

New Council for Glen Eira

Glen Eira's 2008–2012 Council was officially sworn in at a Special Council Meeting on Tuesday 9 December, following the November Council elections.

Twenty six candidates contested seats in the City's three wards — 11 candidates for Tucker Ward, seven candidates for Camden Ward and eight candidates for Rosstown Ward.

Four new Councillors were elected and five former Councillors re-elected to represent the Glen Eira community for the next four years.

The nine elected Councillors for 2008–2012 are:

- Tucker Ward — Cr Nick Staikos, Cr Jamie Hyams and Cr Jim Magee.
- Camden Ward — Cr Frank Penhalluriack, Cr Michael Lipshutz and Cr Helen Whiteside.
- Rosstown Ward — Cr Margaret Esakoff, Cr Steven Tang and Cr Neil Pilling.

During the swearing in ceremony, which was witnessed by family and friends, each Councillor read and signed the Oath of Office and the Councillor's Code of Conduct.

Cr Penhalluriack was overseas and took the Oath of Office before he left.

All 79 Victorian councils held simultaneous elections for the first time, with 321 re-elected Councillors to be joined by 309 new Councillors.

New Council elects Mayor

Cr Helen Whiteside was elected as the 13th Mayor of Glen Eira for 2008–09 at the Special Council Meeting on Tuesday 9 December.

In her first speech as Mayor,



The 2008–2012 Council. Back row (from left) Cr Jim Magee, Cr Jamie Hyams, Cr Nick Staikos, Cr Michael Lipshutz and Cr Neil Pilling. Seated (from left): Cr Margaret Esakoff, Glen Eira Mayor Cr Helen Whiteside and Deputy Mayor Cr Steven Tang. Absent: Cr Frank Penhalluriack.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Cr Whiteside said it was an honour to be elected Mayor.

"I feel privileged and humble to accept this role and appreciate all the support I have received," Cr Whiteside said.

"I take this responsibility seriously and during my term as Mayor will work hard in the interests of all the community."

Cr Whiteside takes over as Mayor from Cr Steven Tang, who was elected as Deputy Mayor.

Further details will be included in the February edition of the *Glen Eira News*.

Council meeting dates for 2009

Council will host its first Council meeting for 2009 on Tuesday 3 February.

Meetings are held in the Council Chamber, Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield at 7.30pm. Meetings are open to the public.

Further information about the elections, Councillors and Council meetings can be viewed at www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

On taking up office, Councillors made the following comments.

TUCKER WARD

Cr Nick Staikos

"It's a privilege to have been re-elected and over the next four years I will continue to work hard for all residents."

Cr Jamie Hyams

"I'm honoured the people of Tucker Ward have given me this opportunity to represent them and look forward to working with all Councillors for our whole community."

Cr Jim Magee

"My sincere thanks to everyone who voted for me. I will work tirelessly to achieve the best results for all Glen Eira residents."

CAMDEN WARD

Cr Michael Lipshutz

"I'm looking forward to four fruitful years, with Council continuing to show leadership and being decisive for the benefit of all residents."

Cr Helen Whiteside

"I thank the community for the confidence shown in me in my re-election as Councillor. I will continue to work hard to the best of my ability."

ROSSTOWN WARD

Cr Margaret Esakoff

"I thank the community for their support, confidence and trust in re-electing me for my third term on Council. I will strive to achieve the very best outcomes for the community."

Cr Steven Tang

"I am honoured to be re-elected and look forward to working with the new Councillor group."

Cr Neil Pilling

"I am enthusiastic and committed to representing our community in an open, accountable and transparent way."

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Working hard for the community

Glen Eira City Council's Recreation Facilities Co-ordinator Belinda Griffiths works hard to ensure all sportsgrounds and facilities are of the highest standard for all residents.

Belinda has been working at Council for 19 months and is responsible for the allocation of sportsgrounds to clubs and community groups and is the main liaison between community groups and Council.

"A typical day for me involves answering all enquiries from sporting clubs, schools and the community regarding Council's sportsground and facilities as well as organising and allocating sportsgrounds to different groups," Belinda told the *Glen Eira News*.

Belinda's passion for her role is evident when she speaks of the partnerships developed with local sporting clubs. She works directly with clubs to assist them achieve their playing and administration goals as quality community clubs.

"The most important issue faced by clubs has been the drought and water restrictions," Belinda said.

"During these hard times, the clubs have

been very co-operative and professional."

Belinda believes the most rewarding part of her job is seeing the community participating in their regular sport and recreation activities.

"Being a part of developing community connectiveness and community health via sport participation and park usage is also rewarding," Belinda said.

Highlights of Belinda's job also include witnessing the completion of major projects and being able to see the community enjoy using the vast array of recreational facilities.

"We are undertaking a number of exciting projects at the moment including the building of a new pavilion in Caulfield Park and resurfacing works in Bentleigh, Glen Huntly and Murrumbeena," Belinda said.

"When you can see the benefits the community is getting from the work we have done, it really feels like your hard work has paid off."

Belinda said she enjoys her role at Council because everyday is different and exciting.

"I look forward to coming to work because not only do I work with a fantastic group of people, but there are always new and challenging projects to deal with," Belinda said.



Belinda works hard to ensure all sportsgrounds and facilities are of the highest standards.
Photo: Shae Henzen.

2009 Council meeting dates

Tuesday 3 February
Tuesday 24 February
Tuesday 17 March
Tuesday 7 April
Tuesday 28 April
Tuesday 19 May
Tuesday 9 June
Tuesday 21 July
Tuesday 11 August
Tuesday 1 September
Tuesday 22 September
Tuesday 13 October
Wednesday 4 November
Tuesday 24 November
Tuesday 15 December

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Coming deadlines

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

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GLEN EIRA CITY COUNCIL

Increase in key age and stage visits

Attendance rates at Glen Eira City Council's Maternal and Child Health Service have increased by 18 per cent during the last financial year. The number of children attending the Service increased from 1,742 to 1,864.

Council's Maternal and Child Health Co-ordinator Jan Roughley said the increase in attendance is due to a number of new initiatives implemented by the Service, including the appointment of an Outreach Maternal and Child Health Nurse.

"Many families have busy lifestyles, particularly if both parents work, and this can make it difficult for them to access the service during business hours," Ms Roughley said.

"It can also be difficult for families to attend if, for example, they have mobility issues, lots of children or have just had a multiple birth.

"Council's Outreach Maternal and Child Health Nurse visits those families who, in some circumstances, can't come to the Maternal Child Health Centre.

"Arrangements are made to see children either in their home, local childcare centre or kindergarten."

Ms Roughley said the Service is able to identify which families to contact via the *Access Query* program, which is maintained by the Maternal and Child Health Service.

"This program assists the Service in contacting families who don't regularly attend one of Council's eight Maternal and Child Health Centres to discuss the importance of the key age and stage assessments and make an appointment to see their child," Ms Roughley said.

