

Council wins more open space

Creating more usable public open space for the community is one of Glen Eira City Council's highest goals and Council has taken a big step forward with the acquisition of the former reservoir site in Glen Huntly.

The approval to appoint Council as manager of the land was announced by State Member for Bentleigh Rob Hudson MP.

This follows advocacy by Council to the Government, Council's information letter to several thousand residents and Council's community meeting on 17 March 2008.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Steven Tang thanked the State Government for its announcement.

"This is a fantastic result for the Glen Eira community," Cr Tang said.

"Increasing the amount of public open space is a high priority for this Council and the former reservoir site will be an excellent addition to our open space network.

"It also demonstrates the effectiveness of our advocacy to the State Government."

The transfer comes after Council raised the issue of possible stormwater collection and recycling, which the water authorities concluded would not be feasible.

Cr Tang said once the site became surplus to the needs of the water authorities, there was the risk it would be sold for intense residential development.



Glen Eira Mayor Cr Steven Tang and State Member for Bentleigh Rob Hudson MP.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.



The former reservoir site will be an excellent addition to Council's open space network.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

"The site could have been sold for medium density housing or other private use, therefore Council moved immediately to seek the conversion of this public land to community use and we are delighted with the Government's support," Cr Tang said.

Council will need to carry out due diligence on the four acre site to see whether there are any issues such as soil contamination, underground assets, rehabilitation and zoning.

Subject to due diligence, Council will also go through a consultation process with the Glen Eira community as a whole to determine the nature of development of the site for recreational use and how to pay for the works. ■

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Street tree planting commences

Glen Eira City Council's annual residential street tree planting has commenced.

Approximately 1,600 trees will be planted along residential streets, replacing trees previously removed and additional plantings will be made to fill gaps in vacant naturestrips.

Each tree planted will be secured with timber stakes and granules added to the soil to help retain moisture. The tree will then be mulched to keep the root ball cool and moist.

Council's Manager Park Services Laurie Unwin said while Council routinely waters new trees during the summer, meeting the necessary watering requirements is difficult.

"To ensure the newly planted trees receive a blossoming start to life, Council is calling on residents to assist with additional watering," Mr Unwin said.

"A *How to care* pamphlet will be provided for each household which receives a tree, encouraging residents to assist with watering during the warmer months and help the new tree make it through the toughest year of its life."

Mr Unwin said current water restrictions prohibit Council from using any potable water for tree watering.

"Council would normally utilise water from the many water hydrants throughout the City, but now we are reliant on bore water to establish and

maintain our trees," Mr Unwin said.

Mr Unwin said the natural rainfall and cool conditions will help the new trees establish during the winter months, but if necessary, additional bore water will be utilised to ensure the young trees survive.

"Council can utilise bore water from three bore water sites located within our parks to water trees across the City," Mr Unwin said.

"The bore water is utilised to water young trees along main roads, streets, shopping centres and parkland and larger trees that have been affected from the prolonged drought." ■

MAYOR'S COLUMN



The acquisition by Council of the former reservoir site in Glen Huntly is a great result for the community.

Increasing the amount of public open space is a high priority for Council and this site will be an excellent addition to our open space network.

The transfer of land follows advocacy to the State Government, Council's letter to residents and Council's community meeting in March.

Council will be consulting with the community to determine how the site should be used and how the works should be paid for.

Drawing from the *Community Plan*, Council will continue to communicate the community's concerns to state and federal governments. This includes fighting for improved use of Caulfield Racecourse Reserve, improved transport services, treatment of level crossings and increased funding for many valued services.

Recently, Council was asked about the issue of cost-shifting and how it affects our community. Cost-shifting has affected some of Glen Eira's most important services, including library, immunisation and maternal and child health services, as well as the *Home and Community Care* (HACC) program.

For example, Government support for library services has dropped from 19 per cent of costs to 13 per cent over five years, funding to administer the Gardasil vaccine has dropped 47 per cent in three years and funding to enforce tobacco regulations has dropped 77 per cent since new regulations were introduced.

In the month where Council has adopted its annual budget, which seeks to balance the demand for services and infrastructure with the community's capacity to pay, Council will continue to fight cost-shifting.

Cr Steven Tang
Mayor

A passion for helping people

A passion for helping people with a disability is what attracted Amanda Burns to the role of Community Development Officer (MetroAccess) at Glen Eira City Council.

Amanda has been working at Council since February 2007 and prior to that worked in a similar position while living in Scotland.

Amanda told the *Glen Eira News* that the diversity of her role allows her to get out of the office and work closely with the Glen Eira community.

"I am involved with the *Disability Mentoring Program*, self advocacy for adults with intellectual disabilities, respite programs and disability awareness in schools," Amanda said.

"I am also responsible for ensuring that the actions and objectives of Council's *MetroAccess Plan* are implemented.

"This *Plan*, which has been formulated based on the needs and priorities of the Glen Eira community, aims to reaffirm the rights that people with a disability have to live and participate in the community on an equal footing with other citizens of Victoria."

Amanda said one of the best parts of her job is knowing that you have helped a person with a disability achieve a goal.

"Whether it is something big or small,



Helping a person with a disability achieve a goal is one of the best parts of Amanda's job.

Photo: Sally Brown.

it is very rewarding and satisfying to know that at the end of the day you have helped someone," Amanda said.

Amanda said although her role can be very challenging at times, the support of

her fellow staff members is fantastic.

"Council's Public Health and Community Development team have been very supportive towards me and are great to work with," Amanda said. ■

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New Councillor for Tucker Ward

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Steven Tang has welcomed Henry Buch as the new Councillor for Tucker Ward.

Cr Henry Buch was officially sworn in on Wednesday 11 June and replaces Cr David Feldman, who resigned from Council in late April.

A count-back on the votes cast in the 2005 election was conducted by the Victorian Electoral Commission on Friday 16 May to determine who would fill the vacancy for the remaining six months of this Council term.

Cr Buch said it is with great pride that he joins Glen Eira City Council.

"I have been a resident and a trader in the Bentleigh East area for more than 36 years as a health provider in

physiotherapy and podiatry which allows me I believe to understand a lot of the needs of the community," Mr Buch said.

"I have been involved in Bentleigh East in Rotary, sporting organisations and was a foundation member of the Moorabbin Hospital and the Bentleigh East Community Centre. At their inception they used my premises for all of their needs.

"There are many needs in the community such as health, youth and the elderly. There are business needs and services such as parks and gardens and also a big interest of mine is arts and culture. There are the recreational needs such as shops, shopping in safety and restaurants.

"I was interested in local government

as I saw it as an opportunity to put something back into the community for the good that they gave me. I will in the time that I am allowed, help to enhance existing assets and finances. I am grateful and have a loyalty to those who voted for me and will do my utmost to provide the community with the best I can do for the next six months.

"I want Glen Eira City Council to be seen as a particularly caring, responsible authority that has a strong customer focus so that all living in this area are both proud of their Council and happy that they are part of a committed community.

"The only thing I can add is that my philosophy in life is everything will turn out alright with a prayer to God."



Cr Henry Buch. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Working together to address postnatal depression in Glen Eira

Glen Eira City Council and Bentleigh Bayside Community Health Service have joined forces to address the issue of postnatal depression.

Glen Eira Mother's Support group (GEMS) is an eight week group for women experiencing emotional difficulties since the birth of their baby.

According to Beyond Blue — a national organisation addressing issues of depression — postnatal depression occurs in 16 per cent of mothers following the birth of a baby. Symptoms include appetite changes, sleep disturbance and feelings of worthlessness.

The GEMS group commenced for the first time in April this year, with five mothers attending. The second group is due to meet on 3 July.

Formed by Council's Maternal and Child Health Service, GEMS is facilitated by two Maternal and Child Health nurses, Ruth Connelly and Sue Williams.

Ms Williams told the *Glen Eira News* that a lack of resources within the municipality was the driving force behind the formation of the group.

"A central theme expressed by mothers with postnatal depression is the need to meet with other mothers experiencing similar difficulties so they can feel understood and supported," Ms Williams said.

"GEMS offers such an opportunity in a

relaxed and informal environment."

Ms Williams said as the presence of the baby is deemed to be an integral part in the healing process, the sessions are tailored to meet the requirements and needs of both mother and baby.

"Discussion topics include parental expectations, practical strategies, relaxation, interrelationship between thinking, feeling and behaviour, self-talk, self-esteem and assertiveness, parental separations, development, play, consideration of the baby's experience and infant massage," Ms Williams said.

Supported playgroup

Following the completion of the GEMS group it is hoped the mothers and babies will continue to meet together in a playgroup setting.

Bentleigh Bayside Community Health Service has been awarded a \$100,000 grant over three years through the Pratt Foundation and will use this money to form supported playgroups.

Bentleigh Bayside Community Health Service Child, Youth and Family Team Leader Lillith Collins said the grant enables the Service to provide extra support to mothers with postnatal depression.

"It is hoped that by attending the supported playgroup, the mothers will begin to feel more engaged, confident and feel more in control," Ms Collins said.

