

## Council calls for grade separation

**G**len Eira City Council is calling for grade separation of the Dandenong line.

The existing rail line causes considerable disruption through traffic congestion where it passes at grade through the centres of Hughesdale (Poath Road), Murrumbeena (Murrumbeena Road) and Carnegie (Koornang Road).

According to the *Glen Eira Community Plan 2008–2013*, traffic congestion is a major irritant in people's lifestyles.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Steven Tang said the Dandenong rail line effectively fractures the centres of Poath, Murrumbeena and Koornang Roads, separating them into parts north and south of the railway line.

"This is best demonstrated in Carnegie, where a major retail development is currently being constructed north of the railway line on Dandenong Road," Cr Tang said.

"The railway line impedes access to the core of the centre south of the line.

"Without grade separating the rail and road crossing so that the road overpasses the railway line or vice versa, long delays associated with traffic congestion will continue and Carnegie will not be able to fulfil its potential."



Glen Eira Mayor Cr Steven Tang said the Dandenong rail line effectively fractures the centres of Poath, Murrumbeena and Koornang Roads and causes long delays and congestion. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Cr Tang said Council's comments regarding grade separation have been made following the release of Sir Rod Eddington's report — *Investing in Transport* — which recommends a new 17 kilometre rail tunnel linking Caulfield Station to the inner western suburbs.

"To the extent that the tunnel would provide better public transport, the report is strongly supported," Cr Tang said.

"The tunnel and mooted third rail to Dandenong combine to increase capacity by some 40,000 passengers per

hour on feeder lines to Caulfield Station.

"It is the additional rail traffic that is the cause for concern unless grade separation occurs to reduce the conflict and congestion where the rail line crosses major roads."

## Residents asked to help leafy neighbours

**G**len Eira City Council is asking residents to help more than 1,600 newly planted trees get a healthy start over the summer season.

Council's Manager Park Services Laurie Unwin said residents who have a new tree on the naturestrip outside their properties can help ensure the trees get well established by helping Council with watering.

"Council conducts routine watering of

new trees during spring and summer, but we're asking residents to help provide additional watering during these warmer months," Mr Unwin said.

Mr Unwin said it takes around 12 months for a tree to really establish in its new location.

"Once established, the tree's root system will be strong enough to support it without additional watering," Mr Unwin said.

"But to ensure that healthy start, the

new street tree requires regular watering during its first year.

"Residents can help by providing between five and 10 litres of water, twice a week during dry or warm periods.

"This water should be poured directly onto the mulch at the base of the tree."

Mr Unwin said it is also important not to over water the new tree.

"Residents can check whether it requires extra water by feeling the soil layer immediately below the mulch. If the soil is dry, more water is needed," Mr Unwin said.

A good time to water plants is early morning — water applied during the heat of the day is mostly wasted through evaporation.

Residents can also use their 'warm up' shower water, collected in a bucket when they shower, as a source of water for the new tree — a great water saving practice.

Level 3a water restrictions are currently in force in Melbourne. For more water saving tips, contact South East Water on 131 867.



Council is asking residents to help more than 1,600 newly planted trees get a healthy start over the summer season. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

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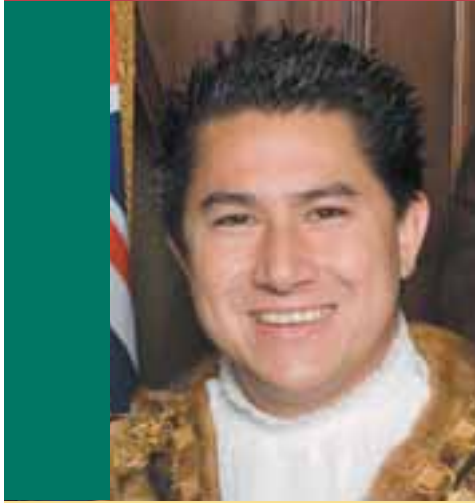
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**MAYOR'S  
COLUMN**



**G**len Eira City Council aims to play a leadership role in increasing access for people with disabilities in all aspects of community life. During August Council adopted its *Disability Action Plan 2008–2012*.

The *Plan* provides a number of actions to ensure Council continues to improve the service it provides to the community.

These actions include staff training programs, an ongoing capital improvement program working towards universal accessibility for buildings and facilities, promoting Council's delivered meals program and improving local business and food establishment accessibility.

Also in August I was honoured to attend the first annual Calvary Health Care Bethlehem *Big Band Dinner Dance*. Supported by local Rotary Clubs, the evening was a great success, raising important funds for the hospital. Calvary Health Care Bethlehem is a world-class facility providing palliative and respite care and I wish them well during their 70th birthday celebrations.

As part of Council's commitment to providing high quality recreation opportunities to residents across the municipality, resurfacing work on three sports ovals will be commencing shortly.

Bentleigh, Glen Huntly and Murrumbeena Reserve will be resurfaced with drought tolerant grasses, which will not only improve the playing surface, but will also result in a significant reduction in water usage.

These works are part of a wider open space improvement program that also includes (during 2008–09) tree planting, playground upgrades, pathway lighting installations, public toilet upgrades and other works.

**Cr Steven Tang  
Mayor**

# Can he fix it? Yes he can!

**A**fter 17 years on the job, Glen Eira City Council's Buildings Co-ordinator Ian Derechter is still passionate about the work that he does.

Ian is a familiar face to many of Council's staff, due to the nature of his work.

"I am responsible for the day-to-day maintenance of all of Council's 200 buildings," Ian said.

"A lot of my role involves liaising between trades and staff people, to ensure exactly what maintenance is required and then to ensure the maintenance is done correctly."

Ian also works hard in his role to ensure Glen Eira is an environmentally friendly council.

"The maintenance team is committed to ensuring Glen Eira is as environmentally friendly as possible," Ian said.

"We do this through projects such as retrofitting more water efficient fixtures such as waterless urinals, showerheads and toilets in our parks and pavilions as well as more energy efficient light globes at Town Hall."

Ian's passion for his job is evident when he speaks of the new asset management system.

"This system allows a phenomenal amount of information to be generated with the push of the button," Ian said.



After 17 years on the job, Glen Eira City Council's Buildings Officer Ian Derechter is still passionate about the work that he does. Photo: Shae Henzen.

"I can now look up a particular building and tell you how many air conditioners are in that building, exactly how old they are, when they were installed, when they will need servicing and when they will need replacing. It really is amazing."

Ian said the best part of his job is getting to meet so many wonderful and diverse

people and having the opportunity to help them.

"There is a large social aspect to my job. From talking to the little ones at the kindergartens to dealing with the elderly at the aged care centres, I really do get to interact with many different people," Ian said.

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The deadline for next edition (October 2008) of the *Glen Eira News* is Wednesday 3 September for delivery 27–28 September.

Coming deadlines

The deadline for the November 2008 edition of the *Glen Eira News* is Wednesday 8 October for delivery 1–2 November.

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

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# Enrolling to vote

**E**lections for Glen Eira City Council will be held on Saturday 29 November 2008, but if you want your vote to count, you first need to make sure you're on the electoral roll.

Enrolments for voting in the Glen Eira City Council elections close on Friday 3 October at 4pm.

You are already enrolled for this election if:

- you are on the State electoral roll for your present address and will be 18 years of age or over on 29 November 2008; or
- you own a property in the City of Glen Eira but don't live at that property, and you are the first or second-named person on the Council's rate records; or
- you have applied to Council to be enrolled for this year's elections.

If the above applies, you do not need to do anything to enrol. To check whether

you are on the State roll, contact the Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) on 13 18 32 or visit [www.vec.vic.gov.au](http://www.vec.vic.gov.au)

You need to enrol if you are an Australian citizen aged 18 or over on 29 November 2008 and:

- you are not on the State electoral roll; or
- you have lived at your present address for at least a month and have not updated your enrolment details.

Enrolment forms for the State electoral roll are available by contacting the VEC on 13 18 32 or can be picked up from any post office or Council's Service Centre. Forms can also be downloaded from [www.vec.vic.gov.au](http://www.vec.vic.gov.au)

You may also apply to enrol at these elections if:

- you are a non-Australian citizen who lives and pays rates in the City of Glen Eira; or
- you pay rates on a property you occupy

(eg. you are a shop tenant) and are either named on the Council's rate records to receive a rate notice or have the written consent of the owners to vote in their place; or

- you are a director or company secretary of a corporation that pays rates in the City of Glen Eira and have no other voting entitlement within the municipality.

If you fit the above criteria you can apply to Council to vote in this election. To do this, you need to complete a Council enrolment form, which is available from Council's Service Centre.

Application forms are available from Council and must be received by Friday 3 October at 4pm.

Voters may now only be enrolled in one ward in a municipality. If, in previous Glen Eira City Council elections, you had multiple entitlements to vote, you will now only vote for the ward in which

you live. If you are a non-resident owning multiple properties, you may nominate to Council the property for which you wish to vote. If you do not nominate the property for which you wish to vote, the Council will choose one.

If you have queries regarding your application to Council to enrol, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

## Council elections held by attendance voting

**E**lections for Glen Eira City Council will be held by attendance voting.

Voting is compulsory for most people who are residents of Glen Eira.

However, if you know that you will be unable to attend a polling booth on election day, you can still vote in the upcoming election.

An early voting centre will be established where you can attend and vote prior to election day. If for some reason you are unable to attend the early voting centre prior to election day you may vote by post.

Specific details including the location of the early voting centre will be provided closer to the election.

## What ward do I live in?

Glen Eira is divided into three wards — Camden, Rosstown and Tucker. Please refer to the map below if you are unsure as to what ward you live in.

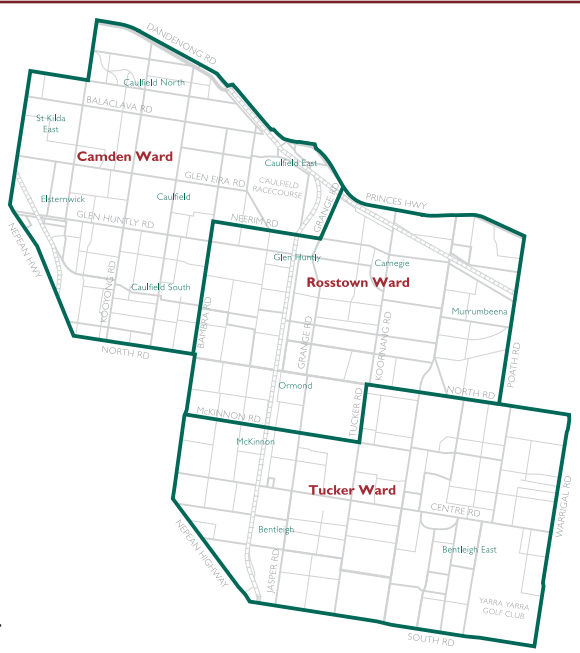
Ward information can also be found on rate notices issued by Glen Eira City Council.