Key age and stage visits

During the key age and stage visits, which includes an assessment at the child's home following their discharge from hospital, the nurse assesses the health and development of the child, which includes:

- a general health assessment — this may include heart, lungs, hip stability, vision and hearing;
- growth, including head circumference, length and weight;
- fine motor skills;
- gross motor skills, including crawling and walking;
- speech and language development; and
- advice about breast feeding and sleep and settling issues.

George and Tam of Bentleigh take twins,



Tam and George with children Alex, Sam and Thomas. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Alex and Sam, and three-and-a-half year old Thomas to the Bentleigh Maternal and Child Health Centre for their check ups.

"It is important for children to attend their key age and stage visits to make sure they are developing as expected," George told the *Glen Eira News*.

"It also gives us the opportunity to touch base to make sure everything is normal and there is nothing to be concerned about."

For further information, or to make an appointment, contact Council's Maternal Child and Health Service on 9524 3333.

Reducing the impact of climate change

Glen Eira City Council will continue its efforts to reduce the impact of climate change.

A range of water, heat and energy saving measures will soon be installed in the homes of frail older residents.

Advice and information in relation to climate change and its impact will also be provided.

Council's Manager Community Care Michelle Marr said eligible residents will be identified through their contact with Council's Community Care Services.

"Council will also inform local residents of the initiative through the local media," Ms Marr said.

Residents who meet the eligibility criteria will have a home assessment undertaken by the Property Maintenance Co-ordinator to determine what measures could be implemented. These measures include:

- replacing existing light globes with energy saving light globes;
- checking and/or installing smoke detectors;
- replacing smoke detector batteries;
- replacing existing showerheads with AAA rated showerheads;
- replacing tap washers; and
- covering existing garden beds with mulch.

A \$50,000 grant received by Council from the Department of Human Services will be used to help fund the installation of these measures.

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

News in Brief

Australia Day Breakfast

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

To be held at Glen Eira Town Hall on Friday 23 January from 7.30am to 9am, Council will honour and award the *Citizen of the Year*, *Young Citizen of the Year* and *Community Group of the Year*.

Cost is \$30 per head and bookings must be made by Friday 16 January.

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

Council commits to purchasing Green Energy

In the effort to help combat climate change, and as part of Glen Eira City Council's *Environmental Sustainability Strategy (ESS)*, Council has committed to purchase Green Energy.

Council's four Children's Centres and seven Maternal and Child Health Centres are now powered with 100 per cent Green Energy. The Caulfield Park Pavilion will also be powered with Green Energy once construction has been completed.

The purchasing of Green Power is just one of the many initiatives Council has in place to improve

environmental sustainability.

Council has also implemented a range of power-saving initiatives, including the use of sensor lights in the Town Hall for some meeting rooms and public toilets and the installation of more energy efficient light fittings.

Another initiative is the switchboard replacement program, which involves upgrading old switchboards with industry compliant switchboards.

In the coming years, Green Energy will cover more of Council's facilities, including Town Hall.

Council named employer of choice

The winners of the 2008 *Australian HR Awards* were announced at an awards ceremony on 30 October, with Glen Eira City Council winning *The Capital Monitor Award for Employer of Choice (public sector)*.

Main Roads Western Australia, WorkCover New South Wales and Blue Mountains City Council were the other finalists in this category.

The criteria for this *Award* included service-oriented culture, inclusive management style, alignment of HR with business strategy, personal and career development, performance management, work-life balance and reward and recognition.

The recognition will help retain and

attract staff, which will improve services and save money.

For further information on the *Awards*, visit www.hrwards.com.au

Council joins Accord

Glen Eira City Council has joined the Victorian Local Sustainability Accord, a landmark agreement to strengthen co-operative efforts between local governments and the State Government for the environmental sustainability of Victoria.

Joining Accord provides Council with the opportunity to explore regional approaches to local sustainability priorities and issues in collaboration with other councils and the State Government.

For further information on the Victorian Local Sustainability Accord visit www.dse.vic.gov.au

Footpath trading permit renewals

Footpath trading permit renewals for 2009 were sent out in November.

Please note: Placing items without a permit or not in accordance with Council's *Footpath Activities Guidelines* can incur fines of up to \$1,000, including on-the-spot fines of \$250.

For a copy of the *Guidelines*, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

CEO'S COLUMN



Households across Melbourne are being asked to get behind a new State Government campaign to reduce the average residential consumption of water to less than 155 litres per person per day.

So what can Glen Eira residents do to help achieve this target? Exchange your showerhead.

As part of the South East Water and Glen Eira City Council *Showerhead Exchange Program*, residents can exchange their old showerhead for a AAA rated showerhead.

All you need to do is bring your old showerhead, together with your South East Water bill to Council's Service Centre, Monday to Friday between 8am and 5.30pm.

You will then be given a new showerhead in exchange.

By installing the AAA rated showerhead, 20 litres of water per person will be saved daily.

There is a maximum of two showerheads per household and residents are encouraged to check what type of hot water system they have as the AAA rated showerheads are not compatible with gravity fed (in the roof) or some instantaneous or older hot water systems.

Tenants should also obtain consent from their property owner prior to making any modifications to their bathroom fixtures.

Other water saving measures residents can implement to help reach Target 155 include reducing showers from seven to four minutes and doing one less load of washing a week.

For further information on Target 155, Stage 3A water restrictions or water saving tips visit www.target155.vic.gov.au

Andrew Newton
Chief Executive Officer

Disability services update

Glen Eira City Council launched its *Disability Action Plan 2008–2012* on 3 December.

The *Plan*, which outlines how Council will seek to improve access to all facilities, information and services to ensure people with a disability participate in all aspects of community living, was launched as part of *International Day of People with Disability* celebrations.

Attendees were also given an update on the *MetroAccess Plan*, which has been in place for 12 months.

Making friends information session

Council held an information session for parents of children with a disability on 4 December.

The session — *Making Friends: How to Support your Child with Social Interaction* — talked about strategies parents could use to support their child with social interaction, making friends and becoming involved in school and community activities.

Improving access for all

Council would like to recognise the many businesses within the City of Glen Eira which are embracing disability and making their premises accessible not only for people with a disability, but for the community in general.

One such business is Nando's in Carnegie. Staff are friendly and helpful to all customers and the entrance has a sliding door with no steps so it is easy for



Staff at Nando's in Carnegie are friendly and helpful to all customers.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

people in wheelchairs to access.

Council's Director Community Services Peter Jones said being accessible not only relates to physical access, but also means providing good customer service.

Owner/Manager of Nando's in Carnegie, Sam, said people with a disability are welcome anytime.

"People can come and enjoy their meal and will be treated well by all the staff," Sam said.