Ms Collins said the funding will be

used for a variety of different purposes, including the employment of a project officer, who will provide support to mothers participating in the playgroup.

"This project officer will be a resource person for information on supports for mothers, babies and their families," Ms Collins said

Ms Collins said the funding will also be used to develop new resources on postnatal depression and to host information sessions for other professionals and agencies in Glen Eira.

"We want to build on the information and resources that are already available

and tailor them to the local area," Ms Collins said.

The first supported playgroup is expected to be held once a week at the Glen Huntly Maternal and Child Health Service, with a second group to be formed in the future in the southern part of Glen Eira.

For further information on the GEMS group or supported playgroup, contact Council's Maternal and Child Health Service on 9524 3333 or Bentleigh Bayside Community Health Service on 9575 5322.



Lillith Collins from Bentleigh Bayside Community Health Service and Sue Williams and Ruth Connelly from Glen Eira City Council Maternal and Child Health Service.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton

CEO'S COLUMN



Open space is one of Glen Eira City Council's top priorities.

We have one of the lowest proportions of public open space of any municipality in Melbourne. This is partly because we do not have a river or creek, which have traditionally had ovals and parklands in the adjacent flood plains.

Intensification of development and shrinking private open space makes public open space all the more important. The State Government's decision to transfer the disused reservoir in Glen Huntly to our care gives Council the opportunity to extend our open space network. During 2008-09 we will undertake due diligence and planning for the site. Redevelopment will come at a significant cost, which we will need to incorporate into our financial strategy.

Quality of open space is just as important. There is a world of difference between a barren patch of ground and an attractive park with modern playgrounds, picnic areas, toilets and sports facilities. One of our highest priorities in recent years has been to upgrade parks and residents have consistently supported this investment.

The recent Integrated Open Space Services survey, which has rated Glen Eira's parks the best of 17 municipalities in Melbourne, provides independent assurance that we are achieving results.

The next year will see further investment in Glen Eira's parks and gardens, including the planting of 200 advanced trees in Caulfield Park, the installation of drip irrigation systems and shade sails, the construction of playgrounds, shelters, barbecues, fencing, walking trails and paths and the planting of drought-tolerant grasses.

Andrew Newton
Chief Executive Officer

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Go for your life program

The State Government's *Kids — Go for Your Life* program is livening up Glen Eira City Council's four children's centres.

The aim of the program is to create a healthier Victoria in which every child can enjoy the benefits of eating well and active play.

According to research, child care settings can play a role in promoting healthy bodies through their curriculum and education.

Council's Acting Manager Family and Children's Services Jill Jolliffe said Council's children's centres at Carnegie, Caulfield, Murrumbeena and Elsternwick decided to join the program as they wanted to help promote healthy children and families through the enjoyment of healthy eating habits and daily physical activity.

"Becoming a *Kids — Go for your Life* service is a rewarding way to make a difference to the health and wellbeing of children," Ms Jolliffe said.

"The centres have begun to exchange information about the program with parents/guardians through newsletters, centre displays and brochures."

Ms Jolliffe said the centres daily programs are giving children the opportunity to learn about healthy eating through puzzles, books and discussion times.

"The children are also provided with outdoor play, which includes climbing, running and ball games, to encourage and promote physical activity," Ms Jolliffe said.

For further information on the *Kids — Go for Your Life* program visit www.goforyourlife.vic.gov.au



In the effort to further promote the *Kids — Go for you Life* program, a mobile education centre visited Murrumbeena Children's Centre in June.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.



Child care settings play a role in promoting healthy bodies.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Application for Centre Road eight-storey development withdrawn

An application for an eight-storey development on the former Target site on Centre Road, Bentleigh has been withdrawn.

SJB Planning, representing the developer Chenli Pty Ltd, withdrew the application on 16 May — two days after a four hour planning conference chaired by Cr Margaret Esakoff and attended by some 200 residents who opposed the development.

The proposal for the development included shops, a restaurant, gym and a two-level basement car park.

Council's Director City Development

Jeff Akehurst said the planning report had already been prepared prior to the application being withdrawn and that the report recommended 16 grounds on which the application should be rejected.

"These grounds, which can be downloaded from Council's website, are set out in Item 8.1 of the public Council Agenda for the meeting of 20 May 2008," Mr Akehurst said.

Mr Akehurst said early in the process the applicant was advised that Council was not likely to support the proposal.

"Nonetheless, all applications need to be processed according to law and assessed

on their merits," Mr Akehurst said.

Mr Akehurst said a planning permit is still current for a less intensive use of the site.

"VCAT directed approval for this permit in 2004. It has not been acted on and is due to expire in February 2009," Mr Akehurst said

It is important to realise that any one can lodge an application for a permit at any time and another application could be lodged for this site at some point in the future.

If any application is lodged, it will be advertised.

Don't poo-llute Glen Eira's open space

Glen Eira residents are reminded that failing to clean up after your dog in public spaces could result in a \$125 on-the-spot fine.

Glen Eira City Council recently consulted the community on its draft *Domestic Animal Management Plan* and dog litter figured prominently in responses.

The clear message was for Council to take a harder line on this issue. Not only is dog litter an eyesore, but it creates environmental and public health concerns for other residents.

Council's Manager Civic Compliance John Bordignon said the problem of dog litter in public spaces is getting worse, despite owners being legally required under Council's Local Law, to collect and dispose of their dog's droppings out in public.

"There are really no excuses for it," Mr Bordignon said.

"It is not difficult for dog owners to plan ahead to help ensure Glen Eira's parks, gardens, playgrounds, footpaths and other public spaces are free from dog waste and more enjoyable for everyone."

Mr Bordignon said Council had tried to make it as easy as possible for local pet owners to do the right thing.



Owners should carry a plastic bag or pooper scooper with them at all times to ensure they are always appropriately armed to clean up after their dog.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

"Council provides plastic bag dispensers in many Council parks and reserves and officers also carry and distribute plastic bags and pooch pouches to dog owners when patrolling parks to educate them about cleaning up after their pets," Mr Bordignon said.

"Ultimately, it is up to pet owners to do the right thing and dispose of dog waste.

"Owners should carry a plastic bag or pooper scooper with them at all times to ensure they are always appropriately armed to clean up after their dog."

Mr Bordignon said dog owners should consider the environmental and health factors associated with dog litter when exercising their pets.

"Litter contaminates waterways and ringworm that is often found in dog faeces can be harmful to humans," Mr Bordignon said.

"Collecting dog litter and disposing of it responsibly helps to make the environment cleaner and contributes to a healthier water supply for the community."

News in Brief

VCAT orders Kittens Carwash to cease promoting sexually explicit entertainment venues

Glen Eira City Council has welcomed the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal's (VCAT) decision that Kittens Carwash in Bentleigh East must cease its current operations.

While the permit was for a car wash, the Tribunal found that the main activity was, in fact, to promote sexually explicit entertainment venues.

VCAT ordered the occupiers, Jinne Pty Ltd, to immediately cease using the land for this promotional purpose.

VCAT also found numerous other breaches associated with the car wash and ordered the occupier to comply with the requirements of the existing permit and endorsed plans.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Steven Tang welcomed VCAT's decision.

"The town planning system allows particular uses on particular pieces of land," Cr Tang said.

"In this case, the permit was for a car wash. The attempt to use the land for a quite different purpose has been rejected by the Tribunal."

Glen Eira parks number one

Glen Eira parks have been rated among the best in Melbourne.

Between November 2007 and January 2008, 132 Glen Eira park users were surveyed by an independent organisation, resulting in a high level of satisfaction with the municipality's parks and gardens.

Glen Eira was rated number one of the 17 councils to participate in the annual survey for:

- pathways and trails;
- sport and recreation facilities;
- play equipment;
- tables and seats;
- removal of ground litter; and
- removal of graffiti.

The survey found the priorities for future improvement in Glen Eira parks are the need for more shade, shelters and drinking fountains.

Respite recreation program

Glen Eira City Council and local Glen Eira sporting clubs will host a respite recreation program for teenagers aged 12–18 with a disability from 30 June to 10 July.

The program will cover eight different sports, including football, netball, basketball, tennis and lacrosse.

The activities are designed to introduce the diversity of sports offered in the City of Glen Eira and will give participants the opportunity to learn or develop skills in these sports.

Sessions are designed to be friendly, accessible and fun.

For further information and program booklets, contact Amanda Burns on 9524 3333.

Council wins silver at Australasian Reporting Awards

Glen Eira City Council has been awarded a silver award for its most recent *Annual Report (2006–07)* at the *Australasian Reporting Awards*.

Announced on 5 June, the *Awards* promote excellence in reporting and are open to all corporations, public sector bodies, charitable and community organisations in Australia and New Zealand.

Report of the Year was awarded to OneSteel Limited.

Council's Chief Executive Officer Andrew Newton said Council had consistently striven to improve its annual report as part of its commitment to open, honest and transparent reporting to the Glen Eira community.

"Over the past few years we have set out to improve our annual report, so that it discloses a much more detailed account of Council's services, performance and stewardship," Mr Newton said.

