

First in cutting carbon

Glen Eira residents are doing their bit for the environment with a positive response to the Council supported Live Green with LESS program.

Glen Eira City Council is the first council in Victoria to offer this program, which is being piloted by Low Energy Supplies and Services (LESS), to assist residents with energy saving through the installation of energy efficient light globes.

LESS has visited 12,000 households in Glen Eira, with the installation rate increasing to 27 per cent last month. An average of 15 light bulbs are being replaced per household.

In the first six weeks of the program, 2,500 Glen Eira households have had their incandescent light globes replaced with Excite energy-saving ones — a total of 40,000 globes.

This will save 35,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide (CO₂) from entering the atmosphere and reduce residents energy bills by \$3.7 million over the life span of the globes.

Bentleigh East resident John, had 55 energy-saving globes installed in his

home in early October and said the major benefit of the program is that it brings the issue of energy saving into the home.

"I had thought about changing my globes to energy efficient ones, the *Live Green with LESS* program prompted the idea and created the opportunity to do my bit for the environment," John said.

"The LESS installer was extremely helpful and happily replaced all 55 globes in my home," John said. "The whole installation took just over an hour."

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Margaret Esakoff said lighting accounts for about 12 per cent of greenhouse gas emissions from households in Australia. This offer is a way that residents can help to fight climate change.

"If 27 per cent of all Glen Eira residents were to take up the installation offer, with the average of 15 bulbs being replaced, 169,500 tonnes of CO₂ could be saved over the life span of the bulbs," Cr Esakoff said.

"This is equivalent to taking approximately 2,200 cars off the road for good."

LESS installers have visited 25 per cent



Bentleigh East resident John, had 55 energy-saving globes installed in his home in early October.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

of the City and will be knocking on Glen Eira doors until January. To book in a preferred visit time for the free installation service, contact LESS on 1300 855 362.

**LIVE GREEN
WITH LESS**

Community central to Glen Eira plan

Glen Eira City Council will conduct six community workshops throughout February next year, as part of its community consultation process for the 2008–2012 Glen Eira Community Plan.

Ongoing consultation is a central aspect of enabling Council to understand community priorities.

In view of that, Council has already begun consulting through a two phase strategic directions research project, facilitated by social research organisation Newton Wayman Chong (NWC).

Council's Chief Executive Officer, Andrew Newton said to ensure that the community's views are incorporated into the *Plan*, NWC conducted a random telephone survey with 500 Glen Eira residents.

"Focus groups were also used to explore themes from the telephone survey data," Mr Newton said.

The outcomes of the research found that in future planning the community highly prioritised sustainable use of

energy and water (97 per cent) and helping elderly people to pursue their lifestyles in Glen Eira (97 per cent).

Other points that were highly rated included developing facilities and services for young families (93 per cent) and protecting the existing neighbourhood character (93 per cent).

Mr Newton said the upcoming community workshops will discuss the key findings of the NWC data and provide for further community input in the development of the *Plan*.

The community workshops will target small geographical areas with each Council Ward hosting two, two hour, interactive sessions.

"The workshops will provide the community with the opportunity to discuss local issues and allow Council to gain an understanding of the priorities of residents and businesses," Mr Newton said.

Those who attend the workshops will be given the option to be kept up-to-date with the progress of the *Plan*. If residents wish to be kept informed, they will be provided with a

draft copy of the 2008–2012 *Glen Eira Community Plan* and a period in which they can comment.

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

Community workshops

Camden Ward

Thursday 14 February 2008
7pm–9pm
Glen Eira Town Hall — Caulfield Cup Room

Wednesday 13 February 2008
7pm–9pm
Bethlehem Hospital

Rosstown Ward

Thursday 21 February 2008
7pm–9pm
Carnegie Library and Community Centre — Boyd Room

Monday 18 February 2008
7pm–9pm
Ormond Senior Citizens Centre

Tucker Ward

Monday 11 February 2008
7pm–9pm
Bentleigh Senior Citizens Centre

Wednesday 20 February 2008
7pm–9pm
Moorleigh Community Village

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MAYOR'S
COLUMN

2007 has been a big year — the 150th Anniversary of Municipal Government for Glen Eira — a significant milestone; delivering our largest ever program of capital investment — \$27.1 million; and successfully completing projects including the two pavilions at Princes Park and the upgrading of Joyce Park.

The Centre Road Streetscape project, well under way, has paused for the Christmas trading season but will resume in the New Year and the Sports and Aquatic Centre is proceeding to design. A big thank you to those residents taking part in environmental initiatives such as the showerhead exchange and light globe exchange, which are having the desired positive impact.

An excellent result in the Community Satisfaction Survey for Glen Eira, showing an increase from 77 per cent up to 87 per cent in overall performance. There are many who deserve some of that credit, so another big thank you to those who have contributed to the excellent result with their involvement in the provision of the services, activities, clubs and organisations that enrich this City and its people, making for a happier, healthier, safer and more connected community.

Carols by Candlelight will be held at Caulfield Racecourse on Sunday 16 December from 6pm–10pm. Enjoy this magical event with family and friends and join some of Australia's most talented performers for a night of carols and traditional music. Entry is free. *Pirates Ahoi! Pirates in the Park* will be held at Gardenvale Park on Saturday 19 January from 11am–2pm. There will be plenty of entertainment including treasure hunting, ballooning with Buccaneer Bill and magic shows. Bring your picnic lunch and dress up if you wish.

On behalf of Councillors and Council staff, I wish all residents a safe and happy festive season and best wishes for the New Year.

Cr Margaret Esakoff
Mayor

Inspiring art in Glen Eira

Glen Eira City Council's Gallery Curator Stuart Bailey acquires, cares for, develops, displays and interprets collections of art in order to contribute to the artistic and cultural life of Glen Eira.

Council's Gallery produces both large and small exhibitions to ensure that the community has access to significant works of art.

Stuart told the *Glen Eira News* that Council's Gallery offers the community about 30 exhibitions during the year.

"There is a different exhibition taking place every fortnight," Stuart said. "At times, two shows will be occurring at the same time."

According to Stuart, a successful curator must know their art history and contemporary art and be visually creative so as to present their collections in an interesting and informative way.

Although Stuart spends most of his time preparing and promoting upcoming exhibitions, working in Council's Gallery is not always cyclic.

"From gallery visits and research, to reviewing applications and meeting with artists, as well as establishing themes and publicity, each day brings a new challenge," Stuart said.



Stuart spends most of his time preparing and promoting upcoming exhibitions.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Council's Gallery also offers opportunities for aspiring and distinguished artists to display their work in curated group exhibitions.

Stuart said the *Glen Eira Youth Art Exhibition* and *Glen Eira Artists Exhibition* are valuable opportunities for Glen Eira artists working across all media.

"The youth exhibition is especially significant as participants have the opportunity to exhibit in a well recognised, professional working gallery and have significant networking opportunities," Stuart said.

"These group exhibitions also aim to give the community an insight into the creative journey of local artists."

For Stuart, exhibitions that stood out during the year include *Slowing Down*, *Public Space Private Lives* and *Wolfgang Sievers: Work*.