Mr Jones said one of the cheapest and easiest ways to have customers return to

your business is to change the way you think about customer service.

"There are many simple steps that can be taken to achieve this for people with disabilities, such as staff training, focusing on the person not the disability and providing assistance if required," Mr Jones said.

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

Police Tasking Unit targeting problem crime in Glen Eira

The flexibility to respond to emerging trends is just one of the many reasons behind the success of the Glen Eira Special Tasking Unit.

The Unit was formed in 2007 to target problem crime in the municipality.

Sergeant Wayne Nixon from Caulfield Police oversees the Unit and told the *Glen Eira News* that the Unit's success can also be attributed to its ability to respond to issues in a quick and timely manner.

"By keeping an eye on the area's crime statistics, in conjunction with intelligence gathering, we are able to gather information on when and where a particular offence is occurring," Sergeant Nixon said.

"This allows the Unit, which is made up of plain-clothed police, to then formulate a targeted response to the

problem, which includes liaising with the area's Inspector, the station in the area of concern and uniformed police members."

Sergeant Nixon said that since commencing with the Unit in July this year, there have been a number of successful operations.

"Operation Tank was formed in response to intelligence from previous years which showed a sharp rise in crime during school holiday periods, which includes burglaries," Sergeant Nixon said.

"The operation resulted in 21 arrests and the prevention of any spike in reported crime during these school holidays."

Other successful, targeted operations have resulted in:

- a reduction in the amount of anti-social behaviour around Elsternwick Train Station and Caulfield Plaza;

- a decrease in property damage; and
- a reduction in theft from motor vehicles.

Sergeant Nixon said having a Special Tasking Unit in the Glen Eira area is worthwhile, both now and in the future. As an example, the Unit will monitor graffiti clean ups in Bentleigh, keeping a watch out for any offenders who may try to tag these public areas.

"Having a dedicated team to respond to crime-related issues and complaints provides an effective co-ordinated response," Sergeant Nixon said.

"We work with uniform and the detectives to give flexibility to our operations.

"Sometimes there will be a uniform presence and sometimes we are watching covertly."

Free DVD and booklet for four-month-olds

All children who attend Glen Eira City Council's Maternal and Child Health Service for their four-month-old check up will receive a voucher for a free *It's Rhyme Time* DVD and booklet.

This voucher is redeemable at Council's four library branches in Bentleigh, Carnegie, Caulfield and Elsternwick. In addition to the DVD and booklet, Glen Eira families will receive a *Young Readers* book bag containing information on early literacy programs and materials at the libraries.

Council's Maternal and Child Health Co-ordinator Jan Roughley said the earlier parents start reading to their child, the better off they will be in the future.

"By reading to your child, not only will you be spending some quality time with them, but you will be helping them to develop the communication skills they will utilise in their kindergarten and

primary school years," Ms Roughley said.

The DVD and booklet are the final component of the State Government's *Young Reader's Program*, which gives parents practical information about how to help their children develop literacy skills from a young age.

The first component of the *Program* was launched earlier this year, with all children attending their two-year-old check up receiving a colourful, interactive picture book.

The four-month-old and two-year-old check up is part of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development's *10 Key Age and Stage Visits Program* and is conducted by Council's experienced Maternal and Child Health nurses.

For further information, or to make an appointment, contact Council's Maternal and Child Health Service on 9524 3333.



Dana of Bentleigh East reads *It's Rhyme Time* to Lior at the Carnegie Library and Community Centre.

Photo: Luke Meney.

ARTSNEWS

Party in the Park 2009

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.

Not-for-profit organisations and local businesses can participate in our *Party in the Park* program too.

A fee to cover costs applies to businesses. Not-for-profit and local businesses should apply using the appropriate application form at www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

For further information on the 2009 *Party in the Park* program, contact Council's Arts and Culture Department on 9524 3333.

Diary dates

Party in the Park at Allnutt Park
Sunday 1 March 2009

Party in the Park at Princes Park
Sunday 15 March 2009

Party in the Park at Packer Park
Sunday 29 March 2009

Superhero Saturday comes to Gardenvale Park

Look. Up in the sky. Is it a bird? Is it a plane? No it's *Superhero Saturday*.

Gardenvale Park (Mel Ref: 67 H7) will play host to some of the world's greatest superheroes on Saturday 17 January 2009 from 11am to 2pm.

There will be face painting, a Spiderman jumping castle and a very special superhero show.

Children and parents alike can come dressed as their favourite superhero. If you don't want to wear a costume you can come in your secret disguise — just like Clark Kent or Spiderman. Bring a picnic lunch, meet your hero and join in the fun and adventure.

For further information, contact Council's Arts and Culture Department on 9524 3333.



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

PHOTOGRAPHS, ENGRAVINGS AND PAINTINGS OF INDIA — 1750–1911

Opening 6pm Wednesday 21 January and continuing to Sunday 1 February

This exhibition features a significant collection of photographs, engravings and paintings of India by leading International and Indian photographers and artists drawn from the Parekh family collection. The exhibition documents major historical and political events and developments in India from 1750 to 1911.

The importance of this period from the middle of the 18th century to the early 20th century is highlighted in the exhibition, including the disintegration



G.W. Lawrie — *The Great Coronation Durbar, Delhi. January 1911, gelatin silver panoramic print.*

of the Moghul Empire from 1750 onwards and the rise of local regional Indian powers; the development of the East India Company; the industrial revolution; the establishment of rail

links connecting different parts of India; and the visit of the King and Queen of England to India to proclaim India as part of the British Empire.

Out and About in the City

What a great time to be out and about in the City of Glen Eira. The weather is warmer, daylight saving has commenced, school has finished and many people are taking a well-deserved break after a busy working year.

With 68 parks and 45 playgrounds to enjoy, along with walking and cycling tracks, picnic and barbecue facilities and wide open spaces, there is something for everyone to enjoy.

So during the summer months why don't you:

GO FOR A WALK

Walking is a great form of exercise and does not cost you a cent. The City of Glen Eira has a range of self-guided walks and walking tracks. There is also an extensive pathway network for you to try this summer.

Self-guided walks

If you want to move at your own pace, Council provides a range of brochures about self-guided walks in the area. The walks incorporate some of Glen Eira's most popular parks, reserves and heritage sites, including Hopetoun Gardens, Elsternwick, the Rosstown Rail Trail and Mallanbool Reserve, Carnegie.

For further information, visit Council's Service Centre and pick up a *Walking in Glen Eira* brochure series kit.



Centenary Park, Bentleigh East.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Walking tracks

Glen Eira has a number of walking tracks for people of all ages and abilities to enjoy all year round. The can be found at:

- Centenary Park, Bentleigh East (687 metres);
- Caulfield Park (2,182 metres);
- Murrumbeena Park (784 metres); and
- Duncan Mackinnon Reserve, Murrumbeena (1,200 metres).

