

Community grants program

More than \$250,000 will be awarded to local community groups through Glen Eira City Council's 2008-09 Community Grants Program.

Applications for the *Program* are open from Monday 3 March until 5pm Friday 30 May.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Steven Tang said the *Program* supports and assists not-for-profit community based groups within the City of Glen Eira in implementing projects and activities.

"Council is committed to investing in the community and this program allows Council to support projects and services that address local issues," Cr Tang said.

In 2007-08, \$297,000 was distributed to 131 not-for-profit community groups through the *Program*.

Grants were awarded to a wide variety of groups, from senior citizen groups and playgroups to arts and culture organisations and sport and recreation groups.

The Glen Eira News caught up with some of the groups to see how they are using their grants.

Ormond Junior Football Club

Plastic goal posts, soft balls and other specialised sports equipment are just some of the items Ormond Junior Football Club will purchase with their

grant for their *Fair Go Footy Program*.

The six week pilot *Program*, which was held in July and August last year, not only provided 10 children with disabilities the opportunity to learn the skills of football, but it also built an enormous amount of confidence amongst the participants.

Vice President of the Ormond Junior Football Club Mark Adlington said following on from the success of the pilot *Program*, which was held at EE Gunn Reserve, it will run again in 2008.

"We had a lot of positive feedback about the *Program* and this year are looking towards expanding the length of the *Program* and increasing the number of children participating," Mr Adlington said.

Moorabbin Area Toy Library

In the effort to encourage shared play amongst all children, a large variety of sturdy, durable toys for use by multiple children has been purchased by the Moorabbin Area Toy Library.

The number of toys that were available to members with two or more children was limited. However, the grant has enabled the library to expand the options for families and allow parents to choose toys for all their children, and themselves, to play with together.

Lois Curry from Moorabbin Area Toy



Joshua from Bentleigh and Sammy from Bentleigh East participated in the 2007 Fair Go Footy Program.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Library told the *Glen Eira News* they are very appreciative of the grant.

"The grant has allowed us to buy some fantastic toys which will allow children and parents to play together," Mrs Curry said.

Caulfield Over 50s Dance Group

For more than 20 years, the senior members of the Glen Eira community have put on their Sunday best, their dancing shoes and have made their way to the Caulfield Over 50s Dance Group.

By attending the weekly Dance Group, participants not only have the opportunity to enjoy an afternoon of old time and new vogue dancing, but they get to meet up with their friends as well as getting some gentle exercise.

The Dance Group, which is held in the Auditorium at Town Hall, have used their grant to keep this popular activity affordable for the 90 people who attend every Monday afternoon.

Further information is available on Council's website at www.gleneira.vic.gov.au or by contacting Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333. ■

Rubbish dumper caught on camera

A Glen Eira resident has been fined \$220 for dumping bags of rubbish on the footpath outside an opportunity shop.

Thanks to surveillance camera footage, Glen Eira City Council, in conjunction with Victoria Police, were able to locate the resident via his registration plate which was visible on the footage.

Council's Waste Management Manager Doug Griffiths said other opportunity shops across the municipality are also being inundated with dumped bags of clothes and other items and are

considering installing surveillance cameras as well.

"This presents a costly clean up exercise for the charities and wastes valuable funds that could otherwise be used helping the needy," Mr Griffiths said.

Mr Griffiths said when items are dumped after hours, the shop operators do not get a chance to scrutinise the items before deciding whether they can use them or not.

"This results in a majority of items ending up in landfill as they are either

beyond use or because of lack of storage space inside the shop," Mr Griffiths said.

Dumping items on the footpath is littering and placing them in front of an opportunity shop does not exonerate the dumpers from being fined.

If residents see any illegal dumping taking place, please take note of the vehicle registration number, the exact location, time and date and then report the incident to Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333. ■



Surveillance camera footage helped Council locate the resident and issue a \$220 fine.

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MAYOR'S COLUMN



During February, Glen Eira residents embraced the opportunity to have their say at a series of community consultation meetings.

Six community meetings were held across the municipality, giving residents direct input into the development of the 2008–2012 Glen Eira Community Plan.

The proposed Plan is expected to be released for public comment in April.

Council's first citizenship ceremony for 2008 was also held during February. These are always moving events as we welcome the newest members of the Australian family.

March is the perfect time to explore one of Council's many parks or reserves. As well as enjoying your regular walk at the local park you can join us at one of this year's outdoor events.

Council will be hosting three *Party in the Park* events in 2008, kicking off at Allnutt Park on 2 March, followed by the all new *Party in the Park — Let's Swing* on 16 March.

The final *Party in the Park* event for the year will be held on 30 March at Packer Park in Carnegie. So bring the whole family and come and enjoy an afternoon of great music.

Look forward to seeing you there.

During March you may also like to visit the Caulfield Racecourse Reserve, which is open to the public on non-racedays after 9.30am.

The Reserve is located on public land, which can be used by everyone, so go and enjoy a brisk walk or a jog.

Cr Steven Tang
Mayor

Supporting Glen Eira youth

Glen Eira City Council's Jackie Rickard is part of a dedicated team of Youth Workers which ensures Glen Eira's young people have a place to turn when growing up gets tough.

Jackie told the *Glen Eira News* that a visit to her local community youth centre at 15 sparked an interest in youth issues and determined her future career.

"I realised just how important these services are and it motivated me to get involved," Jackie said.

Following the completion of a Bachelor of Social Science majoring in Youth Work at RMIT, Jackie started work at Glen Eira's Youth Centre almost two years ago.

"There's something refreshing about young people," Jackie said.

"There are some really talented and interesting adolescents out there and I enjoy being able to make a positive difference in someone's life."

Jackie said as a Youth Worker her role is to help young people make the transition from childhood to adulthood so they grow up to be happy productive individuals.

"To help achieve this, we provide a number of support and networking



Jackie Rickard started work at Glen Eira's Youth Centre almost two years ago. Photo: Andrew Zunica.

opportunities as well as specialised programs, which includes a Young Women's Group, Youth Consultative Group, the *Get Into It!* recreational program, parent information nights and one-on-one Youth Worker support sessions," Jackie said.

Jackie said there are a number of different

topics that she assists young people with, including family conflict and issues at school.


"It is very rewarding when you are able to help someone work through a difficult time and arrive at a positive conclusion," Jackie said.

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DEADLINES

The deadline for next edition (April 2008) of the *Glen Eira News* is Wednesday 5 March for delivery 29–30 March.

Coming deadlines

The deadline for the May 2008 edition of the *Glen Eira News* is Wednesday 9 April for delivery 3–4 May

For advertising and *Community Diary* enquiries contact 9524 3366.

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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Draft Animal Management Plan

Residents have the opportunity to provide feedback on Glen Eira's animal management programs, services and future initiatives, following the release of Council's draft **Domestic Animal Management (DAM) Plan**.

The *Plan*, which is now a requirement under State legislation, provides details on how Council will address issues such as dogs at large, cat overpopulation, nuisance pets and registration and identification.

The *Plan* also details how Council will continue to promote and educate residents about responsible pet ownership.

Copies of the *Plan* are available from Council's four libraries, the Service Centre and from www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

A copy of the *Plan* can also be mailed out upon request.

Written submissions and comments must be received by Monday 17 March at 5pm.

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

Pet rego reminder

Glen Eira residents are reminded that all cats and dogs over the age of three months must be registered.

The reminder follows the prosecution of a Bentleigh East resident who failed to register his two dogs with Glen Eira City Council.

