

New Mayor for Glen Eira

Cr Steven Tang was elected as the 12th Mayor of Glen Eira for 2007–08 at a Special Council Meeting on Tuesday 18 December 2007.

Witnessed by residents and family members, Cr Tang was elected through a nomination process involving all Glen Eira Councillors.

In his first speech as Mayor, Cr Tang said he will enthusiastically pursue Council's agenda as laid out in its *Community Plan*.

"I am not only here to represent the community, but also to represent Council's agenda to the community," Cr Tang said.

"I wholeheartedly support our *Plan* to strengthen the backbone of the community.

"Our *Plan* provides for the replacement of key building assets including the largest capital works project in local history, the Glen Eira Sports and Aquatic Centre.

"I will continue the work of past Mayors in assisting the community through this project including the ongoing consultation process."

Cr Tang said in order to improve equity and access to open space in Glen Eira he will work towards the acquisition of open space in line with Council's financial strategy.

"Furthermore I will continue the fight for better public access to and use of the Caulfield Racecourse Reserve, as well as addressing the ongoing issue of climate change," Cr Tang said.

Cr Tang takes over as Mayor from Cr Margaret Esakoff, who was elected as Deputy Mayor.

Mayoral facts

- The Mayor performs an important role as community leader and is the main Council spokesperson.
- The Mayor plays an important social and ceremonial role at Council and community events, opening facilities, speaking at functions, and supporting local community groups.
- The first Mayor of the City of Caulfield was Edward Charles Murphy, elected in 1913. The first Mayor of the City of Moorabbin was Leslie Allan Sheppard, elected in 1934.



New Mayor of Glen Eira Cr Steven Tang.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Opportunity to have your say

Glen Eira City Council will be consulting with the community this month to assist in the development of the 2008–2012 Glen Eira Community Plan.

Six community meetings will target small neighbourhood areas, allowing residents to have input into the Plan as well as the opportunity to discuss local issues.

Those who attend the meetings will be given the option to be kept up-to-date with the progress of the *Plan*. Upon request, residents will also be provided with a draft copy of the *Plan* and a period in which they can comment.

The two hour meetings will allow Council to gain an understanding of local priorities, the community's satisfaction with living in Glen Eira and how to make the municipality a better place to live in the future.

The meetings will also discuss the key findings of a representative survey of 500 residents by social research organisation Newton Wayman Chong.

Community meetings

Bentleigh residents

Monday 11 February 2008
7pm–9pm
Bentleigh Senior Citizens Centre
2 Arthur Street, Bentleigh

Caulfield South, Elsternwick and Gardenvale residents

Wednesday 13 February 2008
7pm–9pm
Bethlehem Hospital
476 Kooyong Road, Caulfield South

Caulfield, Caulfield East, Caulfield North and St Kilda East residents

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

Cup Room Corner Hawthorn and Glen Eira Roads, Caulfield

Glen Huntly, McKinnon and Ormond residents

Monday 18 February 2008
7pm–9pm
Ormond Senior Citizens Centre
2 Newham Grove, Ormond

Bentleigh East residents

Wednesday 20 February 2008
7pm–9pm
Moorleigh Community Village
90–92 Bignell Road, Bentleigh East

Carnegie and Murrumbeena residents

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

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MAYOR'S COLUMN



Welcome to the first edition of the *Glen Eira News* for 2008. I hope you all had an enjoyable break and are set for the year ahead.

I am extremely honoured to be elected Mayor of Glen Eira and I look forward to serving the community in my new role over the coming year.

I would also like to thank outgoing Mayor, Cr Margaret Esakoff, for the contribution she made to the City of Glen Eira during her term.

As part of Council's community consultation process for the 2008–2012 *Glen Eira Community Plan*, Council will be conducting six community meetings across the municipality throughout February.

The two hour meetings will discuss the key findings of a random telephone survey of 500 residents, which was undertaken by an independent social research organisation.

For example, the survey found that the sustainable use of energy and water and helping elderly people to pursue their lifestyles in Glen Eira should be on Council's agenda when planning for the future.

Ongoing consultation is a central aspect of enabling Council to understand community priorities as well as giving residents the opportunity to discuss local issues.

I encourage everyone to attend the meetings and have their say in shaping the future of Glen Eira.

On a lighter note, I recently had the pleasure in presenting the *Citizen, Young Citizen* and *Community Group of the Year* awards at a special Australia Day breakfast last month. Congratulations to all the winners and runners up and to all those who were nominated.

Cr Steven Tang
Mayor

Raising healthy children

Glen Eira City Council Maternal and Child Health Nurse Maria Lay has helped hundreds of parents to raise happy and healthy children for more than eight years.

Following the completion of three separate nursing qualifications — a three year Registered Nurse Program at St Vincent's, a Graduate Certificate in Midwifery and a Graduate Diploma in Maternal and Child Health Nursing — Maria has been assessing the health and development of babies and toddlers ever since.

Maria works at the Glen Huntly Maternal and Child Health Centre and was part of the team who won the Community Services Award in the 2006 *Leader Business Achiever Awards*.

Maria said being a Maternal and Child Health Nurse is very rewarding, not only to watch the babies grow, but also watch the parents grow in their role.

"It's a special time in people's lives and I'm privileged to be a part of it," Maria said.

Social and education programs

In 2008 the Glen Huntly Maternal and Child Health Centre will be more than just a place for parents to take their children to be assessed.



Maria has helped hundreds of parents to raise happy and healthy children for more than eight years.
Photo: Andrew Zunica.

Maria said the Centre plans to implement a number of social and education programs for parents.

"Parents need more assistance now than they did a generation ago," Maria said.

"Changes to family life, less neighbourhood interaction and more vigorous working habits are making it difficult for parents to do it alone."

Maria said one of the successful programs to return in 2008 is the Mothers Group.

"This six week program is designed to bring mothers together in an organised environment so that they may continue their own social networks once the groups end," Maria said.

Maria said staying within four walls while nursing a crying baby can sometimes be a bit of a shock, especially for new mums.

"Interaction with other mums will help them realise this is normal and that they're not alone," Maria said.

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DEADLINES

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

Coming deadlines

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

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

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Awards recognise outstanding achievement

Glen Eira City Council presented its annual **Citizen and Young Citizen of the Year and Community Group of the Year awards during an Australia Day breakfast at Town Hall last month.**

Guest speaker at the annual breakfast was Executive Director of the Institute of Public Administration Australia, Professor Kathy Laster.

More than 30 individuals and community clubs were nominated for the awards, which recognise significant contributions to the Glen Eira community.

Citizen of the Year

Citizen of the Year winner Margaret Dunbar has made an enormous contribution to the City of Glen Eira through her local community.

Margaret has been a volunteer with the Glen Huntly Athletic Club for more than 40 years, where she has acted as an official, fundraiser and competitor.

Margaret has professionally contributed to a wide range of organisations such as her children's schools, local church and Glen Eira Historical Society and her skills have enabled them to function more successfully.

Young Citizen of the Year

While a full-time student at McKinnon Secondary College, *Young Citizen of the Year* winner Damien Anthony demonstrated a true commitment to excellence and leadership through numerous positions of authority, including Junior and Senior School Councils. His commitment to his studies has resulted in Damien receiving a Melbourne University Kwong Lee Dow Scholarship for Academic Excellence.

Damien has actively participated in numerous community activities including coaching and umpiring sports teams, debating, music, visiting nursing homes for the elderly and involvement with the RSL on Remembrance Day.