Copies of Council's *2006–07 Annual Report* are available from Council's Service Centre or can be downloaded from www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

Rates: what you pay and why

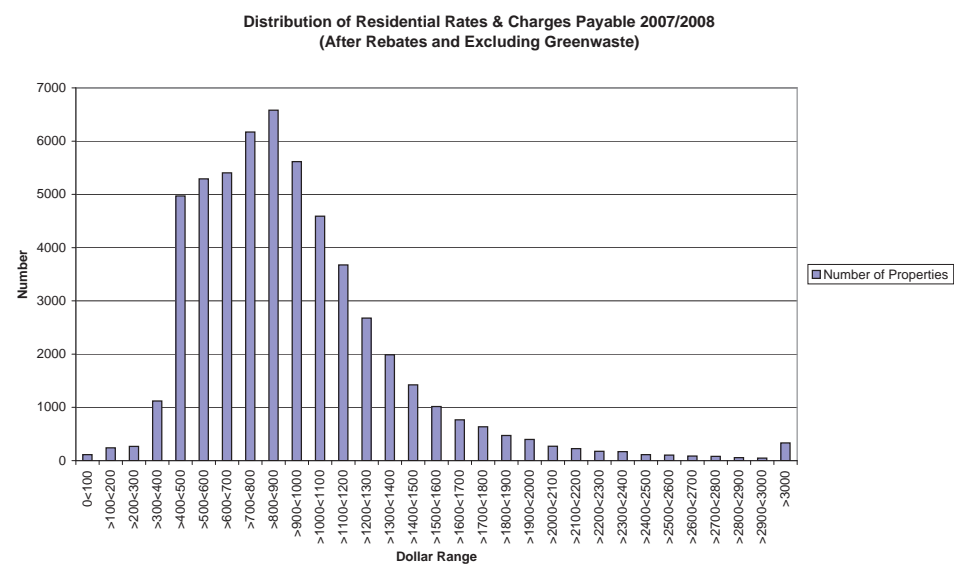
HOW ARE RATES SET?

The rates system is set down in State Government legislation. One of the easiest ways to explain this system is that if you own one per cent of the value of property in a municipality, you pay one per cent of the total rates.

Rates are set according to how much your property is worth compared with the rest of your municipality. For example, a \$500,000 house in a wealthy

municipality may be below the average value so they would pay below the average rates, while a \$500,000 house in a less affluent municipality might be well above the average value so they would pay above average rates.

The distribution of rates on residential properties within Glen Eira is set out in the following graph.



REVALUATION OF ALL PROPERTIES

All properties in the City are being revalued as at 1 January 2008. The revaluations are required by the State Government to levy land tax.

Councils used to revalue properties every four years, but this was reduced to every two years by the State Government.

The new level of value, as set by the Valuer General, will be assessed as at 1 January 2008 and used for rating purposes from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2010. Owners may object to the valuations.

THE REVALUATION HAS NO EFFECT ON COUNCIL'S TOTAL RATE INCOME

Rising property values do not impact on Council's total revenue collection. They usually result in the adjustment, by Council, of a lower rate in the dollar to offset the overall increase in property values. For example, the rate in the dollar in 1987-88 (City of Caulfield) was 9.4985 of Net Annual Value. The rate in the dollar in 2008-09 is 2.8438.

If Council had held the rate in the dollar constant at 1995-96 levels, then Council would have raised more than \$85 million extra in rate revenue.

The revaluation can affect the rates on an individual property. Rates are

redistributed according to the shifts in property values that have occurred in different parts of the municipality. Some ratepayers may experience a change in their rates depending on the type of property they own, where it is located and how its value has moved relative to the average.

In the 2008 revaluation:

- houses and vacant land have appreciated more than flats and units; and
- commercial properties have appreciated, but less than residential.

HOW DOES THE CITY OF GLEN EIRA COMPARE WITH OTHER MUNICIPALITIES?

Average rates and charges for the City of Glen Eira are almost \$10 million a year (14 per cent) below the average of our neighbours — this equates to an average of almost \$170 per property.

This means that Council charges \$10 million less than other municipalities and has \$10 million less for upgrading or providing facilities and services.

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

Neighbouring councils — how Glen Eira compares

HOW DOES LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMPARE WITH OTHER LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT?

The community as a whole pays taxes and rates. Three per cent goes to local governments. Ninety-seven per cent goes to the state and federal governments.

The reason why property tax revenue to the state and federal governments has risen so much faster than rate revenue to local government is that state and federal governments tend to hold their tax rates constant while local governments regularly reduce theirs. Because the State Government keeps the marginal rate of land tax constant, increasing property values produce increased tax.

Each year Council sends residents a bill that tells them exactly what their rates are and directly consults with the community and accounts for how this money is spent.

No other level of government does this. It would be difficult for residents to tell how much GST they pay, how much stamp duty there is on insurances, how much tax on superannuation contributions or how much tax on petrol.

WHAT ARE THE PRESSURES ON RATES?

Council's services can be maintained with rates at the current level in real terms. However, the renewal of ageing infrastructure and community facilities needs to be accelerated.

The majority of Council's buildings and facilities were built before or during the 1950s, 60s and early 70s and are reaching the stage of their life where they require major maintenance and renewal works.

For example, Council's 45-year-old swimming pools have been assessed as financially, structurally and environmentally unsustainable. Council is currently undergoing an extensive design phase for the redevelopment of the East Boundary Road site for the Glen Eira Sports and Aquatic Centre. Council has advised residents that any development is likely to be substantially

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debt-funded and will involve increases in rates to fund loan repayments and interest.

In addition to this, a number of shopping strips need to be upgraded along with roads, footpaths and drainage systems.

Investments in local facilities can have a positive impact on property values. Properties in areas with good shopping strips, good parks and playgrounds, children's services, libraries, recreation facilities etc. can be more attractive and therefore more valuable.

Another pressure on rates is cost-shifting — situations whereby federal and state governments shift their responsibility for delivering programs and service onto local government — with no or insufficient funding.

Over the years, many joint government-council programs have been established on the basis of a particular cost sharing. As the years unfold, governments do not maintain their share and ratepayers are left to pick up more of the costs.

The Federal Parliamentary Inquiry into cost shifting several years ago revealed:

3.10 *"The submissions make a strong case that there has been cost shifting from the States and the Commonwealth to local government:*

- *States (and to a lesser extent the Commonwealth) have legislated for local government to assume additional responsibilities, or changed regulatory frameworks in such a way as to impose additional costs on councils, without providing matching resources.*

- *States (and sometimes the Commonwealth) have reduced or withdrawn financial support for services leaving local government to deal with community expectations that those services will be maintained).*

3.25 *On the available evidence, the Committee has little doubt that local government faces some real difficulties in generating adequate revenues to meet its expanded responsibilities, and that significant financial problems may be in prospect. Shortfalls in infrastructure spending are of particular concern."*

Of the total tax revenue collected by all levels of government, currently councils collect only three per cent. The other 97 per cent goes to federal and state governments. The more tax revenue that federal and state governments return to local projects, the less pressure there will be on rates.

Horne Street interchange complete

Glen Eira City Council has completed the construction of the Horne Street Interchange in Elsternwick.

Horne Street is the terminus for a number of metropolitan bus services.

Funded by Council, with the assistance of the State Government's Department of Planning and Community Development and Department of Infrastructure, the completion of the Interchange will now see a seamless connection between three modes of transport — bus, tram and trains.

The Interchange makes it safer and easier for people to walk between the bus stop, nearby Elsternwick Railway Station and tram stops. It also improves the amenity of the street.

The Interchange project was constructed in stages and involved the provision of bus bays, traffic slowing and pedestrian crossing points, a central median, street trees, up-lighting, landscaping, seating, paving and bicycle parking.



View in Horne Street toward Glenhuntly Road showing a bus zone and central median planting. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.



View in Horne Street showing a bus stop, and the new pedestrian crossing which links with Glenhuntly Road via an arcade within the existing hub development. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Glen Eira City Council

holiday workshops

open to local youth 12-25






City of GLEN EIRA Glen Eira City Council Youth Services is running a series of workshops during the July school holidays.

YOUTH SERVICES

To be held at the Youth Information Centre (YIC), the workshops are open to local young people aged 12-25.

Workshops will run from 2pm-3.30pm and participants are given the chance to share and develop their skills.

Art for YIC
Monday 30 June
Creating a youth friendly space at the YIC.

Creating music
Wednesday 2 July
How to write and compose a song.

Know your rights
Friday 4 July
The deal with mobiles, bag searches and police.

Jobs and resumes
Tuesday 8 July
How to write a resume and get a job.

Where's your head at
Thursday 10 July
Help a friend and know where to go for health information.

Places are limited. To reserve your spot or for further information, contact Youth Services on **9579 7963**.

Or visit the YIC at 202A East Boundary Road, Bentleigh East between 1pm and 6pm.

Bentleigh Bentleigh East Carnegie Caulfield Carnegie Caulfield Elsternwick Gardenvale Glen Huntly Ormond St Kilda East

Glen Eira City Council provides an extensive range of disability services that not only support the local community, but provide people with a disability with a sense of inclusion and belonging.