The ward boundaries remain unchanged from the last Council election in November 2005.

It is preferable that in the upcoming election you attend a voting centre located within the boundaries of the ward in which you live to avoid unnecessary delays in the issuing of ballot papers on election day. You can only vote for the candidates in the ward that you have an entitlement to vote in (that is, in most cases where you reside).

Three candidates will be elected from each ward in the upcoming election.

The location of each voting centre will be provided closer to the election.



## News in Brief

### Award nominations close

Nominations for Glen Eira City Council's *Citizen of the Year*, *Young Citizen of the Year* and *Community Group of the Year* Awards close on Friday 19 September.

Application forms are available from Council's Service Centre, libraries and [www.gleneira.vic.gov.au](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au)

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

### Temporary relocation of Bentleigh Maternal and Child Health Centre

The Bentleigh Maternal and Child Health Centre, 542 Centre Road, Bentleigh is undergoing major renovations.

The renovations include an additional consultation room, a larger waiting area, a group meeting room and upgrading

of facilities.

The renovations will greatly improve the amenity of the Centre, resulting in a more family friendly environment and better use of space.

During the renovation period, the service has been relocated to the Bentleigh-McKinnon Youth Hall, Higgins Road, Bentleigh (Mel Ref: 77 F2).

We anticipate the renovations will be completed within a three to four month period with minimal disruption to clients.

The service will continue to operate Monday to Friday from 8.30am-5pm and a letter has been sent to Bentleigh clients to notify them of the changes. Phone numbers and nurse contact details will remain unchanged.

For further information, contact the Maternal Child Health Co-ordinator on 9524 3333.

### MAV Workplace and Risk Summit

Glen Eira City Council Chief Executive Officer Andrew Newton was invited to speak at the Municipal Association of Victoria's Workplace and Risk Summit in August.

Other speakers at the three-day conference included Victorian Treasurer John Lenders, former Victorian Auditor General Wayne Cameron and Coca-Cola South Pacific Human Resources Director Rose Thomson.

Topics discussed during the conference included the ageing workforce and skill shortages, cultural change, recruitment and mentoring, organisational development, industrial relations, Occupational Health and Safety, audit procedures, fraud detection and risk management.

### Murrumbeena Relay for Life

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Steven Tang and Deputy Mayor Cr Margaret Esakoff were guests of honour at the launch of the 2008 *Murrumbeena Relay for Life* fundraising extravaganza.

Murrumbeena hosted Australia's first *Relay for Life* event and this year celebrates its 10th anniversary.

Since 1999, *Murrumbeena Relay for Life* has raised more than \$858,000 for the Cancer Council of Victoria and hopes to top the \$1 million mark by the time the main celebration takes place on 25 and 26 October at Duncan Mackinnon Athletics Track.

Anyone wishing to form a community team to take part in the 24 hour walking event should contact Paul Rake on 0409 937 080 or email [paul.rake@bigpond.com](mailto:paul.rake@bigpond.com)

## CEO'S COLUMN



**D**uring Glen Eira City Council's recent community planning process, residents identified transport as an issue of growing importance and concern.

Road traffic is becoming more congested, particularly at railway crossings and around schools. Public transport is becoming more popular, but straining to cope.

The State Government is proposing policy changes to accelerate residential development around railway stations.

Sir Rod Eddington's report — *Investing in Transport* — recommends a rail tunnel from Caulfield to Footscray. This proposal is now being evaluated by the Government, together with plans for a third rail track on the Dandenong line. Planning for this third rail track is being based on an extra 40,000 passengers per hour.

Council has supported the Eddington proposals as providing improved public transport, but we have emphasised the need for grade separation between road and rail at intersections in Glen Eira.

Council will continue to advocate for residents' interests as the Government firms up its policies on future transport strategies.

**Andrew Newton**  
Chief Executive Officer

## GLEN EIRA NEWS PHOTOS



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

Photos that are published in the *Glen Eira News* are now available for sale by contacting Shae Henzen on 9524 3333.



GLEN EIRA CITY COUNCIL

# Seniors Festival celebrations will inspire

**T**he *Victorian Seniors Festival 2008* in Glen Eira promises to inspire residents with music, dance, fitness and culture.

The *Festival*, which is held for senior Glen Eira residents, will run from Friday 26 September to Sunday 14 October under the theme: *Be Inspired*.

A highlight of the *Festival* will be the free concert on Friday 26 September. *Sounds of Music* which will feature wonderful music from many of the great musicals of the 20th century.

There will also be a number of other Glen Eira City Council and community events including walks, luncheons, dinner dances, concerts and health seminars.

There will be introductions to croquet, sporting activities and various day trips and residents will also have the opportunity to enjoy an afternoon of old time, New Vogue dancing with the Caulfield Over 50s Dance Group.

Council's Director Community Services Peter Jones said the *Seniors Festival* is met with overwhelming enthusiasm each year.

"Residents thoroughly enjoy the wide variety of events and activities that are held during the *Festival*," Mr Jones said.

"The community events are put together by various local groups and are a great cultural experience. Alongside Council's events, they are guaranteed to provide two weeks of enjoyment for senior residents."



Residents will have the opportunity to enjoy an afternoon of old time, New Vogue dancing with the Caulfield Over 50s Dance Group. Photo: Les O'Rourke.

As part of the *Festival*, and in conjunction with *Community Safety Month*, Council will also host a free healthy living seminar, *Positive Ageing*. The seminar will be held on Friday 3 October.

The seminar will provide older residents with information on two health aspects that will assist their ability to deal with ageing positively — healthy mental wellbeing and better management of medicines.

Council's library branches will also

host some free events which are sure to inspire. *Knowledge Galore — cooking for me* will be held on Thursday 2 October and the always popular *We're Grand — stories to enjoy with Grandparents* is back again this year for all to enjoy. For further details, turn to page 13 of this edition of the *Glen Eira News*.

For further information about the *Victorian Seniors Festival 2008*, or to obtain a copy of the *Festival* program, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

## Seniors events

### Sounds of Music

Enjoy an afternoon tea of sweet delights with wonderful music from some of the greatest musicals of the 20th century including *The Sound of Music*, *My Fair Lady*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Porgy and Bess* and *South Pacific*.

**Date:** Friday 26 September

**Time:** 1.30pm–3.45pm  
(doors open 1pm)

**Venue:** Glen Eira Town Hall Auditorium  
Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield

**Entry:** Free

Bookings are essential and can be made from 10am Monday 8 September by contacting 9524 3405.

### Positive ageing seminar

The positive ageing seminar will provide older residents with information on two health aspects that will assist their ability to deal with ageing positively

— healthy mental wellbeing and better management of medicines.

Presented by Council on the Ageing Victoria, together with beyondblue, the session aims to break down the myths and stereotypes associated with depression which is often brought on by physical illness, personal loss and loneliness.

The seminar will also look at the quality use of medicines by focusing on getting better results from medicines, avoiding mix ups and enjoying better health. Morning tea and a light lunch will be provided.

**Date:** Friday 3 October

**Time:** 10.30am–2pm  
(doors open at 10.15am)

**Venue:** Glen Eira Town Hall Auditorium  
Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield

**Entry:** Free

Bookings are essential by contacting 9524 3405.

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# Improvements enhance Council's aged care facilities

**G**len Eira City Council's conveniently located residential aged care facilities have recently undergone a series of upgrades that have further enhanced the amenity for residents and staff.

Warrawee Community offers low care, high care and extra service high care

## Tamper-free screws fitted at exchange day

**I**n an effort to reduce number plate thefts in the City of Glen Eira, an exchange of number plate screws was held at the Bentleigh RSL in July.

Around 35 vehicles were fitted with tamper-proof screws — a one-way screw which requires a special tool to undo or remove.

The exchange, which is part of a state-wide Victoria Police initiative to reduce the incidence of theft of number plates, was conducted by Sergeant Roger Child from the Glen Eira Police Senior Citizens Register, Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator Leading Senior Constable Gary Oram and Glen Eira Crime Prevention Officer Leading Senior Constable Peter Stefaniv.

Sergeant Child said it is hoped such positive measures will see a reduction in number plate thefts.

"It is also hoped that there will be a reduction in the incidence of stolen plates being used in other offences," Sergeant Child said.

Sergeant Child said the fitting of tamper free screw has provided the vehicle owners peace of mind.

"The owners will now be able to leave their car knowing their number plate cannot be stolen and possibly used in petrol drive-offs," Sergeant Child said.



Leading Senior Constable Gary Oram, Leading Senior Constable Peter Stefaniv and Sergeant Roger Child. Photo: Caulfield Police.

and is located at 854a Centre Road, Bentleigh East.

Rooms and living areas of the extra service wing, ensuites and dining amenities have been extensively renovated, including interior decorations and furnishings.

A major upgrade of the enclosed garden area is underway and further improvements are planned for the courtyards.

These changes will further enhance the amenity and attraction for residents and family — using the open spaces at Warrawee with the rear garden having a circulation path and various covered sitting areas.

Following the recent completion of building improvement works, Warrawee Community is now able to accept applications for low care and extra service places. All enquiries should be directed to the Admission Officer on 9570 2211.

Located on Murrumbena Road, Murrumbena, Spurway Community high care facility residents have an intimate home like atmosphere with residents living in three conjoined cottages.

Recent works completed at the facility include additional ensuites and improved



Following the recent completion of building improvement works, Warrawee Community is now able to accept applications for low care and extra service places. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

amenities, which will enable staff to ensure the highest quality clinical outcomes for residents in medication management, care documentation and infection control.

Rosstown Community is conveniently located near the Carnegie shopping precinct.

Access and resident safety has been enhanced at the facility with the resurfacing of the driveway and entrance area.

There are also a number of works in progress, which will provide a

readily accessible disabled toilet for visitors, revamped reception area and additional work space for clinical and recreation staff.