Extensive pathway network

With its predominately flat terrain, Glen Eira is a perfect place to walk. There are a number of large parks that cater for walking, including:

- Bentleigh Hodgson Reserve;
- King George Reserve; Bentleigh East;
- Packer Park, Carnegie;
- Princes Park, Caulfield South; and
- Joyce Park, Ormond.



Bentleigh Hodgson Reserve.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.



Mallanbool Reserve, Carnegie.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton

HAVE A PICNIC

A picnic or a barbecue in the park can be the ideal way to spend a summer afternoon. Take a bat and ball, a good book, your favourite music, some rugs and food for a feast and you have all the ingredients for a relaxing and enjoyable day.

Here are just some of the parks which have picnic tables and free barbecue facilities for you to enjoy this summer.

- Bentleigh Hodgson Reserve;
- Halley Park, Bentleigh;
- King George Reserve, Bentleigh East;
- Centenary Park, Bentleigh East;
- Allnutt Park, Bentleigh;
- Koornang Park, Carnegie;
- Packer Park, Carnegie;
- Caulfield Park (Park Crescent);
- Princes Park, Caulfield South;
- Harleston Park, Elsternwick;
- Hopetoun Gardens, Elsternwick;
- Gardenvale Reserve;
- Wattle Grove Reserve, McKinnon;
- Boyd Park, Murrumbeena; and
- Greenmeadows Gardens (no barbecue), St Kilda East.



A picnic or a barbecue in the park can be the ideal way to spend a summer afternoon.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

GET INTO BOCCE

Summer can be a great time to get out in Glen Eira's parks. While enjoying the great outdoors, why not take time out to play a game of Bocce.

The game of Bocce originated in Italy and is becoming an increasingly popular recreational pursuit. Bocce is a great game for all ages. All that is needed is a set of balls and a place to play. Council has two courts in the municipality at Harleston Park and at the Moorleigh Community Village. Both courts are available free to the public with no booking necessary.

Bocce is played between two players or teams of up to four players. It's similar to bowls in that the player aims to place their bowl as close as possible to the jack which may displace the opposition's bowl. The bowl can be bowled along the ground or thrown through the air too.

So get out and have fun at Harleston Park, Elsternwick or Moorleigh Community Village, Bentleigh East.

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GO CYCLING

Glen Eira has a great range of bike paths to suit all ages and abilities, from experienced cyclists through to families, children and novice riders. Several parks in Glen Eira have bike paths, so you can enjoy your ride without having to worry about other vehicles and there is always plenty of beautiful scenery to enjoy.

Glen Eira also has a velodrome, which is located at Packer Park, Carnegie.

This velodrome is one of the few velodromes located in the metropolitan area and is available for both recreational and competitive cyclists. Bookings are essential.

For a full list of parks with bike paths, riding trails and things to see on your travels in Glen Eira, go to www.gleneira.vic.gov.au



The velodrome at Packer Park, Carnegie, is one of the few velodromes located in the metropolitan area.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

GET FIT

As part of Glen Eira City Council's ongoing commitment to encourage residents to become more active, fitness pods can be found at seven locations across the municipality.

These fitness pods, which are a great way to keep fit, are made from recycled plastic and enable park users to undertake simple exercises in the park — without the expense of going to the gym.

Fitness pods are located at:

- Bentleigh Hodgson Reserve;
- Halley Park, Bentleigh;
- Bailey Reserve, Bentleigh East;
- Centenary Park, Bentleigh East;
- Koornang Park, Carnegie;
- Caulfield Park; and
- Duncan Mackinnon Reserve, Murrumbeena.



Halley Park, Bentleigh, is just one of seven locations where residents can use fitness pods.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

TAKE THE KIDS TO THE PLAYGROUND



Playground at Packer Park, Carnegie.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

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

Many of Glen Eira's playgrounds are the centrepieces of parks and offer hours of free fun for children of all abilities.

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

Here is a selection of some of the playgrounds in Glen Eira.

Bentleigh

- Bentleigh Hodgson Reserve
- Allnutt Park
- Halley Park

Bentleigh East

- Annie and Arthur Abrahams Reserve
- Centenary Park

Carnegie

- Packer Park
- Carnegie Library Playspace

Caulfield

- Caulfield Park (three playgrounds)

Elsternwick

- Hopetoun Gardens
- Harleston Park

Gardenvale

- Gardenvale Park

Glen Huntly

- Garden Avenue Park

McKinnon

- McKinnon Reserve

Murrumbeena

- Murrumbeena Park

Ormond

- Joyce Park

St Kilda East

- Greenmeadows Gardens

HAVE A HIT OF TENNIS

With the *Australian Open* coming up in January, what more incentive do you need to get the tennis rackets and balls out of the back of the cupboard and practice your backhand?

Tennis rebound walls are very popular

and can be found at the following locations:

- Packer Park, Carnegie;
- Caulfield Park;
- Glen Huntly Park; and
- Wattle Grove Reserve, McKinnon.



Tennis rebound wall at Caulfield Park.

Photo: GECC Recreation Unit.

MEETINGS AND CLUBS

Club 66 holds Old Time, Modern and New Vogue dances with a live band on the 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.

Glen Eira Adult Learning Centre will be offering computer and English classes as well as classes in computer enhancement of digital photos from 10 October at 419 North Road, Ormond. Contact: 9578 8996.

Caulfield Over 50s Dance Group meets every Monday (except public holidays) in the Auditorium at Glen Eira Town Hall. New Vogue and Old Time dancing from 12.30pm to 3.30pm. Come and join in for a fun, social afternoon and a chat over a cup of tea or coffee. Contact Audrey: 9822 2064.

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 at Moorleigh Village, 92 Bignell Road, Bentleigh East. Contact: 9563 7621 or 0433 793 726.

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

The Moorabbin Historical Society opens Box Cottage, Joyce Park, Jasper Road, McKinnon on the last Sunday of each month from 2pm to 4.30pm. 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.

Bentleigh East Combined Probus Club meets on the second Tuesday of the month at the Bentleigh Club, Yawla Street Bentleigh at 9.30am. Meetings

include a guest speaker and morning tea. Contact Ian: 9551 5223 or Doug: 9570 2088.

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

Bridge @ 99 (an activity of the B'nai B'rith Shalom Unit) is looking for bridge players to play on Thursday nights. Arrive 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start at 99 Hotham Street, St Kilda. Cost of \$10 includes light supper. Contact Sol: 9578 1826 (not on Saturdays).

Murrumbeena Bowls Club at 10 Blackwood Street, Carnegie, is seeking to share the sport of bowls with the community. Come along on Thursday and Friday nights from 4pm to 6pm and enjoy the fun. Contact Michael: 9569 4969.

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.