The resident was convicted and fined \$500 in the Moorabbin Magistrates Court in January.

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

"The current maximum registration fee for dogs is \$114 and \$75 for cats, however, substantially reduced fees are offered," Mr Bordignon said.

"Reduced fees apply for pets that are sterilised, microchipped, are more than 10 years old, have had obedience training, are kept for work stock or breeding purposes or are registered with

the Victorian Canine Authority or Feline Control Council.

"Pensioners who have a valid concession or Health Care Card are also entitled to a discount."

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

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

Mr Bordignon said renewal notices for 2008-09 will be sent to existing registered pet owners in March and a new registration tag and *Certificate of Registration* will be issued.

"To ensure your pet is re-registered, payment must be received by 10 April 2008," Mr Bordignon said.

If you have recently taken ownership of a new dog or cat, registration forms are available from Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 or from www.gleneira.vic.gov.au Click on Council Permits quick link on the homepage. ■



All cats and dogs over the age of three months must be registered.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

News in Brief



Vine Savage and Lorna Buggee from Rosstown Residential Community and Glen Eira Mayor Cr Steven Tang with just some of the hundreds of season's greeting cards which have been sent to Plant Ark.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Cards for Planet Ark

Glen Eira City Council has given the environment a Happy New Year.

Throughout January, Council collected hundreds of season's greetings cards, which have been sent to Planet Ark to be recycled as part of the *Cards for Planet Ark Campaign*.

The recycled cards will be made into new packaging and recycled paper products, saving energy, water and trees in the process.

Free parenting information session

Caulfield Community Health Service, in conjunction with Glen Eira City Council's Maternal and Child Health Service, will present a free parenting information session on toilet training.

Paediatric Psychologist Madeline Robertson will discuss the right time to start toilet training, positive behaviour guidance and strategies for the challenges that come with toilet training.

The session will be held on Wednesday 5 March in the Caulfield Children's Centre Multi-purpose Room, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield from 10am-11am. Booking are essential through the Caulfield Community Health Centre on 9076 6666.

Glenworks has a new home

Glen Eira City Council's maintenance unit, Glenworks, has moved to a new home. Located at 59A Cochranes Road, Moorabbin, the new depot is a first class facility which not only meets the current and future needs of the unit, but will allow workers to get on with what they do best — serving the residents and ratepayers and maintaining Glen Eira's infrastructure.

What house is that?

Ever walked passed a beautiful, old house and wondered what era it was from? Edwardian? Victorian? Inter-war? The answers are easily available. Heritage Victoria has released a booklet entitled *What House is that? A guide to Victoria's Housing Styles* (second edition).

This booklet celebrates the diversity of Victoria's houses by informing people about the styles and eras represented in our homes and neighbourhoods.

Through domestic architecture, the book traces the progress of Victoria, through the gold rush boom, the depression, the wars and late twentieth century prosperity.

Glen Eira City Council has copies of the booklet available for interested members of the public. To obtain a copy, contact Council's Heritage Department on 9524 3333.

Volunteers wanted

Want to make a difference to someone in need? Community Information Glen Eira (CIGE) is seeking new volunteers for 2008. Now in its 37th year, CIGE is a free and confidential community based information and referral service which provides aid and information for residents of Glen Eira.

Strongly supported by the Glen Eira City Council, GIGE not only provides over the phone assistance, but material aid, such as food vouchers and assistance to potential volunteers in our community.

All volunteers are required to complete a six week course and on the job training to gain the knowledge and skills required to work at the centre. A course commences in mid-March, 2008. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, and joining a lively and supportive group of volunteers, contact Laurel Thompson on 9524 3200. ■

CEO'S COLUMN



Shout. Share. Live. Unite is the theme for the ninth annual **National Youth Week** to be held from 5 to 13 April.

To celebrate the *Week*, Glen Eira City Council Youth Services will be hosting two events.

The *Week* will kick off with the annual *Bentleigh East Skate Jam* at Bailey Reserve Skate Park on Friday 4 April.

This free event is open to all young people in Glen Eira aged 10 to 25 and in the past has been a drawcard for local skaters.

Registration forms can be picked up from Council's Youth Information Centre or you can register on the day at 10am.

This event has been organised by Glen Eira's Youth Consultative Group — the same group which was behind the successful *Big Splash Out* held in January.

Young people and the internet will be discussed at a parent information night on Thursday 10 April.

Guest speaker for the evening is high profile psychologist, Dr Michael Carr-Gregg.

This seminar is not to be missed so be sure to register early.

If you have any queries about any of the *National Youth Week* events, or any other youth matters, please don't hesitate to contact the friendly Youth Services Team on 9579 7963 or email youthservices@gleneira.vic.gov.au

Andrew Newton
Chief Executive Officer

VENUES FOR HIRE



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

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The facilities range in size, are clean and comfortable and are located throughout the City.

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



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Improving pedestrian safety

Pedestrians, along with cyclists and motorcyclists, are recognised as the most vulnerable road users due to their lack of protection in the case of a crash.

In the effort to improve pedestrian safety, Glen Eira City Council has completed a number of capital works projects during the last 12 months.

Approximately \$200,000 was spent on the projects, which were completed in areas where pedestrians were identified to be most at risk — built up and busy urban areas.

Some of the projects completed include:

- Patterson Shopping Centre, Bentleigh (flat top speed humps and zebra crossing);
- Horne Street multi-model Interchange, Elsternwick (flat top speed hump, zebra crossing and central median);
- Thomas Street, Brighton East (pedestrian refuge);
- Kooyong Road /Gardenvale Road intersection, Caulfield South (pedestrian refuge);
- McKinnon Primary School (pedestrian fencing); and
- Bambra Road, Caulfield South (upgrade for pedestrian operated signals).

Glen Eira City Council Community Safety Committee Chairman Cr Nick Staikos said Council will continue to improve pedestrian safety, particularly



Whenever possible, cross at a pedestrian crossing.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

in and around local shopping districts. However, he said there are some things that residents can also do to keep themselves safe.

"Whenever possible, cross at a pedestrian crossing, traffic signal or pedestrian refuge," Cr Staikos said.

"Make sure you have a clear view of approaching traffic where drivers can see you and if you cannot cross the

whole road in one attempt, wait on the pedestrian refuge or median strip."

Cr Staikos said many accidents also occur at railway level crossings because pedestrians cross immediately after a train, not realising a second train is coming.

"Wait for the bells and lights to stop and the boom barriers to be raised before crossing," Cr Staikos said. ■

Smoke alarm reminder

With the end of daylight savings just around the corner, now is the time for Glen Eira residents to change their smoke alarm batteries.

According to Metropolitan Fire Brigade (MFB) records, since 1992 more than 700 lives have been saved as a direct result of a working smoke alarm.

The MFB has put together the following tips to help keep residents and their families safe.

Testing and maintaining

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

- test smoke alarms each week by pressing the test button with a broom handle;
- vacuum the alarms monthly to clean the vents;
- change your battery at the end of

daylight savings to ensure correct operation. This not only applies to your home of residence, but also your holiday home or caravan; and

- think of others who may need assistance in testing and maintaining their smoke alarms, particularly the elderly who may struggle to get up a ladder.

Installing smoke alarms

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

Smoke alarms for the hearing impaired

There are special types of smoke alarms available for people who are hearing impaired. Some have a flashing strobe light and/or a vibrating pad that can be placed under the pillow and these activate when the alarm sounds. ■



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Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Holiday mania back at Council's libraries

Holiday mania will again hit Glen Eira City Council's four library branches from 25 March to 4 April.