Further enhancements are also being made to various fire safety features of the building along with clinical amenities and the on-site laundry facilities.

Regular tours are conducted at all three facilities for prospective residents and family.

For further information regarding admission or to arrange a tour, contact the Admission Officer on 9570 2211. ■

## Trim back overhanging branches

**G**len Eira City Council is urging local residents to make sure trees and shrubs along the front of their properties aren't posing safety hazards.

Trees and shrubs planted on private property are the property owner's responsibility and any trees or shrubs which hang over public footpaths and roadways must be cut back to reduce possible risks and danger to the public.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Steven Tang said it is up to the property owner to maintain trees and shrubs on the edge of their land.

"With recent rains triggering a lot of garden growth, now is the time for residents to trim their trees and shrubs," Cr Tang said.

"This is particularly important along footpaths, where overhanging trees and shrubs pose a safety hazard to

pedestrians. Overhanging branches can also obscure the view of drivers reversing out of driveways or travelling along streets and laneways."

Trees and shrubs must be cut to a height of three metres above the ground and they must be trimmed back to be vertical to the property boundary.

Residents wishing to dispose of the excess vegetation can use Council's free monthly bundled branch collection or its fee-based fortnightly green waste service.

Cr Tang said if trees and shrubs are found to exceed these guidelines, residents or property owners will receive a notice which further explains the issue and what action needs to be taken within 14 days.

"Ultimately if an owner fails to comply, Council will engage a contractor to undertake the work and all charges associated with the work will be charged to the property owner in accordance with the *Local Government Act*," Cr Tang said.

For further information, or a copy of Council's *Overhanging Branches Guide*, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333. ■



It is up to the property owner to maintain trees and shrubs on the edge of their land. Photo: Andrew Graham.

# Pet owners receive visit from Council

**F**ive hundred pet owners received a visit from Glen Eira City Council's Civic Compliance Unit during August.

The visit follows more than 2,100 reminder notices which were sent out to dog and cat owners who did not renew their annual registration by the 10 April deadline.

If at the time of the visit the owner had not renewed their dog or cat registration, they were issued a fine of up to \$227.

Council's Manager Civic Compliance John Bordignon said the renewal rate was disappointing and represented a lack of regard by pet owners of responsible pet ownership.

"Pet registration is the key to responsible pet ownership and is the key to pet identification," Mr Bordignon said.

Mr Bordignon said subsequent to the reminder period, Council officers contacted by telephone about 1,300 pet owners who had not acted to renew their registrations.

"When contacted, the owners said they would pay, but many have failed to do so. Council will now issue 59 penalty infringement notices to these owners," Mr Bordignon said.

Mr Bordignon said there can be other

reasons why some owners have not renewed their pet registration.

"It could be that the owners have moved out of the municipality and have not notified Council or their pet has passed away. If this is the case, owners should notify Council," Mr Bordignon said.

Under the *Domestic (Feral and Nuisance) Animals Act 1994*, all dogs and cats more than three months old must be registered annually with Council.

Mr Bordignon said registering your cat or dog will not only save the owner a lot of heartache, 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 \$118.50 and \$78 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 card are also entitled to a discount."

Fees help provide important pet related services, such as proactive park



Under the *Domestic (Feral and Nuisance) Animals Act 1994*, all dogs and cats more than three months old must be registered annually with Council.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

patrols, enforcement, pound services and education campaigns promoting responsible pet ownership.

Registration forms are available from Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 or from [www.gleneira.vic.gov.au](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au)

## Preventing falls in Glen Eira

**G**len Eira community groups are being educated about how falls can be prevented, particularly in the home.

Research indicates that one in three people over the age of 65 have a fall each year.

The most common place for falls is in

the home, with women four times more likely to fall than men.

Twelve peer educators from Bentleigh Bayside Community Health Service and neighbouring community health centres are speaking to senior residents from across five municipalities — Glen Eira, Bayside, Kingston, Port Phillip and

Stonnington — about falls prevention.

Bentleigh Bayside Community Health Service Health Promotion Co-ordinator Jackie Gleeson told the *Glen Eira News* the program has been very well received.

"More than 1,500 senior residents from 60 different groups have already participated in the program," Ms Gleeson said.

"Each session is around 20 minutes, with two peer educators using a range of props, information boards and easy-to-read handouts to inform attendees about how they can minimise the risk of falls in and around the home."

### Preventing falls

Falls can happen to anyone, but they are more common and more significant as we get older.

There are many ways in which Glen Eira's 23,976 residents aged 60 and over can prevent falls around the home.

These include:

- not wearing clothing that is too long and loose;
- turning the light on so you can clearly see where you are going;

- using non-slip mats in wet areas;
- keeping walkways clear;
- taping down electrical cords; and
- installing handrails in the bathroom and toilet and near the front and back door and any steps.

A fall may also be prevented by measures such as having an eye test; managing medications; eating a balanced diet; wearing comfortable; firm-fitting footwear; and exercising, which will help improve strength and balance.

### Home safety check

Ms Gleeson said all attendees receive a home safety manual so they have something to refer to after the session.

"The peer educators also randomly select some of the attendees to arrange a home safety check," Ms Gleeson said.

"The home safety check is conducted three to six months after the session to see if they have implemented some of the things they have learnt."

Community groups wanting to book a falls prevention peer education session can contact Bentleigh Bayside Community Health Service on 9575 5322.



Glen Eira community groups are being educated about how falls can be prevented.

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 from 8pm at the Bentleigh Uniting Church Hall, 495 Centre Road, Bentleigh. Cost of \$7 includes a light supper. Contact Margaret: 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 from 7.45pm at the Ormond Uniting Church Hall, corner North and Booran Roads, Ormond. 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.

**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 Needle pointers** 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.

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

**New Beginnings Group** is an eight-week group for women who have experienced abuse in relationships either as children or adults. The group meets every Tuesday until 16 September from 1pm at Connections Family Resource Centre, 274 High Street, Windsor. Cost is \$20. Contact: 9521 5666.

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

**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.

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

**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 Debbie: 0438 565 046.

**Bridge @ 99** (an activity of the B'nai B'rith Shalom Unit) is looking for bridge players to play on Thursday nights from 7.30pm at 99 Hotham Street, St Kilda. Cost of \$8 includes supper. Contact Sol: 9578 1826 (not on Saturdays).

**Brighton Philatelic Society** meets on the first Saturday of the month from 1pm, 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.

**Glen Eira Cheltenham Art Group** holds art classes in all media from Monday to Friday with a special children's class on Saturday mornings. A life drawing class is also held once a month. Moorleigh Village, 92 Bignell Road, East Bentleigh. Contact: 9563 7621 or Tina: 0433 793 726.

**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.

**GROW Better Together** offers understanding, support and education to

help carers and those experiencing mental health issues or life challenges. Free carers meetings are held on Tuesdays from 7pm to 9pm and free mutual support/self help group meetings are held on Thursday from 10.30am to 12.30pm, both at Grow Community Centre, 707 Glenhuntly Road, Caulfield South. Contact: 9528 2977 or email Katrina@grow.net.au

**The 4th Caulfield Scout Group** holds scouts on Tuesday nights from 7pm to 9pm and Cubs on Wednesday nights 7pm to 8.30pm during the school term at the Birch St Scout Hall, South Caulfield. Contact Steve or Jo: 9505 6995.

**Murrumbeena Bowls Club** at 10 Blackwood Street, Carnegie, is getting ready for the summer season, commencing in September. Contact Michael: 9569 4969.

## EVENTS

**Caulfield Little Athletics Club** registration day will be held on 6 September from 10am at Caulfield Little Athletic Centre, Duncan Mackinnon Reserve, corner North and Murrumbeena Roads, Murrumbeena. Alternatively, you can register online at [www.caulfieldlittleaths.org.au](http://www.caulfieldlittleaths.org.au) To secure your place, please register early. Contact: 9578 3379.

**The 15th Annual Blessing of Animals** will be held on 5 October from 2pm at St James the Great, St Kilda East. Contact: 9527 8083 or [www.stjamescommunity.org.au](http://www.stjamescommunity.org.au)

**Bentleigh Senior Citizens** Merimbula-Sapphire Coast whale watching tour will be held from 27-30 October. Cost for the four days and three nights is \$445 per person, which includes all meals and admissions. Tour stops include Lakes Entrance, Eden and Bega. See whales up close onboard the *Cat Balou* on a half-day trip or visit the Bega Cheese Factory and Heritage Centre. Bookings required by 21 September. Contact Cheryl: 9557 5739.

**Bentleigh Senior Citizens** 2009 great autumn adventure tour to Tasmania will be held from 3-10 March. The tour of seven nights and eight days costs \$1,595 and includes travel on the Spirit of Tasmania (one-way) and flight costs (one-way). This luxury tour includes a trip to Port Arthur with a cruise around the Isle of the Dead, a day cruise up the Gordon River with a buffet lunch, a tour of the Cadbury Factory, Swiss Village and Salamanca Market and a bus trip around Cradle Mountain. Bookings required by 1 October 2008. Contact Cheryl: 9557 5739.

**Glen Eira Moorabbin Softball Association** will host a come and try day on 20 September from 10am to 12pm at Bailey Reserve, East Boundary Road, Bentleigh East. Children of all abilities aged four and over, as well as adults wanting to play either competitive or social softball are welcome.

**Glen Eira City Choir** invites you to *Proms in Springtime* on 14 September at 2.30pm at Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield. Contact: 9598 6501 or [gechoir.org.au](http://gechoir.org.au)

**The McKinnon Art Festival (MAF)** will be held on the evening of 13 September and 14 September from 10am to 4pm at McKinnon Primary School. A key component will be the MAF Children's Art Competition. All public school students in the City of Glen Eira under the age of 18 are invited to become involved. Contact Pam Armstrong: 0416 264 873.

## COMMUNITY

**Baker IDI Heart and Diabetes Institute** is seeking individuals with diet-controlled type two diabetes, for a study into the acute effects of prolonged sedentary behaviour (sitting) in diabetes health. Contact Miriam Clayfield: 9076 2948

**St. Peter's Cancer Support Group's** next meeting will be held on 4 September from 10.30am at St. Peter's Parish, 844 Centre Road, Bentleigh East. New members and partners welcome. Contact: 9579 4255.