These services include:

- *Disability Awareness in Schools Program*;
- *Mentoring Program* for people with a disability;
- advocacy training for people with a disability;

- *Access Unlimited* program — Sport and recreation;
- community grants;
- home, personal and respite care services;
- property maintenance;
- delivered meals service;

- social support program;
- home library service; and
- community buses.

For further information on any of these services, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 or visit www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

WEEKLY DANCE PROGRAM IN CAULFIELD NORTH

A program to help children with a disability to increase their dance skills as well as their self-esteem is being held in Caulfield North.

Held at the Kinetic Dance studio, the *Dance Funk* program gives children aged seven to 14 the opportunity to socialise and make new friends while improving their motor skills.

The two classes, which are held every Saturday afternoon during the school term, are very unique in terms of creating an inclusive environment, which supports the children in their participation with an experienced instructor.

Heather Schwarz's 11-year-old son Joshua enjoys the program.

"I love the way the dance instructor brings the group together through the

use of music and well thought out choreography. They have such a great time," Heather said.

"I have found that Joshua has improved his co-ordination, confidence and just loves moving to the beat of the music with the other children."

Dance Funk, which is supported by Glen Eira and Stonnington Council's *Access Unlimited* program, has been funded through Glen Eira City Council's *Community Grants* program and the Department of Human Services.

Both classes are working towards an end-of-year concert, which will be held on Sunday 23 November.

Dance Funk is held at 158 Balaclava Road, Caulfield North from 2.15pm. For further information, contact Jo Gibbon on 0431 815 925.



The *Dance Funk* program provides children with a disability the opportunity to socialise and make new friends. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

DISABILITY AWARENESS TRAINING

Disability awareness training forms an essential component of Glen Eira City Council's *Disability Action Plan*.

As part of Council's commitment to people with a disability, disability awareness training has been provided to 379 people and will be offered to all new staff.

During the training staff learn about:

- the definitions of disability;
- Council's responsibility;
- legislation requirements; and
- service provision.

There is also a hands-on practical component on the experience of what it is like to have a disability.

MENTORING PROGRAM EYE OPENING

Eye opening is how Glen Eira City Council's Manager Business Directions Phil De Losa describes the 2008 *Disability Mentoring Program*.

As part of the *Program*, Phil has been mentoring Kerrie Brindell — a leading sports trainer with the Southern Saints Football Club — once a fortnight.

The *Program* is run in partnership with Leadership Plus and assists in leadership development for people with disabilities.

Phil told the *Glen Eira News* that mentoring is a two way street and he is learning just as much as Kerrie is.

"The *Program* has opened my eyes up to the world of a person with a disability," Phil said.

"I have even attended some of the seminars that Kerrie is involved in through Leadership Plus.

"This *Program* has been fantastic for me and I have got a lot out of it."

Kerrie became involved in the *Program* to gain a greater understanding of Council's planning processes, policies and procedures for disability services.

She also wanted to improve her leadership skills and use these skills

to raise awareness amongst her own community about social inclusion issues.

"I no longer want to be seen as different but want to be part of the difference in making change," Kerrie said.

Kerrie said since commencing the program, she now has a greater awareness of how Council functions and the

decision making processes.

"I have also learnt that accepting good advice from others increases one's own ability," Kerrie said.

For further information about the *Disability Mentoring Program*, contact Amanda Burns on 9524 3333.



Kerrie Brindell and Phil De Losa at one of the fortnightly meetings.

Photo: Sally Brown.

DISABILITY AWARENESS IN SCHOOLS

Glen Eira primary school students will have the opportunity later this year to learn about disabilities.

As part of Glen Eira City Council and Marriott Support Services *Disability Awareness in Schools* project, three presenters from the community — all of whom have disabilities — will be speaking with upper primary school students from a number of schools during Term Three.

This follows on from the success of the 2007 project in which three schools were involved — Wesley College, Elsternwick, McKinnon Primary School and Sholem Aleichem College, Elsternwick.

One of the issues which will be addressed as part of the 2008 project is depression.

According to Beyond Blue — a national

organisation addressing issues of depression — depression and anxiety are among the most common mental health problems experienced by young people.

Jen Lipzker, who is one of the presenters, told the *Glen Eira News* that with peer pressure happening, it is important to bring up the possibility of depression, so that the children can be aware that it is a risk as they are growing up.

“Following an accident many years ago, I had to cope with losing my leg and also with the depression and anxiety that accompanied it. With the support of family and friends, I continue to deal with those problems,” Jen said.

Jen said the first point to get across to the kids is that if, for example, they are feeling down, sad or unhappy, the first step is to talk to someone they trust, such as mum



Jen Lipzker is just one of the presenters who will be speaking to students later this year. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

and dad, a friend or a teacher.

“There is nothing wrong with having these feelings — at some stage in our lives, we all feel like that,” Jen said.

If you would like further information about the *Disability Awareness in Schools* project, contact Amanda Burns on 9524 3333.

BECOMING INCLUSIVE MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY

Marriott Support Services is helping people with a disability to reach their full potential, learn life skills and to become inclusive members of the Glen Eira community.

Thanks to funding through Glen Eira City Council's 2007–08 *Community Grants Program*, two projects have been implemented — *Andy's Rock n Roll dancing* and *Graffiti Gone*.

Marriott Support Services Co-ordinator Community Inclusion Kelli Nunes told the *Glen Eira News* *Andy's Rock n Roll dancing* was originally held at Marriott House.

“However, this funding allowed us to move out of Marriott House and into a community hall,” Kelli said.

“The classes, which are held every Friday morning, are not only open to the adults who attend Marriott House, but also to the local community.”

Kelli said giving something back to the community was the idea behind the *Graffiti Gone* project.

“As part of the Marriott Support Services community services program, we are using the funds to train and support people with a disability to remove graffiti,” Kelli said.

“*Graffiti Gone* is a way for people with a disability to be part of the community while at the same time providing a worthwhile and needed service to local residents and businesses.”



Andy's Rock n Roll dancing is held every Friday morning.

Photo: Marriott Support Services.

GIVING FAMILIES A WELL DESERVED BREAK

Glen Eira City Council's respite care program provides respite to the primary carer in the family.

Respite care provides in home support to families who have a dependent with a disability and is living at home.

Respite care can be planned regular support or occasional care and includes evenings and weekends.

Council is currently providing support for approximately 200 families across the municipality on a regular basis.

One of the many Council Support Workers who is providing families with children with a disability with a well deserved break is Thamara, who has been with Council for just over three years.

Thamara, who supports between 15 and 20 families, told the *Glen Eira News* that her desire to work with

children is what led her to become a Support Worker.

“It is so satisfying to watch my clients excel at something that we may take for granted, like dressing, socialising or even speaking,” Thamara said.

The activities that Thamara conducts with her clients vary and depend largely on their gross motor, cognitive and intellectual skills.

“Some of the activities include sport and recreation, community access, social inclusions and developing independent living skills,” Thamara said.

Council's Support Workers provide a professional, family centred and individualised support service to assist families with the caring role.

All of Council's staff have the required, relevant qualifications and competencies and updated police and

working with children checks.

For further information about Council's respite care program,

contact Council's In Home Support Co-ordinator David Williams on 9524 3333.



Council's respite care program provides support for 200 families across the municipality.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

MEETINGS AND CLUBS

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

Over 40's Dance Club holds Old Time, Modern and New Vogue dances with a live band on the second and fourth Saturday of each month at the Ormond Uniting Church Hall, corner North and Booran roads, Ormond from 7.45pm. Cost of \$7 includes a light supper. Contact: 9583 8117.

Caulfield Over 50s Dance Group meets every Monday (except public holidays) at the Glen Eira Town Hall Auditorium. New Vogue and Old Time dancing from 12.30pm. Come and join us for a fun social afternoon and a chat over a cup of tea or coffee. Contact Ron: 0421 418 466.

Kids Group is a fun after school program run for young people from Years Three to Six at the Koornang Uniting Church, 117 Murrumbeena Road, Murrumbeena. The free program runs every Wednesday during school term from 4pm. Contact Hannah: 0422 628 028.

East Bentleigh Probus Club welcomes new members on the second Tuesday of the month from 9.30am at the Bentleigh Club, Yawla Street, Bentleigh. Contact: 9551 5223 or 9570 2088.

Murrumbeena Play Group Inc (a member of Playgroup Victoria) holds sessions for preschool children from Monday to Friday at the Community of Christ Church Hall, corner Poath and Dalny roads, Murrumbeena. Contact: 0432 271 204.

McKinnon Needlepointers run a Nu-Wave program to teach the art of needle pointing, from beginners through to the experienced. The group meets every second Thursday from 1pm at the McKinnon Public Hall, 118 McKinnon Road, McKinnon. Contact Merrill: 9578 1117.

McKinnon and Moorabbin Men's Probus Club welcomes new members on the second Wednesday of the month from 9.45am to midday at The Bentleigh Club, Yawla Street, Bentleigh. Contact: John 9578 6506.

Bentleigh Life Activities Club offers opportunities for seniors to meet new friends and enjoy social activities. New members welcome. Contact: Gotu 9557 2562 or Pat 9555 6008.