"The most rewarding part of my role is getting positive feedback from the community about how much they enjoy certain exhibitions," Stuart said.

The gallery is open Monday–Friday (10am–5pm), weekends and public holidays (1pm–5pm).

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DEADLINES

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

Coming deadlines

The deadline for the March 2008 edition of the *Glen Eira News* is Wednesday 6 February for delivery 1-2 March.

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

To submit editorial material write to: *Glen Eira News*, PO Box 42
Caulfield South 3162 or email: editor@gleneira.vic.gov.au

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Senior citizens' safety a top priority

More than 300 Glen Eira senior citizens have peace of mind in knowing that they're safe in their home environment with Victoria Police, the Metropolitan Fire Brigade and Glen Eira City Council, monitoring their welfare through the Glen Eira Police Senior Citizens Register.

The *Register* is a community safety initiative maintained by Victoria Police with the support of trained volunteers, who contact registered residents to check on their welfare and discuss security issues or general concerns.

Sergeant Roger Child from Caulfield Police told the *Glen Eira News* that all Glen Eira residents aged 60 years or older are able to register for the community service.

"Residents who register, have their details, next of kin details and an emergency contact secured into the *Register's* database," Sergeant Child said.

"They then receive periodic telephone contact and if they become unreachable, the police will intervene."

The *Register* also offers a home safety

audit to ensure the resident's home has a clearly displayed house number, fitted smoke alarms, security doors, sensor lights and deadlocks.

Volunteers make a difference

Maureen Duggan, a recently retired Glen Eira resident, volunteers her spare time to the *Register* and hopes that she will be able to make a difference to the lives of senior citizens within the municipality.

"I think a simple phone call can open up a valve and eliminate a sense of loneliness that some individuals may be feeling," Maureen said.

"It also provides a sense of security," she said. "In the event of an emergency, the identity card, which is provided to registered residents, links them to the *Register*."

Sustaining the success

Inspector Margaret Lewis from Caulfield Police said to sustain the success of the *Register* contributions and volunteers are urgently needed.

"Last month, an anonymous person



Sergeant Roger Child (front left), colleagues and volunteers will use the car that was donated to the Register to conduct welfare checks and home safety audits.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

kindly donated a brand new car to be used when conducting welfare checks and home safety audits," Inspector Lewis said.

"It is a generous contribution that will help this important community service and I am extremely grateful to the donor."

If you would like to register, make a contribution or become a volunteer to

assist in the operation of the *Glen Eira Police Senior Citizens Register* contact Caulfield Police Station on 9524 9500.

**Caulfield Police trains and supervises all volunteers to enable them to confidently assist with the Register. All volunteers are also required to undertake a police record check.*

News in Brief

Murrumbeena 2007 Relay for Life

The *Murrumbeena 2007 Relay for Life* proved to be a great success in October, with an energetic 44 teams and more than 900 participants getting involved in the 24 hour relay style walk, which raised \$100,000 for cancer research.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Margaret Esakoff officially opened the event at Duncan MacKinnon Reserve, which began at midday on Saturday 27 and ended at midday on Sunday 28 October.

Cr Esakoff said the fundraising event was an exciting opportunity for family, friends and community groups to work together to raise much-needed funds for The Cancer Council Victoria.

"It was a great community effort, which raised \$100,000 for cancer research,

education and support programs and services," Cr Esakoff said.

For more information on *Murrumbeena Relay for Life* or to register a team next year, contact the Supporters Hotline on 1300 65 65 85.



Glen Eira Mayor Cr Margaret Esakoff officially opened the Murrumbeena 2007 Relay for Life event.

Breakfast awards that honour

Glen Eira City Council's upcoming *Australia Day Breakfast* will acknowledge outstanding citizens and community groups that have significantly contributed to the Glen Eira community.

To be held on Friday 25 January at 7.30am, Council will honour and award the *Citizen of the Year*, *Young Citizen of the Year* and *Community Group of the Year*, during a breakfast ceremony at Town Hall.

The guest speaker will be Executive Director of the Institute of Public Administration Australia, Professor Kathy Laster.

Council received 14 nominations for *Citizen of the Year*, six nominations for *Young Citizen of the Year* and 10

nominations for *Community Group of the Year*.

To make a booking or obtain further details on Council's *Australia Day Breakfast* contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

Postcard for pets

Glen Eira City Council's Civic Compliance Officers will be conducting regular park and reserve patrols this summer — with postcards in hand.

The recently released postcard aims to educate Glen Eira pet owners about their pet ownership responsibilities in off-leash areas in Council's parks.

The postcard also provides information on Beyond Basic dog training classes, one-on-one dog training sessions and puppy preschool. To obtain a copy of the postcard contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

Council launches new Mobility Guide

Glen Eira City Council will celebrate International Day of People with Disability on Monday 3 December with the launch of Council's new Mobility Guide.

The *Guide* includes five mobility maps, which were developed to make it easier for people with a disability to navigate around the City of Glen Eira.

The mobility maps provide information on accessible:

- public toilets;
- telephones;
- car parking;
- off street parking;
- public transport;
- post offices and boxes; and

- libraries, supermarkets, playgrounds, community centres.

Carers' pamper day

In celebration of *International Day of People with Disability*, Council will also host a morning of relaxation for carers of people with disabilities.

Thursday 6 December, 10am–12.30pm

Packer Park pavilion, Leila Road, Carnegie

To obtain a copy of the *Mobility Guide* or to attend the carers' pamper day contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

CEO'S COLUMN



Council's number one priority is to renew and repair ageing community facilities and infrastructure. In 2006–07, Council delivered a \$27.06 million capital works program — our largest program ever — and completed 97 per cent of the planned program.

The program included 30 kilometres of footpaths being renewed, upgraded or replaced, five kilometres of roads, improvements to Bentleigh Hodgson Reserve, Bricker Pavilion and the greatest expenditure on drainage to date (\$1.6 million).

Council's 2007–08 capital investment program is running ahead of schedule, with \$7.5 million invested to date.

Melbourne is growing by 1,000 residents a week. Council considered 800 town planning applications, mostly for additional housing. Residents appealed against 2.5 per cent of Council's decisions.

We reduced consumption of mains water by more than 100 million litres per annum by converting sportsgrounds to more appropriate grasses; converting Council toilets and showers; publishing a guide on saving water; and helping hundreds of residents exchange old showerheads with more efficient ones. If you have not changed over your showerhead yet, you can bring your old showerhead and your South East Water bill and exchange it for a free, water efficient one at the Service Centre in the Town Hall.

We are the first council in Victoria to host the free installation of energy efficient light globes for all Glen Eira residents. In the first six weeks of the program, 2,500 Glen Eira households have had their incandescent light globes replaced with Excite energy-saving ones — a total of 40,000 globes. This will save 35,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide (CO₂) from entering the atmosphere and reduce energy bills by \$3.7 million over the life span of the globes.

I encourage all residents to take advantage of this program that is set to tackle climate change at a local level. To pre-book an installation contact Less Energy Supplies and Services on 1300 855 362.