**Washington Park Cricket Club** is pleased to announce Matthew Berriman as Senior Coach and Chris Williamson as Junior Coach for season 2008-09. Pre-season training will commence shortly. New senior, junior and milo players most welcome. Contact Chris Gorrie: 0419 776 64.

## IMMUNISATION SESSIONS

**McKinnon Public Hall**  
118 McKinnon Road, McKinnon  
Monday 1 September 10am-11am

**Glen Eira Town Hall Auditorium (entry via Glen Eira Road)**  
Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield  
Tuesday 2 September 6pm-7pm  
Tuesday 9 September 9.30am-10.30am

**Carnegie Library and Community Centre**  
7 Shepparson Avenue, Carnegie  
Wednesday 10 September  
1.30pm-2.30pm  
Thursday 25 September 6pm-7pm

**Packer Park**  
Leila Road, Carnegie  
Monday 15 September 10am-11am

**Bentleigh East**  
Bentleigh Bayside Community Health Centre  
Gardeners Road, Bentleigh East  
Wednesday 17 September  
5.45pm-7.15pm  
Saturday 20 September 9.30am-11am

**Glen Huntly Maternal and Child Health Centre**  
Corner Royal and Rosedale Avenues, Glen Huntly  
Wednesday 24 September 9.30am-11am

## THE SLEEPING BABY AND TODDLER

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

Perhaps nothing confronts a parent more than trying to settle a child to sleep.

- How much sleep does my child need?
- How can I promote healthy sleeping habits to minimise sleep problems?

The session, presented by Registered Sleep Technologist, Sue Cranage, will inform and encourage healthy practice and strategies for baby and toddler sleep.

**Date:** Wednesday 17 September

**Time:** 7.30pm-9.30pm (registration 7.15pm)

**Venue:** Glen Eira Town Hall Theatre Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield

**Cost:** \$5 per person

Bookings close Wednesday 10 September.

Limited places. 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](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au)



GLEN EIRA CITY COUNCIL

# Looking after Glen Eira's

## Community garden for Glen Eira

**E**xciting developments are underway at the Koornang Uniting Church with plans for the creation of a new community garden.

Glen Eira City Council provided funding for the Murrumbeena community garden through the 2007-08 Community Grants Program, which saw the purchase of a garden shed and gardening tools.

Koornang Uniting Church member Kay Pentland said the new garden will enable Glen Eira residents, who would not otherwise have an opportunity to have a garden of their own, to participate in a sustainable, community gardening activity.

"Given the large number of people in Glen Eira living in units and flats, this initiative gives them the opportunity to participate in a supportive, inclusive and creative community activity, as well as meeting others with similar interests," Ms Pentland said.

"The community garden will transform the grounds of the church into a thriving garden of beauty."

Ms Pentland said a small group, which is being guided by a landscape gardener, has been formed with the Koornang Uniting Church to plan, implement and oversee the establishment of the garden.

"Local residents living in houses run by Victoria's largest disability service provider Yooralla have also been helping," Ms Pentland said.

Ms Pentland said future plans for the garden include the construction of raised garden beds accessible to people in wheelchairs and for those who cannot bend to the ground.

"We are also hoping to install a 22,000 litre water tank to collect all the rain falling across the vast roof areas of the church and hall," Ms Pentland said.

### Other environmental projects

Other grant recipients to receive funding for environmental projects include:

**Bentleigh Family and Child Care Co-operative**

**Project:** Become a water-wise childcare centre, reduce the amount of water



The new garden will enable Glen Eira residents, who would not otherwise have an opportunity to have a garden of their own, to participate in a sustainable, community gardening activity.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

consumed and use the opportunity to educate the children and inform parents of what they can do in their own home.

**Caulfield South Kindergarten**

**Project:** Conserve water and maintain gardens at the kindergarten and support development of a vegetable garden.

**Bentleigh West Primary School**

**Project:** *Green Living* — a three week

community information and education course to educate the local community on sustainable living options.

Applications for *Council's 2008-09 Community Grants Program* have closed. Grant recipients are expected to be announced in September.

## Detox your home on Sunday 21 September

**O**ld cleaners, left over paint, dead batteries and weed killer stored around your home can now be safely disposed of without putting a strain on the environment.

The September *Detox Your Home* is a free service — provided by Sustainability Victoria with funding and support from Glen Eira City Council — to collect potentially dangerous and unwanted household chemical products.



Old cleaners, left over paint, dead batteries and weed killer stored around your home can now be safely disposed of without putting a strain on the environment.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

The free service can help householders minimise the danger of accidents and reduce the risk to the environment.

The collected materials will be treated and recycled, or disposed of safely by a specialist team.

Residents can deposit their unwanted household chemicals on Sunday 21 September from 8am to 4pm at Glen Eira Town Hall. Enter the car park from Glen Eira Road.

### Chemicals accepted include:

- past-it paints;
- brake fluids, fuels and coolants;
- old batteries;
- poisonous household and garden products;
- finished gas cylinders;
- solvents and glues;
- insecticides and pesticides;
- photographic chemicals;
- kitchen and bathroom cleaners; and
- fire extinguishers.

### Materials not accepted include:

- chemicals used by businesses for industrial and commercial purposes;
- ammunition and flares;
- waste asbestos;
- farm chemicals; and
- containers over 20 litres.

For further information, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 or visit [www.gleneira.vic.gov.au](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au)

## ECO-Buy achievement

**E**CO-Buy Limited is a not for profit company established to encourage the purchasing of green products and operate as a Centre for Excellence in Environmental Purchasing.

*Eco-Buy* is funded by the State Governments' Sustainability Fund, the Department of Sustainability and Environment and Sustainability Victoria.

*Eco-Buy* works with Victorian councils to increase the purchase of recycled greenhouse and environmentally friendly products.

Since becoming a member of the program in 2003, Glen Eira City Council's spending on environmentally friendly goods has increased from \$112,063 to \$3.1 million in 2007-08

Some of the environmentally friendly goods Council purchases include:

- copy paper;
- computer monitors;
- toner cartridges;
- organic fertilisers;
- garbage bins;
- drought-resistant plants;
- recycled tree pruning mulch;
- recycled concrete for road making;
- recycled rock for backfilling and road trenches; and
- recycled rubber for speed cushions.

The increase in Council's spending on environmentally friendly products has been a result of improved reporting and a purchasing policy that requires Council staff to consider environmental purchasing.



Recycled rubber has been used for speed cushions on Bellevue Road, Bentleigh East.

Photo: Sally Brown.



# environment

## Primary school awarded for environmental excellence

**A** holistic approach to environmental sustainability has resulted in Bentleigh West Primary School being awarded Glen Eira City Council's Award for Environmental Excellence in Primary Schools.

The Award has been developed to acknowledge schools which have demonstrated outstanding achievement and initiative in developing and putting in place an environmental project for the benefit of the school or the Glen Eira community.

Other schools nominated for the Award were Ormond Primary School, Melbourne Grammar School and Shelford Girls' Grammar.

Council's Environment Advisory Committee Chair and Glen Eira Mayor Cr Steven Tang said Bentleigh West was awarded for their initiative and work in addressing a range of environmental issues.

"Staff, students and parents from Bentleigh West have worked hard together to enhance the quality of Glen Eira's natural and built environment," Cr Tang said.

The school community has established drought-tolerant gardens and a wetland, reinstated indigenous trees, shrubs and grasses and has also converted a large lawn area into an indigenous dry forest, reducing water usage and attracting native wildlife.

Containers have been placed under drinking taps and gutters to catch any excess water and seven rainwater tanks and dual flush toilets have also been installed.

Cr Tang said Bentleigh West was also awarded for its 'water wise' curriculum, which included participation in *Water — Learn It! Love It!*, *Waterwatch*, the *Sustainables Challenge* and the *HydroShare Project*.

"Bentleigh West has also hosted a series of green living forums, providing the community with an opportunity to gain an insight on sustainable living," Cr Tang said.

"The three workshops, which were funded through Council's 2007-08 Community Grants Program, focused on water and sustainable gardening, energy and sustainable building and the three R's — reduce, recycle and re-use." ■



Bentleigh West Primary School students and Sustainability Co-ordinator Leonie Brown.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

## Conserving water and energy in Glen Eira

**W**ith the current drought, water restrictions and the focus on climate change, it is timely for Glen Eira City Council to provide the community with an update on how we are enhancing the quality of the City's environment.

Council has undertaken a range of initiatives to improve environmental performance, including the following:

### Conserving resources at Town Hall

Council implemented a number of water conservation measures at Town Hall in an effort to reduce water usage throughout its operations, including:

- installation of waterless urinals or microbial technologies to reduce water usage in male toilets;
- installation of flow restrictors to all taps within the building; and
- replacement of current dual flush cisterns with lower use dual flush cisterns.

Council's Buildings and Properties Department has also continued a range of power saving initiatives throughout the year. These include:

- switchboard replacement program to many Council buildings;
- a trial of sensor lights in the Town Hall

to some meeting rooms and public toilets. This trial has proved successful with positive feedback from occupants and additional areas now scheduled for conversion to sensor light technology;

- installation of timer switches to many high consumption appliances such as toasters and zip boil units to save power when not in use; and
- the installation of new compact fluorescent light fittings. These save 35-40 per cent of power with Council's own testing having substantiated the manufacturers' claims.

### Conserving park water usage

Council implemented a range of water saving measures throughout the year to help manage the City's open spaces and street trees during the ongoing drought.

Council's three bores at Caulfield Park, Lord Reserve and Bailey Reserve were all operational and being utilised to water at risk and park trees. Automatic drip irrigation systems — which save around 30 per cent of water usage compared to conventional systems — were installed at six garden beds within the municipality. Other garden bed watering was limited to hand watering.

More than 5,000 cubic metres of recycled tree pruning mulch was used to heavily mulch trees and

garden beds throughout the City and drought-tolerant species were planted throughout the City.

### Showers and cisterns

Commencing in October 2007, Council implemented a water saving program in the municipality's aged care facilities, childcare centres and sporting pavilions.

Completed in April 2008, a total of 504 showers have been converted to three-star, water-efficient showerheads. Once the conversion is completed, it's estimated more than one million litres of water will be saved every year.

The program also converted 568 toilet cisterns to provide dual flush options, with the potential to reduce water use by six litres per flush. More than six million litres of water are expected to be saved each year when the conversion is complete.