Community Group of the Year

Community Group of the Year winner, the Jewish Cultural Centre and National Library Kadimah, has been located in Elsternwick since the 1960s. The National Library Kadimah holds the largest collection of Yiddish books in the Southern Hemisphere.

The Kadimah is a unique organisation, focusing on the language of Yiddish, which is the common language amongst



Abram Goldberg from the Jewish Cultural Centre and National Library Kadimah, Young Citizen of the Year, Damien Anthony, Mayor of Glen Eira, Cr Steven Tang, Citizen of the Year, Margaret Dunbar, Asia Guttman and Cesia Goldberg from the Jewish Cultural Centre and National Library Kadimah.

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many Glen Eira residents who came to Melbourne from Europe following World War 2.

The Kadimah runs weekly functions for Glen Eira residents who have Yiddish as their native language, informing them of events and functions in the City and presenting guest speakers to address the patrons in Yiddish.

Council also paid tribute to a number of

high calibre nominees. These included:

- *Citizen of the Year* — Graeme Berry and Dr Geulah Solomon;
- *Young Citizen of the Year* — Joshua Bretherton and Sean Wroe; and
- *Community Group of the Year* — D.J Coakley Bentleigh East Senior Citizens Club and Ormond Junior Football Club.

News in Brief

Live Green with LESS program

There is still time for Glen Eira residents to start living green and help combat climate change. Glen Eira City Council's *Live Green with LESS program* will now continue until the end of February.

As of 13 January 2008, 148,000 energy efficient light bulbs have been installed in 8,600 households across the municipality. Residents have the option of an on the spot installation or alternatively can contact the LESS booking team on 1300 855 362 to arrange a convenient time.

2008 Council Meeting dates

Tuesday 5 February
 Tuesday 26 February
 Tuesday 18 March
 Tuesday 8 April
 Tuesday 29 April
 Tuesday 20 May
 Wednesday 11 June
 Tuesday 1 July
 Tuesday 22 July
 Tuesday 12 August
 Tuesday 2 September
 Tuesday 23 September
 Monday 13 October
 Wednesday 5 November
 Tuesday 25 November
 Tuesday 16 December

Resource Guide and Safe Food Guide

The *2008 Council and Community Resource Guide* and *Safe Food Guide* hit letterboxes on 15 and 16 January. If you did not receive a copy of either publications, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

Volunteers wanted

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

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

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

Who looks after Glen Eira roads?

Glen Eira City Council receives many calls from residents regarding what roads are maintained by Council and what roads VicRoads is responsible for.

VicRoads is responsible for the main carriageway of Declared Arterial Roads. The main carriageway is the part of the road between the kerbs, excluding any service road.

Council maintains the footpath, naturestrip trees and any service roads.

Declared Arterial Roads comprise of the

following:

- Balaclava Road;
- Booran Road between Glen Eira and Neerim Roads;
- Centre Road;
- Dandenong Road;
- East Boundary Road;
- Glen Eira Road;
- Grange Road;
- Hawthorn Road;
- Hotham Street;
- Jasper Road;
- Murrumbeena Road;
- Neerim Road between Booran Road and Murrumbeena Road;

- Nepean Highway;
- Normanby Road between Balaclava Road and Smith Street;
- North Road;
- Smith Street north of Normanby Road;
- South Road; and
- Warrigal Road.

VicRoads has the power to impose clearways on the main carriageway of Declared Arterial Roads, which are enforced by Council authorised officers and Victoria Police. Council is also responsible for implementation and enforcement of all other parking controls

on both declared arterial and all other public roads.

Council maintains the entire road reserve of all other roads. i.e. from property line to property line. However, Council does not maintain unmade laneways not under its control or ownership.

For issues regarding the main carriage way of declared arterial roads, contact VicRoads on 9854 2666. For all other enquiries, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

CEO'S COLUMN



“Very informative and interesting with a light humour — fabulous presentation. A lot of helpful hints and suggestions. Great, would absolutely recommend it.”

These are just some of the positive comments received about Glen Eira City Council Family and Children's Services 2007 education sessions.

To support and assist parents in giving their child the best possible start to life, Council will again run 15 education sessions in 2008 covering a wide variety of topics. Session details can be found in the 2008 education sessions calendar, which is available at www.gleneira.vic.gov.au or by contacting Council's Service Centre.

Council's Family and Children's Services Unit will be kept busy in 2008.

In the coming months, the Unit will implement the Federal Government's Child Care Management System. This will help better manage fees and Child Care Benefit payments.

Speaking of new systems, the Unit will also implement new computer software to improve child care waiting list efficiency and reduce waiting time for families.

Implementation of key recommendations in the 2006–2009 *Municipal Early Years Plan* will continue, as well as the ongoing promotion of Council's Family Day Care Scheme as a quality child care option.

If you would like any further information on Council's Family and Children's Services, please do not hesitate to contact our friendly and qualified staff.

All the best for 2008.

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 Andi on 9524 3366.



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Say It Don't Spray It

Say It Don't Spray It is the theme for the Glen Eira Anti-Graffiti Initiative.

The slogan was designed by Coatesville Primary School student, Zac Wright, who was one of 400 students involved in the initiative in 2007.

As part of the initiative, Glen Eira City Council has produced 10,000 anti-graffiti stickers displaying Zac's slogan, which will be distributed by Caulfield Police to Grade five and six students early in the school year.

Through his involvement in the education program Zac has become quite passionate about graffiti prevention, explaining that it “ruins other people's property.”

Council's Community Safety Committee

Chairperson Cr Nick Staikos said it is hoped the initiative will assist in educating students on what graffiti is, inform them of the consequences and discourage their involvement in the first place.

“Ultimately, it is hoped to give them the confidence to not get involved and deter others,” Cr Staikos said.

Cr Staikos said the initiative was formed after it was identified that some of the young offenders, who were being caught by the Caulfield Police Graffiti Tasking Unit, started dabbling in graffiti in their late primary school years.

“As a result, Caulfield Police came up with the idea to have a proactive approach to compliment the Tasking Unit's reactive approach to graffiti in

Glen Eira,” Cr Staikos said.

The initiative comprises three parts:

- a 40-minute lesson plan on the definition of graffiti, the law, how it affects the community, how it affects the offender's future and what to do if students see or know of someone that is involved in graffiti;
- a poster competition where, the students make up a slogan and/or picture and display it on a poster to deter young people from becoming involved in graffiti; and
- the winning poster is made into a sticker.

The initiative will run again in 2008 and interested schools are encouraged to contact Caulfield Police on 9524 9508 if they would like to participate. ■



Cr Nick Staikos, Coatesville Primary School student Zac Wright, Senior Sergeant Paul Kirk, Glen Eira Youth Resource Officer Senior Constable Lisa Prince and Coatesville Primary School Principal Louise Pearce. Photo: Bernie Bickerton

Building maintenance important

In the effort to prevent decaying of building structures, Glen Eira City Council building inspectors are urging all residents to regularly check for water leaks around the home.

The call follows the investigation by the inspectors of two building failures in which water penetration was a contributing factor.

The first incident resulted in a first floor window falling out of an external wall over the front entry of a residence in St Kilda East. The second incident resulted in the collapse of a garage brick wall with a tiled roof.

Council's Manager Civic Compliance John Bordignon said either incident

could have resulted in serious injury.

“Building maintenance is not something we tend to think about as we expect our homes to last forever,” Mr Bordignon said.

Mr Bordignon said Building practices 25 years ago did not necessarily factor in adverse conditions or decaying materials.

“In most cases buildings are built to a reasonable standard,” Mr Bordignon said.

“However if you have a building over 25 years of age a check of your structure is a sure way of protecting your family and asset.”