Ormond Badminton Club is looking for experienced and novice players to join the club every Wednesday from 8.15pm at the Ormond Uniting Church Hall, North Road, Ormond. Contact: 9578 1947.

Glen Eira Cheltenham Art Group holds art classes in all media from Monday to Friday, with a special children's class on Saturday morning. A life-drawing class is held once a month. New members are welcome to join the group at Moorleigh Village, 92 Bignell Road, Bentleigh East. Contact: 9563 7621.

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

Bentleigh East Senior Citizens' Club at 1 Derry Street, Bentleigh East, welcomes new members. Activities include indoor bowls, table tennis, tai chi and bingo. Contact Joan: 9579 4573 or 9570 9045.

Washington Drive Preschool Activity Group promotes play-based learning with a flexible environment and encourages social interaction with other children. Sessions are available on a Wednesday and Friday between 1pm and 4pm at 3 Washington Drive, Oakleigh South. Contact: 9570 6565.

Ladies Probus Club of Caulfield meets on the third Thursday of the month at Gladys Machin Hall, Caulfield from 10am. Contact: 9523 7471 or 9599 2433.

Carnegie-Murrumbeena Elderly Citizens Club welcomes new members at 7 Shepparson Avenue, Carnegie, for cards, sing-a-longs, entertainment and bingo. Contact: 9568 2727.

GROW Better Together carers group provides understanding, support and education to help carers meet the challenges of caring for someone with a mental illness. Free meetings are held on Tuesdays from 7pm at 707 Glenhantly Road, Caulfield South. Contact: 9528 2977.

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

National Seniors Australia Caulfield and Districts Branch holds its meetings at the Bentleigh RSL on the first Monday of the month. Contact Chris: 9523 7826.

Zonta Club of Melbourne on Yarra meets regularly to enjoy friendship and fun whilst taking action to advance the status of women locally and internationally. Contact Jennifer: 0411 153 136.

Bridge @ 99 is looking for bridge players to play on Thursday nights at 99 Hotham Street, St Kilda from 7.30pm. Cost of \$8 includes supper. Contact Sol: 9578 1826

Bridge at Caulfield Park Sports Club: If you are interested in learning how to play bridge, or would like to play in our Wednesday night sessions on Balaclava Road, Caulfield North from 7.30pm, call us today. Contact John: 9578 1265.

Brighton Philatelic Society meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 8pm and the third Tuesday of the month from 10.30am at 80 Gardenvale Road, Gardenvale. Activities include stamp displays and stamp trading. New members welcome. Contact Brad: 0403 009 583.

EVENTS

The 15th Annual Blessing of Animals at St James the Great, St Kilda East, will be held on 5 October from 2pm. Contact: www.stjamescommunity.org.au

Labassa's Open Day will be held on 20 July at 2 Manor Grove, Caulfield North. Labassa is open from 10.30am, with guided tours at 11am, 1pm and 2.45pm. Cost is \$8 adults, \$5.50 concession and \$20 for a family. National Trust members free. Tearooms are open all day.

Sunday Conversations at Glenfern is held on the third Sunday of the month at the Glenfern Writers' Studio, corner Inkerman and Hotham Streets, St Kilda East. Contact: 9654 9068.

Rapunzel — the pantomime — will be held at the Brighton Town Hall on 30 June and 7 July. Two shows daily at 11.15am and 1.30pm. Tickets cost \$12. Contact: 9873 8487.

Zonta Club of Melbourne on Yarra is hosting a breakfast seminar on 23 August at Amora Riverwalk, Bridge Road, Richmond from 9am. Guest speaker will be Police Chief Commissioner Christine Nixon. Tickets cost \$35. RSVP by 16 August. Contact Jennifer: 0411 153 136.

Music Lovers Society Concert will be held on 29 June at the Ewing Memorial Uniting Church, corner Coppin Street and Burke Road, Malvern East from 2pm. Margaret Haggart and Robert Tuttleby will perform. Admission is \$20, concession \$10 and family \$50. Contact: 9571 0850 or 9822 7292.

Music Lovers Society Classical Concert will be held on 12 July at the Ewing Memorial Uniting Church, corner Coppin Street and Burke Road, Malvern East from 8pm. Anna Breen Clarke and Elizaveta Petrova will perform. Admission is \$18, seniors \$15, pensioners \$11, students \$7 and family \$42. Contact: 9571 0850 or 9822 72 92.

COMMUNITY

St Catherine's Stoplight Bargains is now operating out of the St Catherine's Community and Friendship Centre, 404 Kooyong Road — the lower hall of St Catherine's Church. We sell clothes and other items and also function as a drop in centre with basic food and drink provisions, reading and playgroup facilities. Volunteers are welcome. Contact Tracey: 0401 027 947.

Uniting Aged Care, 185 Wickham Road, Moorabbin, runs weekly social, outing and carers respite groups. We have chair-based exercises, Tai Chi and strength training, as well as an Indian and Sri Lankan seniors outing group on the first Tuesday of the month. Contact MaryAnn DeSa: 9532 1094. ■



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IMMUNISATION SESSIONS

McKinnon Public Hall
118 McKinnon Road, McKinnon
Monday 7 July 10am-11am

Glen Eira Town Hall Auditorium
(entry via Glen Eira Road)
Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads,
Caulfield
Tuesday 8 July 6pm-7pm
Tuesday 15 July 9.30am-10.30am

Carnegie Library and Community Centre
7 Shepparson Avenue, Carnegie
Wednesday 16 July 1.30pm-2.30pm
Thursday 31 July 6pm-7pm

Packer Park
Leila Road, Carnegie
Monday 21 July 10am-11am

Bentleigh East
Bentleigh Bayside Community
Health Centre
Gardeners Road, Bentleigh East
Wednesday 23 July 5.45pm-7.15pm
Saturday 26 July 9.30am-11am

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

Il Comune acquisisce più spazi aperti

Creare più spazi aperti pubblici utilizzabili dalla comunità costituisce uno dei maggiori obiettivi del Consiglio Comunale di Glen Eira che ha di recente compiuto un grande passo avanti con l'acquisizione dell'ex-sito del bacino di riserva di Glen Huntly.

L'approvazione della nomina del Comune in qualità di gestore del terreno è stata annunciata da Rob Hudson MP, membro del Consiglio di stato per Bentleigh.

Ciò fa seguito a una serie di attività portate avanti dal Consiglio Comunale, quali trattative con il governo, lettere informative spedite a parecchie migliaia di residenti ed infine l'assemblea del 17 marzo 2008.

Il sindaco di Glen Eira, Cons. Steven Tang, ha ringraziato il governo statale per l'annuncio fatto.

"È un risultato fantastico per la comunità di Glen Eira" ha affermato il Cons. Tang.

"Incrementare la quantità di spazio aperto dedicato al pubblico costituisce una priorità per il nostro consiglio comunale e l'ex-sito del bacino di riserva costituirà un'ottima aggiunta alla già esistente rete di spazi aperti.

"Ciò dimostra inoltre l'efficacia delle nostre trattative con il governo statale."

Il trasferimento è giunto a buon termine a seguito dell'istanza sollevata dal consiglio comunale a riguardo della possibile raccolta e riciclaggio delle acque piovane, che è stata in conclusione ritenuta non fattibile dall'autorità per la gestione dell'acqua potabile.

Il Cons. Tang ha affermato che, costituendo un sovrappiù alle esigenze dell'autorità competente, si correva il rischio che il sito venisse sfruttato come area di sviluppo residenziale.

"Il sito avrebbe potuto essere venduto per creare uno sviluppo residenziale di media densità oppure per altro uso privato, sicché il consiglio comunale si è mosso immediatamente per richiedere la conversione di questa area pubblica ad uso comunitario e siamo molto soddisfatti del sostegno fornitoci dal governo," ha concluso il Cons. Tang.

市政府獲得了更多的開闊空地

為社區開辟更多的公用開闊空地是 Glen Eira 市政府的最高目標之一；市政府獲得了 Glen Huntly 的前水庫場地，從而向前跨進了一大步。

Bentleigh 選區的州議員 Rob Hudson 正式宣布 Glen Eira 市政府為該土地的管理者。

這是市政府向州政府呼籲、市政府向數千居民發出信息信及市政府在 2008 年 3 月 17 日舉行社區會議的結果。

Glen Eira 市長 Steven Tang 為此向州政府表示了感謝。

Tang 市長說：“對於 Glen Eira 社區來說，這是一項極好的成果。”

“增加公用開闊空地是本市政府的一項工作重點，前水庫場地為我們的開闊空地網絡錦上添花。”

“這還顯示了我們向州政府呼籲的有效性。”

市政府起初提出了雨水收集和回收利用的可能性問題，但供水局的結論是這不可行，土地因此轉讓給了市政府。

Tang 市長說，供水局不再需要這塊土地，因此它有可能出售供開發密集的住宅。

Tang 市長說：“這塊土地很可能出售用於蓋中等密度的住宅或其他私人用途，所以市政府立即行動起來，要求將這塊公共土地轉為社區之用；我們得到了州政府的支持，這真令人高興。”

Ο Δήμος κερδίζει περισσότερο ανοιχτό χώρο

Η δημιουργία περισσότερου χρησιμοποιήσιμου δημόσιου ανοιχτού χώρου για τους κατοίκους είναι ένας απ' τους υψηλότερους στόχους του Δήμου Glen Eira και ο Δήμος έχει κάνει ένα μεγάλο βήμα μπροστά για την απόκτηση του πρώην χώρου δεξαμενής νερού στο Glen Huntly.