Events are age specific so please ensure you only book children of a suitable age.

Tickets to all events are \$6 and go on sale at all library branches on 8 March.

There are limited tickets available to all events so book early to avoid disappointment.

For further details contact 9524 3623.

Rockpool discovery

Wednesday 26 March

11am–12pm

Bentleigh Library

161 Jasper Road, Bentleigh

Get up close to a host of marine animals and learn about life below the beach surface. Meet exciting and unique organisms including sea stars, an elephant snail, a giant mud crab, seahorses, an octopus and much more. Rockpool discovery is strictly for children aged five years and over.

Billo's party time

Thursday 27 March

11am–11.45am

Carnegie Library and Community Centre

7 Shepparson Avenue, Carnegie

Join Billo for a fun and interactive show with magic, tricks and loads of fun.

The show is suitable for children of all ages.

Urashima

Tuesday 1 April

11am–11.50am

Elsternwick Library

4 Staniland Grove, Elsternwick

Watch a miniature origami underwater world tell the famous Japanese legend of the fisherman's adventures at the sea king's palace. Children will also have the chance to create their own origami figures. Urashima is strictly for children aged five to nine.

Chaos fairies

Wednesday 2 April

11am–11.40am

**Glen Eira Town Hall Theatrette
Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn
Roads, Caulfield**

Chaos Fairies is a show filled with zany original songs, groovy dancing and puppetry. Four funky Chaos Fairies will whisk you away on a wild, wonderful and wacky adventure that will delight both boys and girls. Come dressed as a fairy, wizard or pixie. The show is suitable for children of all ages.

During the holiday period, *Storytime* for preschoolers will also feature stories and songs about fairies and magical creatures. When you visit the library, don't forget to collect your special Fairyland Colouring Sheet for the chance to win a \$40 book voucher.



Chaos Fairies is a show filled with songs, dancing and puppetry.

Saturday Shakers

Playful puppies and curious kittens stage show

Saturday 8 March

2pm–2.45pm

Carnegie Library and Community Centre

Boyd Room, Level One

7 Shepparson Avenue, Carnegie

Come and enjoy this fun musical stage show about the world of pets — the big, the small, the hairy and the slimy. This free show is suitable for children aged three to eight. No bookings are required.

Easter opening hours

Council's libraries will be closed on Friday 21 March, Sunday 23 March and Monday 24 March. On Saturday 22 March, Bentleigh and Carnegie libraries will be open from 10am to 4pm, Elsternwick library from 10am to 1pm and Caulfield library from 1pm to 4pm.

COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT GRANTS 2007–2008

Does your organisation have a new environmental initiative or project to offer the Glen Eira community?

Glen Eira City Council, in partnership with the Pratt Foundation, is seeking organisations that can demonstrate their ability to provide a new environmental initiative, or implement a specific environmental project, which will benefit the Glen Eira community.

Services or projects must benefit a number of Glen Eira residents and target an identified need. Funding of \$50,000 is available over a three year period, \$20,000 in 2007–08, \$15,000 in 2008–09 and \$15,000 in 2009–10.

To be eligible, organisations must have a Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status. Council is currently receiving expressions of interest from eligible organisations.

Applications should be sent to: Community Environment Grants Glen Eira City Council PO Box 42 Caulfield South 3162 or email: mail@gleneira.vic.gov.au

Applications close 28 March 2008. For more information contact Council on 9524 3333 or visit www.gleneira.vic.gov.au to obtain an information kit.

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SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISORS

Are you responsible, reliable, and available during the school crossing hours?

Then Glen Eira City Council would like to hear from you.

Council currently has permanent part-time School Crossing Supervisors positions available.

You will take responsibility for ensuring the safety of children and other people using the crossing on a daily basis between 8.15am and 9am and 3.15pm and 4pm.

Salary starts from around \$16 per hour and you will enjoy approximately 10 weeks holiday each year.

Prospective School Crossing Supervisors will need to pass a medical examination, undergo a police check and have a current Working with Children Check.

For a position description visit www.gleneira.vic.gov.au/careers For further information, contact 9524 3486. Applications are preferred online www.gleneira.vic.gov.au and must quote Ref. 08/007 within the covering letter.

Alternatively, please mail to Human Resources, PO Box 42 Caulfield South Victoria 3162.

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**Wednesdays from 4pm–6pm during the school term
Carnegie Library and Community Centre
7 Shepparson Avenue, Carnegie**

The Homework Centre @ Carnegie Library provides a quiet, distraction free zone for students to complete homework and school assignments. Librarians are on hand to help students understand and use information to assist with homework tasks. Tutoring is not available. This is a free service.

BEHAVIOUR GUIDANCE WHY WON'T THEY DO AS THEY'RE TOLD?

Parents, grandparents and early childhood professionals are invited to attend *Behaviour guidance — why won't they do as they're told?*

Hosted by Glen Eira City Council, guest speaker for the evening is Early Childhood Consultant, Jo Lange.

Jo will provide practical strategies for understanding and guiding children's behaviour. The session will also discuss the role of the parent and carer in encouraging positive self-esteem and recognition of the child.

Thursday 13 March 2008

7.30pm–9.30pm (7.15pm registration)
Glen Eira City Council Theatrette, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield

Cost: \$5 per person

Registration and payment must be received prior to this session.

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

Receipts will be issued on the night.

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Bentleigh East Skate Jam coming up

To kick off National Youth Week 2008 celebrations, Glen Eira City Council Youth Services will again host the annual Bentleigh East Skate Jam on Friday 4 April.

The event, which in previous years has been a draw card for local skaters, is co-facilitated with the YMCA Riverslide Skate Park, which has years of experience organising skate competitions.

This free event, which is open to all young people in Glen Eira aged 10 to 25, has been organised by Glen Eira's Youth Consultative Group (YCG) — the same group which was behind the successful *Big Splash Out* in January.

There will be four competition categories — 12 years and under, 16 years and under, open guys and open girls.

Participation forms can be picked up from Council's Youth Information Centre prior to the event or skaters can register on the day at 10am, with competition starting at 10.30am.

Local skaters and spectators can enjoy a free barbecue and fantastic and giveaways, along with the opportunity to showcase their talents. *Skate Jam* has proven to be a great day out for skaters and the community, so grab your mates, grab your board and head on down to the Bailey Reserve Skate Park, East Boundary Road, Bentleigh East from 10.30am–5pm (weather permitting).

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



The Bentleigh East Skate Jam is a free event and is open to all young people in Glen Eira aged 10–25. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Internet safety to be discussed at info night

High profile psychologist Dr Michael Carr-Gregg will be the special guest presenter at Glen Eira City Council Youth Services parent information night.

To be held at Glen Eira Town Hall on Thursday 10 April at 7.30pm, the topic for the night will be *Young people and internet safety* — a topic that is becoming increasingly popular and relevant in the lives of young people.

Dr Carr-Gregg is a regular consultant for a variety of media sources on topics and issues surrounding young people.

He is also the author of the book *Real Wired Child: What parents need to know about kids online* and various other publications such as *Surviving Adolescents: The must-have manual for all parents* and *Surviving Year 12: A sanity kit for students and their parents*.



Dr Michael Carr-Gregg.

The parent information night is part of a number of events Youth Services will be delivering to celebrate *National Youth Week* in April.

If you are interested in being informed about other upcoming events and programs Youth Services provide, you can join the Youth Services mailing list.