Mr Bordignon said basketball rings attached to the front wall of a brick,

stone or concrete block garage are the most common causes of masonry collapse with residential properties.

“These combined with aging building material, poor building maintenance and horizontal forces, such as high wind, can sometimes cause serious injury or even death,” Mr Bordignon said.

Registered building practitioners such as structural engineers, architects, building surveyors and consultants will be able to assist residents in providing advice on your buildings long-term performance. ■

Take your sales to a whole new level

Whether you're experienced in marketing and sales or a complete novice, Glen Eira City Council's first Women's Business Network session for 2008 will help you take your sales to a whole new level.

Innovate for Profit — How to use the Power of Innovation in your Marketing and Sales to Boost Profits will be presented by Elliot Hayes, Swinburne Industry Solutions, Swinburne University.

Being creative and innovative in your business costs you nothing, but the rewards can be profitable.

This session is designed to give you strategic breakthroughs on how you can be the leader in your niche without having a huge spending budget at your disposal.

You will also learn about the Know Brainer Accelerated Innovation Process, which has been implemented by organisations such as Google, Apple, Motorola and KFC.

Elliot Hayes has worked across several different industries, ranging from telecommunications, film and television to corporate training and development. He has featured in BRW and his clients have included Australia Post, Telstra, the Department of Justice and Optus. Elliot also consults and trains in the areas of productivity, time management, innovation in the workplace, sales and marketing. He is a qualified tai chi instructor and a professional actor.

Date: Thursday 21 February

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

Time: 7pm for 7.30pm start. Networking and supper on arrival

Cost: \$15 per person

RSVP: Booking are essential by Monday February 18, to Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

Mentor Partners Program to be held again in 2008

Expressions of interest are being called for the Glen Eira City Council and Kingston City Council 2008 Mentor Partners Program.

The *Program* is designed to:

- help local businesses deal with the challenges of growing their businesses; 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.

Ms Bredin said since inception more than 180 businesses have benefited from the *Program*.

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

Case study — Billprint

After being in business for eight years, Billprint's Managing Director, Iain Stubbings, sought the assistance of a mentor from the *Mentor Partners Program* to enable him to take his business to the next phase of growth.

Managing Director Lite n' Easy Melbourne, Cliff Gale, was assigned to Iain as his mentor because he has experienced some of the same challenges in expanding his own business in the past.

Iain has benefited from discussing his business and the goals he would like to achieve with his mentor and is now taking action to move ahead with new initiatives.

Billprint is a one stop operation, specialising in handling complex data and mail processing applications, design services, web development, printing, information management and mail processing.

Having a mentor as a sounding board has enabled Iain to reflect on the direction his business growth is taking and make informed decisions to drive his business success.

Iain said the benefit gained from the *Mentor Program* is in direct proportion to the willingness to commit effort and pull apart your own thinking to absorb new ideas.

"This is not always an easy task. If you have a genuine desire to seek out improvements to your business, your employees working environment, your family and to yourself, I suggest wholeheartedly that you consider the *Mentor Partners Program*," Iain said.

Criteria for the Program

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.

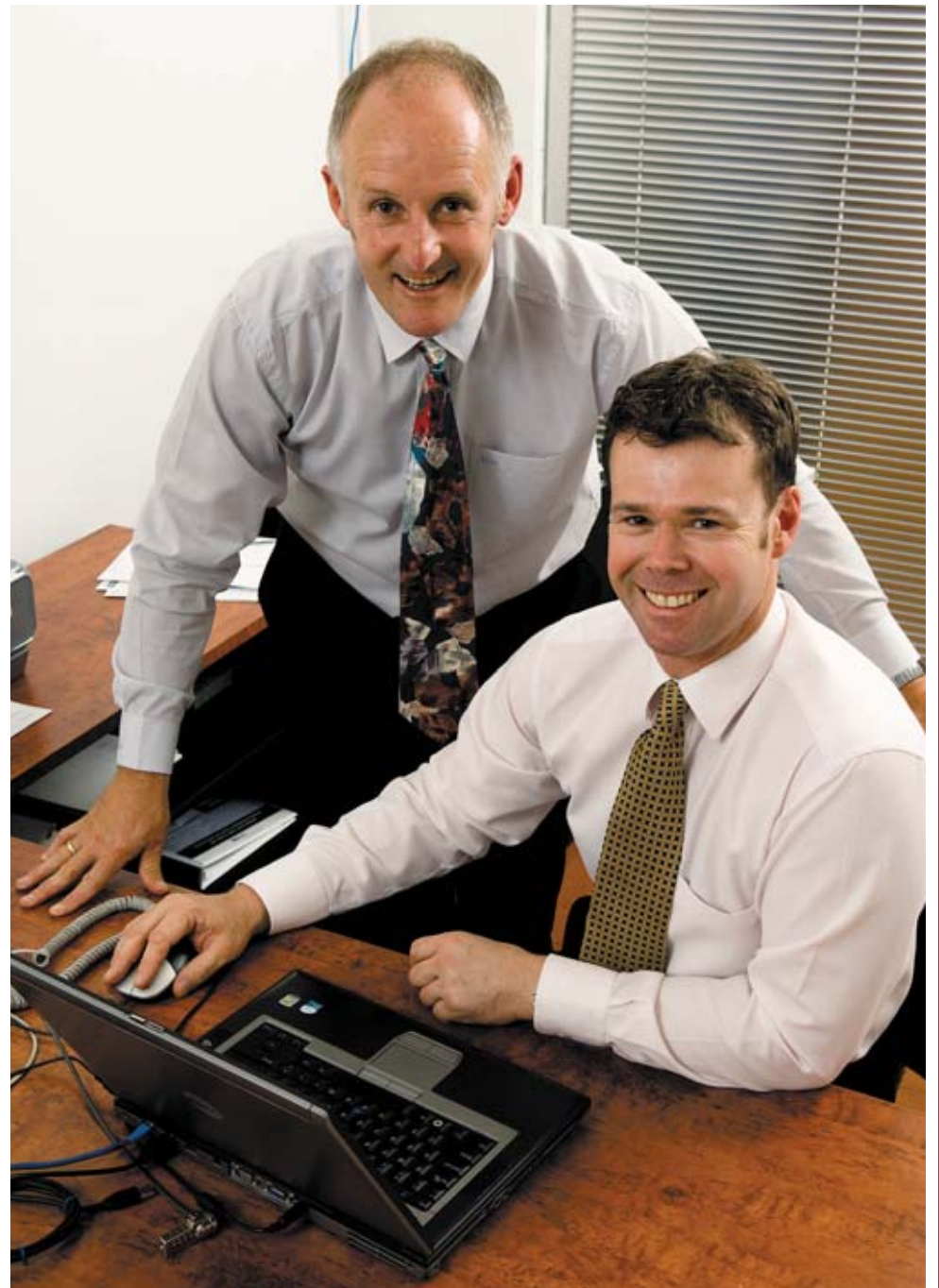
Applications are considered twice yearly for consideration for an April and September intake of participants. It is advised to submit an application as early as possible as limited places are available.

Further information

If you are a business and interested in participating in the *Mentor Partners*

Program, or if you have a wealth of experience in business and interested in becoming a mentor, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 or email businessdevelopment@gleneira.vic.gov.au

Application forms and further details can be emailed or mailed out.



Billprint's Managing Director Iain Stubbings (seated) and Managing Director Lite n' Easy Melbourne, Cliff Gale.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton

Early childhood is an exciting time for children and can present many rewards as well as many challenges for parents.

Glen Eira City Council's Maternal and Child Health Service offers an 18 month health and developmental assessment for every child.

