

The two hour workshops will be held at Bentleigh West Primary School for three consecutive Tuesdays, commencing on Tuesday 13 November.

To register your interest in the *Green Living* workshops contact Leonie on 9557 1228 or email brown.leonie.l@edumail.vic.gov.au

Disability awareness in schools

Glen Eira City Council, in partnership with Marriott Support Services (MSS), recently co-ordinated a new Disability awareness in schools project — which proved to be a huge success.

Wesley College in Elsternwick, McKinnon Primary School and Sholem Aleichem College participated in the project that aims to create awareness and positive attitudes towards people with a disability.

The project — which was funded by the Department of Human Services (DHS) — involved three presenters who have a disability discussing their personal stories.

A booklet was also provided to guide teachers in conducting disability awareness sessions in the classroom.

To download a copy of the *Disability awareness in schools* booklet visit Council's website at www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

If you would like more information about the project please contact Council's MetroAccess Officer on 9524 3333.

Council finalist in the 2007 Australian HR Awards

The winners of the 2007 *Australian HR Awards* were announced at an awards

ceremony evening in September, with Glen Eira City Council shortlisted as a finalist in the *Solterback Award for Employer of Choice (public sector)*.

Four other national finalists were shortlisted — including Blue Mountains City Council, Moonee Valley City Council and Thuringowa City Council — with Main Roads Western Australia winning the *Award*.

Council's Manager Human Resources Betsie Young said that being a finalist in the *Awards* is a considerable achievement.

"The *Awards* also recognises that Council is an organisation with leading employer of choice strategies," Ms Young said.

For further information on the 2007 *Australian HR Awards* visit www.hrwards.com.au

Enhancing safety in the community

Glen Eira City Council recognises that community safety affects the health and wellbeing of the Glen Eira community and is committed to increasing public safety awareness.

The Victoria Police 2006–07 Crime Statistics for the City of Glen Eira are available on Council's website at www.gleneira.vic.gov.au Click on Council and community and then Community safety.



Bentleigh West Primary School Environment and Sustainability Co-ordinator Leonie Brown, Principal Jennifer Small, Cr Nick Staikos and students launched the *Green Living* workshops last month. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Glen Eira Senior Citizens Register

Are you over 60? Would you like to feel safer in your home and within the community?

Glen Eira Police, in partnership with the Metropolitan Fire Brigade and Glen Eira City Council, encourage elderly residents to take advantage of the Glen Eira Senior Citizens Register.

The Register is maintained by Victoria Police with the support of trained volunteers who contact registered residents regularly to check on their welfare, discuss any security issues and general concerns.

The Register is an important community safety initiative that will offer valuable

peace of mind to many elderly residents living within the City.

To register contact Caulfield Police Station on 9524 9500. A safety information pack and an identity card will then be forwarded to you in the mail.

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 Tammy on 9524 3431.

GLEN EIRA CITY COUNCIL



CEO'S COLUMN

Glen Eira City Council celebrates the tenth anniversary of Food Safety Week (12–19 November) with this month's feature on pages six and seven highlighting a **Back to Basics** theme that focuses on the key food safety message — clean, cook, chill and separate.

The feature also highlights Council's *Safe Food Program*, aiming to provide Glen Eira food proprietors and residents with the means to responsibly handle food safely.

An estimated 5.4 million Australians suffer from food poisoning each year, with 10–20 per cent of cases caused by the mishandling of food. The associated health care cost amounts to more than \$2.6 billion per year.

About one in three meals are purchased outside the home. Food business proprietors have a legal responsibility to ensure the food they sell is safe for human consumption.

Council's carries out its responsibilities under the *Food Act* through our innovative *Safe Food Program*. It includes food safety inspections, a five-star food safety rating, nutrition programs (*Taste 4 Health and Taste 4 Health Kids*), programs to encourage access to food businesses (*Access 4 All*) and the *Safe Food Guide*.

We aim to improve food safety among proprietors through education, incentives and enforcement when required.

During 2006–07, Council conducted 1,450 food safety inspections at 800 food businesses within the Glen Eira municipality, collecting more than 380 food samples.

The results demonstrated that 86 per cent of the food samples complied with the National Food Safety Standards.

Andrew Newton
Chief Executive Officer

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

Council invites residents to attend a Remembrance Day memorial service at the Caulfield R.S.L. Sub-branch, 4 St Georges Road, Elsternwick on Sunday 11 November 2007. The service will commence with a march down St Georges Road from Sandham Street to the club premises — step off will be at approximately 10.30am. Following the service, community groups will have information stands inside the club. For more information contact the Caulfield R.S.L on 9528 3600.



Recycling in the City

Glen Eira City Council's proactive approach to introducing various initiatives that reduce waste, encourage recycling and the use of recycled products are proving to be a huge environmental success for the City.

Since the rollout of Council's recycling bins in July last year, recycling within the municipality has increased by 12 per cent.

More than 500 tonnes of recycled material has been collected every fortnight since the 240 litre wheelie bins with yellow lids replaced Council's existing crate based recycling service.

Council's Manager Waste Services Doug Griffiths said the mobile bins have also allowed the recycling service to extend to commercial properties.

"Currently there are more than 300 recycling bins collected from commercial properties and the number is steadily growing," Mr Griffiths said.

However, Council's recycling initiatives are not just limited to the Waste Service Unit.

Degradable plastics

Park Services addressed environmental concerns regarding the use of plastic bags by providing degradable animal waste bags — which disintegrate by oxidation, heat and sunlight — through 74 dog dispenser units located throughout the City's parks.

Last year, dog owners visiting Council's parks utilised 770,000 degradable bags. This has had a significant environmental



Dog owners visiting Council parks utilised 770,000 animal waste bags which disintegrate by oxidation, heat and sunlight.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

impact, with normal plastic bags taking up to 100 years to degrade.

Recycled works

Where practical and affordable, Council uses recycled products in road and drainage works.

Council's Director Assets and Facilities Peter Waite said these products include recycled concrete for road making, recycled rock for backfilling and road trenches and recycled rubber for speed cushions.

"The successful trial of four bench seats manufactured from 100 per cent recycled plastic last year, also provided the basis for recycled seats to become part of the suite of furniture utilised throughout the City," Mr Waite said.

Reducing waste

Recent works on the Bentleigh streetscape upgrade have created opportunities to reuse materials that are being upgraded as part of the works.

The existing furniture is being retained for reuse in maintenance operations. And the brick pavers are being stacked on pallets for resale.