To register your interest in attending this event or to find out more about the mailing list, contact Youth Services on 9579 7963 or email youthservices@gleneira.vic.gov.au

Get into it program

Following on from the success of Glen Eira City Council Youth Services 2007 pilot program *Get Into It!* — the program will run again in 2008.

Get Into It! is a recreational program for young, local women aged 13 to 25.

The program not only encourages young women to try new activities, but it also assists in building self-confidence.

Jess participated in the 2007 program said she enjoyed meeting new people and trying new activities.

"I probably would have never done belly dancing," Jess said.

Salsa dancing, ten pin bowling and walking are just some of the many activities planned for the 2008 Program, which will run in term one and three.

In 2008, the guys will also have the opportunity to join the program, which will be held in term two and term four.

For further information about the program, contact Youth Services on 9579 7963.



In 2008, local guys can also join the program. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

National Youth Week competitions open

Shout. Share. Live. Unite is the theme for the ninth annual National Youth Week, where thousands of events, concerts and competitions will be held to celebrate Australia's youth between 5 April and 13 April.

To help celebrate the *Week*, young people have the opportunity to enter the 2008 National Talent Competitions.

The National Talent Competitions allow young people to put their creative talents to use in the areas of music, writing,

filmmaking, photography and graphic design.

There are five competitions — RockIT, WriteIT, ShootIT, DesignIT and SnapIT, with junior (12 to 17 years) and senior (18 to 25 years) age categories. There is also an *Industry Award* and a *People's Choice Award* in each category.

The *Industry Awards* are chosen by an expert in each creative field, while the *People's Choice Awards* will be decided through an online voting system, where young people can vote for their pick of

short listed entries.

Prizes for this year's competitions include computer packages and video cameras, which will help the winners develop their creative talents.

Young people aged between 12 and 25 can also enter the Win Free Stuff competitions, by answering simple questions or providing their opinions online.

Full prize details and National Talent Competition entry forms are available

online at www.youthweek.com

Entries for both the National Talent Competition and Win Free Stuff Competitions close Monday 14 April at 5pm AEST, with winners announced in June 2008.

For further information visit www.youthweek.com, or email youthweek@fahcsia.gov.au or call the hotline on 1300 663 500.

Foundation for Youth Excellence Program

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

Then why not apply for the *Foundation for Youth Excellence Program*?

Glen Eira City Council is interested in receiving applications for the *Program*, which recognises the achievements of young people in the community. Successful applicants are awarded grants to help them achieve further success in their chosen field.

Ryan Champion is just one person who has received a grant through the *Foundation for Youth Excellence Program*.

Thanks to an \$800 grant, Ryan, 20, was able to compete in the 12th Special Olympics World Summer Games in Shanghai in October 2007.

There were approximately 7,000

athletes in Shanghai from 160 countries competing in 24 sports. The Australian team of 121 athletes competed in 11 different sports — swimming, athletics, basketball, bocce, bowling, golf, gymnastics, sailing, soccer, softball and tennis.

Ryan, who suffers from autism and epilepsy, was a member of the nine strong Australian Aquatics Team and one of only two Victorian swimmers selected to represent his state and country.

His relay team won gold in the 4 x 100 metre freestyle and Ryan won a bronze in the 200 metre backstroke event. Ryan also came fifth in the 100 metres backstroke.

Ryan's dad, Greg, told the *Glen Eira News* his son has worked hard and excelled in his level at swimming freestyle and backstroke and he is now learning butterfly and breaststroke.



Chris, Ryan, Scott and Mitch won gold in the 4 x 100m freestyle relay.

"Ryan has always had big ideas and has dreamed for years, like most kids, of representing Australia at an international sporting event," Greg said.

"It is fantastic that this dream has come true."

For further information on the *Foundation for Youth Excellence Program*, including the criteria and application forms, contact the Youth Information Centre on 9589 7963.

Wanted: New recruits for Youth Group

Are you aged between 15 and 19 and live, study or work in Glen Eira? Do you want to learn new skills and work behind the scenes of major events?

Then Glen Eira City Council's Youth Consultative Group (YCG) is looking for you.

Council's Youth Services is looking for new recruits for the YCG, a representative group of 10 to 13 young people who are responsible for hosting youth events in the municipality, such as the *Big Splash Out* and the *Annual Bentleigh East Skate Jam*.

YCG participants will not only enhance their personal skills while they gain experience in a professional environment, but they have the opportunity to be a voice for their peers.

The Group will commence in mid-2008 for a 12 month period and will meet on a fortnightly basis. The Group will also benefit from specialist training, such as event management.

If you would like to join, or for further information, contact the Youth Information Centre on 9579 7963 or email youthservices@gleneira.vic.gov.au



The YCG is responsible for hosting events such as the Big Splash Out.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Youth worker support

Glen Eira City Council's qualified and professional youth workers provide local young people with one-on-one, short to medium term support.

Often taking on a mentoring role for the local youth, our in the know youth workers can assist any young person by linking them in with local agencies and programs to suit the individual's

needs and requests. No issue is too big or too small.

Youth workers are available Monday to Thursday from 1pm to 6pm and Friday from 1pm to 5pm. If you or a young person you know wants someone to talk to, contact Youth Services on 9579 7963 to make an appointment.



SHOWERHEAD EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Glen Eira City Council, in conjunction with South East Water, will host a free *Showerhead Exchange Program* at *Party in the Park* at Packer Park, Carnegie, on Sunday 30 March from 12pm to 4pm.

What you must bring:

- your old showerhead; and
- a copy of your South East Water bill.



Please note:

- AAA rated showerheads are not compatible with gravity fed (in the roof) or some instantaneous or older hot water systems.

What are the benefits?

- Annual water savings of around 20,000 litres per household.
- Reductions in your annual water bill of around \$30 as well as reduced energy costs for heating your hot water.

Terms and conditions

Exchange offer only available to South East Water customers. Three star rated showerheads are not compatible with gravity fed or some instantaneous hot water systems. Renters require consent from the property owner prior to exchanging their showerhead and have the showerhead installed by a registered plumber. By choosing to participate in the *Showerhead Exchange Program*, you will not be able to get your original showerhead back once exchanged.

For more information visit www.southeastwater.com.au or call 131 851



GLEN EIRA CITY COUNCIL

MEETING AND CLUBS

Club 66 holds its Old Time, Modern and New Vogue dances with a full live band on the first and third Saturday of each month. Dances are held at the Benteleigh Uniting Church Hall, 495 Centre Road, Benteleigh from 8pm. Cost is \$7 and includes a light supper. Contact: 9587 1092.

The Caulfield Over 50's Dance is held at the Glen Eira Town Hall, corner of Hawthorn and Glen Eira Roads, Caulfield, every Monday from 12.30pm. Dance styles include Old Time and New Vogue on an excellent dance floor with live music and recorded music on alternate weeks. Contact: 9822 2064.

Join the Friendly Club! The Benteleigh Life Activities Club offers opportunities for seniors to meet new friends and enjoy social activities such as table tennis, card games, golf, music (classical and light) and much more. New members welcome. Contact: Gotu 9557 2562 or Pat 9555 6008.

Melbourne Scots Dancing Circle holds Scottish Country Dancing classes every Friday evening from 8pm at Ormond Uniting Church, corner North and Booran Roads Ormond. Come and join us for fun in friendly surroundings. Contact: Bev 9579 5532 or George 9808 6805.