The visit, which is part of the *Department of Education and Early Childhood Development's 10 Key Age and Stage Visits Program*, is conducted by Council's experienced Maternal and Child Health Nurses.

Alice from Bentleigh has been bringing her 18 month old daughter Finlay to the Bentleigh Maternal and Child Health Centre since she was born.

"Following the birth of Finlay, the first of the Key Age and Stage visits was conducted. Evonne (March) came to our place for the home visit. She has also seen Finlay for all her other key age assessments," Alice said.

"Evonne is not only easy to talk to, but she is very informative and provides me handouts and charts, which cover the particular stage that Finlay is at."

Alice told the *Glen Eira News* she would recommend Council's Maternal and Child Health service to everyone.

"Whether it's your first child or fourth child, this service not only gives you peace of mind, but also the opportunity to speak to an experienced and qualified person about your child and their development," Alice said.

Why are the visits important?

Council Maternal and Child Health Co-ordinating Nurse Ruth Hennell said it is vital that children are assessed.

"The visits will assist in the early identification of any health and development issues, which could potentially affect school readiness, future learning and wellbeing outcomes," Ms Hennell said.

What happens at the assessment?

The 18 month key age and stage visit includes an assessment of the following:

- gross motor development— walking well, running while watching the ground and carrying toys while walking;

- vision and fine motor — building a tower of three to four blocks, turning the pages of a book and pointing to objects;
- language, speech and hearing — using five to 10 words, obeying simple instructions and pointing to eyes, nose and mouth; and
- social behaviour and play — using a spoon and cup and taking off shoes and socks.

Ms Hennell said during the visit parents often seek advice on guiding positive behaviour, tantrums, mealtimes and dental care.

The visit also provides the opportunity for parents to discuss their own health and wellbeing issues," Ms Hennell said

Other assessments

Ms Hennell said it is important not only for 18 month old children to be assessed, but also children at other key stages of their development.

"The first assessment is conducted at the child's home following their discharge from hospital," Ms Hennell said.

"Subsequent assessments are then carried out at their local centre at two weeks, four



Council's Maternal and Child Health Nurse Evonne March conducts Finlay's 18 month health and developmental check.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

weeks, eight weeks, four months, eight months, 12 months, two years and three and a half years."

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

PLAYGROUP FUN FOR EVERYONE

A new playgroup commenced in the City of Glen Eira in January.

Erin's Playgroup, a member of Playgroup Victoria, offers sessions to families who have a child with a disability, special needs or life challenges. Siblings are also able to attend the weekly sessions, which will be held in the Carnegie Library and Community Centre Children's Multi-purpose Room.

The sessions will be available to children

of all ages and abilities. Priority will be given to residents of Glen Eira and to families with children with disabilities or special needs.

Sessions are limited to a maximum of 20 children and will be held on Thursdays from 9.30am to 11.30am and Fridays from 12pm to 2pm.

Playgroup is for babies, toddlers and preschoolers, and their parents or carers. In Glen Eira, close to 525 families with more than 700 babies, toddlers and

preschool aged children go to playgroup each week in church halls, maternal and child health centres, school halls, community houses and community centres.

Playgroups are informal, low cost and run by the parents and caregivers. Parents stay with their children at playgroup, which gives them the chance to meet other parents going through similar experiences and also ease the isolation that can come with caring for young children. Families can be gently

introduced to community, health and support services while they are at playgroup.

For further information on Erin's Playgroup contact Simone Waterman on 0409 166 407 or email stim@alphlink.com.au

For all other playgroups in Glen Eira, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 or visit www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

NEW BEGINNINGS IN CHILD CARE

Commencing childcare for the first time can be stressful for parents and children.

So how can you ensure that your child feels welcome and secure within their new environment?



Council operates four centres in Carnegie, Caulfield, Elsternwick and Murrumbeena.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Glen Eira City Council's Elsternwick Children's Centre Co-ordinator Geraldine McCarthy said communication and planning is the key to a smooth transition.

"At Council's four children's centres we spend a great deal of time planning the transition to the care environment," Ms McCarthy said.

"Transition includes parents visiting the centre with their child, sitting in the playroom and allowing children to interact with the child care staff and other children before being left for the first time."

Ms McCarthy said the more information parents share about their child the easier the transition to the care environment will be.

"We ask the parents to provide us with any information they can about their

child, including their child's routine, previous care experiences, information on comfort toys and settling techniques," Ms McCarthy said.

"Our staff then use this information to ensure that each day is an enjoyable and comfortable experience for both the parent and child."

Glen Eira City Council operates four centres in Carnegie, Caulfield, Elsternwick and Murrumbeena.

Each centre, which cares for children from six months to six years, has achieved the highest quality rating with the National Child Care Accreditation Council Inc.

For further information on children's services in Glen Eira, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES AT THE LIBRARY

Glen Eira City Council's libraries are great places for children and families to read, learn and have fun together.

Parents who encourage their children to join and use the library equip them with vital skills and introduce them to a lifetime of learning opportunities. At each library, qualified staff can advise and guide children and parents in selecting books to read and explore. Library membership is free. There are no age limits and it's easy to join.

Library collections

Council's libraries offer an extensive collection of material for children, including board books, picture books, early readers, junior fiction and subject books for school projects.

Storytime

Storytime provides parents with a wonderful opportunity to introduce children aged three to five years to the joys of reading and choosing books. The free 30 minute session includes music, songs and rhymes suitable for preschool children. Locations and times are available from any of Council's libraries or at www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

BabyTime

BabyTime is a free program for babies birth to two years. The program not only

stimulates and inspires young minds with songs and rhymes, but it helps promote skills of word association as well as introducing babies to the rhythm of language. Locations and times are available from any of Council's libraries or at www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

Holiday Mania

During the school holidays, Council's libraries offer a host of fun learning activities for children of all ages. The diverse programs include storytelling, writing and illustrating, music and theatre. Check your local branch or Council's website for further details. A small fee is charged.

Saturday Shakers

Saturday Shakers is a fun and interactive series of family events. These free events are held at the Carnegie Library and Community Centre on the second Saturday of each month from 2pm.

Special events

Council libraries host a number of special events and programs for children and families throughout the year. These include:

- the popular *Summer Reading* adventure;
- *Reader's Rewards* incentives;
- free author and illustrator talks for school groups in *Children's Book Week*;
- special *Storytime* sessions for children and grandparents to share during the



Storytime provides parents with a wonderful opportunity to introduce children to the joys of reading and choosing books.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

- *Seniors Festival*; and
- Christmas shows.

Student support

Council's Librarians can assist students in finding information for school or just for fun. Online databases full of information for homework and projects can be accessed by library members at home or in the library.

Homework Centre

The Homework Centre @ Carnegie Library provides a quiet, distraction free zone for students to complete homework and school assignments. Librarians are

on hand to help students understand and use information to assist with homework tasks. This free service is available to students every Wednesday during the school term from 4pm to 6pm.

Supporting local schools

Glen Eira schools can join and enjoy the benefits of an extended borrowing period.

Qualified library staff will help schools locate books and other materials to complement their curriculum. Class visits are also welcome.

GLEN EIRA PARKS HIGHLY RATED

Glen Eira City Council's ongoing commitment to upgrading the City's parks in line with its Open Space Strategy has been well received by residents.

More than 230 families with at least one child under six years have highly rated Glen Eira's parks and playgrounds, with a score of 8.35 out of 10.

The telephone survey was part of the consultation process for Council's *Municipal Early Years Plan 2006-2009*.