To find out more about Council's recycling initiatives contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

Council encourages you to visit www.planetark.com during *National Recycling Week* (12–18 November) to find how you can make a difference. ■

Summer sun safety

Sun exposure in the first 15 years of life contributes significantly to the lifetime risk of skin cancer. As summer temperatures are set to rise in the next few months, this is an important time to recap SunSmart behaviour with our children.

Reinforcing the SunSmart message — Slip, Slop, Slap, Seek and Slide — is an essential step in educating children to protect their skin from the sun.

The message is simple and should be practiced at all times:

Slip on sun protective clothing

Wear tightly woven, loose fitting, full length clothing that will protect skin from the sun's UV rays.

Slop on water resistant sunscreen (30+)

Apply water resistant sunscreen with a

Sun Protection Factor (SPF) of at least 30 or higher 20 minutes before going outdoors. Reapply sunscreen every two to four hours.

Slap on a hat

A hat with a wide brim — 6cm wide for children — will reduce direct exposure to the eyes, ears, face, and the back of the neck.

Seek shade

Use adequate shade. Particular care should be taken between 10am and 4pm, as UV radiation levels reach their peak. Check the UV index through daily weather reports.

Slide on sunglasses

Sunglasses will reduce sun exposure that can cause eye damage.

Make sure that you put the SunSmart message into action, so that you can safely spend summer under the sun.

Family and Children's Services Sun Protection practices and procedures

All of Council's child care centres are registered as SunSmart with The Cancer Council Victoria's *SunSmart Program*.

The centres promote and practice the SunSmart message through their Sun Protection practices and procedures.

Council's Manager Family and Children's Services Lili James said the *SunSmart Program* is implemented at the beginning of September until the end of April the following year.

"Staff act as role models and ensure that children are protected from the sun by wearing hats, sunglasses and appropriate clothing, using water resistant SPF 30+ sunscreen and seeking shade whenever possible," Ms James said.

For further information on Council's Family and Children's Services Sun Protection practices and procedure contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333. ■

Local writing talent awarded



Literary Awards winners

Winners of Glen Eira City Council's Literary Awards were announced last month at a presentation night at Town Hall, which saw local writing talent receive major cash prizes.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Margaret Esakoff officially opened the presentation evening where awards were presented to local writers under six different short story and poetry categories.

G L Osborne took out first prize with *Mermaid Footwear* in the *Sunflower Bookshop Short Story Award* and Andrew Spiker received first prize for *In Fawkner Park* in the *Eastend Booksellers Poetry Award*.

Council's Manager Arts and Culture David O'Halloran said the *My Brother Jack Literary Festival 2007* commenced in May and offered something for both

readers and writers.

"A series of readings with authors and writing workshops were open to local writing and reading enthusiasts," Mr O'Halloran said.

"And the popular *Literary Awards* allowed the opportunity for local writers to demonstrate their talent."

The *Awards* — sponsored by Baha'i Community of Glen Eira, Sunflower Bookshop and Eastend Booksellers Pty Ltd — were judged by award winning authors Andy Griffiths, Alicia Sometimes and Archie Fusillo.

Actors Fiona Macleod and James Saunders concluded the evening with readings of the winning stories and poems.

Winning entries for each of the categories are available on Council's website at www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

Sunflower Bookshop Short Story Award

FIRST: *Mermaid Footwear*
G L Osborne

SECOND: *The Feeder*
G L Osborne

THIRD: *The Shopping List*
Daniela Roitstein

Eastend Booksellers Poetry Award

FIRST: *In Fawkner Park*
Andrew Spiker

SECOND: *Beechworth — 'The Armoury' Hotel*
Andrew Spiker

THIRD: *Trenchcoat*
Debbie Lustig

Youth Short Story Award

FIRST: *The Ballad of the Bitter End*
Adina Dessauer

SECOND: *The Three Generals*
Elyse Cherny

THIRD: *Tears of a Swan*
Liana Kalkopf

Baha'i Junior Short Story Award

FIRST: *How to Milk a Cow*
Jessica Hogg

SECOND: *Flight of the Doomed*
Avi Lewis

Baha'i Junior Poetry Award

FIRST: *My Mother's Mother*
Catie Shannon

SECOND: *Frost Giants*
Grace Smithson

Youth Poetry Award

FIRST: *No-One But Herself*
Kirstin McKenzie

SECOND: *Kiss Me, I'm Contagious*
Naomi Dick

THIRD: *The Passing of Hector*
Peter Delafosse

Park parties

Council's annual Party in the Parks community celebrations will return in March 2008, with a host of free, fun and entertaining performances and activities for the whole family.

Council is now seeking expressions of interest from Glen Eira based non-profit organisations and local businesses that would like to participate in the event by either having an information stand or providing an activity.

A fee of \$150 exclusive of GST applies to local businesses that wish to participate.

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

Opportunity for artists

Glen Eira City Council Gallery is currently seeking proposals from artists in the City to be considered for inclusion in the Glen Eira Artists Exhibition 2008, to be held in May.

Applications should include:

- a brief Curriculum Vitae (one A4 page);
- an artist's statement (half A4 page); and
- up to eight images of recent work.

Applications must be received by 5pm Friday 30 November.

All applications should be sent to: Glen Eira Artist Exhibition 2008
Glen Eira City Council Gallery
PO Box 42 Caulfield South 3162

Submissions can also be emailed to shicks@gleneria.vic.gov.au

Springtime music

Glen Eira City Council's Springtime Music Festival 2007 will continue to keep Glen Eira's open space abuzz with the final two concerts featuring pop-infused blues and a unique blend of gospel and world music.

The *Heather Stewart Trio* will mix up a unique ensemble of blues, jazz and soul vocals at Centenary Park in Bentleigh East on Saturday 10 November from 2pm.

On Sunday 18 November, a cappella harmonies will vibrate through Springthorpe Gardens in Murrumbeena with 25 piece group *Sweet Mona's Choir* performing from 2pm.

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



Heather Stewart Trio.

EXHIBITIONS

PHOTOGRAPHIC IMAGING COLLEGE GRADUATE EXHIBITION

Viewing from 8–18 November

The *Photographic Imaging College Graduate Exhibition* showcases the work of students who have completed a Diploma of Arts in Applied Photography.

The exhibition features exquisite examples of traditional black and white silver gelatin processes, type C colour prints as well as digitally generated prints, new media, video projection and installation.



Stephanie Trask, *Mischievous Johnny and Good Clare*, 2005, silver gelatin print.