Brighton Philatelic Society meets each month on the first Saturday at 1pm, the second and fourth Tuesday at 8pm and the third Tuesday at 10.30am at 80 Gardenvale Road, Gardenvale. Activities include stamp displays and stamp trading. New members welcome. Contact Brad: 0403 009 583.

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

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.

Caulfield Park Bridge Club meets on Mondays from 10am for supervised bridge and refreshments, and on Wednesdays from 7.30pm for duplicate bridge and a light supper, opposite 255 Balaclava Road, Caulfield. 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 Wednesdays 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.

The 12th Caulfield Cubs has immediate vacancies for girls aged seven to 10 and for adults to assist the leaders in their fun and varied program. Cubs meet during the school terms on Tuesdays from 7pm to 8.30pm. Contact Peter Chilton: 9531 7905 or 0411 406 086.

St Peter's Cancer Support Group will hold its first meeting of 2009 on 5 February at 10.30am at St Peter's Parish, 844 Centre Road, Bentleigh East. New members and partners welcome. Contact: 9579 4255.

Bentleigh Bayside Community Health Service's walking group, Stepping Out, is held on Tuesdays from 1.15pm to 2.15pm at Bailey Reserve, Gardeners Road, Bentleigh East. Contact: 9575 5322.

EVENTS

The Anglican Church of St James the Great, 435 Inkerman Street, St Kilda East, is celebrating Advent with choral works, carols and readings on 20 December at 6.30pm. Contact Father Roger Kelly: 9527 1017.

St Catharines Anglican Church, corner Clarence Street and Kooyong Road, Caulfield South will be holding a Christmas pageant on 21 December at 4pm. All are welcome and supper will be provided afterwards.

Coatesville Uniting Church, corner Mackie and North Roads, Bentleigh East will host their annual *Christmas in the Car Park* celebration on 24 December from 6pm. The evening will feature live music, a free barbecue, carols, an animal farm and lots of other activities for the kids.

A midnight vigil service will follow and a Christmas morning service will be held at 9am.

Rippon Lea Estate is hosting *Storytime for Preschoolers* at 192 Hotham Street, Elsternwick. Come and enjoy stories, songs, games and art activities on 15, 22 and 29 January from 10.30am to 11.30am. Cost is \$7 adults, \$5 concession and \$3 for children, with those aged under five and National Trust members admitted free. Contact: 9523 6095.

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 are open until the end of the year. Contact Cheryl: 9557 5739.

COMMUNITY

The Rotary Club of Moorleigh Moorabbin is selling the *My Health Organiser* for \$30, with \$8 going towards the Rotary Foundation Polio Eradication Foundation. The *Organiser* enables people to take control of their medical health records to ensure their health and wellbeing across all the specialists they attend.

Little Steps Playgroup, 404 Kooyong Road Caulfield South, will be closed from 18 December and will re-open on 12 January 2009. Contact Stephen: 0412 267 437.

TransAccess, an initiative of Bentleigh Bayside Community Health Service, is a not-for-profit organisation that provides a range of transport services for disabled or frail aged residents in Glen Eira. TransAccess is currently recruiting volunteers who are willing to commit to a minimum of one day a month. Contact: 9575 5386 or email transaccess@bbchc.org.au

2009 COMMUNITY DIARY DEADLINES

The following dates are due dates for submissions to, and distribution of, <i>Glen Eira News</i> for 2009.	
FEBRUARY	
Editorial Deadline	Wednesday 7 January
Distribution	3–4 February
MARCH	
Editorial Deadline	Wednesday 4 February
Distribution	3–4 March
APRIL	
Editorial Deadline	Wednesday 4 March
Distribution	31 March–1 April
MAY	
Editorial Deadline	Wednesday 8 April
Distribution	5–6 May
JUNE	
Editorial Deadline	Wednesday 6 May
Distribution	2–3 June
JULY	
Editorial Deadline	Wednesday 3 June
Distribution	30 June–1 July
AUGUST	
Editorial Deadline	Wednesday 8 July
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SEPTEMBER	
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OCTOBER	
Editorial Deadline	Wednesday 2 September
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NOVEMBER	
Editorial Deadline	Wednesday 7 October
Distribution	3–4 November
DECEMBER	
Editorial Deadline	Wednesday 4 November
Distribution	1–2 December
For further information, contact Shae Henzen on 9524 3333.	

IMMUNISATIONSESSIONS

McKinnon Public Hall
118 McKinnon Road, McKinnon
Monday 5 January and
Monday 2 February 10am–11am

Glen Eira Town Hall Auditorium (entry via Glen Eira Road)
Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield
Tuesday 6 January and
Tuesday 3 February 6pm–7pm
Tuesday 13 January and
Tuesday 10 February 9.30am–10.30am

Carnegie Library and Community Centre
7 Shepparson Avenue, Carnegie
Wednesday 14 January and Tuesday
11 February 1.30pm–2.30pm and
5.30pm–7.30pm

Packer Park
Leila Road, Carnegie
Monday 19 January and
Monday 16 February 10am–11am

Bentleigh East
Bentleigh Bayside Community Health Centre
Gardeners Road, Bentleigh East
Saturday 17 January and
Saturday 28 February 9am–11am
Wednesday 21 January and
Wednesday 18 February 5.45pm–7.15pm

Thursday 29 January and
Thursday 26 February 6pm–8pm

Glen Huntly Maternal and Child Health Centre
Corner Royal and Rosedale Avenues, Glen Huntly
Wednesday 28 January and
Wednesday 25 February 9.30am–11am

Satisfaction with library services

Glen Eira City Council Library and Information Services conducted two surveys with residents during 2008.

One survey was directed to library users to assess their level of satisfaction with the services they use. The second survey interviewed residents who do not use Council's libraries in order for us to better understand why and to potentially identify aspects of the service which may encourage them to become library members.

Regular library users noted their high level of satisfaction with services, with 83 per cent of people surveyed rating

the performance of the libraries as either excellent (42 per cent, up two per cent from 2007) or good (41 per cent).

This survey found that libraries were of most use as places to look for materials to borrow, to locate specific information and browse the collections.

Respondents were asked to nominate the things the library does best. The library collections and staff courtesy and assistance were rated highest here. Suggestions for improvement to lending services included increasing the range and number of newer books and other materials and extending borrowing and renewal periods.

Eighty per cent of those surveyed visit a library at least once per month with Carnegie Library and Community Centre the most visited of the four branches.

Those people who had spoken with library information staff to find specific information or the answer to a question were particularly happy with the service provided, with 62 per cent rating the result as excellent and 37 per cent as good.

Two hundred residents who don't use Council's libraries were also interviewed. The most common reasons given for not using the libraries were people

choosing to buy books, not having the time and using other libraries. Other libraries nominated included school and university libraries and libraries that were close to school or work.

Suggested improvements that may attract people to use the libraries included improving and increasing the range of books and other materials, better promotion and flexible operating hours.