### Showerhead Exchange Program

In partnership with South East Water, Council is offering residents AAA-rated showerheads in exchange for old showerheads. More than 3,300 showerheads have been exchanged since the Program commenced in April 2007 — a move which is estimated to be reducing household water use by 64 million litres a year. ■

## You can recycle more than you think

**G**len Eira residents are reminded that the recycling industry is now accepting a much larger range of materials for recycling.

Council's Manager Waste Management Doug Griffiths said residents can help by ensuring all recyclable materials are placed in bins with yellow lids.

"Council's 2008-09 Recycling and Green Waste Guide, the sticker under the lid of your recycling bin and Council's website has a list of accepted materials," Mr Griffiths said.

"These materials include glass bottles and jars; aluminium and steel cans; aerosols and clean foil; milk and juice cartons; crushed cardboard boxes; envelopes; office paper and newspapers; and all plastic containers with the plastic codes one, two, three, four, five, six and seven." ■

## 2008-09 recycling and green waste guide

**G**len Eira City Council's new *2008-09 Recycling and Green Waste Guide* has been delivered to residents.

The *Guide* is divided into eight, colour-coded sections and covers all you need to know about Council's waste and recycling services, including:

- garbage collection and bin placement;
- recycling;
- dates for hard and bundled branch collections;
- Council's green waste collection service;
- street sweeping schedule; and
- tipping, compost bins and worm farms.

There is also an A-Z guide on waste and recycling.

If you did not receive a copy of the *2008-09 Recycling and Green Waste Guide*, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333. ■



# Community Safety Month activities

As part of *Community Safety Month* in October, Glen Eira City Council is organising a number of workshops and events to highlight safety and improve the health and wellbeing of the Glen Eira community.

All events will be held at Glen Eira Town Hall and include:

- *Wiser Driver* courses;
- a positive ageing information session for seniors — presented by Council on the Ageing Victoria;
- vehicle child restraint checks;

- safe disposal of unwanted medicines;
- *4 Steps for Life* CPR sessions;
- responsible serving of alcohol training; and
- a promoting mental wellbeing seminar.

An information booth will also be on display at Council's Services Centre throughout October.

For further information, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 or visit [www.gleneira.vic.gov.au](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au) and look under the Council and Community section.

# Mental health seminar

Glen Eira City Council will host a mental health seminar on Thursday 11 September.

To be held at Glen Eira Town Hall, the seminar will benefit people who are living with, or caring for someone, with mental health issues. People who are interested in the topic of mental health are also welcome to attend.

The seminar will be presented by GROW Victoria — a not-for-profit organisation, working towards mental health through help and a 12-step program of recovery.

The guest speaker, Psychiatrist Dr Peter Farnbach, will address attendees on bipolar disorder, while highly acclaimed author Graeme Cowan will launch his new book *Back from the Brink Too*.

A light supper will be provided. Disability access and parking available.

Places are limited and bookings by Monday 8 September are essential.

To book your place, or for further information, contact Council's Service on 9524 3333.

## YOUTH NEWS

# Glen Eira Youth Services update

### Young Women's Program

The *Young Women's Program* provides young women with education and support around issues such as self-esteem, bullying and health.

The *Program* has been so successful and well received that Glen Eira City Council Youth Services has adapted the format to enable Grade Six girls to participate.

The adapted program, which was held recently at St Peter's Primary School, Bentleigh East, is seen as a valuable addition to the work schools do in preparing Grade Six girls for the transition into secondary school.

### Get Into It

*Get Into It* is a recreational support program for young women. It has been enthusiastically received, with participants registering their interest and filling the program within the first week of advertising.

*Get Into It* aims to provide young women with the opportunity to 'taste test' different sports they otherwise wouldn't have access to in a safe, supportive and encouraging atmosphere. Participants have the chance to make new friends and build a relationship with youth workers that can provide information and support on a variety of matters.

### Youth Consultative Group

The new Youth Consultative Group (YCG) recently completed their Event Management Training through Monash Short Courses. The dynamic youth group is exploring options and will be planning events for young people in Glen Eira over the coming months.

Joining the YCG is a valuable way for young people to get involved in their local community, provide a

voice for their peers and ensure youth services remain aware of the needs of young people.

### Youth worker support

Glen Eira Youth Services continues to remain active in understanding and meeting the needs of the community. Our friendly youth workers are available to provide information, support

and referral services on a variety of youth-related topics.

Whether you are seeking information for yourself, a friend or a young person, please do not hesitate to contact us.

For further information on any of Glen Eira Youth Services programs, information sessions and workshops, contact 9579 7963 or email [youthservices@gleneira.vic.gov.au](mailto:youthservices@gleneira.vic.gov.au)

### Youth Info Centre



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# Volunteer Co-ordinator for Senior Citizens Register

The Glen Eira Police Senior Citizens Register now has a full-time Police Volunteer Co-ordinator and Liaison Officer.

Senior Constable Susan Radchenko has taken on this new role in the Proactive Policing Unit for Glen Eira Police and is available to come and speak to any community groups about the Register.

If you have any queries or would like to register or become a volunteer, contact Susan on 9564 7537.

### VENUES FOR HIRE



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

Then why not consider hiring one of Glen Eira City Council facilities as the venue.

Facilities range in size, are clean and comfortable and are located throughout the City. You can even hire one off the rotundas in one of the City's parks for your special event.

For a free brochure or further information contact the Facilities Booking Officer on 9524 3333, email [recservices@gleneira.vic.gov.au](mailto:recservices@gleneira.vic.gov.au) or visit [www.gleneira.vic.gov.au](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au)





Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

**Муниципалитет требует разделения уровней дорог**

Муниципалитет требует разделения уровней дорог на железнодорожной линии Dandenong.

В настоящее время эта железнодорожная линия пересекает Poath Road (район Hughesdale), Murrumbeena Road (район Murrumbeena) и Koornang Road (район Carnegie) и является причиной заторов в движении на этих дорогах.

Мэр Glen Eira г-н Steven Tang отметил, что железнодорожная линия Dandenong фактически разделяет дороги Poath, Murrumbeena и Koornang на две части – северную и южную.

“Лучше всего это видно на примере района Carnegie, где к северу от железной дороги, на Dandenong Road, строится крупный торговый центр,” сказал г-н Tang.

“Железная дорога затрудняет доступ к южной части района.”

“Пока не произойдет разделения уровней автомобильной и железной дорог, заторы в движении будут продолжаться и район Carnegie не сможет реализовать свой потенциал.”

Г-н Tang отметил, что муниципалитет высказал свое мнение по поводу разделения уровней дорог после появления отчета, подготовленного по результатам исследования, проведенного под руководством Rod Eddington. В отчете, который называется *Investing in Transport* (Транспортные инвестиции), рекомендуется сооружение 17 км железнодорожного туннеля, соединяющего станцию Caulfield с западными районами, прилегающими к Сити.

“Мы поддерживаем рекомендации отчета в том смысле, что этот туннель улучшил бы эффективность общественного транспорта,” сказал г-н Tang.

“Туннель и третий железнодорожный путь в район Dandenong, о котором говорится в последнее время, увеличили бы пропускную способность линий, идущих к станции Caulfield,

на 40 000 пассажиров в час.”

“Но увеличение объема железнодорожного сообщения тем более потребует разделения уровней дорог, чтобы избежать заторов в местах пересечения железнодорожной линии с автодорогами.”

**市政府呼籲鐵道與公路隔離**

市政府正在呼籲將丹迪農火車線的鐵道與公路隔離開來。

現有的火車線途經 Hughesdale (Poath Road)、Murrumbeena (Murrumbeena Road) 和 Carnegie (Koornang Road) 等幾個商業中心在與公路相交處造成了相當嚴重的交通阻塞。

Glen Eira 市長 Steven Tang 先生說，丹迪農火車線實際上分隔了 Poath Road、Murrumbeena Road 和 Koornang Road 等處的商業中心，把它們隔成鐵道南、北兩個部分。

Tang 市長說：“這在 Carnegie 最明顯，那裡在丹迪農火車線北邊正興建一個大型零售發展項目。”

“而鐵道阻礙了人們前去鐵道南邊的購物中心。”

“如果不設公路與鐵道立交而讓鐵道口如此存在下去，交通阻塞現象將愈加嚴重，Carnegie 也將無法發揮它的潛力。”

Tang 市長繼續說，市政府是繼 Rod Eddington 爵士的《投資與交通》報告之後發表設立鐵道立交意見的，該報告建議新建一條長十七公里的隧道連通 Caulfield 火車站與墨爾本內西區。

Tang 市長說：“這條隧道將可提供更好的公共交通，為此我們堅決支持。”

“隧道和議論中的通往丹迪農的第三條火車線一起可使 Caulfield 火車站的乘客量每小時增加四萬。”

“除非我們通過分隔鐵道與公路來緩解鐵道與交通要道相交處的矛盾和堵車現象，否則額外的鐵路交通會引起人們的擔憂。”

**Ο Δήμος ζητεί διαχωρισμό επιπέδων**

Ο Δήμος ζητεί τον διαχωρισμό επιπέδων στην γραμμή του Dandenong.

Η υπάρχουσα τρενογραμμή προκαλεί αρκετή διακοπή με τον συνωστισμό που περνάει σε επίπεδο μέσω των κέντρων του Hughesdale (Poath Road), Murrumbeena (Murrumbeena Road) και Carnegie (Koornang Road).

Ο Δήμαρχος της Glen Eira Στίβεν Τανγκ είπε ότι η τρενογραμμή του Dandenong στην ουσία τεμαχίζει τα κέντρα των οδών Poath, Murrumbeena και Koornang, χωρίζοντάς τα σε βόρεια και νότια της τρενογραμμής

“Αυτό φαίνεται καλύτερα στο Carnegie, όπου επί του παρόντος ανοικοδομείται μεγάλο εμπορικό κέντρο βόρεια της τρενογραμμής της Dandenong Road,” είπε ο κ. Τανγκ.

“Η τρενογραμμή εμποδίζει την πρόσβαση στο κέντρο της αγοράς νότια της γραμμής.

“Χωρίς διαχωρισμό -- επιπέδων σιδηροδρομικής και -- οδικής διασταύρωσης οπότε ο δρόμος να περνάει πάνω από την τρενογραμμή ή

τανάπαλιν, θα συνεχιστούν οι συγκοινωνιακές συμφορήσεις και το Carnegie δεν θα δυναθεί να φτάσει την προοπτική του.”