A distinctive quality of the exhibition will be the synthesising of traditional and innovative approaches to image making.

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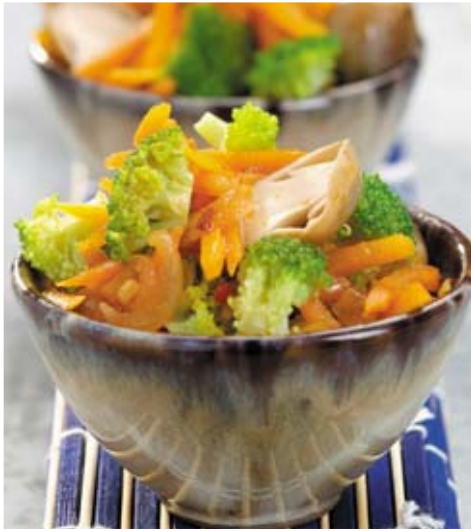
Viewing from 22 November–2 December

For this remarkable dual exhibition, Liz Loder and Katrin Chittams both share their interest in colour, surface and form; Liz with richly textured paintings

of landscapes and nudes; and Katrin through subtle coloured clay sculpture.

The curves and valleys of the human form provide an inescapable analogy to the landscape for Liz Loder, whose expressive paintings explore this multifaceted relationship.

Katrin Chittams striking ceramic pieces are also inspired by landscape, in particular the intense colours and unbounded space of the Australian outback.



Improving food safety

Glen Eira City Council is celebrating the tenth anniversary of *Food Safety Week* this year, with a *Back to Basics* theme that focuses on the key food safety message — clean, cook, chill and separate.

This month's feature highlights Council's *Safe Food Program* aiming to provide Glen Eira residents with the means to responsibly handle food safely.

FOOD SAFETY TIPS

Whether you're a kitchen hand, food process worker, shop assistant, waiter or preparing a meal yourself at home, the following *Back to Basics* tips will assist to handle food safely.

Clean

- Always wash hands with warm soapy water before and after handling food.
- Use dry, clean, sanitised cutting boards, utensils, containers and equipment and wash with hot soapy water between handling raw and cooked food.
- Clean and rinse cloths after each use.
- Replace cloths frequently.

Cook

- Use a thermometer to ensure food is cooked thoroughly — the centre of the cooked food needs to reach 75°C.
- Cook rolled or stuffed meats, mince, sausages and whole poultry until the juices run clear.
- Keep hot food at 60°C or hotter.

Chill

- Cold food must be kept at -5°C or colder.
- Frozen food must be kept frozen solid at -15°C or colder.

- Thaw food in fridge. Food that is thawing should be stored below and separate from cooked and ready to eat foods. This means that raw food cannot drip onto the cooked food.
- Divide large portions of food into small batches before thawing. Large portions take longer to thaw.

Separate

- Keep raw food separate from cooked and ready to eat food to avoid cross contamination.
- Use separate cutting boards, utensils, containers and equipment when preparing raw, cooked and ready to eat food.

SAFE FOOD PROGRAM

Glen Eira City Council enforces the statutory provisions of the *Victorian Food Act 1984* through its innovative *Safe Food Program* — including food safety inspections, a five-star food safety rating, *Taste 4 Health* and *Taste 4 Health Kids* nutrition programs, *Access 4 All* program and the *Safe Food Guide* — which aims to improve food safety among proprietors through education, incentives and enforcement when required.

Food business proprietors have a legal responsibility to ensure the food they sell is safe and suitable for human consumption, while local government authorities have the obligation of ensuring all food businesses comply with the *Act*.

Council conducted 1,450 food safety inspections at 800 food businesses within the Glen Eira municipality during 2006–07, collecting more than 380 food samples.

The results demonstrate that 86 per cent of the food samples taken complied with the National Food Safety Standards.

Council's Manager Public Health and Community Development Mark Saunders said these results are indicative of the success of Council's *Safe Food Program*.

"Instead of taking a policing approach, the *Safe Food Program* rewards food businesses that implement and maintain excellent food hygiene standards with

financial and promotional incentives," Mr Saunders said.

"Incentives include a reduction in registration fees, eligibility for the *Shop of the Year Award* and \$1,000 prize money, free publicity within the *Safe Food Guide* and certificates that display participation in Council's programs."

Achieving a five-star food rating is the first step in becoming involved in any of Council's safe food initiatives.

To achieve a five-star food safety rating, food businesses must:

- operate in accordance with a food safety program designed specifically for the business;

- appoint a qualified food safety supervisor;
- achieve a food hygiene score of at least 90 per cent;
- pass Council's food hygiene questionnaire;
- pass all food sampling testing and have no food seizures within the previous 12 months;
- have no serious food safety risks identified during the food safety assessment; and
- have no justified complaints within the previous 12 months.

For further information on Council's *Safe Food Program* contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.



Council's *Safe Food Program* rewards food businesses that maintain excellent food hygiene standards.
Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Glen Eira City Council's Access 4 All program aims to assist food businesses with improving access to their goods and services for a large part of the community — people with disabilities.



Council's Access 4 All program focuses on improving the accessibility of food premises. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

The City of Glen Eira is home to approximately 18,450 people living with disabilities, equalling more than 15 per cent of the municipality. The number of people affected by a disability is even greater when you include people with an

injury or those who may be on crutches or walking sticks.

In addition, 20 per cent of Glen Eira residents are aged over 60 years and many have difficulties with mobility, sight and hearing.

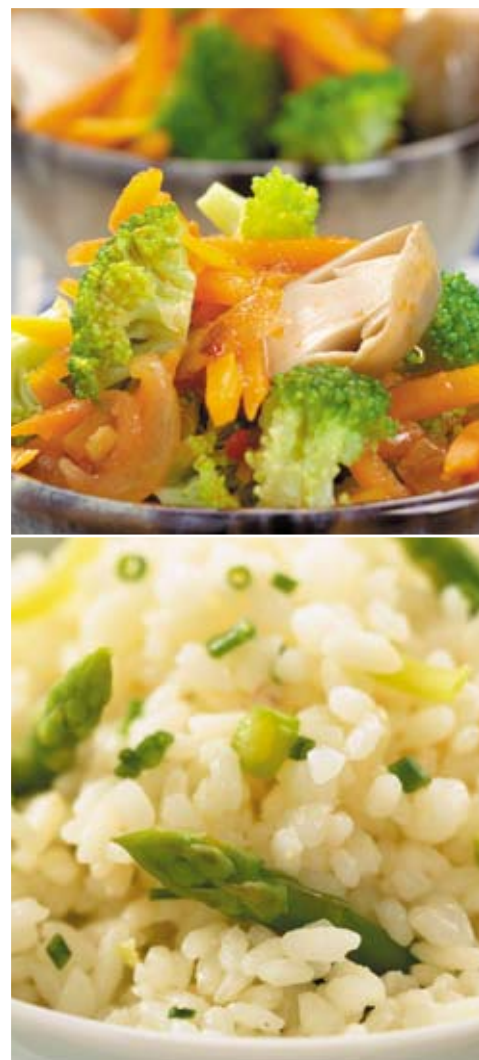
Director Community Services Peter Jones said Council's *Access 4 All* program focuses on improving the accessibility of door entries, toilet facilities, walkways and floor surfaces of food premises.