Council's Family and Children's Services

Manager Lili James said playtime for children in the City of Glen Eira has never been so much fun.

"Many of Glen Eira's 45 playgrounds are the centrepieces of parks," Ms James said.

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

Redevelopment of the City's parks not only assists in making the municipality a better place to live, but it also enables the park to meet the needs of both current and future park users.

Joyce Park in Ormond is just one of the many parks to be upgraded. Completed works include a new all-abilities playground, all-abilities Exeloo toilet, access all-abilities pathways, extensive landscaping and new park furniture.

In 2008, Annie and Arthur Abraham's Reserve in Bentleigh East has been the site of recent activity. The Reserve is now home to a new adventure playground, access all-abilities pathways, barbecue and picnic facilities and bike racks.

Other parks and playgrounds which offer hours of fun include:

- Allnutt Park — Wheatley Road, Bentleigh;
- Bentleigh Hodgson Reserve — Arthur Street, Bentleigh;
- Carnegie Library Playspace — Shepparson Avenue, Carnegie;
- Caulfield Park — Balaclava Road, Caulfield;
- Centenary Park — Bignell Road, Bentleigh East;
- Halley Park — Jasper Road, Bentleigh;
- Harleston Park — Seymour and Allison Roads, Elsternwick;
- Packer Park — Leila Road, Carnegie; and
- Princes Park — Hawthorn Road, Caulfield South.



Playtime for children in Glen Eira has never been so much fun.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

THE IMPORTANCE OF IMMUNISATION

Immunisation protects children and adults from harmful infections.

Immunisation is important for two main reasons:

- it is the safest and most effective way of protecting against disease; and
- if enough people in the community are immunised, the number of infectious diseases will reduce and may be eliminated.

Council immunisation sessions

Glen Eira City Council conducts nine community immunisation sessions at various venues throughout the municipality each month. There are four morning sessions, one afternoon session, three evening sessions and one Saturday morning session. Turn to page eight for February's dates and venues.

Copies of the 2008 Immunisation Schedule are available from www.gleneira.vic.gov.au or by contacting Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

MEETINGS AND CLUBS

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

Melbourne Begonia Society meets at Tucker Road Bentleigh Primary School every second month from Saturday 16 February from 1.30pm for environmental and social activities. New members welcome.
Contact: Tricia Marriott 9557 7756 or marriott@netlink.com.au and Lesley Pawsey 9570 6822 or lesbrucepawsey@optusnet.com.au

The Over 50's Dance Group invites New Vogue, Old Time and Modern dancers to enjoy an afternoon of live music and dance every Monday from 12.30 at the Glen Eira Town Hall, corner of Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads Caulfield. Cost is \$5.
Contact: 9822 2064.

Nirkoda Israeli Folk Dancing Club starts new beginner classes on February 7 and 9. Relaxed fun filled circle classes will be held at Ormond Uniting Church, corner of Booran and North Roads on Thursday from 7pm and Saturday from 2pm and at Birch Street Scout Hall on Thursday from 9am. All levels catered to, including fantastic partner classes.
Contact: Judi 0407 517 865 or www.kirkoda.org

Melbourne Scots Dancing Circle holds Scottish country dancing classes every Friday from 8pm. All ages and levels welcome, beginners wanted and encouraged. Good exercise, good fun.
Contact: Bev 9579 5532 or George 9808 6805.

New Beginnings Group is a seven week group for women who have experienced being put down or abused in relationships either as children or adults. Cost is \$20 and the group meets every Thursday between 1 and 3pm from 7 February until 20 March at Connections Family Resource Centre, 274 High Street, Windsor.
Contact: Irena 9521 5666.

Club 66 hold their Old Time, modern, New Vogue 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 (opposite RSL). Cost is \$7 which also includes a light supper.
Contact: 9587 1092.

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

Glen Eira Cheltenham Arts Group holds classes in all media from Tuesday to Saturday. Life Classes are also available once a month at Moorleigh Village, 92 Bignell Road, Bentleigh East. New Members welcome.
Contact 9563 7621 or 9555 5998.

Caulfield Park Croquet Club is now part of the Caulfield Park Sports Club. An invitation is extended to all to come and try the game, any Thursday or Saturday between 10am and 3pm. No experience necessary and the only equipment required is flat soled footwear.
Contact: 9596 3845.

The Kiwanis Internet Club of Bayside Inc welcomes new members, 18 years and over, to participate in volunteer hands-on community service and social fundraising events. Electronic meetings are held every 1st and 3rd Monday from 7pm in the e-Club's Chat Room at: www.e-kiwanisbayside.org.au.
Contact: Beni 9596 4815.

Kids Rock is a 10 week program for primary school aged children aiming to assist those who have been affected by family abuse or violence. This free program runs from 4pm every Monday from 18 February until 7 May at Connection Family Resource Centre, 274 High Street, Windsor. Afternoon tea is included and the group breaks for school holidays.
Contact: Irena 9521 5666.

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.

EVENTS

Melbourne Begonia Society Annual Show will be held on Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 February at Senior Citizens Club, 964 Nepean Highway, Moorabbin.
Contact: Tricia Marriott 9557 7756 or marriott@netlink.com.au and Lesley Pawsey 9570 6822 or lesbrucepawsey@optusnet.com.au

Murrumbeena Bowls Club has commenced its Summer Pennant Season. Come and enjoy what the sport of bowls has to offer.
Contact: Michael Thompson 9569 4969

The Melbourne Male Choir will be performing at Claremont Terrace, 231 McKinnon Road, McKinnon on Sunday 10 February from 2pm. Contact Jane Lorbergs 9576 8111.

The Glen Huntly Friendship Group invites you to join them on their first bus trip of 2008. The destinations are Port Arlington and Geelong, with lots to see and do along the way. Tour departs Thursday 28 February at 8.45am from 99 Grange Road and 9am from 185 Poath Road Hughesdale. Cost is \$32.
Contact: Margaret 9596 6124.

Caulfield Grammar's Festival for the Arts will be held at Rippon Lea Estate on Sunday 24 February from 5pm. The Festival will feature music, theatre and visual arts as well as a twilight concert with *Cotton, Keays and Morris*. Tickets at the gate. Contact: 9524 6394.

COMMUNITY

Create a kids book! Always wanted to write for children? Two enthusiastic and experienced tutors Dr Virginia Lowe and artist Jo Thompson hold a picture book workshop on 9 February in Ormond. Class costs \$200 and is from 10am. Contact: Virginia 9573 5689 or virginia@createakidsbook.com.au

Nextt Health is a leading provider of home based attendant care services throughout Victoria. Nextt Health is seeking dedicated and mature minded personal care and home care workers to provide assistance to clients at home throughout Elwood, St Kilda, Elsternwick, Caulfield and surrounding areas.
Contact: Alexandra 9829 9128 or email your resume with cover letter to ageorgakakis@nextt.com.au

Godfrey Street Community House will hold the following classes listed below.
Contact: 9557 9037 or godfreystrethouse@gmail.com

New GSCH Writers' Workshop
Begins: Monday 18 February 2008
Time: 1pm-3pm. Learn, improve and share your writing with others.

Intro to Computer courses
Navigate your way around that new PC. (Concessions available.)

Mixed Media Art
Begins: Friday 8 February 2008
Time: 1pm-3pm
Experience and learn different art and craft techniques.

Tai Chi
Begins: Wednesday 7 February 2008
Time: 1.15pm-2.15pm
Learn this gentle Eastern exercise.

CAE Book Clubs
Monthly Monday evenings
Monthly Thursday afternoons
Share your love of reading with others.