Murrumbeena Bowls Club has just finished a very successful summer pennant season. Come and enjoy what the sport of bowls has to offer. Play in the forthcoming winter season and be ready for next summer. Contact: Michael Thompson 9569 4969.

The East Benteleigh Probus Club welcomes new members when it meets on the second Tuesday of the month from 9.30am at the Benteleigh Club in Yawla Street, Benteleigh. All welcome. Contact: Otto 9557 8236.

The Moorabbin Historical Society opens Box Cottage, Joyce Park, Jasper Road, McKinnon on the last Sunday of each month from February to November from 2pm. Admission by donation. Contact: 9578 9131.

Just retired and looking for something to do? Why not try the **Benteleigh Senior Citizens Club**. Holidays, daytrips, billiards, snooker, cards, bowling, bingo, dancing, yoga, exercise, concerts and much more. Baby Boomers most welcome. We are located at the Senior Citizens Hall, 2 Arthur Street, Benteleigh. Contact: Cheryl 9557 5739 or 9557 6010.

The Glen Eira Cheltenham Art Group hold children's classes in all media from Tuesday to Saturday and a life class once a month. New members at Moorleigh Village welcome — 92 Bignell Road, Benteleigh East. Contact: 9563 7621 or 9555 5998.

Murrumbeena Play Group Inc (member of Playgroup Victoria) holds playgroup session for preschool children from Monday to Friday at the Community of Christ Church on the corner of Poath and Dalny Roads, Murrumbeena. The groups are non-religious and you are free to attend on any one or all days. Contact: 0432 271 204 or email murrumbeenaplaygroup@hotmail.com

Ormond Angling Club actively encourages recreational angling in both salt and freshwater competitions and for friendly social activities. We meet 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.

EVENTS

The Young at Heart Club invites you to a Saturday Night Dance on the third Saturday of every month from 7.30pm. Come enjoy Swing, Rock 'n' Roll, Ballroom, Old Time, New Vogue and more at the Senior Citizens Hall at 2 Arthur Street, Benteleigh. Cost is \$7 with a plate of supper or \$5 without. Contact: 9557 6010.

The Benteleigh Senior Citizens invite you on a six day Dubbo holiday, departing 17 May 2008. The trip is open to all. Cost is \$669 twin share. Contact: Cheryl 9557 5739 or 9557 6010.

The Stitches and Craft Show will be held at Caulfield Racecourse from 12 to 16 March from 10am daily. Contact: www.stitchesandcraft.com.au

Create a Kids' Book. Always wanted to write for children? Two enthusiastic and experienced tutors Dr Virginia Lowe and artist Jo Thompson will hold a picture book workshop on Saturday 26 April in Ormond from 10am. Cost is \$200. Contact: Virginia 9578 5689 or virginia@createakidsbook.com.au

The World Day of Prayer will be held on Friday 7 March from 10.30am at the Benteleigh Uniting Church, 497 Centre Road, Benteleigh. Rev Dr Ji Zhang will be the speaker and the theme prepared by the Christian Women of Guyana is *God's wisdom provides new understanding*. All are welcome and morning tea is provided.

Ripponlea Primary School's One Day Circus is on Sunday 16 March from 11am-4pm. There will be rides, food stalls, plant and clothing stalls, jugglers, face painting and a silent auction. Contact: 9530 0449.

The Russian community invites you to celebrate women's achievements by participating in the **International Women's Day** trips and events. Everyone is welcome. Most activities are free with some at minimum cost. Places are limited so please book in advance. Contact: 0421 251 317.

COMMUNITY

Labassa is open on the third Sunday of every month from 10.30am. Wander through the house on a self-guided tour or join a guided tour. Don't forget to visit the Servants' Hall for light refreshments. From an eight room family house in 1863 to boom time mansion in 1890, this once grand house was divided into flats after the First World War. It remained as such, narrowly escaping demolition in the 1970's, until it was rescued by the National Trust in 1980. Contact: 9527 6295, 9509 6596 or www.natrust.com.au

Volunteers needed for Wesley DoCare Have you recently retired or have your children just gone off to school? Have you a few hours to spare to brighten someone's day? Social support program *Wesley Do Care* needs more volunteers to visit Glen Eira's socially isolated older residents. We welcome people who can spare a few hours each week or fortnight to visit people in their own homes, either to have a cuppa and a chat or go out for a drive. Some clients say volunteers have changed the direction of their lives. Volunteers are supported with an orientation program and regular support. Contact: Sandra Tauber 9771 6134.

English Conversations is an informal, weekly program held every Friday at the Koornang Uniting Church, 117 Murrumbeena Road, Murrumbeena from 6.30pm. The program helps recent arrivals to Australia with the art of English speaking and understanding local customs. All participants and helpers are

welcome. No special qualifications are required. Contact: Peter 9572 1876.

Glen Eira City Choir seeking new members for the forthcoming recital of Beethoven Mass in C with conductor Jane Elton Brown. No audition necessary. Rehearsals are held on Monday from 7.30pm at the Caulfield Indonesian Uniting Church Hall, 158 Balaclava Road, Caulfield. Contact: 9578 1947.

Badminton players wanted. Experienced and novice players welcome to join every Wednesday from 8.15pm at the Ormond Uniting Church Hall, North Road, Ormond. Contact: 9578 1947.

Scottish Country Dancing is a great way to keep fit and have fun. All ages are welcome and no partner is required. Classes cost \$3 and are held every Tuesday afternoon from 1.30pm at the Ormond Uniting Church Hall, corner North and Booran Roads, Ormond. Contact: Heather 9503 9538 or Deb 9557 9107.

Russian community looking for volunteers. Bilingual Russian/English speakers are preferable but not essential. Volunteers will assist with administration, IT support, general office work, marketing, planning trips, event organising and provide network and internet support to new users at Glen Eira centres in Benteleigh and Ormond. Contact: 0416 251 317.

Russian community looking for new committee members. If you'd like to make an impact on the development of our multicultural group and the services it provides consider joining us as a committee member. Contact: 0416 251 317.

Russian community activities in Glen Eira. Everyone is welcome and refreshments are provided. Some activities are free and some require a minimal cost. Places can be limited so please book in advance by calling 0416 251 317. We will return your call to confirm the booking.

The activities are as follows:

Weekly: Chess for children and adults is conducted once a week. Twice a week we offer table tennis and bilingual Russian/English internet (other languages are also available — Greek, Italian, Polish). New members need to book in advance.

Fortnightly: Our cooking club helps develop healthy meals for one or to share with many around the dinner table. We offer groups for arts and craft and are starting a social dancing group to promote health and wellbeing. Our ESL program provides a group to discuss news and current affairs, television programs, films and books.

Monthly: Join our international movie club for adults and children. Enjoy a night out at our monthly Karaoke competition and dinner dance.

IMMUNISATION SESSIONS

MARCH

McKinnon Public Hall

118 McKinnon Road, McKinnon
Monday 3 March 10am-11am

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

Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield
Tuesday 4 March 6pm-7pm
Tuesday 11 March 9.30am-10.30am

Carnegie Library and Community Centre

7 Shepparson Avenue, Carnegie
Wednesday 12 March 1.30pm-2.30pm
Thursday 27 March 6pm-7pm

Packer Park

Leila Road, Carnegie
Monday 17 March 10am-11am

Benteleigh East

Benteleigh Bayside Community Health Centre
Gardeners Road, Benteleigh East
Wednesday 19 March 5.45pm-7.15pm
Saturday 15 March 9.30am-11am

Glen Huntly Maternal and Child Health Centre

Corner Royal and Rosedale Avenues, Glen Huntly
Wednesday 26 March 9.30am-11am

Gardasil vaccination program commences

The Gardasil School Vaccination Program has commenced at 15 secondary schools across Glen Eira.