"There are many simple steps that can be taken to improve access for people with disabilities including making signs clear and easy to see, having wider parking spaces, good lighting, using handrails and where applicable, providing an accessible public toilet," Mr Jones said.

"Staff members should also be trained to be aware of circumstances where people may have additional needs."

The program not only helps people with a disability, but also older people, delivery people, parents or carers using prams and basically, every customer.

For further information on achieving *Access 4 All* status contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.



CALD FOOD SAFETY TRAINING PROGRAM

Food business proprietors and food handlers from culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) backgrounds wanting to improve their skills and knowledge of safe food practices are encouraged to apply for Glen Eira City Council's new CALD Food Safety Training Program.

The *Program*, which is being conducted by Holmesglen Institute of TAFE, has been developed to assist people from non-English speaking backgrounds understand their food safety obligations.

The *Program*, which is being funded by the *Workplace English Language and Literacy Program*, will address many topics, including:

- food safety practices;
- potential food safety risks;
- the implementation of food safety programs;
- how to complete the required food safety program records; and
- how to comply with the *Food Act 1984*.

The free *Program* will be conducted at Glen Eira Town Hall and the trainer will also visit businesses to work with participants individually.

For further information on the *CALD Food Safety Training Program*, contact Council's Public Health and Community Development Unit on 9524 3333.

TASTE 4 HEALTH AND TASTE 4 HEALTH KIDS



Glen Eira City Council encourages all food businesses to respond to the public demand for healthy nutritious food by taking advantage of Council's Taste 4 Health and Taste 4 Health Kids nutrition programs.

Statistics show an alarming increase in the number of overweight children and adults in Australia. Now, more than ever, consumers are concerned about the nutritional value of what they eat. As a result, the food industry and many businesses are making changes to provide healthy food options.

Council's *Taste 4 Health* and *Taste 4 Health Kids* nutrition programs are award winning public health initiatives that assist local businesses with improving the nutritional value of the food they serve.

The programs involve a nutrition assessment of the business menu based on criteria that was developed in partnership with the International Diabetes Institute, Caulfield Community Health Service and the Bentleigh Bayside Community Health Service.

Council's Manager Public Health and Community Development Mark Saunders said the criteria is focused on reducing total and saturated fats, salt and refined sugar and increasing dietary fibre.

"Businesses that are successful in meeting the criteria are rewarded with promotional incentives and an award," Mr Saunders said.

The *Taste 4 Health* and *Taste 4 Health Kids* programs are available to restaurants, cafes, clubs, hotels and take away food outlets that achieve Council's five-star safe food rating.

For further information about getting involved in the programs contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

Taste 4 Health and Taste 4 Health Kids tips

- Offer water or have it visible for customers to help themselves.
- Offer your customers low fat alternatives such as boiled or steamed rice, noodles and baked potatoes instead of fried rice, fried noodles and chips.
- Leave edible skins on fruits and vegetables during preparation of dishes.



Taste 4 Health and Taste 4 Health Kids nutrition programs assist local businesses with improving the nutritional value of the food they serve. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

MEETINGS AND CLUBS

Moorabbin Historical Society welcomes The Henry Lawson Society which will conduct readings of his works. To be held at Box Cottage at Joyce Park, Jasper Road, McKinnon on Sunday 25 November from 2pm–4.30pm. Admission by donation. Contact: 9578 9131.

Bentleigh Life Activities Club offers opportunities for seniors to meet new friends and enjoy activities such as table tennis, golf, card games and music (classical and light). New members welcome to join the friendly club. Contact: Gotu 9557 2562.

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.

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

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

Glen Eira Cheltenham Art Group offers classes for all ages at Moorleigh Village, 92 Bignell Road, Bentleigh East from Tuesday to Saturday (children's classes). A life class is held once a month. New members welcome. Contact: Jill 9579 0967 or Club Rooms 9563 7621.

Abel Tasman Club holds music and dance nights on the first Saturday and the third Friday every month. On chosen Sundays, a traditional Dutch meal is available. Contact: Sue 9530 9794.

Carnegie Senior Citizens Club invites members to meet with them at 7 Shepparson Avenue, Carnegie (above the Carnegie Library and Community Centre). Come enjoy cards on Mondays

and Thursdays, singing on Tuesdays and bingo on Fridays. The club also has visiting artists, entertainers and community members. New members welcome. Contact: Mrs D Sandlant 9568 2727.

EVENTS

St Peter's Fete will hold a fete at St Peter's Primary School, 842 Centre Road, Bentleigh East on Saturday 17 November at 11.30am–7pm. Offering fabulous food, attractions, rides and amusements for everyone. Contact: 9579 5068.

Hughesdale Primary School is hosting the *Totally Wild Carnival* at Brine Street, Hughesdale on Friday 30 November from 3.30pm–8.30pm. Offering rides, kid's talent show, free activities and giveaways on the day.

Hughesdale Art Group is holding the *Annual Exhibition* and Sale of Paintings, judged by Regina Hona at the Hughesdale Community Centre, corner of Poath and Kangaroo Roads, Hughesdale. Opening on Cup night, Tuesday 6 November at 8pm (doors open at 7.30pm). All are welcome. Contact: 9885 6407 or 9568 8396.

Bentleigh Traders Association announces *The Bentleigh Festival* is one of the biggest street festivals in Melbourne on Sunday 18 November 2007 from 10am. This year the Bentleigh Festival Goes International. With four entertainment stages and lots of activities — there is something to suit everyone.

Coatsville Uniting Church will hold its annual fete at the church property located on the corner of North and Mackie Roads, Bentleigh East on Saturday 17 November from 9am–2.30pm. Attractions include crafts, white elephant stalls, kid's activities and much more.