Using the survey results, Council will continue to work to provide residents with library services and facilities which are up to date, welcoming and in line with residents' preferences and requirements.

Join The Summer Read Blast into reading with Eira

The Summer Read is now on at all Glen Eira libraries with an exciting and varied list of 20 books written by Victorians or set in Victoria. Whether you're at the beach, in the bush or in your own backyard, you can be part of this statewide summer reading program until 28 February.

Glen Eira library members can borrow the books on the shortlist and vote for their favorite by SMS, online or mail. There is also the chance to win prizes including a regional Victorian weekend escape package. For further information visit your local branch or slv.vic.gov.au/goto/summer-read



Blast into reading with Eira

Blast into reading fun these holidays as Eira, the library bookworm, straps on his space suit and blasts off on an intergalactic reading adventure.

There is lots of fun to be had at the libraries over the summer holidays and fantastic prizes to be won, including an iPod Nano. There are also runner-up prizes to be won and reading rewards to be collected along the way. Preschool children will not miss out on the fun with the chance to win the newly released LeapFrog Tag Reading System.

To join in the fun, collect your intergalactic map at any library branch, read 10 books and record the titles you have read. You can enter as many times as you like. Children under 13 years can join in the fun at any Glen Eira library. Entries close 8 February.



Library holiday opening hours

	Bentleigh	Carnegie	Caulfield	Elsternwick
Monday 22 December	10am–9pm	10am–9pm	10am–6pm	●
Tuesday 23 December	10am–9pm	10am–9pm	10am–8pm	10am–6pm
Wednesday 24 December	10am–3pm	10am–3pm	10am–3pm	10am–3pm
Thursday 25 December	●	●	●	●
Friday 26 December	●	●	●	●
Saturday 27 December	10am–4pm	10am–4pm	1pm–4pm	●
Sunday 28 December	12pm–5pm	12pm–5pm	12pm–5pm	●
Monday 29 December	10am–9pm	10am–9pm	10am–6pm	●
Tuesday 30 December	10am–9pm	10am–9pm	10am–8pm	●
Wednesday 31 December	10am–3pm	10am–3pm	10am–3pm	●
Thursday 1 January	●	●	●	●
Normal hours resume Friday 2 January				

● Closed

Borrowed items can be returned using the after-hours return chutes during closed times.

Homework Centre @ Carnegie Library

The popular Homework Centre will close for the school year on Wednesday 3 December and will re-open for the new school year on Wednesday 11 February 2009. For further information on the Homework Centre and the services provided visit www.gleneira.vic.gov.au or ask at any library branch

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Δωρεάν DVD και φυλλάδιο για τετράμηνα βρέφη

Όλα τα παιδιά που πάνε στην Υπηρεσία Υγείας Μητέρων και Παιδιών του Δήμου της Glen Eira για την εξέταση τους όταν γίνουν τεσσάρων μηνών θα λάβουν ένα κουπόνι για δωρεάν ένα DVD Είναι ή Ώρα των Ποιημάτων και ένα φυλλάδιο.

Το κουπόνι εξαργυρώνεται στα τέσσερα τμήματα της βιβλιοθήκης του Δήμου στο Bentleigh, στο Carnegie, στο Caulfield και στο Elsternwick. Μαζί με το DVD και το φυλλάδιο, οι οικογένειες του Glen Eira θα λάβουν μια σακούλα με βιβλία για Νέους Αναγνώστες που θα περιλαμβάνει πληροφορίες για προγράμματα πρώιμης ανάγνωσης και υλικά στις βιβλιοθήκες.

Η Συντονίστρια του Δήμου για την Υγεία Μητέρων και Παιδιών Τζαν Ράφλι είπε ότι όσο πιο νωρίς οι γονείς αρχίζουν να διαβάζουν στα παιδιά τους, τόσο καλύτερα θα είναι στο μέλλον.

«Διαβάζοντας στο παιδί σας, όχι μόνο θα ξοδεύετε πολύτιμο χρόνο με αυτό, αλλά θα το βοηθήσετε να αναπτύξει δεξιότητες επικοινωνίας που θα χρησιμοποιήσει στα χρόνια του στο νηπιαγωγείο και στο δημοτικό σχολείο,» είπε η κ. Ράφλι,

Το DVD και το φυλλάδιο είναι το τελευταίο μέρος του Προγράμματος Νέοι Αναγνώστες της Πολιτειακής Κυβέρνησης, το οποίο δίνει στους γονείς πληροφορίες για το πως να βοηθήσουν τα παιδιά τους να αναπτύξουν δεξιότητες ανάγνωσης από νεαρή ηλικία.

Το πρώτο μέρος του Προγράμματος παρουσιάστηκε νωρίς φέτος, με όλα τα παιδιά που πάνε για την εξέταση των δυο ετών να λαμβάνουν ένα πολύχρωμο διαδραστικό βιβλίο με εικόνες.

Οι εξετάσεις των τεσσάρων μηνών και των δυο ετών είναι μέρος του Υπουργείου Παιδείας

και Πρώιμης Εξέλιξης των Παιδιών. Πρόγραμμα 10 Επισκέψεων Κλειδιών Ηλικίας και Σταδίων και γίνεται από τις έμπειρες Νοσοκόμες την Υγείας Μητέρων και Παιδιών του Δήμου.

Για περισσότερες πληροφορίες, ή για να κλείσετε ραντεβού, επικοινωνήστε με την Υπηρεσία Υγείας Μητέρων και Παιδιών του Δήμου στο 9524 3333.

向四個月小兒免費提供DVD和小冊子

前來 Glen Eira 市政府婦幼保健服務接受四個月體檢的所有小兒都將獲得一張免費領取《童謠》DVD 和小冊子的禮券。

這張禮券可在 Bentleigh、Carnegie、Caulfield 和 Elsternwick 四個圖書館兌取。除了 DVD 和小冊子以外，住在 Glen Eira 地區的家庭還將領到一個“兒童讀者”書袋，內有圖書館早期識字計劃和材料的信息。

市政府婦幼保健服務協調主任 Jan Roughley 說，父母越早開始讓孩子學習閱讀，孩子今後的閱讀能力就越強。

Jan Roughley 還說：“讀書給孩子聽不僅可以跟孩子一起度過愉快的時光，還可幫助孩子提高上幼稚園和小學所需的溝通能力。”

DVD 和小冊子是州政府“兒童讀者計劃”的最後一部分，它向家長提供了怎樣幫助孩子從小提高識字能力的實用信息。

該計劃的第一部分已於今年早些時候推出，向所有接受兩歲體檢的兒童發放了彩色互動圖書故事書。

四個月和兩歲體檢是教育及早期兒童發展部的“體檢的 10 個關鍵年齡和階段”計劃之一，由市政府經驗豐富的婦幼保健護士負責檢查。

若想瞭解詳情或預約，請聯絡市政府婦幼保健服務，電話9524 3333。

DVD e opuscolo gratuito per i neonati che hanno compiuto i quattro mesi

Tutti i neonati che frequentano il centro servizi per la madre ed il bambino *Maternal and Child Health Service* del comune di Glen Eira riceveranno, alla visita di controllo del quarto mese, un tagliando per ritirare il DVD e l'opuscolo gratuito *It's Rhyme Time*.