Η έγκριση για να αναλάβει ο Δήμος τη διαχείριση του χώρου ανακοινώθηκε από τον Πολιτειακό Βουλευτή της Έδρας Bentleigh, Rob Hudson MP.

Αυτό έπεται ενεργειών του Δήμου προς την Κυβέρνηση, ενημερωτική επιστολή σε αρκετές χιλιάδες κατοίκους και κοινοτική συνάντηση που διοργάνωσε ο Δήμος στις 17 Μαρτίου 2008.

Ο Δήμαρχος Glen Eira Cr Steven Tang ευχαρίστησε την Πολιτειακή Κυβέρνηση για την ανακοίνωσή της.

"Αυτό είναι ένα φανταστικό αποτέλεσμα για την κοινότητα Glen Eira," είπε ο κ. Tang.

"Η αύξηση της έκτασης του δημόσιου ανοιχτού χώρου αποτελεί υψηλή προτεραιότητα αυτού του Δημοτικού Συμβουλίου και ο πρώην χώρος δεξαμενής θα είναι μια εξαιρετική προσθήκη στο δίκτυο ανοιχτών χώρων μας.

"Καταδεικνύει επίσης την αποτελεσματικότητα των ενεργειών μας προς την Πολιτειακή Κυβέρνηση."

Η μεταβίβαση έγινε αφού ο Δήμος έγειρε το ζήτημα πιθανής συλλογής και ανακύκλωσης όμβριων υδάτων, που οι αρχές ύδρευσης κατέληξαν στο συμπέρασμα ότι δεν θα ήταν εφικτό.

Ο κ. Tang είπε ότι όταν ο χώρος έγινε πλέον ασφαλής για τις ανάγκες των αρχών ύδρευσης, υπήρχε κίνδυνος ότι θα πουλιόταν για υψηλής πυκνότητας οικιστική ανοικοδόμηση.

Ο χώρος θα μπορούσε να είχε πωληθεί για μεσαίας πυκνότητας στεγαστικής ανάπτυξης ή άλλη ιδιωτική χρήση, επομένως ο Δήμος κινήθηκε αμέσως για να επιδιώξει τη μετατροπή αυτού του δημόσιου χώρου για κοινοτική χρήση και είμαστε ευχαριστημένοι με την υποστήριξη της Κυβέρνησης" είπε ο κ. Tang.

Муниципалитет получает дополнительную территорию для мест общего пользования

Муниципалитет Glen Eira уделяет особое внимание созданию дополнительных мест общего пользования. Существенным достижением в этом направлении стало недавнее приобретение территории бывшего резервуара в районе Glen Huntly.

Решение о передаче этого участка земли под управление муниципалитета было объявлено депутатом парламента штата от избирательного округа Bentleigh, Rob Hudson.

Муниципалитет предпринял немалые усилия, чтобы убедить правительство штата в необходимости этого решения. Ему также предшествовало специальное собрание, организованное муниципалитетом 17 марта 2008г., и рассылка информационного бюллетеня тысячам жителей штата.

Мэр муниципалитета Glen Eira г-н Steven Tang поблагодарил правительство штата за принятое решение.

"Это очень важное решение для жителей Glen Eira," отметил г-н Tang.

"Муниципалитет уделяет особое внимание созданию дополнительных мест общего пользования, и территория бывшего резервуара существенно расширит объем открытого пространства в муниципалитете.

Мы также рады, что проведенная нами с правительства штата работа оказалась эффективной."

Передача земли под управление муниципалитета произошла также после того, что муниципалитет привлек внимание к возможности сбора и рециркуляции ливневых вод на этом участке. Однако государственные органы, ответственные за водоснабжение, пришли к выводу, что этот проект был бы не оправдан.

Г-н Tang отметил, что после того, как они отказались от земли, появился риск того, что участок будет продан для интенсивной жилой застройки.

"Участок вполне могли продать под жилую застройку средней интенсивности или под другой частный проект. Муниципалитет поэтому предпринял срочные меры для того, чтобы эта территория использовалась в общественных интересах, и мы очень рады принятому правительством штата решению," отметил г-н Tang.

NUTRITION FOR CHILDREN

Glen Eira City Council will be presenting this information session for parents/guardians, grandparents and early childhood professionals.

Tired of the battles over food with your child? Want to ensure happy, healthy mealtimes in your household?

Bentleigh Bayside Community Health Service Dietician Viv Sullivan will discuss:

- the recommended dietary intake for children;
- strategies to promote healthy eating; and
- how to have a healthy relationship with food while getting adequate nutrition.

Tuesday 15 July

7.30pm–9.30pm (7.15pm registration)

Glen Eira Town Hall Theatre, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield

Cost: \$5 per person

RSVP: Friday 11 July

Places are limited. Registration and payment must be received prior to each session. For a copy of the registration form or for further details about the sessions contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 or visit www.gleneira.vic.gov.au



GLEN EIRA CITY COUNCIL

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

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

Upcoming consultation opportunities

Subject	Type	Date	Where
Draft Community Safety Plan	Comments and submissions	Open from 1–30 July	PO Box 42 Caulfield South Vic 3162
Draft Community Safety Plan	Meeting	29 July	Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield, from 3pm–5pm
Environment	Forum	Thursday 31 July	Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield, from 7pm–9pm

Recent consultation opportunities

Budget information session	Meeting	26 May 2008	
Proposed Telstra telecommunications facility — Kangaroo Road, Murrumbeena	Comments and submissions to Telstra (not subject to Council powers)	Closed 9 June 2008	David Krohn, Senior Planner, Connell Wagner (on behalf of Telstra), 60 Albert Road, PO Box 321, South Melbourne Vic 3205
Draft Annual Budget 2008–09	Comments and submissions	Closed 11 June 2008	Glen Eira City Council 3162 PO Box 42 Caulfield South Vic 3162

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

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**

LOCAL VISIONS

Until 6 July

Local Visions will display a range of vibrant and diverse work of artists who live, work or study in the City of Glen Eira.

The exhibition will feature the work of Baz Blakeney, Evelyn Brandt, Ruth Carroll, Bruce Craig, Bridget Hillebrand, Anne Klawir, Sarinya Manamuti, Erika Wells, Meredith Whiting and Tony Woolrich.

The exhibition will showcase a wide range of approaches and media, including large acrylic paintings, assemblages made from found objects, botanical illustrations, printmaking, photography and sculpture.

Evelyn Brandt studied botanical illustration at the Royal Botanical Gardens in Melbourne. Ms Brandt delights in the beauty and natural composition that botanical specimens offer, discovering in them fascinating forms, shapes, patterns and colours. The bold forms and intense colours of tropical plants contrast with the delicacy of Australian native flora as she renders



Tony Woolrich — Sculpture.

her subjects with wonderful detail in watercolour illustrations.

Bridget Hillebrand's focus on experimentation is evident in her linocut and woodcut prints based on the landscape of Western Victoria. Using incised papers, prints are layered, stained, stitched and reworked. The result is a layered accumulation of imagery that reflects the human need to experience a connection with the landscape.



Evelyn Brandt — *Antherium*, 2007, watercolour on paper.

25TH ANNUAL RSPCA ART SHOW

Viewing from 10–20 July

An exciting and colourful annual exhibition held at Glen Eira City Council's Gallery, featuring local Australian artists who are invited to exhibit their creative paintings, photographs, ceramics and sculptures.

This will be the 25th RSPCA art show and as such, an important milestone in their history — their silver jubilee.

This respected art exhibition has been well supported in previous years by

some of Australia's most renowned artists. Entries including paintings, mixed media, ceramics, sculptures and photographs are all invited. An independent, experienced art judge will be appointed and RSPCA Victoria Honorary President Dr Hugh Wirth will present the major prizes to the winning artists.

Proceeds from the exhibition will assist the RSPCA with the ongoing care of all creatures great and small.

THE TWENTY MELBOURNE PAINTERS SOCIETY 89TH ANNUAL EXHIBITION

Viewing from 23 July–3 August

Since it began in 1919, The Twenty Melbourne Painters Society has supported high standards of craftsmanship within the framework of representational painting — with the aim of championing traditional art. Each of the 20 artists paints their own vision within the framework of quality representational art.

The current Melbourne Twenty are: Angela Abbott, Greg Allen, June Barnett, Bill Caldwell, Margaret Cowling, John Dudley, Jacqueline Fowler, Amanda Hyatt, Barbara McCullum, Lee Machelak, Paul McDonald Smith, Ross Paterson, Herman Pekel, Clive Sinclair, Peter Smales, David Taylor, Judith Wills, Maxwell Wilks and Joseph Zbukvic.