Gigantic Garage Sale will be held on the corner of Birch Street and Hawthorn Road, Caulfield South on Sunday 11 November 2007 from 8am–4pm. Spectacular plant sale and two halls full of treasures. All proceeds go to charity. A voluntary Jewish service project by: Unit Mitzvah B'nai B'rith.

Adelphi Theatre will stage the family pantomime *Jack and the Beanstalk* at the Grand National Trust Mansion Labassa, 2 Manor Grove, Caulfield North from Saturday 8–15 December. Cost: \$8 per adult and \$6 per child (cost includes refreshments). Bookings are essential. Contact: 9690 1593.

Bentleigh Organ Club's 11th Annual Cup Eve Concert will be held at Coatesville Bowling Club, 62 Mackie Road, Bentleigh East on Monday 5 November from 8pm. *The Accordion Orchestra of Melbourne* will be performing for this occasion. On-site parking available. Cost: \$6 (includes supper). Contact: 9528 2539.

Le Desire will be raising funds for the National Breast Cancer Foundation (NBCF) on Saturday 17 November from 12pm–7pm and for Challenge on Sunday 18 November from 11am–5pm at Princes Gardens, Malvern Road, Prahran. Contact: 9558 9866.

COMMUNITY

Glen Huntly Combined Playgroup has a number of vacancies for playgroups on Monday from 2pm–4pm and Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 10am–12pm. Contact: Rhonda 0438 329 733.

Glen Eira Climate Action Group has formed in Glen Eira, to tackle climate change issues in the local community. There are vacancies for residents to either help out or take part in an energy reduction program. More information available on <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~climate/>

Kiwanis Internet Club of Braeside is interested in computer literate volunteers between 18–80 years of age to contribute to community service activities and fundraising social events. Chat room, e-Meetings and e-Forums are held via the Club's website.

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NOVEMBER

McKinnon Public Hall
118 McKinnon Road, McKinnon
Monday 12 November 10am–11am

**Glen Eira Town Hall Auditorium
(entry via Glen Eira Road)**
Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads,
Caulfield
Tuesday 13 October 6pm–7pm
Tuesday 20 October 9.30am–10.15am

Carnegie Library
7 Shepparson Avenue, Carnegie
Wednesday 14 November 1.30pm–2.30pm

Packer Park
Leila Road, Carnegie
Monday 19 November 10am–11am

Bentleigh East
Bentleigh Bayside Community
Health Centre
Gardeners Road, Bentleigh East
Wednesday 21 November 6pm–7pm
Saturday 24 November 9.30am–10.30am

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

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Supporting Glen Eira youth

Glen Eira City Council's Youth Services offers free and confidential support for young people aged 12 to 25 who live, work or study within the municipality.

The Youth Services Team includes Youth Services Co-ordinator Michael Colling, Youth Worker Natalie Catanach, Youth Worker Jackie Rickard and Administration Officer Roger Simpson.

The Youth Team has extensive experience in the field, including outreach work, crisis work, peer education and program facilitation.

Council's friendly Youth Team is available to assist young people with a range of topics, including family conflict and

issues at school. The team is also able to make referrals to local service providers regarding issues such as housing and accommodation and drug and alcohol support.

Information and referrals regarding youth issues are also available for the families of the young people seeking support.

The Youth Services Team also initiates Council's *Young Women's Program*, *Young Men's Program*, *Skate Jam*, *Big Splash Out* and Youth Consultative Group.

The Youth Team is based at Council's Youth Information Centre, 202a East Boundary Road, Bentleigh East.

For further information contact Youth Service on 9579 7963 or drop into the Centre.



Council's Youth Services Team, Michael Colling, Natalie Catanach, Roger Simpson and Jackie Rickard.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Workshop a success



Participants were introduced to unique and distinctive song writing techniques.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Budding singer/songwriters were treated to a free song writing workshop last month, which was presented by one of Australia's foremost songwriters, lead singer of Icecream Hands, Charles Jenkins.

The workshops proved to be a success with participants, as they received one-on-one attention and were introduced to ideas that will help to make their song writing unique and distinctive.

For information on future workshops, contact Youth Services on 9579 7963. ■

Surviving the festive season ahead

Glen Eira City Council's Youth Services recognises that the festive season can prove to be a challenge both emotionally and financially.

Council's Youth Services is available to assist young people and their families during this time.

Youth Services operating hours are Monday to Thursday 9.45am to 6pm and Friday 9.30am to 5pm.

Outside of Council working hours, please call Kids Help Line on 1800 55 1800.

Helpful hints to consider as the year draws to a close:

Spend early and wisely

Don't leave shopping for gifts to the last minute and set yourself a strict budget.

Avoid conflict

If conflict is rife when the family gets

together, avoid it. Instead arrange to spend it with people you will enjoy spending time with.

Out and about

Avoid boredom and organise a game of footy, a hit of cricket or a bike ride.

Tune into youth events

Make your way down to Council's *Big Splash Out* music festival on Wednesday 16 January 2008. Tune into other Council youth events by visiting Council's website at www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES PRESENT

Toilet Training, the when and the how

Wednesday 14 November 2007
7.30pm to 9.30pm (7.15pm registration)
Theatrette, Glen Eira Town Hall
Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads
Caulfield

Cost: \$5 per person

This session is for parents, grandparents, playgroups and early childhood professionals. Guest presenter from Continence Victoria, Susan McCarthy, will explore the dilemma faced by all parents — when to start toilet training their children.

Registration and payment must be received prior to each session and in accordance with registration closing dates as listed. Receipts will be issued on the night. For a copy of the registration form or for further details contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 or visit www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

GLEN EIRA CITY COUNCIL



LIBRARYNEWS

Saturday Shakers — Pirate McGee

Saturday 10 November
2pm–2.45pm
Carnegie Library and Community Centre
— Boyd Room (level one)

Pirate McGee is in need of a trusty crew to help him with his quest to find Pirate McQuinlan's treasure. He will put his pirate crew through their paces to make sure they are worthy in sharing in the loot.

Join Pirate McGee, his Captain and crew in this interactive show with songs, dazzling pirate magic and a treasure hunt.



Pirate McGee is in need of a trusty crew.

Suitable for pirates up to nine years of age. Free event, no bookings required.

Get ready for Eira's Book Quest

Join Eira on a knight's quest to save the *Book of Lost Words*. Keep a look out for the Quest Map as *Eira's Book Quest*

begins at all libraries on Monday 10 December. There is a host of great prizes to be won and loads of fun for children 13 years and under.