Sewing/Craft
Begins: Monday 4 February 2008
Time: 10.30am-12pm
Learn and share new craft skills.

IMMUNISATION SESSIONS

FEBRUARY

McKinnon Public Hall
118 McKinnon Road, McKinnon
Monday 4 February 10am-11am

Glen Eira Town Hall Auditorium (entry via Glen Eira Road)
Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield
Tuesday 5 February 6pm-7pm
Tuesday 12 February 9.30am-10.30am

Carnegie Library and Community Centre
7 Shepparson Avenue, Carnegie
Wednesday 13 February 1.30pm-2.30pm
Thursday 28 February 6pm-7pm

Packer Park
Leila Road, Carnegie
Monday 18 February 10am-11am

Bentleigh East
Bentleigh Bayside Community Health Centre
Gardeners Road, Bentleigh East
Wednesday 20 February 5:45pm-7:15pm
Saturday 23 February 9.30am-11am

Glen Huntly Maternal and Child Health Centre
Corner Royal and Rosedale Avenues, Glen Huntly
Wednesday 27 February 9.30am-11am

NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR VOLUNTEER SCHEME

Nominations are now open for the 2008 Glen Eira City Council *Volunteer Recognition Scheme*.

Not-for-profit community based organisations are invited to nominate volunteers who have contributed 500, 1,000 or 2,000 hours of service or have provided 10 or more years of continuous service.

Winners will be announced during *National Volunteers Week* in May at an awards recognition ceremony.

Nominations close on Friday 14 March at 5pm.

Further information and nomination forms are available from the Council's Service Centre or from www.gleneira.vic.gov.au



GLEN EIRA CITY COUNCIL

2008-09 COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM

Each year, Glen Eira City Council awards more than \$250,000 to local community groups through its community grants program.

The 2008-09 community grants applications open on 3 March 2008.

The program aims to support and assist not-for-profit community based groups meet identified community priorities, encourage community initiatives that promote self-sufficiency and innovation and to help strengthen local participation in the planning and implementation of services and programs.

Grants are available to not-for-profit organisations that provide community services, recreation or arts and culture services within the City of Glen Eira.

These include scouts, senior citizens' centres, multicultural groups, adult learning centres, musical groups, sporting clubs, support groups, preschools, playgroups and community agencies.

Groups applying for grants should have open membership, encourage community ownership and be self-sufficient.

Applications will be available from Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 or from www.gleneira.vic.gov.au



GLEN EIRA CITY COUNCIL

Cycling club best in Australia

The Caulfield Carnegie Cycling Club, located at Packer Park, was recently awarded the Premier Club for 2007 by Cycling Australia.

The award was presented at an awards dinner in Adelaide by Australia's leading professional cyclist Brad McGee.

The *Club Premiership* is awarded to the club whose riders accumulate the highest points tally at the Australian

Championships throughout the year, and reflects the depth of the club's competitors across junior, elite and masters age groups in both road and track cycling.

This is the second time the Caulfield Carnegie Cycling Club has been named the *Premier Club* since the creation of the award in 2001. The Club's first win came in 2002, following their performance at the Club Nationals in Mooloolabah.

Also on the night, club member Michelle King was awarded the *Female Masters Cyclist of the Year* award. Michelle won two World Championships in the Time Trial and Sprint which were held in Sydney in October and set a World Record for the 500 metre time trial in the process.

Male Athlete with a Disability Cyclist of the Year went to club member Michael Gallagher.

Michael successfully defended both his World Championships in the AWD Championships held in Bordeaux, France, broke his own world record for the 4,000 metre Individual Pursuit and also set a new World Record for the 1,000 metre time trial.

The Caulfield Carnegie Cycling Club welcomes new club members. For further information, contact Malcolm Sawford on 0409 541 136. ■

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 (Melway Reference 67 H2) or Moorleigh Community Village (Melway Reference 78 B5).

Further information can also be found at the Bocce Federation of Victoria website — www.boccevic.com

Annie and Arthur makeover completed

The Annie and Arthur Abrahams Reserve makeover in Bentleigh East is complete.

This total park redevelopment has rejuvenated this reserve creating a fantastic community and recreational space.

Glen Eira City Council would like to thank residents for their patience during the reconstruction process and encourages everyone to take the time to visit the new park (Melway Reference 69 B10). ■



The redevelopment of the Annie and Arthur Abrahams Reserve is part of Council's commitment to upgrading the City's parks. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Get active in Glen Eira

If you are a young person living in Glen Eira there is no excuse in not being an active member of a sports club.

Sport has long been recognised as having significant benefits in the development and wellbeing of young people. Glen Eira residents are fortunate to have so many sports clubs catering for the needs of young people.

Glen Eira City Council Manager Recreation and Youth Services Linda Smith said young people do not need any experience in the sport they wish to play.

"Clubs provide coaching and often introductory courses to the sport which enables the participants to see if they like the game," Ms Smith said.



The *Milo have a go* program is just one of the many junior development programs held in Glen Eira.

Photo: Richard Simon.

Most sports run junior development programs during their season.

In Glen Eira these programs include:

- Netball — *Net set go*;
- Cricket — *Milo have a go*;
- Little Athletics — *On Track*;
- Football (soccer) — *Goal kick*;
- Australian Rules Football — *Auskick*; and
- Softball — *Blastball and Modball*.

Other sports in Glen Eira also encourage junior participation including cycling, baseball and lawn bowls.

Ms Smith said being an active member of a sports club has many advantages.

"It helps young people develop friendships, team skills and fitness regimes that for many will stay with them for life," Ms Smith said.

To find out where your nearest sports club is, contact Recreation Services on 9524 3333 or visit www.gleneira.vic.gov.au and follow the links to Parks and Recreation.

Swim centre events

Glen Eira's swim centres have many fun and exciting events for people of all ages taking place throughout the summer season.

Keep a look out for:

Family Fun Day

Sunday 3 February 2008
Glen Eira Sport and Aquatic Centre

Celebrating Diversity

Sunday 24 February 2008
Carnegie Swim Centre

Aquathon

Thursday 28 February 2008
Glen Eira Sport and Aquatic Centre

Thursday 6 March 2008

Carnegie Swim Centre

Movie Night

Saturday 8 March 2008
Glen Eira Sport and Aquatic Centre

Jazz by the Pool

Dates for this event are still to be confirmed for both swim centres.

Keep an eye out for further event details on Council's website www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

Both swim centres feature heated 50 metre Olympic swimming pools as well as learner and toddler pools.

Monday to Friday: 6am–7pm

Saturday and Sunday: 8am–6pm

Public holidays: 8am–6pm

If the temperature forecast is 30 degrees or it reaches 30 degrees by 3pm pool hours are extended to 8pm. ■

Nuovo Sindaco per Glen Eira

Martedì 18 dicembre in sede di assemblea speciale del Consiglio Comunale è stato eletto per l'anno 2007-08 il 12° sindaco di Glen Eira nella persona del Cons. On. Steven Tang.

Alla presenza di residenti del comune e dei membri della propria famiglia, l'On. Tang è stato eletto a seguito di un processo di candidature che ha visto coinvolti tutti i Consiglieri Comunali di Glen Eira.

Nel suo primo discorso in qualità di sindaco, l'On. Tang ha affermato di voler perseguire con entusiasmo le attività pianificate dal Consiglio nell'approvato *Piano Comunitario*.

"Non intendo rappresentare semplicemente la comunità, ha affermato l'On. Tang, ma anche rappresentare per la comunità il piano di azione del Consiglio Comunale".

"Sostengo a pieno il nostro *Piano* allo scopo di rinsaldare la spina dorsale della comunità.