Originally a radical breakaway group from the Victorian Artists Society, the Twenty Melbourne Painters Society has achieved an important place within the Australian art world, with notables such as William Dargie becoming household

names. Although members have changed over the years, the place of honour remains.

The 89th Annual Exhibition of The Twenty Melbourne Painters Society will include a selection of work from current members and is a must-see for all who enjoy fine realist painting.



Joseph Zbukvic — Raffle Prize Painting, *Yarra Valley After the Rain*, watercolour.

GALLERY EXHIBITIONS 2009

Glen Eira City Council's Gallery is accepting second round exhibition applications for 2009, with the deadline for receipt of these applications being 18 August.

Applications should outline why the exhibition should be staged, the artists to be included, when you would like it to be staged and how much of the gallery space the project is seeking. Images of the artworks or indicative images should also be provided. Applications are assessed on a competitive basis.

Exhibition slots remain available for March, June and July. For hire charges and other information, contact the Gallery on 9524 3402 or visit www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

2008 Winter Music Series

July performances

The Pianist and the Diva

Sunday 13 July

Glen Eira Town Hall — Auditorium
 2.30pm–4.30pm

Pre-purchased tickets: \$22 full or
 \$19 concession

Ticket price at door: \$25 full or
 \$22 concession

Doors open 2pm

The Pianist and The Diva features two of Australia's finest talents in young pianist Stefan Cassomenos and golden-voiced soprano, Tania de Jong. This wonderfully entertaining show blends virtuosic playing and singing with humour, interaction and a touch of seduction with a repertoire ranging from Bach, Chopin, Rachmaninov and Mozart to Puccini, Piaf, Gershwin and Lloyd-Webber.

Tania de Jong performs a unique combination of opera, Broadway and songs to enchant and entertain. Tania is considered one of Australia's most

talented sopranos and has performed as a soloist with various opera companies and orchestras.

Stefan Cassomenos has performed concertos with the Adelaide Symphony Orchestra, Orchestra Victoria, the Melbourne University Symphony Orchestra, and the Chamber Strings of Melbourne. Internationally, he has appeared as a soloist in St Petersburg, Tallinn, Warsaw, Krakow, Athens, Rome, Milan, Amsterdam, London, Bangkok and Tokyo.



The Pianist and the Diva.

Lisa Young Quartet

Sunday 27 July

Glen Eira Town Hall — Theatrette
 2.30pm–4.30pm

Pre-purchased tickets: \$18 full or
 \$16 concession

Ticket price at door: \$20 full or
 \$18 concession

Doors open 2pm

Lisa Young is one of Australia's most exciting and unique singers. Performing here with her quartet, renowned for their stunning live performances, this jazz/world music group will weave their magic as they perform music from their award-winning album, *Grace*.

The compositions represent Lisa's diverse musical journey combining a crossover of Indian and African influences, including exquisite vocal percussion, wordless pieces along with beautiful works in song form that express a soulful interpretation of contemporary life.

Lisa Young Quartet's album *Grace* won the



Lisa Young Quartet.

Photo: Jodie Hutchinson.

2007 Best Australian Vocal Album in the Australian Jazz Bell Awards.

"I found myself immediately enveloped in the warmth of Young and her ensemble. Young's voice — sometimes ethereal, sometimes earthy — acts as a physical extension of her lyrics, which describe the sense of joy that comes from living life to the fullest." **Jessica Nicholas** — *The Age*.

August performances

Sunday 10 August — Stephen Cummings

Sunday 24 August — *Bric a Brac*

For further information or to book your tickets today, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

2008 My Brother Jack Literary Festival

Workshops

The *My Brother Jack Literary Festival* is again offering a series of writing workshops for those wishing to develop their creative writing skills.

The art of editing and getting published Sunday 3 August

1pm–4.30pm

Glen Eira Town Hall — Caulfield Cup Room

Cost: \$20 full or

\$15 for Glen Eira residents

Explore the art of editing and getting published in a workshop full of tips and strategies for the budding author.

Rosemary Noble has succeeded as an editor for more than 25 years. Her work has been mainly in the areas of educational and academic publishing.

Senior Editor of Hardie Grant Books Emma Schwarcz has worked on a wide range of projects from cookbooks and music trivia to memoirs and humour. She is not averse to the occasional sports book, but much prefers the comforts of fiction.

The essentials of successful story writing with Arnold Zable Sunday 10 August

1pm–5pm

Glen Eira Town Hall — Caulfield Cup Room

Cost: \$30 full or

\$20 for Glen Eira residents



Arnold Zable.

In this intensive workshop, Arnold Zable focuses on the essentials of story writing and meaning, sense, clarity, structure, language, voice, dialogue, plots, scenes and characterisation

Mr Zable is a dynamic and highly acclaimed storyteller. His books include the award winning *Jewels and Ashes* (1992), *The Fig Tree* (2002), *Café Scheherazade* (2001) and *Scraps of Heaven* (2004).

Writing to earn a living

Sunday 17 August

1pm–3pm

Glen Eira Town Hall — Caulfield Cup Room

Cost: \$20 full or

\$15 for Glen Eira residents

Join freelance writer Meg Mundell in an intensive two hour workshop where she demonstrates the opportunities for writers of all diverse formats and genres on earning a living and what is out there

for the freelance writer.

Ms Mundell has been squeezing a living from her writing for about 10 years. Her work has included numerous news, opinion and feature articles for *The Age* and articles for *The Lonely Planet* magazine.



Meg Mundell.

The art of writing non-fiction

Sunday 17 August

3.30pm–5.30pm

Glen Eira Town Hall — Caulfield Cup Room

Cost: \$20 full or

\$15 for Glen Eira residents

Join writer, film director, producer and author of *Swing by Sailor* Catherine Dyson as she focuses on writing non-fiction.

Ms Dyson is a writer and documentary filmmaker. Her films have been nominated for the *UN Media Peace Award* and the *AFI Best Documentary*. Her non-fiction book *Swing by Sailor — True stories from the war brides of HMS Victorious*, was published in April 2007 and is now being adapted as a television documentary.



Catherine Dyson.

In Conversation With ...

In Conversations With ... offers participants an opportunity to meet authors in an intimate environment. This year's series features some great prolific and celebrated writers and includes John Marsden, Shane Maloney, poet and writer, Dorothy Porter and author and newspaper columnist Danny Katz. Complimentary wine and nibbles are included in the ticket price.

Dorothy Porter

Saturday 16 August

2pm–3pm

Carnegie Library and Community Centre — Boyd Room

Cost: \$10

Dorothy Porter is the author of five collections of poetry, including *Driving*

Too Fast and *Crete*; two novels for young adults and two verse novels — *Akhenaten* and the internationally acclaimed crime thriller, *The Monkey's Mask*. *The Monkey's Mask* won *The Age Book of the Year for Poetry*, the *National Book Council Award for Poetry* and the *Braille Book of the Year*. It has been adapted for stage and radio and also made into a film. Two of Dorothy Porter's other verse novels — *What a Piece of Work* and *Wild Surmise* — have been short-listed for the *Miles Franklin Award*. Her most recent verse novel is the crime thriller *El Dorado*.



Dorothy Porter.

Shane Maloney

Saturday 16 August

3.30pm–4.30pm

Carnegie Library and Community Centre — Boyd Room

Cost: \$10

Shane Maloney is one of Australia's most popular novelists and the award-winning author of the *Murray Whelan* series of comic thrillers.

Described by *The Age* as "the true voice of national comic futility", his novels — *Stiff*, *The Brush-Off*, *Nice Try*, *The Big Ask* and *Something Fishy* — are published in Germany, France, Japan, Finland, Britain and the United States. The *Brush-Off* won *The Ned Kelly Prize for Crime Fiction* and was also shortlisted for *The Premiers Literary Award*. *Nice Try* was a nominee for *The Age Book of the Year*.

As well as books, he has written many columns, travel stories, articles and book reviews for various newspapers, magazines and anthologies.



Shane Maloney.

Danny Katz

Sunday 17 August

1pm–2pm

Glen Eira Town Hall — Theatrette

Cost: \$10

Danny Katz is a newspaper columnist for *The Age*, and *The West Australian* and he is also the modern guru in the *Good Weekend* magazine. He is the author of *Spit the Dummy*, *Dork Geek Jew* and

several children's books, including the *Little Lunch* series, winner of a *Young Australians' Best Book Award 2005* (*Younger Readers*).



Danny Katz.

John Marsden

Sunday 17 August

2.30pm–3.30pm

Glen Eira Town Hall — Theatrette

Cost: \$15

John Marsden has written and edited more than 30 books, which have sold four million copies worldwide and been translated into 14 different languages. His books include *So Much to Tell You*, *Tomorrow*, *When the War Began*, *Secret Men's Business* and *Everything I Know About Writing*.

Mr Marsden has won every major writing award in Australia for young people's fiction. Internationally, his work has twice been named among *Best Book of the Year* by the American Library Association and once by Publishers' Weekly (USA). He has been runner-up for *Dutch Children's Book of the Year*, won the *Grand Jury Prize* as Austria's *Most Popular Writer for Teenagers* and in Germany won the coveted *Buxtehuder Bulle*, an award given biennially for the best young person's book in the world for the preceding two years.