Andrew Newton
Chief Executive Officer

Volunteer thank you dinner

Volunteers who have contributed to the life of the City of Glen Eira were thanked for their efforts at the annual Mayoral Civic Dinner, which was held at Town Hall in October.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Margaret Esakoff and fellow councillors embraced the opportunity to recognise the outstanding contributions made by volunteers throughout the community.

Volunteers from diverse clubs and organisations were acknowledged at the dinner, including representatives from various sporting clubs, senior citizen clubs, multicultural organisations; RSL, Lions, Rotary and Probus Clubs; and Scouting groups within Glen Eira. Neighbourhood Watch, National Council of Jewish Women and Glen Eira's Historical Societies, to name just a few, were also honoured.

In the Mayor's welcoming speech Cr Esakoff told guests that the purpose of the night was to recognise and thank members of the community who make a contribution that enhances the lives of residents of the City, physically, mentally and emotionally.

"The dinner also intends to show our appreciation of the time and effort that volunteers dedicate to make life more meaningful for so many," Cr Esakoff said.

"The contribution of volunteers — whether it be on the sporting ground, in education or at senior citizens' and service



Glen Eira Mayor Cr Margaret Esakoff embraced the opportunity to thank John Bull, 1st Bentleigh Scout Group (left) and Gary Brand, 10th Caulfield Scout Group (right) and other volunteers for their contributions to the community.

Photo: Les O'Rourke.

clubs — creates and provides an enormous number of choices for our community."

The celebratory dinner also coincided with the 150th Anniversary of Municipal Government for the City of Glen Eira.

The Honourable Andrew Robb AO MP, Michael Danby MP, Evan Thornley MLC, David Davis MLC and Helen Shardey MLA also attended.

Make swimming safe this summer

Glen Eira City Council reminds residents to put safety first when cooling off in backyard pools and spas this summer.

Pools and spas can pose a great danger to children. Statistical evidence shows that the most common cause of death for children under five years of age is drowning.

Council's Manager Civic Compliance John Bordignon said swimming pools and spas can be fun, healthy and entertaining, but the safety of users in and around pools/spas should always be priority.

"Residents need to understand the potential risks around pools and spas and ensure that appropriate safety barriers, which comply with Australian Standards, are in place to prevent drowning or near drowning incidents," Mr Bordignon said.

"Residents should also be aware that maintenance of the pool or spa safety barriers is just as important as

adhering to regulations for installation in the first place."

Council's Local Law Officers conduct random inspections to ensure owners meet their obligations for the installation and maintenance of safety barriers.

Council may issue on-the-spot fines and in some cases prosecute owners who do not comply with safety regulations.

If in doubt, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 for further information and advice or visit www.buildingcommission.com.au

Safety is your responsibility. Always ensure that:

- Correct safety measures, which comply with Australian Standards, are fitted to pool fences, gates, doors and windows such as self-closers, latches, fly screens, catches and bolts.

- Fitted pool fences, gates, doors and windows such as self-closers, latches, fly screens, catches and bolts are maintained regularly.
- Tree branches, pot plants or other items that could be used to climb safety barriers to gain access to the pool/spa area are removed.
- Chairs, boxes, pool pumps, dog kennels, children's play equipment or other items should also be removed.
- Neighbouring properties offer no access points to the pool/spa area.
- Fences (especially timber paling fences) are still in good repair.
- All safety barriers such as gates and doors are not left or propped open.
- An adult is supervising children at all times.
- If the supervising adult leaves the pool/spa area, all children should leave with the adult.

The unique benefits of Family Day Care

Glen Eira City Council is seeking caring, energetic, family-focused individuals who have the ability to meet children's needs to join its Family Day Care team.

Council's Family Day Care Scheme offers the Glen Eira community a quality childcare service in a home setting, for children from birth to 12 years. Council currently has 35 registered Family Day Carers from all walks of life, but more are needed.

Council's Family Day Care Co-ordinator Jill Jolliffe said there are a number of unique benefits for carers that become part of Council's Scheme.

"Carers that register enjoy the flexibility that comes with the job, as carers are able to choose the type of care they want to provide, including full-time, part-time, before and after school and holiday care," Ms Jolliffe said. "Additionally, carers are also able to set their own fees."

"Another benefit is that carers are strongly supported by Council's



Janani has always wanted to work in an environment with children.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

qualified early childhood professionals and offered monthly professional development training."

Glen Eira resident Janani Nathan joined the Family Day Care Scheme in May 2002. Janani has always wanted to work in an environment with children and was attracted to the benefits that were associated with being a Family Day Carer.

"At the time I joined the Family Day Care Scheme, my eldest child was two years old," Janani said.

"It was a choice that allowed me to work from home, raise my children and pursue a career that I had always sought."

Janani told the *Glen Eira News* that Council has supported her passion of providing quality childcare with

many opportunities for professional development.

"Council has always encouraged me to participate in training and study opportunities," Janani said.

"Since joining the Family Day Care Scheme, I have completed a Certificate III and a Diploma in Children's Services, which were facilitated by Council."

Janani said as a result of this training she is confident she is providing the best possible care with a skilled program that is designed according to each child's interests and development.

Carers throughout the Family Day Care Scheme have undertaken a police record check, a Working with Children Check and a rigorous home safety check.

If you would like more information about becoming a Family Day Carer or enrolling your child in Family Day Care, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 or email fdc@gleneira.vic.gov.au

Caring for the community

Do you like helping people? Would you like to make a difference to someone's life?

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

You will work with frail older people and people with disabilities — supporting them to live independently at home.

On-the-job with the Community Care team

Earlier in the year, Personal Carer Gisela and Home Carer, Jayne invited

the *Glen Eira News* to join them on-the-job to observe what their work involves.

In March, Gisela (left) told the *Glen Eira News* that she was undertaking a Certificate IV in Aged Care to further her training and skills. Gisela recently confirmed that she had graduated from the course.

"Council has always encouraged and provided professional development opportunities," Gisela said.

"The support you receive is just one of the advantages of working for Council's Community Care team."

Gisela also enjoys the flexibility and diversity of her job.

"I work four days a week," Gisela said. "At the moment I am working as a personal and home carer and am



enjoying the diversity of both roles."

Jayne (right), who had always wanted to work in the field, told the *Glen Eira News* in March that she experienced a lot of pride from performing her job.

"I am still experiencing job satisfaction, the greatest benefit of this job is the feeling that comes with it," Jayne said. "You get to see that your job is making a positive difference to someone's life."



"The relationship that you build with clients, also adds to this feel good job."

Join the team

If you want to work part-time flexible hours and seek a feel good job that offers opportunities for professional development — contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 and enquire about becoming part of the Community Care team.



A job kids look up to

You may not think twice about the people in the bright yellow uniform with the stop sign, but chances are kids do.

School Crossing Supervisors are dedicated individuals that provide kids with a safe passage to school, at established crossings and traffic lights during the school term.

Currently, Glen Eira City Council is in search of community minded

individuals — individuals that enjoy the feeling of knowing they are making a difference to kids safety — to join the School Crossing Supervisor team.

There are casual and part-time opportunities, which will start in the 2008 school year.