Τα σχόλια του Δημάρχου Τανγκ για τον διαχωρισμό επιπέδων έγιναν μετά την δημοσίευση της έκθεσης του Sir Rod Eddington – *Επενδύοντας στην συγκοινωνία* – η οποία προτείνει σιδηροδρομική σήραγγα 17 χιλιομέτρων που να ενώνει τον Σταθμό του Caulfield με τα εσωτερικά δυτικά προάστια.

“Όσο η σήραγγα παρέχει καλύτερη δημόσια συγκοινωνία, η έκθεση στηρίζεται,” είπε ο Δήμαρχος Τανγκ.

“Η σήραγγα και η εν συζητήσει Τρίτη γραμμή για το Dandenong συνδυάζονται για να αυξήσουν την ικανότητα μεταφοράς περίπου 40.000 επιβατών την ώρα σε τροφοδοτικές γραμμές προς τον Σταθμό του Caulfield.

“Είναι η αυξημένη σιδηροδρομική κίνηση που είναι η αιτία ανησυχίας εκτός και αν ο επίπεδος διαχωρισμός γίνει για να μειώσει την συμφόρηση όπου η τρενογραμμή διασταυρώνει κύριους δρόμους.”

**Il Comune propone la separazione di livelli**

Il Consiglio comunale avanza una proposta di separazione di livelli di percorrenza per la linea ferroviaria di Dandenong.

L'esistente linea ferroviaria arrea considerevole intralcio causando congestione del traffico laddove attraversa i centri di Hughesdale (Poath Road), Murrumbeena (Murrumbeena Road) e Carnegie (Koornang Road).

Il sindaco di Glen Eira, Cons. Steven Tang, ha affermato che la linea ferroviaria di Dandenong costituisce effettivamente causa di frattura per i centri stradali di Poath, Murrumbeena e Koornang, che vengono divisi a nord e sud della linea ferrata.

“Lo si evidenzia meglio a Carnegie, dove è attualmente in costruzione un grande centro commerciale a nord della linea ferroviaria sulla Dandenong Road,” ha ribadito il Cons. Tang.

“La linea ferroviaria impedisce l'accesso all'interno dell'area sud della linea stessa.

“Senza la separazione dei livelli di percorrenza all'incrocio tra la linea ferroviaria e la strada, permettendo alla strada di passare sopra la linea ferroviaria o viceversa, continueranno a verificarsi lunghi ritardi a causa del traffico congestionato e ciò impedirà a Carnegie di conseguire il massimo della propria potenzialità.”

Il Cons. Tang ha affermato che il Consiglio comunale si è espresso a riguardo della separazione dei livelli di percorrenza a seguito della pubblicazione della relazione di Sir Rod Eddington – *Investing in Transport* – nella quale si raccomanda la costruzione di un nuovo tunnel ferroviario di 17 km. che colleghi la stazione di Caulfield ai quartieri più interni della zona ovest.

“La relazione sarà vigorosamente sostenuta in quanto il tunnel costituisce un miglioramento per i trasporti pubblici” ha aggiunto il Cons.Tang.

“Il tunnel e la proposta terza linea ferrata per Dandenong si combineranno per incrementare la capacità a circa 40.000 passeggeri all'ora sui raccordi per la stazione di Caulfield.

“È il traffico ferroviario in aggiunta a costituire causa di preoccupazione se non si attuerà una separazione di livelli di percorrenza allo scopo di ridurre conflitti e congestione laddove la linea ferroviaria incrocia le maggiori arterie stradali”.

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**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.

**Recent consultation opportunities**

Subject	Type	Date
Draft Environmental Sustainability Strategy	Comments and submissions	Closed 11 August
Proposed amendment to Glen Eira Local Law 2000 — alcohol free zone at Caulfield Racecourse	Comments and submissions	Closed 14 August
Councillors' Code of Conduct	Comments and submissions	Closed 18 August
Proposed redevelopment of independent living units at 3-5 Station Avenue, McKinnon	Comments and submissions	Closed 26 August

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

# Tennis for all at Kings Park

**K**ings Park Tennis Club is hosting tennis clinics for young people with a disability.

Held every Sunday during the school term from 11am to 12pm, the *Tennis for All* program caters for people with a disability willing to learn and try tennis.

The program is designed to teach basic skills, learn how to play and score a game. It is hoped that by learning these skills, attendees will be able to play either socially or competitively.

The program first started when the Club's coach Colin Price was



Kings Park Tennis Club hosted a successful tennis session as part of Glen Eira City Council's recreation respite program during the July school holidays.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

approached by a family friend, asking him if he could coach their child with a disability.

Colin told the *Glen Eira News* that the weekly program currently caters for around six participants.

"However, we would love to see more people with a disability come down and try out this great game," Colin said.

Colin and his wife Lyn have been coaching tennis at the club for 33 years and both really enjoy seeing people with a disability learn and develop their skills in tennis.

"Whilst the program is a great way of introducing new players to the wonderful game of tennis, it also teaches them life skills which can be used in other areas of their lives," Colin said.

"Tennis is also a great way to help people with their hand eye co-ordination and fine motor skills."

Colin and Lyn welcome new participants to come down and join in the fun on Sundays.

Cost is \$10 per session. Kings Park Tennis Club is located at King George VI Memorial Park, 70 East Boundary Road, Bentleigh East (Mel Ref: 77 J3).

For further information, contact Colin or Lyn Price 0414 584 991.

For further information on other disability recreation options, contact Access Unlimited Recreation Access Officer Paul Holtschke on 8290 1185.

# Playgrounds offer hours of springtime fun

**G**len Eira residents are fortunate to have some of the best playgrounds in Melbourne in their local park.

Playgrounds offer hours of fun for free and can be combined with a picnic or barbecue to make a great day out. Many of Glen Eira's playgrounds are the centrepieces of parks.

They are bright and colourful, instantly appealing to children, and in many cases, are individually designed.

Here is a selection of some of the top 14 playgrounds in Glen Eira — but maybe that's a choice for some of our younger residents.

## Bentleigh

- Bentleigh Hodgson Reserve — Higgins Road, Bentleigh (Mel Ref: 77 F1);
- Halley Park — Jasper Road, Bentleigh (Mel Ref: 77 E3);

## Bentleigh East

- Annie and Arthur Abrahams Reserve — Anarth Street, Bentleigh East (Mel Ref: 69 B10);
- Centenary Park — Bignell Road, Bentleigh East (Mel Ref: 78 B3);

## Carnegie

- Carnegie Library Playspace — Shepparson Avenue, Carnegie (Mel Ref: 68 J4);

- Packer Park — Leila Road, Carnegie (Mel Ref: 68 J8);

## Caulfield

- Caulfield Park — Balaclava Road, Caulfield (Mel Ref: 59 C12);

## Elsternwick

- Harleston Park — Seymour and Allison Roads, Elsternwick (Mel Ref: 67 H2);

## Gardenvale

- Gardenvale Park — Corner Elster Avenue and Gardenia Road, Gardenvale (Mel Ref: 67 H7);

## Glen Huntly

- Garden Avenue Park — Garden Avenue, Glen Huntly (Mel Ref: 68 F6);

## McKinnon

- McKinnon Reserve — McKinnon Road, McKinnon (Mel Ref: 68 G11);

## Murrumbeena

- Murrumbeena Park — Kangaroo Road, Murrumbeena (Mel Ref: 69 B7);

## Ormond

- Joyce Park — Jasper Road, Ormond (Mel Ref: 68 F9); and

## St Kilda East

- Greenmeadows Gardens — Green Street, St Kilda East (Mel Ref: 58 G12).



Playground at Annie and Arthur Abrahams Reserve in Bentleigh East.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

# Walking in Glen Eira

**H**ave you ever wanted to explore enchanting Elsternwick or Murrumbeena's open country? These walks are just a few of the great Glen Eira walks available for all residents to explore across the City.

Glen Eira City Council's *Walking in Glen Eira* series of brochures has nine self-guided walks and a walking tricks and tips brochure to ensure your walking experience is a safe and positive one.

The brochures are also full of interesting facts about the municipality.

Did you know that the McKinnon Hotel was formerly known as the Gardener's Arms Hotel and one of the earliest renters was James Bent — the father of Thomas Bent after whom the suburb of Bentleigh was named? Are you aware that the first person to be buried in Brighton Cemetery was John Alexander on

21 September 1855 or that the first AV Jennings housing estate was built in 1933 in Hillcrest Avenue, Caulfield South?

These and many other interesting facts can be found in this brochure series. The walks are generally about five or six kilometres long and are generally classed as easy walks.

Each brochure has an overview of the walk followed by detailed information and a map.

So this spring, why not become more active and obtain your free set of *Walking in Glen Eira* brochures and discover Glen Eira's interesting past.

For your free copy, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

# Finals fever hits Glen Eira this September

Yes, it's that time of the year again — September finals fever — when local sporting champions battle it out to become Premiers of their selected sports. Many sporting clubs throughout Glen Eira have trained all season to reach this time of year and they need all the support they can get to make their finals dreams come true.

So don't just sit on the bench. Get down to your local sportsground and support your team to victory.

# Victorian Seniors Festival 2008 — be inspired at the library

Glen Eira City Council's four library branches are pleased to be a part of the *Victorian Seniors Festival 2008* and invite all senior residents to join in the following free library events.

## Knowledge Galore — cooking for me

**Thursday 2 October**

**11am–12.30pm**

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

Once the children have left home it can be a challenge to cook interesting, healthy meals using fresh ingredients for one or two people.

The Casual Chef will give you cooking tips and recipe ideas. He will also give advice on planning your shopping, time management in the kitchen and how to prepare a healthy pantry. There is no actual cooking or tasting during the talk, but participants will receive recipes plus shopping lists and other useful handouts.

Bookings are required and can be made at any Glen Eira Library or by phoning 9524 3623.

## We're Grand — stories to enjoy with Grandparents

*We're Grand Storytimes* is the perfect event enabling grandparents, parents and young children to come together and share stories that connect the generations.

*We're Grand Storytimes* will be held at the following locations:

### Bentleigh Library

Monday 6 October — 2pm  
Thursday 9 October — 11am  
161 Jasper Road, Bentleigh  
Phone: 9557 8278

### Caulfield Library

Tuesday 7 October — 11am  
Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads,  
Caulfield  
Phone: 9524 3623

### Carnegie Library

Wednesday 8 October — 11am  
Friday 10 October — 11am  
7 Shepparson Avenue, Carnegie.  
Phone: 9563 0971

### Elsternwick Library

Wednesday 8 October — 11am  
4 Staniland Grove, Elsternwick  
Phone: 9532 9321

No bookings are required.