John Marsden.

Bookings for the workshops and *In Conversation With ...* are essential. To book or for further information, contact 9524 3287 or email arts@gleneira.vic.gov.au ■



Caulfield Park tennis hit up wall

Due to ageing infrastructure and the effects of the drought, a new tennis rebound wall and basketball and netball facilities have been constructed at Caulfield Park.

The new facility is now open and is very popular with park visitors. Other rebound walls are located in Glen Huntly Park, Packer Park, Carnegie and Wattle Grove Reserve, McKinnon.

A free golf practice cage is also located next to the new facility at Caulfield Park and is open to the public during daylight hours.



A new tennis rebound wall and basketball and netball facilities have been constructed at Caulfield Park.

Photo: GECC Recreation Unit.

New public toilets

New public toilets have been installed at Wattle Reserve, McKinnon and Halley Park, Bentleigh. These automated public toilets were installed to provide easy and safe access for park users.

Wattle Reserve has had an old facility replaced with this new public toilet, which compliments the playground and picnic facilities.

The new toilet at Halley Park will provide an additional automated unit due to the number of people that visit this park. Halley Park is a very popular destination for many residents, with its playground and picnic facilities as well as open space and fitness equipment.

Sportsground lighting

In the effort to assist Glen Eira sports clubs in maintaining safe sportsgrounds and maximising usage of the grounds surfaces, Glen Eira City Council has continued its rolling program of installing sportsground lighting.

Sportsground lighting has been installed at the Caulfield Park main ground (two poles), Murrumbeena main ground (two poles), EE Gunn Reserve, Ormond (two poles) and Moorleigh Community Village Reserve, Bentleigh East (three poles).



New lighting has been installed at EE Gunn Reserve, Ormond.

Photo: GECC Recreation Unit.

New playground

Glen Eira's newest playground has been completed. Located at Caulfield Park, the playground features a unique design worthy of a visit.

Plants within the playground have been used to create a sensory experience for young people with areas to explore and rocks to scramble over.

The playground has a brick paved maze for visitors to test their skills. Seating has been incorporated into the maze along with talking ports and distorted mirrors.

There is a climbing dome for those wishing to test their skills in gaining new heights, a four seat swing, rockers, spinners and a slide.

The playground also has barbecue facilities and a picnic table for those wanting to have an extended stay at the park.

Caulfield Park is Glen Eira's largest park with heritage trees, numerous sports clubs, three playgrounds, a lake and a

very popular walking track.

It is certainly worth a visit so rug up and enjoy all that this park has to offer.



The new playground features a unique design worthy of a visit.

Photo: GECC Recreation Unit.

ENVIRONMENT FORUM 2008

Glen Eira City Council's Environment Advisory Committee is holding the *Glen Eira Community Environment Forum* on Thursday 31 July in the Caulfield Cup Room, Glen Eira Town Hall, corner of Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield, from 7pm to 9pm.

The *Forum* coincides with the public release of Council's Draft *Environmental Sustainability Strategy*, which is available on Council's website. Members of the community are encouraged to use the *Forum* to raise any concerns they may have in relation to the *Strategy*. Council will also accept written submissions on the *Strategy*, which are to be submitted by close of business on Monday 11 August.

For further information, contact 9524 3333.

VENUES FOR HIRE



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Small Business Month a huge success

Around 600 small business owners and operators booked in to take advantage of the range of seminars and workshops during Glen Eira City Council's *Small Business Month*.

Held throughout May and themed — *The Tough Get Going* — the month long program provided an outstanding opportunity for small businesses to enhance their knowledge and increase their business tools, share ideas, achievements and concerns. It also provided opportunities for networking with, and marketing amongst, other local businesses.

The calendar of events was designed to provide local business practical information and kicked off with *Marketing with a local twist*. Presented by Debra Templar from Australian Retail Services, it was an entertaining and informative evening, delivering an extensive bank of ideas and strategies to help businesses create an effective marketing program.

Business owners and operators had the opportunity to attend a large range of practical workshops and seminars providing updated information from the Australian Taxation Office, tips on writing promotional material, people management, presentation skills, business planning and how to establish or improve a company website.

A snapshot of the current economic landscape was also presented by one of Australia's foremost economists and business commentators, Professor Neville Norman.

The program also included a full day workshop to provide start-up businesses with information on preparing business and marketing plans and basic legal start up information.

One of the many highlights was a four week workshop demystifying financial management to enable businesses to take control of that side of their operation.. This session was hailed as a success, with attending businesses asking Council to offer the session again to assist other local businesses and business associates.

Participants' feedback from the seminars and workshops was resoundingly positive.

"Motivational and inspirational. The series of events organised by the Glen Eira council have been worthwhile and extremely useful. I would come again and again to hear the great advice." **Commended Mary — Strictly Four Strings**

Small Business Month is run by Council's Business Development Unit and is just one of a suite of Council programs available to support local businesses. Other popular programs include the Glen Eira Women's Business Network, the *BusEd Program*, which links businesses and education communities to work together on mutually beneficial projects, and the *Mentor Partners Program* which offers the support of volunteer mentors to assist local business with guidance based on their years of experience in the business sector. ■



Bernadette Schwerdt spoke about how to write a killer headline.

Photo: GECC Business Development Unit



Merv Neal addressed attendees about the importance of marketing to their business.

Photo: GECC Business Development Unit.



Spending less time on people management issues was the topic of Jennifer McCoy's workshop.

Photo: GECC Business Development Unit.

Council call for expressions of interest to become a business mentor

The Glen Eira and Kingston City Councils' *Mentor Partners Program* is looking for experienced, successful business mentors to join the program.

The business support program assists local business to deal with the challenges of growing their business, retaining and growing local employment opportunities.

Council's Manager Business Development Lynda Bredin said since its inception more than 180 businesses have benefited from the *Program*.

"We currently have 42 mentors involved in the *Program* and would welcome anyone interested in being a mentor in this great community program to contact us," Ms Bredin said.

Ms Bredin said there are many experienced, knowledgeable,

community-minded business people, often retired, who would enjoy being of value to the business community.

"Retirees would also be in the best position to offer their experience and time to help local businesses survive, grow and prosper," Ms Bredin said.

Ms Bredin said business owners are often in an isolated position, exhausted, finding their confidence waning and needing a friendly ear to clear their road ahead.

"The mentors are not expected to act as formal advisors or consultants, but to provide moral support and to impart their own personal extensive business experience," Ms Bredin said.

"As a business support program, mentors cannot do the job for the business, or provide professional advice such as legal or accounting advice. "

Ms Bredin said the mentor's role is to be an experienced listener and support and lead the business to research their own ideas and pursue their own professional advice, so to come to their own conclusions.

"The *Program* also requires they co-sign a confidentiality agreement with each client," Ms Bredin said.

To be a part of the *Program*, mentors must complete an application form, providing a curriculum vitae defining their business background, demonstrated success and areas of expertise with references.

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

Businesses operating under partnerships

must have a commitment sign-off from all partners.

For further information, or an application form, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 or email businessdevelopment@gleneira.vic.gov.au

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2. Under Library click **Online databases and resources**.
3. Click **Online databases**.
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5. If accessing from home you will be asked to enter your library membership card number in full.

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Saturday Shakers — Out of Africa

Saturday 12 July
2pm–2.45pm
Carnegie Library and Community Centre, Boyd Room, level one, 7 Shepperson Ave, Carnegie

Join Valanga — musician, author and storyteller as he takes you on a musical journey across his home land. The rhythmic vitality of his music, interspersed with stories and comedy, will enchant all ages.

This free event is suitable for children three years and over. No bookings are require. ■



Valanga will perform at the Carnegie Library and Community Centre.

YOUTH NEWS

Glen Eira girls get into it

Want to get active, make some new friends and have fun?

Then *Get Into It* is for you.

Get Into It is a recreational program for young women in Glen Eira aged 13–25. The program provides young women the opportunity to experience a range of activities, whilst promoting personal wellbeing, self-esteem, confidence and the opportunity to make new friends.

The program will run for nine weeks and will introduce participants to a new

sport or recreational activity each week. If, at the end of the program participants found there was an activity or sport they particularly enjoyed, Glen Eira City Council Youth Services will endeavour to link them into the appropriate club or organisation.

Youth Services is taking names of interested young women and spaces are filling up quickly. To register or for further information contact 9579 7963. ■



Karate is just one of the many activities young women will participate in as part of the *Get Into It* program.

DRAFT COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN

Glen Eira City Council's Public Health and Community Development Unit is in the process of developing a four year *Community Safety Plan*.

The draft *Plan* will be available for public comment from 1–30 July and will be available from www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

Comments can be posted to PO Box 42 Caulfield South Vic 3162. Additionally, people are invited to address Council's Community Safety Committee about their thoughts on the draft *Plan*.

This meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 29 July from 3pm–5pm at Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield.

For further information, contact Council's Public Health and Community Development Unit on 9524 3333.

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