Exam support

During the exam period, qualified library staff are available at all four libraries to assist with final preparations. Online databases — available through Council's website at www.gleneira.vic.gov.au — can also assist with preparation as they allow library members to connect to more than 21,000 information resources. Council's libraries extend best wishes to all school, university and TAFE students with the end of year examinations. ■

Ζήστε Πράσινα με ΛΙΓΟΤΕΡΑ

Η Δημαρχία Δήμου Glen Eira είναι η πρώτη Δημαρχία στη Βικτώρια που εφάρμοσε το *Ζήστε Πράσινα με ΛΙΓΟΤΕΡΑ (Live Green with LESS)* – η στήριξή της για το πιλοτικό πρόγραμμα Προμήθειες και Υπηρεσίες Χαμηλής Ενέργειας (Low Energy Supplies and Services - LESS) που είναι μια περιβαλλοντική πρωτοβουλία για την αντιμετώπιση της κλιματικής αλλαγής σε τοπικό επίπεδο.

Το πρόγραμμα *Ζήστε Πράσινα με ΛΙΓΟΤΕΡΑ* έχει στόχο τη μείωση των εκπομπών θερμοκηπικών αερίων μέσω της μείωσης της ενεργειακής χρήσης στα νοικοκυριά του Glen Eira.

Στο πρόγραμμα συμμετέχουν εργολάβοι LESS που θα επισκεφθούν πάνω από 50.000 νοικοκυριά στο Glen Eira προσφέροντας δωρεάν ανταλλαγή των τωρινών γλόμπων πυρακτώσεως με γλόμπους εξοικονόμησης ενέργειας Excite.

Η Δήμαρχος Glen Eira Margaret Esakoff είπε ότι το πρόγραμμα *Ζήστε Πράσινα με ΛΙΓΟΤΕΡΑ* είναι ένα βήμα προς τη σωστή κατεύθυνση για το Glen Eira αναφορικά με την αντιμετώπιση της κλιματικής αλλαγής.

“Οι γλόμποι εξοικονόμησης ενέργειας Excite καταναλώνουν 80 τοις εκατό λιγότερη ενέργεια σε σύγκριση με τους κανονικούς γλόμπους,” ανέφερε η κ. Esakoff.

Όλοι οι δημότες του Δήμου Glen Eira δικαιούνται τη δωρεάν εγκατάσταση όσων γλόμπων εξοικονόμησης ενέργειας Excite χρειάζονται, αρκεί οι δημότες να έχουν τουλάχιστον τρεις γλόμπους που μπορούν να αντικατασταθούν. *

Ο διάσημος Αυστραλός μπασκετμπολίστας και ντόπιος δημότης στο Glen Eira, Andrew Gaze, ήταν ο πρώτος που συμμετείχε στο πρόγραμμα *Ζήστε Πράσινα με ΛΙΓΟΤΕΡΑ* τον περασμένο μήνα.

Ο Αντριου παροτρύνει τώρα τους γείτονές του να πάρουν μέρος στο πρόγραμμα.

“Πιστεύω ότι είναι μια καταπληκτική πρωτοβουλία που βοηθά στη διάσωση του περιβάλλοντος,” είπε ο Αντριου.

“Και είναι πολύ εύκολο επειδή κάποιος άλλος ανεβαίνει στη σκάλα και αλλάζει το γλόμπο για εσάς.”

Πώς να κανονίσετε για το πρόγραμμα Ζήστε Πράσινα με ΛΙΓΟΤΕΡΑ

Οι δημότες έχουν την επιλογή για μια επιτόπια εγκατάσταση ή να κανονίσετε με την ομάδα LESS να επικοινωνήσει μαζί σας ώστε να κανονίσετε μια πιο βολική ώρα.

Για περισσότερες πληροφορίες σχετικά με το πρόγραμμα *Ζήστε Πράσινα με ΛΙΓΟΤΕΡΑ* ή για να κάνετε κράτηση για αλλαγή των γλόμπων επικοινωνήστε με την ομάδα LESS στο 1300 855 362.

* Η ομάδα LESS δεν μπορεί να αντικαταστήσει γλόμπους, όπου ήδη υπάρχουν γλόμποι, διακόπτες μεταβλητού φωτισμού, αισθητήρες ή κάθεται φώτα νταβανιού που εξοικονομούν ενέργεια.

Programma di risparmio energetico “Live Green with LESS”

Il comune di Glen Eira è il primo nel Victoria ad accogliere il progetto *Live Green with LESS* — sostenere il progetto pilotato dal Low Energy Supplies and Services (LESS) costituisce una mossa ambientalistica messa in atto per affrontare a livello locale il problema del cambiamento climatico.

Il progetto intitolato *Live Green with LESS* mira a ridurre l'emissione di gas serra a Glen Eira tramite la riduzione del consumo energetico nelle abitazioni.

Nell'ambito del progetto gli appaltatori della LESS visiteranno più di 50.000 abitazioni a Glen Eira, offrendosi di cambiare gratuitamente le lampadine a incandescenza in uso con lampadine Excite a risparmio energetico.

Il Sindaco di Glen Eira, Cons. Margaret Esakoff, ha affermato che il progetto *Live Green with LESS* costituisce per Glen Eira un passo nella giusta direzione per affrontare il problema del cambiamento climatico.

“Le lampadine Excite a risparmio energetico utilizzano l’80 per cento di energia in meno rispetto alle lampadine standard,” ha ribadito la Esakoff.

Tutti i residenti del comune di Glen Eira hanno diritto all’installazione gratuita del numero richiesto di lampadine Excite a risparmio energetico, purché in casa ci siano almeno tre lampadine da sostituire.*

Andrew Gaze, leggendario cestista australiano nonché residente di Glen Eira, è stato il primo il mese scorso ad aderire al progetto *Live Green with LESS*.

Andrew invita adesso i propri vicini a mettersi in azione per aderire al progetto.

“Ritengo sia una grande iniziativa che ci aiuterà a salvare l’ambiente,” ha affermato Andrew.

“Ed è decisamente facile, in quanto è qualcun altro a montare sulla scala e cambiare le lampadine al tuo posto.”

Organizzarsi per partecipare al Live Green with LESS

Ai residenti viene offerta l’alternativa di ottenere l’installazione al momento della visita della squadra LESS oppure fare richiesta di un appuntamento ad una data più conveniente.