"Il nostro *Piano* prevede la sostituzione di edifici comunali significativi con incluso il più vasto progetto di costruzione mai affrontato nella storia del nostro Comune: il Centro Sportivo e Acquatico di Glen Eira.

"Continuerò il lavoro iniziato dai sindaci che mi hanno preceduto assistendo la comunità nel portare avanti non solo quest'ultimo progetto ma anche l'attuale processo di consultazione."

L'On. Tang ha affermato che si adopererà per l'acquisizione di spazi aperti in linea con la strategia finanziaria del Consiglio allo scopo di migliorare la parità di accesso agli spazi aperti nel comune di Glen Eira

"Inoltre, ha aggiunto l'On. Tang, continuerò a lottare per un miglior accesso pubblico ed utilizzo dell'area di Caulfield Racecourse Reserve, e mi dedicherò ad affrontare i problemi del cambiamento climatico".

L'On. Tang succede alla Cons. Margaret Esakoff eletta Vice-sindaco.

Νέος Δήμαρχος για το Glen Eira

Ο Δημοτικός Σύμβουλος Steven Tang εκλέχθηκε ο 12ος Δήμαρχος Glen Eira για το 2007-08 σε μια Ειδική Συνεδρίαση του Δημοτικού Συμβουλίου την Τρίτη 18 Δεκεμβρίου 2007.

Υπό την παρουσία κατοίκων και μελών της οικογένειας, ο κ. Tang εκλέχθηκε μέσω μιας διαδικασίας υποψηφιοτήτων στην οποία συμμετέχουν όλοι οι Δημοτικοί Σύμβουλοι του Glen Eira.

Στην πρώτη του ομιλία ως Δήμαρχος, ο κ. Tang είπε ότι θα ακολουθήσει ενθουσιωδώς το πρόγραμμα της Δημαρχίας όπως ορίζεται στο Κοινωνικό Σχέδιό της.

"Δεν είμαι εδώ για να εκπροσωπώ μόνο την κοινότητα, αλλά επίσης να εκπροσωπώ το πρόγραμμα της Δημαρχίας στην κοινότητα," δήλωσε ο κ. Tang.

"Υποστηρίζω ολόψυχα το Σχέδιό μας για την ενίσχυση της σπονδυλικής στήλης της κοινότητας.

"Το Σχέδιό μας προβλέπει την αντικατάσταση βασικών κτιριακών εγκαταστάσεων συμπεριλαμβανομένου του μεγαλύτερου έργου ανοικοδόμησης στην τοπική ιστορία, του Αθλητικού και Κολυμβητικού Κέντρου Glen Eira.

"Θα συνεχίσω την εργασία των προηγούμενων δημάρχων για την ενίσχυση της κοινότητας μέσω αυτού του έργου συμπεριλαμβανομένης της τρέχουσας διαδικασίας διαβουλεύσεων".

Ο κ. Tang είπε ότι για να βελτιωθεί η ισότητα και η πρόσβαση στους ανοιχτούς χώρους του Glen Eira, θα εργαστεί για την απόκτηση ανοιχτού χώρου σύμφωνα με την οικονομική στρατηγική της Δημαρχίας.

"Επιπλέον, θα συνεχίσω τον αγώνα για καλύτερη δημόσια πρόσβαση και χρήση του Πάρκου Ιπποδρομίας στο Caulfield, καθώς επίσης και την αντιμετώπιση το τρέχοντος ζητήματος της κλιματικής αλλαγής," πρόσθεσε ο κ. Tang.

Ο κ. Tang αντικατέστησε την Δημοτική Σύμβουλο Margaret Esakoff, που εκλέχθηκε ως Αντιδήμαρχος.

Новый мэр муниципалитета Glen Eira

Во вторник, 18 декабря 2007г. на специальном собрании муниципального совета г-н Steven Tang был избран мэром муниципалитета Glen Eira.

В процессе номинации участвовали все члены муниципального совета. Г-н Tang был избран мэром в присутствии членов своей семьи и жителей муниципалитета.

В своей вступительной речи г-н Tang сказал, что активно будет осуществлять *План общественного развития муниципалитета* Glen Eira.

"Моя роль состоит не только том, чтобы представлять интересы жителей муниципалитета, но также знакомить жителей с планами муниципального совета," сказал г-н Tang.

"Я искренне поддерживаю приоритеты *Плана развития* по укреплению общественных связей в муниципалитете.

"В нашем *Плане* предусмотрено обновление основных общественных сооружений, включая крупнейший в местной истории капитальный проект – Дворец водных видов спорта Glen Eira.

"Как и мои предшественники в должности мэра, я буду работать над этим проектом, в том числе в плане консультаций с общественностью."

Г-н Tang также отметил, что в соответствии с финансовой стратегией муниципалитета, он будет заниматься вопросами приобретения незастроенных земельных участков для улучшения доступа к местам общественного пользования в муниципалитете.

"Кроме того я буду добиваться улучшения доступа к территории комплекса ипподрома Caulfield, а также заниматься проблемами изменения климата," сказал г-н Tang.

Г-н Tang заменил в должности мэра г-жу Margaret Esakoff, которая была избрана заместителем мэра.

Glen Eira 新任市長

在 2007 年 12 月 18 日星期二舉行的市政府特別會議上，Steven Tang 市議員當選為第 12 任即 2007-08 年度市長。

在居民及家人見證下，Tang 市議員通過 Glen Eira 所有市議員參與的提名過程當選為市長。

在他當選為市長的首次講話中，Tang 市議員說他將積極實施市政府《社區計劃》中制定的市政府工作事項。

Tang 市議員說："我在此不僅代表社區，還代表市政府向社區闡述市政府的工作事項。"

"我全力支持我們的《計劃》，以增強社區的力量。"

"我們的《計劃》規定，一些主要的建築資產將被更新取代，其中包括地方史上最大的資本工程項目 - Glen Eira 運動與游泳中心。"

"我將協助社區開展這個項目，包括持續開展的社區諮詢過程，以此來繼續前任市長們的工作。"

Tang 市議員說，為了提高 Glen Eira 的公平程度和空地的利用，他將根據市政府的財政策略努力促成空地的購獲。

Tang 市議員還說："另外，我將繼續為公眾能更便利、更好地使用 Caulfield 跑馬場保留地 (Caulfield Racecourse Reserve) 而努力，並協助解決存在的氣候變化問題。"

Steven Tang 市議員接任 Margaret Esakoff 市議員的市長職務，而 Margaret Esakoff 市議員則當選為副市長。



Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

ENJOY GLEN EIRA'S PARKS — OPEN SPACE BOOKING

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

Make the most of the warmer weather and take advantage of the public facilities within Council's parks and reserves, including open space areas, rotundas and shelters.

If you are planning a large function, contact Council about a booking within a park.

A booking administration fee applies for each reservation, however the peace of mind of knowing your guests can arrive and meet in a prearranged place makes it a worthwhile investment.

For further information please contact Council's Facilities Booking Officer on 9524 3333 or email recservices@gleneira.vic.gov.au



GLEN EIRA CITY COUNCIL

2008 COMMUNITY GRANTS WORKSHOP

Glen Eira City Council invites you to attend a free workshop on writing your 2008-09 community grant application.

The session provides an opportunity to discuss your ideas and will cover:

- understanding the community grant criteria;
- the types of projects council considers to be high priority;
- how to meet the selection criteria; and
- how to write a successful grant application.

Monday 3 March 2008, 3pm-5pm or 6.30pm-8.30pm. Caulfield Cup Room Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield.