During the school term, School Crossing Supervisors will be required between 8.15am–9am and 3.15pm–4pm.

All prospective School Crossing Supervisors will need to undergo a medical examination, a Working with Children Check and undergo a police check, paid for by Council.

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



CAROLS by CANDLELIGHT

Sunday 16 December
FREE EVENT 6pm–10pm

Caulfield Racecourse Terrace Whittier Stand

Warm up your singing voice and prepare to celebrate the festive season with a night of carols and traditional hymns at Glen Eira City Council's *Carols by Candlelight*.

Renowned musician and television personality Frankie J. Holden will return to host this year's event, with some help from the queen of musical theatre, Rhonda Burchmore.

To be held on Sunday 16 December at Caulfield Racecourse, family and friends are encouraged to sing along with some of Australia's most talented performers including soulful a cappella group *Suade* and the renowned *Australian Youth Choir*.

Local favourites, *Murrumbeena Baptist Church Band and Choir*, *Glen Eira City Choir* and *Glen Eira City Band* will lift spirits with angelic harmonies. *McKinnon Senior Secondary Singers* and *Coatesville Primary School Choir* will join in the celebrations adding some festive cheer.

Santa will also take time off from his busy workshop at the North Pole to make a guest appearance.

Bring a rug, pack a picnic and enjoy this magical event with family and friends. Undercover seating is available in the Terrace Whittier Stand.

WHEN: Sunday 16 December

TIME: 6pm–10pm

WHERE: Caulfield Racecourse
Terrace Whittier Stand
Caulfield

HOW TO GET THERE

BY CAR

Entry is free via Gate 23, Station Street, Caulfield. Free parking is available via Gate 2, Kambrook Road car park. (Melways reference 68 E3)

BY TRAM

Tram Route 3 East Malvern/Melbourne University. Stop 56 and enter via Gate 23, Station Street, Caulfield.

2007 CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT PROGRAM

- Frankie J Holden
- *Glen Eira City Band*
- *Glen Eira City Choir*
- *Murrumbeena Baptist Church Band and Choir*
- *Coatesville Primary School Choir*
- *Suade*
- *McKinnon Secondary College Senior Singers*
- *Australian Youth Choir*
- Rhonda Burchmore

Carols by Candlelight is sponsored by

YARRA TRAMS

Proceeds from the sale of programs and candles will be donated to Community Information Glen Eira for emergency relief.

YOUTH EXHIBITION APPLICATION DEADLINE EXTENDED

The inaugural *Glen Eira Youth Art Exhibition 2008* application deadline has been extended until 5pm Monday 17 December.

Young artists aged between 15 and 25 are invited to apply for this exclusive opportunity to exhibit work in a curated group exhibition in April next year.

The exhibition is ideal for youth aspiring to a career in arts, as hand

picked participants will be exposed to the workings of the industry and networking opportunities.

This newly created exhibition also aims to give the Glen Eira community an insight into the creative journey of young artists.

Artists working across all media, who live, work or study in the City of Glen Eira, are encouraged to apply.

Applications should include:

- a brief curriculum vitae (half an A4 page);
- an artist's statement (50 words or less); and
- up to six images (digital or photographs) of recent work.

All applications should be sent to Glen Eira Youth Art Exhibition 2008,

Glen Eira City Council Gallery,
PO Box 42, Caulfield South, 3162.

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

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

Pirates Ahoy! Pirates in the Park

Look out me mateys and batten down the hatches — Gardenvale Park is going to be awash with Pirates.

Join the pirate crew in this interactive show featuring dazzling pirate magic, a treasure hunt, pirate tales and ballooning with Buccaneer Bill.

Blend in as one of the crew by dressing up in pirate gear. Be as simple or as extravagant as you like — a bandana, temporary tattoo or compass could do the trick.

There will also be time for some pirate creativity when you make your very own pirate hat with the Enviro Craft team.

Bring along a picnic lunch and join the pirates in their quest for fun.

When:
Saturday 19
January 2008

Time:
11am–2pm

Where:
Gardenvale Park
Corner Elster Avenue
and Gardenia Road
Gardenvale

Pirates Ahoy! *Parties in the Park* is a free family event.



Party in the Park at Allnutt Park

This year's first *Party in the Park* event will celebrate Glen Eira's artistic vibrancy and cultural diversity through music, dance, performance and participation in one of the City's most charming open spaces — Allnutt Park.

To be held on Sunday 2 March, the *Party* will bring together some of Melbourne's finest performers. *Tumbarumba* will fuse Brazilian rhythms with funk, hip hop and ragga. And a mix of Caribbean, Cuban, New York and Latin grooves will be performed by *Green Tea*.*

Tim Tim will host the *Party*, while also entertaining with his shows of masterful juggling, balloon creations and cheeky fun. There will be a range of art and craft activities available throughout the day.

For further information, watch out for the February edition of the *Glen Eira News* or contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

*Local performers will be announced in the February edition of the *Glen Eira News*.



Party in the Park at Allnutt Park will host a range of all-ages activities.

Bernie Bickerton.

When: Sunday 2 March

Time: 12pm–4pm

Where: Allnutt Park
Wheatley Road, Bentleigh

Party in the Park at Allnutt Park is a free, all-ages community event.

Play a part in Party in the Parks

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

Party in the Park at Allnutt Park will be held on Sunday 2 March and *Party in the Park* at Packer Park will be held on Sunday 30 March. An additional park event has been added to the 2008 calendar, with *Party in the Park — Let's Swing* to be held at Princes Park on Sunday 16 March.

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

Local businesses are also encouraged to take part in the community based events. A fee of \$150 exclusive of GST applies.

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

EXHIBITIONS

JOHN BROCK RETROSPECTIVE

Viewing from 6–16 December

John was destined to be an artist. This exhibition, the first of its kind since John's passing in 1993, will focus on the remarkable works from 1966 to 1989, covering the Window Series, Textual Landscapes and the Painted Metaphors of Uluru and Kutajula.

John's paintings are a contemporary vision of the Australian landscape and focus on the tree and its relationship to persons. His remarkable and unique handlings of his chosen medium of oil paint also explore the ever changing colours and light of the Australian landscape.



John Brock Fallon Trees, 1986, Oil on canvas.

In his formative years, John lived and worked in Bonbeach and Caulfield. He trained as an art teacher at the Caulfield Technical College and upon graduation was sent to the country to teach. During this period he started exploring the

bush. He photographed all aspects of growth and re-growth, especially after the occurrence of a bush fire in the area.

John also established himself in the antique business and ran a fine art gallery.

He mentored young artists and trained people in antiques. He eventually left the business and continued to paint until his untimely death.

John is a well known in the Melbourne art world and has held numerous exhibitions in Australia and internationally.

John Brock Retrospective will be officially opened at 6pm Wednesday 5 December by Victor Majzner.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE GLEN EIRA CITY COUNCIL COLLECTION

22 November–2 December

Highlights from the *Glen Eira City Council Collection* presents a vibrant collection of artworks drawn from the permanent collection of Glen Eira City Council.