The Gardasil vaccination prevents infection from human papillomavirus (HPV) strains 16 and 18.

Council's Manager Public Health and Community Development Mark Saunders said the vaccine is administered as a series of three injections over a period of six months.

"Council's immunisation team began

vaccinating all female secondary students in Years seven, Nine and 10 in February," Mr Saunders said.

"The remaining two vaccinations will be administered during April and August."

In 2007, more than 5,000 doses of the vaccine were administered, with 1,700 female students in Years Seven, Nine, 10, 11 and 12 receiving the three dose course of Gardasil.

From 2009, the vaccination will be offered as part of the standard Year Seven school immunisation program.

The *Gardasil School Vaccination Program* is just one of the many programs Council has in place. Year seven students are immunised against Hepatitis B and Chicken Pox, while year 10 students are vaccinated for Diphtheria Tetanus and Whooping Cough.

For further information regarding the *Gardasil School Vaccination Program* contact Council's Public Health and Community Development Unit on 9524 3333.



Council's immunisation team began vaccinating all female secondary students in Years Seven, Nine and 10 in February. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

LANGUAGELINE

Άρχισε η υποβολή αιτήσεων για το πρόγραμμα κοινοτικών κονδυλίων

Θα δοθούν πάνω από \$250.000 σε τοπικούς κοινοτικούς συλλόγους μέσω του Προγράμματος Κοινοτικών Κονδυλίων 2008-09 του Δήμου Glen Eira.

Η έναρξη υποβολής αιτήσεων για το Πρόγραμμα είναι από τη Δευτέρα, 3 Μαρτίου μέχρι τις 5μμ Παρασκευή 30 Μαΐου.

Ο Δήμαρχος Glen Eira κ. Steven Tang είπε ότι το Πρόγραμμα στηρίζει και βοηθά μη κερδοσκοπικούς κοινοτικούς συλλόγους του Δήμου Glen Eira για να υλοποιήσουν έργα και δραστηριότητες.

"Η Δημαρχία έχει δεσμευθεί να επενδύει στην κοινότητα και αυτό το Πρόγραμμα επιτρέπει στη Δημαρχία να στηρίζει έργα και υπηρεσίες που καλύπτουν τοπικά ζητήματα," ανέφερε ο κ. Tang

Το 2007-08, διανεμήθηκαν μέσω του Προγράμματος \$297.000 σε 131 μη κερδοσκοπικούς κοινοτικούς συλλόγους.

Τα κονδύλια δόθηκαν σε μια ευρεία κλίμακα συλλόγων, από συλλόγους ηλικιωμένων και ομάδες παιχνιδιού έως καλλιτεχνικούς και πολιτισμικούς οργανισμούς και αθλητικούς και ψυχαγωγικούς συλλόγους.

Περισσότερες πληροφορίες για το Πρόγραμμα 2008-09 διατίθενται απ' το δικτυακό τόπο του Δήμου στο www.gleneira.vic.gov.au.

αυ ή τηλεφωνώντας στο Δημοτικό Κέντρο Εξυπηρέτησης Πολιτών στο 9524 3333.

Si apre la presentazione delle domande per il programma di sovvenzioni comunitarie

Più di \$250,000 saranno assegnati dal Comune di Glen Eira a gruppi comunitari locali tramite il programma di sovvenzioni comunitarie *Community Grants Program 2008-09*.

La presentazione delle domande per la partecipazione al *Programma* resterà aperta con inizio da lunedì 3 marzo fino alle 17:00 di venerdì 30 maggio.

Il Sindaco di Glen Eira, Steven Tang, ha affermato che il *Programma* intende sostenere ed assistere nell'implementazione di progetti ed attività gruppi che agiscono senza fini di lucro all'interno della comunità nel Comune di Glen Eira.

"Il Comune si è impegnato ad investire nella comunità e questo *Programma* ci permette di sovvenzionare progetti e servizi mirati a questioni locali" ha ribadito il Cons. Tang.

Nel 2007-08, \$297,000 sono stati distribuiti tramite il *Programma* a 131 gruppi comunitari che operano senza fini di lucro.

Le sovvenzioni sono state assegnate ad una vasta gamma di gruppi comprendente associazioni di cittadini senior, gruppi gioco per l'infanzia,

organizzazioni artistiche e culturali e gruppi sportivi e ricreativi.

Ulteriori informazioni sul *Programma 2008-09* sono disponibili sul sito comunale www.gleneira.vic.gov.au oppure rivolgendosi al Centro Servizi Comunali al numero telefonico 9524 3333.

Субсидии на общественные программы

Бюджет субсидий на общественные программы муниципалитета Glen Eira на 2008 - 2009 составляет более \$250 000.

Заявления на получение субсидий принимаются с понедельника, 3 марта до 17.00 пятницы, 30 мая.

Мэр муниципалитета Glen Eira г-н Steven Tang отметил, что субсидии предназначены для поддержки различных проектов и мероприятий, проводимых некоммерческими общественными группами муниципалитета Glen Eira.

"Муниципалитет вкладывает средства в общественное развитие, и программа субсидий позволяет нам поддерживать местные проекты и инициативы," сказал г-н Tang.

В 2007-08 более \$297 000 было выделено 131 некоммерческой общественной группе в рамках программы субсидий.

Субсидии получили самые разные группы и инициативы - для детей, для пожилых людей, культурные, спортивные и художественные проекты.

Дополнительную информацию о субсидиях можно получить на вебсайте муниципалитета в интернете: www.gleneira.vic.gov.au или по тел. 9524 3333.

現在接受社區撥款方案的申請

Glen Eira 市政府將通過《2008-09 年度社區撥款方案》向當地社區團體撥款 25 萬餘澳元。

市政府將於 3 月 3 日星期五至 5 月 30 日星期五受理《方案》撥款申請。

Glen Eira 市長 Steven Tang 說：《方案》支持和協助 Glen Eira 市政區內的非營利社區團體開展項目和活動。

Steven Tang 市議員繼續說道：“市政府致力於向社區投入資金，此《方案》體現了市政府對解決當地問題之項目和服務的大力支持。”

在 2007-08 年度中，131 個非營利社區團體共獲得了通過此《方案》撥款的 29 萬 7 千澳元。

各種廣泛的社區團體得到了撥款，其中包括高齡市民團體、遊戲小組、文藝和文化組織，以及體育和娛樂團體。

有關《2008-09 年度社區撥款方案》的詳情，可查閱市政府網站 www.gleneira.vic.gov.au；也可向市政府服務中心索取，電話 9524 3333。

COMMUNITYCONSULTATION

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	Where
Draft Animal Management Plan	Comments and submissions	Closes 17 March 2008	Glen Eira Town Hall PO BOX 42 Caulfield South 3162

Recent consultation opportunities

Subject	Type	Date
Glen Eira Community Plan 2008-2012	Community meeting for Bentleigh residents	11 February 2008
Glen Eira Community Plan 2008-2012	Community meeting for Caulfield South, Elsternwick and Gardenvale residents	13 February 2008
Glen Eira Community Plan 2008-2012	Community meeting for Caulfield, Caulfield East, Caulfield North and St Kilda East residents	14 February 2008
Glen Eira Community Plan 2008-2012	Community meeting for Glen Huntly, McKinnon and Ormond residents	18 February 2008
Glen Eira Community Plan 2008-2012	Community meeting for Bentleigh East residents	20 February 2008
Glen Eira Community Plan 2008-2012	Community meeting for Carnegie and Murrumbeena residents	21 February 2008