For details about other *Victorian Seniors Festival 2008* events, please turn to page four of this edition of the *Glen Eira News*.

## Saturday Shakers — Rhythm Antics

**Saturday 13 September**

**2pm–3pm**

**Carnegie Library and Community  
Centre, Boyd Room, level one,  
7 Shepparson Avenue, Carnegie**

*Rhythm Antics* is an action packed percussion show which introduces children to the rhythms from West Africa, the Middle East, South America, indigenous Australia and contemporary pop.

This interactive, fun packed show is for school age children and no bookings are required. There will be the opportunity for children to join in the music.



*Rhythm Antics* will beat out the music at Saturday Shakers.

## Borrow for the chance to win

Senior residents who borrow from any Glen Eira Library between 5 October and 12 October can enter the draw for the chance to win a talking book on cassette. There is a wide list of titles to be won including popular fiction, romance, murder mystery and classics.

# Holiday Mania — 22 September to 3 October

A program filled with fun events has been organised for the school holidays.

Tickets will be available for purchase on Saturday 6 September and Sunday 7 September between the hours of 12pm and 2pm. Ticket sales continue from Monday 8 September during library opening hours.

There are limited places so don't forget to book early.

For further information, contact 9524 3623.

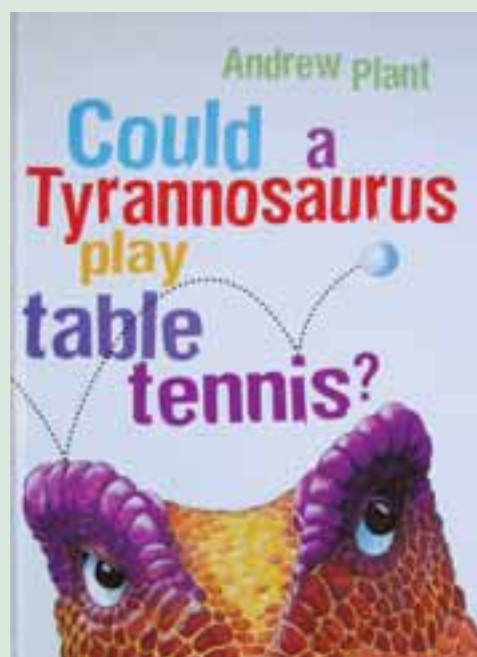
**Please note:** As the events are age specific, Council reminds parents to only book in children of the advertised age.

## Dino Designs

**Tuesday 23 September**

**10.30am–11.30am and 1pm–2pm**  
**Elsternwick Library,  
4 Staniland Grove, Elsternwick**

Join zoologist, author and illustrator of more than 130 books, Andrew Plant, for a creative and fun workshop. Learn interesting facts about dinosaurs then have fun creating your own dino drawings. Tickets are \$6 and the workshop is suitable for children eight years and over.



Author and illustrator Andrew Plant will be part of *Holiday Mania* at Elsternwick Library.

## The Bubbles Plus Show

**Wednesday 24 September**

**11am–12pm**  
**Bentleigh Library,  
161 Jasper Road, Bentleigh**

Join TimTim for a show full of giant bubbles, balloons, magic, comedy, juggling, rocket balloons and more.

Tickets are \$6 and the show is suitable for children of all ages.

## Bollywood Moves

**Wednesday 1 October**

**1pm–2pm and 2.30pm–3.30pm**  
**Carnegie Library and Community  
Centre**  
**Boyd Room, level one,  
7 Shepparson Avenue, Carnegie**

Learn the step-by-step moves for Bollywood dancing — a fun and expressive combination of classical Indian dance and folk dancing with a Latino and Arabic influence. Tickets are \$6 and the session is suitable for children five years and over.

## Dinosaur Digs

**Thursday 2 October**

**10.30am–11.30**  
**Caulfield Library, Corner Glen Eira  
and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield**

Learn about Velociraptors to T-Rexs in an interactive presentation featuring museum quality items including a life size T-Rex skull. Touch the exhibits and enjoy a range of activities including a fossil dig — you may find your own fossil to take home. Tickets are \$6 and the presentation is suitable for children five years and over.

## Dino Storytime

*Storytime* sessions will be full of dinosaur tales to captivate preschool children during the holidays. For further information, check your local library branch and don't forget to collect a *Could a dinosaurs play table tennis?* colouring sheet by Andrew Plant for your chance to win a \$40 book voucher.



TimTim promises lots of fun at Bentleigh Library.

## 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**

## 2008 SILK CUT AWARDS FOR LINO CUT PRINTS

Viewing from 6pm on Friday 5 September until 5pm on Sunday 21 September



2006 Silk Cut prize winner:  
 Rona Green — *Dally Boy*.

The *Silk Cut Award for Linocut Prints* and exhibition is an exciting and unique exhibition of the best in contemporary printmaking.

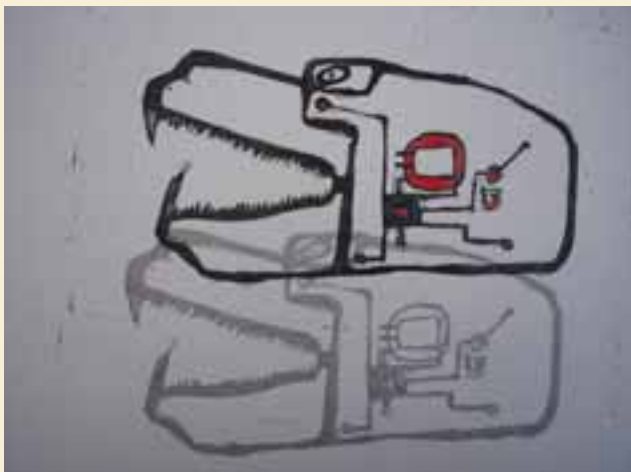
The exhibition opens at 6pm on Friday 5 September, with the announcement of winners in both the open and student sections.

The high quality of the entries has made this year's *Award* a very difficult one to judge.

Past winners of the *Award* have included prominent printmakers such as Belinda Fox, Deborah Klein, Angela Cavalieri, Heather Shimmen and Marieke Dench. As the only award specific to linocut printmakers, it attracts artists from throughout Australia and now represents one of the broadest samples of technically refined and conceptually engaged printmaking.

Unique to the *Award* is the student section, which is open to school students aged 18 years and under. The quality of past winners and this year's entrants goes a long way toward guaranteeing a strong future for Australian printmaking. In addition to giving us an insight of what is yet to come, the collaborative works show the dedication of, and guidance provided by, visual arts teachers in Australian schools.

The *Silk Cut Award for Linocut Awards*, which has been running since 1995, is a project of Duroloid,



2008 Silk Cut entry by Caulfield South Primary School Grade Five student Aron Murray.

a linoleum wholesaler, in association with Forbo. Winning entries and works purchased by Duroloid from the awards will form part of a donation to the National Gallery of Australia. A significant gift of 70 works of Australian printmaking from the Silk Cut Foundation has already been made to the gallery, ensuring that Australians can enjoy high quality linocut art for generations to come.

## ONE ARTIST, THREE VOICES — AN EXHIBITION BY TONY SMIBERT

Viewing from 10am on Wednesday 24 September until 5pm on Sunday 5 October

Tony Smibert creates unusual art, drawing together his interest in the watercolours of JMW Turner, his life-long study of Aikido — Japanese martial art — and a love of the minimalist gestures of abstract expressionism.

Mr Smibert's aesthetic philosophy is based on capturing that fleeting moment which unifies the separate forces expressed in Zen philosophy — earth, sky and man.

His artwork demonstrates a masterly evocation of rich molten atmospheres of climatic and earthly energies and a sense of compositional harmony.



*Life on Earth* — Tony Smibert.

Mr Smibert is currently researching the materials and methods of master watercolourist JMW Turner at the Tate Gallery, London.

*One artist, three voices — an exhibition by Tony Smibert* is presented by Jenny Pihan Fine Art and will be officially opened on Tuesday 23 September at 6.30pm.

## HELLO DARKNESS: THE ART OF LOUISE HEARMAN

Viewing from 6pm on Wednesday 8 October to 5pm on Sunday 3 November

Glen Eira City Council is proud to announce the first survey exhibition of renowned Melbourne artist Louise Hearman. For 25 years, Ms Hearman has been creating dreamlike visions imbued with dark and haunting undercurrents. Painted in a virtuoso technique, her subjects include empty suburban roads running through illuminated trees, spectral figures floating on ink-black grounds, disembodied heads smiling enigmatically at the viewer and landscapes frozen in baleful light.

Almost as soon as she graduated from art school, Ms Hearman garnered rave reviews and passionate supporters drawn to her dystopian views of a world plunged into darkness. Precociously talented, she has been drawing since she could remember.



*Untitled 666* — 1998, oil on composition board.

Ms Hearman came to public attention with her large landscape paintings that fitted the dome shaped space of the then Mission to Seamen's building. Painted over 12 months, the exhibition was launched in the light of hundreds of candles by candlelight. The audacity and sheer scale of the project caught people's imagination.

An exhibition that surveys the work of a Victorian artist of national significance is an important centrepiece of Glen Eira City Council's annual Gallery program.

*Hello Darkness: the art of Louise Hearman* provides the Glen Eira community with a rare and special insight into the development of ideas and themes in the artist's work over an extended period.

A highlight of the exhibition calendar year, *Hello Darkness: the art of Louise Hearman* will feature more than 80 individual pieces, drawn from prestigious collections such as the TarraWarra Museum of Art, Ian Potter Museum of Art and the University of Tasmania collection, as well as numerous private collections.

*Hello Darkness: the art of Louise Hearman* is an exhibition of the highest quality. Evocative, strange, disquieting and completely inexplicable, this is not an easy show, but it is intriguing and compelling. ■



*Untitled 838* — 2001, oil on composition board.

# 2008 music series starts next month

Spring celebrations kick off early next month with an exciting series of free, small unplugged concerts. The *2008 Springtime Music Series* will offer an exciting and diverse range of music including jazz, blues, flamenco, pop and gospel.