The exhibition features a range of work by some of Australia's most significant artists including Charles Blackman, Arthur Boyd and Fred Williams.

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

Closed for maintenance from Monday 17 December until early 2008

MEETINGS AND CLUBS

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 or Pat 9555 6008.

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.

Glen Eira Cheltenham Art Group offers classes for all media at Moorleigh Village, 92 Bignell Road, Bentleigh East from Tuesday to Saturday (including children's classes). A life class is held once a month. New members welcome. Contact: Tina 9563 7621 or Anita 9555 5998.

Caulfield Park Bridge Club is conducting bridge lessons for beginners at Caulfield Park Sports Club Inc (opposite 255 Balaclava Road Caulfield). Players can join sessions on Wednesdays at 7.30pm with the opportunity to learn the game from a bridge teacher. Contact: Harry 9525 9414 or John 9578 1265.

Ormond Badminton Club meets at Ormond Uniting Church Hall, North Road, Ormond on Wednesdays at 8.15pm. The club is in need of experienced players and beginners. Contact: 9578 1947.

EVENTS

Anglican Church of St James the Great is holding its monthly Car Boot Market at 435 Inkerman Street, St Kilda East on Sunday 2 December from 9am — 2pm. Stall hire available. Contact: Ron 9527 2941.

IMMUNISATIONSESSIONS

DECEMBER

McKinnon Public Hall

118 McKinnon Road, McKinnon
Monday 3 December 10am–11am

Glen Eira Town Hall Auditorium (entry via Glen Eira Road)

Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield
Tuesday 4 December 6pm–7pm
Tuesday 11 December 9.30am–10.15am

Carnegie Library

7 Shepparson Avenue, Carnegie
Wednesday 5 December 1.30pm–2.30pm

Glen Eira City Choir will perform *A Celebration of Christmas* at St Mary's Anglican Church, Glen Eira Road, Caulfield on Sunday 9 December at 2.30pm. Cost: \$20 adult, \$15 concession and \$5 child. Contact: 9598 6501. For more information visit www.gecchoir.org

Caulfield Park Pétanque Club invites the community to an introduction to pétanque at Caulfield Park Sports Club (opposite 255 Balaclava Road), Caulfield North on Sunday 9 December at 12.30pm to 4.30pm. Receive free tuition on how to play the game. No experience is necessary. Equipment supplied. Free event (a donation is welcome). Contact: Kevin Ward 0418 418 309 or email kward@melbpc.org.au

Adelphi Theatre will stage the family pantomime *Jack and the Beanstalk* at the Grand National Trust Mansion Labassa, 2 Manor Grove, Caulfield North on Saturday 8 and 15 December and on Sunday 9 December at 2pm and 16 December at 2pm and 4pm. Cost: \$8 per adult and \$6 per child (cost includes refreshments). Bookings are essential. Contact: 9690 1593.

COMMUNITY

12th Caulfield Scout Group Elsternwick needs volunteer leaders for groups aged eight to 18 years. No experience necessary. The role involves helping young people to develop positive attitudes and learn new and varied skills, helping your local community and sharing the fun of scouting with other adults and young people. For parents who are leaders — a chance to enjoy activities with your children. For further information visit www.12thcaulfield.asn.au/ or contact Jenny 9528 5431 or email wagner@alphalink.com.au

The University of the Third Age will commence classes for 2008 on Monday 11 February. To enrol send a business size, stamped, self-addressed envelope to: U3A Glen Eira
PO Box 286
Glen Huntly VIC 3163.

Packer Park

Leila Road, Carnegie
Monday 17 December 10am–11am

Bentleigh East

Bentleigh Bayside Community Health Centre
Gardeners Road, Bentleigh East
Wednesday 12 December 6pm–7pm
Saturday 15 December 9.30am–10.30am

Glen Huntly Maternal and Child Health Centre

Corner Royal and Rosedale Avenues, Glen Huntly
Wednesday 19 December 9.30am–11am

ADVERTISING IN THE GLEN EIRA NEWS

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

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

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

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



GLEN EIRA CITY COUNCIL

ROOMS FOR HIRE



Glen Eira City Council's Carnegie Library and Community Centre has rooms available for any type of function, from workshops and seminars to Annual General Meetings and family events.

Located in Shepparson Avenue, Carnegie, there are four rooms for hire — the Boyd, Perceval, Ross and Koornang Rooms.

The Boyd Room is suitable for seminars, dinner meetings and lectures and seats up to 25 people per room or 85 maximum combined.

The Perceval, Ross and Koornang Rooms are ideally suited for small meetings and presentations, interviews, personal consultations and have the capacity to seat between six and fourteen people respectively.

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



GLEN EIRA CITY COUNCIL

SOCIAL SUPPORT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Social Support and Monitoring Service, which is funded by the Home and Community Care (HACC) program provides one-on-one assistance for people with disabilities and the elderly living in the City of Glen Eira.

Volunteer tasks include assistance with shopping, transport and friendly visits.

If you have good communication skills, enjoy the company of older people and are available for a couple of hours per week or fortnight

please contact the Volunteer Co-ordinator on 9524 3314.

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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 Tamara on 9524 3431.



GLEN EIRA CITY COUNCIL

ENJOY GLEN EIRA'S PARKS — OPEN SPACE BOOKING

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

Make the most of the 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



GLEN EIRA CITY COUNCIL

BusEd builds win-win outcomes

Glen Eira City Council's **BusEd program is a business development initiative designed to link local businesses with the education sector.**

The program is currently seeking expressions of interest from local businesses that would like to conduct an industry market research and analysis project, in partnership with Holmesglen Institute of TAFE and Monash University, during 2008.

Council's Manager Business Development Lynda Bredin said Holmesglen Institute of TAFE students recently conducted an industry market research and analysis project with the Rotary Bentleigh Market.

"The project was designed to gain a better understanding of the Bentleigh Market customer base and involved

interviews with a cross-section of market goers," Ms Bredin said.

"The marketing analysis will provide the Bentleigh Market and its retailers with a information base for all future planning."

Industry projects encourages the sharing of resources, knowledge, skill and experience within the community.

Ms Bredin said it's a win-win outcome as businesses will benefit from access to updated information, resources and other business tools, while students gain practical experience in a real business environment.

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.



Marketing students from Holmesglen Institute of TAFE conducted interviews at Bentleigh Market to gain a better understanding of the customer base.

Photo: in2uitionphotography.

Footpath Activities Guidelines in full force at the end of month

Local business operators and shop owners have until the end of the month 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*.

The *Guidelines* provide a fair and equitable balance for pedestrians and traders and were reviewed to comply with best practice guidelines issued by the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission.

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

Council's Civic Compliance Manager John Bordignon said that Council embarked an intensive communications program to assist traders in understanding their requirements.

"Traders that require assistance with the *Footpath permit application* and complying with the *Guidelines* are urged to contact Council before it is too late," Mr Bordignon said.

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

Council staff will monitor and evaluate all footpath trading on a regular basis. If a permit has not been granted, an infringement of the *Footpath Activities Guidelines* has been observed or permit conditions are detected, they will be looked into and enforcement action will be taken.