Council consulted with the community in February to assist in the development of the 2008-2012 Glen Eira Community Plan.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

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

EXHIBITIONS

Glen Eira City Council Gallery Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield. Phone: 9524 3333
Opening hours: Monday–Friday 10am–5pm, Saturday, Sunday and public holidays 1pm–5pm **Free admission**

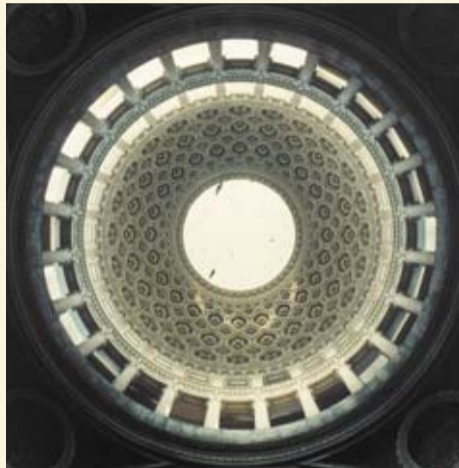
DÉCOR

Viewing from 13 March to 13 April

Décor is the creation of setting, environment and context for a space.

This exhibition includes a diverse range of approaches to the question of art and decoration, to art and the domestic suburban realm and finally to the role and meaning of art itself.

Curated by David O'Halloran, art in which the setting or Décor is a



David Stephenson — San Gaudenzio, Novara, from the Domes series, 1993, chromogenic print. Collection: Monash Gallery of Art, City of Monash Collection.



Jane Burton — Lounge Room, Glen Eira, 1998, C-Type print. Collection: Glen Eira City Council Gallery.

significant factor in the meaning of the work is featured in this exhibition.

The exhibition includes some of Australia's most highly regarded contemporary artists, including David Rozetsky, Darren Sylvester, Sarah Ryan, David Stephenson, Wolfgang Sievers, Jane Burton, Lara Merrett, Paul Zika and Taiwanese artist Shiau-Peng Chen.

Décor will be officially opened on Wednesday 12 March at 6pm. The whole community is welcome to attend.

FRAMES OF TIME 1979–2008
 Ian Banksmith

Viewing from 13–30 March

Frames of Time 1979–2008 is a retrospective exhibition of Ian Banksmith spanning 30 years of this remarkable artist's output. Banksmith's career has seen him exhibit extensively throughout Australia and internationally. His works have consistently presented an energetic yet controlled approach to painting that imparts a refreshing vitality.

This comprehensive body of work presents us with a journey through Banksmith's varied approaches to landscape and abstraction. Personality and nature are melded together in a flurry of physicality; the expressionism is evident but so too is the landscape. Form, colour and light have been stripped to their elements, charging off the canvas, yet somehow still evoking a sense of harmony, joy and a celebration of everything that is affirmative in life.

Banksmith has lived in Melbourne since 1995. He studied at the Tasmanian College of Advanced Education from 1977–1980 where he received a BFA in

Visual Art. Since moving to Melbourne he has exhibited in numerous group exhibitions and had five solo shows including two at Glen Eira City Council's Gallery. One of his most important undertakings was a solo exhibition in New York City at Gelabert Gallery in 2001, which was opened by the Australian Consul-General in New York, Michael Baume AO.

Frames of Time 1979–2008 will be officially opened on Thursday 13 March at 6pm. Artists floortalk will be held on Sunday 16 March and Sunday 30 March at 2pm.



Ian Banksmith — Transitions, Kallista, 2007, acrylic and oil on canvas.

Party in the Park at Packer Park

On Sunday 30 March, Packer Park, Carnegie will come alive with the third and final Party in the Park.

To be held from 12pm to 4pm, one of Australia's foremost performers, Andy Zap, will host the day. Andy has been performing around the world for 18 years and has kept adults and children laughing right to the end.

Gracing the stage with some quirky country is The Rich Family. Former Nashville multi-instrumentalist Rick Plant and his singer/songwriter partner,

Sherry Rich have returned to Melbourne and put the family band back together with brother Rusty from the Scared Weird Little Guys.

Packer Park will also be filled with the sound of Australia's saviors of soul the Committed. This impressive, nine piece ensemble will engage and involve an audience no matter what age. The Committed will play all of the soul, R&B, disco and dance hits you know and love, in the way they were originally intended to be played.

Local young talents The Ainsley Band

are a five-piece rock, folk and country band lead by San Francisco born singer songwriter Ainsley, who now lives in Glen Eira. Spotted at The Big Splash Out in January, this band is a true indication of the talent within Glen Eira. Community performers The Sinhala Cultural Dancers will also be bedazzle the stage with Sri Lankan dancing and singing.

Free activities running throughout the day include mask making with Enviro Craft, painting with Paint Pot People, and jumping castle. Get your adrenaline pumping with the Rad Rock Climbing

Wall, which allows four people at once to climb the challenging eight metre high wall. There will also be an Extreme Air Jumper System which allows jumpers to experience heights of up to 5.5 metres.

Local sporting clubs will also be on hand to provide information on joining new sports and will provide interactive demonstrations for all ages.

Food and refreshments will be available, but feel free to bring along a picnic.

For further information contact Council's Service centre on 9524 3333 or visit www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

Let's party and let's swing

New to this year's Party in the Park series is Party in the Park — Let's Swing, a concert event featuring the very best in swing music.

This new and free celebration will be held at Princes Park on Sunday 16 March from 12pm–4pm.

Headlining the program is the impressive 15 piece swing band, Pearly Shells Swing Band — five saxophones, three trumpets, three trombones, piano, guitar, double bass and drums. The Pearly Shells dynamically recreates the style and opulence of this dazzling musical era playing favourites like Ellington,

Basie and Goodman.

Adding their own mix of swing classics will be a host of local community groups such as the McKinnon Secondary College Swing Band, Wesley College Elsternwick Campus Swing Band and the Glen Eira City Band.

Glen Eira's very own Collin Bogaars will host the day.

Although food and refreshments will be on sale, why not pack a picnic, get the family together and make a day of it?

For further information contact Council's Service centre on 9524 3333 or visit www.gleneira.vic.gov.au



Pearly Shells Big Band.

A Glen Eira legend with a new face

In June 1912, an indenture was made between the Mayor and Councillors of the Town of Caulfield for a portion of land at Caulfield Park to be set aside for bowls, croquet and tennis.

On 15 May 1923, when a meeting was called for ladies interested in forming a Croquet Club, nine ladies attended. The Hon J.M. Chanter, Member of the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia and President of the Bowling Club,

attended this meeting. At a later date, the Caulfield Park Croquet Club was formed, with an annual subscription of 10 shillings and six pence (\$1.05).

It was not until March 1925 that it was decided to raise the funds to build a pavilion and in 1926, men were admitted to the Club.

In December 1948, the Club celebrated its Silver Anniversary and its Golden Jubilee in December 1973.

In 2008, croquet has long ceased to

be an old person's game. It is a most fascinating game and can be described as a combination of chess and snooker played on a large lawn.

Now, 84 years later, the Caulfield Park Croquet Club is part of the Caulfield Park Sports Club.