Per ulteriori informazioni sul progetto *Live Green with LESS* o per prenotare un’installazione rivolgersi al LESS al numero telefonico 1300 855 362.

* LESS non effettua la sostituzione laddove ci siano già lampadine a risparmio energetico, variatori di luminosità, sensori o lampade incassate a soffitto.

Прорамма Live Green with LESS

Муниципалитет Glen Eira, первым среди других муниципалитетов штата Виктория, принял программу *Live Green with LESS* в качестве практической меры по решению проблемы изменения климата на местном уровне. Эта программа разработана организацией LESS (товары и услуги с пониженными энергозатратами).

Цель программы – снизить выбросы парниковых газов за счет снижения потребления энергии в жилых домах в муниципалитете Glen Eira.

В рамках программы работники LESS посетят более чем 50 000 домов в муниципалитете Glen Eira и предложат жителям бесплатно заменить лампы накаливания на энергетически более эффективные лампы типа Excite.

Мэр муниципалитета г-жа Margaret Esakoff отметила важность программы *Live Green with LESS* для решения проблемы изменения климата.

“По сравнению со стандартными лампами, расход энергии в лампах типа Excite меньше на 80%,” сказала г-жа Esakoff.

“Все жители муниципалитета имеют право на бесплатную замену необходимого им количества ламп при условии, что у них есть по крайней мере три лампы, которые можно заменить.*”

Знаменитый австралийский баскетболист и житель муниципалитета Glen Eira Andrew Gaze в прошлом месяце стал первым участником программы *Live Green with LESS*.

Теперь Andrew советует своим соседям сделать то же самое.

“Я думаю, что это прекрасная инициатива, помогающая сохранить окружающую среду,” сказал Andrew.

“Кроме того, это очень просто: кто-то другой залезет на лестницу и поменяет вам лампу!”

Как принять участие в программе Live Green with LESS

Лампы в вашем доме могут быть заменены сразу же, во время визита работников программы LESS, или же оператор программы может позвонить вам позже и назначить удобное время.

Чтобы получить дополнительную информацию о программе *Live Green with LESS*, а также чтобы назначить время замены ламп в вашем доме, звоните в организацию LESS по тел. 1300 855 362.

*Работники организации LESS не смогут поменять лампы в тех местах, где уже используются лампы с пониженным потреблением энергии, регуляторы света, сенсоры и локальные светильники.

“低耗能供應和服務” 的綠色生活

Glen Eira是維州首個實施“低耗能供應和服務的綠色生活”的市政府，支持“低耗能供應和服務”(LESS) 試驗項目是在地區級應對氣候變化的一個環保步驟。

“低耗能供應和服務的綠色生活”目的在於通過Glen Eira市政區居民的節能來減少暖房氣體的排放。

這項計劃將安排LESS承包商訪問Glen Eira市政區中50,000多戶居民，免費將現有的白熾燈泡換成Excite節能燈泡。

Glen Eira市長Margaret Esakoff說，“低耗能供應和服務的綠色生活”計劃是Glen Eira市政府在應對氣候變化方面朝正確方向邁出的一大步。

Esakoff市長說：“與普通燈泡相比，Excite節能燈泡可節省80%的耗能量”。

只要有三個以上的燈泡需要更換，Glen Eira市政區的所有居民都有資格享受免費安裝Excite節能燈泡，而且數量沒有限制。*

澳洲籃球傳奇人物、Glen Eira居民Andrew Gaze是上月參與“低耗能供應和服務的綠色生活”計劃的第一人。

Andrew現在鼓勵鄰居也採取這項行動。

Andrew說：“我認為這是一項有助於拯救環境的極好舉措。”

“而且毫不費力，因為有人代你爬上梯子更換燈泡。”

安排“低耗能供應和服務的綠色生活”

居民可選擇立即更換燈泡，也可安排LESS人員與您聯繫，以預約在更方便的時間更換燈泡。

若想瞭解“低耗能供應和服務的綠色生活”計劃詳情或預訂燈泡更換，請致電LESS，號碼1300 855 362。

* LESS不能更換現有的節能燈泡、調光燈泡、感光燈泡或下射燈泡。



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.

Recent consultation opportunities

Subject	Type	Date	
Disability Action Plan and MetroAccess Plan Public Forum	Public Forum	Wednesday 17 October 2007 1pm–3pm	Carnegie Library and Communnity Centre 7 Shepparson Avenue, Carnegie, Boyd Room (level one)
Disability Action Plan and MetroAccess Plan Review	Comments and submissions	Wednesday 31 October 2007	PO Box 42 Caulfield South Vic 3162 disabilityactionplan@gleneira.vic.gov.au

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

New nets bowl cricketers over

Cricketers and the Glen Eira community will benefit from new cricket nets that have been installed by Glen Eira City Council in EE Gun Reserve, Murrumbeena Park, Princes Park and McKinnon Reserve.

The new nets feature plastic coated wire mesh, a synthetic playing surface and timber/rubber net sides at the strikers end.

Council's Manager Recreation and Youth Services said the old practice nets required substantial ongoing maintenance and were a risk to users and passers by.

"The new nets allow for safer bowling and batting practice and are an improved facility that will benefit cricket clubs and the community," Ms Smith said.

The practice nets have already proved to be popular with cricket clubs within the municipality.

President of Ormond Cricket Club Geoff Cowen said the new cricket nets have already proved to be highly beneficial for the Club.

"The full cover synthetic carpet, wider net space and higher roofing have enabled a safer and more practical facility for our players," Mr Cowen said.

"The Club is very pleased that it worked together with Council on the planning and construction of the facilities upgrade."

For further information on cricket nets upgrade contact Council's Recreation Services on 9524 3333.

Out and about in the City of Glen Eira

Whether you are new to the area or just eager to explore, Glen Eira City Council's Recreation Services has a great range of brochures to assist residents in getting out and about in the City of Glen Eira.

A good starting point in becoming familiar with the recreation opportunities the City has to offer is Council's *Out & About* leisure guide.

Self-guided walks

Council provides a range of brochures about self-guided walks in the area — including *Rosstown Rail Trail*, *Walking in Glen Eira* and *Hopetoun Gardens Interpretive Tree Walk*.

The walks incorporate some of Glen Eira's most popular parks, reserves and heritage sites, including Hopetoun Gardens, the Rosstown Rail Trail and Mallanbool Reserve.

Cycling in the City

Several parks in Glen Eira have bike paths to suit all ages and abilities. *On Your Bike* cycling guide provides a full list of parks with bike paths, riding trails and things to see on your travels in Glen Eira.