Council's Footpath Activities Guidelines provide a fair and equitable balance for pedestrians and traders.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

If you would like assistance with your application or a copy of the *Guidelines*,

contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 or visit www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

Busking contributes to vitality and cultural life

Busking can contribute to the vitality and cultural life within a municipality.

However, to ensure there is no loss of amenity within the area, a permit to busk is required under Glen Eira City Council's Local Law to enable Council to regulate the performance and to ensure shopkeepers and residents are not affected by excessive noise or otherwise inconvenienced.

Council's Manager Civic Compliance

John Bordignon said there are a number of items the street performer must include with their application.

"First and foremost, the applicant must obtain written permission from the relevant traders, nearby shops and if applicable, residents, outlining their preference of timing and location" Mr Bordignon said.

"Evidence of a current public liability insurance policy with a minimum of \$10 million liability must also be supplied."

Street performing can only be conducted on Fridays and Saturdays between 9am and 5pm and all performers must be 16 years or over.

No selling of tapes, printed material or other items is permitted and no electronic amplification of musical instruments is allowed.

Mr Bordignon said it is important for street performers to remember they must have their signed permit with them at all times.

"Failure to produce this permit may incur a penalty," he said.

Permits are valid for four months from the date of issue and re-application will be required from performers who wish to renew their permit.

To obtain an information or application form on busking visit www.gleneira.vic.gov.au or contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

Glen Eira 計劃以社區為中心

Glen Eira 市政府將在明年二月份舉行六次公開論壇社區研討會，這是就《2008 - 2012 年 *Glen Eira* 社區計劃》向廣大社區徵求意見的一部分。

不斷向社區諮詢是確保市政府瞭解社區優先事項的一項主要活動。

因此，市政府已通過一個兩階段策略方向的研究項目開始了社區諮詢活動，這個研究項目由社會調研機構 Newton Wayman Chong (NWC) 協助進行。

市政府首席執行官 Andrew Newton 說，為了確保《計劃》採納社區的意見，NWC 對 500 名 Glen Eira 市民進行了隨機電話調查。

Newton 先生說：“為聽取意見而組織的中心小組探討了電話調查數據中的主要問題。”

研究結果表明：在未來規劃中，能源及水的可持續使用 (97%) 與幫助高齡人在 Glen Eira 市政區中享受他們自己的生活方式 (97%) 被社區列為最優先事項。

其他被列為重要事項的包括為有小兒的家庭提供設施和服務 (93%)。

Newton 先生說，即將舉行的社區研討會將討論 NWC 調查數據的主要結果，為制定《計劃》提供進一步的社區意見。

社區研討會將按地區小範圍地展開，每個市議會選區將舉行兩次為時兩個小時的互動討論。

Newton 先生說：“研討會將向社區提供討論當地問題的機會，並讓市政府瞭解當地區的重點工作。”

“如同已經開展的策略方向研究，市政府還希望瞭解政府在制定 Glen Eira 未來規劃中的需做事項。”

研討會與會者如果需要可收到有關《計劃》制定的最新消息。市民若希望瞭解《計劃》的進展，可索取《2008 - 2012 年 *Glen Eira* 社區計劃》草案及提出意見的時限。

Η κοινότητα βρίσκεται στο επίκεντρο του σχεδίου Glen Eira

Η Δημαρχία Δήμου Glen Eira θα διεξάγει έξι δημόσια κοινотικά σεμινάρια κατά τον Φεβρουάριο του επομένου έτους, ως μέρος της διαδικασίας κοινотικής διαβούλευσης της Δημαρχίας για το *Κοινотικό Σχέδιο Glen Eira* 2008–2012.

Η συνεχής διαβούλευση είναι βασικής σημασίας για να μπορέσει η Δημαρχία να κατανοήσει τις προτεραιότητες των κατοίκων.

Αναφορικά με αυτό, η Δημαρχία έχει ήδη αρχίσει τη διαβούλευση μέσω ενός διφασικού ερευνητικού προγράμματος για τις στρατηγικές κατευθύνσεις, που διεξάγεται από τον οργανισμό κοινωνικής έρευνας Newton Wayman Chong (NWC).

Ο Γενικός Διευθυντής της Δημαρχίας, Andrew Newton είπε ότι για να διασφαλιστεί ότι οι απόψεις των κατοίκων θα ενσωματωθούν στο *Σχέδιο*, η NWC διεξάγαγε μια τυχαία τηλεφωνική δημοσκόπηση 500 κατοίκων του Glen Eira.

“Χρησιμοποιήθηκαν επίσης ομάδες συζήτησης για να αναλύσουν τα θέματα που προέκυψαν από τα στοιχεία της τηλεφωνικής δημοσκόπησης,” ανέφερε ο κ. Newton.

Τα αποτελέσματα της έρευνας βρήκαν ότι στον μελλοντικό σχεδιασμό οι κάτοικοι θεωρούν ως θέματα πρώτιστης σημασίας τη βιώσιμη χρήση ενέργειας και νερού (97 τοις εκατό) και βοήθεια προς τους ηλικιωμένους για να μπορούν να διατηρούν τον τρόπο ζωής τους στο Glen Eira (97 τοις εκατό).

Άλλα σημεία που θεωρούντο σημαντικά ήταν η ανάπτυξη εγκαταστάσεων και υπηρεσιών για οικογένειες με μικρά παιδιά (93 τοις εκατό).

Ο κ. Newton είπε ότι στα προσεχή κοινотικά σεμινάρια θα συζητηθούν τα κύρια πορίσματα των στοιχείων από την έρευνα NWC και θα δοθεί η ευκαιρία για περαιτέρω συνεισφορά απόψεων των κατοίκων στην ανάπτυξη του *Σχεδίου*.

Τα κοινотικά σεμινάρια θα στοχεύουν μικρές γεωγραφικές περιοχές και κάθε δημοτική εκλογική περιφέρεια θα διεξάγει δύο, δίωρα σεμινάρια δημόσιας συζήτησης.

“Τα σεμινάρια θα δώσουν την ευκαιρία στους κατοίκους να συζητήσουν τοπικά θέματα και θα επιτρέψει στη Δημαρχία να κατανοήσει τις τοπικές προτεραιότητες,” ανέφερε ο κ. Newton

“Αναφορικά με τη διεξαχθείσα έρευνα στρατηγικών κατευθύνσεων, η Δημαρχία επιζητά να κατανοήσει τι χρειάζεται να γίνει στον προγραμματισμό του μέλλοντος για το Glen Eira.”

Τα άτομα που θα πάρουν μέρος στα σεμινάρια θα έχουν την επιλογή να ενημερώνονται για την πρόοδο του *Σχεδίου*. Αν οι κάτοικοι επιθυμούν να ενημερώνονται, θα τους σταλεί προσχέδιο του *Κοινотικού Σχεδίου Glen Eira* 2008–2012 και μια προθεσμία κατά την οποία μπορούν να εκφράσουν

La comunità al centro del nuovo progetto in atto al comune di Glen Eira

Il consiglio comunale di Glen Eira condurrà il prossimo febbraio sei gruppi di lavoro comunitari aperti alla cittadinanza, come parte del processo di consultazione con la comunità per l’attivazione di un piano di iniziative di interesse comunitario previsto per il 2008–2012 e denominato “*Glen Eira Community Plan*”.