Members of the new Club are able to play any or all of croquet, bowls, petanque and bridge. New members are welcome. For further information contact 9596 3845 or 9568 2290.



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Great opportunities for people with disabilities

The Glen Eira and Stonnington Councils Access Unlimited service has some fantastic sporting and recreation activities planned for 2008.

Access Unlimited, which is funded by Sport and Recreation Victoria, was formed to help increase participation opportunities and the number and range of sport and recreation environments that are inclusive of people with disabilities.

Here are just some of the events coming up in the next few months:

- 7,14 and 28 March and 4 April — no bias lawn bowls at Coatesville Lawn Bowls Club from 1pm–2.30pm;
- 9 and 23 March — no bias lawn bowls at Glen Eira-McKinnon Bowls Club from 10am–12pm;
- 27 March — lacrosse holiday program;

- commencing in April — soccer and wheelchair soccer with Glen Eira Junior Soccer Club;
- every Sunday during the school term — tennis at Kings Park Tennis Club in Bentleigh East from 11am–12pm;
- funk dance classes for children aged 7–16 at Kinetic Dance Studio in Glen Huntly; and
- commencing in April — rowing for people with visual impairments at Powerhouse Rowing Club.

If you are interested in any of these activities, would like to suggest some other opportunities or are a sporting club which is interested in becoming involved, contact Recreation Access Officer Paul Holtschke on 8290 1185 or email pholtsch@stonnington.vic.gov.au



Lawn bowls at Glen Eira-McKinnon Bowls Club.

Perfect time to visit a local park

March is a wonderful month in Melbourne to be in the great outdoors visiting one of Glen Eira's fantastic parks.

They are great places to explore, have a picnic in, visit a playground or simply relax in.

Centenary Park is a park that has many attractions.

The recently redeveloped playground is unique and offers something for all ages. There is a rotunda, free barbecues, all-abilities toilets and even a birdie cage for those interested in brushing up on their golf skills.

Centenary Park also has a picturesque walking path, complete with fitness equipment for those wishing to do a workout.

On a weekend visitors can also take advantage of watching the sport being played at the Park and cheer for the local team.

Glen Eira City Council has a free *Out and About* brochure which features leisure opportunities in the municipality. For a copy, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.



Centenary Park is a park that has many attractions. Photo: Sally Brown.

Drought grant success

Glen Eira City Council has once again been successful in securing further drought relief grants from the State Government.

These grants, which will be matched dollar for dollar by Council, will assist in ensuring that the grounds are more sustainable during drought conditions.

Mackie Reserve has received a grant to establish warm season/drought tolerant grass.

Council's Manager Recreation and Youth Services Linda Smith said the Reserve ground has suffered significant surface damage as the current grass species is not drought tolerant.

"The new surface will ensure that the safest possible surface is provided," Ms Smith said.

Marlborough Reserve has also received a grant to install a bore and water tanks that will feed the drip irrigation system installed at the Reserve in 2007. Ms Smith said once completed the Marlborough Reserve sportsground will

be irrigated without using mains water.

"This is a great drought response project as it will mean that mains water will no longer be used," Ms Smith

The Reserve has already been resurfaced with drought tolerant grass.

Council wishes to thank residents in advance for their patience while these works are undertaken.

Winner for pools

The season for both of Glen Eira City Council's swim centres has been extended until Sunday 6 April.

The extension of the season will coincide with school holidays, allowing families to enjoy these facilities during the holiday period.

Further information can be obtained by visiting www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

New Footpath Activity Guidelines

Glen Eira City Council's Footpath Activity Guidelines were introduced in January 2007, giving traders 12 months to comply with the best practice guidelines as issued by the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission.

The *Guidelines* aim to provide a consistent, safe, clear and accessible pedestrian passage for all members of the community.

The *Guidelines* require all tables, chairs and goods displayed on footpaths to be placed kerb side and to be constructed of a high standard.

Furniture must be safe, durable, protected from the wind and of a design that will enhance the visual amenity of the shopping centres.

Council's Manager Civic Compliance John Bordignon said in the effort to prepare businesses for the change, which took effect on 1 January 2008, information and notification was sent out and information sessions were held throughout 2007.

"Since the *Guidelines* came into effect on 1 January, Council Officers have been working with local traders and taking a reasonable enforcement approach to the implementation of the new *Guidelines*," Mr Bordignon said.

"Council Officers have initially taken a liberal approach by allowing traders a further 30 days to comply, due to fabricators being closed during the holiday season.

"This enforcement will be stepped up after the 30 day deadline has expired and Council Officers will continue to monitor these businesses and shopping centres on a rotation basis."

Mr Bordignon said Council has received feedback from several complying retailers who are dissatisfied with the high level of non-complying businesses.

"Many businesses have not yet accessed suitable furniture or wind barriers and are therefore non-compliant," Mr Bordignon said.



The *Guidelines* require all tables, chairs and goods displayed on footpaths to be placed kerb side and to be constructed of a high standard. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Looking after ME

A balance between work and life activities will be discussed at Glen Eira City Council's Women's Business Network meeting this month.

Presented by Director of Positive Change Consulting, Jennifer McCoy, *Looking after ME — achieving balance* will help attendees discover first-hand that it is possible to change the way you live your life, keep pace and achieve much more — and all without undue stress.

Jennifer brings a solution-focus to management and leadership challenges, using coaching, mentoring and training strategies to build leadership skill, develop teamwork and improve communication.

She has worked with a wide range of industries from superannuation and health to aged care and education. Jennifer is contracted to Parks Victoria for coaching services and is a central coach for the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development *Coaching for Experienced Principals* project.

Date: Thursday 20 March

Time: 7pm-9pm
(light supper on arrival)

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

Cost: \$15

RSVP: Monday 17 March to Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333. ■

Free tax seminar

Small business operators and those just starting or thinking about starting a new business are encouraged to attend a free tax seminar this month.

To be presented by the Australian Taxation Office, the seminar will discuss tax issues relevant to owning and operating a small business as well as practical tips for your business.

The seminar will also discuss:

- getting started in business, including Australian Business Numbers (ABN) and business structures;
- income tax and deductions;
- Goods and Services Tax (GST), including Business Activity Statements (BAS) and Pay As You Go (PAYG);
- reporting and paying;
- record keeping; and
- budgeting for tax.

Bookings are essential as numbers are limited.

Date: Thursday 13 March

Time: 9am-12.30pm

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

RSVP: Tuesday 11 March to Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333. ■

Council would like to inform that a large number of last minute footpath permit applications have been received and these will be processed as soon as practicable.

Free record keeping workshop

Glen Eira City Council will host a free record keeping workshop this month.

Presented by the Australian Taxation Office, this workshop is designed to help small business operators who desire a better understanding of the basic concepts of record keeping for their business.

The workshop involves a mixture of hands-on, practical exercises and some general record keeping principles.

Practical exercises to be covered include:

- keeping good records;
- how money flows through a business;
- typical business transactions;
- recording your income and sales;
- expenses and purchases records;
- motor vehicles and log books;
- income tax records;
- recording wages in a wages book;
- completing a Business Activity Statement (BAS);
- record keeping evaluation tool; and
- bank accounts and records.

The workshop will also discuss why it makes sense to keep good records, the types of records businesses may need to keep and other practical hints and tips.

Please note: These workshops do not cover commercial accounting software

programs. Bookings are essential as numbers are limited.

Date: Thursday 20 March

Time: 9am-1pm

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

RSVP: Monday 17 March to Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333. ■

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