All concerts will be held from 2pm to 4pm at the following locations:

**Monsieur Christophe**  
**Sunday 12 October**  
 Harleston Park — Seymour and Allison Roads, Elsternwick (Mel Ref: 67 H2)

*Monsieur Christophe* is a three-piece band comprising of vocals, the saxophone, double bass and the accordion. The repertoire will include French-Musette classics like *C'est Si Bon* and *Under Paris Sky* and many more well-known French and jazz tunes. Band leader Christophe Genoux is an accomplished musician — he plays saxophone, clarinet, flute and piano. He is also a singer, a composer of jazz music and has released four albums.



Christophe Genoux.

## Local craft artists — we want you

**Party in the Park** at Allnutt Park has become a much loved neighbourhood festival.

The event, which features great music and family activities, is looking for Glen Eira based craft artists who may be interested in having a table in a small market-like environment.

So if you make traditional or contemporary craft art with your own hands and live or work in Glen Eira then we are interested in hearing from you.

It is free to participate but places are limited and subject to approval.

For further information and an application form, contact Nick Compton from Council's Arts and Culture Department on 9524 3333. ■

**Jugularity**  
**Sunday 19 October**  
 Caulfield Park — Corner Hawthorn and Balaclava Roads, Caulfield (Mel Ref: 59 B12)

*Jugularity* plays an energetic mix of folk, jazz, blues, lounge, rap and gypsy music in a comedy-cabaret style.

**Domenic Chipperfield Trio**  
**Sunday 26 October**  
 Allnutt Park — Wheatley Road, Bentleigh (Mel Ref: 68 C11)

Domenic has performed at many venues and festivals including the *Womad* and *Adelaide Fringe Festival*. Modern flamenco is heavily influenced by classical and jazz and the performance by the *Domenic Chipperfield Trio* reflects this.

**The Mud Cakes**  
**Sunday 2 November**  
 Carnegie Library and Community Centre — 7 Shepperson Avenue, Carnegie (Mel Ref: 68 J4)

Sherry and Rich Plant present original

sing-a-long children's music that adults will enjoy too.

**TLC**  
**Sunday 9 November**  
 Halley Park — Corner Jasper Road and Mortimore Street, Bentleigh (Mel Ref: 77 E3)

Two guitarists and singers with strong harmonies, *TLC* will perform a repertoire of songs ranging from retro, swing, blues and modern, catering to a wide audience.

**Dan Cassey**  
**Sunday 16 November**  
 Springthorpe Gardens — Corner Neerim Road and Tuckett Street, Murrumbeena (Mel Ref: 69 B5)

A young singer and guitarist from Elsternwick, Dan Cassey will perform music from Jeff Buckley to Edith Piaf and Judy Garland.

**Angels of Harlem**  
**Sunday 23 November**  
 Joyce Park — Jasper Road, Ormond (Mel Ref: 68 F9)



Dan Cassey.

*Angels of Harlem* is a fresh approach to the genre of gospel. Talented male and female vocalists perform modernised gospel songs as heard in the *Sister Act* movies.

For further information about the *2008 Springtime Music Series*, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333. ■

## Celebration of literary talent

A celebration of local literary talent was held at Glen Eira Town Hall on Thursday 21 August, with the announcement of the *2008 My Brother Jack Literary Awards* prize winners.

Local writers, friends, family, sponsors and Councillors enjoyed an evening of poetry, short stories and clever, creative writing.

Glen Eira City Council would like to thank everyone who entered this year's *Awards* and congratulates the following prize winners.

### Baha'i Junior Poetry and Lyric Writing Award

First prize — Cecile Knights for her poem *Tiny Planets of Light*. In her judge notes, Ms Murray remarked that the piece was written in *free verse* (and) *contains both beautiful metaphors and powerful ideas*.

Second prize — Adam Weitzer for *The Chatter Cycle*.

### Baha'i Junior Short Story Award

First prize — Alicia Barker for her story *Home*. Judge Kirsty Murray praised the story as *original and evocative* and said that the story *juxtaposes the mundane and the extraordinary to create a vivid*

*work of magical-realism*.

Second prize — Lauren Mitchell for *Behind the Break*, which Ms Murray said was a *satisfying and well-structured story*.

### Eastend Booksellers Poetry Award and Youth Poetry and Lyric Writing Awards

In judging these two categories, Claire Gaskin said *a poem is at its best when the poem has become more important than the poet and even more important than what the poet has to say*.

Ms Gaskin announced Ralph Genende as the first prize winner of the Eastend Booksellers Poetry Award for his poem *On a Visit to Jerusalem* and Sarah Chapman for her poem *The Truth* in the Youth Poetry and Lyric Writing category.

### Youth Short Story Award and Sunflower Bookshop Short Story Award

Writer Paddy O'Rielly judged the short stories in both the youth and adult categories. She noted that the winning stories were *finely and closely crafted* — stories that combined art and craft.

The key components of this craft she noted was *the shaping of sentences, the*

*ruthless culling of clichés and overused phrases, the careful placement of images that carry the story rather than detract from it*.

Ms O'Reilly announced Kirstin McKenzie the first prize winner of the Youth Short Story Award for her story *The Forest God*, a dark story with a *light touch that lures the reader through to a beautifully realised end*.

Vivienne Christie's *Things We Can't Tell*, which is about a girl who has been silenced by what she is not allowed to say, was awarded first prize in the Sunflower Bookshop Short Story category.

Illura Press will be publishing this story in their journal, *Etchings*.

Council would like to thank Eastend Booksellers, the Baha'i Community of Glen Eira, Sunflower Bookshop and Illura Press for their sponsorship of the *2008 My Brother Jack Literary Festival*. ■

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## Glen Eira Women's Business Network — The Communication GAP: The Making or Breaking of any Business

**A**re you getting the best possible deal from your suppliers? Are you attracting new customers and maintaining the loyalty of existing ones? Do you really know what your clients want and what they think of your products or service?

In difficult economic times, it's imperative that businesses find effective ways to maintain mutually beneficial relationships with existing customers and suppliers who have helped make your business what it is. However, it is also important they attract new business so they can continue to grow.

An interactive seminar titled *The Communication GAP: The Making or Breaking of any Business* will help you to develop strategies on how to engage in effective communication with your key stakeholders to improve your business outcomes.

To be presented by Associate Director at Phalanx Resources Pty Ltd Phillip Fernandez, the seminar will help participants learn how to:

- better understand their needs and wants;
- foster new business and support client longevity;

- understand the key to relationship development;
- avoid the pitfalls of communication gaps; and
- improve staff/management communication to foster staff retention.

Mr Fernandez has more than 20 years experience across a variety of senior management appointments, including: National Sales Manager at Schwarzkopf, HR Director at L'Oreal, and State Manager with Revlon Australia.

He has demonstrated success in the area of sales, marketing, human resources and visionary leadership. Mr Fernandez is a highly regarded communicator with exceptional negotiation and problem solving abilities and an astute ability to assess client needs.

**When:** Thursday 18 September

**Time:** 7pm–9pm (light supper and networking on arrival)

**Cost:** \$15

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

**RSVP:** Bookings are essential by Monday 15 September. Contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333

## Mentor Partners Program 2008

**E**xpressions of interest are being called for Glen Eira and Kingston City council's 2008 *Mentor Partners Program* September intake.

The *Program* is designed to:

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

Council's Manager Business Development Lynda Bredin said there are many experienced, knowledgeable, community-minded business people, often retired, who would be able to offer their time and support to help local businesses survive, grow and prosper.

"The mentors are not expected to act as formal advisors or consultants, but to provide unbiased, personal opinions based on their own extensive business experience," Ms Bredin said.

"Their role is to provide a reflective opportunity for business owners to explore their own issues and guide them to find their own solutions, while their aim is to leave business more confident and much more trusting of their own voice."

Ms Bredin said that since inception more

than 200 businesses have benefited from the *Program*.

"We currently have 40 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

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.

Mentors cannot provide professional advice such as legal or accounting advice and the program requires they co-sign a confidentiality agreement.

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 and must demonstrate a level of commitment and availability.

There are two intakes per year in April and September. Places are limited so be sure to submit your application as soon as possible.

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

## Calendar of events — What's happening in September

### ATO — Tax basics seminar

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

Presented by the Australian Taxation Office (ATO), the seminar will explore tax issues related to owning and operating a small business, as well as practical tips for your business.

Topics to be discussed include:

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

**When:** Tuesday 2 September

**Time:** 9am–12pm (8.45am registration)

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

**Cost:** Free (includes light refreshments)

**RSVP:** Bookings are essential by Thursday 28 August. Contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333

### Forecasting your cash flow

This workshop will provide businesses with the tools to proactively manage their cash, improve cash management and identify problems early.

The workshop will focus on:

- what is cash flow?;
- why bother forecasting cash flow?;
- how to plan your cash flow forecast;
- design a cash flow forecast;
- what is your forecast telling you?; and
- using your cash flow forecast to grow your business.

The workshop will be presented by Jan Barsed, who has worked in the finance industry, both in Australia and overseas, for more than 20 years.



Jan Barsed.

Ms Barsed has worked in numerous senior finance

positions within a variety of industries, including resources, commodities, manufacturing, retail and financial services.

She specialises in cash flow forecasting and cash flow management and runs a successful consulting business. Ms Barsed has provided assistance to many small-to-medium-size businesses to enable them to manage cash flow crisis and improve accuracy in cash flow forecasting.

**When:** Wednesday 10 September

**Time:** 6.30pm–9pm (6pm registration and networking)

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

**Cost:** \$35

**RSVP:** Bookings are essential by Monday 8 September. Contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333

### ATO — Record keeping workshop

Presented by the Australian Taxation Office (ATO), this workshop is designed to help small business operators understand basic record keeping concepts for their business.

The workshop involves a mixture of hands-on, practical exercises including:

- business transactions records;
- income and sales records;
- expense and purchase records;
- motor vehicle and log books;
- income tax records;
- recording wages;
- Business Activity Statement (BAS);
- record keeping evaluation tool; and
- bank account records.

The workshop will also explore a number of record keeping principles and discuss why it makes sense to keep good records and the types of records businesses may need.

**Please note:** The workshop does not cover commercial accounting software programs.

**When:** Thursday 11 September

**Time:** 9am–1pm (8.45am registration)

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

**Cost:** Free (includes light refreshments)

**RSVP:** Bookings are essential by Monday 8 September. Contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333