Il tagliando si può redimere presso una delle quattro filiali della biblioteca comunale situate a Bentleigh, Carnegie, Caulfield e Elsternwick. Oltre al DVD ed all'opuscolo, le famiglie di Glen Eira riceveranno anche il pacchetto *Young Readers* che contiene informazioni sui programmi di alfabetizzazione precoce e sui materiali disponibili presso le biblioteche.

Jan Roughley, coordinatrice del servizio comunale *Maternal and Child Health Service* ha ribadito che i genitori che iniziano a leggere ai propri bambini in età precoce li avvantaggiano per il futuro.

“Il genitore che legge al proprio bambino non solo trascorre del tempo di qualità assieme al piccolo, ma lo aiuta anche a sviluppare quelle abilità di comunicazione che il bambino utilizzerà più avanti in asilo ed alla scuola elementare” ha affermato Jan Roughley.

Бесплатный видео-диск и брошюра для семей с четырехмесячными детьми

Все семьи, дети которых проходят осмотр в Службе здоровья матери и ребенка муниципалитета Glen Eira в возрасте 4 месяцев, будут теперь получать ваучер на бесплатный видео-диск (DVD) и брошюру *It's Rhyme Time*.

Ваучером можно воспользоваться в любом из 4-х отделений муниципальной библиотеки – Bentleigh, Carnegie, Caulfield и Elsternwick. Кроме диска и брошюры, родители также получают набор информации о специальных программах чтения и письма для детей младшего возраста, а также о соответствующих материалах в библиотеке муниципалитета.

Координатор муниципальной Службы здоровья матери и ребенка г-жа Jan Roughley отметила, что чем раньше родители начинают читать детям, тем лучше.

“Когда вы читаете своему ребенку, это не только время, которое вы проводите вместе сейчас, но и помощь в развитии навыков общения, которые необходимы будут в детском саду и в начальных классах школы,” сказала г-жа Roughley.

Видео-диск и брошюра – это заключительная часть специальной программы Правительства штата, помогающей родителям развить у детей навыки чтения и письма в раннем возрасте.

Il DVD e l'opuscolo costituiscono la componente finale del programma *Young Reader's Program*, realizzato dal governo statale, e forniscono ai genitori informazioni pratiche su come aiutare i propri bambini a sviluppare abilità di alfabetizzazione sin dalla più tenera età.

La prima componente del programma è stata presentata al pubblico agli inizi dell'anno in corso quando è stato offerto a tutti i bimbi, che si presentavano alla visita di controllo del secondo anno di età, un libro illustrato colorato e interattivo.

Le visite di controllo a quattro mesi e due anni di età costituiscono parte del programma *10 Key Age and Stage Visits Program* realizzato dal Dipartimento dell'Istruzione e Sviluppo Educativo dell'Infanzia e vengono effettuate da esperte infermiere comunali specializzate nell'ambito maternità e infanzia.

Per ulteriori informazioni o per prendere un appuntamento si prega di rivolgersi al servizio comunale *Maternal and Child Health Service* al numero telefonico 9524 3333.

Первая часть программы действует с начала этого года: все дети, проходящие осмотр в возрасте двух лет, получают иллюстрированную интерактивную детскую книгу.

Эти инициативы – для четырехмесячных и для двухлетних детей – также являются частью программы контроля и помощи в развитии детей, которую проводит Департамент образования и раннего развития. Программу осуществляют опытные медсестры службы здоровья матери и ребенка.

Чтобы получить более подробную информацию или назначить прием, звоните в муниципальную Службу здоровья матери и ребенка по тел. 9524 3333.

VENUES FOR HIRE



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GLEN EIRA CITY COUNCIL

Special four-year-old immunisation sessions 2009




These immunisations can be given as soon as a child has their fourth birthday. Glen Eira City Council's Immunisation Service is offering three immunisation sessions for four-year-old children during 2009.

All four-year-old children receiving their immunisation will receive a free show bag. Face painting, balloons and magic tricks will keep the kids entertained.

Saturday 7 February
9.30am–11.30am
Carnegie Library
7 Shepparson Avenue
Carnegie

Wednesday 4 March
9.30am–11.30am
Bentleigh Bayside
Community Health
Gardeners Road,
Bentleigh East



Glen Eira City Council
Bentleigh Bentleigh East Carnegie Caulfield Elsternwick Gardenvale Glen Huntly McKinnon Murrumbeena Ormond St Kilda East

Step back in time at Boyd Park



If you are after a pleasant walk among some tall red gums this summer, then a trip to Boyd Park will not disappoint you.

Boyd Park is located in Murrumbeena and runs between the Princes Highway to the north and the Dandenong Railway line to the south.

The park is steeped in history as it formed part of the original Outer Circle Railway. The Murrumbeena section of the railway ran from 1891 to 1895, however it was not connected to other lines, resulting in people and goods having to change trains at each section. Branches from other lines were intended to be built, but this never occurred.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

By the mid-1890s, the Depression was in full swing and it was no longer economical for the railway to remain open. Almost 100 years later in 1988, the State Government announced that the open space would be developed into a linear park.

Boyd Park is home to some significant remnant vegetation and bird life. An all-weather shared pathway guides park visitors through the park. Along the way there are plenty of park benches to sit on, a playground to play on for the young at heart and a mudbrick rotunda in which to enjoy a picnic.

So this summer why not take a very pleasant walk through this interesting park.

Swim into summer

Glen Eira City Council's two swim centres provide a great opportunity to get fit this summer or the chance to relax during one of summer's hot spells.

The Carnegie and Bentleigh East swim centres are open weekdays from 6am to 7pm and 8am to 6pm on weekends.

Both swim centres, which will remain open until 31 March 2009, have an action packed timetable full of events for the summer.

Don't forget that even on cooler days, swimming can still be pleasant as both pools are heated.

For further information about any of the family fun activities planned for the summer, contact YMCA Senior Branch Manager James Ellender on 9570 7394.

Cricket for people of all-abilities

Have you always wanted to play cricket, but thought you couldn't because you have a disability?

Well all that is about to change.

Cricket Victoria and Access Unlimited want to give people seven years and over who may have a disability or a mental health issue the opportunity to play or be involved in this great summer game.

Cricket is a very inclusive game that allows people of all-abilities to have a go and enjoy the fun of participating.

Cricket Victoria's South East Metropolitan Regional Manager and coach of the Australian Cricket Team for People with an Intellectual Disability Paul Montgomery said Cricket Victoria is committed to supporting people of all-abilities in their desire to play cricket.