Il contatto costante con la popolazione da parte del Consiglio Comunale costituisce il nucleo centrale di un processo che permetterà al Consiglio stesso di comprendere più a fondo quali siano le priorità della comunità.

a due fasi relativo alle direzioni strategiche da intraprendere, facilitato dall’organizzazione per le ricerche sociali Newton Wayman Chong (NWC).

Andrew Newton, Direttore Generale del Consiglio Comunale, ha affermato che la NWC ha condotto un’indagine telefonica randomizzata diretta a 500 residenti di Glen Eira allo scopo di assicurare che le opinioni della comunità vengano incluse nel Piano.

“Sono stati anche utilizzati specifici gruppi di interesse allo scopo di esplorare particolari tematiche emerse dai dati relativi all’indagine telefonica” ha aggiunto Newton.

I risultati della ricerca hanno rivelato che, nell’ambito della pianificazione futura, la comunità attribuisce maggiore priorità ad un uso sostenibile dell’energia e dell’acqua (per il 97 per cento) ed all’assistenza degli anziani nel mantenimento della propria qualità di vita nel comune di Glen Eira (per il 97 per cento).

Tra gli altri punti di grande interesse si evidenzia la necessità di sviluppo di strutture e servizi a favore delle famiglie giovani (per il 93 per cento).

Newton ha ribadito che il compito dei prossimi gruppi di lavoro consisterà nel discutere i risultati chiave derivati dai dati forniti dall’indagine condotta dalla NWC e fornire quindi un ulteriore contributo da parte della comunità allo sviluppo del Piano.

I gruppi di lavoro saranno limitati a piccole aree urbane e ciascuna circoscrizione comunale ospiterà due sessioni interattive della durata di due ore.

“I gruppi di lavoro forniranno alla comunità l’opportunità di discutere problematiche locali e permetteranno al Consiglio di comprendere quali siano le priorità di ogni specifica zona” ha affermato Newton.

“Per quanto riguarda la ricerca condotta, il Consiglio si prefigge di individuare quali siano le necessità da tener presenti nella pianificazione del futuro di Glen Eira.”

A coloro che prenderanno parte ai gruppi di lavoro verrà offerta l’opportunità di essere aggiornati sull’avanzamento del Piano. Qualora i residenti desiderassero tenersi informati, verrà fornita loro una copia preliminare del progetto 2008–2012 *Glen Eira Community Plan* assieme all’indicazione del periodo durante il quale è possibile esporre i propri commenti.

Приоритеты населения занимают центральное место в планах муниципалитета Glen Eira

В феврале следующего года муниципалитет проводит 6 открытых форумов (обсуждений) для выяснения и учета мнения общественности при разработке *Плана общественного развития муниципалитета Glen Eira на 2008–2012гг.*

Постоянный диалог с общественностью имеет для муниципалитета самое важное значение при определении приоритетов развития.

Поэтому муниципалитет уже начал этот процесс с помощью организации Newton Wayman Chong (NWC), специализирующейся в социальных исследованиях. NWC осуществляет двухстадийный проект определения стратегических направлений развития.

Исполнительный директор муниципалитета г-н Andrew Newton отметил, что с целью учета в плане приоритетов населения NWC провела телефонный опрос 500 жителей муниципалитета Glen Eira методом случайного выбора.

“Мы также проводили собеседования со специальными фокусными группами, чтобы подробнее разработать вопросы, выявленные в телефонном опросе,” сказал г-н Newton.

Результаты опроса показали, что самые главные приоритеты в муниципалитете – это достижение устойчивого режима потребления воды и энергии (97%) и оказание помощи пожилым людям (97%).

Другое важное направление развития – ресурсы и услуги для молодых семей (93%).

Г-н Newton сказал, что на открытых общественных форумах в следующем году будут обсуждаться результаты опросов NWC, и эти обсуждения предоставят дополнительный материал для разработки плана общественного развития.

Общественные форумы будут проводиться в пределах небольших районов: в каждом муниципальном избирательном участке пройдет два двухчасовых обсуждения в интерактивном режиме.

“Но на форумах у людей будет возможность обсудить местные проблемы, а мы в муниципалитете лучше сможем понять приоритеты населения,” сказал г-н Newton.

“Также как с опросом населения для определения стратегических направлений развития, общественные форумы помогут муниципалитету определить, что в первую очередь необходимо для будущего района Glen Eira.”

Участникам общественных форумов будет предоставлена возможность получать информацию о дальнейшей разработке *Плана общественного развития на 2008–2012гг.* У них будет возможность ознакомиться с черновым вариантом плана и высказать свои соображения.

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	
Glen Eira Community Plan 2008–2012	Workshop (Camden Ward)	Thursday 14 February 2008, 7pm–9pm	Glen Eira Town Hall Corner Hawthorn and Glen Eira Roads, Caulfield
		Wednesday 13 February 2008, 7pm–9pm	Bethlehem Hospital 476 Kooyong Road, Caulfield South
Glen Eira Community Plan 2008–2012	Workshop (Rosstown Ward)	Thursday 21 February 2008, 7pm–9pm	Carnegie Library and Community Centre 7 Shepparson Avenue, Carnegie
		Monday 18 February 2008, 7pm–9pm	Ormond Senior Citizens Centre 2 Newham Grove, Ormond
Glen Eira Community Plan 2008–2012	Workshop (Tucker Ward)	Monday 11 February 2008, 7pm–9pm	Bentleigh Senior Citizens Centre 2 Arthur Street, Bentleigh
		Wednesday 20 February 2008 7pm–9pm	Moorleigh Community Village 90–92 Bignell Road, Bentleigh East

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

No winter sports in parks passive areas

The ongoing effects of the drought and Stage 3a water restrictions are having a significant impact on the quality of playing surfaces at many of Glen Eira City Council's large parks and multi-oval complexes.

In light of continuing drought conditions, Council is committed to providing high quality, safe reserves and facilities, for the City's large sporting population and different user groups.

To further preserve ground conditions, Council is restricting winter clubs from undertaking any training or matches of any sort on passive areas in all Glen Eira parks.

The restriction also applies to any other group utilising passive areas for training or casual match playing use.

Council's Manager Recreation and Youth Services Linda Smith said a casual game of soccer or football can result in damage of surfaces, just as competitive games can.

"As passive areas within Glen Eira parks are not designed for sporting use, Council is also deeply concerned about the potential of injuries to players," Ms Smith said.

"Council recommends safer training options to keep fitness levels up, such as beach training, weights, street jogging and indoor sporting facilities."

Council's Local Law Officers will monitor all Glen Eira parks on a regular basis.

If an infringement of a restriction has been detected, it will be looked into and enforcement action will be taken.

Proactive approach to drought proofing Glen Eira

There are no quick fixes to Melbourne's water problems and it is important for Council to continue to develop long-term strategic plans to ensure the municipality's parks and sportsgrounds can cope with the dry weather conditions.