For further information, visit Council's Service Centre and pick up a brochure or brochures of interest.

ENJOY GLEN EIRA'S PARKS — OPEN SPACE BOOKING

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

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

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

For further information please contact Council's Facilities Booking Officer on 9524 3333 or email recservices@gleneira.vic.gov.au



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Get into the swim of things

Glen Eira's swim centres are now open — just in time for summer.

Both swim centres have many fun and exciting events for people of all ages taking place throughout the summer season.

Keep a look out for:

Family Fun Day

Saturday 8 December 2007
Carnegie Swim Centre

Sunday 3 February 2008
Bentleigh East Swim Centre

Big Splash Out

Wednesday 16 January 2008
Carnegie Swim Centre

Movie Night

Friday 18 January 2008
Carnegie Swim Centre

Celebrating Diversity

Sunday 24 February 2008
Carnegie Swim Centre

Aquathon

Thursday 6 March 2008
Carnegie Swim Centre

Thursday 28 February 2008
Bentleigh East Swim Centre

Movie Night

Saturday 8 March 2008
Bentleigh East Swim Centre

Jazz by the Pool

Dates for this event are still to be confirmed for both swim centres.

Keep an eye out for further event details on Council's website www.gleneira.vic.gov.au



Splash down this summer at Council's swim centres.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Opening hours

Both swim centres feature heated 50 metre Olympic swimming pools as well as learner and toddler pools.

The swim centres will remain open until Monday 31 March 2008.

Monday to Friday: 6am–7pm
Saturday and Sunday: 8am–6pm
Public holidays: 8am–6pm

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

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2007 Finale Glen Eira Women's Business Network dinner

The final Glen Eira Women's Business Network meeting for 2007 will end on a high with a dinner with a difference — especially designed to provide participants with the opportunity to enjoy an inspiring session with business woman, entrepreneur, author and leadership specialist, Fabian Dattner.

Fabian is considered to be one of Australia's most experienced leadership specialists and sought after commentator and public speaker. She has worked with hundreds of organisations

(corporate, government, not-for-profit, entrepreneurial) and has mentored leaders in Australia and overseas — she knows first hand the challenges facing business and women today.

The evening has been designed as an open forum to provide the audience with the opportunity to explore topics of interest with Fabian.

Fabian will provide an interactive session skillfully drawing out the subjects that interest the audience to provide a powerful, entertaining and thought provoking event.

Fabian's engaging, passionate, humorous and inspiring presentation style is sure to create a memorable night for all.

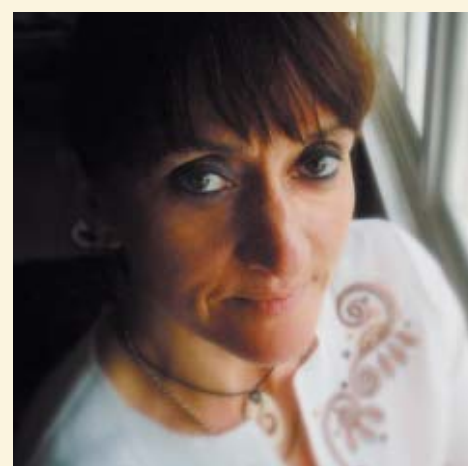
For further information on the final Glen Eira Women's Business Network meeting or to make a booking contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

When: Thursday 29 November*

Time: 6.30pm–9.30pm

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

Cost: \$30 (includes three course meal and drinks)



Fabian Dattner, leadership specialist and entrepreneur.

Networking: Bring along your network marketing material, as a networking table will be available.

***Note:** Meeting date has changed to Thursday 29 November due to the availability of Fabian Dattner.

BusEd offers opportunities for local businesses

Glen Eira City Council's BusEd program is currently seeking expressions of interest from local businesses wishing to develop an information or ecommerce system to help promote and grow business.

The *BusEd* program links businesses with final year Monash University students that are completing a Bachelor of Information Systems, Bachelor of Computing or Bachelor of Information Technology and Systems degrees.

Council's Manager Business Development Lynda Bredin said *BusEd* projects provide students with the opportunity to apply the knowledge and skills they have gained throughout their degree by developing an information system for a real world client.

"Students are required to work in teams to design, develop, deliver and manage



BusEd offers businesses a valuable resource and gives students vital hands on experience.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

the project through all its development stages," Ms Bredin said.

"This involves communicating with all project stakeholders, presenting the

project to stakeholders and peers and the documentation of the project through various stages."

The *BusEd* program has grown considerably in recent years, with many Glen Eira businesses building websites and e-commerce facilities — such as payment gateways. Other projects offered to local businesses have included market research and development of comprehensive marketing plans.

Ms Bredin said this opportunity of information technology *BusEd* projects are clearly of business value as the implementation of a website with e-commerce functionality is important for a small business to expand and succeed.

There are limited opportunities available for 2008. To register your interest in participating in Council's *BusEd* program contact Council's Business Development Unit on 9524 3333.

Bentleigh streetscape progress

Works on the eagerly awaited Bentleigh streetscape upgrade are on schedule with stage three of the works recently completed.

The upgrade will link the eastern and western ends of the shopping strip creating a consistent look with the implementation of unique furniture, paving, lighting and planting schemes.

No works will occur during the prime trading period from the first week of November through to mid-January.

Streetscape progress:

Stage one

Works have been completed from Robert Street to Mitchell Street and from Cairnes Grove to Gilbert Grove.



Centre Road is set to receive a number of safety and other improvements as part of the streetscape upgrade.

The feature paving has been installed, trees have been planted and street furniture has been installed.

Stage two

Stage two works, from Mitchell Street stopping short of the rotunda area, and from Gilbert Grove to Campbell Street, are also complete. These works included an upgrade of street lighting.

Stage three

Works were also completed between Campbell and Mavho Streets and from Bendigo Avenue to Daley Street.

For further information on the Bentleigh streetscape progress contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

Festival reminder

November is street festival month. Support your local community and enjoy the entertainment, displays, stalls, rides and activities from local traders, schools and organisations.

The 2007 street festivals will be held on the following dates:

McKinnon Village Fair

Sunday 11 November 10am–3pm
McKinnon Road, McKinnon

Bentleigh Festival

Sunday 18 November 10am–4pm
Centre Road, Bentleigh

Carnegie Festival

Saturday 24 November 10.30am–3.30pm
Koornang Road, Carnegie