"Being the coach of the Australian Intellectual Team, I have seen the way

cricket can impact on the lives of people with a disability," Mr Montgomery said.

"I really value the chance to help further develop their skills and further build their confidence."

Opportunities to play cricket in 2009 include:

- the *Days Out* program on 22 January from 10am at Princes Park; and
- the *Victoria All-Abilities Cricket Carnival* on 22 February from 9.30am at Casey Fields, Cranbourne.

Access Unlimited is also intending to host a *Come 'n Try Day* in early February.

To register your interest or for further information, contact Access Unlimited Recreation Access Officer Paul Holtschke on 8290 1185, email pholtsch@stonnington.vic.gov.au or visit www.stonnington.vic.gov.au/accessunlimited

King George VI Reserve pathways completed

The east-west pathway through the King George V1 Reserve in Bentleigh East has been completed. This important access route provides a safe pathway route through the park from East Boundary Road to Chesterville Road.

This all-weather pathway links with the pathway surrounding the open space and sportgrounds, providing what has quickly become a very popular walking destination.

Users of this pathway should be aware that there is a short section of this pathway at the Chesterville Road entrance that is not shared due to the narrowness of the access path. As a

result, cyclists are required to dismount in this section. Signs clearly inform pathway users of this necessity.



The east-west pathway through the King George V1 Reserve in Bentleigh East has been completed.

Photo: GECC Recreation Department.



Cricket is a very inclusive game that allows people of all-abilities to have a go and enjoy the fun of participating.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Reconstruction of Murrumbeena oval

Murrumbeena main oval has undergone a complete reconstruction.

The reconstruction of this ground has included the removal of the top surface, reshaping of the ground and the installation of new drainage and drip irrigation systems.

The ground has also been resurfaced with drought tolerant grass.

This oval is home to the Murrumbeena Cricket Club and Murrumbeena junior and senior football clubs.

Glen Eira City Council's Manager Recreation and Youth Services Linda Smith said the community and sports clubs will benefit from this project.

"The completion of this project provides a safer grass surface for people to play on," Ms Smith said.

"There will also be a dramatic reduction in water consumption for this oval."

Council would like to thank residents and park users for their patience and understanding while the works were being undertaken.

Seeking expressions of interest for 2009 Glen Eira BusEd Program

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

The program has delivered more than 250 projects between business and education providing practical benefit to the business and the students. Past projects have included initiatives in the areas of marketing and advertising; web design; IT networking and systems; and graphic arts.

Council is currently seeking expressions of interest from local businesses interested in participating in projects, in partnership with Holmesglen Institute of TAFE, Monash University and Victoria University, during 2009.

Council's Manager Business Development Lynda Bredin said industry projects encourage the sharing of resources, knowledge, skill and experience within the community.

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

"There are limited opportunities available for 2009 so it is important to get your expression of interest in as early as possible."

Holmesglen Institute of TAFE Marketing students recently conducted an industry market research and analysis project involving Elsternwick businesses and residents. The project was designed to gain a better understanding of the internet buying and selling activities of Glen Eira business and residents and their attitudes towards on-line commerce.

The marketing analysis will provide Glen

Eira businesses with information on consumers' buying habits and preferences. Results of the survey will be published on Council's website in December.

To register your interest in participating in Council's *BusEd* program contact Council's Business Development Unit on 9524 3333 or email businessdevelopment@gleneira.vic.gov.au with a brief description of what you wish to achieve.



Holmesglen TAFE post-graduate marketing students surveyed local shoppers in Elsternwick about their buying preferences.

Mentor Partners Program wins national recognition

Glen Eira City Council's *Mentor Partners Program* has been named one of Australia's top three economic development initiatives — under the category of partnership programs.

The announcement was made at a recent Economic Development Australia Conference.

The *Program* was showcased as being a practical and beneficial business community partnership initiative between Glen Eira and Kingston City councils' volunteer mentors and local businesses.

Glen Eira City Council's Manager Business Development Lynda Bredin said the award is a distinct recognition for the

work done by mentors who give their time freely to assist local businesses.

"This award is a great honour as recognition for the work that is done in this community partnership and we hope it will encourage other valuable members of our business communities to become a part of it," Ms Bredin said.

The *Mentor Partners Program* is about valuing and sharing community assets. The mentors come from a diverse range of business backgrounds and bring with them their knowledge, experiences and wisdom.

Ms Bredin said since the *Program's* inception in 2003, the mentors have provided assistance to more than 250

local businesses.

"The mentors don't act as formal advisors or consultants to businesses, but provide moral support and guide businesses to help them solve their own issues," Ms Bredin said.

"Business owners or managers are often in an isolated position and sometimes just need a shoulder to lean on and a friendly ear to help clear their head."

Ms Bredin said there are currently 40 mentors involved in the *Program* and invites anyone interested in being a mentor to contact Council.

For further information contact Council's Business Development Unit on 9524 3333.

Glen Eira Youth Services Update

Summer time is here

It's finally summer again and time to jump back into the water. We all love hitting the pools to cool off so here are some tips to make sure your fun in the water doesn't get spoiled:

1. Leave any valuables that you don't need at home. Leaving valuable items, such as an iPod, unattended while you swim is not recommended as they may not be where you left them when you return.
2. Look for a landmark so you can find your belongings when you come out of the water.
3. Don't just swim in water, drink it. Keep yourself hydrated with plenty of water during the day.
4. A tan might look cool, but there is no safe way to get one. Make sure you apply SPF 30 plus sunscreen before you head out for the day and remember to reapply every two hours. It might feel like a pain at the time, but your skin will thank you later.

5. Hang out under the trees or umbrella shade at the pools to avoid too many rays hitting your skin and wear a hat. Enjoy the warm weather and cool water these summer holidays.

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

Youth Services attends leadership camp

Glen Eira City Council Youth Services joined members of Caulfield Police and the YMCA at a two-day leadership camp in Wesburn.

The camp, which was facilitated by the *Victoria Police High Challenge Program* and the Airlie Leadership Development Centre, was also attended by four young people from Glen Eira, as well as police members and young people from Bacchus Marsh, Ballarat and Shepparton.

Guest speaker at the camp was Chief Commissioner Christine Nixon. Attendees also had the opportunity to hear from 16-year-old Ahmed who spoke about overcoming obstacles and goal setting.

Council's Youth Services Co-ordinator Damien Landini, who attended the camp, said the aim of the camp was to foster positive working relationships between young people, local youth services and Victoria Police.

"In addition, the camp aimed at further

developing young people's leadership skills," Mr Landini said.

The camp gave participants the opportunity to take part in a mixture of physical activities, such as a rope course and orienteering. There was also a range of interactive activities, including exploration of leadership and leadership styles, discussions and planning.

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