Council's proactive approach to drought proofing Glen Eira's parks and sportsgrounds has included:

- the use of drought tolerant grass species and wetting agents that assist with water penetration in the turf;
- the implementation of a computer controlled irrigation system — which



The ongoing effects of the drought and water restrictions are having a significant impact on Council's parks and multi-oval complexes.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

monitors soil moisture and rainfall levels — that electronically programs watering on all sportsgrounds around the City. The moisture sensors ensure no over-watering occurs; and

- Council has developed a *Water Management Plan*, which outlines goals

and actions to further reduce water use and improve efficient use of water.

For further information on park use restrictions or Council's approach to managing the drought, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

Drought relief under way for McKinnon Reserve Oval Two

Works on the eagerly awaited facelift for McKinnon Reserve Oval Two are complete — the sportsground has been resurfaced and will be temporarily closed to the public to give the drought tolerant grasses time to establish.

The works were funded by a \$50,000 State Government grant, which is the first phase of the *Drought Relief for Community Sport and Recreation Program*.

Council's Manager Recreation and Youth Services Linda Smith said resurfacing McKinnon Reserve Oval Two will have many benefits.

"The new couch grass surface will not only cope with drought conditions — as it requires 50 per cent less water — but it will also handle the heavy use the ground receives from schools, sports clubs and residents," Ms Smith said.

"There will also be a reduction in mowing costs as the new couch surface will not need to be mowed as frequently as ryegrass."

During the establishment phase, Council requests that residents avoid the sportsgrounds.

Dog walkers are urged to use either Bentleigh Hodgson Reserve (Melway 77 F1) or Bailey Reserve (Melway 68 K12). Sports clubs that would normally use the grounds have been relocated.

For further information on the McKinnon Outer Oval resurfacing, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.



McKinnon Reserve Oval Two has been resurfaced and is temporarily closed.

Annie and Arthur makeover

The Annie and Arthur Abrahams Reserve makeover continues in Bentleigh East with construction progress on schedule.

Some of the exciting works have already started to take shape, including the new picnic facilities, pathways and adventure playground.

The redevelopment is part of Glen Eira City Council's commitment to

upgrading the City's parks in line with its *Open Space Strategy*. Council apologises for any inconvenience the works may cause.

In the meantime, the nearest playgrounds are located at Marlborough Reserve and Duncan Mackinnon Reserve.

For further information on the Annie and Arthur Abrahams Reserve makeover contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

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 onto Council's website

www.gleneira.vic.gov.au



GLEN EIRA CITY COUNCIL

Sing-a-long with Santa

Santa has taken time off from his busy workshop to visit Glen Eira's libraries. Join Santa for loads of Christmas songs and fun.

Thursday 13 December at 5pm

Caulfield Library

Tuesday 18 December at 5pm

Bentleigh Library

Wednesday 19 December at 11am

Elsternwick Library

An interactive show suitable for ages eight years and under. No bookings required. Free event.

Christmas Storytime

This year's *Christmas Storytime* sessions will be full of festive stories and songs. Every child will also take home a Christmas surprise to decorate their home.

Wednesday 12 December at 11am

Elsternwick Library

Thursday 13 December at 11am

Bentleigh Library

Friday 14 December at 11am

Carnegie Library

Tuesday 18 December at 11am

Caulfield Library

Suitable for preschool children. No bookings required. Free event.

Eira's Book Quest begins

Join Eira on a knight's quest in the Kingdom of Lost Words, through the Black Forest and beyond the Goblin's Realm, to find a mystical book and free the Kingdom's lost words which were taken by a spell. Every word you read will help Eira complete his quest.

Become a brave knight by collecting a quest map from your local library branch. Read and record 10 books and complete your details to go into the draw to win a Quest Entertainment or Creative Play Pack. There are runner-up prizes to be



won plus rewards to be collected along the way.

Eira's Book Quest starts in all branches on Saturday 8 December and closes Sunday 10 February. Open to all children 13 years and under.

Library holiday opening hours

Dates	Bentleigh	Carnegie	Caulfield	Elsternwick
Saturday 22 December	10am–4pm	10am–4pm	1pm–4pm	10am–1pm
Sunday 23 December	12pm–5pm	12pm–5pm	12pm–5pm	•
Monday 24 December	10am–3pm	10am–3pm	10am–3pm	•
Tuesday 25 December	•	•	•	•
Wednesday 26 December	•	•	•	•
Thursday 27 December	10am–9pm	10am–9pm	10am–8pm	•
Friday 28 December	10am–6pm	10am–6pm	10am–6pm	•
Saturday 29 December	10am–4pm	10am–4pm	1pm–4pm	•
Sunday 30 December	12pm–5pm	12pm–5pm	12pm–5pm	•
Monday 31 December	10am–3pm	10am–3pm	10am–3pm	•
Monday 1 January	•	•	•	•

• = closed

Normal hours resume Tuesday 2 January 2008. Borrowed items can be returned using the after-hours return chutes during closed times.

Homework Centre@ Carnegie

The Homework Centre at Carnegie Library will close on Wednesday 5 December. It will re-open on Wednesday 13 February 2008.

Festival set to make a splash

The guitar strings have been tightened, the sound check complete — the stage is set for Glen Eira City Council's Big Splash Out 2008 music festival.

To be held on Wednesday 16 January at Carnegie Swim Centre, audiences will be treated to a line up of local bands.

The *Big Splash Out* music festival is an annual event organised for young people, by young people.

Council's Youth Services Co-ordinator Michael Colling said Council's Youth Consultative Group (YCG) is working hard to ensure the festival is a not to be missed event.

"It's fantastic to see an event like this come together through the efforts of the YCG," Michael said.

"From sourcing and booking bands to stage management, the YCG has been an integral part of the work done behind the scenes."

The *Big Splash Out* is not just about having fun, the festival will also provide information about the services available to young people in the City of Glen Eira.



YCG is working hard to ensure the Big Splash Out is a not to be missed event.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Tickets will be available on the day: adult \$4, child \$2.20 and student \$2.70.

The *Big Splash Out* music festival is a fully supervised drug, alcohol and smoke free event.

For further information contact

Council's Youth Information Centre on 9579 7963.

Big Splash Out
Wednesday 16 January, 2pm–7pm
Carnegie Swim Centre
Koornang Park, Moira Avenue, Carnegie

Young mens program

Anger management, goal setting and men's health were just some of the issues discussed by a group of Year 9, 10 and 11 boys from Caulfield Park Community School, as part of Glen Eira City Council's *Young Men's Program*.

The *Program*, which ran for six weeks, was a great success and covered a wide range of issues pertinent to being a young man.

Council's Manager Recreation and Youth Services Linda Smith said the *Young Men's Program* is a dynamic initiative that was developed in response to the alarmingly high rates of depression and suicide amongst men.

"The *Program* aims to provide a supportive environment in which issues of concern can be discussed openly," Ms Smith said.

Council also runs a similar initiative, the *Young Women's Program*, which explores issues concerning young women. Both programs will be open to youth who live, work or study within the municipality in 2008. For further information contact Council's Youth Services on 9579 7963.