Bookings are essential. RSVP by Friday 22 February 2008 to Public Health and Community Development Unit on 9524 3800

If you have any access requirements in order to participate in this workshop, please advise Council at the time of booking.



GLEN EIRA CITY COUNCIL

ADVERTISING IN THE GLEN EIRA NEWS

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

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

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

For further information, a schedule of rates and bookings contact 9524 3366.



GLEN EIRA CITY COUNCIL

Big Splash Out 2008 a huge success

Glen Eira City Council Youth Services Big Splash Out 2008 was a huge success for everyone involved.

Crowds of young people rocked the afternoon away to local youth musos such as *Lvis*, *The Kavoldics*, *George Adamopolos*, *The Ainsley Band* & *The Box Factory*.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Steven Tang opened the festivities, congratulating the Youth Consultative Group for their hard work in putting together the annual youth music festival.

“The *Big Splash Out* was another success for Youth Services, which kicks off a year of great events for the young people in our municipality,” Cr Tang said.

The Youth Consultative Group are a group of dedicated, hard working young people from Glen Eira, who have received training in event management and assist Council’s Youth Services team in delivering youth events.

The next group is due to start mid-year, so if you are interested in becoming a member, register your interest now by contacting the Youth Information Centre on 9579 7963.



Glen Eira Mayor Cr Steven Tang and Youth Consultative Group members give thumbs up to Big Splash Out.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Setting goals for 2008

Keeping to New Year’s Resolutions is never easy — so it’s always better to sit down and give some thought when setting realistic goals for the year ahead.

In 2008, you might be starting secondary school, completing Year 12, travelling overseas or commencing tertiary educations or full-time employment.

Whatever the case may be, setting goals can help you make the right decisions and help you in achieving your goals.

According to www.reachout.com.au working towards your goals involves the following three basic steps:

1. Define your goal:
 - a. make it specific;
 - b. include a time frame; and
 - c. make your goals realistic.

2. Set subgoals:
 - a. setting small steps that will help you along the way.
3. Work through a plan of action:
 - a. planning how you will actually achieve your subgoals and your final goal.

Glen Eira City Council’s Youth Services offers free and confidential youth work support to all young people aged 10–25 years, who live, work, or study within the municipality.

If you would like to speak to our friendly youth workers about goal setting, or any other challenges you may face in the year ahead, feel free to visit us at the Youth Information Centre, Bailey Reserve, Benteleigh East.

The Centre is open Monday to Thursday from 1pm–6pm and Friday’s 1pm–5pm.



Come and speak to one of Glen Eira’s youth workers about setting goals in 2008.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Internet safety to be discussed at info night

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

To be held at Glen Eira Town Hall on Thursday 10 April at 7.30pm, the topic for the night will be *young people and internet safety*, a topic that is becoming

increasingly popular and relevant in the lives of young people.

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

He is also the author of the book *Real Wired Child: What parents need to know about kids online* and various other publications such as *Surviving Adolescents*:

The must-have manual for all parents and Surviving Year 12: A sanity kit for students and their parents.

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

If you are interested in being informed about other upcoming events and

programs the Youth Services provide you can join the Youth Services mailing list.

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

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

FIGURES AND FACES

Viewing 31 January–10 February

Figures and Faces is a vibrant collection of artworks drawn from the permanent collection of Glen Eira City Council.

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

VICTOR MAJZNER
Galil — Golan

Viewing from 15 February–9 March

For *Galil — Golan*, distinguished McKinnon based artist Victor Majzner presents a deeply personal body of work. This exhibition will comprise of paintings made on location in northern Israel and in Melbourne between 2006 and 2008.

The first component of Majzner's Israel project, completed between 1997 and 1999, dealt specifically with the Negev in southern Israel. Whereas the Negev is a desert, full of Biblical portent yet sparsely populated, Galilee and the Golan Heights by contrast are the fertile bread basket of Israel.



Victor Majzner, *Trapped*, 2007, acrylic on canvas.

Majzner applies his original take on Australia's important landscape painting tradition to the Israeli landscape, drawing on both his deep emotional connection to Israel as his ancestral land, a place of refuge and of spiritual longing and his Australian cultural heritage.

In 2004, the Gallery presented a special exhibition, *Wounded: Land, Memory, Destiny*, which examined specific themes of strong personal interest to the artist, including Jewish Australian history and the passage of émigrés.

Victor Majzner is one of Australia's most prominent painters represented widely in collections throughout Australia and the world. In 2002 Macmillan published an important monograph on his art *Earth to sky — the art of Victor Majzner* by Leigh Astbury. He retired as head of painting at Victoria College of the Arts in 2000 and has since devoted himself wholly to his own painting.

Galil — Golan will be officially opened on Thursday 14 February.



Fred Williams, *Lysterfield Landscape*, 1973, oil on canvas.

Party in the Park

This year's first *Party in the Park* event will celebrate Glen Eira's cultural diversity and artistic vibrancy through music and dance.

To be held at Allnutt Park on Sunday 2 March, a wonderful program of entertainment has been scheduled for the afternoon, including music with a Latin American feel by *Green Tea*, great

rhythms by *Tumbarumba*, *Out of the Blue* circus as well as performances by talented community performers.

There will be a wide variety of free activities for the whole family, including puppet making and craft workshops. And kiddies can learn how to paint with the *Paint Pot People*. There will also be an animal farm and *The Wiggles* jumping castle.

TimTim, balloonologist extraordinaire will be the Master of Ceremonies.

A range of community information stands and small business stalls will also be on display.

To be held from 12pm–4pm, *Party in the Park* at Allnutt Park is a free, all-ages community event.

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



Party in the Park will celebrate Glen Eira's cultural diversity and artistic vibrancy through music and dance.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Let's swing

Party in the Park - Let's Swing is a new celebration to be held at Princes Park on Sunday 16 March.

Let's Swing is a free afternoon of Big Band music. The concert will appeal to all lovers of swing and Big Band music.

The Big Band classic sounds of 15-piece band the *Pearly Shells Big Band* will be the feature artists of the afternoon. The *Pearly Shells Big Band* is Melbourne's premiere Big Band and have been central to the Melbourne revival of this wonderful style of music.

Also swinging will be the *McKinnon Secondary College Big Band*, which play Big Band music and are big on talent. Other community performances will be presented by the *Glen Eira City Band* and the *Wesley College Big Band*.

Come and enjoy the music from the great era of big band music at this special free concert. The music will swing from 12pm–4pm.

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

Find out more about respite opportunities for the person you care for.	Meet up with other parents and carers to have a cuppa and a chat.	See demonstrations and displays of arts and recreational activities.	Take home a showbag of information and other goodies.
<p>EXPO 1 Covering the areas of Glen Eira, Port Phillip, Stonnington, Bayside and Kingston. Time: 10.00am-3.00pm Date: Wednesday, 27th February, 2008 Venue: Glen Eira Town Hall, Cnr. Glen Eira & Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield. Mel Ref: 68 A2. Light refreshments provided.</p>		<p>EXPO 2 Covering the areas of Casey, Cardinia, Greater Dandenong, Frankston and Mornington Peninsula. Time: 10.00am-3.00pm Date: Wednesday, 30th April, 2008 Venue: Casey Civic Centre, Magid Drive, Narre Warren. Mel Ref: 110 D4. Light refreshments provided.</p>	
<p>DISABILITY RESPITE & RECREATION EXPOS2008</p> <p>For more information please contact Julie Trigg, Phone: 03 8552 2222 or Email: jtrigg@moira.org.au. For interpreter assistance, please contact 131450. This is a project of the Regional Disability Respite Reference Network.</p>			